

ACC DONATES TO CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS



On December 3rd, the Antwerp Conservation Club held a Still Shoot to raise money for Christmas for Kids. This was the fourth event held by the ACC to help raise money for this charity. There were two center fire pistol shoots and two Still Shoots held over the last 6 weeks. Ray

Daily from the Marine Corps league was presented a check on Sunday for \$875 dollars by the clubs officers and trustees. We appreciate everyone that helped support our fundraising efforts.

We have more events planned for 2018. Still Shoots
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PHS EXCELS @ GIVING DINNER



Mallory Taylor speaking on behalf of House Excellentia.

The administration at Paulding High School has been working hard the last several years to increase and
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ANOTHER GREAT MERRY AND BRIGHT PARADE



Paulding's Christmas tree lit up with the Court House in the background. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On behalf of the Paulding Chamber of Commerce, thank you to everyone who attended the Merry and Bright Christmas parade on Tuesday, November 28th. The event was full of community

cheer, tons of lights, an awesome parade, and creative parade entries. Of course, we can't forget the man of the hour, Santa Claus, made an appearance! The Chamber of
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Community Calendar

Tuesday, Dec 5

- Land of Misfit toys @ Paulding Library 6-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec 7

- Woodland Wonderland @ Oakwood Library, 5:30pm
- Library Cookie Exchange 7p @ Woodburn Library

Saturday, Dec 9

- Star Wars Celebration 10:30 to 1:30 @ Woodburn Library
- H2O Salt Sale 9-1
- Christmas Cones @ Rootbeer Stand

Sunday, Dec 10

- Dance Dolls "Nuts & Crackers Holiday Show" 2:30 @ Huber
- Annual Turkey Shoot; Auglaize Fire Dept. @ noon
- Grant's Christmas Buffet 10-2

Sunday, Dec 17

- Movie at the Huber-Miracle on 34th St. 3:00p
- Ann's Bright Christmas Program at Gardens 3:00p
- Grant's Christmas Buffet 10-2

Thursday, Dec 21

- Antwerp Community Band Concert at the Huber, 7:30

Friday, Dec 22

- Trans-Siberian Orchestra at the Huber @ 7:00
- Red Cross Blood Drive @ Payne VanCrest 1-6p

Sunday, Dec 31

- New Year's Eve Party at the Huber

To add your event to the calendar email info@westbendnews.net
Continual Events must be resubmitted once per month



WOODLAN FFA - PREVENTING BULLYING



Pictured is the Woodlan Elementary 4th grade class with Woodlan FFA members.

The Woodlan FFA chapter presented the "Bullying Hurts" program to the Woodlan Elementary third and fourth grade classes during the months of November and December. The 28 FFA members split the elementary into groups to effectively teach the 153 elementary students about bullying prevention.

The six bullying sessions targeted what bullying is and how to identify bullying. Using interactive teaching methods, the Woodlan FFA

members taught the students how to react if you are a victim to bullying, who can help, how it may make you feel, that violence is never the answer, and you should never be a bystander. The Bullying Hurts program administered, through the Woodlan FFA members, is helping to address and to resolve any potential problems with the important issue of bullying.

The program concluded with every student signing an individual Bullying Hurts

pledge card not to bully and to help those who are bullied. The Woodlan FFA is truly living to serve as they continue to host and participate in events that serve the community.

PAULDING UMC COOKIE WALK

The Paulding United Methodist Church will be hosting its annual cookie and candy walk on Saturday, December 9, in the church fellowship hall (basement). An elevator is available for those in need.

The walk will begin at 9:00 a.m. and last until noon or when items run out. The event is open to the public.

NEW HAVEN DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 8

The evening will begin at 4:00 p.m. with the Peter Franklin Jewelers Open House. Come inside to see beautiful sparkling Christmas gifts. As you shop enjoy appetizers and beverages.

At 5:15 p.m. the Hoopers will be dancing to Holiday music in Canal Park.

Then at 5:30 Santa will arrive by Fire Truck to light the city Christmas Tree located at Canal Park. From there he will travel to the Historic Train Depot.

5:45 to 7:30 -Two horse

drawn wagons are available to transport you from Canal Park to the Historic Train Depot where Santa is waiting to hear your Christmas wishes.

There will be model train displays in the Chamber Of
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Siblings, Rya and RJ Wirts, are talking to Santa about upcoming opportunities for gifts! More pictures at westbendnews.net

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 Commerce would also like to recognize all the businesses and organizations that were in the parade, provided food, donated time and services, and overall made it enjoyable for all who attended. Finally, a big shout out to the Merry and Bright committee, Solid Ground, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Brothers, MY 102.7,

4-H kids and their families, Friends of the Paulding Chamber, and many more for their countless hours of planning, decorating, organizing, and hard work to make the Merry and Bright Christmas parade a Christmas tradition for the whole family to enjoy! See you next year!
 More pictures at westbendnews.net

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 12/6 - 12/12

12/6 - Day Trip to Indiana; PERI Meeting & Christmas lunch; BUNCO; Bunco Christmas Party; Crafts at 12:30; Grocery Shopping - 1:30
 12/7 - Blood Pressure & Toe Nail clinic - 9 am; Exercise - 10 am; Euchre - 9:45; Euchre - 12:15; Penny Pitch with Meadows of Kalida - noon
 12/8 - Bible Study - 10 am; Craft store open 11-2
 12/11 - Exercise - 10 am; RSVP Presentation at noon; Closing today at 1:30 for staff Holiday Party
 12/12 - Card Players Continental Christmas breakfast

@ 9:30; Euchre - 9:45; Euchre - 12:15
PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 12/6- 12/12

12/6 - Chicken stew, Betty salad, tropical fruit, biscuit, gingerbread
 12/7 - Liver & onions, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, Ambrosia salad, Bread, graham crackers; Liver Alt: Swiss steak
 12/8 - Shake & Bake chicken, boiled potatoes, green bean casserole, mixed fruit, dinner roll
 12/11 - Turkey, ham & cheese on rye, vegetable soup w/crackers, potato salad, tropical fruit, oatmeal raisin

bar
 12/12 - Stuffed pepper casserole over white rice, toss salad, hot apples, dinner roll

HICKSVILLE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 12/6 - 12/12

12/6 - 10:00 Coffee and Conversation; 12:30 Toe Nail Clinic - schedule your appointment - 419-542-5004; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre
 12/7 - 10:00 Cornhole; 12:30 "The Price is Right!"
 12/8 - 10:00 The "Music Man" Alan Seibert performs; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre
 12/11 - 10:00 Christmas Crafts; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre
 12/12 - 10:00 White Elephant BINGO!!; 12:00 Grocery Shop; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 12/6 - 12/12

12/6 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Crafts; 10:00 Speaker Linda Pollitz - 10 signs of Alzheimer's and Early Detection Matters; 12:30 Kroger Shop
 12/7 - 9:30 Cards; 9:45 Blood Pressures; 10:00 Band Stretch; 10:00 Zumba; 12:30 - Meijer Shop 12:30 Bingo; 1:30 Alzheimer's Support Group; 4:00 Yoga with Sue
 12/8 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Tai Chi; 10:00 Crafts
 12/11 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Zumba; 12:30 Bingo with Kingsbury Place; 3:00 Yoga with Sue
 12/12 - 9:45 Aldi shop; 10:00 Tai Chi; 10:00 Bible Study 10:00 Cards; 4:00 Yoga; 4:00 Senior's Nite Out - Dinner & Lights in Archbold

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 12/6 - 12/12

12/6 - Chicken noodle soup, 3 bean salad, tropical fruit salad, banana, crackers, wheat bread; salad bar in café
 12/7 - Dinner ham; Alt=chicken; red skin potatoes, Lima beans, mandarin oranges, dinner roll
 12/8 - Beef burrito w/cheese and enchilada sauce, stewed tomatoes, cilantro rice, fruit cocktail, grape juice
 12/11 - Bratwurst; Alt=hamburger; sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, peaches, dinner roll
 12/12 - Chicken with gravy, mixed vegetable blend, spinach, cherry crisp; ncs=apple slices, wheat bread

AUDITOR YOST RELEASES 'BEST PRACTICES' TO FIGHT ABUSE OF GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS

Because many local governments are at risk of theft and other misuse of government credit and debit cards, Auditor of State Dave Yost today released a "Best Practices" newsletter to show local government officials how to prevent this rip-off of taxpayers.
 Since 2011, unscrupulous government employees have stolen or misused more than \$1.2 million by exploiting lax credit-card policies.
 "While many local governments avoid debit cards altogether and have strict controls on credit-card use," Auditor Yost said, "some are flirting with danger by using debit cards. Many more put their tax dollars at risk by failing to establish policies to ensure that credit cards are

used for legitimate government purposes and not for the personal enrichment of government employees, who have misused them to buy big-screen televisions, cars and visits to strip clubs."

Coinciding with Cyber Monday, the "Best Practices" report is based on Credit Card Dangers: Local Governments at Risk of Theft, a special report issued by the Auditor in July.

The special report was based on survey responses of 1,646 local governments. It found that many have no formal policies controlling credit-card use.

Among other things, the "Best Practices" recommends restricting the number of people with access to credit cards, requiring detailed receipts for credit-card transactions, spending limits, and a list of proper and improper credit card uses.

House Bill 312, introduced in July by State Rep. Kirk Schuring (Canton) and Rep. Dave Greenspan (Westlake), would require local governments to establish credit card policies to protect tax dollars. The bill would:

Require all government entities to enact a credit card policy detailing allowable uses, number of cards, who can use them, credit limits and reissue periods.

Require for some governmental entities, that accounts and policies be reviewed regularly by an appointed compliance officer other than the treasurer of the government entity.

Ban the use of debit cards, except for certain law-enforcement purposes.

Authorize the Auditor of State to create rules for the disclosure and audit of credit-card rewards accrued by local governments.

SPORTS CARD SHOW

Saturday, December the 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Ramada Plaza Center and Travel Hotel (formally the Hotel Fort Wayne) located at 305 E Washington Center Rd (exit 312a off of I-69) in Fort Wayne, Indiana there will be a sports card and collectibles show. Dealers from the tri-state region will be in attendance with both sport and non-sport cards and collectibles. Featured will be vintage and new singles, hobby boxes and supplies. Attendance is free and the public is invited to attend. Please feel free to bring your items in for appraisal. For more information please contact Brian Mayne at 260-824-4867 or mcscards@icloud.com or on facebook at mcs cards.

THE WESTERN BUCKEYE ESC HANDLES SEVERAL PERSONNEL MATTERS

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held its regular monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, in the Paulding office. Board member Mr. Jerry Zielke welcomed board members and school personnel to the meeting.

Treasurer Tricia Taylor reviewed the current financial reports, investments, and the monthly expenditures with the board, which voted unanimously to accept her report as presented. Mrs. Taylor also presented information concerning insurance options for employees.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
 -John 8:12 NIV

Wednesday, December 20, 2017, in the Van Wert office starting at 5:30.

MVNU SHINES IN NATIONAL RANKINGS

Mount Vernon Nazarene University has recently been featured on a number of national rankings including Money Magazine and LendEDU.com.

Money Magazine ranked the university fourth in the nation for awarding large merit scholarships. Forty-six different colleges and universities made this exclusive list based on graduation rates, the percentage of undergraduate students who receive merit scholarships, and how much of the overall cost of attendance is covered by these scholarships.

The university was also named the 77th best private college and 139th overall college for lowest student loan debt in the nation by LendEDU.com. The study looked at 1,161 schools with MVNU ranking in the top 12 percent of the lowest average debt/borrower overall. MVNU was also the only Nazarene school in the lowest average debt/borrower category in the nation.

"It is such an honor to be recognized by so many different organizations in their rankings the past few years," commented Rev. James Smith, MVNU's Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing.
 "We have been very focused on lowering student costs while maintaining the quality, Christian education that families have become accustomed to receiving at MVNU. Rankings that focus on affordability, value, outcomes and low student debt affirm and recognize our successes. The data really does reveal a powerful story about what is happening here. These are exciting days for MVNU and I am thankful to see us receive this type of wide-spread recognition."

For a complete list MVNU's recent rankings, visit mvnu.edu/whowere/rankingsandbadges.

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 to raise money for scholarships, youth shooting sports, 4H Shooting Sports, Tactical Rifle shooting, 2 Gun Tactical and IDPA style hand gun pistol events. Keep up to date by checking out our website, Antwerp conservation club.com, Facebook page or our weekly ad in the Westbend News. Our next event is January 1st. Its a Still Shoot with registration opening at 11, the first shot is at noon.

-Gary Mabis
 Vice President, Pistol Range Chairman, Antwerp Conservation Club

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THE MEME TEAM SHOW APPRECIATION

“The Meme Team” from Paulding Middle School 7th grade brought in goodie bags for our nursing department. This was a thank you for everything they do for our residents. Thought it was an awesome gesture, and you would want to know about it.

PAYNE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENT

You're invited to the Payne community Christmas event at Payne Elementary School auditorium December 10th at 7:00 p.m.

The Payne Ministerial Association presents:

A Trans-Siberian Orchestra tribute by: "Siberian Solstice"

The talented musical group from Northwest Ohio once again will be providing an exciting and inspirational Christmas show with music as originally performed by the nationally acclaimed "Trans-Siberian Orchestra".

The music format of traditional Christmas music and other classical pieces with electronic keyboards, drums, and guitars is enjoyed by all age groups. "Siberian Solstice" has eight members on stage to accurately reproduce the TSO style and will perform approximately 90 minutes for your event. For more information call Dave Coonrod at 419.438.4451.

No admission will be charged but a free will offering will be taken.

SHOP SMALL SATURDAY WINNERS IN ANTWERP, OHIO

Shout out to everyone that came out on Small Business Saturday. You are what helps keep our community great.

The winners for the Scavenger Hunt were Mike & Nancy Smith. The receipt winner was Melinda Walters. The winners of the door prizes from Subway were: Jillian Zartman, Denise Coleman, Lori Hines, Lesa Hahn, Zaine McMichael, Doug Dunakin, Lynn McNabb, Art Muir and Nancy Smith! Congratulations!

PATROL OFFERS TIPS AND WARNINGS ABOUT DRIVING IN WINTER WEATHER

The Ohio State Highway Patrol urges motorists to prepare vehicles for winter driving. During inclement weather drive slowly and always carry a winter car kit in case you get stranded.

During the winter of 2016-17, there were 13,783 crashes on snow, ice or slush covered

roads in Ohio. This is an increase of 19 percent from last year, and resulted in 26 deaths and 3,613 injuries. Speed-related factors were reported as a cause in 21 percent of these crashes. The Patrol's 2017 bulletin on winter driving provides more statistics.

"In the event of a vehicle breakdown or traffic crash, motorists should turn on their hazard lights and safely position their vehicle as far off the road as possible, call #677 for assistance and remain in the vehicle until help arrives," explained Lt. Jonathon Gray, commander of the Van Wert Post.

It is also suggested if you are stuck in snow; ensure the tail pipe is free of all snow and debris to decrease the chance of carbon monoxide poisoning.

For more tips on winter vehicle care and winter driving visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/beforestorm/preparecar.html>

<http://exchange.aaa.com/safety/driving-advice/winter-driving-tips/#.Wh8ptk0UWUk>

<http://weathersafety.ohio.gov/VehiclePreparednessKit.aspx>

Before traveling in winter weather, visit the Ohio Department of Transportation that provides real time Ohio traffic updates at: <http://www.ohgo.com/>

COMPOST SITE TO CLOSE FOR WINTER

The Village of Antwerp's compost site located off of CR 43 will be closing on Friday, December 1, 2017. The Village will not take any more leaves or branches until spring. Should an ice or wind storm result in an abundance of limbs, the site will open on a temporary basis and a notice will be placed on this website and Facebook announcing dates and times.

The site is at capacity and no further compost material can be taken. A notice will be placed on this website, Facebook and the West Bend News when the site re-opens in the Spring.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Better watch out, better not cry, Santa's gearing up and taking to the sky with a sleigh full of toys for the good girls and boys. Sliding down the chimney chute with all the Christmas presents and loot. Are you naughty or are you nice, does Santa need to check his list twice?...

