

RAIDERS PLACE 12th AT LCC THUNDERBIRD



Ruger Goeltzenleuchter With his parents and grandparents just after winning his 150th career match. Goeltzenleuchter becomes one of only two wrestlers at Wayne Trace to ever achieve such a feat.

Wayne Trace places 12th at LCC Thunderbird. Ruger Goeltzenleuchter earns 150th career win. Wayne Trace finished 12th out of a field of 39 teams at the LCC Thunderbird this past weekend. Wrestling at 126 Ruger Goeltzenleuchter was tournament

(See page 8 for New Haven Sectional Champs!)

runner up falling to Tanner Wetzel of Mechanicsburg 4 to 3 in the finals. At 113 Tyler Bauer finished fourth falling to Caleb Nichols of Miami East 7 to 2. At 152 Hunter Showalter finished third pinning Abel Esparza of Ayersville in the finals match.

PHONE SCAM TARGETING GRANDPARENTS

It has been reported to the Antwerp Police Department that callers have been targeting older residents

stating their grandchild has been incarcerated and that a fee has to be paid over the phone to get the grandchild out of jail. The call could also target parents saying that a child is incarcerated. This is a scam. Different areas of the

country have shown up on the caller id, so please don't fall for this call. Contact the Antwerp Police Department at 419-258-2627 and report if you receive this type of call. Whatever you do- do not give a caller debit or credit card information over the phone.

ANNUAL WINE AND CHEESE TASTING PARTY AT JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ever wonder what a certain kind of wine tastes like, but you don't want to buy the whole bottle to find out? Do you love trying different kinds of cheese? Now's your chance to enjoy sampling wines from local wineries and cheeses from Hometown Pantry. The John Paulding Historical Society will be hosting their annual Wine and Cheese Tasting Party at the museum on Saturday, February 11 starting at 7:00 p.m. What a great way to celebrate Valentine's weekend! Information can be obtained by stopping at the museum on Tuesday's from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. This is a fundraising event and all proceeds go to the museum! Hope to see YOU there!

INDOT RAMPING UP EFFORTS TO ADDRESS POTHOLE

Temperatures fluctuating above and below freezing the past few weeks have created prime conditions for potholes forming on Indiana roadways.

To deal with potholes in the most aggressive and efficient manner, the Indiana Department of Transportation will allow crews throughout the state to close travel lanes when and where necessary during daytime hours, including during peak travel times for priority repairs.

Where possible, crews will limit their daytime work hours and try to avoid working in travel lanes carrying traffic in the peak direction during peak times. However, motorists may encounter maintenance crews making priority repairs any time of the day or night.

Give them room

Motorists are more likely to encounter workers making road repairs. INDOT makes pothole patching a top priority between snow and ice events. Please be alert while behind the wheel, slow down, and give highway workers safe space to do their jobs. Increase your following dis-

IPEP SAFETY GRANT RECIPIENTS



The Indiana Public Employers' Plan, Inc. (IPEP) is excited to announce City of Woodburn as a recipient of its inaugural safety grant award. IPEP is proud to partner with City of Woodburn to maximize opportunities to promote a safe work environment and assist with stretching risk management resources. The grant funds will be used to purchase safety equipment or safety training programs that

will reduce or limit workers' compensation exposure.

IPEP was created in 1989 as a risk-sharing pool for public entities, as a response to the need for public employers to find affordable workers' compensation coverage. IPEP has grown to provide workers' compensation claims administration for more than 700 public entities including cities, towns, counties and schools.

tance so you have more time to stop or slow down in a pothole repair zone.

INDOT urges motorists to slow down and stay alert when encountering pothole-patching crews.

How a pothole forms

Cracks develop in pavement from traffic wear and winter freeze-thaw cycles. Potholes begin when water seeps into these cracks and freezes, expanding the layers of pavement, stone and soil. As the ice melts and con-

tracts, heavy highway traffic further loosens the pavement, forming potholes. To learn more, view this video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UkGF4JCT3Fg>

Pothole patches

With temperatures too low for paving, most of Indiana's hot-mix asphalt plants are now closed. During the winter INDOT uses cold mix, a mixture of small stone and liquid asphalt, as a temporary patch.

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OBITUARIES

EDMOND, OK
James Paul Spriggs, age 71 passed away on January 16, 2017 in Edmond Oklahoma.

James (Jim) was born Dec 19, 1945 to Paul and Roma Spriggs. He grew up in Paulding OH and attended Defiance Collage to complete his B.S. Jim taught history for Antwerp public schools and also worked for DenHerder's funeral home after college. He then continued his education at Ohio Northern University, earning his Juris Doctorate. Upon completion of his Doctorate Jim returned to Paulding to set up his law practice. He served on the Disciplinary committee for the Ohio State Bar Association and maintained his law practice for 30 plus years

In addition to the law Jim loved to travel, going to his lake cottage, boats, cars photography and music. He was a member of the Ft Wayne Shrine Temple, a 32nd degree Mason and a member of St Lukes United Methodist church.

Jim's sense of humor, inquisitive mind and zest for life will be missed by all of those he leaves behind. He is survived by: his best friend and companion, George Anna Spriggs, his daughter, Natalie Anderson (Spriggs) and Eric Anderson, his son, Franklin Spriggs and Holly Heinzer. In addition he leaves behind 5 Grandchildren: Jacob, James, Vivian and Eliana Spriggs Anderson and Benjamin Spriggs.

His parents Paul and Roma Spriggs precede him in death. Condolences can be sent to the family via website and/or memorial book located at Den Herder's funeral home, Paulding OH. In lieu of flowers memorials can be sent in Jim's name to Centennial Hospice Oklahoma city, Oklahoma or Black Cat rescue <http://www.blackcatrescue.com/>.

WOODBURN, IN
Joan Miller, 79, of Woodburn, Indiana passed away Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017. Her family was assisted by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne.

ANTWERP, OH
Mary Jane Zielke, 84, of Antwerp passed away Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017. Her family was assisted by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 2/1 - 2/7

2/1 - PERI meeting at 10:00 a.m.; Healing hearts, Mending minds - presentation at 12:00 p.m.; Bunco at 12:30 p.m.; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery shopping at

1:30 p.m.
 2/2 - Blood pressure & toe nail clinic at 9:00 a.m.; Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Penny Pitch with Meadows of Kalida at 12:00 p.m.; Turn up at 12:15 p.m.
 2/3 - Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11 - 2
 2/6 - "Shedding Pounds" at 9:30 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Bingo w/Country Inn at 12:00 p.m.
 2/7 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Euchre at 12:15 p.m.; Trip to Vantage - leave Center at 8:00 a.m.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 2/1 - 2/7

2/1 - Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, banana, dinner roll, oatmeal raisin bar, milk
 2/2 - Pork chop, hash-brown bake, beets, mixed fruit, cookie, w.w. bread, milk
 2/3 - Salmon patty, scalloped potatoes, candied carrots, pears, w.w. bread, fruit snacks, milk
 2/6 - Oven fried chicken, red potatoes, Scandanavian vegetables, grape juice, cookie, biscuit, milk
 2/7 - Beef stroganoff, Key West blend vegetables, apple sauce, cole slaw, dinner roll, milk

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 2/1 - 2/7

2/1 - Cards at 9:30 a.m.; Crafts with Andrea at 10:00a.m.; Shopping (Kroger) at 12:30 p.m.; Open Mic night 5:00-8:00 p.m.
 2/2 - Cards at 9:30 a.m.; Blood pressure at 9:45 a.m.; Zumba at 10:00 a.m.; Stretch band exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Bingo with Brookview at 12:30 p.m.; Alzheimer support at 1:30 p.m.; Yoga with Sue at 3:30 p.m.
 2/3 - Cards at 9:30 a.m.; Tai Chi at 10:00 a.m.; Birthday Celebration at 11:30 a.m.; Music and Kim Tracy in Cafe at 11:30 a.m.
 2/6 - Cards at 9:30 a.m.; Zumba at 10:00 a.m.; Tele-Health with Ameri-Care at 12:00 p.m.; Bingo with Ameri-Care at 12:45 p.m.; Yoga with Sue at 3:00 p.m.
 2/7 - Shopping (Aldi) at 9:45 a.m.; Tai Chi at 10:00 a.m.; Bible study at 10:00 a.m.; Cards at 10:00 a.m.; Yoga at 3:30 p.m.; Senior's night out at 4:00 p.m.

HICKSVILLE CENTER ACTIVITIES 2/1 - 2/7

2/1 - Inspire me - It's Heart Month at 10:00 a.m.; Activity with Ameri-Care at 10:00 a.m.; Chair exercise at 10:30 a.m.; Toe nail clinic at 12:30 p.m.; Euchre 12:15

- 2:15 p.m.; Bus leaves for Open Mic@ Defiance Center at 2:30 p.m.
 2/2 - Chair exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Blood pressure checks at 10:30 a.m.; Inspirational readings with Linda at 12:30 p.m.; Bingo 12:30-1:15 p.m.
 2/3 - Wear RED; Dancing to the oldies at 10:30 a.m.; Birthday celebration at 11:45 a.m.; Euchre 12:15 - 2:15 p.m.
 2/6 - Grocery shopping at Meijer in Defiance at 10:00 a.m.; Euchre 12:15 - 2:15 p.m.
 2/7 - Inspire me with Smith Farms at 10:00 a.m.; Euchre 12:15-2:15 p.m.; Computer questions & answers, stop in 1:00-2:00 p.m.

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 2/1 - 2/7

2/1 - Tomato soup, 1/2 grilled cheese sandwich on Texas toast, peaches & cottage cheese, crackers, grape juice, salad bar in cafe
 2/2 - Pork chops with gravy, mashed potatoes, jell-o with diced pears, beets, dinner roll
 2/3 - BBQ chicken, diced potatoes, green beans, Ambrosia salad, cornbread, birthday cake, Ics = cake with no frosting
 2/6 - Parmesan crusted chicken, diced potatoes with gravy, peas & onions, fruit cocktail, dinner roll
 2/7 - Turkey Manhattan, cole slaw, apricots, bread dressing, butterscotch pudding, NCS= SF pudding

DEPARTMENT OF AGING ISSUES LAST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2017 OHIO SENIOR CITIZENS HALL OF FAME

Do you know outstanding older Ohioans who deserves to be recognized for their outstanding contributions to their professions, their vocations or their communities? If so, the Ohio Department of Aging wants to hear from you. The deadline to nominate someone for induction into the 2017 Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame is Monday, February 6, 2017. You can access the nomination form online at www.aging.ohio.gov/news/halloffame/ or call 614-728-0253 for assistance.

Annie Glenn was among 10 outstanding individuals inducted to the 2016 Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame "Older adults are an increasingly vital part of our society. Inductees to the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame demonstrate to their peers and other generations that we can - and we must - continue to grow, thrive and contribute throughout our lives," said Stephanie M. Loucka, director of the de-

partment. "Their stories are compelling and represent a lifetime of dedication, ingenuity, perseverance, kindness and compassion."

In addition to being age 60 or older, nominees must be native-born Ohioans or residents of the state for at least 10 years. Posthumous nominations are accepted. Nominees are evaluated on the scope and impact of their contributions begun or continued after age 60. Honorees will be inducted into the Hall of Fame during a special ceremony at the Ohio Statehouse in May.

Past inductees have included business and industry leaders, advocates, community planners, educators, scientists, health care professionals, volunteers, artists, athletes and more. Notable individuals among the more than 450 older Ohioans currently in the Hall of Fame include John and Annie Glenn, Earle Bruce, Rocco Scotti, Paul Newman, Bob and Jewell Evans and others. Learn more, access the nomination form and view past inductees at www.aging.ohio.gov/news/halloffame/.

Nominations must be received by Monday, February 6, to guarantee consideration for 2017 induction.

About ODA - The Ohio Department of Aging works to ensure that our elders are respected as vital members of society who continue to grow, thrive and contribute. We collaborate with state agencies and community partners, including area agencies on aging, to help integrate aging needs into local plans and ensure that aging Ohioans have access to a wide array of high-quality services and supports that are person-centered in policy and practice. Our programs include the PASSPORT Medicaid waiver, caregiver support, the long-term care ombudsman program, the Golden Buckeye Card and more. Visit www.aging.ohio.gov.

LIBRARY HOSTS AUTHOR POETESS VISIT

Author and poetess Kathryn Sharp Deatrick will be visiting the Paulding County Carnegie Library on Tuesday, February 7th from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Deatrick is a native of Oakwood but has lived in northwest Ohio for 91 years. She taught in the Ohio school system for 35 of those years. Kathryn has always been a reader in every genre and has written children's stories and feature articles. Now, in retirement years, she is busy writing poetry and short stories. She will offer book signings for her latest book, Touches of the Heart. For more information contact the library at 419-399-2032.

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Even after being filled with cold patch, the same pothole can require ongoing maintenance and can reopen several times throughout the winter. When the asphalt plants reopen in the spring, INDOT maintenance crews clean out and then repair potholes with hot mix, providing a smoother, more permanent fix. **Preventing potholes**

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."
Ephesians 4:4 NIV

GRABILL EYE CENTER INSTALLS NEW EQUIPMENT FOR GLAUCOMA AND NEURO TESTING



On the tail of January's Glaucoma Awareness month, Grabill Eye Center has installed and trained on the new Octopus Visual Field testing system. The implementation of the new technology is to further aid in Glaucoma detection, treatment, and management. Detecting peripheral vision loss at the earliest possible stage can help identify glaucoma and other eye diseases before a patient even notices the blind spots. Dr. Laughlin notes, "as the technology advances, not only are we able to test more accurately with a faster test time for the patient, but we are also able to use the connected software to better be able to look for changes over time." These 'progression analysis' features along with the quicker testing were their main reasons for the upgrade. In addition to testing for glaucoma types of peripheral vision losses, the Octopus also helps Dr. Laughlin and Dr. Callow find and monitor neurological diseases like strokes, brain tumors, and multiple sclerosis.

The system works by having a patient subjectively click a button in response to seeing a type of light or flash inside of the Octopus. Screening tests take about 1 minute per eye and full testing is reduced dramatically to about 2 to 4 minutes per eye instead of the old 6 to 12 minutes. Areas of reduced sensitivity are plotted immediately and saved to the networked database where the results can be viewed by the doctor and patient on the exam room computers.

When INDOT is not clearing snow, ice or storm debris, its crews will focus on maintaining and protecting the state's roads and bridges. Sealing and repaving projects prevent water from seeping into the pavement and forming potholes.

During the last fiscal year, INDOT awarded contracts to repave 580 miles of state highways, chip-sealed over 1,200 miles and crack sealed

Ultimately the goal of glaucoma treatment is to keep the blind spots from growing and hopefully keep them unnoticeable to the patient. This is generally achieved by lowering a patient's eye pressure with drops or surgery. In addition to watching the visual field, the doctors at Grabill Eye Center watch these intraocular pressure numbers carefully and use additional technology, like their iVue Optical Coherence Tomographer (OCT) to scan for cell loss at the optic nerve. This machine also has change analysis features that can let us know how successful a treatment plan is.

It's important to remember that Glaucoma is a disease that Dr. Laughlin terms 'sneaky'. "No one walks in our door and says, 'I think I have glaucoma.'" The elevated eye pressure and blind spots are not noticed until the disease is very advanced, and losses can only be prevented, never repaired. Blindness is a real concern in the lifetime of a patient that is caught too late. If it has been awhile since your last eye exam, or if you have a family history of glaucoma or have been told you are at risk and need yearly monitoring or even treatment, Drs. Laughlin and Callow can be reached at 260.627.1091 or www.grabill-eye.com. Because glaucoma is medical eye issue, exams and testing are often covered under Medicare plans and other major medical insurances, even if a patient doesn't have a vision plan.

more than 5,500 miles.

Report potholes

To report a pothole on a numbered state route, interstate or U.S. highway, contact your regional INDOT district or follow the "Report a Concern" link at potholes.indot.in.gov. For potholes on city streets or county roads, please contact the proper city or county maintenance department.

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NISWONGER RECEIVES GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM OPERATION ROUND UP

On Thursday, January 19, The Niswonger was fortunate to receive funding through a grant provided by Operation Round Up with Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. This funding will be used toward the 2017-2018 Speaker Series at The Niswonger Performing Arts Center. This generosity of the Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. enables financial resources to secure national speakers as part of the season program and affords lower ticket prices for patrons.

INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PURDUE VARSITY GLEE CLUB IN CONCERT HERE APRIL 1

Internationally renowned Purdue Varsity Glee Club will present a concert Friday, April 1 at the Mirro Center for Research & Innovation on the Parkview Hospital Dupont Campus. In addition, the IPFW Singing Dons men's chorus will also perform.

Concert downbeat is 7 p.m. Information at www.purdue.edu/pmo/calendar. There are no reserved seats.

In addition, the IPFW Singing Dons men's chamber chorus will also perform. Noted for their singing excellence, the dynamic Dons present a variety of music ranging from vocal jazz, folk melodies and barbershop to contemporary pop hits. They perform at various college events activities around Fort Wayne.

