

FREEDOM CELEBRATED AT NORTH SCIPIO



In recent issues of the West Bend News, it was reported that there is a new monument to the fallen heroes and the veterans of the United States

of America Military. On Sunday, July 2, a ceremony took place honoring those serving the country. "For God and Country" started the cere-

mony with the prayer by the pastor after the commemorative firing of the gun. Many have fallen through the years

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MISSION TRIP TO HAITI PLANNED FOR SUMMER OF 2018

Vacation Bible School was held June 19-22 at First United Methodist Church, 113 W Central Avenue, Van Wert, OH. Eighty-five - 95 children were in attendance daily. They

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WWII VETERANS NEEDED

The John Paulding Days are fast approaching us, which means the annual John Paulding Day Parade, and that means choosing the Grand Marshall.

In years past, this has always been a big secret with the big reveal being the day

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SHERWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY BOOKIN' IT 5K

Whether you walk or run—join the fun! The first annual Bookin' It 5K Run/Walk fundraiser for the Sherwood Branch Library will be held on Saturday, July 22 during the Sherwood Homecoming. This will be a fun for the whole family, feel good morning full of good times with all proceeds supporting the Sherwood Branch Library. The library is excited to combine their love of knowledge with a healthy initiative to raise funds for library equipment. Race day registration begins at 7:30AM. The race begins at 9:00AM at the Little Reservation Station, 405 N. Harrison St. in Sherwood.

Medals will be awarded to

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RAIN, FLOODING AND DAMAGE IN PAULDING COUNTY



On June 29th and 30th, heavy rain and thunderstorms impacted a large part of the area, especially Paulding County, with flash-flooding. Later Friday afternoon, numerous heavy thunderstorms trained across a large portion of Paulding County, especially the central and southern part of the county. This prompted the Nation-

al Weather Service to issue a flash flood warning. Rainfall totals from June 29th through the 30th were as high as five to seven inches across Jackson and Latty townships. Most of the county saw in between two and four inches of rain.

The worst of the flooding was due to the overflow of the Blue Creek, which caused

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Tobias James Bolter was born June 28, 2017 weighing 6 lbs 9 oz and was 19.9 inches long.

His parents are Micah Bolter and Katlyn Wesley. He has a sister, Isabella Wesley.

Grandparents are Terri-Lynn Nicely, Paulding; William Wesley, Paulding and Stephanie & Rick Bishop, Montpelier. Great grandparents are: Melody Boyce, North Carolina; Annette & Steve Hanes, Bryan and Sandra & Lee Wesley, Paulding.

ST. JOE PICKLE FESTIVAL

The St. Joe Pickle Festival will be celebrating its 21st year on July 20, 21, 22.

There will be a variety of music (gospel, country, rock). Terry Lee's Rockaboogie Band will perform on Saturday followed by fireworks by Jack Stemen.

Masonic Lodge #556 will conduct a children I.D. Program on Saturday, July 22nd. Also Auburn Fair Donuts will be available.

For the kids, Pickle Der-

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Community Calendar

Friday, July 7

- All Star Ball Tournament at Payne Park 6PM

Saturday, July 8

- All Star Ball Tournament at Payne Park 9AM

Sunday, July 9

- All Star Ball Tournament at Payne Park 1PM

Friday, July 14

- John Paulding Days 4PM through Saturday, July 15

Wednesday, July 19

- Cruise Inn at Good Times Saloon in Payne 5PM-9PM

Thursday, July 20

- St. Joe Pickle Festival 4PM through Saturday, July 22

Friday, July 21

- Grabill Chamber of Commerce & Amish Benefit Auction at Fudergong 4-8PM

Saturday, July 22

- Women's Health Day at Fudergong 9AM-12PM

Friday, July 28

- Edgerton Homecoming Festival through 29th

- John Reichle Concert in Herb Monroe Park 6-9PM

Saturday, July 29

- Payne Relief 5K at Payne Elementary 7AM

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- The Family of Eunice Kelley

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to our friends, Emergency Responders, OSHP, Community Memorial Hospital, Dooley Funeral Home, Sabre FWT & everyone else for their support during the loss of our son, Scott Bunnell. He was dear to us and the community

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HARLAN, INDIANA

Oliver Jay Stieglitz passed away suddenly Thursday morning June 29, 2017 at the age of 89.

Oliver was born April 16, 1928 in Gridley, IL, the son of George and Elizabeth (Schwartz) Stieglitz. His family moved to a farm in Harlan, IN, in 1932 and he resided in that area the rest of his life. He was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church, baptized on October 9, 1949 at the age of 21. He married Emma Jean Anliker on June 10, 1951, and they were blessed with five sons and two daughters. God blessed them with 66 years together. Oliver fully enjoyed his farming occupation. He also enjoyed woodworking and blessed many in his family circle with his talents. He was a willing participant on many mission work teams over the years and always loved spending time singing around the piano.

Surviving are his wife Emma Jean; four sons, Jerry (Amber Hanlin) Stieglitz of Rome City, IN; Jeff (Betty Dix) Stieglitz of Harlan, IN; Steve (Jane Weiss) Stieglitz of Harlan, IN; Greg (Lisa Hege) Stieglitz of Noblesville, IN; two daughters, Sue (Randy) Gasser of Livonia, MI and Marcia (Justin) Koch of Morton, IL. Also surviving are one sister, Lavada Stieglitz of Leo, IN; one brother, George Stieglitz of Harlan, IN; a sister-in-law, Joan (Marvin) Stieglitz of Spencerville; 20 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, four brothers (Harold, Russel, Morris, Marvin) and three sisters (Lenora Stoller-Sorg, Eleanor Strahm, Imogene). The funeral service was held at Latty Apostolic Christian Church, 12867 Road 82, Paulding, OH 45879 on Monday, July 3 at 10:30 AM. Burial was then followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends at the Latty Apostolic Christian Fellowship Hall, at the same address, on Sunday, July 2 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM, 5:00 - 8:00 PM and also an hour preceding the funeral service on that Monday. Memorials can be gifted to the Country Inn, 12651 Rd 82, Paulding, OH 45879 and Galilean Children's Home, PO Box 880, Liberty, KY 42539.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

ANTWERP, OH

Donald C. Harp, 51 of Antwerp passed away at home on Wednesday, June 28, 2017. His family was assisted by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

Memorials may be made to the Community of Christ Church. To sign the online guest book, go to www.mc-combandsons.com.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 7/5 - 7/11

- 7/5 - Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery shopping at 1:30 p.m.
- 7/6 - Blood pressure & Toe nail clinic at 9:00 a.m.; Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Penny Pitch with Meadows of Kalida at 12:00 p.m.; Turn up at 12:15 p.m.
- 7/7 - Nature walk at 9:00 a.m.; Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11-2
- 7/10 - Shedding Pounds at 9:30 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Bingo w/Ann's Bright New Beginnings at 10:00 a.m.; Bridge Club
- 7/11 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Euchre at 12:15 p.m.; AmeriCare Health Check from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.; Farmer Market Trip to Defiance - Leave at 1:30 p.m.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 7/5 - 7/11

- 7/5 - Barbecue chicken, baked potato, glazed carrots, banana, w.w. bread
- 7/6 - Ham & scalloped potatoes, Capri blend vegetables, fresh fruit, cornbread, sherbet
- 7/7 - Tuna salad w/lettuce & tomatoes, cheesy potato soup, fresh melon, pudding, dinner roll, crackers
- 7/10 - Pork cutlet/gravy, sweet potato casserole, corn, pears, w.w. bread, peanut butter no-bake
- 7/11 - Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, onion, broccoli salad, fruit juice, goldfish crackers

USDA ANNOUNCES SUMMER EBT GRANTS; INCLUDES NEW STATES, RURAL COMMUNITIES

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the award of \$31.5 million in Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children (Summer EBT) Grants to explore ways to alleviate hunger among low-income children during the summer, including new projects in Texas and Tennessee. Rigorous evaluations of continuing projects have found that Summer EBT can significantly reduce very low food security among children, the most severe form of food insecurity, by one-third.

"Summer EBT can help close the summer 'nutrition gap' faced by low-income households, when schools are closed and their children no longer have access to healthy school meals," said Yvette Jackson, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services. "This is particularly true in areas that are difficult to serve through existing summer meals programs, such as rural locations or areas where transportation options are limited."

During the academic year, free and reduced price school

meals help ensure that nearly 22 million low-income children have consistent access to nutritious food through the National School Lunch Program. Only about one in six of those children currently participate in summer meals programs. "USDA has made significant efforts to reach these children through traditional summer meals programs and is testing the use of Summer EBT to help fill the gaps," Jackson said.

For summer 2017, USDA is awarding Summer EBT grants to nine states and tribal nations that operated demonstration projects in 2016: Connecticut, Delaware, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Oregon, Virginia, and the Chickasaw and Cherokee nations. Seven of the nine grantees are expanding their projects to serve more low-income children in rural communities in 2017 by adding communities within their state or tribal nation and boosting outreach to eligible children.

USDA is also awarding grants to two new applicants to operate demonstrations in 2018. Tennessee and Texas will be the first states to launch new Summer EBT demonstration projects since 2012, allowing USDA and the states to test strategies for building Summer EBT infrastructure and engaging local communities.

Texas participated in Summer EBT in summers 2011-2013 and will be launching its 2018 demonstration in two new communities in central Texas: Elgin and Georgetown school districts. Tennessee will operate a Summer EBT demonstration for the first time in Greene, Hancock, and Hawkins Counties.

"Studies show that additional resources provided by Summer EBT enable families to eat significantly more fruits, vegetables and whole grains - key building blocks to better health," Jackson said. "Based on these successes, it makes sense to continue exploring ways to maximize this proven resource and the grants announced today will help do that."

Summer EBT provides low-income families with children with a monthly benefit on a debit-type card that can be used throughout the summer for food purchases at stores in their community. Summer EBT is a complement to traditional summer meals programs and has proven especially practical in areas with limited or no access to traditional summer meal programs.

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) administers 15 nutrition assistance programs that include the Summer Food Service Pro-

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people."
—Proverbs 14:34

gram, the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) that, working together, comprise America's nutrition safety net. For more information, visit www.fns.usda.gov.

HITE TOUTS BUDGET INVESTING IN SCHOOLS, RURAL JOBS AND LIFTING THE TAX BURDEN FOR OHIO'S FAMILY FARMERS

State Senator Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) praised the as-passed version of the state's two-year budget proposal, which passed the Senate with a vote of 24-8. Despite a roughly \$1 billion budget shortfall, the bill delivers Ohioans a balanced and sustainable budget, invests in essential public services, addresses Ohio's opiate epidemic, and maintains investments in education—all without raising taxes.

"Even with a tight revenue stream to work with, minimal schools will receive cuts, and many schools are actually receiving funding increases," said Hite. "As the chairman of the Finance Subcommittee on Primary-Secondary Education, we heard almost 20 hours of testimony from local education leaders. The fact is, despite some tough decisions, this budget maintained historic levels of state aid investments in our K-12 education and made an additional investment of \$274 million over the biennium. That is something to be proud of."

Senator Hite emphasized the inclusion of other provisions helping Northwest Ohio, including:

Updating the state's CAUV policy for valuing land for agricultural purposes to ensure that the taxes paid by farmers are more closely tied to the income-producing po-

tential of the land Ohio's Rural Jobs Act, which incentivizes agricultural job creation and economic development in the rural underserved areas of the state

Fighting drug abuse by allocating an additional \$180 million in targeted prevention, recovery and enforcement efforts

Cutting administrative costs of government an average of 3-4 percent

Protecting essential services including food banks, cancer screenings, pregnancy centers, and clean water and food safety programs

Ohio's popular Sales Tax Holiday, which provides tax relief for families and encourages retail sales, has been extended to 2018

Governor John Kasich is expected to sign Amended Substitute House Bill 49 before midnight on Friday.

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the top two in each age group: 13 & under, 14-18, 19-24, 25-30, 31-36, 37-41, 42-52, and 53 & Up. Plaques will be awarded for the Overall Champion, Top Female and Top Male.

Registration forms are available at defiancelibrary.org/events/bookin-it-5k/, any DPLS location and defiance-countyrunner.com.

Shout out to our event sponsors: Apache Dairy Bar, Community Memorial Hospital, Friends of the Sherwood Branch Library, Mercer Landmark, Sherwood Self Storage, Sherwood State Bank, SMTA, Spatial Ag Systems LLC, SRI Tax and Accounting, VFW Post 5665, Village Food Emporium.

If you have any questions about the Bookin' It 5K, please contact Kathy Holtsberry at kholtsberry@defiancelibrary.org.

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OAKWOOD ARBOR #759 HOLDS MEETINGS

The Oakwood Arbor #759 members held their May 22nd, 2017 meeting at the Twin Oaks Fellowship Hall in Oakwood, Ohio.

Business included discussion on a member applying for the Fraternalist of the year award, the 2017 convention in Traverse City Michigan, an update on the mail box signs, and the May 24th blood mobile held at the John Paulding Historical Society. We also discussed the Water Safety Class which would be held at the Schaffer pond just south of Melrose on June 24th.

Guests for the evening was Russ Seal from Kairos. Kairos is a prison ministry. Men go into the prison on a regular basis and witness to the inmates about the Lord. A couple times a year they hold a Kairos weekend. Thirty six inmates apply for the opportunity to attend this weekend of hearing a message of salvation. The test comes on what is called the fourth day. This is the day the inmates go back to their cells and their faith is now challenged.

Our other guest speaker was Darla Smith from the PC Workshop. Darla shared that the PC Workshop is now its own entity. Clients who attend there have the opportunity to learn new programs and the goals are limitless. They have taken on a new venture and that is shredding important papers, newspapers etc. There is a small cost for this but they can sell it to other companies thus bringing more funding into the workshop. This is the 40th year for PC Workshop and so much has changed since its beginning. Every one of their adult clients has the opportunity to earn money for the work that they do which gives them a source of pride. PC Workshop is located at 900 West Caroline Street, Paulding, Ohio.

There was discussion as to us sponsoring a trip to see Noah's Ark. Sue Beck was present to share some insight on this. At this time the trip has been postponed until a later date.

The June meeting of the Oakwood Arbor #759 was held at the Schaffer pond on June 24th. There were 34 members and guests in at-

tendance. Lauren Broddick, of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Parks and Watercrafts naturalist was present to share information on the use of kayaks. Lauren is out of the Maumee Bay Field Office and is certified as an American Canoe Association instructor. She showed the proper way to get in and out of the kayak, how to launch and land the boat and most important make sure all equipment is in good working condition and safe. Canoes, kayaks, paddles and life jackets were provided by Auglaize Canoe and Kayak free of charge. It was a very colorful event as the children and adults paddled around the pond in the kayaks. The water safety class is one of the Samaritan Activities that the Arbor sponsors.