Christmas time is right around the corner so now is the time to get those wish lists to Santa! This is his busiest time of the year and the sooner kids get their letters to him the better! With less than a month left until Christmas,

Santa Claus is asking kids to please send their letters soon!

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is helping Santa this year by collecting letters and forwarding them to the North Pole. So get those letters written and drop them off at Santa's mailbox located next to the Town Hall. Don't forget to include your return address so Santa can get back to you!

LOOK FOR THE PENQUIN!

PERI CHAPTER 10 MEETING

The PERI Paulding Chapter 10 will hold its meeting at the Paulding County Senior Center at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2017.

Speaker will be Jonathon Lichty from the Paulding County Veterans Service office.

GRAIN MARKETING: TURNING ON FARM STORAGE INTO A PROFIT

By: Sarah Noggle, OSU Extension Educators, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Paulding County

Paulding County Extension is pleased to host Jon Scheve as he presents a grain marketing meeting. Risk has always been a part of agriculture. One of the riskiest, most stressful, and ignored issues of critical importance to ranch and farm families is grain marketing. With the grain market outlook for the next couple of years not looking very positive, farmers need to treat their on-farm storage like a commercial elevator.

OSU Extension of Paulding County is hosting a workshop on Grain Marketing on Thursday, December 7, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

With corn and soybean prices trading at values near or below breakeven points, it's important to develop a marketing plan that allows farmers the ability to try and capture potential profits while minimizing risk. Jon Scheve of Superior Feed Ingredients will be talking about what can influence markets in the upcoming year and how to better prepare your operation for the opportunities and challenges you will be facing.

Jon grew up raising corn and soybeans on a farm near Beatrice, NE. Upon graduation from The University of Nebraska in Lincoln, he became a grain merchandiser and has been trading corn, soybeans and other grains for the last 20 years, building relationships with end-users in the process. After successfully marketing his father's grain and getting his MBA 10 years ago, he started helping farmer clients market their grain based upon his principals of farmer education, reducing risk, understanding storage potential and using basis strategy to maximize individual farm operation profits. A big believer in farmer education of futures trading, Jon writes a weekly commentary to farmers interested in learning more and growing their farm operations.

Jon will explain how on-farm storage combined with forward selling, market carry and basis appreciation can provide added income. He will also educate farmers how hedging with futures protects



Family Feud game from big screen, Several tours of the building by sponsors. Audrey Manz, Dan Wilder of the Paulding VFW post 587, Jim States from The State Bank and Trust, Kathy Manz, Superintendent, Ken Amstutz and his wife, The Klint Manz Family.

(Continued from Page 1) motivate the young people to excel in school with attitude and academics. This year the community had the opportunity to check in on the progress of the new plan. Guess what? It worked great!

with a piano prelude from Paulding student which was very good! While the entertainment was taking place, there was a full dinner served by Grant's Catering. Several students came up to the podium to speak as to how the pro-

ed against Hicksville School's house, who is also helping their students with the friendly competitions of the houses. The Houses of Paulding (similar to the Harry Potter books and modeled by the

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The second Group is Bryce Steiner, Michelle Stahl and daughter Gabby Stahl, Julie and Jim McCullough, Cindy and Shawn Brewer, Josh Boes from Subway and Renee and Tim Boss from Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative.

The Paulding school invited area supporters to the "Giving Dinner" to show off all that has happened since embarking on this new found project.

Principal Todd Harmon had went with several other teachers to conferences and learned quite a bit on the motivation of the students. They call this new set up "The Four Houses." The names of the four houses are the following: Palmarium, Excellentia, Vinco Vici Victum, and Stupendum. Each one is based similar to the four houses in the Harry Potter world.

Earlier in the year, the Dominion Trials took place

farmers from risk and how options can be a great addition to a farmers' marketing tool box.

The meeting will be held at the Paulding County Extension Office, 503 Fairground Drive, Paulding, OH 45879 and will include light refreshments. Registration is free if secured by December 6, 2017.

A registration flyer can be downloaded at <http://go.osu.edu/OnFarmMarketing> or you can call the OSU Extension, Paulding County office at 419.399.8225 to register by phone. Email registration to noggle.17@osu.edu.

For more detailed information, visit the Paulding County OSU Extension website at www.paulding.osu.edu, or the Paulding County Extension Facebook page.

Ron Clark Academy) have taken time each month for assemblies that promote friendly competitions to earn points, community service, grades, attendance, etc. gain points while behavior can subtract points. At the end of the set time periods the awards are given to the students such as tickets to Cedar Point.

Mr. Harmon presented flow charts to the crowd of the increased performance by students since this program has been installed at the school. There is increased grades, grade point averages, lower discipline problems and stronger student solidarity.

The Giving Dinner began

gram got started and all that has happened in the last three years since it started.

Later that night, the kids participated in some games, one being Family Feud, and many of the area business men and women were there participating also.

It was a treat of a night and it really demonstrated how a program such as this has worked well for the school. Performance increases and the students becoming willfully involved has been good for the whole school! Great job Principal Harmon and all the faculty at Paulding School for doing such a good job with the students.

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Antwerp Conservation Club
 SCHEDULE AND EVENT CHANGES

ANTWERP CONSERVATION CLUB

• Dec 14th - Club meeting Starts at 7pm
 • Jan 1st - Still Shoot: Registration opens at 11, First Group shoots at Noon.

2018 memberships are available.
 2017 memberships end December 31st.

Club house rental is available by contacting Mike Knight at mcknight269@gmail.com

All of our advertised events are open to the public.

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MT. CALVARY DONATES TOWARD ANTWERP BAND UNIFORMS



Ryan Zuber of Mt Calvary Lutheran Church presents a check for \$260 to Andrea Newell, Antwerp Local Schools band director to add to the current fund raising effort for new band uniforms. The church raised the funds through the sale of wooden cutouts of the church building located on Co Rd 424

West. Church members and friends of Mt Calvary have been celebrating the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the present building and years of ministry in the community with special services, fellowship events and community activities for the past 18 months.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

*Dear Parson,
Some guy was trying to tell me that when we die our soul goes to sleep until Jesus returns. That is not right, is it?*

Soul sleep is an unbiblical teaching. A dead body resembles sleep and is sometimes described as asleep. (See John 11:11-14 and Acts 7:60.) However, it is only the body that can be described as sleeping after death.

God made man in His image with a soul, body, and spirit (See Genesis 1:26-27). "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." - (1 Thessalonians 5:23) So though the body dies because of the curse of sin (Romans 5:19), the spirit and soul live on. "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." - (James 2:26) See also John 11:25-26.

A Christian's soul and spirit go immediately to heaven when he dies. "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." - (2 Corinthians 5:8) The unbeliever goes immediately to hell after death (Luke 16:22-25). The rich unbelieving Jew in hell could see, hear, talk and feel great pain. The

ing. Christmas carols, brass instruments, communion, and a special Christmas Eve message will be delivered by Pastor Gus Christo-Baker.

Then, that evening beginning at 10:00 p.m., the Senior Chancel Choir, directed by Paul Hoverman will present their traditional Candlelight Service for Christmas Eve with Scripture, Carols, and Communion. Special instrumental and vocal Christmas music will reflect the beauty of the sanctuary and the occasion beginning at 9:30 p.m.

Wrapping up the holiday season - Sunday, December 31st at 10:00 a.m. there will be one combined service with no Sunday School. This service will be led by college students and youth of First Church.

Pastors Gus Christ-Baker, Paul Miller and the congregation of First United Methodist Church invite you to join them to celebrate the Christmas season!

MANDALE CHURCH CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY

The Mandale Church, 2820 SR 66, Mandale, OH will be holding our annual Christmas giveaway Saturday, December 9th from 9:00 am. - 11:00 a.m.

New toys, used clothing and toys, and other miscellaneous will be available for free for anyone that could use some extra help and encouragement this Christmas season.

BIBLE STUDY

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

A. Prophecy in Old Testament: Hosea 11:1-12 verse one is the prophecy.

1. What is Hosea 11:1-11 telling us?
2. Was Israel the northern kingdom rebellious?
3. The more God called Israel, what did Israel do?
4. Who was Israel offering sacrifices to?
5. Who is Baal?
6. Who did they burn incense to?
7. Who did God call out of Egypt?
8. Did God's son ever return to Egypt?

Answers to Old Testament questions:

1. God's love for Israel the northern kingdom; 2. Yes; 3. Moved from God; 4. Images of Baal; 5. The male god of the Phoenicians and Canaanites; 6. Carved images; 7. His son Jesus; 8. No;

B. Prophecy fulfilled in Matthew 2:13-15.

1. Who appeared to Joseph in a dream?
2. What did the angel tell Joseph?
3. How long would they stay in Egypt?
4. Who would seek to destroy the young child?
5. Was it day or night when they departed?
6. How long were they there?
7. Who was the prophet that said "out of Egypt I have called my Son?"
8. What is the subject of the Old Testament verses?

Answers to New Testament questions:

1. Angel; 2. Take mother and child and flee to Egypt; 3. Stay there until I bring you word; 4. Herod; 5. Night; 6. Until the death of Herod; 7. Hosea; 8. Flight to Egypt.

Loved ones, this concludes another study, with more to come. Loved ones, our num-

bers to call for help are James Potter @ 419-393-4775 or Lonnie Lambert @ 419-399-5022. We love all of you.

MT. CALVARY CHRISTMAS SEASON SERVICES

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church located at 3497 County Rd 424 in Antwerp will be holding an Advent/Christmas sermon series based on the first chapter of the gospel of John. Advent services will be December 6, 13 and 20 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The youth of Mt Calvary will serve a light supper for a free will offering at 6:00 before each of these services. Sunday morning worship begins at 10:15 a.m. each week at the Co Rd 424 location, with a joint service with Zion Lutheran at the Bull Rapids location on December 24 @ 10:15 a.m.

Christmas Eve candlelight services at Mt. Calvary, Antwerp, will be at 7:00 p.m. with the continuing theme from John, "We have seen His Glory." All are welcome to any and/or all of these services as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our savior.

LATTA COSPONSORS ANTI-SEXUAL HARASSMENT RESOLUTION

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) has cosponsored a resolution to require anti-harassment and anti-discrimination training for all Congressional employees, including Members of Congress. The resolution will be voted on the House floor tomorrow. In addition to training, the resolution tasks the Committee on House Administration with issuing regulations to ensure compliance and transparency within 30 days of its enactment.

"The sexual harassment cases that have come to light in the previous weeks has shown the need to have strong rules and protocols in place to prevent this sort of behavior in Congress," said Latta. "This resolution takes the first step toward this effort by establishing mandatory anti-harassment training that all Members of Congress and staff must complete. The resolution also makes clear the rights and protections employees have in the workplace. In addition, I'm alarmed by the lack of transparency regarding the use of taxpayer money in the payments of harassment settlements. The public expects that elected officials will adhere to high standards, and the use of undisclosed taxpayer money from secret funds to pay sexual harassment settlements is unconscionable."

SENATE SCREENING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS MCCOLLEY TO FILL VACANCY

Ohio Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) announced the recommendation of Representative Robert McColley to fill the vacancy in Ohio's 1st State Senate District seat, which includes all of Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert and Williams counties and portions of Auglaize, Fulton and Logan counties.

A seven-member screening committee of senators met on November 28th with

six applicants for the vacancy and recommended McColley for appointment to the seat.

"We believe Rob has the character and experience needed to represent the people of northwestern Ohio," said Obhof. "We met today with a talented group of candidates, and we appreciate their interest in serving the people of the 1st District. Rob is a committed and energetic leader on issues important to his constituents, and we look forward to working with him as he helps move Ohio forward."

McColley is currently serving his second term in the Ohio House of Representatives, representing the 81st House District, which includes Putnam, Henry and Williams counties, as well as part of Fulton county. He also serves in House leadership as the Assistant Majority Whip for the 132nd General Assembly.

Prior to being elected to the House, McColley led regional economic development efforts as part of the Community Improvement Corporation of Henry County and worked to improve workforce development efforts between local manufacturers and schools. He has also served in leadership positions for the Henry County Community Foundation, the Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities, the Center for Child and Family Advocacy and the Ohio Fallen Heroes Memorial.

A graduate of Napoleon High School, McColley holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from The Ohio State University and a juris doctorate from the University of Toledo College of Law. He resides in Napoleon with his wife Denise and their three children.

The Senate Republican caucus is responsible by law for appointing a temporary replacement to fill a member vacancy. The caucus plans to meet soon to accept the screening committee's recommendation and seat the new member in early December.

OHIO'S DEER-GUN SEASON OPENS WITH MORE THAN 22,000 DEER HARVESTED

Hunters checked 22,366 white-tailed deer on Monday, Nov. 28, the opening day of Ohio's deer-gun hunting season, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

Ohio's deer-gun season remained open through Sunday, December 3. Two additional days of deer-gun season (Saturday, December 16, and Sunday, December 17) have been added to increase the opportunity for people to hunt with firearms. Find more information about deer hunting in the 2017-2018 Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations or at wildohio.gov.

Past year's harvest sum-

maries and weekly updated harvest reports can be found at wildohio.gov/deerharvest.

The ODNR Division of Wildlife remains committed to properly managing Ohio's deer populations. The goal of Ohio's Deer Management Program is to provide a deer population that maximizes recreational opportunities, while minimizing conflicts with landowners and motorists.

Hunting Popularity

Ohio ranks fifth nationally in resident hunters and 11th in the number of jobs associated with hunting-related industries. Hunting has a more than \$853 million economic impact in Ohio through the sale of equipment, fuel, food, lodging and more, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation's Hunting in America: An Economic Force for Conservation publication.

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.

Editor's Note: A list of all white-tailed deer checked by hunters during opening day of the 2017 deer-gun hunting season is shown. The first number following the county's name shows the harvest numbers for opening day 2017, and the 2016 opening day harvest numbers are in parentheses.

Adams: 354 (274); Allen: 93 (58); Ashland: 432 (411); Ashtabula: 821 (701); Athens: 478 (375); Auglaize: 94 (41); Belmont: 362 (407); Brown: 292 (167); Butler: 85 (36); Carroll: 575 (480); Champaign: 121 (70); Clark: 56 (29); Clermont: 179 (81); Clinton: 84 (58); Columbiana: 453 (419); Coshocton: 924 (767); Crawford: 177 (134); Cuyahoga: 15 (8); Darke: 90 (47); **Defiance: 252 (179)**; Delaware: 135 (88); Erie: 69 (50); Fairfield: 213 (182); Fayette: 32 (30); Franklin: 45 (32); Fulton: 101 (79); Gallia: 396 (379); Geauga: 146 (147); Greene: 48 (43); Guernsey: 657 (592); Hamilton: 34 (18); Hancock: 133 (95); Hardin: 139 (94); Harrison: 497 (529); Henry: 112 (67); Highland: 315 (221); Hocking: 426 (431); Holmes: 648 (542); Huron: 370 (342); Jackson: 358 (270); Jefferson: 244 (365); Knox: 705 (651); Lake: 54 (53); Lawrence: 262 (208); Licking: 577 (463); Logan: 219 (155); Lorain: 200 (180); Lucas: 24 (23); Madison: 40 (30); Mahoning: 209 (168); Marion: 122 (96); Medina: 153 (154); Meigs: 414 (392); Mercer: 86 (38); Miami: 72 (28); Monroe: 406 (333); Montgomery: 35 (18); Morgan: 434 (364); Morrow: 228 (158); Muskingum: 780 (696); Noble: 445 (386); Ottawa: 39 (20); **Paulding: 129 (75)**; Perry: 359 (339); Pickaway: 96 (65); Pike: 199 (180); Portage: 142 (155); Preble: 74 (47); **Putnam: 94 (60)**; Richland: 411 (355); Ross: 307 (263); Sandusky: 68 (41); Scioto: 206 (195); Seneca: 244 (203); Shelby: 119 (79); Stark: 248 (208); Summit: 29 (30);

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HYDROPONIC UNIT AT ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL



Seniors Sabrina Thomas-Vankirk and Christian Huss help harvest the grown leafy vegetables.