Varsity Glee Club members are Fort Wayne area students. Senior Adam Simpson is studying actuarial science and applied statistics. His brother Sam, a freshman, is studying social studies education. They are Bishop Dwenger High School graduates and the sons of Virginia and Samuel Simpson. Junior Sam Hathaway, Woodlan High School graduate and son of Linda and Steve Hathaway, is studying building construction management technology. Freshman Zach Bucher is a graduate of Adams Central High School in Bluffton and son of Trent and Kelli Bucher. He's working toward a degree in engineering. William Murray, son of John and Teresa Murray, is a graduate of Huntington North High School. He's a sophomore studying cyber security.

The men of the vocal ensemble have served as ambassadors of the university with honor and dignity for more than 115 years. They have thrilled audiences across the state, the country and around the world with a musical repertoire that ranges from gospel, jazz, swing, religious and contemporary music to romantic ballads, barbershop harmony, folk tunes, patriotic selections and novelty numbers. They will also showcase small groups specializing in a variety of popular music.

The Glee Club has taken its entertaining brand of music and showmanship throughout the state and nation, presenting more than 60 concerts a year. The group has performed during spring break in Florida and California, has presented concerts in Carnegie Hall in New York City, several presidential inauguration venues in Washington, D.C. and internationally in Australia, China, South Africa, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, France and the United Kingdom. They'll be touring Poland and the Baltic States this May.

Purdue University, widely known as a world class engineering institution, does not offer a music degree program. Glee Club members are studying a wide variety of majors ranging from photography, education, health and fitness, accounting and management to sciences and numerous engineering disciplines.

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 1/11/17

This 11th day of January, 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 230250 through 230343 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holtsberry to go into executive session at 8:13 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tony Zartman. All members voting yea.

At 8:22 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

IN THE MATTER OF CREATING A NEW REVENUE LINE ITEM (FUND 001-031)

WHEREAS, a new revenue line item must be created to accurately track money received from the bank for incentive to use the County procurement card; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create a revenue line item, to-wit; Revenue Line Items; 001-031-10027; General Fund/Commissioners' Miscellaneous/Procurement Card CB

IN THE MATTER OF VIEWING 4-H DRIVE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PAULDING, COUNTY OF PAULDING, STATE OF OHIO

WHEREAS, on this 11th day of January, 2017, the date advertised in a newspaper of general circulation, a viewing of

4-H Drive, in the Township of Paulding, County of Paulding, State of Ohio, for the consideration of vacating a portion of said 4-H Drive; and

WHEREAS, present at the viewing were Commissioners Roy Klopfenstein and Mark Holtsberry, and Katie Sunday, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the viewing of 4-H Drive in the Township of Paulding, County of Paulding, State of Ohio, for the consideration of vacating a portion of said Street was completed; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Paulding County Engineer will prepare a legal description of said portion of 4-H Drive in the Township of Paulding, State of Ohio, and present said description at the second hearing scheduled at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 23, 2017, in the Commissioners' Office.

Meeting Notes of Appointments

Joe Burkard and Aaron Timm - Mr. Burkard requested of the Engineer's Office a legal description of one of the parcels at the Paulding County Workshop. With the privatization of the Workshop, Mr. Burkard is in the process of advising the Commissioners as to transferring ownership of the property to the new, non-profit entity.

Jason Landers - Sheriff Landers met with the Commissioners

to update them on his progress in re-opening the jail. He noted corrections officers will need to attend a three-week academy, complete one week of CIT training, and one week of on site training at another Sheriff's Office before they will be able to be officially on duty. He noted there has been a fair amount of interested parties who have inquired about potential positions. Mr. Landers also reported he will be meeting with Paulding County Hospital administration to discuss the feasibility of utilizing hospital staff for inmate nursing services.

Ed Bohn, Paulding County EMA; Russ Decker, Deputy Director of Ohio EMA; and Tammy Feehan, Northwest Ohio EMA Field Superintendent/Regional Representative - Mr. Decker began his report on Paulding County EMA by stating, "Paulding County EMA has progressed and is the most improved program in Ohio." He had positive comments regarding last week's exercise, noting it went extremely well. Mr. Decker went on to explain the EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant) and how the state arrives at funding distribution to counties. He noted grant dollars originally were awarded based on population. However, several counties did not utilize all the grant dollars, returning a portion of their funding back to the state for redistribution. Two years ago, a new formula to calculate grant dollar distribution was devised based on a five-year average of individual counties' spending. The EMPG has a 50% dollar match and some counties weren't able to utilize dollars due to lack of availability of matching monies. Mr. Becker said the state doesn't get much grant dollars returned using the new formula. He also reminded the Commissioners the EMPG is on a Federal Fiscal Year, running October 1 through September 30. Paulding County's EMPG had been as high as \$35,000.00 (in years past) and for FFY 17 is \$18,000.00. Mr. Decker also emphasized the importance of lobbying for additional EMPG money from the Congressmen and Senators, stating there has been no increase in EMPG dollars in five years. He encouraged the Commissioners to contact the House and Senate to push for an increase. Currently, \$350,000,000 is budgeted for EMPG at the national level. Mr. Decker pointed out that 92% of disasters are handled on state/local levels with no additional federal funding. As far as the structure of county EMAs, Mr. Decker said that 60% of County EMA Directors report to the County Commissioners and 40% report to an EMA Executive Committee. He feels there is better communication and better accountability when the Commissioners oversee the County EMAs. Mr. Decker emphasized the importance of conducting training/practice exercises. He said they are essential to prevent chaos during a true disaster. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Decker and Ms. Feehan for meeting with them. They expressed their appreciation for their patience and assistance as Mr. Bohn continues to work diligently to get Paulding County EMA on track.

Jared Renollet, Paulding County Dog Warden - Jared

PAULDING COUNTY TOWNSHIPS DONATE TO HONOR FLIGHT



The Paulding County Township Association donated \$25,000 toward the Paulding Putnam Electric Fundraiser which was held last year. The amount presented was pledged in 2016 and was included in the over \$160,000 raised and donated to Northeast Indiana Honor Flight Chapter which serves Northwest Ohio. The funds made it possible for the organization to conduct two full flights in the fall of 2016. For each flight, 86 World War II and Korean Veterans were flown to Washington DC to see their memorials built in honor of their service to our nation. Pictured left to right: Mike Kausser, Chad Benschneider, Joe Sukup from the Paulding County Township, and Annette Schreiner with Paulding Putnam Electric's Honor Flight Committee.

met with the Commissioners to present an adoption policy for residents wishing to adopt a dog from the kennel. He also reviewed a voucher adopting owners would receive to present to participating veterinarians for the spaying or neutering of the dog they are adopting. Mr. Renollet will have the vouchers printed in duplicate and will also make available to prospective dog owners the listing of area veterinarians who have agreed to perform the services. His goal is to have the adoption policy and vouchers ready to go by February 1, 2017. Mr. Renollet also reported he has received four applications for assistant dog warden. He hopes to be interviewing next week.

Claudia Fickel, Paulding County Auditor - Ms. Fickel met briefly to discuss payroll issues.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' LUNCHEON

The following were present at an elected officials' luncheon: Ann Pease, Carol Temple, Claudia Fickel, Lou Ann Wannemacher, Jason Landers, Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter. Several topics were discussed.

In County business earlier today, Roy Klopfenstein was appointed the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for 2017.

Discussion was held regarding Courthouse employees wearing a photo ID, visible to the general public, to justify exclusion from going through the metal detector when entering the Courthouse. Sheriff Landers asked the group to get feedback from their employees and be prepared to report at the February luncheon.

Carry over vacation hours were discussed. It was noted that the personnel handbook states an employee, upon retiring, will not be compensated for more than three years of accumulated vacation hours. All elected officials were encouraged to check their staff vacation calculations for accuracy. It was strongly suggested that any hours accumulated above the three-year limitation not be carried forward to the next year's attendance spreadsheet.

Claudia Fickel noted her office has been busy with tax bill questions. She also commented Plattenburg will be doing the 2016 audit and will be here in April to start the process. She said the data necessary to do the pre-audit financial paperwork has already been delivered to Matt Reineck. Ms. Fickel also reported dog tag sales are already up 100 tags compared to 2016.

Ann Pease reported the new software program installed in the Title Office is working well. When there is a glitch, the state shuts the system down until the problem is fixed.

Carol Temple announced

the oil and gas leases and deed indexes are currently being digitized. Deeds have already been done. She also said revenue generated in the Recorder's Office from 2016 was up by over \$20,000 from 2015. She also related having received a letter regarding zoning regulations. Paulding County does not have zoning; however, some of the townships do.

Commissioner Zartman announced a 'clean out the attic' day has been scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2017. He encouraged those in attendance to take part in sorting if their schedules allow he also noted Judge DeMuth's last official day is February 8, 2017, and Judge-elect Wehrkamp's first day is February 9, 2017.

Commissioner Mark Holtsberry updated the group on the purchase of a generator at the Paulding County Senior Center. He said the Senior Center Steering Committee and Nolan Shisler's endowment will fund the generator.

Lou Ann Wannemacher announced 2016, pay 2017, real estate taxes are due February 8, 2017.

Ann Pease said she has noticed the flooring on the east entrance to the Courthouse is taking a beating because it is now the only entrance to the Courthouse. She said the salt from the sidewalks is tracked in and the flooring is being damaged. A larger walk-off mat may help.

The next scheduled Elected Officials' Luncheon is Wednesday, February 8, 2017.

NOTICE

The following dates are for

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Commission's 2017

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HANDS OF HOPE RECEIVES DONATION



Pam Dempsey, volunteer nurse at Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services is seen accepting a check from Dave and Darlene Jordan, who head up the Cheeseball Fundraiser every year. They sold approximately 350 cheeseballs this year, and had a team who made all the cheeseballs in 6 hours. Hands of Hope was one of the recipients of the earnings. Hands of Hope is grateful to the Jordans and all the others who helped out on this huge project!

DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNER



Arin James is the winner of the Divine Mercy Geo Bee. She is a 6th grader at Divine Mercy in Mr. Grant's class and is the daughter of Mike and Ann James.



Kaitlyn Slade is the runner up for the Geo Bee. She is a 5th grader at Divine Mercy in Mr. Grant's and is the daughter of Kenny and Angie Slade.

ONE MAN'S STAND AGAINST EVIL EXPLORED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

The existence and causes of evil will be explored at Lifetree Café on February 2, 2017 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The program, titled "Confronting Evil: One Man Takes

a Stand," features a filmed interview with Peter Ash, founder of Under the Same Sun, an organization dedicated to helping people with the genetic condition of albinism overcome often deadly discrimination.

"People with albinism who live in cultures where the dominant skin tone is much darker obviously stand out more," Ash says. "We notice that discrimination and stigma are more severe in these cultures."

During the program participants will also have the opportunity to discuss places they've seen evil in their own world and what they've done about it.

This Lifetree Café Program may not be appropriate for younger viewers.

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

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

Topic for February 9th: "Finding Meaning Every Monday. Secrets to a satisfying week."

RECRUITING FISHERS OF MEN

By Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

"As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew.

They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him." Matthew 4:18-22 (NIV).

What kind of men did Jesus summon to his cause? They were not impoverished: they were busy fishermen. They were average men. These four came from average homes and families. They had petty ambitions even when they had been with Jesus for many months. They quarreled. They were not outstandingly brave: at the Crucifixion they all forsook him and fled. They were individual men, not twelve copies. They were representative of all who would follow him. Each was needed to enrich the kingdom. Jesus did not obliterate their distinctiveness: he gathered their different gifts into a cohesive whole. They were friendly, honest, enthusiastic men. They were capable of leaving home and their accustomed life for a new cause. Better still, they responded to the purpose of God: they were reverent men. These Jesus chose in deliberate prayer, and counted them of such worth that he gave them the best of his time and thought. He set on them an ultimate trust. In Matthew 5:13&14, Jesus called them the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." He challenged them to risk all for God's kingdom in him. Jesus chose ordinary men to be his heralds and the builders of the new world.

Rev. Nancy E. Topolewski says, "Jesus calls four men, goes around the region of Galilee, teaches in the synagogues, proclaims the Good News of the Kingdom, cures people of their sicknesses and diseases. No heavenly trumpets sound. No unearthly voice booms from the clouds. No thunder or lightning punctuates the scene. It's all so very deceptively simple: Jesus goes fishing and catches people, then tells them they will do the same.

...If Jesus can use uneducated laborers, smelling of fish and sweat, to be his disciples, then can he not use us as well? Does not the call of Jesus come to us, where we are, as we are, who we are, personally, by name, through baptism, in events that touch our hearts and challenge our minds?"

LATTA: NO MORE AUTOMATIC PAY RAISES FOR CONGRESS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) has re-introduced legislation, H.R. 668, to eliminate automatic pay raises for Members of Congress. Under current law, passed in 1989, Members of Congress are slated to receive automatic annual adjustments unless stopped by Congressional legislation. Because the pay increases are automatic, Members of Congress can receive a raise without having to go on record to vote for it. Members of Congress have voted to freeze Congressional pay

over the previous eight years and have not received a salary increase since 2009.

"For our democratic system to work, it's critical that the public trust their elected officials," said Latta. "Unfortunately, current law allows Members of Congress to receive automatic pay increases without having to go on the record. As many small businesses and families are still grappling with a sluggish economy, it should be completely transparent who in Congress is voting to increase their own pay."

AUDITOR YOST RELEASES NEW 'FISCAL PHYSICAL' TOOL TO HELP CITIES AND COUNTIES AVOID FISCAL STRESS

Ohio Auditor of State Dave Yost released a new tool to help cities and counties better assess their financial health and make informed budgetary decisions to avoid potential future fiscal stress.

"This effort has one goal: Help improve the financial health of our communities by providing a 'fiscal physical' to pinpoint potential problem areas," Auditor Yost said. "Not every financial problem can be avoided, but this tool provides an early warning system to help identify those that can."

Based on research, programming and testing, the Auditor's office developed the new tool which generates "financial health indicators" (FHI) for all 247 cities and 88 counties in Ohio. The underlying data used to create the indicators comes from the annual financial statements cities and counties submit to the Auditor's office. The initial release of information is based on data up through 2015.

Using data from a rolling four-year period, up to 17 financial indicators are generated for all counties and cities, each analyzing a significant piece of financial information. Depending on the data, each condition is designated as either having a "critical outlook," "cautionary outlook" or "positive outlook." The financial stress of a city or county is higher as the number of critical or cautionary indicators increases. The greater the number of indicators, the greater the risk.

Based on 2015 data, 16 cities and 1 county meet the historical threshold for having high fiscal stress. Another 13 cities and 2 counties are within one "cautionary" or "critical" indicator from meeting that high-stress threshold. In all, 82 percent of counties and 92 percent of cities have at least one "cautionary" or "critical" indicator.

In establishing the benchmarks for the financial indicators, audit staff researched cities and counties that had been in either fiscal caution, fiscal watch or fiscal emergency, studying their financial data in the years leading up to being declared in a state of high fiscal stress. Those data points and trends were used to determine how many "critical" or "cautionary" indicators were indicative of future financial stress.

Historical data indicates that entities with at least six "critical" indicators or a combination of eight "crit-

ical" and "cautionary" indicators have ended up in a state of high fiscal stress. (For cities and counties using a cash or modified cash basis of accounting, four critical indicators or a combination of six critical or cautionary indicators is the threshold.)

"Our local leaders have performed well in navigating the financial storms they've faced, as only 16 cities and one county currently meet the historical thresholds for having high fiscal stress," Yost said. "This report suggests to me that the financial condition of our cities and counties isn't as great as some believe, nor is it as bad as some others believe."

Collectively, the FHI reveal concerning trends in our state. For instance, cities and counties appear to have not spent heavily on their capital assets and infrastructure in recent years, leaving local leaders to face tough decisions in the near future. Data also show declining year-end balances in general funds, indicating spending is outpacing revenues. In addition, many communities have experienced declines in property tax revenues, an important revenue stream for basic services.

The FHI reports will be generated twice a year for each entity: Once when the city or county submits its financial statements for a preliminary report, and a final time after any adjustments are made following the Auditor's review. Full reports could not be created for cities and counties that have not filed financial statements or if they have changed the method of accounting they use during the past seven years.

The FHI are the outgrowth of a recognition the Auditor had early during his first term that some communities were in poor health financially and, barring some significant changes, were likely going to become sickly. "I began working with my staff to create a new financial tool that would help city and county officials understand their fiscal vulnerabilities and make prudent, well-informed decisions," Yost said.

Auditor Yost believes it is important for entities, citizens and policymakers to understand how cities and counties compare with one another and for trends in the data to emerge. To make that comparison easy, reports for both cities and counties can

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be generated through the Financial Health Indicator webpage (www.ohioauditor.gov/FHI) that lists all indicators side by side.

By their very nature, the work of auditors is retrospective: They analyze and scrutinize information and controls to protect the public's interest. With the Financial Health Indicators, the Auditor of State's office is providing a tool that is forward looking through the use of historical trends and current data.

"These indicators and the overall condition of a city or county should not be construed as a criticism of the operating decisions of local officials," Yost explained. "Rather, these indicators illustrate the financial stress on our cities and counties."

A handful of other states, including Washington, New York and Michigan, have similar programs and were used to help inform the Auditor's team as the tool was developed during the past several years.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Well, it's the last Sunday in January and the women's march is eight days past. I sure hope they are completely satisfied with their performances. Marches all around the world and Americas largest cities were inundated with not only peaceful protesters, but those who thought they had to destroy property to make their point. What point? One day after President Trump is sworn in and the cockroaches come out of their hiding. They are so proud of their achievements, they have to cover their faces

like their counterparts in the middle east. Cowards, all of them! There were 230 arrested, but I only foresee a slap on the wrist for most. If you want to learn how to peacefully protest, look at the pro-life movement, they had class.