The July 24th meeting will be held at the Twin Oaks Fellowship Hall in Oakwood at 7:00 p.m. Guests are always welcome. We will be honoring the CSRA recipients. Every year Arbor recognizes a youth, an adult and a senior adult for their volunteer work in the community.

ANTWERP LOOKING TO PROHIBIT MEDICAL MARIJUANA

A public hearing was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at town hall on the subject of considering preventing the opening or operating a business or commercial enterprise as a cultivator, processor or retail dispenser of medical marijuana within the corporation limits of the Village of Antwerp. According to Substitute House Bill 523, passed and effective as of September 8, 2016, medical marijuana would be allowed in the State of Ohio under the control of the Ohio Department of Commerce and State Board of Pharmacy. In attendance were: Mayor Ray DeLong, Village Administrator Sara Keeran, Council persons Jan Reeb, Ken Reinhart and Keith West. Residents of the Village Dean Rister and Barry Hook, Paulding County Residents Mariah Overmeyer and Joel Fields.

As a part of the house bill a legislative authority of a municipal corporation can adopt regulations to prohibit, or limit the number of, retail dispensaries by amending its zoning ordinance, pro-

5K FOR HANDS OF HOPE



Hands of Hope had their annual 5k run on Saturday, July 1st, after heavy rains postponed the Friday evening event. The weather was beautiful on Saturday and a great day for the 5k. Only 28 participants were able to make it this year as many were not able to come since it was rescheduled due to the weather.

The success of the event was due to the sponsors, participants, and especially all the volunteer hours that go into making this great for the community and the pregnancy center.

The winners included: Top overall female- Shay Soukup, top male- Tyler Reese. Ages 9 and under- female Esther Schrenk and male Amos Schrenk. Ages 10-14, female Joanna Schrenk and male Brooks Laukhuf. Ages 15-19, female Gracie Laukhuf and male Joshua Trausch. Ages 20-29, female Sarah Schrenk

and male Tyler Reese. Ages 30-39, female Shonda Huersta and male Erik Lehmkuhle. Ages 40-49 top male Jeff Schultz. Ages 50-59, female Linda Schrenk and male Harry Rodriguez. Age 60 and up, top female Pam Reese.

Hands of Hope is excited about the outcome and making plans for next year!

Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services, Inc., is a ministry that exists to help pregnant women and families of children 18 months and younger. They offer free and confidential pregnancy testing, pregnancy options counseling, abortion information, prenatal and parenting classes, and baby supplies. They also offer post-abortive support, and Bible studies upon request. Hours of operations are Mondays from 2p-7p. If you have questions, please call 419-399-2447.

hibit a cultivator, processor, retail dispensary, or laboratory from being located or relocating within 500 feet of a school, church, public library, public playground, or public park.

Administrator Keeran stated that the Village planning commission had reviewed the House bill and its guidelines and had recommended to council to prohibit the sale, cultivation, and processing inside the corporation limits. The main reason for the recommendation was due to the fact that the village only had until September of this year to amend the zoning ordinance to prohibit the above and the formal guidelines for the dispensaries wouldn't be formalized until September. This left the village not knowing what the actual enforcement and reporting for these retail dispensaries would be. Also, there was some concern with Indiana residents coming to Antwerp to have their medical marijuana prescriptions filled and consuming their medical marijuana before returning to Indiana, as that state has not approved medical marijuana.

Resident Dean Rister voiced his concern that the village was turning down a business opportunity that could be of great value to the town. He also felt that since the first public hearing was not attended by a village official that the village was trying to sweep this denial of dispensaries under the rug. Council person Reeb interjected that the Village Administrator admitted immediately that she had forgotten the public hearing and that a new date would be re-scheduled. Administrator Keeran also voiced her apology that the hearing was missed. She stated the Village would never have not followed the

guidelines of a required public hearing on this issue.

Joel Fields stated that while he was employed in the State of Colorado he felt that the sale of marijuana, which includes not only medical but recreational, has been a lucrative venture for the state. Councilman West stated he had spoken with sheriff's deputies in Colorado who felt this was the worst thing to happen in the State of Colorado as far as enforcement and felt marijuana leads to harder drugs.

Councilman Reinhart said he was torn over the subject and wasn't sure he was for prohibiting the medical marijuana. More information will be gathered as it becomes available and made available to council members.

Again, it was stated that the unknowns on how the state would enforce this new law were one of the biggest concerns that the village had in prohibiting the sale, cultivating and processing of medical marijuana in the village. Again, it was brought to the village's attention that the state would be overseeing every aspect of this new law and that it should be re-considered.

Discussion was had that medical marijuana, along with recreational marijuana laws were becoming the norm and that in the not too distant future more states would be adopting laws permitting such use. All residents in attendance felt a dispensary would be a positive thing and felt the village should not prohibit this new business. They felt the village should further research the issue and those village representatives stated they would. They also told the residents that the medical marijuana ordinance would be given 3 readings that they were encouraged to attend the next council meeting which

will be Monday, July 17, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. to express their support of medical marijuana to full council.

The public hearing ended at approximately 6:30 p.m.

BIG BOYS TOYS CAR SHOW

Big Boy\$ Toys\$ car show will be held July 22, 2017. This show will be held downtown Antwerp, registration will be from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. with awards around 8:00 p.m. Registration deadline is July 15, 2017. Judged show classes are: 2001 & older; 2002 & newer; Rat Rods; motorcycles. Dash Plaques, goody bags & door prizes - First 100 entries. There's a total of 80 trophies from 2 ft. - 4 ft.

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There will be a flea market held the same day. Contact Norma for more information: 574-298-6199.

EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS MAKES OFFER FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS POSITION

The East Allen County Schools Board of School Trustees has offered the Superintendent of Schools position to Mr. Doug Hicks. Mr. Hicks is currently the East Allen University principal and has worked in education over 24 years. The Board of School Trustees will have a public hearing on July 11, 2017 regarding the superintendent's contract and at a subsequent meeting the board will proceed with approving the contract.

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Antwerp defeated Tinora 7-0 in shut out baseball with Blake Schuette pitching 5 innings, 6 strikeouts and 0 runs.

Austin Lichty came in relief for Schuette where he pitched 2 innings with 3 strikeouts and allowed 0 runs.

Brett Fulk led the Archers in hitting with 2 triples and a double with 2 RBI's. The Archers had 0 errors for the evening.

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ranged in age from 3 years to 5th grade. We had 65-70 volunteers that helped with registration, games, crafts, snacks and many other tasks. We collected 50+ items for the Food Pantry. Our offering goal was \$1,000.00 (which we surpassed by \$700.00!). This money will go toward helping the people of Haiti. These funds will provide 12 trees, 11 solar lights and 10 water filtration systems. The children shared daily 'God sightings' that were tracked by balloons in a large blow up container on stage.

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By: **Dr. James Bachman**
Dear Parson,
Do babies who die go to heaven?

Though babies have a sinful nature, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12), sin is the willful transgression of the law, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." (I John 3:4) Romans 1:18 holds the key. God never judges a person unjustly. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness." When a person knows that there is a Creator God to Whom they owe worship and submission and they turn away from Him to go their own way, they are from that point accountable and in need of repentance and salvation. The prophet Isaiah pointed to that time when he said, "For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings." (Isaiah 7:16)

When David sinned with Bathsheba, he was told that the child born of that sin would die. David prayed and fasted in hopes God would change His mind, but He did not. After a period of sickness the child died. After the child died, David ceased his prayer and fasting concerning the matter, much to the surprise of his friends. When they asked him why, he said, "But now he is dead wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him but he shall not return to me." (II Samuel 12:23) I believe he was saying his child was in heaven.

\$25,000 GRANT AWARDED TO HELP AT RISK YOUTH

Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County is pleased to announce it has received a \$25,000 grant from St. Joseph Community Health Foundation. These funds will support the Landing, a program of Associated Churches in which teens experience freedom, healing, and acceptance with other teenagers. The Landing is a safe environment where teenagers are encouraged to open up about problems or difficult issues in their lives. The Landing encourages spiritual and emotional support

for teenagers through open discussion with mentors and trained adult volunteers.

Rev. Thomas Heil, Director of The Landing states, "Our continued partnership with the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation offers hope to teenagers who feel hopeless and rejected. The Landing offers a community to teenagers who struggle with a variety of issues related to drugs, rejection, abuse, social anxiety, etc. The Landing serves as a light in the community to provide a safe environment to encourage teenagers to heal spiritually and emotionally. Partnerships, like St. Joseph Community Health Foundation, continue to help The Landing to be as such."

St. Joseph Community Health Foundation has served as a pillar in the community of Fort Wayne for many years. As their mission states, "The St. Joseph Community Health Foundation, sponsored by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, stewards resources to: Respond to community needs with grants; Leverage collaboration with community partners; Engage in transformational initiatives. We serve the poor in body, mind and spirit to achieve quality health and wellness, focusing on the community of Allen County, Indiana and may respond to needs among other underserved populations."

For more information about St. Joseph Community Health Foundation, visit their website: <http://www.sjchf.org/>

For more information about The Landing, visit: <http://associatedchurches.org/what-we-do/the-landing>.

MAJESTY AND MYSTERY OF NATURE CELEBRATED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

Mankind's relationship with nature and the human impact on the environment will be explored at Lifetree Café on Thursday, July 6th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The program, titled "The Majesty and Mystery of Nature," features a screening of the film Saving Valentina, which records an attempted rescue of a humpback whale caught in a fishing net.

"Some people say that humans are here to serve and protect nature," says Lifetree Café representative Craig Cable. "Others believe nature is here to serve us. We'll unpack these varying opinions and encourage participants to share their thoughts."

Admission to the 60-min-

MT. CLAVARY LUTHERAN MEN OF SONG



The Lutheran Men of Song provided special music for the worship service at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Antwerp on June 25. Selections included "A Mighty Fortress is Our God", "Salvation to Us Has Come" and "Go Now in Peace." A picnic lunch complete with ice cream sundaes was enjoyed after the service. Mt. Calvary will continue its celebration of 50 years of

ministry in its current building and the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation with a sermon series entitled "God's Greater Story", based on the New Testament book of Romans. The series runs through September 17, 2017 when a re-dedication service and fellowship meal at Grants will be held. For more information, call 419-258-6505.

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

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

UNDIVIDED HEARTS

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

"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven." Matthew 10:28-33 (NIV).

Never doubt your value in the eyes of God. Being undivided in our relationships has to be begin with the understanding that we are infinitely valuable to our Creator God. As valuable people, we are challenged to see Jesus as valuable as well. "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven," Jesus says, "but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven." Living with an undivided heart means that we value Jesus in this life so that he will value us in everlasting life.

We are given, in Jesus, the greatest example of what a life of love is all about. We are reminded of the importance of forgiveness and are given the strength to forgive others as Christ has forgiven us. Above all, we are given a clear sign of God's intention for our lives: that we love one another as Jesus has loved us. Acknowledging Jesus and living in love is crucial to having an undivided heart. Gerald May, a Washington

psychiatrist and spiritual director, was convinced that all human beings have an inborn desire for God. Whether people are consciously religious or not, this desire is their deepest longing and most precious treasure. "Regardless of how we describe it," he wrote, "it is a longing for love.

It is a hunger to love, to be loved, and to move closer to the Source of love. This yearning is the essence of the human spirit."

God has a special love for each of us. A story of told of how the small daughter of the distinguished sculptress Sally Farnham was once ask which child was her mother's favorite. The little girl promptly replied, "She loves Jimmy best because he's the oldest, and she loves Johnny best because he's the youngest, and she loves me best because I'm the only girl."

It would be difficult to find a better illustration of God's all-embracing love for His children. It is wonderful to know that God loves us personally, no matter what our experience has been. His love transcends all barriers, and each of us is most precious in His sight.

BIBLE STUDY

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

Today we are still studying the names of Jesus that was spoken mostly in the Old Testament and some in the New Testament. We must also remember that the word of Christ is not mentioned in the Old Testament. Christ is known as the anointed one, (spiritual) and Jesus the name God gave Him, His earthly name (physical). Luke 1:26-33.

1. What is Christ's name in Luke 2:25-35?
2. What is Christ's name in 1st Peter 2:4-10?
3. What is Christ's name in John 1:35-42 and acts 9:20-22?
4. What is Christ's name in Luke 23:1-7
5. What is Christ's name in Romans 1:1-11?
6. What is Christ's name in Romans 1:31-39
7. What is Christ's name in Luke 9:18-22
8. What is Christ's name in Luke 23:26-49?
9. What is Christ's name in Luke 2:8-14
10. What is Christ's name

in 1st Corinthians 1:18-31?

11. What is Christ's name in Mark 14:53-65
12. What is Christ's name in Isaiah 55:1-13
13. What is Christ's name in Luke 2:25-35
14. What is Christ's name in Isaiah 9 1-7?
15. What is Christ's name in Isaiah 42:1-9
16. What is Christ's name in Luke 1:67-80.
17. What is Christ's name in 2nd Peter 1:19-21
18. What is Christ's name in Colossians 2:8-10
19. What is Christ's name in Romans 11:25-32?
20. What is Christ's name in Haggai 12:4-9?

Loved ones, we still have a long ways to go on our study of the names of Christ. Loved ones Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit love you and so do we at the Oakwood church of Christ.

Comments of any kind let us know at 419-393-4775 for James Potter or 419-399-5022 for Lonnie Lambert. Bye for now. Luv Ya.

3RD ANNUAL BASEMENT SALE JULY 13-15, PATHWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

On July 13-15, Pathway Christian Church will be having their 3rd annual Basement sale at 12732 Spencerville Road Harlan IN. Thursday and Friday the sale will be open 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday the sale will be open from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

The ladies of WOW (Women of the Word) affiliated with LCMC, (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ) will be hosting this event. The proceeds will go towards serving others through World Vision and through local community missions. There will be small appliances, household items, tools, clothing, computer items and numerous items too many to mention. There will also be baked goods for sale during the 3 day sale. So come on out and support World Vision and local missions for the Harlan area.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF A NEW NUTRIENT REDUCTION PROGRAM

The Paulding SWCD is pleased to announce enrollment for a nutrient management initiative through the placement/injection of fertilizer. Under this program, the Paulding SWCD will approve Agreements for funding with local Producers. This new program will allow each Producer to be reimbursed for the combination of the following items:

- 1) Soil testing on grids or zones of 2.5 - 10 acres; reimbursement rate of \$9/acre.
- 2) VRT Fertilizer placement/injection at a depth of 1.5 inches; reimbursement rate of \$26/acre.
- 3) Acreage must lie entirely in Paulding County.