The Antwerp Local School cafeteria now has a hydroponic unit used to grow leafy vegetables. Tom Blake, owner of EnTrust, the company who funded Antwerp Local's new solar array, donated the hydroponic prototype to the school. The company is in the process of building a permanent metal structure that will replace the current prototype. In the meantime, the

cafeteria staff is getting used to using the hydroponic unit to grow its leafy vegetables for the salad bar.

To grow the leafy vegetables, cafeteria staff places seeds in a rock wool cube, which is placed near the light source. When the first true leaf appears from the seedling, it is transplanted to the production unit. The staff then creates a nutrient solu-

tion that is poured into and recycled through the unit until harvest time.

With this system, the cafeteria only needs to purchase the nutrients, water, and seed for the leafy vegetables, so the hydroponic unit results in significant savings for the cafeteria. In addition, the hydroponic unit allows for safe, homegrown produce and educational opportunities for Antwerp Local students.

Trumbull: 487 (425); Tuscarawas: 768 (645); Union: 103 (67); **Van Wert: 50 (31)**; Vinton: 322 (338); Warren: 62 (34); Washington: 476 (438); Wayne: 265 (206); **Williams: 251 (138)**; Wood: 74 (39); Wyandot: 224 (168). Total: 22,366 (18,776).

OHIO SUMMER CAMP TO DEBUT NEW NAME AND BRAND IN 2018

CARROLLTON, Ohio (Nov. X, 2017) - When campers, counselors, instructors and camp directors make their way to Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum the second week of June next year, their beloved Ohio Forestry & Wildlife Conservation Camp will have a new name and corresponding brand that pays homage to its inception in 1950, and its growth and success since then.

Camp Canopy is set to debut June 10-15, 2018 and will feature the same learning topics, traditions and fun as the previously-named camp, just with a different look and feel, said Jeremy Scherf, camp co-director and service forester with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry.

"It's still the same camp focusing on the many elements of forestry and wildlife that we all know and love, but with a fresh facelift on the outside," said Scherf. "Camp Canopy is the new and improved Ohio Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Camp."

In a day and age where the endless list of summer activities for high schoolers continues to grow, the camp found itself competing for the time, money and interest of its target audience - incoming freshmen through graduating seniors.

"We knew that if we wanted to stay true to our mission [of introducing campers to the world of natural resources], but at the same time attract new campers that are looking for a traditional summer camp experience, we needed to make a change," said Marne Titchenell, camp co-director and a wildlife program specialist with Ohio State University Extension.

The camp's rebranding process started with research conducted by an outside firm, Shiftology Communication, consisting of a review of past camper evaluations and a blind focus group of high school students.

"Obviously we wanted a new name and brand that would appeal to our target audience, but we also wanted something that had special meaning and didn't stray too far from the aspects of forestry and wildlife that this camp was founded on," said Titchenell. "At the same time, we wanted to convey that this camp also offers a variety of other activities - like night hikes and campfires - that our campers love to participate in year after year."

The new name and brand of Camp Canopy does just that.

"When I'm working with campers, everything I discuss relates back to the canopy of the forest," said Scherf. "From young seedlings growing in the understory, to birds nesting in the trees, the canopy and the sunlight coming through it directly affects what happens below it, so the word 'canopy' has a great deal of meaning in both the forestry and wildlife disciplines."

"At the same time, the name Camp Canopy has that old-fashioned-summer-camp nostalgic feel to it that appeals to a lot of high school kids," he said.

Creating a brand and camp experience that teaches campers about topic areas within the two disciplines while also offering the fun activities of a traditional summer camp - like swimming in the lake, hanging around the campfire, meals in the mess hall, etc. - was key in this endeavor.

"We've always incorporated the more traditional activities of a summer camp into ours, which is possible because of the beautiful grounds and awesome amenities of Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum, but a lot of potential campers may not have realized that or may have been misled by our former name," said Scherf. "At the end of the day, we want our campers to discover forestry and to discover wildlife; but most importantly, we want them to discover adventure."

Camp Canopy Founded in 1950 and formerly known as Ohio Forestry & Wildlife Conservation Camp, Camp Canopy is the place where high schoolers go to discover forestry, discover wildlife and discover adventure. Taking place at Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum on Leesville Lake the second week of June every year, the camp is open to incoming freshmen through graduating seniors and is sponsored by the Ohio Forestry Association. For more information, visit ohio-forest.org/page/forestrycamp.

LATTA SIGNS ONTO LEGISLATION TO END TAXPAYER SETTLEMENTS OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN CONGRESS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) has sponsored legislation, the Congressional Accountability and Hush Fund Elimination Act, to stop the use of taxpayer money for sexual harassment settlements. In addition, the bill would disclose all payments previously made by the Office of Compliance, while still protecting the identity of any victims. Going forward, the bill would prohibit nondisclosure agreements as preconditions to initiate procedures addressing sexual harassment or assault claims. Latta recently cosponsored legislation, approved by the U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday, to require sexual harassment training for all Members of Congress and congressional staff. Latta has already completed the training and his staff is expected to within a week.

"The current system in place on Capitol Hill to address sexual harassment lacks transparency, protects harassers, and dissuades employees from coming forward," said Latta. "At the same time, the

PAULDING COUNTY POULTRY TEAM



Kalyn Strahley, Hannah Farr, Estee Miller & Chantal Monnier

The Paulding County 4-H Poultry Judging Team competed at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville, KY on November 16th. The team had won the Ohio State competition in August to qualify for this prestigious event. Members of the team are Hannah Farr,

Estee Miller, Chantal Monnier and Kalyn Strahley. The team competed for over six hours to finish Fourth in the Market Eggs category and Eighth Overall Judging. Congratulations to this team as they fought hard to place at this highly competitive competition!!!

rules in place also punish taxpayers who are forced to pay for the bad behavior of Members of Congress or staff. The American people should no longer be on the hook for settlements, and we need to give victims the ability to have their claims heard. This legislation will fix the glaring problems with how Congress addresses harassment in the workplace."

The Congressional Accountability and Hush Fund Elimination Act would:

Prohibit the use of public funds to pay settlements or awards for sexual harassment or assault claims;

Disclose all payments pre-

viously made by the Office of Compliance on its website (the name of the victim is expressly prohibited from being disclosed);

Require perpetrators to reimburse the taxpayers with interest;

Prohibit nondisclosure agreements as a precondition to initiate procedures to address sexual harassment or assault claims; and

Permit victims of sexual harassment or assault to make public statements about their claim, regardless of any previously signed nondisclosure agreement.

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ices which will include a model of the 765 Steam Engine.

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art activities.

Also, you can enjoy all of these Christmas delights while listening to Holiday music provided by DJ Dan Surface.

At 7:45 p.m. Santa will arrive at Ruhl's in order to choose the winners of the bicycle. Then Santa must hurry on his way to the North Pole to continue working on Christmas toys.

The evening will end at 9:00 p.m. at the close of Peter Franklin's open house.



Cafeteria Manager Deb Altic and Preschool Aide Lisa Ryan explain to preschoolers how the seeds grow.

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

1 - Emergency Financial Assistance - Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.

2 - Claims Assistance - Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

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.

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THE AREA AND 2017

By: Stan Jordan

Here in the Tri-state area we had a wet spring, well, in fact it was wetter than usual clean up to Thanksgiving.

Our annual events started out with Horsepower Holiday Weekend at the Paulding County fair grounds May 5th, 6th and 7th, hosted by Dan Bowers of Advanced Chassis. For the most part, it got rained out but I'm sure Dan will try again! The Rotary Club's pancake and sausage breakfast was down at the United Methodist Church the end of May. Along about that same week the A.C.D.C. had their annual rib fest down by the fire house and it was well attended.

Then in July, Larry Copsy and his volunteers had the annual Big Boy\$ Toy\$ and they had more entries than they ever had before. Next Dan Bowers from Advanced Chassis had the excursion on the Maumee with rafts, canoes and kayaks. He took me down to the river and showed me how much work the A.C.D.C. volunteers had done to make the local marina.

The Chamber of Commerce had their annual Day in the Park, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Copsy were the honored guests this year. The weather was fine and lots of people turned out for the occasion.

The Flat Rock Creek festival was well attended. It is sort of a county wide affair.

Dan Bowers braved the cold and hosted Horsepower Halloween Weekend at the fairgrounds October 27th and 28th. That same weekend the Antwerp volunteer fire department sponsored the annual halloween celebrations this year. The weather was cold, but the kids didn't mind that at all.

On November 25th, the chamber had a "Shop Small Saturday", a shop locally day. I talked to some of the people and they had a ball at the scavenger hunt and there was prizes and good values and prices. The weather was fine also.

See ya!

KAEPERNICK'S CAPER

By: Stan Jordan

Americans have stood for the United States flag since June 14th, 1777, the day the Continental Congress declared that the flag of the thirteen states (or the United States) be thirteen stripes, alternate of red and white and that thirteen stars be white in a blue field, representing a

new constellation

We stand for the flag and National Anthem today, not to please ourselves, but to honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

The name "American" deserves the highest respect and pride. The standing for the flag and anthem at a public gathering shows that we are all Americans, no matter what race or religion. Standing shows the ultimate support to sportsmanship.

We do not stand because of past or present injustices, but to salute the principle of justice. Over the years, there has been over 1.2 million people give their lives for our freedom. We have 1024 boys still asleep in the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor. We lost 3000 ships to the Kamikaze caused during the Japanese war and those boys are asleep in the deep. We lost thousands of boys in the Atlantic and the North Atlantic and from the run to Murmansk. I wonder what they would think when an American won't stand for the National Anthem.

If you are an American, act like an American! It has been understood since June of 1777, that you honor the American flag by standing, if you can, when it passes by. You also stand when you sing the National Anthem.

In this demonstrating your feelings bit, I guess you have every right to demonstrate, but is it for real or just to get on t.v.? In using your civil rights, are you stepping on someone else's civil rights?

I guess to me, it boils down to this: If you are an American, live like an American!

Be a booster, not a detriment!
See ya!



QUOTES FROM AL FRANKENSTEIN

By: Stan Jordan

- You only get one chance to make a first impression
- Opportunity only knocks once
- Strike while the iron is hot
- She hid her light under a bushel
- I will always wish I had
- It is always better to apologize than be sorry
- Daisies don't tell
- It is easier to ask for forgiveness, than to ask for permission
- I didn't know the gun was loaded
- She looked clean
- She had an 800 number
- Does my ring hurt your finger when you go out at night?

- One in the hand is better than two in the bush
- On the other hand, she had warts
- Never miss an opportunity
- Does she have a sister?
- Just a little kiss that you will never miss
- Have another little nip
See ya!

HODGE PODGE

By: Stan Jordan

Thanksgiving is over, but it just brings on a busier season. I was very fortunate, I had two big dinners this year. This fall has been so nice, because everyone is enjoying cheaper heat bills.

Thank goodness that so called "Black Friday" has come and gone. I can see both sides of that, but I didn't partake in any of it. I can't agree with all of the shenanigans.

Just now, we had visitors here at the West Bend News. Nick and Peggy Lake from the Gar Creek area, came in and we had a very good talk about old Antwerp, as Mr. Lake's mother was a Lindemuth and her mother was a Harrmann, both from Antwerp. I remember all those people and I surely enjoyed our visit.

The Harrmann's and the Lindemuth's were both pioneers here in Antwerp's growth after the canal and timber were gone.

James B. Lindemuth was mayor of Antwerp from 1906 to 1908, during the time that we got the new Town Hall.

Kirk Hopkins just showed me a picture he had taken of a fox squirrel with a white tail. Now he looked it up and that is not a freak of nature, that species of squirrel is native to the American southwest. It is a little smaller than our fox squirrel, closer to a grey squirrel's size. I had a never seen one before. Thanks a lot Kirk.

See ya!

FARM TAXES, BUDGETING AND ENTERPRISE AGREEMENTS

By: Sarah Noggle, OSU Extension Educators, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Paulding County

Join OSU Extension and Bashore, Reineck, Stoller & Waterman, Inc. in a session following Farm Management on Monday, December 11, 2017 starting at 10:00 AM. Find answers to your tax questions for 2018 farm tax preparation. Topics will include: prepaid expenses, using commodity wages and grain gifts, farm and personal asset deductions, deferred grain sales, estimating taxes, health reimbursement arrangements, how could tax reform affect you as well as a question and answer session. Join these specialists as they present during this session.

The second half of the program will have you work through budgeting for your farm and finding those missing costs your budget is not accounting for. Finally, OSU Extension will discuss so quick tips and tricks with enterprise agreements. You won't want to miss out on this opportunity.

Please RSVP by December 8, 2017 by sending form to OSU Extension Paulding c/o Taxes/Budgets Meeting, 503 Fairground Drive, Paulding, OH 45879. There is also an online registration at <http://go.osu.edu/tax>. This form is PDF fillable and able to be emailed to noggle.17@osu.edu or you can call (419)399-8225. The event will be held at 503 Fairground Drive, Paulding, OH 45879. Registration begins at 9:45 a.m.; event starts at 10:00 a.m. Early bird registration by 12/8/2017 is free though a sponsorship of OSU Extension and Bashore, Reineck, Stoller and Waterman, Inc.

For more detailed information, visit the Paulding County OSU Extension website at www.paulding.osu.edu, or the Paulding County Extension Facebook page.

WUNDERKAMMER COMPANY ANNOUNCES 2018 DESIGN WEEK FORT WAYNE DETAILS

Wunderkammer Company is proud to announce details in regards to the third installment of Design Week Fort Wayne. This event, to be held Monday, May 7 - Friday, May 11, 2018, marks a time of professional development for the local design community, as well as an opportunity to elevate the profile and importance of design in Northeast Indiana's growing economy.

Originally a direct result of Wunderkammer Company's Creative Census research project, produced in 2015, which found that over 30 percent of Northeast Indiana's creative economy is within the design fields, Design Week Fort Wayne has grown into something larger than expected, and taken on a more significant tone, especially in regards to our region's economic development agenda.

Design Week Fort Wayne (DWWF) will bring local, national, and international design experts, hands-on workshops, studio and factory tours, and quality networking events developed specifically to build, connect, and inspire our local creative industries.

Past events have been funded through significant support from the area's leading corporations and institutions, including sponsors like Vera Bradley, Parkview Health, Britton Marketing & Design Group, Matilda Jane Clothing, Indiana Tech, and Ivy Tech, as well as grant funding through the Knight Foundation Fund.

While DWWF planners hope to retain and grow their relationships with these and additional local and national firms for the 2018 event, they can currently announce the continued support of Britton Marketing & Design Group, crafting the visual identity and presence, and new support from Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne, which will host the week long event in the iconic Arts United Center, located at 303 East Main Street in the heart of downtown Fort Wayne.

"We are excited to host this important event in our community," said Susan Mendenhall, President of Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne. "The Arts United Center, designed by internationally acclaimed architect Louis Kahn, is the perfect setting as we recognize and discuss the significance of art and design in city development and economic impact."

Expect to hear more developments in the coming months as Design Week Fort Wayne releases further de-

tails about the event including its speaker line up, ticket launch, and additional programming open to the public in and around the Arts Campus downtown.

About Wunderkammer

Wunderkammer Company is a 501(c)3 independent non-profit contemporary art center located in the former Casa D'Angelo's restaurant building at 3402 Fairfield Ave. in the heart of Fort Wayne's historic neighborhoods in the 46807 zip code. With the mission of revitalizing communities through contemporary art, Wunderkammer Company works with artists, civic-minded organizations, and the community at large to find new strategies to communicate diverse and challenging ideas, while finding ways to build and share values between all parties involved. Learn more at www.wunderkammercompany.com.

About Britton Marketing & Design Group

Specializing in brand-centered content creation, Britton Marketing & Design Group has helped some of the world's most beloved lifestyle brands deepen their connection with consumers. Founded in 2006, the agency works across a wide range of disciplines—including strategy, branding, direct marketing, retail design, digital and video—with a belief that the best way to illuminate meaningful brands is with great strategy overlaid with inspiring, brand-centered creative. The Fort Wayne-based company counts Vera Bradley, Peter Millar, Sherwin-Williams, Ace Hardware, Peg Peregó, and Dutch Boy among its clients. Learn more at brittonmdg.com.

About Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne

Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne, Inc. is a non-profit united arts fund and local arts agency that serves the communities of northeast Indiana by fueling the momentum of more than 70 arts, culture and quality of life initiatives each year. Arts United's strategic investments position arts and culture organizations to achieve higher levels of excellence and quality, to improve access to the arts for all community members and to support regional priorities for growth and development.

LATTA HIGHLIGHTS SUPPORT FOR TAX REFORM FROM ADVOCATES, ECONOMISTS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) highlighted widespread support for tax reform legislation pending before Congress. The support comes from small businesses, manufacturers, advocates for the agricultural industry, conservative groups, and economists. Included in the list are the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Federation of Independent Business — the nation's largest small business group, Americans for Tax Reform, Club for Growth, the National Association for Manufacturers, the American Made Coalition, and others. In addition, a letter to Congress from 137 leading economists said passage of the tax bill will lead to more jobs, higher wages, and a better standard of living.

Recently, Congressman Latta joined his colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives in passing the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. That legislation would allow the average American family to keep nearly \$1,200 more of their income every year and create more than 33,000 jobs in Ohio according to the Tax Foundation. The Senate is currently working to pass their version of tax reform.

"The massive support for tax reform from pro-growth groups, manufacturers, small businesses, taxpayer advocate organizations, and economists confirm that the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will increase economic growth and put more money in the pockets of hardworking Americans," said Latta. "Changing the status quo is never easy, and it was quite predictable that this legislation would be subject to numerous baseless attacks. That being said, leading economic groups are clear - this bill will create jobs, cut taxes for the middle-class, and put U.S. businesses on a level playing field with their international competitors."

Supporters of Tax Reform Include:

National Association of Manufacturers; National Retail Foundation; American Farm Bureau Federation; Business Roundtable; Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council; Real Estate Roundtable; Financial Services Roundtable; RATE Coalition; American Made Coalition; American Petroleum Institute; National Association of Broadcasters; Association of Equipment Manufacturers; Edison Electric Institute; Grocery Manufacturers Association; American Trucking Association; American

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 Defiance: 10 14 13 14 = 51
 Scorers of the Game:
 Wayne Trace - Claire Sinn 8, Miriam Sinn 6, Sadie Sinn 6, Kaylee Shepherd 12, Gracie Gudakunst 6, Brooke Sinn 9
 Defiance - Morgan Wityk 9, Caroline Turner 10, Sadie Tuckerman 3, Emily Poling 11, Alex Harman 2, Carlee Smiddy 9, Kennedy Replogle 7.
 The next game for the Lady Raiders takes place on December 5, taking on the Golden Bears at Bryan.

EASTSIDE TOO MUCH FOR WARRIOR GIRLS

BUTLER - In a non-league girls basketball battle last week, host Eastside limited visiting Woodlan to 33 points as the Blazers posted a 48-33 victory over the Warriors.
 Addison Bayman paced the Lady Warriors with 16 points and Gabby Joyce chipped in six points.
 Kate Mendenhall, Taya Kitzmiller and Hanna Albertson posted three markers each for Woodlan while K.C. McGettigan chipped in two.

Bayman and Kitzmiller each picked up seven rebounds for Woodlan with Bayman also dishing out three assists and recording three steals.
 Kitzmiller added three steals as well while McGettigan, Madi Koos and Mendenhall all recorded one steal. McGettigan, Kitzmiller, Albertson, Joyce and Lexia Holmes had one assist each as well.

WADSWORTH'S BAUGHMAN WINS OHIO'S MR. FOOTBALL AWARD

By: Eric Frantz, MaxPreps.com
 "Wow."
 That was the response many uttered this fall when watching Wadsworth quarterback Joey Baughman play.
 It was also the retort the senior gave Wednesday when informed he was Ohio's 31st Mr. Football Award winner.
 Previously bestowed by the Associated Press, the

Ohio Mr. Football Award is being presented by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association this season. Each of Ohio's districts nominated players for the honor, which was decided by a statewide vote.
 An unlikely candidate as the state's top individual in August, Baughman blossomed into a favorite by leading Wadsworth to its first undefeated season since 1996 and just its fourth overall. The Grizzlies also went unblemished in 1966 and 1967.
 Wadsworth won the Suburban League, hosted (and won) a first round playoff game and averaged 50.8 points per game during the regular season.

"In the preseason our goals were to win the Suburban League, go undefeated and host a first round playoff game," Baughman said. "There was talk of going 15-0 or what not, but those were our big three goals."
 Baughman was a big reason the Grizzlies achieved each.
 He ended the season with 3,079 yards passing and 1,523 yards rushing. Baughman threw for 36 touchdowns and ran for 20. He earned the nickname "Joey Football" by September.

"I didn't think about Mr. Football until the playoffs started," Baughman said. "That's when (head) coach (Justin) Todd showed me my numbers and mentioned it. After that first playoff game I knew it was a possibility."
 In that contest, a 61-42 Division II regional quarterfinal win over Sylvania Northview, Baughman threw for 229 yards and five touchdowns, carried the ball 14 times for 191 yards and a touchdown and completed a 2-point conversion pass.

He had comparable performances during the regular season, throwing for a Medina County-record 416 yards in a win over North Royalton.
 Baughman's most impressive senior stat? Three interceptions in 331 attempts.

Baughman, who started playing football at age six, was a running back until middle school. That's when Sophia Fortner stopped playing. A senior point guard on the Grizzlies girls basketball team and a University of Toledo recruit, Fortner was the Wadsworth senior class's quarterback through seventh-grade. Baughman took snaps starting in eighth.
 Fortner helped Wadsworth win the 2016 D-I basketball state title. Baughman hopes to win a state title himself this winter.
 A University of Virginia wrestling recruit, Baughman is a two-time D-I state runner-up. He finished second at 170 pounds as a junior and second at 160 as a sophomore. He was fifth at 145 as a freshman.
 "I certainly have some unfinished business," Baughman said. "I'm looking for that state title."

Baughman, who enters his final season 112-17, picked the Cavaliers over Ohio State, North Carolina, Oregon State and Appalachian State.
 This year's Mr. Football Award field was diverse and well respected. Five different players earned a first place vote. Trotwood-Madison senior running back Ra'Vion Hargrove finished second.
 The other finalists were senior running back Daniel

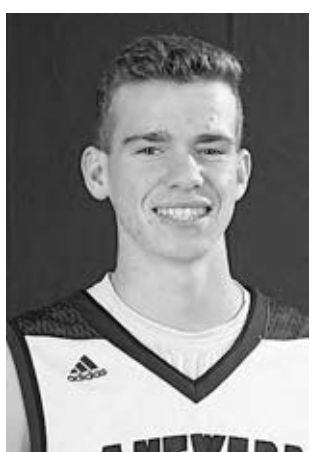
Bangura (Canal Winchester Harvest Prep), senior quarterback Lukas Isaly (Hannibal River), junior receiver Tanner Holden (Wheelersburg), senior quarterback Ja'Vez Alexander (Sandusky), senior defensive end Tyreke Smith (Cleveland Heights), senior running back Isaiah Bowser (Sidney) and senior quarterback Jimmy Weirick (Pickerington North).

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 1991: Derek Kidwell, QB-DE, Fostoria, Bowling Green
 1992: Marc Edwards, RB-LB, Norwood, Notre Dame
 1993: Curtis Enis, RB-LB, Mississinawa Valley, Penn State
 1994: Charles Woodson, DB-RB, Fremont Ross, Michigan
 1995: Andy Katzenmoyer, LB, Westerville South, Ohio State
 1996: Derek Combs, RB-DB-KR, Grove City, Ohio State
 1997: Tony Fisher, RB, Euclid, Notre Dame
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 1999: Bam Childress, DB-WR-KR, Bedford St. Peter Chanel, Ohio State
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 2016: Michael Warren, RB, Toledo Central Catholic, University of Cincinnati
 2017: Joey Baughman, QB, Wadsworth, Virginia (Wrestling)

MAC GYM WINTER BASKETBALL BEGINS

ANTWERP - The MAC Gym winter basketball league started for area boys and girls teams last Saturday. Teams in grades three through six are participating all day on Saturday, and on Monday and Tuesday evenings. A total of 56 teams are traveling to play in Antwerp, now through January, from six counties in two states.
 Communities participat-

PAULDING SHOT DOWN BY ARCHERS



Luke Brewer was on fire tonight with 22 points

The Antwerp Archers opened up their boys basketball season by traveling to the Panthers home court on Saturday, December 2. The previous night the Panthers began their season by crushing the Pirates, but this night was different when Antwerp took control of the court early and won the match 46-54.

The game started with the Archers' Luke Brewer getting in 2 3-point baskets in the first quarter and Ty Rebber adding a couple field goals to that score. On the Panther side, Marcus Miller, Ethan Rhonehouse and Fletcher Cook all started with 2 points. The Antwerp crew was not afraid of fouling on the shot and this gave Ethan Rhonehouse 2 more points when he made half from the line. The first period ended up 8-11.

It looked as if Antwerp might get into foul trouble early when 7 different fouls in the 2nd quarter sent Blake Dobbelaere to the foul line twice along with 4 other free-throw shooters. Blake, Marcus, and Jared Miller all hit both shots, helping the Panthers out on their score with 10 points from free-throws alone. On the Antwerp side, Jake Ryan made the score board for the first time with a 2 and 3 point field goals along with a pair of free-throws. Brewer was also back on, hitting another 3 pointer and free throw. Cole Seslar and Jayvin Landers also got on the score board for the first time.

ing from Indiana this year include: Woodlan from Allen County and Butler Eastside from Dekalb County. Teams from Ohio will include: Bryan and Edgerton from Williams County; Convo Crestview and Van Wert Lincolnview from Van Wert County; Ayersville, Defiance, Fairview and Tinora from Defiance County in addition to Devine Mercy, Antwerp, Paulding and Wayne Trace from Paulding County.

Games are played by fifth grade boys and girls teams and sixth grade girls teams on two courts from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Mondays bring third and fourth grade boys from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and Tuesdays host third and fourth grade girls from 4:30-8:30 p.m.

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The half ended with Paulding trailing the Archers 26-22.

Coach Billman got the Archers' fouling under control, coming back, but Paulding took control of the scoring and nearly tied the game by the beginning of the fourth quarter. Cook and Miller both added 3 point baskets for Paulding. While Luke Brewer added 2 more 3-pointers. Rebber was back on with a field goal and free throw. The points were now only 1 point different at 36-37.

In the fourth quarter, Antwerp stepped up the defense and limited Paulding to a minimal amount of points with only 10 on the board. The packed field house had the crowds on fire for their side, but ultimately it was Antwerp who was able to take the win when the Panthers became desperate and started fouling to get the ball, sending Archers to the line.



Jaret Miller was the top scorer for Paulding Panthers.

Ryan hit all four of his free throws under pressure and Luke Brewer posted 6 more points. The night surely went to Brewer who overall scored 22 points on his first night!

Score by Quarter:
 Paulding - 8 14 14 10 = 46
 Antwerp - 11 15 11 17 = 54
 Scorers of the Game:
 Paulding - Carson Shull 2; Marcus Miller 8; Blake Dobbelaere 6; Ethan Rhonehouse 10; Jaret Miller 12; Fletcher Cook 8.
 Antwerp - Jayvin Landers 4; Cole Seslar 6; Luke Brewer 22; Brayton Stuckey 1; Jake Ryan 11; Ty Rebber 10.

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LADY ARCHERS DOWN PAULDING IN FIRST COUNTY MATCH



Briana Townley, junior at Paulding, takes a shot, earning 2 of her 5 points for the night! More pictures at westbendnews.net



Antwerp senior Amanda Roberts puts up a shot with an attempted block Paulding! More pictures at westbendnews.net

County rivals Antwerp and Paulding squared off in a non-league girls basketball game last Tuesday with the Lady Archers outlasting Paulding for a 37-33 victory. Antwerp had previously

traveled to Edon in the first contest for Antwerp and won 52-37

Paulding opened up the game with the first point, but soon was overtaken by the Antwerp 3 point girls.

Antwerp pounced on the opportunity. Antwerp's Rachel Williamson, Karsyn Brumett and Tiera Gomez all scored 3 point baskets in the first quarter and at one time had a 13-1 point lead over the Lady Panthers. Antwerp jumped in front in the first half, taking a 13-8 advantage after one quarter before expanding that to a 20-12 lead at the break.

However, the Panthers would rally to trim the deficit to 26-24 at the end of three quarters.

Paulding would eventually take the lead midway through the fourth quarter, but it was the Archers who rallied and then held off the maroon and white for the four point win.

Rachel Williamson led the way for Antwerp with 14 points while Hope Smith chipped in eight and Karsyn Brumett added 6. Chelsea Johanns (3), Tiera Gomez (3) and Heather Oberlin (3) also scored for Antwerp.

Sydney McCullough topped the Panther efforts with 9 points and Cassidy Posey recorded 8 markers.

Other scorers for the maroon and white were Audrey Manz (6), Kaylen Hale (5) and Briana Townley (5).

Score by Quarter:

Antwerp: 13 7 6 11 = 37

Paulding: 8 4 12 9 = 33

Scorers of the Game:

Antwerp - Rachel Williamson 1-4-0-14, Chelsea Johanns 0-1-0-3, Tiera Gomez 0-1-0-3, Karsyn Brumett 0-1-3-6, Hope Smith 3-0-2-8, Heather Oberlin 0-0-3-3, Totals 4-7-8-37.

Paulding - Kaylen Hale 2-0-1-5, Sydney McCullough 2-1-2-9, Briana Townley 2-0-1-5, Cassidy Posey 3-0-2-8, Audrey Manz 0-2-0-6, Totals 9-3-6-33.

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ACAC RELEASES ALL-LEAGUE FOOTBALL TEAMS

The Allen County Athletic Conference released its 2017 all-league football teams recently with nine Woodlan players receiving first team honors in voting by the conference's coaches.

The Warriors put four players on the offensive first team while placing five on the defensive side.

Senior Justin Durkes (quarterback), senior Jack Rhoades (running back), se-

PANTHERS LAY DOWN THE LAW IN COURT



Fletcher Cook tosses up another 3 point basket for the Panthers. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Panthers opened up their boys basketball season with the first game on Friday, December 1 taking place at home against Continental. This night opened strong for the home team. These boys were fast and hit the target from the beginning after Ethan Rhonehouse tipped the ball to his players. Five 3-point baskets laid the groundwork for an excellent night on the Panther side of the court.

For the night there were 10 3-point baskets with Fletcher Cook leading the charge with 4. Fletcher is a junior at Paulding and he had a great night with the top points at 21.

The first period had 22 points for the Panther side while the Pirates were tossed back and forth with only 5

nior Donald Guerrant (tight end) and junior Dane Castleman (offensive line) all received first team all-league honors.

First team defensive members from Woodlan included junior Isaac Meyer (defensive line), junior Sebastian Speith (linebacker), senior Amarian Hicks (defensive back), senior Ah'lan Howard (defensive back) and senior Aaron Hahn (punter).

On the ACAC second team, Heritage placed five players on the squad while Woodlan picked up two more slots.

Patriots named to the offensive side of the second team were junior Hunter Bradtmueller (running back), senior Nick Bolser (wide receiver), junior Travis Gardner (tight end) and junior Tyler Burnham (offensive line). Heritage junior Charlie Woenker was selected as a second team linebacker as well.

Woodlan junior Jacob Gerbers (offensive line) and senior Keyshawn White (defensive line) also were named to the second team.

BULLDOGS SPLIT OPENING PAIR OF GAMES

NEW HAVEN - Blackhawk Christian jumped out to an eight point lead after one quarter and held off a second half rally by host New Haven for a 70-67 victory in non-league boys basketball action Friday night.

The Braves led 19-11 at the end of eight minutes of action and expanded the lead to 33-20 at the intermission.

However, New Haven (Continued on Page 9)

points.

The game went back to more normal when Paulding was held back from scoring as much as the first period. The boys tacked on 15 to their score when Ethan Rhonehouse added 7 and Cook added 6. Continental pulled up their score to 13 points in the next quarter. The half ended at 37 - 18.

The second half started and Jaret Miller hit a 3 point basket and a 2 - point field goal. Cook was back on the board with 5 additional points.

Paulding has a full roster of senior and juniors and

showed they are a solid team.