President Trump will begin his second week in office tomorrow and here we go again. His cabinet choices have not all been confirmed, he is going to put forth his nominee for supreme court justice and watch the fireworks begin. The obstructionist left will be out in full force. Senator Chuck Schumer, democrat from New York said the democrats would fight the nominations tooth and nail. I hope they do! Don't forget the nuclear option instituted by Senator Harry Reid! The democrats in the senate should all travel to Nevada and take turns kicking him in the butt! The supreme court justice can be installed by a simple majority! So can all the cabinet members! The common people in this great country have spoken, we put up with eight years of social injustice, attempts to destroy our capitalistic society for a socialist one, racial division, stagnant wages, an almost complete erasure of the middle class, the belittling and apologetic gestures from the former president to anyone who would listen and an economy that has been in the sewer. We had enough of the divider in chief, we have spoken and there is a new sheriff in town!

I saw on the news to day Senator Schumer at the JFK Airport crying, yes crying over President Trumps executive order of extreme vetting on immigrants. There was a

muslim young lady standing behind him over his left shoulder. Anything for a photo-op right?

We are behind you Mr. President. Let's roll!
—Kenny Barnes
Paulding, Ohio

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Stan Jordan,
I respect you, and I have enjoyed reading your articles for many years. Reading your article on the "Great Farce of 2017", referring to the election of President Trump, was not however up to the normal professional standards that I have become accustomed to.

The Electoral College, of which was spoken, in a disparaging way, was an idea from the founding fathers. The reasons for its existence is taught in every High School in America, as a positive thing not negative.

You go on to say that your vote doesn't count, and it is a sham! In this article I count fourteen negative comments. I would have thought you to be a more positive role model to all your many young readers, and that you would want to encourage them to vote.

Why so much animosity toward President Trump? Yes, he is not perfect, but really, please give the guy a chance! You realize of course when you belittle and speak so poorly of him, you are also saying the same about us. We are the over half the population of Paulding County, and the Great State of Ohio that voted for him. We voted for him because we are hoping he can do what he has stated. That he will:

1. End the Hideous practice of partial birth abortion where a living nine month old baby has her/his life brutally ended. How is this even a discussion? It is barbaric!
2. Develop a system to properly vett refugees to protect us from possible terrorist.
3. Make it so our children/wife/mother/grandmother can go to a bathroom for goodness sakes, without worrying about who is going to be in there.
4. Run the country like a business, where you can't spend more than you bring in. Imagine that, its the same thing we all taught our own kids.
5. Enforce the laws that are

already on the books so that people can become citizens of our nation the right legal way!

6. Support law enforcement. Those many good cops who are trying their best to do a very hard job for us.

7. Simplify the tax code making it better for everybody including getting rid of regulations that strangle business growth.

8. Make America Great Again! Is that really so bad? I want my kids to be proud of America. With God's hand and direction it has become the greatest country the world has ever known!

I would say, may those of the Liberal persuasion who speak of free speech, tolerance and love, show a little of all three. The election is over. [I agree it was too long].

Let us be a Country "of the people, by the people, for the people, that shall not perish from the earth." To quote Abe Lincoln. He was another president who was hated and reviled by so many that half the country left the union when he was elected. This started the Civil War. Later he was shot dead because of this hatred against him. Now he is revered as one of the greatest presidents ever!

Amazing! Thanks for listening.

—Dan Heck
Payne, Ohio

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On January 6th, 2017, there started the largest sell-off of our national treasure, and one of the auctioneers was our own mis-rep. Bob Latta! In a 234-193 vote, the Republican Party, in one swoop, passed legislation to give away, or sell with a beginning value of \$0 dollars, Any and all federal-owned lands can and will be given away, or sold off for whatever it brings! Public hunting lands, lands that are rented out for grazing, forest land, without senate approval, or presidential signatures can be sold off for next to nothing for the disposal of public assets, or lands. They could legally give away the J. Edgar Hoover building, Yellowstone national park, or any other assets government-owned, without paying the taxpayers a dime! I want the people in the 5th district to realize by re-electing mis-rep. Bob Latta, you have enabled the

PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC CO-OP MEMBERS GIVE BACK OVER \$15,000 WITH OPERATION ROUND-UP



Pictured here are (l-r): Michael Schweinsberg of 4H Camp Palmer, Jesse Hefner of Payne Fire Dept., Deb Hubbard of Paulding Soil and Water, Bob Fawcett and Melanie Stokes of Putnam County YMCA, Pastor Dwayne Richardson of House of Love Ministries, Vicki Smith of United Way of Van Wert County, and Chris Fader of Niswonger PAC.

The Operation Round Up Board awarded \$15,245 to area agencies dedicated to making an impact on the lives of residents in this region. Operation Round Up is a program which allows members to have the option to round up their bills to the nearest dollar every month, with those extra few cents going to benefit people in need within the co-op's service territory.

Paulding Putnam began doing Operation Round Up in July 2010. Currently, over 8700 of the co-op's 12,900 members participate and

to date local charities have received over \$250,000. The board is made up of PPEC members representing all of our districts and the Operation Round Up Board was pleased to announce the following organizations grants:

House of Love Ministries in Paulding, Ohio, Putnam Co. YMCA, United Way of Van Wert County, Payne Fire Dept., 4-H Camp Palmer, Paulding Soil & Water Conservation, Niswonger PAC, Junior Achievement in Indiana and Junior Achievement in Van Wert.

republican-owned congress to give away our national treasure in return for campaign contributions from the Koch brothers and other corporate figures to do with anything they want! Our public lands are now open to strip-mining, fracking, oil drilling, storage of radio-active materials, or whatever they want to do with it! I know some of this sounds extreme to do with those assets, but what's to stop them once they own it free and clear? Some lands might go back to the states, and they'll do whatever they want, so if the state's in financial straights, they'll sell it off in a heartbeat! I hope people wake up before 2018 comes around, and stop these pirates who feed off our treasure, then blame it on the democrats! Mis-rep. Bob Latta is against all and any government regulations, is in favor of only profits for his "friends!" Let's hope this gets stopped before it's too late! It's probably too late to call him, but if you see him, tell him what you think of the whole sale of our treasures! Remember what he did in the 2018 election cycle!

—Mike Porter
Paulding, OH

HITE APPOINTED TO INFLUENTIAL SENATE RULES AND REFERENCE COMMITTEE

Ohio Senate President Larry Obhof named State Senator Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) to serve on the Senate's influential Standing Committee on Rules and Reference.

"I'm honored to have been chosen to serve on this committee, which plays such a vital role in the legislative process," said Hite. "Together, we will put forward a policy agenda that creates opportunities and makes Ohio a better place to live, work and raise a family."

The Rules and Reference Committee plays a key role in setting the legislative agenda for the Ohio Senate. The committee is tasked with

assigning legislation to the Senate's various subject matter committees. Once a bill is favorably reported by a subject matter committee, the Rules and Reference Committee then determines if and when the bill is brought up for consideration by the full Senate.

"I value the input of each member of the Senate's Rules and Reference Committee as we work to ensure that every issue brought before us receives the most thoughtful consideration possible," said President Obhof, who will chair the committee.

Members of the Ohio Senate Majority Caucus appointed to the Senate Standing Committee on Rules and Reference today include:

Senator Larry Obhof (R-Medina), Chair; Senator Bob Peterson (R-Washington Court House), Vice Chair; Senator Randy Gardner (R-Bowling Green); Senator Gayle Manning (R-North Ridgeville); Senator Scott Oelslager (R-North Canton); Senator Dave Burke (R-Marysville); Senator Bill Coley (R-Liberty Township); Senator John Eklund (R-Munson Township); Senator Cliff Hite (R-Findlay); Senator Matt Huffman (R-Lima)

The Senate also announced a new plan to expand televised coverage of Senate standing committees. The Ohio Channel, a service of Ohio's public broadcasting stations, currently provides coverage of the Senate's full legislative sessions in addition to meetings of the Senate Finance Committee, which presides over the hearing process for the biennial state budget. The new plan will allow for coverage of up to three additional standing committees as determined by the Senate President.

"By making legislative committees easier to access, we're increasing public confidence in the transparency of state government," added Hite.

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THE BUCKEYES IN 2016

By: Stan Jordan

Now before you plant a bomb in my 1999 Dodge pickup, please read all of this chatter.

The Ohio Buckeye football team last August and was rated second, third and fourth in the nation to start the season. I think a lot of that came from ESPN and the commission to select the Big Four for the championship game. And the Buckeyes had a very good team in 2013, 14 and 15. But eight of those good players were picked by the NFL and I think rightfully so. But those men left some big holes in both the offensive and defensive lines.

I think the Buckeyes were a little over rated from the start.

Now they did play a good first game with Oklahoma, but then the Sooners got better as the season went on.

The Buckeyes played a few games and they just got by by the skin of their teeth even in overtime. They just got by the Indiana Hoosiers luckily and the Hoosiers haven't beaten the Bucks for generations.

I remember the one analyst on T.V. saying, "I don't understand it, Ohio used to score every time they had the ball."

They didn't look too good when they played Michigan State, but they DID a good job against the Wolverines, thank goodness.

They had Penn State beat until the player blocked that punt and ran the ball in for a score and then no more time.

The Ohio State Buckeyes did play some good ball, but I think they were over rated all season. They were not the same calibre as Alabama, Clemson and Washington.

Clemson had a better team on the field that day. That defeat was the first time that an Urban Meyer team got skunked!

Yes, I know they only lost two games, but lots of times they didn't look like the Buckeyes.

Yes, they lost to the even-

tual National Championships, but we still feel badly about it.

I guess the Buckeyes played so good for so long we forgot that they too have to have some building years.

I shall spend all summer looking forward to a good season and I'm sure those Buckeyes are also. We all hope so.

Maybe this new offensive coach is what we need.

See ya!

A.J. SMITH - A PIONEER

By: Stan Jordan

In some of my reference books I run into the name of A.J. Smith once in a while, so I thought I would write down what I know about him.

The first township election in Carryall Township was held in 1830, in a log cabin at the north end of what is now Main Street. A.J. Smith was one of the voters and he was only fourteen years old at the time.

The records show that A.J. Smith was born March 3rd, 1816 in New York State.

A.J. Smith was one of the earliest pioneers of Carryall Township, he was appointed the first sheriff of Paulding County and serving during the first term of courts held at New Rochester. He was the father of Frank, John and William Smith and Mrs. Warner Rhumbaugh and Mrs. A. Derck. I knew both of those ladies.

The book "Historical Atlas of Paulding County in 1892" does not give exactly the same information I have, but close.

See ya!

SAM RIVERS INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 18: SAM RIVERS MEETS THE NEW TRIBE

By: Stan Jordan

It is the middle of October 1852, along with the chilly nights and nice, warm days. I was inside of our house and Callie came up close to me, and I pulled up extra close and I said, "Callie, I love you, I love you, I love you!"

She said, "Sam, I know you do, and I love you, too!"

I said, "Callie, I've been from Mississippi to California and I've crossed this big country seven times, and you are the best thing that ever happened to me. I love you, I love you!!"

"Sam," she said, "I know, I feel the same way! I just can't tell you, how much I love you."

"Callie, you left your friends and came with me,

and we have such a good life together, but you are such a good help to me."

Callie said, "I feel the same way, you can see what a difference we have made with the natives. The idea is to help them lead a better life and learn our ways and we have surely done that."

Oh, then we had another long kiss.

"You have been such a help in many ways; I am so happy with you Callie. Our house isn't very big, but it is our home. How 'bout one more kiss?"

She said, "How 'bout a lot more kisses?"

Right then came a pounding on the door.

"Okay, I'm coming!" I said.

Moe answered and said, "Sam, there is a cloud of dust coming from the northeast."

I said, "Moe, we will be right there!" And I told Callie, "We will continue this a little later."

We all stood and watched the cloud of dust, but it was still over a mile away. I could have stayed another few minutes with Callie.

I said, "Moe, why don't you get the little stove and make a pot of coffee."

Of course, he did that and brought out a few cups also. We drank that pot and Moe made another, as the horse-men were still a distance away.

Well, the chatter ran high, about who it could be. It looked like about a half a dozen riders. As they approached, you could see there was six of them, all natives—no arms, just bows and arrows, all on their backs. They stopped a short distance away, and gave the peace sign. We gave the peace sign back, and I waved them to come closer. We looked each other over, and Moe went into the store and brought our totem. When their leader, looked our totem over, he broke out into a frenzy of Lakota dialect. The rest of the natives grinned and nodded and said, "White Elk." They recognized the Lakota beads and feathers. There was a lot of jabbering and each side could tell all was peaceful.

Moe brought out the peace pipe and fixed it up, and we passed it around to all, even the soldiers.

We sat around awhile and Callie called Moe into the house. He returned with more cups, cookies, and honey. He gave coffee to all the Indians and two cookies each, along with honey for their coffee. Indians like coffee, but almost all put honey in it.

Nearly everyone was talking to each other now, even the soldiers could understand some of it. Their chief, Soaring Eagle, of the Calamus River tribe, and their shaman, Rapid River, and Limping Buffalo, and his son Little Beaver, and I were in one group, and we talked a lot.

What they were interested in, was joining our Indian agency and getting help from the U.S. Government. So I called the Lieutenant of the engineers and Moe over and had them sit in and listen to all the proceedings, so when they went back to Fort Kearney, they would report all they heard and understood, because I don't have the authority to promise them anything, but I would except the tribe into our agency, if Gen-

eral Kearney says to.

We all talked about a lot of items, and it was getting late in the afternoon, and the mess sergeant was still here. I told the natives to plan on the evening meal and they could go home tomorrow. Sarg made two kettles of soup. You could have stew with buffalo meat or stew with venison. Either way, there was a lot of both soups. Then he made sheet type of apple pie. We all put the pie in our empty soup bowls and ate it with our spoons.

The mess sergeant became a hero again. He shows off every once and awhile, and he is a really good cook. We all sat around the fire and talked about the big day.

See ya!

THE LATEST ON THE EAGLES

By: Stan Jordan

On Tuesday, January 24th, Bill McVay came into the office and told me that he had just been down watching the eagle's nest and both eagles were at the site. He said he watched that area pretty regularly and he is satisfied that they are rebuilding that nest.

This is Friday morning, January 27th, and Bill Fish, one of the village employees here in Antwerp, stopped into the office and reported on our local eagles' nest. He has seen them nearly everyday this past week. One of his jobs is to check out the park each day and he had some interesting tales to report. He sees those birds pretty regularly, but he never stops being amazed how big they are. Sometimes they are as close as 30 feet. He saw one return to the nest carrying a rabbit. I asked him, "Do you think the birds are rebuilding the nest?" and he replied, "Oh yes, I'm sure that it is wider and taller each day."

Now this is Monday, January 30th, and I have a lot to report from talking to some of my readers since last Friday morning.

Jack DeLong called and reported that the eagles that have their nest out on CR 192, he sees them about every day.

My coworker, Crystal, said the best way to observe the eagles working on the nest is to take your field glasses and walk down the driveway at the east end of the park and look across the river at the nest.

To answer someone's question, "Do the eagles migrate?" No, not all of them. I don't know why, maybe it's their background or they are satisfied with the weather. But I have read while the young don't fly south at the same time as the older ones, but some how they know how to get there if they want to.

Roger Lilly was in on Friday and he reported a lot of new news. Roger has hundreds of pictures of the nest, the old and the new. He said he compared the pictures of the old nest and the new one and decided that they moved the new nest about 10 - 12 feet lower than the old nest, same tree but a little lower.

They must be satisfied with that area as I think the nest is already bigger than when they first built the other nest.

I thank all my readers for their information.

ANTWERP FIRST GRADERS WRITE TO SUPERINTENDENT



Recently first graders at Antwerp Elementary School wrote persuasive letters to Superintendent Dr. Marty Miller to persuade him to make various changes to the school. Their suggestions included adding a dance class, letting them eat their lunches in the classroom, replacing math class with recess, and implementing a two-hour delay every Monday. Here, Dr. Miller responds to their letters and explains the reasons behind the school district's current policies.

REO RELEASE AND DATE CHANGE AT THE NISWONGER

DATE CHANGE ALERT: Due to circumstances beyond their control, Rock & Roll legend REO Speedwagon presented by US Bank had to move their performance date at The Niswonger Performing Arts Center from Saturday, April 29 to Sunday, May 21st at 7:30 p.m.

The good news is ticket sales will still release Wednesday, February 1 at Noon!

Formed in 1967, signed in 1971, and fronted by iconic vocalist Kevin Cronin since 1972, REO Speedwagon is a band where the main constant over the decades is a never-ending desire to give their all to their fans, year in and year out. Formed loosely in the late '60s at college in Champaign, IL, REO (named after the pre-cursor to the light truck) rode to gigs in station wagons, hopping from small gigs to even tiner gigs, just to get their name out. It worked, as fans quickly realized there was much more going on here than your average college party band.