Agreements must list the number of acres that they will be able to place fertilizer below the soil surface and grid or zone soil test at the maximum level of \$35 per acre. The program timeline for soil testing and fertilizer placement is one year i.e. July 1st, 2017 through July 1st, 2018.

Verification for funding must include: copies of a current (1year) grid or zone soil tests, as applied maps for fertilizer applications. (Please note no funds will be reimbursed for phosphorus applications that are above the Tri-State Fertility Guide Recommendations).

For more information please contact Daniel at the Paulding SWCD: 900 B Fairground Drive, Paulding, Ohio 45879; or phone 419-399-4771.

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in defending the country and the North Scipio United Methodist church recently finished the new brick and concrete structure surrounding the flag, recognizes these public servants for years to come.

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- 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

Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

When will it stop?

I love being a political junkie. I believe hearing things straight from the horses mouth is better than hearing it from a second hand spokesman. If you listen to the latter, more than likely it will be twisted, strained, then slanted to fit someones agenda.

One good example came from mad max (Maxine Waters) a dimm from California. She stated that if Obama Care gets repealed, 700,000,000,000 (that's billion) people will die! That's a hundred times more people than inhabit the earth! Of course, many came to her aid saying she "misspoke", yeah, no kidding.

We have seen many injustices in this country, if you've lived a number of years. A

few that come to mind, the O.J. Simpson case, Bill Ayers, (Obama's good friend), who bombed federal buildings, killed three people, with a group called the Weather Underground, and may I add Hillary and her many felonies. I heard another good one today on the news: In San Francisco, an illegal alien had his car stolen, the police found it, he went to pick it up, got arrested for being illegal, was jailed, got out, sued the city for \$190,000 and won! How bout those apples?

Those things bother me as an American. They should bother us all. The thing that really irks me is this Russian investigation. In the past few days, a contributor and a producer for CNN News have been caught on tape stating that the whole thing was contrived for ratings. Many high ranking dimms such as Diane Fienstien, have stated there is no proof. They have been investigating this for 11 months! Where's the beef? They get a special prosecutor named Mueller, an ex-F.B.I. Director, a man of impeccable character, honest as the day is long, stalwart, wonderful credentials and he hires 13 lawyers, all dimms, half of whom donated to Clinton or Obama. Talk about injustice. And the taxpayers are footing the bill, no surprise there.

President Trump was not my choice during the campaign but he was better than the alternative. This is how I look at things. Those who oppose the president and want him to fail are un-American. You ask why? I'll tell you. If he fails, the country fails and I don't think we want that, do we?

I think we should just slow down, take a deep breath and give the man a chance. Remember the old adage, "Rome wasn't built in a day." Well America is going to take a little time to recover from the governance of the last 10 to 12 years. The country was on the way to ruination and if you are honest with yourself, you should admit that.

-Kenny Barnes Paulding, Ohio

NSCC OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCES NEW THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Northwest State Community College and the Professional Association have officially reached a new three-year agreement. The new agreement has been ratified

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major problems for companies like Boughman Tile, which saw flooding across its facilities and had issues with tiling being washed away. Evan and Caleb from Slatter Farms used a manure pump to help get rid of excess water at Boughman Tile. In Washington township, part of CR 177 just south of Melrose was washed away at a culvert due to the flash flooding. Due to the excessive rainfall, a lot of the township be rms need to be repaired or replaced because they have been washed away. Wayne Trace High School also faced flooding issues with a large portion of their track and football field submerged underwater.

Aaron Tim and crew from the Paulding County Engineers office helped to close off roads and kept people safe.

Flooding is one of the more subtle dangers of summer-time weather that is often overlooked. Flooding is deceptive in that even relatively shallow depths of flowing water can be dangerous, despite not appearing so. It's also not hard to see flooding in a relatively flat area like northwest Ohio. With little elevation change to help with excessive water run-off, any long-lasting heavy thunderstorm or extensive heavy rain event could lead to widespread areal flooding, both from overflowing rivers/creeks and water pooling in low-lying areas. Climatologically speaking,

the area is not necessarily prone to excessive rainfall, but these events are not uncommon. In August 2007, excessive heavy rainfall from training thunderstorms over a multiple-day period caused major flooding in many areas in Paulding, Putnam and De fiance counties. Ottawa and Findlay saw excessive flooding from the Blanchard River after as much as eight to ten inches of rain fell across the area. Other years with notable flooding events include 1982, 1996, 2011, and 2015. There is some indication from climatological records that average rainfall has increased across the area in the last twenty years. One reason why this might be the case is that the flow of moisture from the Gulf of Mexico has been increasingly shifting farther and farther north over the last several decades, and tropical moisture is one of the major reasons why the area often sees excessive rainfall events.

Remember: The key to safety in flooding events is to never drive through flooded roadways, especially when water appears to be flowing. There is little way to tell if a road has been washed out and you could be putting your life at risk if you do not take extra precautions. It only takes a few inches of rapidly flowing water to sweep vehicles off of a road. Turn around, don't drown!

by a vote from the professional staff and by the Board of Trustees. NSCC President Dr. Thomas Stuckey notified all College employees this morning with confirmation, and noted that it was "very uplifting to see how both teams worked together." Stuckey continued, "When good things like this happen, it inspires us all to keep working hard every day to provide the best education and training possible to our students, opening doors to career opportunities with great companies throughout the area."

The NSCC administration team and the Professional Association team both noted that the negotiation process was smooth, and that the result was fair and equitable for both sides. Colin Doolittle, NSCC engineering technologies faculty and Professional

Association representative, indicated that the new contract "allows both sides to do what's best for the college," while also stating that it "provides stability, allowing both the Association and the College to plan for their collective long-term future."

Paul Siebenmorgen, chairperson, and the entire NSCC Board of Trustees are among those who appreciated the collaborative efforts. "The Board (of Trustees) was elated that it came together so quickly." He continued, "We're all in this together, and this agreement will help Northwest State continue to provide the best education for students."

The agreement provides on average a 2.5% annual wage increase over each of the next three years to NSCC faculty. Katy McKelvey, Direc-

tor of Human Resources and Leadership Development at Northwest State, recognized the compromises both sides made to achieve the common goal. "We negotiated a contract that is good for the students, for the professional unit, and for the College," and McKelvey concluded that she is "very proud of the work the negotiating teams did" in reaching an agreement. Doolittle echoed those sentiments, stating the agreement "allows the College as a whole to continue to put the focus where it needs to be - on our students."

STATEMENT FROM SECRETARY HUSTED

In response to a letter received from the Vice-Chairman of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity requesting voter information, the following may be directly attributed to Secretary Husted:

"In Ohio, we pride ourselves on being a state where it is easy to vote and hard to cheat. Voter fraud happens, it's rare and when it happens we hold people accountable. I believe that as the Commission does its work, it will find the same about our state."

"After each of the last three federal elections, I instructed the bipartisan boards of elections to conduct a review of credible allegations of voter fraud and voter suppression. The results of this review is already in the public domain and available to the Commission. Additionally, voter registration information is a public record and is available online. The Confidential information, such as the last

four digits of a voter's Social Security number or their Ohio driver license number is not publicly available and will not be provided to the Commission."

"In responding to the Commission, we will have ideas on how the federal government can better support states in running elections. However, we will make it clear that we do not want any federal intervention in our state's right and responsibility to conduct elections."

"Every Secretary of State in the country should welcome the opportunity to describe what they do to ensure the integrity of the elections in their respective states. The Commission and elections community should treat this as an opportunity to build confidence in our election system. I intend to handle it constructively and responsibly. We are proud of what we've built in Ohio."

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of the parade. This year, the Paulding Chamber of Commerce is taking a different route. They are wanting to honor our WWII Veterans this year and want them to lead the parade.

The Chamber is searching for WWII veterans that would be able to be in the parade and needs everyones help. They would like to get as many as possible.

If you are a WWII veteran or know of one who would be willing to be in the parade please contact the Paulding Chamber of Commerce Office: 419-399-5215.

ATTENTION 1977 Antwerp H.S. graduates

Your 40th reunion is this year and being planned. Please reach out to Susan (Mosier) Gladieux so that you may stay informed.

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NO. 9

By: Stan Jordan

Two blondes were standing on the corner talking when a flat bed truck went by carrying a load of rolled sod.

The one said, "When I win the lottery I'm going to send my lawn out to be mowed."

Oley told Stan, "At your age, you shouldn't stand too close to the curb on garbage day."

There was a piece of rope that went into a bar and climbed up on a seat and ordered a whiskey.

The bartender said, "Why, you are only a piece of rope. I won't serve you, so get out and stay out."

The piece of rope went out into the parking lot and made a knot in one end and then took his pocket knife and chopped the end up pretty good. He put his pocket knife back in his pocket and went back into the bar. He climbed up on the stool and ordered a whiskey.

The bartender said, "Aren't you the piece of rope that I ordered out of here a while ago?" The rope said, "No sir, I'm a frayed knot."

Back in 1940/41 the English had been at war with Germany for over two years and Winston Churchill made a number of trips to Washington in bargain for food and armament supplies.

When Winston was here, he stayed at the White House as a guest of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

One night Franklin D. was going to his room, as it was bedtime. As he was going down the hall he saw Churchill coming out of Eleanor's bedroom, she was F.D.'s wife.

Franklin D. said, "Winnie old boy, I will have no more of that!"

Winnie replied, "And neither will I!"

This was one of Bob Hope's jokes as he had a radio show at that time. Bob could get a little raunchy at times.

This woman wanted all of her four husbands to look nice and neat: She had taken all of them to the cleaners.

See Ya!

WILD GAME NEWS

By: Stan Jordan

In the last few weeks I have talked with some of my readers about our wildlife in this area.

We are well blessed to

have a wide distribution of many species of all types of animals, birds and even bugs.

Just yesterday I was talking with a lady who lives a little ways back off of road 250, close to the river. She said that she sees the eagles pretty often and has had beavers around her area for quite a while.

A few times I have written about people seeing cougars in northern Indiana and I've heard it so often I think it is true. Just yesterday I was talking to a reliable source and he said that a cougar has been spotted in northern Ohio.

Now I'm sure the game warden would say that is all hog wash, but I have heard it so often, I think there is something to it.

There are three counties in the state of Ohio that don't have a game warden and Paulding County is one of them.

See Ya!

SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 39: GETTING BACK TO NORMAL

By: Stan Jordan

I haven't written for a while, it will take me a little time to bring you up to date.

It is now April 20, 1855. We are back at the Indian Agency.

At the fort, Dr. Grooms would not let Callie and the twins ride in a wagon 70 miles until it warmed up a little.

The soldier boys, Farmer and Hunter, along with me, all came over here early and built the fires and had plowed the garden and things are about back to normal.

Rooster's broken arm is okay now and he is a runner again. He was here for a few days and he has returned to Fort Kearney to report about everything here at the agency, and to check if any new blankets for the Indians have arrived.

Limping Buffalo, the chief of White Elks tribe, and his son, Pony That Walks, their Shaman and a couple of Indian women were here and planted our garden.

When all the boys went back with Limping Buffalo to their settlement one of the Indian ladies stayed here at the agency to help Callie with her chores - sort of an Indian nanny. She slept on the hay in the barn where it was nice and warm, she has caught onto the white mans ways quickly. Her Indian name is Yellow Tulip.

After the boys and Half Moon and a lot of natives finished their garden, the soldier boys and I went over the Calamus River Tribe.

They all seem to be okay and in good shape. It takes one day from White Elks Village to the Calamus Village.

Farmer plowed everything in one long day. Their chief

THE CECROPIA MOTH



This picture of the Cecropia Moth was taken here at the West Bend News. Charlie Jones brought this moth in to show its size.

There are a number of species of the giant silk moth, native to our area.

In late May or June, the adult Cecropia moth emerges from the cocoon. Their wing span is usually 5 - 6 inches, but the one Charlie brought in, the wing span was much larger than that by a couple of inches or more. Anyhow, this type of moth is considered the largest in North America.

The caterpillar in the cocoon, more or less, liquifies and forms into a big moth in those months. It has no mouth so the moth doesn't eat in its lifetime. The male looks to mate with a female and then he dies. The female, after mating, will lay two rows of eggs on the bottom side of a leaf and then she will die.

As I understand, males can pick up the scent of a female a mile away.

Charlie was going to turn this moth loose in the woods.

gardener is called Possum, and he had a lot of native help, at the end of the second day the gardening was finished.

We had a day-long Pow Wow with pipe smoking and all. The native ladies had an Indian type of chili, and it was pretty good. Early the next morning we started back to the agency.

We got an early start and we pulled into the agency just before dark. Rooster was back from the fort and while everyone did their chores, he made a big pot of vegetable soup. He had opened up the storage here in the barn and all of our winter stash.

We sit around the fire and talked just like we did last year. Callie and Yellow Tulip had the twins well dressed and out for everyone to see and admire. It was a nice warm spring evening. Yes, our life here at home with the twins is the same as before but then a lot different. The boys and I got rid of all the hanging meat in the barn that the bear and wolves didn't ruin.

Then we went out to get some fresh meat. I got a small deer, Hunter got a big buck and some prairie chickens. We smoked some of the meat and we dried a good part of it and we fried up a lot of it. Yellow Tulip is learning to cook and eat like a white man. She is learning to cook and eat like a white man. She is learning to speak English and wants to learn to read.

She is a good worker after she learned the ropes and what to do. Well, this summer rode right along and it's almost time to harvest the garden.

Rooster rode in last night and said General Kearney and some of the troops are bringing over the allotment of blankets and some other tools and supplies. About 164 blankets for Limping Buffalo's tribe, and about the same number for the Calamus Tribe.

I think we will harvest our garden and load up the plow and go do the same at each of the other villages. We will distribute the blankets on the same trip. I think the general will enjoy those trips.

The mess sgt. is going along and has a good time showing some of his wares.

Callie is going to stay home with the twins, Yellow Tulip and also the Hunter. If nothing else, Hunter will bring in a good supply of wood for the winter.

See ya!