By the time the fourth quarter had come around Paulding had a significant at 51-27. Paulding allowed the Pirates to post a few points in the there with Caleb Olds hitting 9 points.

Both teams hit about 50% on the free line but Paulding certainly had more fouls against them.

The game finished at 59-41 and Paulding posted their first win of the 2017-18 season.

Paulding will travel to Defiance on December 8th.

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CHRISTMAS SEASON OFFICIALLY STARTS IN ANTWERP



Aria Feasby visits Santa in front of the Antwerp City Hall. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Antwerp began their Christmas time of the year with the Chamber of Commerce tapping into all the fun of the season on Friday, December 1st. The hardworking members of the Chamber have been planning the event for months and now it has finally come about. The girls and boys from the high

school show choir and band from Antwerp made their appearance with all kinds of seasonal songs, directed by Andrea Newell.

The weather was somewhat chilly, but not too cold for Santa Claus or the children who made it a point to tell the jolly guy what they wanted for Christmas ... with

Santa promptly asking, "Have you been good this year?". Most were truthful with St. Nick promptly responding, "I'm sure you'll get it!"

Since there was chill in the early evening air, the Chamber was all prepared, serving hot chocolate and lots of cookies donated by Chamber members.

Overall, the tree lighting was a fun night with all of the people that showed up. The area was full and it was a festive night!

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(Continued from Page 8) would make things interesting in the second half.

The host Bulldogs outscored Blackhawk Christian 23-19 in the third quarter to trim the deficit to 52-43 entering the final stanza.

New Haven outpointed Blackhawk Christian 24-18 in the final quarter, but it wasn't enough as the Braves held on for the three point victory.

Brecar Clark led the way for the Bulldogs with 20 points while Zack Latham chipped in 17 and Damario Robinson posted a dozen markers.

James Gardner and Antone Washington each recorded nine points for New

Haven as the Bulldogs fall to 1-1.

Frankie Davidson scored 21 points to pace Blackhawk Christian, which is now 2-1 on the season.

The Braves also got 17 points from Kyle Zurbuch and a dozen by Drake Thompson.

Jalan Mull (11), Caleb Furst (six) and Landin Jacques (three) rounded out the Braves scoring.

New Haven also posted a 94-77 win over Fort Wayne Northrop on Tuesday. No other information was available on the contest

WARRIORS PICK UP FIRST LEAGUE WIN

MONROE - The Woodlan Lady Warriors recorded their first Allen County Athletic Conference victory of the season on Saturday with a 46-35 win at Adams Central.

Woodlan jumped in front 16-11 at the end of eight minutes of action before pushing the lead to 23-17 at the intermission.

The Lady Warriors then took control of the contest by outscoring the Flying Jets 16-6 in the third quarter to push the margin to 39-23 at the end of three quarters.

Addison Bayman scored 18 points to lead Woodlan in

the contest with Taya Kitzmiller recording 13 markers.

Gabby Joyce (five), Hanna Albertson (four), K.C. McGettigan (four) and Madi Koos (two) completed the list of scorers for the Warriors.

Adams Central was led by Carly Holley with nine points while Lexi Smith chipped in seven markers.

Other scorers for the Flying Jets were Chloe Fisher (six), Madison BeBout (five), Brooklyn Salway (three), Sage Hammond (three) and Keri Sheets (two).

Woodlan is now 4-6 overall on the season and 1-1 in the league with the victory while Adams Central drops to 2-6 in all games and 0-2 in the conference.

ANTWERP WRESTLERS HAVE SOLID OPENING WEEKEND

Both the junior high and high school wrestling squads for Antwerp wrestled this past weekend on December 2, 2017. The junior high opened at the Wayne Trace tournament with 1 Archer finishing in the top 4 of his respective weight class. Finishing 2nd on the day with 2 pins in his first junior high tournament was 7th grader Eli Reinhart. Also winning the first match-

es of their young careers were 7th grader, Aiden Provinces and 8th grader, Brady Hatlevig.

As the junior high was wrestling were at Wayne Trace, the high school wrestlers were competing at the Montpelier Tournament. While the high school does not have much quantity this year, they made up for it with the quality this past weekend. Sophomore Randall Mills and junior Aidan McAlexander each were undefeated on the day and took home 1st place honors at the tournament. Mills ended his day with a 2-0 record and 2 pins. McAlexander was also 2-0 on the day with 1 pin and 1 technical fall. Congratulations to all of the wrestlers for their hard work this past weekend. Both teams will compete again next weekend with the junior high wrestling at Bryan and the high school wrestling at Lincolnview. Good luck and GO ARCHERS!!

CLOSE MATCH NETS PAULDING WIN

The Lady Panthers travelled to Edgerton for the girls basketball game on November 30. The game was a close match. Paulding's second quarter saved the game as the



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OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY PRESCHOOLERS GET SOME EXERCISE



Oakwood Elementary preschoolers are shown exercising with their teacher, Mrs. Shinners, and two college stu-

dents from BGSU. Pictured are BGSU student Madeline Sobbecki, preschooler Kasyn Sheaks, BGSU student Dan-

ielle Herr, preschooler Wyatt Dirr, and teacher Mrs. Shelley Shinners.

Bulldogs outscored Paulding in both the third and fourth quarters, but not enough to take the win from the guest team.

Wayne Trace - Eli Sinn 10, Reid Miller 6; Josh Kuhn 5; Nate Gerber 2; Trae Sinn 5; Josiah Linder 10; Adam Stoller 2; Jake Kuhn 24

field goals from various girls.

The fourth quarter had the Archers pickup 18 points and almost all from fouls of desperation from the Bombers—14 in all. Edon wasn't quite done yet but couldn't come close to making up the difference against Antwerp. Points scored by Howard and Radabaugh concluded the quarter with 10 more points and the game closed out with Antwerp taking their first win home 37-52.

Score by Quarters:
Paulding: 9 17 9 9 = 44
Edgerton: 12 5 12 13 = 42
Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Audrey Manz 0-1-0-3, Kaylen Hale 1-0-5-7, Sydney McCullough 0-1-1-4, Briana Townley 7-0-0-14, Cassidy Posey 5-0-6-16, Totals 13-2-12-44.

Columbus Grove - Caleb Barrientes 3; Balke Reynold 14; Grayson Flores 5; Tayt Birnesser 6; Logan Malsam 21; Garrett Nemire 2; Riley Schumacher 4.

The JV team fell 60-49.

BOMBERS CRASH TO ARCHERS

Edgerton - Emma Siebenaler 0-0-3-3, Ally Cape 5-2-3-19, Halle Siebenaler 2-0-2-6, Claire Flegal 2-2-1-11, Cloey Whitman 0-0-1-1, Bree Hug 0-0-2-2, Totals 9-4-12-42.

Antwerp Lady Archers picked up their first basketball win for the 2017-18 season as they travelled to Edon to take on the Bombers on Monday, November 27

Senior Rachel Williamson and Karsyn Brumett tied for the top spot in points for the Archers. The game was a slow start for both teams, only 5 for Edon and 4 points for the Archers—points by Heather Oberlin and Rachel Williamson.

Junior Varsity Score - Edgerton 23, Paulding 14

SEASON OPENER A TRIUMPH FOR TRACE

The second was a different match. Antwerp wracked up 5 3-point field goals between Williamson, Tierra Gomez and Brumett. adding to the over all points was Hope Smith who got on the board with 6. The half ended when Edon scored 10 points and now the game was 15-26 and Antwerp took the lead.

The Wayne Trace Raiders travelled to Columbus Grove on Friday, December 1st for the first game of the season.

The game continued in this fashion but with the Bombers getting 12 points in the third when the fouls from the Archers turned into points for Hanna Fogel. Antwerp's 8 points were added on by Oberlin, Brummet and Williamson. Antwerp has shown that they are not afraid of three point baskets, in fact, it's probably what sets them apart from the other teams when they have a good balance between both types of

The teams were pretty well equally matched when both scored 14 points in the first quarter. Wayne Trace's Jake Kuhn was at the top of the scoring leader with 22 points in the basket.

The game ended with the Raiders posting their first win 55-64.

The second quarter was also highly competitive, but the Raiders had 5 points over the 10 scored by the Bulldogs. The half finished 24-29.

The game was too close to call at the half. The third quarter was added 19 points to the guest side and only 8 to CG. The fourth quarter opened with 32-48 as the score but the Bulldogs outscored by quite a bit but not enough to overcome previous quarter losses. The game ended with the Raiders posting their first win 55-64.

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Backs: Xavier Henderson, Pickerington Central, 6-2, 195, Sr.; Tyler "Red" Potts, Pickerington North, 5-11, 177, Sr.; Javon Hicks, Colerain, 6-2, 195, Sr.; Cameron Toppin, Cleveland St. Ignatius, 5-11, 165, Sr.; Michael Dowell, Lakewood St. Edward, 6-1, 190, Sr.; Max Baker, Massillon Perry, 6-1, 185, Sr.

Kicker: Chase Wilcox, Findlay, 5-11, 159, Sr.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Quarterbacks: Josh Stewart, Hilliard Bradley, 6-2, 210, Sr.; Alec Grandin, Centerville, 6-1, 190, Sr.

Backs: Jarin Curtis, Massillon Perry, 5-9, 210, Jr.; Daylin Dower, Lorain, 5-11, 180, So.; Devin Kenerly, Clayton Northmont, 5-11, 211, Sr.

Receivers: Sam Snyder, Cleveland St. Ignatius, 5-9, 155, Sr.; Micah Hills, Shaker Heights, 6-0, 175, Sr.; Caleb Johnson, Springfield, 6-0, 170, Sr.; Jake Spiewak, Centerville, 6-4, 205, Sr.; Khalil Jones, Thomas Worthington, 5-9, 160, Sr.

Athlete: Justin Sturgill, Lorain, 5-11, 180, Sr.; Jamir Dismukes, Shaker Heights, 6-0, 175, Sr.

Linemen: Sio Saipaia, Canton McKinley, 6-0, 285, Sr.; Rashaun Rogers, Lorain, 6-2, 230, Sr.; Ashawn Berry, Euclid, 6-2, 245 Jr.; Darian Kinnard, Cleveland St. Ignatius, 6-7, 330, Sr.; Jack Jamieson, Cleveland St. Ignatius, 6-2, 280, Sr.; Joseph Iemma, Lakewood St. Edward, 6-0, 275, Sr.

Punter: Derek Kleinhenz, Mentor, 6-3, 180, Sr.

2017 OPSWA DIVISION I ALL-OHIO FOOTBALL

Coach of the Year: Dave Miller, Fairmont

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Offensive player of the Year: Jimmy Weirick, Pickerington North

Quarterbacks: Jimmy Weirick, Pickerington North, 5-11, 180, Sr.; Tadas Tatarunas, Mentor, 6-5, 215, Sr.; Jaret Pallotta, Massillon Jackson, 6-6, 200, Sr.; Chase Wolf, Cincinnati St. Xavier, 6-1, 190, Sr.; Riley Keller, Toledo Whitmer, 6-2, 195, So.

Backs: Ronald Lee, Euclid, 5-7, 170, Sr.; Matt Sora, Mason, 6-0, 200, Sr.

Receivers: L'Christian "Blue" Smith, Huber Heights Wayne, 6-5, 215, Sr.; Logan Shea, Mentor, 5-9, 170, Sr.; Daevon Anderson, Hilliard Bradley, 6-3, 180, Sr.; Ty Wiley, Pickerington North, 5-11, 155, Sr.; Trenton Gillison, Pickerington Central, 6-6, 245, Sr.

Linemen: Ryan Jacoby, Mentor, 6-5, 260, Jr.; Jackson Carman, Fairfield, 6-7, 345, Sr.; Zach Carpenter, Moeller, 6-5, 310, Sr.; Joe Boggs, Reynoldsburg, 6-4, 285, Sr.; Luke Dye, Massillon Jackson, 6-1, 250, Sr.; Jacob Slade, Olentangy, 6-4, 270, Sr.

Punter: Ben Krimm, Upper Arlington, 6-3, 200, Jr.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

Defensive players of the Year: Tyreke Smith, Cleveland Heights and Xavier Henderson, Pickerington Central
Linemen: Tyreke Smith, Cleveland Heights, 6-5, 235, Sr.; Nate Leskovec, Solon, 6-3, 230, Jr.; Zach Harrison, Olentangy Orange, 6-6, 245, Jr.; Zach Blackiston, Massillon Perry, 6-4, 210, Sr.; Malik Vann, Fairfield, 6-3, 270, Sr.; Elijah Ratliff, Reynoldsburg, 6-3, 270, Sr.

Linebackers: Omar Fattah, St. Edward, Sr., 5-11, 225, Sr.; Logan Joyce, Cleveland St. Ignatius, 6-1, 210 Sr.; Griffin Hoak, Dublin Coffman,

Iedo Whitmer, 5-7, 155, Sr.; Brandon O'Quinn, Massillon Jackson, 5-10, 160, Sr.; Prayer Wise, Canton McKinley, 5-7, 144, Sr.

Athlete: Tyshawn Lighty, Lorain, 5-10, 170, So.

Linemen: Chrisi Redway, Toledo Whitmer, 6-0, 275, Sr.; Vince Albertini, Lancaster, 5-11, 270, Jr.; Trey Madison, Pickerington Central, 6-3, 315, Sr.; Aaron Ervin, Springboro, 6-5, 280, Sr.; Patrick Ross, Medina, 6-4, 260, Sr.; Owen Alder, Toledo Start, 6-3, 275, Sr.

Punter: Trey Wright, Massillon Jackson, 5-11, 175, Jr.

THIRD TEAM DEFENSE

Linemen: Kaden Harter, Brunswick, 5-10, 200, Sr.; Antonio Wyatt, Lorain, 6-4, 295, Sr.; Adrian Woliver, Stow, 6-3, 225, Jr.; Cavon Butler, Toledo Whitmer, 6-3, 270, Jr.; Alex Reigelsperger, Huber Heights Wayne, 6-4, 245, Sr.; Will Mercurio, Medina, 6-4, 210, Sr.

Linebackers: Joey Zielinski, Austintown Fitch, 5-10, 170, Sr.; Jakari Lumsden, Austintown Fitch, 6-1, 195, Sr.; Mike Rektis, Canton GlenOak, 5-10, 185, Sr.; Tyler Cowan, Massillon Perry, 6-2, 200, Sr.; Bryce Houston, Olentangy Orange, 6-0, 220, Sr.; Dante Landolfi, Upper Arlington, 6-2, 226, Sr.; Luke Crabtree, Dublin Coffman, 6-2, 225, Sr.; Qwanda Woodson, Elyria, 6-0, 235, Sr.; Grey Brancifort, Pickerington Central, 6-1, 215, Sr.

Backs: Bryce Neuse, Beavercreek, 5-11, 170, Sr.; Dakota Mincy, Lorain, 5-8, 169, Sr.; Moses Douglass, Springfield, 6-2, 190, Jr.; PaSean Wimberly, Toledo Whitmer, 5-9, 160, Jr.

Kicker: Chris Mangold, Colerain, 6-0, 170, Jr.

HONORABLE MENTION:

Sam Backenstoe, Hilliard Davidson, 6-2, 270, Sr.; Alex Williams, Pickerington North, 6-6, 250, Sr.; Devin Dukes, Grove City, 5-11, 221, Sr.; Allen Smith, Westerville Central, 5-10, 175, Sr.; RJ Khayo, Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller, 5-9, 160, Jr.; Cameron Specht, St. Xavier, 5-8, 160, Sr.; Kyle Trischler, Cincinnati Elder, 5-10, 175, Jr.; Tate Goodyear, Cincinnati Sycamore, 6-4, 270, Sr.; Jalen Hinton, Clayton Northmont, 6-4, 323, Sr.; Dillon Stone, Hamilton, 6-0, 280, Sr.; Spencer Bono, Elder, 6-3, 235, Jr.; Gabe Newburg, Clayton Northmont, 6-5, 210, Jr.; Justin Harris, Huber Heights Wayne, 6-0, 180, Jr.; Jestin Jacobs, Clayton Northmont, 6-4, 199, Jr.; Patrick Tueimeh, Sycamore, 5-11, 185, Sr.; Jamir Dismukes, Shaker Heights, 6-0, 175, Sr.; Matthew Trickett, Cleveland St. Ignatius, 6-0, 185, Sr.; Tyrik Barbine, Massillon Perry, 5-7, 155, Sr.