By the early '70s, the band's unrelenting drive, as well as non-stopping touring and recording, jump-started the burgeoning rock movement in the Midwest. It carved a path that was eventually followed by STYX, Kansas, Cheap Trick and more. Platinum albums and freeform FM radio staples such as "Ridin' The Storm Out" followed, setting the stage for 1980's explosive Hi Infidel-

ity. REO rode the top of the charts with a RIAA-certified 22 million albums sold in the U.S. and 40 million around the globe, with a string of gold and platinum records and international hit singles. Even now, fully established with songs on the radio in every city and town they ever set foot in, REO Speedwagon still has that Midwest work ethic. The band has gone on stage and in the studio to work - dozens of albums, thousands of concerts, and countless radio spins. Their eyes have always been on the future and on the road - not a year has gone by where REO Speedwagon didn't perform live, thrilling fans with hit filled sets.

This American Rock Classic will keep you rockin' with their biggest hits "Keep on Lovin' You," "Time for Me to Fly," "Roll with the Changes," "Ridin' the Storm Out," and more favorites from their 40 million albums sold. What else can we say? They are an American Rock Classic!

This event is made complete with the generous sponsorship support of Ciao! MedSpa, Westwood Behavioral Health Center, and 2016-2017 Season Sponsors, Van Wert Federal Savings Bank, Statewide Ford-Lincoln, and Chuck & Karen Koch.

Information at NPACVW.ORG or through the Box Office, Mon. - Fri., Noon - 4:00 p.m. at 419-238-6722.

The Niswonger Performing Arts Center is located at 10700 SR 118 South, Van Wert, OH.

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.

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

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments
Any questions, please call 419-399-8285



Your Antwerp Conservation Club

UPCOMING EVENTS

- FEBRUARY 9TH- CLUB MEETING- 7pm
- FEBRUARY 18TH- CONCEALED CARRY CLASS. Offered by McDougall Firearms, Stop in or contact them for class registration & information.
- MARCH 19TH- STILL SHOOT- Starts at noon- 75% payback

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS UP!
WWW.ANTWERPCONSERVATIONCLUB.COM
 Also, check out our Facebook page.

2017 MEMBERSHIPS & CLUB HOUSE RENTALS ARE AVAILABLE
 Contact Mike Knight for more information at mcknight269@gmail.com
 (Memberships also available at McDougall's Firearms).

LATTA, MCNERNEY LEGISLATION BOOSTING NEW NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY PASSES HOUSES

The U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation authored by Bob Latta (R-OH) and Jerry McNerney (D-CA) to provide regulatory certainty for the development of advanced nuclear energy technologies. H.R. 590, The Advanced Nuclear Technology Development Act, requires collaboration between the Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on a regulatory framework and licensing requirements that would provide certainty for the development of advanced nuclear technology. There are currently more than 50 companies that have invested more than one billion dollars in new nuclear technology, but the lack of a regulatory framework and licensing certainty threatens continued investment and implementation.

"Advanced nuclear technology will play an important role in helping the U.S. maintain its role as a global energy leader," said Rep. Latta. "However, regulatory ambiguity and uncertainty threaten the continued development of this source of clean, reliable power. Providing guidance and a licensing framework for the nuclear industry will aid the efforts of the private sector to implement cutting-edge technology that is safe and effective."

"Our nation must continue as the leader in clean energy innovation and technologies," said Rep. McNerney. "As the U.S. moves toward a low carbon, sustainable energy economy, nuclear energy has the potential to play a role in meeting state and national goals. The Advanced Nuclear Technology Development Act provides direction and a framework for industry experts that are essential in promoting new and innovative reactor technologies that are safe and reliable."

Congressmen Latta and McNerney introduced nearly identical last Congress. The House passed that legislation in September, but it was not taken up by the Senate.

OHIO EPA OFFERING LOW INTEREST LOANS TO FINANCE DRINKING WATER PROJECTS;

Ohio EPA is accepting applications for financing drinking water infrastruc-

ture improvements in communities across Ohio until March 1, 2017. Updates and highlights for the upcoming program year include:

- Principal forgiveness - Ohio EPA anticipates awarding between \$6 and \$8 million in principal forgiveness with a special focus on projects that address regionalization, emergency power and asset management planning;
- Lead service line replacement - Ohio EPA will offer no interest loans to projects that involve the replacement of lead service lines;
- Harmful algal blooms (HAB) Ohio EPA will continue to offer no interest loans for eligible planning, design and construction projects that address HAB issues at surface water treatment plants; and
- Planning loans - Ohio EPA will offer no interest loans to all applicants for planning purposes. These loans can be used for a wide variety of planning activities including traditional infrastructure, treating for unregulated contaminants, as well as more specialized planning, such as asset management or corrosion control studies.

For the upcoming program year, all project nomination forms and supporting information must be submitted to epa.DEFAMail@epa.ohio.gov by March 1, 2017.

The Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) program offers below-market rate loans to eligible public water systems to fund infrastructure improvements that eliminate public health threats and ensure compliance with federal and state drinking water laws and regulations. The program is administered by Ohio EPA with assistance from the Ohio Water Development Authority.

Since 1998, the WSRLA has provided at least \$1.2 billion in loans to Ohio communities, and saved its customers over \$180 million in interest payments. Ohio EPA estimates that these loans equate to receiving 15 to 38 percent of a project's total cost in grants when compared to market rate loans. Projects may be nominated by submitting forms and supporting documents available at <http://epa.ohio.gov/defa/ofa.aspx>.

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 1/9/17

This 9th day of January, 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 230132 through 230249 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING "THEN AND NOW" PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS
WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on January 4, 2017, Warrants numbered 230062 through 230097 in the amount of \$129,316.74; and

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

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

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF 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 January 9, 2017, Warrants numbered 230133 through 230248 in the amount of \$92,159.21; and

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

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (CHAIRMAN)
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, according to Ohio Revised Code, Section 305.05, does hereby appoint Roy Klopfenstein to serve as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the official meeting days of the Board of County Commissioners will be each Monday and Wednesday, excluding holidays, from 8:00 a.m. to the close of business in the Commissioners' Office in Suite B-1 in the lower level of the Paulding County Courthouse.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (VICE CHAIRMAN)
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, according to Ohio Revised Code, Section 305.05, does hereby appoint Tony Zartman to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for 2017; and be it further

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IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 162)
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 Victims' Assistance Fund (Fund 162), to-wit; Fund/Dept/Account; Appropriation; Amended Appropriation: 162-001-20122/Victims' Assistance/PERS; \$4,242.74; \$4,351.64: 162-001-20123/Victims' Assistance/Medicare; \$439.48; \$441.21: 162-001-20125/Victims' Assistance/Health/Life Ins.; \$5,850.00; \$6,543.14: 162-001-20126/Victims' Assistance/Other; \$10,874.98; \$15,004.15

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 177)
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 SVAA Fund (Fund 177), to-wit; Fund/Dept/Account; Appropriation; Amended Appropriation: 177-001-20123/SVAA/Contract Help; \$149.99; \$200.00: 177-001-20124/SVAA/Supplies; \$891.73; \$1,189.00: 177-001-20125/SVAA//Travel/Training; \$100.00; \$200.00: 177-001-20129/SVAA/Other; \$1,499.99; \$1,924.04

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2017 ESTIMATED REVENUE (FUND 177)
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2017 Estimated Revenue in the SVAA Fund (Fund 177), to-wit; Fund/Dept/Account; Appropriation; Amended Appropriation: 177-001-10001/SVAA/Grant Monies; \$7,147.71; \$7,400.09

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDED THE BID FOR THE PY 2016 ANTWERP FIRE STATION/COMMUNITY ROOM ROOF PROJECT (CDBG)
WHEREAS, Two (2) proposals were received for the PY 2016 Antwerp Fire Station/Community Room Roof Project; and

WHEREAS, after review of the aforementioned proposal, Maumee Valley Planning Organization and the Village of Antwerp have recommended that the project be awarded to Tri-County Roofing and Home Improvement, Inc., 13883 Road 162, Paulding OH 45879; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby award the PY 2016 Antwerp Fire Station/Community Room Roof Project to Tri-County Roofing and Home Improvement, Inc., in the amount of \$30,600.00, with CDBG funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 allocated to the project. Costs above and beyond \$20,000.00 will be the responsibility of the Village of Antwerp.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMISSIVE TAX APPLICATION FOR FUNDS AVAILABLE UNDER SECTION 4504.05 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE FOR THE VILLAGE OF PAYNE
Payne Village, a municipal corporation within the County of Paulding, hereby makes application for funds available under Section 4504.05 of the Revised Code of Ohio, to plan, construct, improve, maintain, or repair the following streets within the municipality shown on a map presented to the Paulding County Engineer. Total amount of estimated cost of construction: \$15,000.00; Amount available according to vehicle registration: \$17,954.56; Application date: December 26, 2016; Cheryl Halter, Fiscal Officer, Village of Payne

I, Travis McGarvey, Engineer of Paulding County, hereby grant the foregoing request of the Village of Payne in the amount of \$15,000.00.
Approval date: January 9, 2017; Travis McGarvey/s/, Paulding County Engineer
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NEW HAVEN WRESTLERS TAKE SECTIONAL CROWN



2017 Sectional Champions: New Haven High School Wrestling Team with Coach Jimmy Linn. Picture by Melissa Amstutz

10 schools participated in New Haven High School on Saturday, January 28. Bishop Luers, Snider, South Side, Wayne, Heritage, Homestead, Huntington North, New Haven, Leo, and Woodlan all participated in the first step of the 2017 State Tournament. It was an incredible day for this school as this is Jimmy Linn's first year to win, and his 4th year overall as head coach of New Haven.

New Haven won the Sectional with the team total points 223. All the Bulldog wrestlers placed at the 2017 Sectionals.

New Haven Placements:
106 Calab Meyer 5th; 113 Jett Rondott 3rd; 120 Don Thomas 4th; 126 Laquan Weeks 4th; 132 Dom Lee 6th; 138 Chandler Zimmerman 5th; 145 Konner Bender 3rd; 152 Jaden Smith 4th; 160 Nick Potter 1st; 170 Jonyvan Johnson 1st; 182 Jaxson Savieo 1st also won NE8 conference; 195 Devontee Brown 4th; 220 Austin Amstutz also won NE8 conference; 285 Luke Watson

Woodlan Placements:
113 Chris Schuller 1st; 132 Austin Roemer 1st; 138 Shawn Roemer 3rd; 145 Zack

Zink 2nd; 152 Tristen Martz 3rd
Top of all weight classes:
106 George Jordan, Homestead; 113 Chris Schuller, Woodlan; 120 Blaigh Rushing, Homestead; 126 Kyle Da-

vis, Leo; 132 Austin Roemer, Woodlan; 138 Chase His-song, Leo; 145 Brady Wyro, Homestead; 152 Chandler Woenker, Bishop Luers; 160 Nick Potter, New Haven; 170 Jonyvan Johnson, New Haven; 182 Jaxson Savieo, New Haven; 195 Dalyn Hart, Wayne; 220 Austin Amstutz, New Haven; 285 Luke Watson, New Haven.

For an entire listing of wins and also next week's tournament information, visit indianamat.com then click on brackets and state series.
Team Ranks:
1st New Haven 223; 2nd



Bulldog Wrestling Champions: Back row: Nick Potter, Jaxson Savieo, Jonyvan Johnson; Front Row: Luke Watson, Austin Amstutz. Picture by Melissa Amstutz

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Homestead 172.5; 3rd Huntington North 166; 4th Leo 125.5; 5th Snider 116; 6th Woodlan 108.5; 7th Bishop Luers 92; 8th Wayne 74; 9th Heritage 54; 10th South Side 48

All the wrestlers from the teams that placed in the top 4 move onto Regionals this coming Saturday at Carroll High School.

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26. Scoring for Antwerp: Jagger Landers 13, Luke Krouse 11, Hunter Sproles 10, Kaden Recker & Gaige McMichael each with 5, Kaden Miller scored a deep shot for 3 points and Mason Steel rounded out the scoring with a bucket for 2.

8th GRADE ARCHERS SEND THE RAIDERS HOME WITH A LOSS

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SOUTH ADAMS TAKE DOWN WOODLAN

By: Jeffery Abbott
South Adams overcame a 3 point halftime deficit and outscored Woodlan 23-15 in the second half to down

the Warriors 43-38 in ACAC girls' basketball at Woodlan. With the win, the Starfires claimed a share of the ACAC regular season title for the first time in school history. Sydney Pierce had 15 points for South Adams and Lexi Dellinger scored 13. Rain Hinton finished with 13 points for the Warriors. Madi Koos poured in 21 points in 50-46 Woodlan win over the Starfires in the reserve game

South Adams 12 8 14 9 - 43

Woodlan 10 13 10 15 - 38
South Adams: Pierce 15, Dellinger 13, Lehman 11, Wurster 4

Woodlan: Hinton 13, Bayman 9, Voors 6, Houser 5, Kayser 3, Bowers 2

7th GRADE ARCHERS WIN AGAIN

On Thursday January 26th, Antwerp School hosted an inter-county boys basketball contest between the 7th grade Archers and the 7th grade Panthers from Paulding. The Archers full-court press was effective as they jumped out to a 16-2 lead at the end of the 1st quarter. The young Antwerp athletes kept the nets hot in Carryall Township as they led 24-2 at halftime and 32-2 after 3 quarters of play. Paulding didn't quit battling in the 4th quarter and the game ended with a score of 42-14 in favor of the Archers.

Scoring for Antwerp: Luke Krouse with 13, Gaige McMichael with 10, Jagger Landers scored 7 points, Hunter Sproles had 4, Noah Smith with 3, Luke McDorman & Mason Steel each scored 2 points and Stephon Walker made one free throw for 1 point.

Scoring for Paulding: Dominique-5, Pease-3, Gorrrell-3, Bauer-2, Manz-1

The Antwerp boys Jr High teams will host the Parkway Panthers January 31, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

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RAIDERS DEFEAT TIGERS BUT NOT BY MUCH



Claire Sinn grapples for the ball, grabbing the turnover. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Everyone knows that Wayne Trace has had one of their best years ever. These girls' record is top notch. On Thursday, January 26 Holgate travelled to the Raider's Palace for the conference match. The Tigers came in the game with a winning record of 8-6 and the Raiders were 14-1.

It was a rough first period for the Raiders. The home team could not put anything through the hoop the first period. It was like a steel cover was on top. By the latter half of the first period, the girls were able to finally get some points on the board between Gracie Gudakunst and her 3 point goal and Claire Sinn. On the Holgate side of the board, there was Kacey Theisen who was lighting up the scoreboard when she posted one of her 3 points baskets. The first period ended with a tie at 8-8.

The home team suffered their worst quarter in the second—only 6 scored, while the Tigers packed on 11. Madison Hohenber, being fouled, earned her a few

shots. Throughout the whole night she only made 30% of her attempts.

As the second half of the game started down for the Raiders, what would they do? Turned up the heat and start scoring! In both the third and the fourth quarters, the Lady Raiders increased their scoring over Holgate. Danae Myers made 50% of her free throws and they were able to shutdown the Tiger scoring in the fourth quarter. Kaylee Shepherd and Gudakunst both hit all of their free throws! The fourth quarter saved the game for the home team 14-8 and the final score was 38-36.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace: 8 6 10 14 = 38

Holgate: 8 11 9 8 = 36
Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace - C Sinn 11; K Shepherd 2; G Gudakunst 12; D Myers 9; B Sinn 4

Holgate - K Hoffman 1; K Theisen 13; G Swary 2; B Plott 6; M Hohenberger 11; K Kupfersmith 3
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double figures with 16 and 12 points, respectively.

Also finding the points column for the Warriors were Micah Robbins (9), Trevon McCarter (4), Ah'lan Howard (3), Josh Gerig (2) and Noah Gerig (2).

Robbins hit three points for Woodlan while Hahn and Fancher each added one. Isaac Farnsworth hit a pair of triples for Lakewood Park with Day and Gonzalez both connecting on one.

Hahn paced the Warriors on the boards with five and also recorded four steals. Biggs chipped in four rebounds with two assists and two steals while Josh Gerig and McCarter each grabbed three rebounds.

Fancher led Woodlan

with six assists and Howard recorded two steals.

Traylor posted 8 rebounds and Fetters had 7 for Lakewood Park, which out-rebounded Woodlan 31-21 on the night.

Lozano and Fetters both dished out 3 assists while Fetters also picked up 7 steals.

Lakewood Park was 18 of 30 at the free throw line (60 percent) compared to Woodlan's 12 of 21 (57 percent).

From the field, the Panthers were 27 of 43 for a sizzling 63 percent. The Warriors connected on 24 of 59 shots (41 percent).

Woodlan is at South Adams on Thursday before visiting Antwerp on Tuesday.

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ARCHERS MAKE COMEBACK — OVERCOME TINORA



Rachel Williamson proudly sinks a 3 point basket for the home team. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Rams travelled to Antwerp to take on the Archers on Thursday, January 26. Tinora came into the game very strong, and the Archers did not have much hope at the beginning of this conference match! They were ahead of the Archers 14-3 at one point of the game. The first period ended 14-5. Tinora came into this match with a 9-7 record and Antwerp made its appearance with a 10-5 showing. This really has been a good year for the Lady Archers even though they had a few losses at the beginning.