OUR FIRST STUDIO: 3 (THE FINALE)

When we build our new home on the canal in the winter of 1902-1903, I build me a real dark room upstairs, real modern. First a hole in a straw stack, after using that for several months, I found out I could make a dark room in our cabin at night, by just blowing our oil lamp. The only need of a dark room in those days was for loading the plate holders and for developing the plates. Photos were made on printing out paper, such as the proof paper of the present time. The prints were put through a gold toner, then fixed in a Hppo solution and washed for an hour. This could all be done in the light of an ordinary room, except of course, the printing had to be done in the sunlight.

When we first came to this country, they had just completed an open ditch from the Six Mile Reservoir, west to the state line through the low swampy sail where we lived. Across the state line in Indiana, the swamp was still there. I remember wading around in it with my chum, Archie Chapman, who lived on the state line along the Wabash RR, now the farm of Ed Moore. The water was about knee deep in most of the places were we waded. Little sunfish were there in big droves, when we would stand still they would come up and nibble around our legs and we would try to catch them with our hands. I can remember catching quite a few of them.

Beaver brush grew throughout the marsh and it seemed like every bush had a black bird nest in it. Great sport for boys.

Several years later they began to dig the large Stateline Ditch, starting at the Nickleplate Railroad at Edgerton,

IN, then north to the Mamee River. The digger, they called a Dredge, it floated on the water, and they used to steam power to operate it. We use to stand on the bank and watch it dig, they would dig a patch of about twenty feet, then stop digging and move the dredge up the distance to resume digging. I remember one time of gathering there just in time and the manager asked us to get on the dredge and ride on it for about 20 feet - that was something. I don't remember how long it took them to complete the ditch to the river, but it was several years. There was no outlet until they got to the river, so the ditch was always full of water, the dredge was of a boat like structure and would float on the water.

After the drain was complete it was necessary to construct a large concrete overpass bridge, on what is now U.S. 24 between the Indiana and Ohio stateline and the Stateline River Bridge. At that time we lived about one mile easts and on several occasions I made some photographs of the constructions, selling a few pictures for 25 cents each, 5 X 7 mounted.

When the structure was completed they had me to come up and make a photograph of it with the workmen on the job. I sold four dozen 5 X 7 photos for \$12.00. It was then and there, that I decided to make photography my career.

During the early part of this century, there was a light oil boom in our locality, several were drilled around Antwerp, one near our farm, just across the stat line and just north of U.S. 24 on the Doctor farm. On several Sundays, when they were not working, some of us boys would climb up on the derrick, 75 feet to the top. Boy was that fun. None of us ever fell off.

There were several more wells put down on the Frank Butt farm, about two miles farther west. To my knowledge, none of the well amounted to anything. I made some photographs of them.

When we moved to the studio from the Railroad Street location we also purchased our first home, the old Dilts home on the north end of High Street. House and two lots cost us \$225.00. At that time there were no electric lights or telephones on the hill. About 1915, some of

the neighbor children playing with matches set fire to our home. The roof was burned off, we saved most of the furniture down stairs, the Antwerp Fire Dept. saved part of the house. I repaired the loss, the insurance company covered the cost of material used in repairs.

In 1918, after the death of (Mr.) Munson I purchased our present home, house and two lots for \$375.00, but it required \$1100.00 worth of material to put it in a condition to move in. I and Dale done the work.

PAULDING COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association will host a recognition luncheon for the 2017 Paulding County Hall of Fame teachers on Monday, July 10, at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon will be held at the John Paulding Historical Museum located at 600 Fairground Drive, Paulding, Ohio.

The requirement for induction into the Paulding County Hall of Fame is a minimum of 25 years of service dedicated to teaching the students of Paulding County.

Dr. Martin Miller, Superintendent of Antwerp Local Schools, will be the speaker for the meeting.

Those being honored, as well as current members of the group, are asked to make reservations by Thursday, July 6, by calling Pam Young at 419-786-9362 or Karen Walker at 419-899-4161.

Current members are asked to bring a dish to share.

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by, tractor pull, face painting, archery tag and other events will be scheduled. See next week's paper for all events and times.



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July 13th - Club meeting. Starts at 7pm.

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UPCOMING ODOT WORK THIS WEEK JULY 3, 2017

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

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. The following upcoming closure is related to the project:

The entrance ramp from Baltimore Street to westbound U.S. 24 will be closed for the day on Monday, July 10 to allow for pavement markings and barrier wall to be placed for maintenance of traffic through the work zone. Traffic will be detoured to county Road 424 (old U.S. 24) to U.S. 127 back to U.S. 24.

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.

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.

Berm stone placement

Putnam:

State Route 613 between the Paulding County line and Continental

State Route 613 between Leipsic and the Hancock County line

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. Resurfacing of the pavement will follow the repair work. Work is being performed by Shelly Company, Findlay.

LATTA VOTES FOR MEDICAL LITIGATION REFORM TO LOWER HEALTH CARE COSTS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) joined his colleagues in passing needed litigation reforms that would save \$50 billion over the next decade and lower health care costs. H.R. 1215, the Protecting Access to Care Act, would provide flexible legal reforms to be used at the discretion of the states. The bill caps non-economic damages in a health care lawsuit to \$250,000 and also limits contingency fees that lawyers can charge. H.R. 1215 would only be applica-

ODOT PRESENTS NEW FACILITY



Jerry Wray, Ohio DOT director; Ross Laukhuf, Paulding County ODOT Manager; Kirk Slusher, ODOT D1 Deputy Director.



Paulding's new massive facility for storage of vehicles and maintaining trucks through all season.

After a year of construction Ohio Department of Transportation had their open House on Tuesday, June, 27 at both Paulding and Hicksville's brand new facilities. Paulding's new operations include a 21000+ square foot operations center and vehicle maintenance facility. This new building cost \$8.2 million for Paulding County. The former buildings were constructed between 1948 and 1966 with the main garage structure constructed in 1978.

Just weeks ago the Paulding ODOT moved into the new station after spending last winter in temporary quarters with the previous structure bring replaced.

Hicksville's facility came in just over \$3 million. Both of the operation centers for defiance and Hicksville came in less than estimated. "Over \$42 million has been invested in ODOT facilities in the last 6 years;" stated Antwerp native and ODOT Deputy Director Kirk Slusher. During Governor John Kasich's term, over \$14 billion has been used to maintain and build roads and has worked well to keep the infrastructure ahead of other states. By the time Kasich's term is finished, \$16 billion is intended to be used for upkeep and new roads.

"It's very important to that we have the best to maintain the infrastructure that we

have," Jerry Wray, ODOT Director continues, "Our roads and highways are the most valuable man made asset Ohio has."

Ross Laukhuf, ODOT Paulding County Manager, said they visited different facilities around the area, including Indiana and Michigan, to see what the best way would be to integrate the necessities for road maintenance and truck maintenance possible. It seems this was a success. The trucks in Ohio are on a 12 year replacement cycle vs a 20 year cycle of other states meaning less issues as the trucks move towards their end of life cycle.

The building is very large, as mentioned above, fumes and poisonous gasses could build up when working on that many vehicles moving in and out. To work with potentially hazardous fumes they have a new ventilation installed and can completely replace the air in 8 minutes. They can also make 8x the amount of winter de-icing in the same amount of time that they could previously. The new salt dome also has 25% more storage capacity than the previous structure.

The grounds and the new facility should easily accommodate Paulding for years to come and will be a good investment in keeping up with the roads of the county.

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"Everyone agrees that victims of medical malpractice deserve to be fully compensated for their damages," said Latta. "The problem arises when frivolous and excessive lawsuits are filed for the bene-

fit of attorneys, not those who have been wronged. These lawsuits drive up the cost of health care for everyone as doctors are forced to spend their time practicing defensive medicine to guard against litigation, instead of doing what is best for their patients. Unneeded tests and procedures means higher costs for patients and the health care system overall and is a drain on resources. Passing this legislation - which has been extremely successful at the state level - will save \$50 billion, reduce health care costs, and continue to protect patients from medical malpractice."

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WESTERN BUCKEYE ESC MEETING

Western Buckeye ESC governing board will be meeting on Thursday, July 6 at 6:00 in the Van Wert office to consider the employment of certified and classified employees, as well as any other business that may come before the board.

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ODNR TO HOST PADDLE PALOOZA FESTIVAL AT MAUMEE BAY STATE PARK

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) will host the Paddle Palooza Festival at Maumee Bay State Park for the third year in a row on Sunday, July 9 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Maumee Bay State Park Inland Lake area, 1400 State Park Road, Oregon, Ohio 43616.

This free, family-friendly event is a great opportunity to try a variety of different canoes and kayaks, as well as learn stand-up paddleboarding (SUP). Experts will also be on hand to share information about local paddling activities and resources.

A number of partners from Lucas, Ottawa and Wood counties will be available to assist with these free paddling demonstrations.

Canoeing and kayaking remain among the fastest growing of all outdoors recreation activities. Ohio ranked among the top ten states nationally in 2016 with a record 495,975 registered recreational watercraft. Among this total are the number of

Ohio-registered canoes and kayaks, which has more than doubled from 70,279 in 2007 to 181,203 in 2016 - an increase of 158%.

Those numbers are expected to grow as the state continues to invest in the paddling community. From 2006 to 2016, more than \$7 million was provided through community grant programs and publications. This support provided carry-in and small boat access, as well as hands-on skill development through local education and recreation programs, including Paddle Palooza festivals and the Paddle Ohio program. It also funded publications detailing stream access and paddling opportunities.

The ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft is responsible for managing Ohio's 74 state parks and providing the finest outdoor recreational opportunities, including first-class boating services, facilities and law enforcement for users of Ohio's waterways and public lands.

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the

ODNR website at ohiodnr.gov.

FSIS PROVIDES PRO GRILLING TIPS FOR SUMMER BARBECUES

From Fourth of July cookouts to entertaining visiting relatives, summertime is a season that brings together loved ones and lots of food. This summer, USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is providing tips on how to "Grill Like a PRO" during your outdoor festivities.

Keeping your family and loved ones safe from foodborne illness this summer can mean doing something as simple as using a food thermometer when grilling meat, poultry, and fish. Unfortunately, recent research by USDA and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) found that only 24 percent of the public uses a food thermometer when cooking hamburgers and only 42 percent do so when cooking chicken.

You can prevent and avoid foodborne illness this summer by following these three easy steps when cooking meat or poultry on the grill:

P—Place the Thermometer!

When you think your food is cooked, check the internal temperature by inserting the thermometer into the thickest part of the meat (usually about 1.5 to 2 inches deep). If you are cooking a thinner piece of meat, like chicken breasts or hamburger patties, insert the thermometer from

the side. Make sure that the probe reaches the center of the meat.

R—Read the Temperature!

Wait about 10 to 20 seconds for an accurate temperature reading. Use the following safe internal temperature guidelines for your meat and poultry.

Beef, Pork, Lamb, and Veal (steaks, roasts, chops) and Fish: 145°F (63°C) with a 3-minute rest time

Ground meats: 160°F (71°C)

Whole poultry, poultry breasts, & ground poultry: 165°F (74°C)

O—Off the Grill!

Once the meat and poultry reach their safe minimum internal temperatures, take the food off the grill and place it onto a clean platter. Don't put cooked food on the same platter that held raw meat or poultry. Also, remember to clean your food thermometer probe with hot, soapy water or disposable wipes.

Now that you're grilling like a PRO, it's important to remember to keep your food at a safe temperature during your entire cookout. Perishable food should not be left out for more than two hours. In hot weather (above 90°F), food should never sit out for more than one hour. Happy grilling!

Need more food safety information? Call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at (1-888-674-6854) Monday through Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET, or email or chat at AskKaren.gov.

MAUMEE VALLEY VETERINARY CLINIC OPENS NEW OFFICE IN WOODBURN



Dr. David F. Nahrwold proudly announces the opening of the brand new facility for Maumee Valley Veterinary Clinic at 5802 N. State Road 101 in Woodburn. This is located just 100 yards south of the Love's Truck Stop on the east side of State Road 101. Dr. Nahrwold had served clients from northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio for over twenty-nine years from his Tile Mill Road location. The new building offers ground level entry and handicap parking for the convenience of clients. The clinic continues to offer friendly service combined with up-to date medical technology for diagnostics and patient care.

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annual patient visits. Boarding and emergency services are offered to pets established as patients; new patients are being accepted.

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The public is welcome to stop in and see the new clinic during office hours. However, pets are seen by appointment only by calling 260-632-6882. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 8:00 - 12:00 and 2:00 - 6:00, Thursday 8:00 - 12:00 and 2:00 - 8:00, Wednesday and Saturday 8:00 - 12:00.

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Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Paulding County Regional Health Center (608 Erie Street, Antwerp, OH 45813) Wednesday July 12, 2017 at 10:00 AM

Paulding County Hospital Board of Trustees, Administration and staff are proud to celebrate the groundbreaking of the new Paulding County Regional Health Center. The new Regional Health center with measure 5,400 square feet, over two times the size of the current facility.

Expected to open by January 1, 2018, the expanded facility will feature a greatly expanded patient care area, expanded services, and fitness center.

Rain date scheduled for July 13, 2017 at 10:00 AM



PERFORMANCE AUDIT RECOMMENDS NEARLY \$500,000 IN REVENUE ENHANCEMENTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The Ohio Department of Agriculture could earn nearly \$500,000 in additional revenue each year by consolidating office and laboratory space and renting out the surplus, based on recommendations of a performance audit released today by Auditor of State Dave Yost.

The agency's labs, which provide testing for animal diseases, consumer protection and horse racing, could better manage financial operations by determining the full costs of all testing services and adjusting rates accordingly, the audit notes. It also advises the agency to develop a labor tracking system to better capture how much time laboratory staff spend on testing, to improve the efficiency of the laboratories.

"The laboratories of the Ohio Department of Agriculture play a vital role in protecting Ohio's agriculture, environment and consumers," Auditor Yost said. "Better use of its resources will ensure that these crucial protections continue and provide even greater value to Ohioans."

The audit was performed in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 117.46, which pro-

vides that the Auditor of State conduct performance audits of at least four state agencies each budget biennium. The audit was conducted from February to June of this year.

Auditors examined operations at the department's campus in Reynoldsburg, where 12 buildings house offices, laboratories and support operations. Changes in department needs have left it with underused office and lab space. By consolidating office space and renting out the surplus, the agency could generate an estimated \$103,314 annually, according to the audit. Doing the same with underused lab space could generate \$382,413, auditors estimate. Converting one underused meeting room to office space and renting it out could generate an additional \$6,526 in revenue, the audit found.

The agency should track the use of grounds-keeping and facility maintenance equipment, auditors advised, so that it has the data needed to right-size its equipment inventory. They also recommended that the department ensure all chemicals are properly stored, and disposed of when no longer needed.