Kicker: Grant Simon, Olentangy Orange, 6-0, 170, Sr.

THIRD TEAM OFFENSE

Quarterbacks: Coryon Rice, Stow, 5-10, 165, Sr.; Mike Lowery, Gahanna Lincoln, 6-1, 172, Jr.; Rashad McKee, Huber Heights Wayne, 6-2, 160, Jr.

Backs: Legend Tucker, Toledo Start, 5-9, 175, Sr.; Terrian Wray, Stow, 5-11, 170, Sr.; Justus Harris, Gahanna Lincoln, 5-10, 185, Jr.

Receivers: Andrew Wittrock, Cincinnati St. Xavier, 6-0, 175, Sr.; Caden Kaiser, Lewis Center Olentangy, 6-1, 170, Sr.; Jasean Rader, To-

175, Sr.; Austin Long, Toledo Whitmer, 6-4, 220, Sr.; Ja'Von King, Canton McKinley, 5-11, 272, Sr.; Winnie Monachino, Brunswick, 5-11, 235, Sr.; Randy Smith, Austintown Fitch, 5-9, 165, Sr.; Dean Saris, Canton GlenOak, 5-11, 140, Jr.; Nicky Gliatta, Canton GlenOak, 5-9, 170, Sr.; Xavier Smith, Canton McKinley, 5-10, 160, Sr.; Ethan Flanigan, Brunswick, 6-1, 190, Sr.; Shea Goss, Lancaster, 6-0, 210, Sr.; Patrick Mape, Toledo Whitmer, 6-0, 165, Sr.; Nate Gardim, Olentangy Orange, 6-5, 245, Sr.; A.J. Cook, Lancaster, 6-1, 180, Jr.; Mike Powers, Marysville, 6-1, 225, Jr.

ALLEN COUNTY ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FOOTBALL TEAM 2017

OFFENSIVE LINE

First Team: Jashawn Berlanga, junior, Adams Central; Dane Castleman, junior, Woodlan; Gaven Hare, senior, Jay County; Andre Hughes, junior, Bluffton; Mason Sell, senior, South Adams

Second Team: Tyler Burnham, junior, Heritage; Connor Davis, senior, Jay County; Jacob Gerbers, junior, Woodlan; Nathaniel Quinones, senior, Adams Central; Braden Schriber, junior, Southern Wells

TIGHT END

First Team: Donald Guerrant, senior, Woodlan

Second Team: Travis Gardner, junior, Heritage

WIDE RECEIVER

First Team: Blake Kizer, junior, Bluffton; Andres Martinez, senior, South Adams

Second Team: Nick Bolser, senior, Heritage; Cole Stigleman, senior, Jay County

RUNNING BACK

First Team: Brandon Lockwood, senior, Bluffton; Logan Macklin, junior, Adams Central; Jack Rhoades, senior, Woodlan

Second Team: Hunter Bradtmeuller, junior, Heritage; Michael Schlechty, junior, Jay County; Joe Stuber, senior, South Adams

QUARTERBACK

First Team: Justin Durkes, senior, Woodlan

Second Team: Holton Hill, senior, Jay County

DEFENSIVE LINE

First Team: Tyler Lafontaine, senior, Adams Central; Isaac Meyer, junior, Woodlan; Nick Miller, freshman, South Adams

Second Team: Levi Boots, junior, Bluffton; Everett Johnson, junior, Bluffton; Noah Fredrick, senior, Bluffton; Keyshawn White, senior, Woodlan

LINEBACKER

First Team: Jalen Hammond, junior, Adams Central; Drew Schultz, senior, Adams Central; Sebastian Speith, junior, Woodlan; Ethan Theurer, senior, Jay County



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Second Team: Ben Antrim, senior, Jay County; Sam Smith, junior, Southern Wells; Grady Sprunger, sophomore, South Adams; Jady Stepp, senior, Bluffton; Charlie Woenker, junior, Heritage

DEFENSIVE BACK

First Team: Parker Bates, junior, Adams Central; Terry Dawn, senior, South Adams; Amaron Hicks, senior, Woodlan; Ah'lan Howard, senior, Woodlan

Second Team: Drake Deitsch, junior, South Adams; Parker Grimes, junior, Jay County; Chase Peterson, junior, Adams Central

PUNTER

First Team: Aaron Hahn, senior, Woodlan

Second Team: Nick Hufar, senior, Bluffton

KICKER

First Team: Andres Martinez, senior, South Adams

Second Team: Baliea Sprunger, junior, Adams Central

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't just sit there

What in the world is going on? This whole country is corrupt! During the Obama administration we had fast and furious, Benghazi, the I.R.S. and many other scandals. They are all under investigation, even Hillary's emails (of course Obama said Hillary made a mistake, but did no harm to our national security). The dimms covered everything up. So if Barack Hussein Obama cried no foul, there was surely no foul, but recently we have found out differently, haven't we? The head chief at the I.R.S., Lois Learner, pled the fifth, and said recently she wouldn't talk because she was in fear for her life. Good reason I suppose, but just hold on patriots, the slag is rising to the top.

For over a year now, the dimms have been trying to tie the president to Russia, when all this time it was the dimms who were making deals with Putin. 20% of our uranium is owned now by the Russians and we buy uranium from other countries. This deal was done during the Obama years, some names of people involved? Obama and several of his staff in the White House, Hillary in the state department, Terry McCauliffe, Eric Holder, Robert

Mueller, the special investigator investigating the president. Folks, that is treason, plain and simple. It's giving aid and comfort to the enemy. They created a dossier to embarrass Trump and the F.B.I. even gave money to an ex MI5 agent from England, but you know something? Not one of them will be indicted, not in Washington D.C. If they are going to erect a statue of a convicted felon ex-Mayor, Marion Berry; you will never get a grand jury that would indict democrats in that town.

I was going to write about these sexual harassment going on in all corners of our society, but I won't, just a note to those who accuse, what goes around comes around. Powerful people believe they can get away with anything and they usually do.

- Kenny Barnes
Paulding, Ohio

PAYNE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT HORNETS



Students at Payne Elementary are learning about hornets and how they build their nests. Mr. and Mrs. Terry Zartman provided the school and students with two fantastic nests that were found on their property.

Editor's Note: We here at the West Bend News print all "Letters to the Editor" because we believe that everyone has a Constitutional right to freedom of the press. In saying that, we do not necessarily agree with the content that is printed. We are just the messengers. The name of the person who wrote the letter is placed at the end of each article. To be considered for publication, letters must be no longer than 1000 words, and you must provide a name along with a phone number and/or email to confirm validity of content. You can respond or submit a new letter by email, USPS or fax.

Responses need to be received by Friday at 5:00 pm

USDA PUBLISHES SCHOOL MEALS RULE, EXPANDS OPTIONS, EASES CHALLENGES

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provided local food service professionals the flexibility they need to serve wholesome, nutritious, and tasty meals in schools across the nation. The new School Meal Flexibility Rule, published, makes targeted changes to standards for meals provided under USDA's National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, and asks customers to share their thoughts on those changes with the Department.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue said the rule reflects USDA's commitment, made in a May proclamation (PDF, 123 KB), to work with program operators, school nutrition professionals, industry, and other stakeholders to develop forward-thinking strategies to ensure school nutrition standards are both healthful and practical.

"Schools need flexibility in menu planning so they can serve nutritious and appealing meals," Perdue said. "Based on the feedback we've gotten from students, schools, and food service professionals in local schools across America, it's clear that many still face challenges incorporating some of the meal pattern requirements. Schools want to offer food that students actually want to eat. It doesn't do any good to serve nutritious meals if they wind up in the trash can. These flexibilities give schools the local control they need to provide nutritious meals that school children find appetizing."

This action reflects a key

initiative of USDA's Regulatory Reform Agenda, developed in response to the President's Executive Order to alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens. Other USDA initiatives of this kind will be reflected in the forthcoming Fall 2017 Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions.

The interim final rule published gives schools the option to serve low-fat (1 percent) flavored milk. Currently, schools are permitted to serve low-fat and non-fat unflavored milk as well as non-fat flavored milk. The rule also would provide this milk flexibility to the Special Milk Program and Child and Adult Care Food Program operators serving children ages 6 and older. States will also be allowed to grant exemptions to schools experiencing hardship in obtaining whole grain-rich products acceptable to students during School Year (SY) 2018-2019.

Schools and industry also need more time to reduce sodium levels in school meals, Perdue said. So instead of further restricting sodium levels for SY 2018-2019, schools that meet the current - "Target 1" - limit will be considered compliant with USDA's sodium requirements. Perdue again lauded the efforts of school food professionals in serving healthful, appealing meals and underscored US-

DA's commitment to helping them overcome remaining challenges they face in meeting the nutrition standards.

"We salute the efforts of America's school food professionals," Perdue said. "And we will continue to support them as they work to run successful school meals programs and feed our nation's children."

This rule will be in effect for SY 2018-2019. USDA will accept public comments on these flexibilities via www.regulations.gov to inform the development of a final rule, which will address the avail-

ability of these three flexibilities in the long term.

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service administers 15 nutrition assistance programs that include the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), and the Summer Food Service Program. Together, these programs comprise America's nutrition safety net. For more information, visit www.fns.usda.gov.

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Cecil: Maramart, Vagabond

Charloe: Charloe Store

Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware

Defiance: Newman's Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Cabbage Patch Store, Werlor's Waste

Edgerton: Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Utilities Office, Napa

Grover Hill: Ross' Gas Station, N&N Quick Stop

Hicksville: Sailors, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, H20, Senior Center, Subway

Latty: Kohart's Surplus & Salvage, Country Inn Living Center

Melrose: Morning Star Convenience Store

Oakwood: Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware

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tension Office, Paulding County Historical Society, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Past Time Cafe, Board of Elections

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

Scott: Scott Variety Store

Sherwood: Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank,

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

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Fort Wayne: Walmart (Maysville Rd.),

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

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

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

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

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

Woodburn: Clip -N- Tan, Sam & Carter's Pizza, Woodburn Hardware, Bob's Restaurant, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Woodburn Branch Library, Financial Partners, Love's Travel Center, Woodburn Meats & Produce, Heckley Outdoor

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68TH ANNUAL PAULDING SWCD BANQUET HIGHLIGHTS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist

Recently, the Paulding SWCD held its 68th Annual Banquet & Supervisor Election "A Community Conservation Celebration". The community came out to celebrate a year's worth of many great accomplishments for the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District in the areas of technical assistance, educational programming, nutrient management, ditch maintenance, and overall district achievements. The evening began with the election of supervisors with three candidates competing for two spots on the board of supervisors. Candidates included incumbent Bryce Mills from Payne, Joe Barker from Antwerp, and Tom Wannemacher from Payne. Bryce Mills was re-elected to a new term to commence January 1, 2018 while Joe Barker was elected to a new term beginning January 1, 2018.

The Paulding SWCD would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who donated towards the evening and provided fantastic door prizes. Sponsors included Mercer Landmark, Past Time Café, Pendergrast Farm Drainage, Baughman Tile Company, Cooper Farms, Haviland Drainage, Pond Seed Company, Schlatter Plumbing & Heating, Williamson Insurance, Ag Credit, First Federal Bank, Fortman Insurance, Trishe Wind Farms, Hubbard Company, Bradford Excavating, Dangler Excavating, MacDonald Portable Welding, Pond Seed, and Mumma Drainage.

Prior to dinner, Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist, welcomed everyone in attendance and introduced Soil & Water and Ditch Maintenance Staff, as well as, distinguished guests. Dinner was prepared by Shayna Delong and Kim Grubaugh from Van Wert, OH and served by the Paulding FFA Officer Team. The Dessert Bar was graciously donated by VanCrest of Payne. A big thank you goes out to these individuals for a job well done!

Following dinner, staff presented a highlight of achievements for the Paulding SWCD over the last year. Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist, spoke on work completed throughout 2017. Troyer noted that in the last year up to now, Paulding SWCD has reached

over 4,442 students through 201 classroom presentations, 5th Grade Field Day, visits to the Black Swamp Nature Center, and contests such as the Area 1 Envirothon, summer camps, and educator conferences just to name a few. Over 981 adults were reached through 55 programs as well. In 2017, Paulding SWCD received a \$2,792 grant from the Ohio EPA to purchase three different EnviroScape models to cover topics on drinking water, non-point pollution, and wetlands! Through displays at field events around the county, including the Paulding County Fair, 350 people were reached. We also have an active presence with our newsletter for teachers "Conservation in the Classroom" which reaches teachers each month and our recently established SWCD Newsletter "Spotlight on Conservation" as well as an active presence on social media keeping residents up to date on the latest in conservation news. Weekly newspaper columns reach 54,688 people every week and inform readers of the latest in conservation and happenings of the Paulding SWCD. Our fish and tree sales were also successful for 2017 with \$1,982 in tree sales and \$3,471.50 in fish sales. Troyer said to look for new information out on these sales soon! Improvements have also been made to the Black Swamp Nature Center with all trails trimmed back for everyone's enjoyment, stone/mulch placed on trails, and picnic tables/ fishing pole racks built by Travis Coutts as an eagle scout project.

Patrick Troyer also spoke on a promotion that SWCDs in the Western Lake Erie Basin are working on with OSU Extension to provide information on Best Management Practices (BMPs). A website has been developed to provide this information and can be found at www.agbmps.osu.edu. The intent is to empower farmers/landowners with the knowledge necessary to identify the high-risk situations that exist in their farm fields and the ability to know when to seek professional help for implementing cost effective conservation. A handout was provided to every in attendance highlighting resources the website provides.

Next, Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB) Nutrient Management Specialist Manuel Lay provided an update. Lay mentioned that he joined Paulding SWCD in August and serves Paulding, Defiance, and Williams County. He mentioned that one of the biggest happenings in manure management was the Manure Science Review we hosted in August. This tri-state event was hosted by Paulding SWCD Board Chair Matt Stoller & his family with over 231 producers and ag professionals in attendance! For this event Paulding SWCD partnered with Ohio State University, Seneca SWCD, Cooper Farms, Ohio Department of Agriculture, and Ohio Farm Bureau. This event provided sessions on using manure nutrients effectively, regulations updates, edge of field studies, BMP's for manure application, and a cover crop panel. The afternoon consisted of field demonstrations on smoking subsurface tile drainage, in addition to applicator demonstrations for poultry litter, side dressing for liquid manure, frac tanks, and drag hose on growing

corn. Otherwise, there have been manure complaints to follow up on while also working with producers answering questions. Manuel noted that he has produced a pamphlet of frequently asked questions about manure hauling and stockpiling with can be found on the Paulding SWCD website www.pauldingswcd.org or by stopping in the office.

District Technician Daniel Foust highlighted technical assistance that has been provided over the last year. Foust noted that 2017 has been a busy year for him when it comes to technical assistance in Paulding County. For the year to date, there has been 6,262 acres worth of variable rate nutrients placement based off soil test put into practice. Cover crops have also been popular in Paulding County for the year with 6,986 acres of cover crops planted by producers through cost-share programs. Soil testing for proper nutrient application has been strong in 2017 with 8,963 acres worth of soil testing completed in Paulding County. Drainage has been a priority for the Paulding SWCD with 39 tile drainage control structures and 3 blind inlets funded and installed through cost share programs. Lastly, there have been 2 sites for manure storage constructed in the county to bring producers in compliance with manure storage regulations. Altogether, the Paulding SWCD has paid out \$554,214 in technical assistance to the producers and landowners of Paulding County to get conservation practices on the ground!

Foust also spoke on an initiative Paulding SWCD is promoting with OSU Extension on a manure application toolbar available to producers. The grant is to get livestock farmers to use a manure application toolbar to do one of three things: Incorporate manure in the spring and later plant corn between the rows of corn; side dress newly planted or emerged corn (up to the V4 stage) with liquid manure; or apply manure in 30-inch rows in the fall with the idea of planting into the manure strips the following spring.