Gina Norden of the Rams sunk 2 3-point baskets at the beginning and McKenzie Helberg scored 3 and was fouled behind the 3-point line and made all of those shots. The Rams came to fight. Antwerp struggled to get on the board, but were successful with Rachel Williamson. Hope Smith and she were the only points of the first period. Coach Scott McMichael must have given his queens inspiration because the second period was a different game for Antwerp! Williamson pounced on the ball, grabbing several turnovers only to run down the other side of the court and sinking 3 3-point baskets in just min-

utes. Was that all? Nope! Peyton Short also earned 4 and an extra on a foul shot. The half stopped at 23-26—Antwerp was back in the game!

The third quarter was on the defensive side for both teams and the Lady Rams were doing everything they could do to shutdown the Archers' arrows. Both teams only scored 9 points, and for the home team, most of them were by Peyton Short.

The fourth quarter changed the outcome. Antwerp became aggressive and Tinora continued to try and hold onto the ball, but their success ran out. Short continued the scoring spree and Hope Smith also added 4 points. Altogether, the game finished 43-39 and the Lady Archers increased their winning record to 11-5.

Score by the Quarter:
Antwerp: 5 18 9 11 = 43
Tinora: 14 12 9 4 = 39
Scorers of the Game:
Antwerp - R Williamson 13; M Wilson 2; K Brumett 2; P Short 17; H Smith 9
Tinora - A Schliesser 4; S Pedroza 2; M Helberg 12; G Norden 12; S Greiser 2; K Wilkerson 7

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NEW HAVEN DEFEATS COLUMBIA CITY

New Haven hosted Columbia City on Saturday, January 28. The game was an 11 point victory for the home team when Damario Robinson gave the Bulldogs a spark with 6 rebounds and 5 points. The Bulldogs was leading in the half-time score 23-18. By the end of the game, New Haven took the 53-42.

RAIDERS STOMP HOLGATE

It was Friday, January 27 when the Raider Boys Basketball team travelled over to Henry County, taking over to Holgate. The previous night the girls game was very close with Wayne Trace barely taking the game. This game was very much different. Wayne Trace's Ethan Linder started early and kept scoring the entire game. Thirty of the night's points for the guest team were from 3-point baskets, Eli Sinn, Jon Sinn, Trae Sinn and Ethan Linder all contributed to the 3-pointers, compared to 2 baskets for the Tigers. The first half ended 27-16 with Wayne Trace in the lead.

Only three scorers posted points for the Holgate team and those three, Bailey Hohenberger, Jake Grim, and Jack Lady, all did well.

Eli Sinn made 75% of his free throws and Ethan Linder hit 7 of 9.

The game finished with the Raiders taking home the win 60-38.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace: 14 13 13 20 = 60

Holgate: 5 11 7 15 = 38
Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace - B Stabler 2; E Sinn 13; J Kuhn 2; J Sinn 12; T Sinn 3; E Linder 28
Holgate - B Hohenberger 18; J Grim 15; J Lady 5

LADY RAIDERS WIN ON THE ROAD

On Tuesday, January 24 the Lady Raiders Basketball team travelled to Delphos Jefferson. Wayne Trace has been one of the hottest playing teams in the region and they continued the tradition on this night. Jefferson, in Allen County Ohio, has been average this year with a 7-7 record.

The game started with the Lady Raiders making an impressive start. Points were spread across the team by the end. In at middle at half time, the score was very close with only a 2 point difference at 30-28. Brooke Sinn and Gracie Gudakunst both had impressive points and scored 3 point baskets. Danae Myers had 9 free-throw attempts and scored about half.

The final score of the game was 64-58 and the Wildcats fell to the Raiders.

Miriam Sinn hit 75% of her free throws and Gudakunst hit all 4 of hers. After this game the Raiders were 14-1 for the record.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace: 18 12 15 19 = 64

Delphos Jefferson: 13 15 12 18 = 58
Scorers:
Wayne Trace - C Sinn 4; M Sinn 5; S Sinn 6; K Shepherd 8; G Gudakunst 14; D Myers 16; B Sinn 11;
Delphos Jefferson - D Carder 12; M Wallace 6; A Stewart 2; K Berelsman 8; A McClurg 14; S Miller 16

ARCHERS WIN 2 BY 2 IN BACK TO BACK GAMES

The Archers boys basketball team had a full slate of games this past weekend. Friday night's game was with at Tinora and Saturday's game at North Central.

Against Tinora, the Archers were close in the first period, but by halftime the Rams had pulled away with

TINORA RAMS THE PANTHERS



Paulding's Brianna Townley runs up to the basket, jumps and scores a layup. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Lady Rams visit Paulding County twice in this week. The first game was on Tuesday, January 24 against the Panther girls basketball. Tinora simply won because of the first period. They were able to keep the Lady Panthers from scoring and the Rams continued to score. The rest of the game was quite competitive for both teams.

Skyler McCullough scored all of Paulding's 3 point baskets in this game. The half time score ended by 20-30 with the Rams in charge of the game.

Paulding kept up in the rest of the game but was never

able to make a recovery of the deficit. Brianna Townley was excellent at foul shots in this half of the game and should be noted as such. Faith Vogel is celebrated in this match with her 5 field goals. The final score of the game ended 50-62 with the Rams winning the game.

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding: 6 14 15 15 = 50
Tinora: 18 12 21 11 = 62

Paulding Scorers of the Game: A Arend 2; K Hale 6; A Manz 2; Sk McCullough 12; Sy McCullough 3; B Townley 14; F Vogel 11

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a small lead of 25-19. Connor Gilbert showed everyone how foul shots are made and Ryan Mohr sank field goals without a problem.

In the second half, Antwerp and Tinora both fought over points and the third period looked nearly identical. Dylan Peters and Cole Seslar both like to hit the shots from the "cheap seats". The fourth quarter saw Antwerp's crew pull the momentum back home and shut down the scoring lanes of the Rams. By the time the clock ran out, Matt Jones had put 6 points in and the Archers were up by 2 in a surprising comeback in the conference game.

Score by the Quarter:
Antwerp: 8 11 8 12 = 39
Tinora: 10 15 8 4 = 37

Scorers of the Game:
Antwerp - M Jones 6; D Peters 8; C Seslar 15; L Brewer 2; B Pendergrast 2; H Noel 6

Tinora - T Giesige 3; B Bumb 2; R Mohr 11; C Backhaus 2; L Rinkel 2; C Gilbert 17

On Saturday, January 28 the Archers travelled to North Central and this game was quite different. The Archers could have easily lost this match if not for the Eagles taking a while in take off. In the first period, Antwerp ruled and Matt Jones was on fire this match. A 3 point basket and 2 free throws launched the Archers into a good position with points by Trey Mills and Dylan Peters helping. North Central seemed to be stuck with only five points.

The second quarter is what

put Antwerp in the winning position—though as can be seen later, it wasn't guaranteed. The Eagles only earned 6 and Antwerp made 3x that amount with points by most of the team. Cole Seslar had 2 2-point field goals and there were point baskets by Jones, Luke Brewer and Keaton Altimus. The half ended at 27-11.

What got into the Eagles, who knows, but the momentum sure swung to their side in the second half. Henry and Roesener were both on scoring sprees for the entire last half. They got into foul problems and sent Matt Jones to the line numerous times. This night Jones was on and hit 63% from the line, making 7. Mills was back in action in the fourth when his points also helped keep the Eagles in the red when he scored 2 more field goals and 1 3-pointer. The nail biter game ended with Antwerp only on top by 2.

Score by the Quarter:
Antwerp: 9 18 14 13 = 54
North Central: 5 6 20 21 = 52

Scorers of the Game:
Antwerp - Matt Jones 19; Trey Mills 11; Dylan Peters 4; Cole Seslar 4; Luke Brewer 3; Brandon Pendergrast 4; Keaton Altimus 3; Hunter Noel 6;
North Central - Bailey 5; Henry 16; Roesener 17; Williams 7; Livensparger 3; Tomblin 4;

The Archers improved their record tremendously with these two wins and are now at 6-8.

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PANTHERS SWEET REVENGE AGAINST COLUMBUS GROVE

While the Lady Panthers fell hard to the Bulldogs, the Panthers struck hard with reciprocity of its treatment of the ladies. On Friday, January 27 Paulding travelled to Columbus Grove and it was a good game for Paulding.

The first period proved to keep Paulding on track. It was not a run away game in any sense, though; it just kept building. Ethan Rhonehouse was on top of the game and led his team to victory starting with a 3 point basket and 2 free throws. Marcus Miller was only able to sink 1 field goal and that was also at the beginning. Preston Ingol looked good when he posted 12 to his stat sheet and had them spread across the game. Jaret Miller did quite well from the free-throw line. The half time score was 17-8 when Paulding stopped the Bulldogs from scoring in the second quarter.

The third quarter was fantastic for Paulding and was the best yet for both teams with 14 each. Rhonehouse was the top scorer for this period with 4 field goals. The final quarter was also good for Paulding when they scored 10 points - 4 for Ingol and Griffin Harder also added his 4th point of the game. Paulding's record is now 5-10 for the season and Columbus Grove stands at 3-10.

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding: 11 6 14 10 = 41
Columbus Grove: 6 2 14 9 = 28

Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - M Miller 2; E Rhonehouse 15; J Miller 8; P Ingol 12; G Harder 4
Columbus Grove - C Grothans 10; R Tabler 4; L Schroeder 3; L Clynot 1; C Johnson 1; R Roney 9

LADY PANTHERS CRUSHED BY COLUMBUS GROVE

Thursday, January 26 was a tough night for the Paulding taking on Columbus Grove at the Panther court. The game was downright awful for the

home girls basketball team. Columbus Grove hit 7 2-point field goals just in the first period along with McCluer hitting 2 3-point basket. In fact, they scored more points in the first period than Paulding did in the entire game.

The second period was just as effective for CG when they scored 4 3-pointers and 5 2-point field goals. Paulding got on the board this quarter for the first time and that was good news. The half time score ended up being 5-44.

Going into the second half, the Panthers slowed down the scoring, and it helped that the Bulldogs put in many of their 2nd tier team. CG is very good this year with only one loss the entire season. In the third quarter, Paulding upped their points by 7 with help from Brianna Townley. In the final quarter, Paulding backed down to only 4 points. The final score was 16-69.

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding: 0 5 7 4 = 16
Columbus Grove: 22 22 16 9 = 69

Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - K Hale 1; S McCullough 2; E Mobley 2; B Townley 7; F Vogel 4
Columbus Grove - McCluer 14; Ellerbrock 2; Sybert 4; Birkemeier 4; Clement 11; Caudill 3; Schroeder 3; Malsom 2; Beiman 21.

PIRATES FALL TO ARCHERS

The Lady Archers travelled to Continental on Tuesday, January 24. The Putnam County team started stronger than Antwerp with 7-9 and points made by Bradford but they were not able to hold on to the lead when the Lady Archers pulled together with a 3-point basket by Rachel Williamson and 4 points by Maggie Wilson, not to mention 1 2-point field goal and 3 free throws for Hope Smith. The game was now tied for half-time at 21-21.

In the third quarter, Antwerp decided it was not enough to be tied ... they shut down the Lady Pirates when they only allowed them to score 7 points in the fourth quarter. Mansfield was just about the only one who could

score. At the same time, the Archers were stuffing the hoop. Williamson and Kortney Smith were adding points up until they hit 16, and, oh, I don't want to miss Hope's Smith's contribution. The girls were hot on the floor.

The fourth quarter was just as good: only 4 points did the Archers let Continental shoot while they sunk 10 with Ashley Miller leading the period. The game finished 47-32.

Score by the Quarter:
Antwerp: 7 14 16 10 = 47
Continental: 9 12 7 4 = 32
Scorers of the Game:
Antwerp - E Phillips 1; K Smith 4; R Williamson 16; M Wilson 4; K Brumett 3; P Short 4; A Miller 6; H Smith 9
Continental - Bradford 8; Armev 2; Hoeffel 3; Logan 8; Mansfield 11

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGH-LIGHTS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held its January meeting Thursday morning, January 19, at the OHSAA office. The following are highlights from the meeting. Complete meeting minutes will be posted at OHSAA.org.

- The board approved moving the OHSAA football state championships to Canton for 2017 and 2018. The OHSAA previously described its intent to rotate the state championships between Columbus, which hosted the football state championships in 2014, 2015 and 2016, and Canton, where Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium is being renovated. The board's vote makes the move official. A separate press release is posted at: <http://bit.ly/2jZC0iN>

- The board approved an OHSAA baseball pitch count regulation, as mandated by the National Federation, which goes into effect for the 2017 season. The regulation and a separate press release are posted on the baseball page at: <http://ohsaa.org/sports/baseball>
- The track and field regional tournament dates and sites were approved by the board and are posted on the track and field tournament information page at: <http://ohsaa.org/sports/track/tournament-info>

- Since the board's October meeting, 18 member schools were penalized for committing infractions of OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations. The list of infractions and penalties is always included in the complete meeting minutes, but media members may

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WOODLAN PULLS 11th WIN ON SENIOR NIGHT



Ellie Kayser shoots and scores a 3 point basket. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Woodlan girls basketball team has wrapped up their regular season at home with senior night on Tuesday, January 24. The seniors are Caylee Moore, Samantha Houser, Ellie Kayser, Samantha Voors, Rain Hinton, and Katelyn Bowers. These girls have been playing hard for four years and it's hard to believe their play for Woodlan is nearly finished. Woodlan won the JV contest 37-15.

Following the JV game was the varsity game and

Blackhawk started strong. At one point in the first period the Braves were in the lead 8-3. By the buzzer the warriors had whittled the lead down to the point they overtook the points 13-16. Points were coming on strong with a three point basket by Sam Houser and Rain Hinton.

Coach Gary Cobb has really been working with the girls on hitting the free throws. What's worse than missing shots you are not being challenged on? Free throws of course. Out of 16 attempted free throws only one was missed. This made a big difference in the game. The Braves only made 9 of their 14 free throws.

By half time, Woodlan was still holding onto the lead with 25-32. Woodlan continued to play hard with the girls and they were able to continually outscore each quarter their Fort Wayne rivals.

Altogether Blackhawk made 5 3-point baskets and all of them by Starr Hullinger. On Woodlan's side there were 3 3-point baskets and 1 by Ellie Kayser and the other two mentioned above. The final score was 54-66 and Woodlan won senior night!

Score by the Quarter:
Blackhawk Christian: 13 12 14 15 = 54
Woodlan: 16 16 18 16 = 66

Woodlan evened its record at 11-11 on the season last week as the Warriors recorded a 66-54 victory over Blackhawk Christian.

Rain Hinton led four Woodlan players in double figures with 19 points to lead the way for Woodlan.

Samantha Houser added 13 for the Warriors while Sammi Voors chipped in a dozen points. Freshman Addison Bayman also recorded ten points for Woodlan.

The Lady Warriors led 16-

13 after one quarter and expanded the margin to 32-25 at the break. Woodlan then outscored the Braves 18-14 in the third period to make it 50-39 entering the final stanza.

Hinton, Ellie Kayser and Houser all hit three-pointers for the Warriors, who were three of five beyond the arc.

Starr Hullinger topped Blackhawk Christian with a game-high 26 points and Courtney Pulver added 11 for the Lady Braves. Isabella Coats chipped in 13 for Blackhawk Christian and Sophie Perlich scored one point.

Hullinger connected on five triples for the Braves.

Kayla Reidenbach (seven), Kayser (three) and Katelyn Bowers (two) had the remaining Woodlan points.

Woodlan finished the night 24 of 54 overall from the field (44 percent) while Blackhawk Christian was 20 of 51 (39 percent).

At the charity stripe, the Lady Warriors were a very good 15 of 16 (94 percent) and the Braves hit 9 of 14 (64 percent).

Hinton also added nine rebounds, three steals and two assists for the Lady Warriors.

Kayser dished out five assists for Woodlan and Voors added three assists. Hinton and Bayman added two assists and three steals for the Warriors.

Pulver brought down ten rebounds for Blackhawk Christian and Coats grabbed nine. Pulver also recorded 13 assists in the contest for the Braves to go along with three steals.

Woodlan opens sectional action on Wednesday when the Warriors take on Adams Central (2-20).

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2017 WOODLAN GIRLS BASKETBALL SENIOR RECOGNITION

By: Jeffery Abbott
Caylee Moore (#11), daughter of Dan & Renee Moore. Caylee played 3 season of basketball, student council for 3 years, 1 year of prom committee, and 1 year as soccer manager. She is undecided on her future plans.

Samantha Houser (#12), daughter of Brad Houser and Jeff & Sandy Eager. Samantha played 4 years of basketball, volleyball and track, and 2 years of National Honor Society. She plans to attend Concordia University - Chicago to major in Biology and play volleyball.

Ellie Kayser (#23), daughter of Doug & Chris-

tie Kayser. Ellie played 4 seasons of basketball for the Warriors and ran track and cross-country for 4 years at Woodlan. She has been a National Honor Society officer for 2 years, on student council for 2 years, member of the Woodlan Service Club for 2 years, a class officer, and a student ambassador. Ellie plans to attend IPFW to study psychology and become a child therapist.

Samantha Voors (#30), daughter of Dave & Tina Voors. Samantha played 6 years of volleyball at Woodlan, 7 years of basketball, 2 years on student council, 2 years in the National Honor Society, a Scholar Athlete for 4 years, 10 years of 4H, and club volleyball for 8 years. She plans to attend Ohio Northern University and study Forensic Biology.