Auditors highlighted the department's participation in a laboratory integration project with the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The aim is to align

the fiscal operations of all state labs to share resources and compare lab operations. The project includes sharing equipment and facilities, combining capital equipment budgets, and purchasing jointly to obtain lower prices. The Auditor of State encourages efforts that lower costs and improve the efficiency of government.

FOLLOWING HEARING, LATTA AND DINGELL COMMIT TO WORKING TOGETHER ON SELF-DRIVING CAR LEGISLATION

Following a House Energy and Commerce Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection (DCCP) Subcommittee Hearing, Chairman Bob Latta (R-OH) and Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (D-MI) expressed their commitment to working together on autonomous vehicle legislation. The DCCP hearing discussed 14 bills aimed at establishing a working framework for regulation of self-driving vehicles that would allow manufacturers to innovate and increase safety on the roads.

"Self-driving cars provide the opportunity to increase safety on our roadways and improve quality of life for all Americans," said Latta. "In order for the U.S. to lead on this cutting-edge technology, we need a framework that allows industry to innovate while ensuring high safe-

ty standards. This endeavor should not be a partisan exercise, and I'm glad to work with Congresswoman Dingell to ensure that the federal government is performing its customary oversight role while allowing industry the ability to develop, test, and implement this new technology. Her insight and perspective will be valuable as we work to develop a legislative and regulatory approach that strikes the right balance."

"Today's hearing is an important step toward finding bipartisan consensus on the best ways to deploy automated vehicle technologies and keep this country at the forefront of innovation," said Dingell. "With a staggering 35,000 deaths on our roadways in 2015, the development of these technologies has the potential to improve motor vehicle safety and save lives. Automated vehicles are going to be developed - it is simply where it will happen first and by whom. The U.S. must stay at the forefront of innovation and technology, and we must make sure that we remain in the driver's seat as opposed to countries like China or India. We must also ensure that safety is the number one priority, discuss cyber security and understand the impact on the labor force as well as societal impacts, including the benefits automated vehicles provide for the aging, disabled and others. I look forward to working with Chairman Latta and my colleagues on a bipartisan bill that ensures the U.S. is the leader in this important area."

PAL - 2017 TACKLE FOOTBALL PROGRAM

The Police Athletic League (PAL) 2017 tackle football program will open registration on Monday, July 10, 2017. The registration can be accomplished online at www.palfortwayne.com or at the PAL Center during the month of July. Hours for the PAL Center are 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Practices start August 2, 2017. They are held 3 nights a week, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at various sites.

Players must be ages 9-12 on August 15 to be eligible for participation.

This is PAL's 48th year for this football program.

For further information contact the PAL Center at 432-4122.

BOYS 8 & UNDER LEAGUE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS



Members of the squad include (bottom, l-r) Reece Morehead, Ayden Florence, Jerrick Johnson and Josiah Stoller. In the middle row are (l-r) Ben Gurney, Brody Rosswurm, Witt Stoller, Carter Baumle, Demirian Goings and Devon Huckabaa. Coaches for the team were (back, l-r) Andrew Baumle, Ricky Morehead, Chris Rosswurm and Steve Gurney. Players not in the picture are Keagen Sharp and Kahne Mansfield.

The Paulding County eight and under boys baseball league tournament was held in Payne in June with the M.P. Kuhn/Baughman Tile team from Bayne winning the league tournament championship. The squad won the ti-

tle after posting three straight wins on the final night of the tournament, defeating My 102.7 FM of Paulding in the loser's bracket before getting past Paulding Eagles in back-to-back games for the league title.

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PERFORMANCE AUDIT FINDS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CAN INCREASE EFFICIENCY AND STREAMLINE PROCESS

Using data driven decision-making, the Ohio Department of Health can protect vulnerable populations in the state's nursing homes and related long-term care facilities more efficiently, according to a performance audit released today by Auditor of State Dave Yost.

By better balancing the makeup of the complaint-response teams that investigate problems in nursing homes, residential care facilities and intermediate care facilities, the department can reduce staff turnover, saving time and money spent in training new investigators, the audit found. The primary recommendation is to reduce the proportion of registered nurses hired for survey work because of the high turnover in their ranks. Doing so could save the department \$120,499 annually, auditors estimate.

Auditors also recommended that the department analyze the location and frequency of care complaints and of the time necessary to investigate them in order to deploy dedicated complaint-investigation teams more efficiently.

"Thousands of Ohio families rely on the Department of Health to ensure that their loved ones are well-cared-for in nursing homes and similar facilities," Auditor Yost said. "Those same families also benefit when their tax dollars are used in the most cost-effective manner to provide that protection."

The audit also found that the department is likely to save funeral directors and local registrars \$933,000 a year as it expands its electronic system for the filing of birth and death certificates,

Until recently, the department was using a complicated hybrid system that was partly electronic and partly based on paper documentation, imposing significant costs on those reporting births and deaths, as well as slowing the filing of the data. Updates introduced during the audit period aim to increase the use of electronic filing and reduce the paperwork component of the process. Once implemented, the changes also are projected to save the department \$97,900 annually by reducing

staff time spent on filing and data entry.

The audit was performed in accordance with Ohio Revised Code § 117.46, which provides that the Auditor of State conduct performance audits of at least four state agencies each budget biennium. The audit was conducted from October 2015 to June 2017.

Auditors examined the department's Bureau of Long Term Care, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Finance Operations, Certificate of Need, and Laboratory Operations.

Other recommendations of the audit included:

Improving the financial accounting system to reduce the time spent on updating information.

Working with the state Legislature to streamline the Certificate of Need program for long-term-care facilities.

Improving tracking of the location and ownership of long-term-care beds throughout the state. The Department began work on this recommendation while the audit was under way.

Developing a laboratory information system that will allow management to analyze workload data and improve the efficiency of laboratory testing operations.

Auditors also highlighted the department's participation in a laboratory integration project with the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The aim is to align the fiscal operations of all state labs to share resources and compare lab operations. The project includes sharing equipment and facilities, combining capital equipment budgets, and purchasing jointly to obtain lower prices. The Auditor of State encourages efforts that lower costs and improve the efficiency of government.

SUBDCCP TO DISCUSS 14 SELF-DRIVING BILLS NEXT WEEK

The Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, chaired by Rep. Bob Latta (R-OH), today announced a hearing for Tuesday, June 27, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in room 2123 of the Rayburn House Office Building. The hearing is entitled, "Self-Driving Vehicle Legislation."

In 2015, there were 35,092 traffic fatalities and approx-

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imately 2.44 million people injured on U.S. roadways. Early estimates lead us to believe that traffic fatalities in 2016 have increased by 6 percent to 40,200. If these estimates hold true, it will be the first time in almost a decade that more than 40,000 people have died in traffic accidents in a single year. There is more of a need than ever before to explore the safety potential of this technology as it can considerably decrease traffic-related fatalities, increase accessibility for those living in rural communities, and improve mobility. Next week's hearing is an important step, as federal leadership on self-driving car safety will prevent a patchwork of state regulations and ensure that safe cars can continue to drive across the country without having to stop at the state line.

Discussion Draft, "LEAD'R Act" - Establish federal and state roles in which the federal government is responsible for oversight of the design, construction, mechanical systems, software systems, or communications systems of highly automated vehicles and highly automated vehicle equipment. States or political subdivisions continue to regulate registration, licensing, [liability], driving education and training, insurance, or traffic laws.

Discussion Draft, "PAVE Act" - Expands the number of vehicles the Secretary of Transportation is permitted to exempt from a Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) from 2,500 to 100,000.

Discussion Draft, "ROAD Act" - Expands the number of years that a manufacturer can maintain a FMVSS exemption (and request a renewal for an exemption) from 2 years to 5 years.

Discussion Draft, "EX-EMPT Act" - Authorizes vehicle manufacturers to obtain a FMVSS exemption in order to promote the public adoption and acceptance or facilitate meaningful commercial deployment of a new vehicle technology, and to promote transportation access for the disability community, that would provide an overall

safety level at least equal to the overall safety level of non-exempt vehicles.

Discussion Draft, "MORE Act" - Extends the authority created in the FAST Act to test vehicles not in compliance with FMVSS to equipment manufacturers, suppliers, universities, and new market entrants.

Discussion Draft, "IN-FORM Act" - Directs the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to notify the appropriate state authority when a highly automated vehicle is exempted from FMVSS.

Discussion Draft, "Disability Mobility Advisory Council Act" - Directs the Secretary of Transportation to establish a Federal Advisory Committee to undertake information gathering activities, develop technical advice, and present recommendations to the Secretary regarding advancing mobility access for the disabled community with respect to the deployment of highly automated vehicles.

Discussion Draft, "Improving Mobility Access for Underserved Populations and Senior Advisory Council Act" - Directs the Secretary of Transportation to establish a Federal Advisory Committee to undertake information gathering activities, develop technical advice, and present recommendations to the Secretary on how to advance mobility access for seniors and populations underserved by traditional public transportation services with respect to the testing and deployment of highly automated vehicles.

Discussion Draft, "Automated Driving System Cybersecurity Advisory Council Act" - Directs the Secretary of Transportation to establish a Federal Advisory Committee to undertake information gathering activities, develop technical advice, and present recommendations to the Secretary regarding cybersecurity for the testing, deployment, and updating of automated driving systems with respect to supply chain risk management, interactions with ISACs and ISAOs, and a framework for identifying and implementing recalls.

Discussion Draft, "SHARES Act" - Directs the Secretary of Transportation to establish a Federal Advisory Committee within the NHTSA to develop a framework of relevant, situational information among highly automated vehicle manufacturers in a manner that does not risk the public dissemination or sharing of confidential business information.

Discussion Draft, "HAV Prompt Act" - Establishes that the Secretary may not institute a pre-market approval or pre-certification process for highly automated vehicles.

Discussion Draft, "GUARD Act" - Requires that certain information submitted to NHTSA by highly automated vehicle manufacturers or highly automated vehicle equipment manufacturers be treated as confidential business information.

Discussion Draft, "MEMO Act" - Directs the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and NHTSA to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the agencies' oversight of highly automated vehicle privacy and cybersecurity.

Discussion Draft, "DECAL Act" - Directs manufacturers to include a description of the level of driving automation for any highly automated vehicle on the Monroney label.

"These discussion drafts are a significant step towards introduction of meaningful legislation that will ensure consumer safety and provide clarity for federal and state governments on their role in regulating self-driving vehicles," said Chairman Latta. "Overtime, this technology has demonstrated its potential to transform the transportation industry and save thousands of lives, and this hearing provides an opportunity to start this critically important discussion here in the House. Next week, members will explore how this legislation can increase safety,

improve access and mobility, and grow our understanding of self-driving cars."

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 6/14/17

This 14th day of June, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Roy Klopfenstein, Tony Zartman, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

Warrants documented as 233977 through 234066 for county bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST

Sally Wannemacher, Spring Clerks' Banquet, Van Wert OH - May 23, 2017

Melissa Daeger, Spring Clerks' Banquet, Van Wert OH - May 23, 2017

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

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on June 12, 2017, Warrants numbered 233854 through 233856 in the amount of \$634.75; and

WHEREAS, it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available

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in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on June 14, 2017, Warrants numbered 234057 through 234066 in the amount of \$17,428.28; and

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is found and determined that

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

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 254)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2017 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the Professional Training Fund (Fund 254), to-wit: 254-001-00002/Professional Training/Tuition Costs AMOUNT: \$1,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-031)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds, to-wit; FROM: 001-030-00002/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/Retirement TO: 001-031-00008/General Fund/Commissioners Misc/Unemployment AMOUNT: \$8,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 149)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Maintaining/Operating Jail Fund (Fund 149), to-wit; FROM: 149-001-00017/Maintaining/Operating Jail/Insurance TO: 149-001-00004/Maintaining/Operating Jail/Supplies AMOUNT: \$29,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 149)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Maintaining/Operating

Jail Fund (Fund 149), to-wit; FROM: 149-001-00017/Maintaining/Operating Jail/Insurance TO: 149-001-00010/Maintaining/Operating Jail/Equipment AMOUNT: \$45,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF SETTING RATES FOR THE JACOB EATON GROUP HOME

WHEREAS, the Director of the Defiance/Paulding County Consolidated Job and Family Services has recommended rates to house children at the Jacob Eaton Children's Group Home, located in Paulding County; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve the following rates for the housing of children at the Jacob Eaton Children's Home in Paulding County; to-wit: Defiance County rates Level 1: \$25.00/day Level 2: \$31.00/day Level 3: \$40.00/day Other County rates Level 1: \$34.68/day Level 2: \$41.75/day Level 3: \$50.77/day

BE it FURTHER RESOLVED, that payment for services shall be made to the Paulding County Board of Commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2017, Phillip Fairchild was appointed as Assistant Deputy Dog Warden; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to increase the hourly rate of the Assistant Deputy Dog Warden from \$11.15 to \$12.50; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Paulding County Commissioners do authorize and approve the hourly rate of \$12.50 for Phillip Fairchild, the Assistant Deputy Dog Warden, effective June 17, 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holsberry to go into executive session at 10:31 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tony Zartman. All members voting yea.

At 10:58 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

Meeting Notes of Appointments

Jason Landers, Paulding County Sheriff - Sheriff Landers met with the Commissioners for his regularly scheduled monthly meeting. He noted that Assistant Deputy Dog Warden Phillip Fairchild has completed his probationary period and recommended an increase in his hourly rate (see resolution above). In other business, Sheriff Landers informed the Commissioners union contract negotiations will begin soon, as the current contract expires in December. He then announced there are six members of the "Explorer" group who have qualified for a trip to Cedar Point. Two deputies and their wives will chaperone the trip. Sheriff Landers reported the recent jail opening went smoothly. He said there were currently eight women inmates. He then noted the necessity of appropriating money in Fund 149 to cover supplies for the jail for the rest of the year. Sheriff Landers commented the DARE officer keeps busy during the summer months. He attends neighboring counties' DARE camps and will run a 'Day in the Park' at LaFountain Park this summer. He has a presence in all three school systems grade schools and hopes to start a Jr. High program this fall.

Jerry Zielke, PC Economic Development - Mr. Zielke presented the Van Crest of Payne, LLC, Community Reinvestment Area Worksheet for the Commissioners' review. The worksheet noted the breakdown of tax dollars for various entities. Van Crest of Payne, LLC, plans a total project investment of \$2,000,000 and anticipates an additional 20 full time and 10 part time employees in a

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ALBRIGHT RETURNS HOME AS "FEMALE CHAMPION CYCLING 2017"



Krystal Albright of Paulding, traveled to Ohio State University June 23-25 to compete in the 46th annual Special Olympics Summer Games.