Ryan Mapes and Sam Smith with Ditch Maintenance (DM) had a busy year as well full of annual ditch inspections, vegetation management, erosion control, dip outs and reconstruction. In 2017, DM did 51,140 feet (9.7 miles) of bottom cleanout, 30,500 ft. (5.75 miles) of Spoil Dirt leveled, and 70-80 loads of CHF hauled and installed at no additional cost to Ditch Maintenance. They have done erosion repair on multiple maintenance ditches throughout Paulding County, primarily on Marie-Delarme and Blue Creek.

Deb Hubbard, District Administrator, concluded by reminding everyone to stop by and visit our offices located at 900 Fairground Drive across from the Black Swamp Nature Center. She also informed everyone that the Black Swamp Nature Center is available for rent and to call the office for their next rental. Deb Hubbard thanked the Paulding County Commissioners, the Board of Supervisors, and the community for their support over the last year. For entertainment, Kristian Charles from Cincinnati, OH wowed the crowd with his magic & comedy routine full of amaz-

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:

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Parcel Number: 30-06S-053-00
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Total amount of judgment is Three

Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-three and 91/100 (\$3,873.91) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

Whereas, said judgment orders such real property to be sold by the undersigned to satisfy the total amount of said judgment;

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:00 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the Fourth day of January, 2018, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the 18th day of January, 2018 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.

Payment in full is due at the time of the sale and the purchaser(s) 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL SUCH REAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FEDERAL TAX LIEN THAT MAY NOT BE EXTINGUISHED BY THE SALE, AND PURCHASERS OF ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY ARE URGED TO SEARCH THE FEDERAL TAX LIEN INDEX THAT IS KEPT BY THE COUNTY RECORDER TO DETERMINE IF NOTICE OF A FEDERAL TAX LIEN HAS BEEN FILED WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
 Paulding County, Ohio

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ing tricks and plenty of laughter.

Awards for Educator of the Year and Cooperator of the Year were handed out to distinguished individuals in the community crucial to spreading the conservation message. Kathy Sinn, 5th & 6th Grade Science Teacher at Grover Hill Elementary was awarded the Educator award for help in writing a letter of support for an Ohio EPA Grant to purchase education models on water quality and for encouraging student participation in the Paulding SWCD poster contest. Ken Gordon of Payne was awarded the Cooperator award for his active participation in the conservation programs offered at Paulding SWCD.

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GUNS ~ TOOLS ~ LAWN & GARDEN EQUIPMENT

See our website: guilford-realestate.com and click on the auction tab for a complete list of items and photos.

Auctioneers Note: Many items are new. Troy Bilt equipment in very nice condition, dozens of knives still in the box and excellent selection of quality guns.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

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

- 1. Bids will be accepted as "highest and best offer".**
- 2. The successful bidder will pay for the cost of the deed preparation, conveyance fee, recording costs and closing costs.**
- 3. 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.**
- 4. 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.**
- 5. 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, January 3, 2018, 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.

SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIANS NEEDED

Antwerp Local Schools

- Must be willing to work flexible hours.
- Must be able to pass BCI & FBI background check
- Must be able to pass drug screening.

Applications are available in the District Office at 303 S. Harrmann Road, Antwerp

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-08** on November 20, 2017, entitled, "RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR." This Resolution accepts the amounts and rates determined by the Budget Commission and authorizes the necessary tax levies and certifies the same to the County Auditor.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-09** on November 20, 2017, entitled, "A RESOLUTION TO CREATE NEW FUNDS FOR REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE COMPOST SITE AND TRASH COLLECTION FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Resolution directs the Fiscal Officer to take all necessary or appropriate steps with the State Auditor's office to create new funds (Compost Site Fund and Trash Fund) for the revenue and anticipated expenditures to provide yard waste disposal services and trash collection services.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-25** on November 20, 2017, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, AND PARAGON TEMPERED GLASS, LLC FOR THE SUPPLY AND PURCHASE OF WATER AND PROVISION OF SEWER SERVICE, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Village to enter into an agreement with Paragon Tempered Glass, LLC for the sale and purchase of water and treatment of sewage discharge at the rates agreed to by the parties for calendar years 2018, 2019, and 2020.

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

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26
THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY,

FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE Plaintiff,
vs.
OLIVIA MENDEZ aka OLIVIA J. MENDEZ, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 17 127.
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 21st day of December, 2017 at 10:05, the real estate located at:

749 Emerald Road, Paulding, Ohio 45879,
Parcel Number: 30-15S-006-00; 30-15S-005-00; and, 30-33S-003-00

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 Thirty-nine Thousand and No/100 (\$39,000.00) 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 4th day of January, 2018 at 10:05. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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

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

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
www.pauldingohsheriff.com
Ellen L. Fornash, Attorney for Plaintiff

TEACHARTSOHIO NEW GRANT PROGRAM

Customizable Artist Residencies for PK-12 Students in Ohio's Schools

The TeachArtsOhio (TAO) program brings schools and community organizations together with teaching artists to share engaging, personal, high-quality arts learning experiences. Engagements can vary from short introductory exposures lasting just a few days to in-depth immersive experiences spanning a full school year. Creative and experienced teaching artists, through TAO grant awards, offer learners the opportunity to participate in a unique cre-

ative process, bridge cultural differences, develop fresh ways of learning through the arts, and realize lasting benefits from in-person contact and collaboration with professional artists who are experienced in working with school age children and youth.

GRANT AWARDS: The total professional fee for teaching artists in the TeachArtsOhio program is \$300 per residency day. A residency day must mirror a full school day, including arrival and departure times for teachers. Grants are awarded to schools to cover the artist fees.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible organizations are Ohio's public, private, charter, or parochial schools (pre-kindergarten through grade 12).

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS: TeachArtsOhio provides one-year grants. A school may apply for no more than one grant per year. There is no limit to the number of schools within a school district that may apply.

100 percent of the artist fees are paid for using OAC funds, alleviating financial burdens from school and district budgets. Schools are required to provide all program-related materials and supplies. While no cash match is required, in-kind contributions from the school include program related materials and supplies, teacher and administrator participation and time, and other project-specific items mutually agreed upon.

Grantees may work with the Ohio Arts Council to select an Ohio artist from a roster of experienced teaching artists or from other sources in consultation with OAC staff. Artists, teachers, and administrators collaboratively plan an in-depth arts learning experience that engages participants of varying ages, cultures, experiences, and ability levels within a mutually supportive and creative learning environment. The artist also shares his or her own artistic work with students, teachers, administrators, school board members, parent organizations, and the larger community.

Artists work with a school team to design and hold a professional development workshop(s) involving staff in one or more participatory experiences to deepen their understanding of the creative process and the artist's discipline (typically creative writing, dance, design, drama/theatre, media arts, mu-

sic, visual arts, or traditional arts).

A residency lasting a full academic year provides the most in-depth experience possible, giving learners an entire year to learn, grow, and mature in their understanding of an art form(s). An applicant might choose sophisticated arts projects that include a variety of grade levels, opportunities for performances or exhibitions for the school and community, and arts integrated experiences spanning the curriculum. A residency of this duration creates a long-term learning environment where teacher, administrator, and teaching artist serve as an educational team to positively impact teaching and learning in and through the arts in a way that will provide long-lasting benefits for all involved. An academic year residency culminates with one or more in-depth culminating projects such as a performance, program, or exhibition presented to the school and community to demonstrate learning.

RESIDENCY PLANNING: The residency planning process often varies according to the applicant's level of experience or proficiency with past artist residencies:

Planning for new applicants: Typically, an arts discipline is selected and ideas for the residency are described in the grant application. Applicants may select a teaching artist to be named in the application, including bio with school-based experiences described, or, if the applicant does not have a specific teaching artist in mind, they may still submit an application describing residency goals. If a grant is awarded, the applicant may work with OAC staff to identify an ideal teaching artist. An artist bio, including school-based experiences and other reference materials, must be submitted to the OAC prior to finalizing a grant agreement and beginning residency work.

Planning for previously-funded applicants: School sites familiar with hosting an OAC funded residency often prefer to plan a residency with a teaching artist prior to submitting the application. If a grant is awarded, the school's planning committee then further develop plans.

Once the award is made and the teaching artist has been finalized, the formal planning begins. At least two to three weeks in advance of the residency start date, a planning session is held at the school with the teaching artist and members of the school's planning committee (minimally the committee is comprised of the arts teacher, classroom teacher, school administrator, and teaching artist) to develop a residency plan. This plan outlines the expected impact and outcomes of the residency, what measurement tools will be used to assess progress, and outlines the roles and responsibilities of all parties – school and/or school district, teaching artist, and the OAC. Templates of past planning documents are available for interested organizations, and OAC Arts Learning staff are available to provide coaching or advice during the planning stages as needed.

FACTS
The application for the Ohio Arts Council's (OAC)

newest arts learning program, TeachArtsOhio (TAO), is now open. The deadline to apply is February 1, 2018.

TAO brings schools and community organizations together with teaching artists to share engaging, personal, and high-quality arts learning experiences.

Eligible organizations are Ohio's public, private, charter, or parochial schools (pre-kindergarten through grade 12).

Grants are awarded to schools to cover the artist fees, and 100 percent of the artist fees are paid for using OAC funds. This alleviates financial burdens from school and district budgets.

While no cash match is required, schools must provide all program-related materials and supplies.

Applicants may apply for TeachArtsOhio in one of five categories according to residency length:

- Express: A brief mini-residency within a single week
- Basic: A residency of between two and four weeks
- Grading Period: A residency of approximately six to nine weeks
- Full Semester: A residency of approximately 18 weeks
- Academic Year: A residency of approximately 36 weeks

A panel of arts and cultural professionals, educators, artists, and other community members evaluate and score TeachArtsOhio grant applications. Applications will be judged on criteria divided into four categories: Program Quality, Community Engagement, Defining and Measuring Success, and Resource Management.

For more information about the TeachArtsOhio program and how to apply, visit oac.ohio.gov/grants#4435-arts-learning or contact Jarred Small at jarred.small@oac.ohio.gov.

SECRETARY PERDUE STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT'S "BRING BACK MAIN STREET" MESSAGE

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue echoed President Donald J. Trump's message that tax cuts and reforms are needed to increase American prosperity. The president delivered remarks with a "Bring Back Main Street" theme in St. Charles, Missouri, highlighting the need for tax relief to boost the economy, particularly in the heartland. Perdue issued the following statement:

"The people of agriculture I've met across America want very much to be able to keep more of what they earn to reinvest in their families and livelihoods. Most farmers, ranchers, foresters, and producers operate as small businesses, which means they must watch their bottom lines. Just like shop owners on Main Street, USA, American farmers need to turn a profit so they can grow their operations, create jobs, and feed their families. Too much time, effort, and expense has gone into complying with the onerous tax code and people need relief. As Congress works towards a final package of tax cuts and reforms, I am hopeful that we can get this done to benefit agriculture and the entire American economy."

THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

WAYNE TRACE CHRISTMAS DRIVE



Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School collected toys for the Christmas drive "Toys for Tots" sponsored by 98.1 radio station.

AGRICULTURE SECRETARY PERDUE ANNOUNCES NATIONAL PORK BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue announced the appointment of five members to serve on the National Pork Board. The producers appointed to serve three year terms include:

- Brett Kaysen, Nunn, Colo.;
- Steven R. Rommereim, Alcester, S.D.;
- Scott Phillips, Drexel, Mo.;
- Heather Hill, Greenfield, Ind.;
- Deb Balance, Fremont, N.C.

"These appointees represent a cross section of the pork producers and I know they will help us better meet the needs of our American farmers, ranchers, and producers," said Perdue. "Their work is important as pork production is critical to the U.S. farm sector and the American economy as a whole."

The National Pork Board is composed of 15 pork producers, who are nominated by the National Pork Producers Delegate Body, which is made up

of approximately 160 producer and importer members.

The program was created and is administered under the authority of the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1985 (PDF). It became effective September 5, 1986, when the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order (PDF) was implemented.

Since 1966, Congress has authorized the establishment of 22 industry-funded research and promotion boards. They empower farmers and ranchers to leverage their own resources to develop new markets, strengthen existing markets, and conduct important research and promotion activities. USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service provides oversight, paid for by industry assessments, which ensures fiscal accountability and program integrity for participating stakeholders.

A list of National Pork Board members is available on the AMS website, or visit the National Pork Board's website for more information.

** HIRING COOKS **

Minister to hospice patients and families. Full-time and part-time positions available. Duties are operating kitchen, preparing food, maintaining equipment and supplies to meet the nutritional needs of patients and families. Commercial kitchen experience a plus. Must be able to lift, bend & squat; have effective communications skills, caring, positive attitude, and neat appearance. Apply in-person or online:



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6817 St. Rt. 66, Defiance, 43512

Van Wert Hospice Center
Tonya Rutledge, 419-623-7125
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Looking to take the next step in your career and broaden your horizons with a dynamic, growing organization?

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Machine Operators – We have several openings, on the off shifts for manufacturing positions. The desired applicants should have the following qualifications: Good mathematical skills, the ability to read blue prints, standard micrometers and calipers and produce to a high-quality standard. Previous machinery experience in set up and troubleshooting within a manufacturing type environment is preferred, along with a solid work history.

Tool Maker – This person must have completed a formal Apprenticeship program plus 2 years' experience or 6-8 years' experience as a toolmaker using basic tool room equipment and familiar with some CNC equipment. The applicant must have the ability to work from drawings, sketches, and verbal instructions. The applicant must have proficient computer skills (proficient with CAD/CAM & MS Office Software).

Heat Treat Screw Loading - (Located in Pioneer, Ohio) This person will be responsible for loading and maintaining loads of product. This person will also be responsible for filling out required paperwork. This position requires continuous bending/twisting at the waist, continual lifting, standing 10-12 hours a day.

ABC is looking for self-directed individuals who work well with others, like challenges and are interested in being part of a dynamic organizational culture. Positions offer competitive wages, a full benefit package, including 401(k), performance-based incentive pay, new hire incentive, attendance incentive, and opportunity for future growth.

STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR WINNING POSTER CONTEST



Pictured with the girls is Mrs. Becky Suvar from WMEA.