Rain Hinton (#34), daughter of Tanya Oberkis-

er and James Hinton. Rain played 4 years of basketball for the Warriors and the Woodlan Service Club for 1 year. She plans to attend Albion College, study athletic training and play basketball.

Katelyn Bowers (#40), daughter of Daniel & Rachel Bowers. Katelyn played 4 seasons of basketball for the Warriors, 4 years on the track team, 5 years as part of the Marching Band and Pep Band, 2 years of National Honor Society, and 2 years helping with Jr. High Campus Life. She plans to attend Grace College to study education and children's ministry.

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ARCHERS WALK THE PIRATES' PLANK



Antwerp's Luke Brewer sends a jump shot to the basket for the score. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On Monday, January 23 Antwerp hosted Continental in boys basketball. The game started off with Matt Jones tipping the ball to his team. Last year, this game went into a 4th overtime according to the players and they were certainly not looking forward to that.

Both teams were about equal in the first half of the game when Matt Jones, Dylan Peters and Cole Seslar each scored a field goal. This just happened to be one of Jones' cold games. Matt is an extremely talented player but

some games are just not his. Can't say much about the Pirates either as they scored just about the same. The half ended 15-16 and the Pirates were in the lead.

Going into the second half, Continental changed their game play. Antwerp started fouling and Stauffer sunk 7 of 7 free throws. Antwerp wasn't out of the game until the fourth period when the Archers only chipped in 7 and the Pirates posted 15 to score. Under the basket, Continental was able to continue grabbing more rebounds than

the home team. The game finished 34-46 with Continental taking the win.

Score by the Quarter:
Antwerp: 6 9 12 7 = 34
Continental: 7 9 15 15 = 46
Scorers of the Game:
Antwerp - M Jones 2; T Mills 3; D Peters 12; C Seslar 13; L Brewer 4

Continental - T Williamson 3; W Stauffer 13; C Potts 3; C Olds 18; J Williams 8; T Brecht 1

Antwerp's next game will be at home against the Holgate on February 3.

More pictures at westbendnews.net

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Join family and friends, Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. as the Heritage Patriots visit New Haven High School for a Boys' Basketball Game.

As the teams battle it out on the court, the fans will unite in support of OUR respective communities. During half-time fans will be asked to throw NEW gloves, socks, or hats onto the court, which will in turn be donated to those in need within the Heritage and New Haven Communities. All participants are eligible to win one of several great prizes to be awarded during halftime.

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request the list in advance from Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Communications, at tstried@ohsaa.org.

- The board approved a change to the 2017 golf season start date. Matches will begin on Friday, August 4, which is one day earlier than previously published.

- The financial and attendance reports for the 2016 spring state tournaments in baseball, softball, track and field and boys tennis were presented to the board. Details will be included in the complete meeting minutes posted at OHSAA.org.

- The 2017 spring sports manuals for coaches, administrators and officials, along with tournament regulations, were approved by the board and are posted on the respective sport pages at OHSAA.org.

- The board recognized Dr. Jeffrey Harwood of New London as the Ohio Team Physician of the Year, as selected by the Ohio State Medical Association. The board also recognized Aurora High School athletic director Paul Powers as the recipient of the 2016 National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) State Award of Merit. This annual award is provided by the NIAAA for recognition of meritorious dedication to high school and middle school athletics.

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JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY JR HISTORICAL MEETING SET

We are kicking off another year for the JPHS Jr Historians! Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 11th, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the JPHS Museum. All school aged kids are welcome to join us!

LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO BLUFFTON'S DEAN'S LIST

Bluffton University has announced its dean's list for the fall term. Students with a GPA of 3.6 or higher are eligible for the dean's list.

Undergraduate from this area is: Cameron Huss, Antwerp

Bluffton University is a liberal arts, residential campus with more than 80 undergraduate majors, minors and programs; and adult degree-completion programs in organizational management, Health Care management and RN to BSN. Bluffton also offers master's degree programs in organizational management, as well as MBA programs with concentrations in leadership, Health Care management, accounting and financial management, and production and operations management.

Founded in 1899 and affiliated with Mennonite Church USA, the university is located in Northwest Ohio. It has an enrollment of around 1,000 students and 16 NCAA Division III athletic teams. Bluffton's 100-year legacy is expressed today in its enduring values of discovery, community, respect and service that are woven into the academic program and campus life. Bluffton students go into the world prepared for life as well as for their chosen vocations.

SAMANTHA SEIBEL OF DEFIANCE ON DEAN'S LIST AT DENISON UNIVERSITY

Samantha Seibel of Defiance was one of 327 students named to Denison University's 2016 fall semester dean's list by Provost Kim Coplin. "Denison students thrive

as they learn new modes of thought and are challenged to see the world in complex ways by faculty who share their own personal enthusiasm for research and scholarship," says Coplin. Students who achieve dean's list status have maintained a grade point average of 3.7 or better (out of 4.0) for the semester. Seibel is a graduate of The Culver Academies and a member of the Denison class of 2017.

At Denison University, one of the nation's leading liberal arts colleges, motivated students from around the world tailor educational experiences in pursuit of their highest aspirations. Innovative faculty and a completely residential campus provide an integrated learning environment for students to develop as critical thinkers, perceptive moral agents and active citizens in a global community as they prepare for rewarding lives of purpose and impact.

PURDUE VARSITY GLEE CLUB COMING TO PARKVIEW HOSPITAL

Purdue Varsity Glee Club will bring its musical variety and unparalleled showmanship to the Mirro Center for Research & Innovation on the Parkview Hospital campus on Dupont Road Saturday, April 1 for a 7:00 p.m. The concert will also include the IPFW Singing Dons. The Glee Club's versatile repertoire includes gospel, vocal jazz, swing, contemporary hits, romantic ballads, classical selections, barbershop, folk, opera choruses, country and novelty tunes and patriotic standards. Specialty groups and outstanding soloists further enhance their performance. They have served as ambassadors of the university with honor and dignity for more than 115 years and have taken their special brand of music across the state, the country and to South Africa, Australia, China and many European countries. There is no designated seating. www.purdue.edu/pmo/calendar. Click on April 1

AUTHOR TO VISIT ANTWERP LIBRARY

Paulding County Carnegie Library announces that the Antwerp Branch 205 North

Madison Street 419-258-2855; Invite's Author Greg Smith, February 6th at 6:30 p.m.

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LEADERS OF TOMORROW 4-H MEETING

By: Bethany Klopfenstein, Communications Officer

The Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H club met at the Paulding town square on January 19 for another community service project.

They got tools and ladders around, then went to work at taking down the Christmas lights and garland from the lamp posts around the square. When the decorations were put away, they went to the Youth Leadership Building to have their monthly meeting.

At the meeting they discussed many topics from the budget and activity committee. They were also reminded about the new medication rule for consumable animals that came into effect on January 1.

Haleigh Stoller gave a demonstration on parliamentary procedure and Crystal Klopfenstein, health and safety officer, gave a short talk about why to eat breakfast. They ended the night with a game of electric fence!

There were 42 members and Cloverbuds, and 10 parents present.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 16, 7:00 at the Youth Leadership Building.

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

Paulding: Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Holly Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert

Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. OSU Extension Office, Paulding County Historical Society, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Past Time Cafe
Payne: 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: Pak-A-Sak, Family Video, Orchard Tree, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market, Walmart

INDIANA LOCATIONS

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

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OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL HOLDS SHOE COLLECTION



Oakwood Elementary Student Council recently worked in partnership with the PTO to hold a shoe collection for the Soles for Souls Organization. Nearly 150 pairs of shoes were collected. Shown looking over the collection of shoes are sixth grade Student Council members JB Rickels, Hannah Lehman, Ariana Sheaks, and Caydence Rue.

IHSAA 2A GIRLS BASKETBALL SECTIONAL AT CHURUBUSCO

Tuesday, January 31
7:00 p.m. Churubusco vs South Adams
Wednesday, February 1
6:00 p.m. Bluffton vs Eastside
7:30 p.m. Woodlan vs Adams Central
Friday, February 3
6:00 p.m. Blackford vs Churubusco/South Adams winner
7:30 p.m. Bluffton/Eastside winner vs Woodlan/Adams Central winner
Saturday, February 4
7:30 p.m. Championship Game

DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2ND 9 WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2016/17

4TH GRADE: Conner Davis, Tyler Head, Aiden Lee, Bela McDougale, Kyle Sutton
5TH GRADE: KatieAnna Baumle, Kailyn Dienstberger, Jasmine Mattson, Raelyn Schweinsberg, Kaitlin Slade, Eli Stuart, Caden Tumblin
6TH GRADE: Maggie Cox, Tyler Davis, Kyle Slade

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE PLAYERS ANNUAL MEETING

January 22, the Hicksville Village Players held their Annual Meeting and Banquet at St. Michael's Catholic Church. There was a wonder-

ful turnout of approximately 29 people to share a lovely potluck dinner provided by the Village Players and all the members who attended.

After the dinner, the members voted on awards for the 2016 season. The Village Players did four productions this last year: "Mousetrap", "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged, Revised)", "Halloween Variety Show", and "Dashing Through the Snow". Following is a list of the winners for 2016:

Best Lead Actor--(Tie) Sean Patterson for "Shakespeare" and Bill Murphy for "Dashing"

Best Lead Actress--Mercedes Moncivais for "Mousetrap"

Best Supporting Actor--Jamy Shaffer for "Dashing"

Best Supporting Actress--Dawn Patterson for "Mousetrap"

Best Male Cameo--Sean Patterson for "Mousetrap"

Best Female Cameo--Trinity McFarland for "Halloween"

Best Newcomer--Rose Doctor for "Dashing"

Best Male Crew--Sean Patterson for "Mousetrap"

Best Female Crew--Rosanna Husted for "Mousetrap"

Best Set--"Dashing Through the Snow"

Best Costuming--"Dashing Through the Snow"

Best Tech--"Dashing Through the Snow"

Best Show--(Tie) "The

Complete Works of Shakespeare" & "Dashing Through the Snow"

Best Producer--Peter Greer for "Mousetrap"

Best Director--(Tie) Peter Greer for "Mousetrap" & Melody Stevenson/Mercedes Moncivais for "Halloween Variety Show"

Thespian Award (for those who have gone above and beyond)--Sean Patterson

After the awards were announced, the group elected three new members to the Board. The new members are: Carol Clark, Dennis Jackson, and Brandy Patterson. The Board then elected, from its members, officers for 2017. The new Board is as follows:

President--Peter Greer
Vice-President--Melody Stevenson

Secretary---Carol Clark
Treasurer---Dawn Patterson

Members-at-large---Dennis Jackson, Mercedes Moncivais, Brandy Patterson, Sean Patterson, Jamy Shaffer

The Board and members of the Village Players appreciate all the support they received in 2016 and are looking forward to seeing everyone at our productions for 2017. We will have four productions again this year: "Harvey", "Death and Taxes", "Dracula", and "A Christmas Story". Please check out our Facebook page under "Hicksville Village Players" for updates on our upcoming productions. Come join the fun!!!

WOODLAN SHOW CHOIR TO HOST FISH FRY

The Woodlan Warrior Ambition is hosting its annual Fish & Chicken Dinner on Friday, February 17th from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Woodlan Auditoria - door 16. Dan's Fish Fry out of Huntington is preparing the fish and chicken this year. The meal will include sides, dessert and a drink.

The Show Choir will be performing various pieces from their "HOME" competition every 20 minutes.

Proceeds will benefit the Warrior Ambition Show Choir in helping them reach their goal of raising funds for the 2017 Competition Season. Warrior Ambition will compete in several competitions across Allen, Noble and Huntington counties with over 30 dedicated performers.

WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL 2ND 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2016/17

Academic Honors - 10.0 (A- average) GPA or above

4TH GRADE: Grace Graber, Grant Graber, Lucas Hertig, Brooke Kneubuhler, Zachery Scheiderer, Ally Wasvick

5TH GRADE: Savannah Graber, Marissa Smith, Luke Wells, Carmella Zehr

6TH GRADE: Adam Marsee, Clay Matthias

7TH GRADE: Bekah Gentz, Carter Knoblauch

8TH GRADE: Ella Smith, Madison Smith, Addison Wasvick

Honorable Mention - All A's & B's

4TH GRADE: Lillian Riley, Lanie Szajna, Ethan Trygg

5TH GRADE: Paige Alber, Marilyn Emehiser, Taylor Kneubuhler, Ally Rorick

6TH GRADE: Chase Bennett, Jaxson Fleek, Dawson Lichty, Alex Miller, Avah Smith

7TH GRADE: Heather Dixon, Rachal Emehiser, Karlee Hulbert, Summer Singley, Ethan Stopher

8TH GRADE: Lydia Dyer, Abbey Gentz, Hailey Gerardot, Alexis Henderson, Cailyn Volkert

Raised GPA

4TH GRADE: Charlotte Glaze, Grace Graber, Brooke Graber, Lucas Hertig, Grant Kneubuhler, Jade Lichty, Bethany Lockridge, Aaron Marsee, Amber Rorick, Ava Scheiderer, Zachery Scheiderer, Ally Wasvick

6TH GRADE: Chase Bennett, Nathaniel Lockridge, Alex Miller

7TH GRADE: Mia Adams, Madelyn Borchelt, Hannah Dietel, Heather Dixon, Rachal Emehiser, Karlee Hulbert, Sierra Mrak, Summer Singley

8TH GRADE: Abbey Gentz, Hailey Gerardot, Alexis Henderson, Sydney Schlatter, Madison Smith

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY 2ND 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2016/17

All A's

3A: Riley Manz, Torree Sinn, Addison Stoller

3B: Whitney Boroff, Lance Maenle, Aubree Miller, Lexi Moore, Natalie Richie

4A: Corbin Kimmel, Eli Martinez, Kathleen Stoller, Natalie Stoller, Trent Thornell,

4B: Anna Meraz, Gage Ogle, Lorie Sinn, Nicholas Sinn, Ava Stoller

5A: Libby Meraz

5B: Kyle Stoller, Laryssa Whitman

6A: Anna Miller, Elise Miller, Kara Stoller, Laura Thornell

6B: Hannah Maenle, Rylee Miller, Sydnee Sinn, Blakle Stoller

All A's & B's

3A: Audrey Dougal, Caden Sinn

3B: Gabby Carman, Izzy Foust, Jordan Hale, Ryann Jay, Ian Jewell, Gauge Landwehr, Caitlyn Mead, Micah Sinn, Lance Whitman

4A: Elana Bidlack, Elliott Morgan, Blake Osborn, Brandon Shoup, Amos Sinn, Tiana Sinn, Tori Young

4B: Ryan Bostelman, Melanie Buschor, Ciarra Cotterman, Nevaeh Jackson, Jarrett Jewell, Brady Miller, Renon Spear

5A: Tucker Antoine, Kyla Hurd, Logan Miller, Ally Stephy, Zach Wobler

5B: Harley Halliwill, Nathaniel Osborn, Allison Schilt

6A: Macy Doster, Madison Egnor, Makenna Elliott, Alyssa Greathouse, Matthew

Kline, Abby Moore, Kameron Shellenberger, Josh Shelton

6B: Kaden Colley, Cole Fisher, Ezra Sinn

All B's

3A: Ethan Fisher, Zachariah Landwehr, Koden Martz, Myleigh Sheets

3B: Zanden Wineland

4A: Mackenzie Silance

5A: Mary Lands, Graiden Troth

5B: Kaden Landwehr, Kaiden Tucker

6A: Chloe Beining

6B: Ava Dougal, Ariel Landwehr

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 2/1 - 2/7

Breakfast:

2/1 - Bacon, egg & cheese biscuit, juice, fruit, milk

2/2 - Cinnamon rolls, juice, fruit, milk

2/3 - Tater coins with cheese, sausage links, juice, fruit, milk

2/6 - Breakfast pizza, juice, fruit, milk

2/7 - Pancake sausage wrap, juice, fruit, milk

Lunch:

2/1 - Taco salad w/meat, cheese, chips and lettuce, salsa, sour cream, refried beans OR Baked potato with meat, cheese and broccoli, pretzel b. stick, assorted fruit, milk

2/2 - General Tso chicken, fried rice, Oriental vegetables, eggroll, OR Big daddy pizza, seasoned corn, assorted fruit, milk

2/3 - Chili dog, juice box, oven potatoes OR Salad bar, garlic breadstick, assorted fruit, milk

2/6 - Popcorn chkn bowl w/corn, potatoes, gravy & cheese, dinner roll OR Salad bar, garlic bread, assorted fruit, milk

2/7 - SW fajita chicken salad, corn & black beans, tomatoes, churro OR Asstd entree items, oven fries, pickles, assorted fruit, milk

PEVS ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 2/1 - 2/7

Breakfast:

2/1 - Bkfst burrito, juice, fruit, milk

2/2 - Muffin, cheese stick, juice, fruit, milk

2/3 - Cereal or cereal bar, juice, fruit, milk

2/6 - Yogurt, goldfish grm, juice, fruit, milk

2/7 - Pancakes, juice, fruit, milk

Lunch:

2/1 - Pancakes w/saus, hashbrowns, oven potatoes, tomato juice, fruit, milk

2/2 - Vegetable beef soup with crackers, bread, pea-

nut butter cup, fresh veggie choice, fruit, milk

2/3 - Pizza, salad blend, broccoli, sidekicks fr. fruit, fruit, milk

2/6 - Breaded chicken on wh gr bun, steamed carrots, celery, fruit, milk

2/7 - Taco salad with crackers, lettuce, cheese, salsa, fruit, milk

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 2/1 - 2/7

Breakfast:

2/1 - Bkfst pizza, juice, fruit, milk

2/2 - Saus-egg burrito, juice, fruit, milk

2/3 - Asstd cereals, juice, fruit, milk

2/6 - Yogurt, juice, fruit, milk

2/7 - Pancake on stick, juice, fruit, milk

Lunch:

2/1 - Salisbury stk, whip potatoes, bread, romaine lettuce salad, fruit, milk

2/2 - Cheese cup, tortilla chips, green beans, carrot stix, fruit, milk

2/3 - Soft taco, romaine lettuce, refried beans, fruit, milk

2/6 - Hamburger on wh gr bun, corn, tomato, romaine lettuce, fruit, milk

2/7 - Chic strip wrap, romaine lettuce, peas, carrot stix, fruit, milk

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS 2/1 - 2/7

2/1 - Pizzaburger on bun, green beans, pineapple, milk

2/2 - Fish on bun, broccoli & rice w/cheese, peaches, milk

2/3 - Chicken quesadilla, tossed salad, applesauce, milk

2/6 - Chicken strips, cooked carrots, mixed fruit, milk

2/7 - Lasagna roll or meat-loaf, mashed potatoes, pears, milk

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PATRICK TROYER VISITS OAKWOOD PRESCHOOL



The Oakwood preschool students were excited to have Patrick Troyer, the Education Specialist from the Paulding Soil and Water visit their classes and show them various animal furs and talk about the different animals that can be found in Northwest Ohio. Shown with Patrick is Wyatt Dickerson and Chandler Fitch from Ms. Briana Ripke's afternoon preschool class.