Special Olympics Ohio currently has more than 26,000 athletes. These athletes competed in their area competitions and a little over 10% of them advanced to Ohio's State Summer Games.

Krystal competed in cycling, a sport that she loves. On Saturday she raced in three races, the maximum amount you could enter. She was in the 1 mile, 3 mile and 5 mile. All of Krystal's practicing, hard work and sheer determination paid off when she placed first and won the Gold Medal in each of her events.

She was also entered in the stage race where her race ac-



cumulative times were compared to all the other Ohio female cyclists accumulative times. She placed first in the stage race and was awarded the trophy for "Female Champion Cycling 2017".

Krystal is glad that Paulding Special Olympics sent her to the state competition and is honored and proud to return home with the State Champion trophy!

three-year period.

Sandy Kessler, MVPO - Ms. Kessler conducted the third hearing for the CDBG Critical Infrastructure, moving the Village of Melrose Storm Drainage Project along. She also presented an updated listing of future Community Development Priority Projects for Paulding County.

Corey Walker, Defiance/Paulding Consolidated Job and Family Services - Mr. Walker presented two rate summary proposals for the Jacob Eaton Children's Group Home (see resolution above).

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Payne: Blueberry Pancake House, Lichty's Barber Shop, Payne Super Valu, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza

Scott: Scott Variety Store

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Van Wert: Family Video, Orchard Tree, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market - Marsh, Walmart,

INDIANA LOCATIONS

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Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales

Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Harlan Cafe, iAB Bank

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

Monroeville: Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General

New Haven: Curves, Milan Center, New Haven Branch Library, Ken's Meat Market, New Haven Bakery, Paterson Hardware, Richard's Restaurant, New Haven Chamber, Crumback Chevrolet, Hahn Systems

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PAULDING COUNTY EDUCATORS ENJOY BLACK SWAMP EDUCATION EXTRAVAGANZA



Paulding County educators attended the Black Swamp Educator's Extravaganza recently. Pictured are (left to right): Wendy Baker (Grover Hill Elementary), Patrick Troyer, Linda Mabis (Antwerp Elementary), and Marriep Plassman (Antwerp Elementary).

By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist

Educators from Paulding County recently attended the Black Swamp Education Extravaganza held recently at Sauder Village in Archbold, OH. Among those from Paulding County in attendance were: Wendy Baker (Grover Hill Elementary), Linda Plassman (Antwerp Elementary), and Linda Mabis (Antwerp Elementary). Among other attendees were educators from Defiance, Allen, Fulton, Defiance, and Sandusky County schools. The theme for the 2017 event held June 20-21-22 (Tuesday-Thursday) was "Times of Change" in which all in attendance enjoyed a variety of educational tours, speakers, as well as enjoying a variety of make-n-take activities to bring back into their classrooms.

First off, what is the Black Swamp Education Extravaganza (BSEE)? BSEE is a conference put on by the Northwest Ohio Soil & Water Conservation Districts which consists of the following county SWCD's: Paulding, Defiance, Williams, Fulton, Lucas, Wood, Ottawa and Van Wert counties. The conference is open to teachers, non-formal educators, and all who are interested in learning great activities and information on environmental education as well as enjoying great tours of the surrounding area of businesses or groups passionate about conservation. It is typically held the 3rd week of June every year in each of the various counties in this partnership.

On Tuesday, the first day of the conference, participants were greeted and welcomed by Education Special-

ists Becky Simpson (Ottawa County), Amanda Podach (Fulton County), Patrick Troyer (Paulding County), Anne Marie Michaels (Williams County), Julie Lause/Nicki Kale (Wood County), Jamie Kochensparger (Lucas County), and Stephanie Singer (Defiance County). First on the agenda was a casket making tour at the Sauder facility. Sauder Funeral products was established in 1934 and applies many years of furniture manufacturing experience to make a set of affordable funeral products. Many people asked what made them go into the casket making businesses and the response was that they needed to adapt their products to the changing times as one employee suggested they build "underground furniture" and the rest is history as the saying goes.

Following the casket making tour, everyone was treated to a SWCD Conservation Practices Tour of practices being implanted at Sauder Village. Jackie Savage & Pete Carr from Fulton SWCD led the tour and explained that Sauder Village currently has several conservation practices being implemented including a filter strip, grassed waterway, a couple windbreaks, subsurface drainage, and cover crops currently in place. Jackie Savage talked to the group about wildflower identification and talked about ways to identify flowers out in nature.

During lunch, everyone was treated to a program by Kim Krieger on the history of Erie Sauder. In her program, Krieger said that in 1976, Erie Sauder constructed his "living history village" to help people who come to visit about the pioneers who once inhabited this area. Erie wanted to build a lasting experience in which everyone would come to know and love the values that helped form Northwest Ohio. His vision created what is now a 235-acre complex that very much brings history alive for all who visit!

Following lunch, participants were sent on a self-tour of Sauder Village in which they could check out the many amenities available such as the General Store, Doughbox Bakery, and various other Olde Time Shops.

Wednesday's activities started with each SWCD Education Specialist presenting a variety of "Make-N-Take"

activities for each teacher/educator. Participants learned about activities such as Pollinator Pizza, Lake in A Bag, Grocery Bag Botany, Ag Relay, Cookies from the Soil, Non-Edible Soils, and NPK Bracelets. Participants rotated around the room in groups to receive a 15-minute summary of each program. They were given a summary of discussion points with each activity, how to conduct the activity, and supplies to conduct the activity.

After lunch, everyone traveled to Knotty Vine Winery to enjoy a tour of the wine making process. Following the winery visit, a trip was then made to Turkeyfoot Creamery.

Thursday started out with a visit to Goll Woods in Fulton County. According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Goll Woods State Nature Preserve is the least disturbed woodland that is known to exist in northwest Ohio and contains some of the largest trees remaining in our state. It is truly one of the best ways to see what the Black Swamp looked like back in its heyday. Following Goll Woods, participants enjoyed a presentation from Wood SWCD Board Supervisor Ron Snyder on Soil Health. After lunch, everyone then learned from beekeeper Roger Meyers on the importance of bees and pollinators.

The afternoon tour included a stop at Nature Fresh Farms near Delta, Ohio which is a produce farm which seeks to offer residents an option locally for fresh produce that is picked, packed, and shipped to your neighborhood grocery store within 24 hours and reducing "food miles". Nature Fresh grows produce year-round in their greenhouse facilities. The Delta facility focuses their operations on growing tomatoes with varieties developed for Ohio. They pride themselves with reducing the "food miles" from farm to store which ultimately reduces their carbon footprint.

Our group traveled back to Sauder Village for conference wrap up and evaluations. After evaluations, everyone was sent on their way with the new activities and knowledge they received fully ready to spread the conservation message with their students! Stay tuned for details on the 2018 edition of the Black Swamp Education Extravaganza, who knows what great learning opportunities it might entail!

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REPRESENTATIVE RIEDEL VOTES TO SEND BUDGET BILL TO GOVERNOR

State Representative Craig S. Riedel (R-Defiance) announced that the Ohio House of Representatives has approved the conference committee report on Amended Substitute House Bill 49, the state operating budget. With a major focus on combating Ohio's dangerous drug epidemic and ensuring that schools receive vital funding, the legislation provides support to areas most in need and keeps spending under the rate of inflation over the biennium.

"I voted yes in support of House Bill 49 because I believe this budget is an important step in helping Ohio become fiscally responsible again. The Medicaid expansion program has grown at an alarming rate, and without this freeze the program will become unsustainable, leaving single mothers, children, and the elderly without healthcare," said Rep. Riedel. "As the representative of 120,000 people it is my responsibility to ensure Ohio's most vulnerable population has healthcare, but to also make sure that taxpayer dollars are spent responsibly. That is what we, as a legislative body, have done with House Bill 49."

The bill addresses the following issues, among others:

- Combating the Drug Epidemic

As championed by the House through the Ohio HOPES (Heroin, Opioids, Prevention, Education and Safety) Agenda, the budget tackles the state's drug epidemic head-on with funding totaling \$180 million in new money. Investments focused on the areas of prevention, treatment, mental health care and workforce programs ensure that communities across Ohio, both rural and urban, receive the support they need to educate young people, help those who are addicted and prevent overdose deaths, which is a statistic that continues to rise.

- Prioritizing Schools

Enhancing opportunities for all Ohioans is a central component of the state operating budget with an increase in K-12 education funding by \$154 million in FY'18 and \$120 million in FY' 19. The bill also increases per-pupil funding and rewards high-performing educational service centers.

- Lowering the Cost of Higher Education

The bill promotes tuition guarantee programs to provide more cost consistency to

students while also requiring colleges to study textbook expenses in order to ultimately reduce the cost of obtaining a college degree.

- Strengthening Accountability within the Medicaid Program

House Bill 49 makes Ohio the first state to seek a federal waiver to freeze new enrollment to the Medicaid Group VIII expansion population with certain exemptions (the drug addicted and mentally ill). Additionally, through a series of provisions, the budget strengthens accountability in the state's Medicaid program by placing guardrails on future Medicaid Group VIII spending through the Controlling Board. The bill also returns Medicaid oversight to the General Assembly by directing the Department of Medicaid to seek a federal waiver to require a Group VIII Medicaid recipient to be one of the following: over 55, medically fragile, employed, in an education or workforce training program, or in a recovery program.

- Modernizing the CAUV (Current Agricultural Use Value) Formula

Through various reforms to be phased in over a six-year period, the bill aims to offer property tax relief for farmers by reducing the taxable value of farmland.

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 6/12/17

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following members present: Roy Klopfenstein, Tony Zartman, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

Warrants documented as 233829 through 233928 for county bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST

Tiffany Beckman, Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association 2017 Summer Conference, Cleveland OH - June 21-23, 2017

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 282)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2017 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the CPCSP Fund (Fund 282), to-w/ 282-001-00007/CPCSP/Technology Court AMOUNT:\$20,910.55

IN THE MATTER OF MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS FOR THE DUPLICATE YEAR 2017, COLLECTED IN 2018, ON JOINT DITCHES WITH DEFIANCE COUNTY ORC 6137.03

WHEREAS, Ryan Mapes, Paulding County SWCD Ditch Maintenance, has reported the proposed maintenance collections for the 2017 duplicates with Paulding and Defiance Counties, information sheets attached, and should be placed on the 2017 tax duplicate, to be collected in 2018, for maintenance; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Joint Board of County Commissioners of Paulding and Defiance Counties, that in order to provide such maintenance funds, it is deemed necessary to run the attached listed ditches on the 2017 tax duplicate, to be collected in 2018, for collection for one (1) year only, at the percentage and the amount provided based on the benefits, and that the same be and is hereby levied upon such benefited areas as aforesaid, all in accordance with the provisions of Section 6137.03 of the Revised Code of Ohio; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Auditors of Paulding and Defiance Counties are hereby ordered and directed to place such ditch maintenance assessments on the 2017 tax duplicate, to be collected in 2018, of the respective counties; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is found and

Revised Recycling Schedule in Woodburn

The City of Woodburn will be changing the recycling schedule for the remainder of the year for any residents that receive recycling services. Pick up will run on Saturday July 8th, rather than Friday July 7th in consideration of the 4th, and continue every other week as before. Please visit cityofwoodburn.org to see a calendar with updated service dates for the remainder of the year. Thank you!

- Timothy Cummins, Clerk-Treasurer

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.

SOIL & WATER MULTI-COUNTY POSITION OPENING

Multi-County Nutrient Management Specialist
Serving Paulding, Defiance and Williams Counties
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.
Questions can be directed to paulding@pauldingswcd.org or call 419-399-4771. Equal opportunity employer.

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CLARIFICATION ON SLOW MOVING VEHICLES ON VILLAGE STREETS

Residents please be advised that the only slow moving vehicle allowed on village streets are licensed golf carts. According to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and State of Ohio, mini-bikes, mopeds, ATV's Gators, Go-Carts, anything that can't be licensed through the BMV and insured can not be on village streets and you are subject to be ticketed.

With the new law effective on January 1, 2017, golf carts must have standard equipment such as: seat belts, 2 headlights, tail lights, windshield, turn signals, horn, rear view mirror and license

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26

**THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:**

**PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,
Plaintiff,**

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

Defendants,
Case No. CI 16 136.

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 20th day of July, 2017 at 10:00, the real estate located at:

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

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

Said premises appraised at Sixty Thousand and No/10 (\$60,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second sale will be held on the 3rd day of August, 2017 at 10:00. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Meeting Notes of Appointments

Deb Guilford, Board of DD - Ms. Guilford met with the Commissioners with an update. She reported the Board of DD finance committee met last week to review the 5 Year Projection report. Ms. Guilford noted the full Board meets this Thursday, June 15, and will also review the projection report. She updated the Commissioners on Medicaid waivers, saying there have been several new waivers approved so far this year. Ms. Guilford commented the Board of DD continues to reduce the adult DD population waiting for IO (Individual Options) waivers. She noted there were 27 on the list in December 2016 and there are currently 16. She added that she knows of nobody in Paulding County with a need that isn't being served. Referring back to the 5 Year Projection report, Ms. Guilford noted one of the Board's levies (1.4 mill) will expire this fall. The Board is currently considering its options of a renewal, replacement, or continuous levy. Ms. Guilford reported there are four full time staff and 2 part time staff at the Parc Lane Training Center. She also announced there will be a gifted program for 3 to 16 year olds this summer. Each group will meet 2 days a week during the months of July and August. Ms. Guilford also discussed the pole barn on the Parc Lane site. The Board is weighing several options for its use.

Keri McClure, Keister & Baker Law Office, LLC; Chad Benschneider, Harrison Township Trustee; Ryan McLaughlin, Van Crest of Payne - Ms. McClure conducted the hearing for the annexation of 2.755 acres from the northeast quarter of Section 34, Harrison Township, to the Village of Payne. (see resolution above)

Sandy Kessler, MVPO - Ms. Kessler conducted the 2nd CDBG hearing for the Critical Infrastructure (CI), moving ahead the application from the Village of Melrose for its Storm Drainage Project for PY 2017. Ms. Kessler reported she has already completed the pre-application, which is the first step in the process. She noted there are currently two critical infrastructure projects underway in Paulding County. As each are completed, we can have

AFRICAN ORPHANAGE MINISTRY SUBJECT AT KIWANIS PROGRAM



Erica Manz presented the June 8th program on All God's Children International, an orphanage ministry focusing on Ethiopia. Manz shared that over 400,000 refugees are fleeing Ethiopia due to genocide. About 75% of families in that country do not have decent water. This ministry believes that education is the only way to break out of poverty. The ministry wants to place orphans in to loving families. In addition, they are building child advocacy centers, teaching caregivers how to care for and engage with babies and children, providing education sponsorships and micro-grants to women to start their own business so they can provide for their families. Mindy Stoller, left, was the program host. For more information visit www.allgodschildren.org.

others in the works, as counties are allowed to have two projects going at a time. Ms. Kessler anticipates the CDBG CI funding will be awarded in September. The Commissioners then reviewed the implementation strategy worksheet and chose 10 potential projects for future consideration. Ms. Kessler noted the CDBG Allocation funding should be announced soon.