Fourth grade Antwerp Elementary students Brianna Dzib and Amelia Graham were recently recognized for winning the annual recycling poster contest sponsored by Paulding County Waste Management Education and Awareness (WMEA). Dzib

won first place at Antwerp and earned \$25 for her artwork. Graham was one of four county winners who will have her artwork displayed on a billboard on 424 east of Antwerp starting on December 10th. Graham also won \$50 for her creativity.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Kristen R. Brown, Fostoria, OH; Driving under suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant appeared without counsel; Proof of financial responsibility provided; Warrant and warrant block released

Anthony P. Enmark, Paulding, OH; (3 counts) Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

David Hammons, Ossian, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Joseph C. Matinez, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Patrick B. Dotson, Defiance, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Case dismissed per state; Costs to defendant

Patrick B. Dotson, Defiance, OH; O.V.I./under influence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant appeared in open court with E. Charles Bates; O.L. sus 9/3/16; 6 months; Proof of financial responsibility provided; Probation; Secure valid O.L.; Pay or collection 7/27/18

Dakoda Y. Shinno, Fair-

born, OH; (2 counts) Criminal damage; Case dismissed per state; Without prejudice; Costs waived

Rudy K. Straley; Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Landon T. Tracy, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Terry J. Pessefall, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Aaron T. Powell, Defiance, OH; Zoning violation (Count A); Pled no contest, found guilty; Fines and costs to be taken from bond; Shall maintain general good behavior

Aaron T. Powell, Defiance, OH; Zoning violation (Count B); Pled no contest, found guilty; Shall maintain general good behavior

Aaron T. Powell, Defiance, OH; Zoning violation; Count C dismissed

Michael F. Bryan, Paulding, OH; Menacing (Count A); Guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Shall have no contact with victim or Williams and Perry Street block in Paulding; Shall maintain general good behavior

Michael F. Bryan, Paulding, OH; Menacing (Count B); Guilty; Same conditions as Count A

Tanner J. Welch, Paulding, OH; Agg menacing; Guilty; Defendant to apy all fines and costs; Maintain

general good behavior; 20 remaining jail days consecutive to probation violation (17-CRB-29 100 days)

Tanner J. Welch, Paulding, OH; Resisting arrest; Count B dismissed

Tanner J. Welch, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Count C dismissed

Marcus E. Tressler, Stryker, OH; Falsification; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Maintain general good behavior; Pay or collections date set for 3/30/17

Billy J. Mills, Antwerp, OH; D.O.C. w/persis; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Placed on standard probation; Shall have no unlawful conduct with family or residence; Placed on SCRAM; \$50 hood up fee waived; Court pay-defendant repay; Maintain general good behavior

Estynn M. Brown, Grover Hill, OH; Corr anoth drug; Prel-waive; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing in open court; Case shall be bound over

Brittney N. Bradford, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

Jerry L. Tressler, Sherwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Nick A. Brown, Decatur, IN; FTY emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Samuel S. Bostleman, Sylvania, OH; FTY emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Zachary D. Williams, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Chester L. Wesley Jr., Paulding, OH; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Joshua R. Williams, Haviland, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Robin R. Eagleson, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

Keyona R. Dashkovitz, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

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

William A. Kaufman, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kenneth C. Bland, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jefferson Lee Mullins, Antwerp, OH; Theft; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Pay restitution in the amount of \$90.00 to Cashland through the clerks office; Shall maintain general good behavior; Addition to rules of probation

Troy A. Koppenhofer, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Count amended to disorderly conduct mm; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs

Angelica M. Giron, Cleve-

land, TX; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Dustin R. Wheeler, Van Wert, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Pay or collection date 2/23/18

Eric Robert Gibson, Paulding, OH; No O.L.; Count B dismissed at states request

Eric Robert Gibson, Paulding, OH; Marked lanes; Count C dismissed at states request

Nicole D. Hicks, Oakwood, OH; F.R.A. suspension; Guilty; Pay or collection 4/27/18

Jerod S. Dockery, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ana A. Gomez, Defiance, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Stephen S. Snyder, Lima, OH; F.R.A. suspension; Guilty; Shall pay \$150.00 per month commencing 12/29/17; Has a pay of collection date of 2/23/18; Proof of financial responsibility provided

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

Cory Ballinger, Winchester, IN; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Joshua L. Tressler, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Lori L. Gunderman, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Toby J. Rosas, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ashlee N. Burns, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Daniel J. Krick, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Arual W. Readon, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; At the states request, the charges are dismissed; Costs waived

Louis E. King, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Pay or collection date 12/29/17

Hannah P. Schrenk, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Stephanie E. Rhodes, Paulding, OH; DUS; Guilty; Shall pay \$50.00 per month commencing 1/20/18; Pay or collection date 3/30/18

Robert S. Casper Sr., Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

Jeneca D. Cooper, Paulding, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Denton Stephan Kovac, Paulding, OH; Drive/fra suspension; Guilty; Shall pay \$25.00 per month commencing 1/26/18; Pay or collection date 4/27/18

Klint D. Manz, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ruben R. Perez, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Rex A. Noaker, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

PAULDING FFA CHAPTER COMPETES AT DISTRICT JOB INTERVIEW CONTEST



Pictured R-L: Kaylie Tressler, Kalyn Strahley, Sydney Reineck competing at district Job Interview Contest.

By: Emma Horstman, Paulding FFA Reporter

Recently, three Paulding FFA members headed to Arlington for the district Job Interview CDE. They were able to compete at district after placing 1st or 2nd in the sub-district job interview at Kalida on November 6th. Members who competed were Junior Kalyn Strahley, Sophomore Kaylie Tressler, and Freshman Sydney Reineck. These members prepared a formal cover letter, created their own resume and gathered references. The students

picked out a job position in which they wanted to apply for. The students had a fill out a job application then had a formal interview and completed the contest by writing a follow-up letter. This contest prepares students for future job interviews. The girls did a great job at this competition with Freshman, Sydney Reineck finishing in 2nd place, Sophomore Kaylie Tressler in 3rd place, and Junior, Kalyn Strahley in 6th place. Great job representing the Paulding FFA Chapter.

James E. Stykemain, Defiance, OH; A.C.D.; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Timothy J. Meyer, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Aaron D. Pacer, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Earl E. Grigsby, Spencerville, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Timothy A. Mullins, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Joseph L. Wiswell, Paulding, OH; Criminal damages; Dismissed per state; Costs to defendant

Joseph L. Wiswell, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Count B dismissed; Costs to defendant

Joseph L. Wiswell, Paulding, OH; Resisting arrest; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Shall have no unlawful contact with victim; Report to Paulding County probation upon release from incarceration; Maintain general good behavior

Luther C. Puckett, Antwerp, OH; Theft; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Pay restitution in the amount of \$60.00; Shall have no contact with victim; Complete 40 hrs of community service; Letter of apology; Third Millennium online theft course

Luther C. Puckett, Antwerp, OH; Theft; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Same conditions as Count A

Jessica Wolfe, Antwerp, OH; Fail reg. dog; Count A dismissed

Jessica Wolfe, Antwerp, OH; Confine of dog; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Restitution hearing set for 12/21/17 at 9:00 a.m.

Scott Russell Haney, Paulding, OH; Traffic drugs; Prel-waive; Defendant has

been indicted by the Paulding County Common Pleas Court; Case shall be bound over

Cyrus L. Watson, Napoleon, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Cyrus L. Watson, Napoleon, OH; Possession marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

Rodney L. Osburn Jr., Paulding, OH; Paraphernalia; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Cyrus L. Watson, Napoleon, OH; O.V.I./under influ; Pled no contest, found guilty; May attend the DIP program in lieu of three days of jail; Pay \$100 per month commencing 12/29/17; POC date 12/21/18; Community Control Two; 30 hrs of community service; Third Millenium marijuana course; 87 jail days reserved

Cyrus L. Watson, Napoleon, OH; F.R.A. suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay \$100 per month commencing 12/29/17; Pay or collection date 12/21/18

Cyrus L. Watson, Napoleon, OH; High beams; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay \$100 per month commencing

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JACKSON TWP
11/30/17 Carlisle, Daniel Carlisle, Helen Et Al to Carlisle, Daniel Carlisle, Helen Et Al, 9832 Sr 637 Oakwood Oh 45873; 3 acres; Pt Nw1/4Nw1/4-270X484- Jackson Twp S-24

LATTY TWP
11/28/17 Hershberger, Gale D Hershberger, Roberta A to Hershberger, Kyle, 401 W Walnut St; 0.2197 acres; Lot 13 & E1/2 Vac Alley S-26 Kinkade Ad Grover H

PAULDING TWP
11/29/17 Dangler Jayson G to Laney Carson L, 10234 Rd 87 Paulding Oh 45879; 1.033 acres; Pt Sw1/4 Sw1/4 S-15Paulding Twp

11/27/17 Bank Of America Na to Bickford, Marie Ann, 7573 Rd 87 Paulding Oh 45879; 0.2136 acres; Lot 4 & 8 1/2 Ft Ab Alleybriceton Op S-33 Pldg Wt

11/27/17 Bank Of America Na to Bickford, Marie Ann, Main St; 0.1068 acres; Lot 3S1/2&81/2'Ab Alley Briceton Op S-33 Pldg Wt

11/30/17 Buchman, Patricia A to Atkins, Garrett E, 114 W Garfield Ave; 0.241 acres; Pt Outlot 17 60'We S-12 Pt Nw1/4Ne1/4 Pldg Vill

WASHINGTON TWP
11/29/17 Noffsinger, Shelby Jean to Noffsinger, Lynn Trustee, Rd 187; 40 acres; Sw1/4 Nw1/4 Washington Twp Sec 22

11/29/17 Noffsinger, Shelby Jean to Noffsinger, Lynn Trustee, Rd 187; 75 acres; Pt N1/2 Se1/4 Washington Twp Sec-33.

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 10/30/17

This 30th day of October, 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 237253 through 237343 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST:
Tony Zartman, First Responder Facility tour, Napoleon OH - 10-30-17
Deb Guilford, OACB Annual Convention, Columbus, OH - 11-28-17

through 12-1-17
Michael Wehrkamp, Juvenile Traffic Law Webinar, Lima, OH - 11-3-17
Michael Wehrkamp, Probate Law Webinar, Lima OH - 11-15-17
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING "THEN AND NOW" PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS:
WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on October 30, 2017, Warrant numbered 237195 in the amount of \$450.00; and
WHEREAS, it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and freed 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 034):
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2017 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the DARE Fund (Fund 034), to-wit; 034-001-00001/DARE/Wages AMOUNT:\$5,000.00
IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 034):
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2017 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the DARE Fund (Fund 034):
034-001-00005/DARE/Fringes AMOUNT:\$2,500.00
IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 089)
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2017 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Prisoner Subdivision Fund (Fund 089):
089-001-00001/Prisoner Subdivision/Housing Expense AMOUNT: \$1,080.00
IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 034):
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 DARE Fund (Fund 034):
FROM: 034-001-00004/DARE/Equipment TO: 034-001-00002/DARE/Material AMOUNT: \$690.00
IN THE MATTER OF RECEIVING AND AWARDED QUOTES FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTES:
This 30th day of October, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners received quotes from County Banking institutions to borrow funds in the amount of \$58,666.68 for the CIC #1:
Antwerp Exchange Bank, Interest Rate 2.00%; Interest payment \$1,173.33

Sudoku solution from page 13

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

(365/365)
First Federal Bank, Interest Rate 3.02%; Interest payment \$1,796.35 (365/360)

First Financial Bank, Interest Rate, No Bid Letter

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Zartman to accept the quote from Antwerp Exchange Bank for a general obligation note at an interest rate of 2.00%, with no penalty for early payment; and be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize any two of the three Commissioners to sign the note. The note will be for one (1) year with the Prosecutor's opinion to be included.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Taryn Stiltner, Director, Paulding County United Way - Ms. Stiltner met with the Commissioners to request a letter of support for the efforts the Paulding United Way's 2-1-1 application to Ohio AIRS (Alliance of Information and Referral Systems) to receive designation as a 2-1-1 Call Center in Paulding. Residents of Paulding County would benefit from this service in many ways. Vital Information and referral services would be provided by trained referral specialists 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, year round. The 2-1-1 Call Center would work with the Paulding United Way's partner agencies in address specific areas including education, financial stability and health. Ms. Stiltner is excited about the 2-1-1 Call Center and its potential to improve the quality of life in Paulding County.

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NO SHAVE NOVEMBER @ PC SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Pictured is John Manz accepting the donations from Sheriff Landers along with several members of his office.

Sheriff Landers' employees donated money to participate in "No Shave November"

with their donations going to "Pretty in Pink Fund". This non-profit fund was

created in memory of Elaine Manz to assist with financial needs for cancer patients.

OHIO BOARD OF VOTING MACHINE EXAMINERS TO MEET NEXT WEEK

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced a meeting of the Ohio Board of Voting Machine Examiners will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Secretary of State's Office on the 15th floor in the Large Conference Room of the Continental Plaza Building at 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

The agenda includes: Review of the application for certification of the OpenElect 2.0 Voting System (submitted by VotSyn Voting Solutions) and examination of the voting system for certification and approval for use in Ohio elections.

Discuss testing requirements and the board's procedure for the examination and approval of a remote ballot marking device.

This meeting of the board is open to the public.

Board Members: Jeffrey A. Matthews (Chair; Direc-

tor, Stark County Board of Elections), Joyce Kale-Pesta (Director, Mahoning County Board of Elections), Shawn Stevens (Member, Delaware County Board of Elections) and William Anthony Jr.

HUNTERS HARVEST MORE THAN 1,000 WILD TURKEYS DURING OHIO'S FALL SEASON

Hunters harvested 1,053 wild turkeys during Ohio's 2017 fall wild turkey season, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Ohio's 2017 fall wild turkey hunting season was open in 67 counties from October 14 - November 26. This year, 11 counties were open during the fall turkey season for the first time.

Wild turkeys were extirpated in Ohio by 1904 and were reintroduced in the 1950s by the ODNR Division of Wildlife. Ohio's first modern day wild turkey season opened in the spring of 1966 in 9 counties, and hunters checked 12 birds. The wild

turkey harvest topped 1,000 for the first time in 1984. Spring turkey hunting opened statewide in 2000. Fall turkey season first opened in 19 counties in 1996 and harvests have fluctuated between 1,000 and 3,000 turkeys during that time period.

For summaries of past turkey seasons, visit wildohio.gov/turkeyharvest.

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.

Note: A list of all wild turkeys checked during the 2017 fall hunting season is shown below. The first number following the county's name shows the harvest numbers for 2017, and the 2016 numbers are in parentheses. An * designates a county that was open during the 2017 season, but was not open during the 2016 season.

Adams: 20 (30); Allen*: 4 (0); Ashland: 15 (25); Ashtabula: 46 (66); Athens: 15 (63); Belmont: 23 (47); Brown: 9 (20); Butler: 6 (13); Carroll: 19 (30); Champaign*: 3 (0); Clermont: 15 (28); Columbiana: 22 (31); Coshocton: 54 (94); Crawford*: 3 (0); Cuyahoga: 2 (9); Defiance: 9 (26); Delaware: 11 (10); Fairfield: 6 (24); Fulton*: 6 (0); Franklin: 13 (2); Gallia: 31 (57); Geauga: 16 (32); Guernsey: 31 (79); Hamilton: 11 (11); Hardin*: 3 (0); Harrison: 28 (68); Henry*: 3 (0); Highland: 25 (34); Hocking: 8 (57); Holmes: 26 (74); Huron: 5 (13); Jackson:

18 (50); Jefferson: 19 (39); Knox: 17 (43); Lake: 9 (12); Lawrence: 12 (32); Licking: 30 (54); Logan*: 4 (0); Lorain: 16 (19); Mahoning: 11 (27); Medina: 17 (28); Meigs: 20 (79); Monroe: 22 (86); Morgan: 12 (52); Morrow: 19 (8); Muskingum: 20 (64); Noble: 19 (74); Paulding*: 8 (0); Perry: 19 (62); Pike: 12 (39); Portage: 15 (31); Preble*: 10 (0); Putnam*: 8 (0); Richland: 28 (31); Ross: 13 (25); Scioto: 7 (23); Seneca: 9 (11); Stark: 25 (41); Summit: 13 (16); Trumbull: 28 (42); Tuscarawas: 25 (92); Vinton: 18 (47); Warren: 6 (9); Washington: 18 (54); Wayne: 8 (10); Williams: 25 (25); Wyandot*: 5 (0); Total: 1,053 (2,168).

USDA HELPS RURAL COMMUNITIES RESTORE WATER SYSTEMS DAMAGED BY DISASTERS

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue announced the award of two grants to help rural water and sewer utilities recover from recent and future natural disasters.

"USDA is a strong partner in the long-term recovery of rural communities after a season of devastating hurricanes," Perdue said. "These grants will provide resources rural communities need to assess damage, develop rebuilding plans and get access to technical assistance and clean water. USDA is standing with these affected communities every step of the way."

USDA is awarding the National Rural Water Association (NRWA) and the Rural Communities Assistance Partnership (RCAP) each a \$500,000 grant. The funding is being provided through the Water and Waste Disposal Technical Assistance and Training Grant program in USDA Rural Development's Water and Environmental Programs (WEP).

NRWA and RCAP will use the grants to provide training and technical assistance, onsite repairs, and utility management advice for rural water and sewer utilities impacted by disasters. These

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY STUDENTS READ TO EACH OTHER



Oakwood Elementary first grader, Alayna Elston is shown sharing a Christmas story with her classmates. She is a student in Mrs. Caroline Arend's class. The students have some time each morning

to read various books. Each morning a student is selected to share one of the books he/she read with their classmates in order to "sell" the book and encourage them to read it also.

utilities serve communities that have 10,000 people or less. Many of them have very limited capacity after a catastrophic event to access immediate assistance for assessment and restoration. USDA's assistance helps these small utilities recover faster and enables first responders, rural citizens and businesses to have access to clean water.

The grants also will be used to help rural utilities apply for Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) disaster programs, file insurance recovery claims, and strengthen operations and continuity of service plans in times of emergencies. Technical assistance will include assisting new and returning Rural Development WEP funding recipients to prepare applications for water

and waste disposal loans and grants and other financing options to supplement their needs.

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

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