ENJOYING NATURE DURING THE WINTER

By Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist

Yes, you read the title correctly and it is possible to enjoy the sights and sounds of nature even in the dead of winter! Don't let winter's cold keep you away from a stroll in the woods or a walk in the park. Experiencing the beauty of nature in the winter can build up a closer connection with nature year-round and give us all a greater sense of stewardship for our local natural areas such as the Black Swamp Nature Center or other areas throughout Paulding County.

For teachers and parents, walking around in the winter gives kids the opportunity to observe how nature continues even though the leaves have fallen off the trees and snow covers the ground most of the time. It also is a chance to see how many animal species (even us as humans) adapt (both behaviorally and structurally) to deal with the cold of winter. To survive winter, animal species will grow an extra coat of fur to keep themselves warm and stock up on food to munch on throughout the winter. Other species such as the bear will sleep the winter away and hibernate until the warmth of spring returns once again. They prepare to hibernate by eating a lot and fattening up. When the temperature goes down and the days get shorter, they go into a deep sleep and live off their fat. Then, when it gets warmer in the spring, they wake up and start moving again. As humans, we adapt to winter by putting our layers on including our scarves, gloves, hats, and coats just as an animal thickens their fur.

As you are walking through the yard or landscape, have children take note

of how animals such as the squirrel or raccoon take shelter in the winter and notice if they are hibernating or not. Raccoons don't hibernate, but can sleep a few weeks at a time in their den but overall, they will not show much activity. Although they do not technically hibernate, they do put on extra weight in the fall that helps them make it through the winter. When it is extremely cold outside, they will sometimes stay in their dens for extended periods and burn the fat that they have stored. Raccoons will stay around here but be cozy in their dens.

What are some other activities you can do outdoors in the winter? One idea for a kid's game would be the Migration Headache Game by Gareth Thomson. Migration Headache is a lively game that illustrates the various threats to the survival of migrating birds as their habitats are destroyed or altered by human activities. Here's how you can play:

In an open outdoor area, create a playing area resembling a tiny football field with two "end zones." Clearly delineate the goal lines by telling participants that they are imaginary lines between two objects, such as branches or knapsacks, placed on the ground. Tell participants that they will play the role of migrating birds as they travel between their summer and winter habitats (the two end zones). Have them begin by standing in the summer habitat, and ask the kids to name the kind of bird they have chosen to play.

Tell participants that to succeed they must avoid being caught by players who will represent bird-killing hazards. Ask for a volunteer to be a catcher. Tell participants that this catcher represents an early winter storm that kills late migrants. Shout

"Go!" and let the participants "fly" from the summer to the winter habitat.

Gather those who got caught during that round and tell them that, in the next round, they are to become hazards such as lighted high-rise buildings (which kill many night-migrating birds), a pollution spill in a pond, a human-caused or natural drought, etc. Ask participants to migrate from the winter to the summer habitat. You can either continue the game until all birds are tagged or you can replenish the ranks of the successful migrants by moving some birds from the hazards group to the bird group (this move represents reproduction). Conclude by asking the participants to suggest ways in which we can help migrating birds.

Where can you enjoy these wonders of nature? The Black Swamp Nature Center welcomes you to enjoy the winter wonderland! The trails are open for all to enjoy from dawn to dusk to take a nice stroll through nature and admire the beauty! Even if it is cold, nature still has a multitude of treasures waiting to be discovered!

SIGNAL MODERNIZATION SCHEDULED ON U.S. 27 IN FORT WAYNE

Various intersections will receive traffic signal upgrades

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces signal improvements along U.S. 27 in Fort Wayne. Beginning on or after Monday, Jan. 30, INDOT contractor, Shambaugh & Son, is scheduled to begin working on several locations.

The project consists of new signal heads, cabinets and other upgrades. Motorists should expect to encounter temporary daytime lane restrictions in all locations. Some overnight work may be needed.

Intersections to receive upgrades include:

- U.S. 27 and Elizabeth Avenue; U.S. 27 and 4th Street; U.S. 27 and Rudisill Boulevard; U.S. 27 and McKinnic Avenue; U.S. 27 at Hannah Street

View these projects in INDOT's online traveler system at INDOT.carsprogram.org.

REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP 1/17/17

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 8:21 a.m. by Mayor Ray DeLong. Council persons present: Keith West, Rudie Reeb, Larry Ryan and Council President Jan Reeb. Those absent were Kenneth Reinhart and Steve Derck.

Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty, Village Administrator Sara Keeran, EMS Coordinator Randy Shaffer and EMS Billing Clerk Ashley McDougal. Media present: Peter Greer - Crescent News. Visitors: William Graham with Walmart.

Minutes from the regular council meeting held December 19, 2016, were reviewed.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Ryan, to accept the minutes from the December 19, 2016, regular council meeting. 4 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

The December disburse-

ments were reviewed. Discussion on expenses.

Motion made by West, seconded by Ryan, to approve the December reconciliation report. 4 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Visitors

Antwerp Police Department and Mayor DeLong presented William Graham, Walmart Defiance store manager, with plaques recognizing him, Walmart, and Rachel Hollinger, representative of Andersons at Walmart, for their continued support of our community. Walmart donated \$1,500.00 to the Antwerp Police Department, which was used to give \$50.00 gift cards to individuals and families in the Antwerp community for Christmas.

Police Report

Police Chief George Clemens provided a written report showing 69 calls for service with 10 citations for the month of December. Chief Clemens also mentioned that he has applied for three grants for the police department as follows: \$15,000.00 to purchase a portion of the parking lot south of police station; \$8,500.00 from Cooper's to purchase a golf cart for the police department; and \$40,000.00 to purchase a new police cruiser. Chief Clemens is expecting to hear back in the next few weeks if the police department will be awarded these grants.

EMS Report

EMS Coordinator Randy Shaffer provided a written EMS report showing 333 calls in 2016 compared to 308 in 2015. EMS Billing Clerk Ashley McDougal provided a written report showing collections of \$1,434.72 for the month of December and a 2016 year-to-date total collected of \$82,584.33. She provided a written report showing 27 EMS runs for December with a total of 333 EMS runs for 2016. The sum of \$17,250.00 was transferred to the vehicle replacement fund for 2016 for a total of \$96,169.27 in this fund.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Fiscal Officer Lichty tabled the reading of ordinances. A special council meeting will be held on January 18, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. and the ordinances will be read at the special council meeting.

Discussion on Paulding County Economic Development membership for 2017.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by West, to commit to the Gold Sponsor Level and pay \$1,500.00 for Paulding County Economic Development 2017 membership. 4 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Administrator's Report
See attached report.

Snow removal on residential sidewalks has been an issue this winter including the Safe Routes to School area. Public Service Committee met January 4, 2017, and an ordinance will be discussed and possibly passed at special council meeting on January 18, 2017, to address new policy for removal of ice and snow from sidewalks.

Compost site will be closed during winter months.

Committee Reports

See administrator's report on sidewalk issue for report of public service committee. No other committee reports. However Public Safety Committee will schedule a meeting to discuss the inspection of golf carts. Finance Com-

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Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

PAULDING PRESCHOOL FAMILY FUN DAY



The Paulding Elementary Preschool recently held a family fun day where children and their parents worked on Gross Motor Activities dealing with balance, coordination, locomotion, and object manipulation. These activities are important for walking, running, catching, and self-care skills. Several students are shown balancing "ice cream scoops on cones". The students are Landen White, Piper Pease, Daryus Mitchell, and Zendaya Mitchell.

mittee will also schedule a meeting in the April timeframe to discuss reviewing the personnel manual, as well as vacation pay buyout.

Council Person West asked if research was commenced on engineering services and obtaining bids for these services on future projects. Solicitor Farr has information for council and will present her findings at the special council meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017.

Mayor's Report
Mayor's Court brought

in \$1,245.00 to the village in the month of December with \$375.00 going to the state and \$15.00 going to the county, for a total of \$1,635.00.

Mayor DeLong recognized 2016 completed projects and also mentioned goals for 2017 through his state of the village address (see attached).

Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by West, to adjourn the meeting. 4 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

EXCELLENT PUBLIC AUCTION

10 AM-SAT-FEB 4 10 AM

LOCATION: Nazarene Family Life Center; 210 Dooley Dr. PAULDING, OH (very near McDonald's)

HOUSEHOLD - FINE FURNITURE

Lilliput Lane - 60 pieces; (2) glass display cases; newer roll top; black leather; Lazy Boy like new; grandfather clock; Wurliitzer spinet piano; Kimball Swinger organ; beds; end/coffee tables; furniture; beautiful couches including hide-a-bed; side/side stainless frig; Whirlpool wash/dryer; signed 'BOOS' butcher block - great; lamps including Aladdin w/parts; German camel back; all types of glass; Gone/Wind lamp; musical MerryGoRound; (collection of) metal 'Cars of the 60's; (nice) 1958 Chevy convert metal model w/title;

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(fine) jewelry including art nouveau; greek revival; many wwii collectibles including helmets; large cast iron kettle w/stand; old oak double china cabinet; old oak wash stand; 1920's beautiful walnut dining room set w/ matching china cabinet; old 'hossier' cupboard w/copper top; small curved glass china buffet; 2186 cub cadet- clean; craftsman 10" radial arm; rolling kennedy box; all types of tools including numerous power tools; many/much more items; catalog sale -dozens of photos on internet; food/ parking; preview friday 1-5 pm; call if questions ----

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General Code, Section 11681
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NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
PAMELA L. HERBER, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 14 066.
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 Second day of March, 2017 at 10:00, the real estate located at:

202 Shaffer Road, Antwerp, Ohio 45813
Parcel Number: 12-38S-016-00
A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse.

Said premises appraised at Sixty Thousand and No/100 (\$60,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second sale will be held on the 9th day of March, 2017 at 10:00. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
www.pauldingohsheriff.com
F. Peter Costello, Attorney for Plaintiff
Notice Publication Dates: January 24, 2017; January 31, 2017; February 7, 2017

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Dianne L. Holmes, Payne, OH; Weapon/intox; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Complete Thinking For A Change program; Complete an evaluation at Westwood; No alcohol; No bars; No unlawful contact with victims; All contraband forfeited; Weapon forfeited

Freda L. Lane, Defiance, OH; Felony assault; Plead waive; Defendant has been indicted by The Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio; Preliminary hearing vacated; Case shall be bound over

Ashley D. Dalton, Paulding, OH; Fictitious reg; Guilty; Shall pay \$50.00 per month commencing 2/24/17; Has a POC date of 8/25/17; 20 jail days reserved

Kim A. Bickford, Paulding, OH; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Hunter S. McDonald, Defiance, OH; Criminal damage; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall have no contact with victims or their residence; Complete 25 hrs community service; Defendant able to pay-out community service; Shall maintain general good behavior

Hunter S. McDonald,

Defiance, OH; Criminal Trespa; Dismiss; Count B dismissed per state

Derrick J. Jewell, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

David A. Arnold, Ypsilanti, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Teymour Sepahbodi, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Clint R. Meridith, Johnsonville, SC; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case waived by defendant

De Anthony L. Glinsey, Indianapolis, IN; Poss marijuana; Dismiss; Case dismissed per state; Without prejudice; Costs waived

Stacy M. Duncan, Defiance, OH; Poss marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

De Anthony L. Glinsey, Indianapolis, IN; O.V.I/under inf; Dismiss; Upon motion of the state and for good cause shown, it is ordered that this matter shall be dismissed without prejudice; Cost waived

De Anthony L. Glinsey, Indianapolis, IN; DUS-non FRA; Dismiss; Upon motion of the state and for good cause shown, it is ordered that this matter shall be dismissed without prejudice; Cost waived

De Anthony L. Glinsey, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Dismiss; Upon motion of the state and for good cause shown, it is ordered that this matter shall be dismissed without prejudice; Cost waived

Stacy M. Duncan, Defiance, OH; O.V.I/breath(low); Dismiss; CT A dismissed at states request

Stacy M. Duncan, Defiance, OH; Left of center; Dismiss; CT B dismissed at states request

Stacy M. Duncan, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Dismiss; CT C dismissed at states request

Stacy M. Duncan, Defiance, OH; O.V.I/under inf; Guilty; Jail 3 days hard time; Work release granted for remaining days; ALS vacated; Shall pay \$100 per month commencing 3/31/17; Has a POC date of 12/29/17; Community Control Two; 30 hrs community service; 170 jail days reserved; restricted plates

Kyle J. Landwehr, Glandorf, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs by 5/26/17 or will be sent to collections; Shall pay \$100 per month commencing 2/24/17

Kyle J. Landwehr, Glandorf, OH; DUS; Guilty; Shall pay \$100 per mo. commencing 2/24/17; Has a POC date of 5/26/17; Defendant's license to be sent to Ohio BMV; Must show proof of insurance by 4:30 on 1/20/17

Lonnie A. Smith, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Manuel Ruiz Jr., Defiance, OH; Fail to reinsta; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 2/24/17 or will be sent to collections

Larry M. Dix, Hicksville, OH; Driv/FRA susp; Guilty; Defendant shall pay \$20.00 per month commencing 3/31/17; Has a POC date of 12/29/17

Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

James M. Velasquez, Defiance, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Salah Zonic, Warren, MI; Disable warning; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Nichole L. Hornish, Oakwood, OH; Pass bad check; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Pay \$70 in restitution; Defendant may be released when conditions are met; Shall maintain general good behavior

Scott E. Kirkland Jr, Paulding, OH; OL forf susp; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant shall pay \$25.00 per bi-weekly commencing 2/24/17; Pay all fines and costs by 5/26/17 or will be sent to collections; \$100 suspended on condition defendant gets valid license by 3/31/17

Scott E. Kirkland Jr, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant shall pay \$25.00 per bi-weekly commencing 2/24/17; Defendant has a POC date of 5/26/17

Alexander O. Oladimeji, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kyle J. Weisburger, Oakwood, OH; Display plates; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Amanda Marie Ringler, Payne, OH; Driv under susp; Dismiss; At the states request the following charges are dismissed; Costs waived; Without prejudice

Tyler F. A. Iwinski, Defiance, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Michael S. Wheeler, Paulding, OH; Fail to reinsta; Pled no cont., found guilty; Proof of financial responsibility provided; Defendant is to make monthly payments of \$50.00 beginning on 2/24/17; Has a POC date of 4/28/17

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

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

Andrew Geren, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jayson M. Shirley, Pioneer, OH; No OL; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Gurpreet Singh, Noblesville, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Paul M. Groth, Weatherford, TX; Disable warning; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

LATTA VOTES TO PROHIBIT TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) joined his colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives in passing H.R. 7, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act. Most taxpayer funding for abortion has been prohibited since 1976, due to Hyde Amend-

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Paulding High School announce their January Students of the Month from left to right: Palmarium- Mason Dailey, Excellentia- Emma Horstman, VVV- Lonna Saylor and Stupendum-Kaela Lucas.

ment, which is passed in annual government funding bills. However, this legislation would make the Hyde Amendment permanent and expand it to include all federal funding.

"One of the most basic ways we can protect innocent life is ensuring that taxpayer money is not being used to fund abortions," said Latta. "Not only is this policy supported by a large majority of Americans, it's the moral and right thing to do. Hardworking Ohioans have an expectation that their tax dollars will not be used to fund a practice that they abhor."