Ryan Mack, Mick Pocratsky, Gary Plotts - Defiance County Commissioners; Kevin Hancock, Defiance County Ditch Maintenance; Ryan Mapes, Paulding County Ditch Maintenance, Lanie Lambert, Defiance County Commissioners' Clerk - Mr. Hancock presented Defiance County's Jt. Ditch Maintenance Report for 2017. Mr. Mapes presented Paulding County's Jt. Ditch Maintenance Report for 2017. Both maintenance assessment reports were approved (see resolution above).

MINUTES FOR WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 6/5/17

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls, Chief Duhamell as well as Councilmen Watts, Voirol, Gerig, and Martin were in attendance. Councilman Renner was not present.

Chief's Report: The Woodburn Police Reserves worked 70 patrol hours in May. Three new reserve candidates will be interviewed by the police chief for final approval before being brought to the mayor for swearing in. A contractor will be painting the city flag poles by the end of the week. The police truck is in repairs and is expected to be completed by mid month.

Mayor's Report: The mayor spoke about rerouting traffic from Bull Rapids and SR101 to go to US30, I-469, and US24 as a detour for the plaza dedication on July 8th. A discussion occurred about security camera proposals but no final decisions were made. The mayor attended an informational meeting from INDOT regarding the Community Crossings Grant for road funding



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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

been grandfathered with due to the watering of horses on his property. This sewer credit was supposedly a 3,000 gallon credit, based on current rates roughly 10 years ago, which was the time of inception of his credit. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to eliminate the credit and add a new meter on his service to track the water outside separately, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor.

Councilman Voirol moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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Woodburn Publication Notice
The City of Woodburn would like to inform the community about a new service for their utility customers: Starting July 10th, the City will provide customers the ability to pay utility bills without the hassle of manually submitting their payment. You will be able to elect to have the City automatically process your utility bill by ACH through your provided financial institution. The City is still taking payments in person, online through our website www.cityofwoodburn.org, as well as through this new service. Any interested party should contact City Hall at 260-632-5318 or visit during office hours from 7am-4pm for more details.
- Timothy Cummins, Clerk-Treasurer

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.: 30-235-044-00
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.

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LEGAL NOTICE
2017 Paulding County Cold Mix Paving Project
Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding, Ohio, at its office in the Court House, 115 N. Williams Street, Rm. B-1, Paulding, Ohio, 45879 until **9:00 A.M., D.S.T. on July 17, 2017.**

PROPOSAL:
Cold Constructed Asphalt Paving of various roads in Paulding County, Ohio.
The owner intends and requires that the project be completed no later than September 8, 2017.
Engineer's Estimate = \$907,465.34

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal, a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.
Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed as listed above.

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will, to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123, the Governor's Executive Order of 1972, and Governor's Executive Order 84-9 shall be required.
PROPOSAL: "2017 Paulding County Cold Mix Paving Project"
The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids received.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO
Nola R. Ginter
Clerk, Board of Comissioners

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Paulding County as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wage and Hour Division, (614) 644-2239.

All contractors shall follow all applicable Federal and State OSHA regulations. The contractor shall also hold the County Engineer harmless for any violations or fines received while engaged in this project.

All contractors must provide current Certificate of Liability Insurance Coverage for \$1,000,000 along with a current Certificate of Worker's Compensation Coverage, before they can be hired to perform any type of work for Paulding County.

All materials shall conform to the 2016 version of the State of Ohio Department of Transportation Construction and Material Specifications.

Sealed bids shall be in writing and in accordance with specifications furnished by Paulding County and on file in the Offices of the Paulding County Engineer and Commissioners.

Bids are to be sealed and addressed to the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, and bids on the above named items to be marked:

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES 6/12/17

L. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to agree to co-fund the first phase of the site planning project which will include a performing arts center addition, pending funds being raised by the WT Performing Arts Committee to offset costs of the construction;

M. to approve participation in the Federal Free and Reduced Price Lunch and Breakfast Program for the 2017-2018 school year;

N. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Curriculum and Instruction, to approve the government textbook and supplemental materials from Pearson Education for high school government class;

O. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer, to approve the renewal of the property, liability, and auto insurance policy with Liberty Mutual with agent Phelan Insurance for July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018 for a premium of \$53,694.00;

P. to authorize membership in the OHSAA for the school year 2017-2018 fiscal year;

Q. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and NEOLA representative, to modify several school board policies to reflect changes in state and federal laws.

*Before we pass the consent resolution, are there any items you would like to move from the consent agenda to the discussion agenda for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?

Roll call vote: Mr. Duane Sinn, Mr. Perry Sinn, Mr. Bauble, Mrs. McClure, and Mr. Swary, aye.

Nay, none.

Motion passed.

8:05 p.m. Executive Session

Motion by: Mr. Duane Sinn; Seconded by: Mr. Swary

*Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) and Section 121.22(G)(4) a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of considering the employment of an employee of the School District and to review negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees concerning compensation and other terms and conditions of employment."

Roll call vote: Mr. Duane Sinn, Mr. Perry Sinn, Mr. Bauble, Mrs. McClure, and Mr. Swary, aye.

Nay, none.

Board in Executive Session

8:30 p.m. Regular Session called back to order.

Outside Consent Agenda:

Motion by: Mrs McClure;

Seconded by: Mr. Perry Sinn

To approve Letter D: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve 2017-2018 salaries for Annette Bauble, Jody Dunham, Phil Nofziger, Amy Noggle, Ann Olwin, JoEllen Sisson and Kevin Wilson as presented. Roll call vote: Mrs. McClure, Mr. Perry Sinn, Mr. Bauble, Mr. Duane Sinn, and Mr. Swary, aye. Nay, none.

Motion passed.

Motion by: Mr. Swary; Seconded by: Mrs. McClure

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal to offer one-year supplemental contract for the 2017-2018 school year to Jim Linder - Head Boys' Basketball.

Roll call vote: Mr. Swary, Mrs. McClure, Mr. Bauble, Mr. Duane Sinn, aye. Nay: Mr. Perry Sinn; Motion passed.

Motion by: Mr. Duane Sinn; Seconded by: Mr. Perry Sinn

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to contract with Finish Line Floors to refinish the high school restrooms and locker room floors at a quoted price of \$34.

Roll call vote: Mr. Duane Sinn, Mr. Perry Sinn, Mr. Bauble, Mrs. McClure, and Mr. Swary, aye. Nay, none. Motion passed.

New Business - The Performing Arts Committee will have an informational meeting on July 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to answer any questions on the proposed Performing Arts Center.

Board Member, Duane Sinn discussed further the Ethics Commission rules on purchasing. He wants to make sure we are doing everything to educate our staff on purchasing procedures.

Who, what and how we can make purchases. The Board of Education understands that it is very important to follow policy, ethics law, and Ohio Revised Code and want to make sure the staff is aware of the importance.

Adjournment

Motion by: Mr. Duane Sinn; Seconded by: Mrs. McClure To adjourn meeting. All in favor.

Meeting adjourn

The next Board meeting will be held July 10, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Lecture room.

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 6/7/17

This 7th day of June, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Roy Klopfenstein, Tony Zartman, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holtsberry to go into executive session at 8:06 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tony Zartman. All members voting yea.

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

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-016)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds, to-wit; FROM: 001-030-00001/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/CORSA TO: 001-016-00007/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings & Grounds/Contract Services AMOUNT: \$44,933.00

IN THE MATTER OF PERMISSIVE TAX APPLICATION FOR FUNDS AVAILABLE UNDER SECTION 4504.05 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP

Antwerp Village, a municipal corporation within the County of Paulding, hereby makes application for funds available under Section 4504.05 of the Revised Code of Ohio, to plan, construct, improve, maintain, or repair the following streets within the municipality shown on a map presented to the Paulding County Engineer. Total amount of estimated cost of construction: \$29,544.00; Amount available according to vehicle registration \$7,046.96 Application date: May 30, 2017 Aimee Lichty, Clerk Village of Antwerp

I, Travis McGarvey, Engineer of Paulding County, hereby grant the foregoing request of the Village of Antwerp in the amount of \$7,046.96

Approval date: June 6, 2017 Travis McGarvey/s/ Paulding County Engineer Commissioners order to pay Antwerp Village. The Auditor is hereby authorized to issue a warrant to Antwerp Village in the amount of \$7,046.96 in conformance with Section 4505.05 of the Revised Code of Ohio, to be paid from the Municipal Permissive Tax Fund. Approval Date: June 7, 2017

Meeting Notes of Appointments

Craig Knapke, Access Engineering - Mr. Knapke presented the Village of Paulding Street Improvement Project Manual for the Commissioners to sign. Robert Fisher, Village Administrator, joined the meeting.

Travis McGarvey, County Engineer - Mr. McGarvey announced County bridge inspections are underway. Kohli & Kalher Associates, Inc. have been contracted to conduct the inspections. Mr. McGarvey also noted summer paving projects have been advertised. His staff members are also busy preparing for the fair grounds for the Paulding County Fair.

Ed Bohn, EMA - Mr. Bohn reported on the After Action meeting held last week as follow-up on the wind storm. Paulding

IMPROVE SAFETY AND SAVE MONEY ON WORKERS COMP



Award and Safety Awards recipient Jim Robideau of Tecumseh Packaging Solutions (middle) receives awards from Mark Miles of the Ohio BWC and Chamber President/CEO Susan Munroe.

Developing and maintaining a safe workplace is no easy task. This is the primary reason the Van Wert Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to collaborate with Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation to sponsor the Van Wert Area Safety Council.

The Chamber is also pleased to announce that the annual membership (July 2017-June 2018) to the Van Wert Area Safety Council now entitles members to send two attendees to each monthly meeting! This will allow twice the opportunity for employers to hear all the critical messages delivered at each meeting.

The Chamber invites businesses to be part of our Safety Council and join other members who are saving big money through rebates on their Workers' Compensation rates! In addition, the safety and wellness information presented at the Safety Council meetings result in a safer, more productive workplace.

The Van Wert Area Safety Council, open to all area businesses, is an initiative of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation and the Van Wert Area Chamber together with partners, Delphos and Paulding Chambers. Safety Council membership gives businesses a potential cost savings benefit through rebates on their Workers' Compensation rates while providing a forum for safety and health information, education and networking.

The Van Wert Area Safety Council meets the second Wednesday of each month at Willow Bend Country Club in Van Wert for a breakfast meeting with a guest speaker.

The Council is under the direction of the Ohio BWC and the Van Wert Area Safety Council Steering Committee including the following members: Dave Thompson, Kenn Feld Group; Jennifer Ridgon, Custom Assembly; Lindy Buzard, Global Precision Parts; Anne Dunn, Van Wert County Hospital and Dayna Noble, Ohio BWC.

Please contact the Chamber at 419-238-4390 or email us for a registration form at chamber@vanwertchamber.com. You may also register on line at vanwertchamber.com. Your registration form must be submitted to the Chamber by JULY 28. We look forward to partnering with you to improve your wellness programming, safety initiatives and help you save money on your Workers' Comp!

Here are more details about the Safety Council Rebate Program and the Safety

Awards presented each year:

Rebate Program

Employers not in a group rating program that meet all program eligibility requirements also can earn a 2-percent participation rebate for meeting all of the rebate eligibility requirements and a 2-percent performance bonus for reducing either frequency or severity by 10 percent or with maintenance at zero.

Group-experience-rating program employers who meet rebate eligibility requirements can earn a 2-percent performance bonus rebate only.

Group-retrospective-rating program employers who meet rebate eligibility requirements can earn a 2-percent participation rebate only.

The rebate offer excludes self-insuring employers and state agencies. Restrictions apply to employers in a Professional Employer Organization.

Safety awards

In conjunction with the Division of Safety & Hygiene, the safety councils present safety awards throughout Ohio to promote greater interest in the prevention of occupational accidents and disease. Members with the highest safety records are honored at annual awards events.

The safety council campaign is open to all companies, corporations, groups and employers in Ohio. Members work with their safety councils to determine accident records. Accident statistics are used for the purpose of determining eligibility for safety awards and are not reported to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration or any other enforcement agency.

Awards are presented to qualifying businesses in the following categories:

Group Award - lowest incident rate in each group;

100% Award - zero injuries or illnesses resulting in a day or more away from work in the previous calendar year;

Achievement Award - 25-percent reduction in incident rate from the previous year;

Special Award - at least 500,000 hours and at least six months without an injury resulting in a day or more away from work.

The Chamber looks forward to partnering with your company to create a safer, healthier and more productive workplace environment. See the boxed area for a calendar of our meeting topics.

County sustained up to 90 mph winds during the storm. Mr. Bohn then reported three homes in Payne had water on their main floor during the flooding that followed the wind storms. The Village of Oakwood had 4-5 inches of rain in a short amount of time. Mr. Bohn commented approximately 2,500 sand bags were used from Defiance and Henry counties and will now need to be replaced. He also noted the '6-pack' sand bag filling device, made for an Eagle Scout project by Shawn Jackson, was very useful. He would like to provide the device to villages so they can fill their own sand bags if necessary. Mr. Bohn also remarked sand bag training would be beneficial. In other business, Mr. Bohn announced the weather siren in Latty will be up by late July/early August. He also said the sirens at the fair grounds and in Haviland are in need of repair. Mr. Bohn then talked about the live fire training facility, noting that preparatory work is being done for the facility. Policies and procedures also need to be written. Inspectors and people to maintain the facility will need to be trained. A fee for use will also need to be put in place.

REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP 6/19/17

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Ray DeLong. Council persons present: Steve Derck, Rudie Reeb, Kenneth Reinhart, Larry Ryan, Keith West and Council President Jan Reeb.

Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty, Village Administrator Sara Keeran, Police Chief George Clemens and EMS Billing Clerk Ashley McDougall. Media present: Jacob Sweet of the Paulding Progress and Peter Greer of The Crescent News. Visitors: David Burch, Brandon and Katie Scharr, Dana Eaken, Mike Molitor and Wayne Davis.

Minutes from the regular council meeting held May 15, 2017, were reviewed.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Jan Reeb, to accept the minutes from the May 15, 2017, regular council meeting. 6 yea, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

The May disbursements were reviewed. Discussion on expenses.

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

Visitors

David Burch was present to represent Paulding County Vision Board. This board is currently working on a county-wide comprehensive plan. David asked council to appoint someone to the vision board to represent Antwerp, which the county commissioners will then need to approve.

Brandon and Katie Scharr spoke on water runoff from North Garden Apartments. They have contacted the owner of the apartment complex without results. They are asking if the village would be able to assist in anyway by contacting Ohio EPA, who approved the original plans showing the use of swales for stormwater runoff, or the owner. Sara will contact Ohio EPA and also asked that the residents contact them as well. Village solicitor will review ordinances that are in place dealing with rules and regulations for stormwater drainage and the application to the north garden apartments.

Dana Eaken and Mike Molitor were in attendance to express concern with village-wide sidewalks. They want to know why residents with no sidewalks do not have to put one in. They feel if they should have to repair their existing sidewalk, then those without sidewalks should have to put them in and that the ordinance could be changed to reflect that.

Wayne Davis was in attendance to discuss parking on west side of Small Town Bliss. His apartment residents have parked there and now signage states no overnight parking. Administrator Keeran said utility committee will meet to discuss how to move forward. The main problem dealt with disabled vehicles parked in lot for months at a time. Customers of Small Town Bliss had nowhere to park to get to the business. Signs will be taken down until committee provides recommendation on how to proceed.

Keith West received a letter from Stan Jordan requesting that the village change the name of Riverside Park to Veterans Memorial Park. A suggestion was made to name it Riverside Veterans Memorial Park. More research needs to be done to determine dedication of park and original name, if name can be changed, and, if so, process to accomplish

name change.

Police Report

Police Chief George Clemens provided a written report showing 176 calls for service for the month of May with 29 offenses.

Police Chief Clemens also informed council the new police cruiser has arrived and will have lights installed on Thursday. Golf cart should be ready sometime in July.

EMS Report

EMS Billing Clerk Ashley McDougall provided a written report showing collections of \$5,299.79 For the month of May and a year-to-date total collected of \$35,145.90. She provided a written report showing 18 EMS runs for May with a total of 150 EMS runs for 2017.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2017-14: 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.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Reinhart, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2017-14. 6 yea, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to accept ordinance no. 2017-14. 6 yea, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

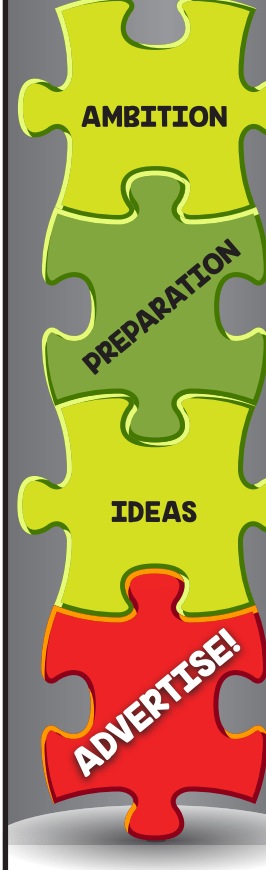
Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2017-15: An ordinance to retain the services of Melanie I. Farr as solicitor for the Village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by West, seconded by Reinhart, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2017-15. 6 yea, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by West, seconded by Reinhart, to accept ordinance no. 2017-15 setting the rate of the village solicitor at \$120.00 per hour. 2 yea, 4 nays. Motion denied.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Ryan, to accept ordinance no. 2017-15 setting the rate of the village solicitor at

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The Woodlan FFA Chapter recently attended the 88th Indiana State FFA Convention held on the campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. The Woodlan FFA Chapter received several awards. Awards received were: a plaque and a check for placing 2nd in the "Living to Serve, Community Service" competition by providing 1,700 Kindergarten students agriculture experiences on a typical Indiana farm, also received a special award by placing in the "Top Ten" for contribu-

tions to the FFA foundation and State FFA Leadership Center. Kaylor Resor received a Hoosier Degree by meeting stringent requirements set for membership into this elite group of FFA members. All members pictured above were selected to serve on the Convention Courtesy Corp team in various capacities. Allie Knepp also participated as a State Officer Candidate throughout the convention. Ten Woodlan FFA members attended the four day Indiana FFA State Convention.

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PAULDING Elementary Secretary: Paulding Exempted Village Schools is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Paulding Elementary Attendance Secretary. Qualified applicants should email a cover letter, resume, and the contact information of three references to Pat Ross at p_ross@pauldingschools.org. All emails must be received by Wednesday, July 12, 2017. JOB DETAILS: Duties include Attendance, assisting the elementary Principal and Secretary, and miscellaneous office duties. Applicants must adhere to confidentiality standards, maintain professionalism, possess strong computer skills and have excellent communication skills. Prior experience in a clerical position is preferred. The position is in the Classified Union and works 10 months a year. Benefits include: insurance and sick/personal leave. The starting wage is \$12.84 per hour and the start date will be August 8, 2017. Additional questions regarding the position should be sent to Pat Ross at p_ross@pauldingschools.org, 419-399-4656 ext 1310. 27

Sudoku solution from page 13

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

abusing the Commissioners' generosity of allowing them to use the electricity. He emphasized being responsible and only using the outlets for lights and cash register purposes. He also repeated the standing rule of no vehicles on the Courthouse lawn. The Commissioners have taken great strides in making sure the Courthouse lawn is being well maintained and they don't want vehicles making ruts in the sod. Ms. Ruschel agreed and promised to make a 'sweep' every so often to make sure electrical circuits are not overloaded and cords are taken care of for safety reasons. Ms. Ruschel then commented she attended a recent weather-watcher training. She is passionate about emergency preparedness and commended the EMA director for offering a very good training session. Commissioner Zartman assured Ms. Ruschel she has the support of this office.

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher presented the June 2017 Permissive Sales and Use Tax report for the Commissioners' review. Sales tax collected in June was \$183,464.29, up from May by \$6,258.08, and up from June, 2016 by \$25,276.07.

\$130.00 per hour. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2017-16: 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.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Derck, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2017-16. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by Ryan, to accept ordinance no. 2017-16. 6 Years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Administrator's Report Council discussed the appointment of a village representative to serve on the Paulding County Vision Board.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by West, to appoint Village Administrator Keeran to serve on the Paulding County Vision Board. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Council President Jan Reeb and Administrator Keeran attended Habitat For Humanity groundbreaking held last Thursday on Weber Street.

Construction of PCH Medical Building and Exercise Room to break ground soon.

Committee Reports None.

Mayor's Report Mayor's court brought in a total of \$4,045.00 in the month of May with \$2,933.00 going to the village, \$1,070.00

going to the state, and \$42.00 going to the county.

RITA report shows income tax collection for the month of May at \$33,979.70.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Reinhart, to adjourn the meeting. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 6/19/17

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

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

Warrants documented as 234067 through 234159 for county bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

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

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on June 19, 2017, Warrant numbered 234078 in the amount of \$161,000;

and

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

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

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

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

Meeting Notes of Appointments

Craig Riedel, State Representative - Mr. Riedel met with the Commissioners to hear various concerns from the trio. He mentioned having been to the Paulding County Fair last week. Mr. Riedel said he enjoyed the fair and thought it appeared well-attended. The Commissioners asked Mr. Riedel for an update on the bill regarding the Paulding County Court, specifically approving the County Court to become a County Municipal Court, thus making the judgeship a full time position. Mr. Riedel has high hopes this will move through and pass this fall. The Commissioners then discussed the impact of Medicaid MCO (Managed Care Organization) sales tax issue on Counties and State budget. It is estimated Paulding County will take an approximate \$200,000.00/year hit on sales tax revenue, beginning the last quarter of calendar year 2017 and all of calendar year 2018. Mr. Riedel noted the state will supposedly dip into its 'rainy day fund' to help the counties transition and better absorb the loss in sales tax revenue. The Commissioners agreed the state needs to do a better job at working with local governments. Realizing the state budget needs to be solvent, the local government has done more than its share to shoulder costs since 2011. It is not clear why local government continues to take cuts from state funding, while the state budget continues to increase. Com-

missioner Klopfenstein commented on higher education costs, noting it has gotten too expensive. Commissioner Zartman asked Mr. Riedel where he stood on House Bill 49, which has to do with the set back on wind turbines. Mr. Riedel said he is in favor of leaving the current set back distances as they are. Originally, set back distance was 110% of the height of the turbine. Currently, set back is 1,300 feet. Mr. Riedel would like to focus on the distance each turbine is to neighboring property lines. He also referred to HB 114 which deals with the 'mandates' for renewable energy. HB 114 would change the mandates for renewable energy to 'goals' and would allow the locals to make their own energy source decisions. Commissioner Klopfenstein commented he believes the current set back distance deters further development. In his opinion, the original 110% of the height of the turbine worked just fine for Paulding County. Mr. Riedel commented his district is torn on wind farm issues...Paulding County being in support of development, and Van Wert County, for the most part, being against. Commissioner Zartman commented that is exactly why the state officials need to be out of the equation and let each county decide for themselves whether wind energy farms are a viable option for them. Mr. Riedel agreed it should be under local control. He understands the wind farms are an important revenue source for Paulding County. Commissioner Zartman asked if Mr. Riedel would author a bill in support of wind farms for this district. Mr. Riedel said he would follow the progress on this issue. Commissioner Klopfenstein agreed that Mr. Riedel needs to be 'at the table' on this issue because most of the wind farms in Ohio are in his district. He went on to say that the current law is intrusive of Paulding County's wind energy progress. Commissioner Zartman added that when state legislature drags their feet, the wind energy companies look elsewhere to build. Mr. Riedel again emphasized eliminating the mandate on renewable energy and to give the decision making back to the counties. Commissioner Zartman noted the wind farm companies are focusing on Paulding and Van Wert Counties now, but are looking to progress into adjoining counties. He asked Mr. Riedel to keep us informed as to proceedings and progress on wind energy issues. Mr. Riedel noted an MCO tax committee is being formed to assist and overcome cuts in sales tax revenue. He noted there are currently five major MCO providers for Medicaid in Ohio. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Riedel for his visit and requested he keep them updated on these topics of discussion. Aaron Timm, Paulding County Engineer's Office - Commissioner Klop-

fenstein commended Mr. Timm for a successful fair auction. Mr. Timm then discussed the parking lot across from the fair grounds. He noted a particular section of the lot where holes are prevalent, the holes have been filled repeatedly and are still a problem. He suggested capping the holes close to the ground so that mowing over them would not be a problem. The Commissioners advised Mr. Timm to do what he thought was reasonable. Mr. Timm reported he is working closely with Ed Bohn, EMA Director, on the EMA live training facility site. They are currently waiting on engineering plans from Kohli and Kaliher Associates, Inc. before progressing much further on the project.

Shannon Ruschel, Paulding County Chamber - Ms. Ruschel introduced herself and expressed her excitement to be back in Paulding County. She shared she was raised in Paulding County and last fall moved back 'home'. Ms. Ruschel recently took the helm as the Paulding County Chamber director. She is also very interested in being active in the Paulding County VISON Group. Commissioner Zartman explained the PC VISON Group as being a tool to 'steer' this 'evolving' county in a positive direction. Ms. Ruschel agreed that Paulding County has possibilities. She also noted that communication is the key to success. Commissioner Zartman also noted the Flat Rock Creek Festival has a huge following, pulling visitors from neighboring counties and states. He stressed the importance of working with other entities to successfully manage the festival. Ms. Ruschel announced the John Paulding Days kicks off on Friday, July 14. A parade will take place on Friday night. Saturday night, the festivities close with fireworks. Ms. Ruschel noted the fireworks have been partially funded and encouraged people to continue to donate to its cost. She asked about vendors utilizing the electricity on the Courthouse lawn. Commissioner Zartman noted there have been issues in the past of vendors taking the liberty of

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Mid-summer feeding is often the most neglected feeding for homeowners. There are several reasons why a summer-feeding is necessary. First, summer is HOT and the grass usually does not grow as fast as it does in the spring. Second, it's usually dry. Unless it has rained or you have watered your lawn, an early spring fertilizer could burn out your lawn more easily. Third, the weeds have already been killed off with the weed killer in your Weed & Feed earlier this spring and weeds (thankfully) do not grow well in the hot summer months. So why do a mid-summer feeding?

A good fertilizer that has been applied in late spring has or is about to stop feeding your lawn. Nitrogen is needed to continue a lush green look to your lawn. If dryer

conditions exist, nitrogen will also make the grass healthier and more resistant to going dormant. Other fertilizers are designed to help break down hard clay and release good microbes and nutrients back into the topsoil for grass to expand their roots. These fertilizers can even be put on the lawn when it is hot and dry and will not burn your lawn.

There is another problem that can affect your lawn during the summer. Insects can destroy your lawn quickly. Ants, grubs, and many other pests can ruin the hard work you have already put into your lawn. We recommend using a fertilizer with insect control for the mid-summer feeding. Some mid-summer fertilizers do not have insect controls and other fertilizers do include controls. Be sure to use one with these controls.

Some of the insect controls on the market include bifenthrane, triazicide, and permethrin. Bifenthrane works by attacking the molting process of insects. If the insects cannot molt, they cannot survive. Furthermore, because domestic animals and humans do not molt, this pes-

GARDNER - GERSCHUTZ



Robert and Pam Gardner, Paulding, announce the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Sara, to Gunther Gerschutz, son of Patricia Becher and Daniel Gerschutz, both of Defiance.

Sara is a 2011 graduate of Paulding High School and a 2013 graduate of International Business College, Vet Tech Institute and is employed at

Meijers. Gunther is a 2009 graduate of Tinora High School and is employed by Meijers.

The wedding be July 8th, 2017 at The Orchid Events and Catering in New Haven, IN and they will honeymoon in Tennessee. Upon their return the couple will reside in Antwerp.

ticide is a much safer one to use. Another is called Triazicide. It comes in both a liquid and a granular form, and kills surface and subsurface insects. Permethrin kills about 65 different kinds of insects. There are other insect controls on the market as well, but these are a few of the most commonly used. Always be sure to read the label instructions as many of these types of insect controls need to be watered in after application to activate the control.

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RULES FOR THE BEAT-THE-CLOCK SPECIALS

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- 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.
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