In addition to preventing federal funding from being used to perform abortions, the legislation also includes an important provision that prohibits the use of taxpayer funding, in the form of Obamacare premium as-

sistance credits, to pay for health insurance that covers abortion. A 2014 Government Accountability Office report found that taxpayer dollars were used on more than 1,000 Obamacare health insurance plans that included abortion.

The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act passed the House days before thousands of people are expected to participate in the March for Life rally in Washington, D.C. Congressman Latta will be participate in that event on Friday, January 27.

Let West Bend News announce your engagement, wedding or anniversary. It's only \$6 per column for the photo and the announcement is community news.

NOTICE PERMISSION TO HUNT, TRAP, AND FISH

Permission for Paulding County residents to hunt, trap, and fish on the Eaton Farm owned and managed by Paulding County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, must be obtained from the farm's current tenants Mark and Matthew Miller. Contact them at 10869 State Rt. 18, Mark Center, Ohio, 419-587-0513. Mark and Matthew Miller reserve the right to approve or deny requests to hunt, trap, and fish on the property.

NOLA R. GINTER, CLERK
BY ORDER
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO
ROY KLOPFENSTEIN
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Real Estate Taxes Are Due

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Failure To Receive A Tax Bill Will Not Avoid Penalty or Interest Charges.

- Please bring your tax bill with you when coming into the office to make a payment.
- If you cannot make it into the office, please use the addressed envelope enclosed with your tax bill and mail it to the office.
- For more information, visit our website at pauldingcountytreasurer.com

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VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01** on January 18, 2017, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2017 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance adopts the Ohio Basic Code Publication for calendar year 2017.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-02** on January 18, 2017, entitled "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE PERSONNEL MANUAL FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, INCLUDING ANY AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO AND ALL APPLICABLE STATEMENTS ATTACHED THERETO, FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance adopts the Personnel Manual for the Village of Antwerp for calendar year 2017.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-03** on January 18, 2017, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER \$27,500.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE FUND, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Fiscal Officer to transfer \$27,500.00 from the General Fund to the Police Fund for the operation of the Police Department.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-04** on January 18, 2017, entitled "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2011-10, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2008-49 ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, REPLACEMENT, AND MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND GUTTERS IN THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO; AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance repeals Ordinance No. 2011-10, which Ordinance amended Section 1 of Ordinance No. 2008-49 on the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks, and the repeal is necessary to allow a new amending Ordinance to be presented on the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-05** on January 18, 2017, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2008-49 ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, REPLACEMENT, AND MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND GUTTERS IN THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO; AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance amends section 1 of Ordinance No. 2008-49 setting forth the policy and procedures for keeping sidewalks clear and the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks, including the requirement that snow be cleared from sidewalks that is in excess of two inches within 24 hours after the snow ceases to fall.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-06** on January 18, 2017, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO SECOND ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT FOR COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Mayor to execute a second addendum to the Agreement with Real Waste Disposal, LLC for the purpose of extending the term of such agreement for another one (1) year period.

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

**VILLAGE OF ANTWERP
ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
JANUARY, 2017**

**SNOW ORDINANCE
TO BE AMENDED:**

The public service committee met on January 4, 2017 to review the Village's current ordinance on snow removal and if there was any changes that could be made to ensure snow and ice are removed from residential sidewalks after a snow event. The current ordinance, No. 2011-10 calls for snow and ice to be removed within 12 hours after a snow event. Committee felt this was too much to ask depending on the snow event ends. It could be impossible for residents to get this accomplished within the 12 hours. Discussion and examples of what other municipalities

have in place was discussed with a general feeling that it is an impossible task to get every resident to clear their sidewalk.

It was decided that the current ordinance would be amended to reflect that after a 2" snow or ice event, residents will have up to 24 hours to clear their sidewalks. If it is not possible to remove snow because it is turned to ice they are required to put ice melt, sand or sawdust to make the walkway safer. If certain residences continue to not clear their sidewalks the village has the option of fining the owner or person responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalk as the offense would carry a fine not exceeding \$500, to which a separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation continues or occurs pursuant to Ohio Basic Code 10.99 general penalty.

The Village will continue to keep downtown sidewalks cleared after snow

**Part-Time
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Antwerp Local Schools**

- 10:30-1:30 During school days
 - Must be able to pass BCI & FBI background check and drug screening
 - Applications are available in the District Office
- and are due by
3:30 p.m. on Feb. 3, 2017**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Annual Reports for Carryall Township for the year 2016 are complete and can be reviewed at 15156 Road 23, Antwerp, OH.

The monthly meetings for Carryall Township have been changed to the second Tuesday of each month beginning February 14, 2017.

—Deb Wyckoff
Carryall Township Fiscal Officer

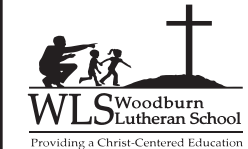
**PUBLIC NOTICE
HOSPITAL BOARD
POSITION**

Applications will be accepted at the Paulding County Commissioners' Office, 115 North Williams Street, Suite B-1, Courthouse, Paulding, Ohio, until 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, for one position, to complete a six year term, as Paulding County Hospital Trustee expiring March, 2023. Please pick up an application at the Commissioners' Office for this position between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Previous applicants must reapply.

—Nola Ginter, Clerk

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PRESCHOOL TEACHER

Maternity Leave Vacancy:

Woodburn Lutheran School is seeking a preschool teacher to fill a temporary, maternity leave vacancy. The candidate will begin in March and will teach for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. This position requires a professionally trained educator legally qualified and certified to teach in the State of Indiana. This temporary appointment is for the 5-day preschool class, 8:00-11:00 Monday - Friday. If interested, please send a resume and references to David Van Spankeren at David.VanSpankeren@wlsedu.org or by mail to the school office.

Job Functions:

- Instruct Students. Provide an educational environment including motor skill, academic, and social development.
- Assess the social, intellectual, emotional, and physical needs of the children in the preschool program.
- Assess the learning level of each child and monitor student progress.
- Creating a working relationship with parents to discuss progress and express concerns.
- Develop lesson plans.
- Prepare the classroom for daily activities.
- Utilize, on a regular basis, the technology available at WLS to improve educational performance and parent/school communication.

Job Qualifications:

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events of 2" or more to allow businesses to be open and residents able to get to needed products and services. The Village will also maintain the E. Canal Safe Route to School Route to ensure students aren't walking in the roadway.

VILLAGE COMPOST SITE UPDATE:

Please note; that the site will not be open during the winter months, with the exception of taking live Christmas Trees and downed branches caused by ice storms. Currently the village utility department will pick up curbside any live Christmas Tree once they call the Village Administrator's Office at 419-258-2371 to set up pick up. The Village has been contacted by a local person who will take the trees once collection is finished.

Cameras will be installed at the sanitary sewer plant by Schweller Electric. 3 individual cameras will be installed, one will monitor the roadway coming into the plant, one will be focused on the concrete pile area and one will be on the new compost site. Any concrete, garbage, construction materials, etc., not allowed at the site and caught on camera will be turned over to the Sheriff's Department for filing of an offense with County Court.

SANITARY SEWER PROJECT UPDATE:

The proposed sanitary sewer project that includes replacement of the village's Main Street and Stone Street Lift Stations, along with gas powered generators and improvements at the Sewer Plant will be received Community Development Block Grant funding. An application will be filed with the Office of Community Development requesting \$199,026 in grant funds. The Paulding County Commissioners will be the sponsor for the CDBG funds as they have in place all of the requirements to receive federal dollars passed through to the state. The Village has already received grant funding from Ohio Public Works Commission of \$199,999 and the remaining funding required will be in the form of a loan for approximately \$261,810 from EPA. The loan from EPA maybe reduced based on energy efficiency of the new lift stations and the proposed nutrient reduction of the phosphorus in the sewer lagoons. The EPA

calls this principal forgiveness which turns a portion of the loan into grant dollars due to the energy efficiency the proposed project will create and the reduction of phosphorus into the watershed. We are waiting to hear what portion of the loan will qualify.

OPWC WATER PLANT IMPROVEMENT FUNDING APPROVED:

The Village's application to Ohio Public Works Commission, filed by Poggemeyer Design Group in behalf of the Village, in the amount of \$175,450.00 has been approved. This project involved upgrading the water treatment plant as required by EPA. Filter media will be replaced, piping in the filter building will be upgraded, the clear well holding/mix tank will be upgraded along with several other improvements. These improvements should provide higher quality drinking water to our residents. The funding will be released in July of this year and the project can go forward once the grant/loan agreements are received in July. The break out of funding is \$87,725.00 grant and \$87,725.00 zero interest loan for 20 years. An annual payment of \$4,386.25 will be the loan payment on this project.

*THINK SPRING!! Garage sale season is right around the corner! Advertise your garage sale in the West Bend News and receive FREE use of yard signs to help promote your sale! *Some restrictions applied. See ad on back page for more details.*

HAVE A WEDDING, ENGAGEMENT OR ANNIVERSARY?
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**Sudoku solution
from page 13**

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

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Full-Time Library Clerk
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Paulding County Carnegie Library System

The Paulding County Carnegie Library is accepting applications for the position of full-time Library Clerk at the main library located in Paulding, Ohio. The position is open due to a career transition and is available immediately. We are looking for applicants who:

- Have excellent organizational and time-management skills
- Are detail-oriented and dependable
- Enjoy working with the public
- Have experience in providing excellent customer service
- Enjoy creativity
- Are quick learners and are able to work with little or no supervision at times
- Are proficient with the Internet and Microsoft Office Suite
- Have dependable transportation

The Paulding County Carnegie Library provides an excellent working environment with friendly and helpful co-workers. The library clerk assists library patrons, performs circulation duties, locates and takes requests for library materials, shelves returned materials and keeps collection orderly and organized. Entry level wage is \$9.00 per hour. This job requires some evening and Saturday hours. A full job description with a listing of the essential functions of the position is posted on the library website: www.pauldingcountylibrary.org, and is available with applications at the Main Library in Paulding. Application Instructions: To be considered, applicants must submit a signed application, a resume, and cover letter, to: Susan Pieper, 205 S. Main Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879. Deadline is Monday, February 6th at 8:00 p.m. NO PHONE CALLS. Applicants who have applied for an open position with the library system in 2017 will be considered for this opening and need not reapply.

The Paulding County Carnegie Library is an Equal Opportunity Employer, provides equal opportunity to all employees and applicants for employment, and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, family medical history, genetic information, military status, or veteran's status, in accordance with Federal, State, and Local laws.

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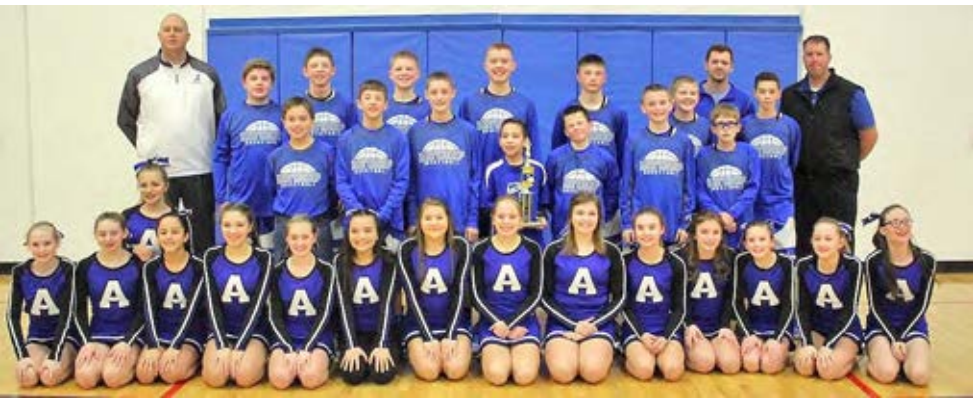
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ANTWERP SEVENTH GRADE TOURNEY CHAMPS!



The Antwerp seventh grade boys basketball team captured the championship of the Wayne Trace seventh grade boys basketball tournament on Saturday with a 53-25 victory over the host Raiders. Pictured are the players, cheerleaders and coaches of the Archer seventh graders. Cheerleaders are (l-r) Megan O'Donnell, Lauren Schuller,

Jaidis Getrost, Kiera Reyes, Madison Smith, Summer Franklin, Maycee Contreras, Morgan Boesch, Madyson Bauer, Olivia Miller, Lydia Butzin, Mia Altimus, Allison Reinhart, Hailey Grant and Grace Jones. In the middle are (l-r) Manager Derek Hines, Luke McDorman, Gaige McMichael, Manager Braylen Moreno, Tucker Franklin,

Kaden Recker and Noah Smith. Across the back are (l-r) Seventh Grade Head Coach Jason Landers, Mason Steel, Kaden Phares, Jagger Landers, Luke Krouse, Hunter Sproles, Kaden Miller, Eighth Grade Coach Andy Coleman, Stephon Walker and Seventh Grade Assistant Coach Mike Krouse. Antwerp is now 11-0 on the season.

ODOT VAN WERT GARAGE UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) maintenance garage in Van Wert County is now under new leadership.

T. J. Zura of Van Wert has been named the new transportation administrator at the garage. He replaces Don Taylor who retired in December with 26 years of service. Zura assumed the position on January 23.

Originally from Port Clinton, Zura has worked 19 years for ODOT and holds a degree in civil engineering from the University of Toledo. His time with the department includes working in planning and engineering as a co-op student, as an engineer in the planning department, and as a project engineer in construction. Most recently, Zura served as the project engineer on the reconstruction and expansion of a section of Interstate 75 north of Findlay.

"I'm looking forward to getting to know the county, and using my experience in construction to help complete our maintenance projects and take on larger projects with our crews," said Zura.

Pat McConn of Ohio City will continue to serve at the garage as the transportation manager, a position he's held for nine years. McConn's 27 years with ODOT include working on the bridge crew, and serving as both a highway worker and mechanic.

The Ohio Department of Transportation maintains the state's largest man-made asset--the transportation system. ODOT's mission is to provide the safe and easy movement of people and goods from place to place. As a \$2.8 billion per year enterprise, ODOT invests the bulk of its resources in system preservation through maintenance, construction and snow and ice operations. The environmental re-

view, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 11, 2015, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.

NSCC RECEIVES INNOVATION GRANT FROM THE STATE OF OHIO

Northwest State Community College was awarded a \$607,400 Innovation Grant from the State of Ohio to support expansion of workforce development training at the Advanced Manufacturing Training Center (ATMC) located on the Scott Park Campus of the University of Toledo. This grant supports a partnership to grow short-term training certificate opportunities for the region in partnership with Terra State Community College.

Custom Training Solutions (CTS), a division of Northwest State, has been providing workforce development training at Scott Park for over eight years and on their Archbold campus for over 15 years. Over the past two years Northwest State and Terra State joined forces to expand training options for high demand manufacturing and information technology based jobs in the region. The goal of this partnership is to get more workers trained and employed quickly to support the large demand for skilled workers throughout northwest Ohio. Through shared curriculum, instructors and the ability to develop new programs the colleges are able to keep training both affordable and relevant to the needs of area employers and support the success of the student.

"There are not enough people being trained in skilled manufacturing and information technology based jobs to fill the void being left by retirements and

growth being seen in many industries. This shortage is having a significant impact on the entire region and the state of Ohio," stated Northwest State president Tom Stuckey. "We are not just training unemployed workers, we are providing training opportunities to individuals looking for a career change and those who need to grow their skills to move to a better job with a current employer."

The shortage of skilled labor is increasing each year as the large baby boom generation is retiring in what some experts refer to as the "silver tsunami." Industries throughout northwest Ohio report an expectation of losing up to 40 percent of their skilled workforce over the next ten years to retirement. With an aging population and decline in high school age students, northwest Ohio employers are finding it difficult to hire workers prepared for the skilled jobs available. This shortage is impacting expansion and attraction of new businesses.

Programs available through the ATMC at Scott Park include: Information Technology Specialist, Industrial Automation, Robotics Integrated Manufacturing and Truck Driving CDL. There also is a wide range of workforce training programs available through Northwest State on the Archbold Campus. For more information call 419.267.1493 or visit www.trainwithcts.com.

NEW CARDINAL LICENSE PLATE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

A new northern cardinal vehicle license plate is available for purchase from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). The new image was created in celebration of the plate's 20th anniversary.

The cardinal license plate costs \$25 in addition to the yearly vehicle registration fee, and \$15 from the sale of each license plate supports Ohio's wildlife diversity. Wildlife conservation plates can be registered only to passenger vehicles, noncommercial trucks, motor homes and trailers.

The original northern cardinal wildlife license plate was released in 1997, and it

featured artwork by famed Ohio wildlife artist John A. Ruthven. Born in Cincinnati, Ruthven, now 92, has been hunting, fishing and painting for most of his life. To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the original cardinal license plate, Ruthven created new artwork for a redesigned license plate.

"When they asked me to paint a new cardinal, I was delighted," Ruthven said. "I'm very proud to be involved with this project. This whole thing blends together well for a lifelong experience with Ohio and the outdoors."

Proceeds from the sale of the plate are deposited into the division's Wildlife Diversity Fund and is used to support conservation and education efforts throughout the state. The Wildlife Diversity Fund supports projects that have worked to reintroduce native Ohio species, such as river otters and ospreys, as well as increase numbers of rare species such as bald eagles, brook trout, lake sturgeon and freshwater mussels. In addition, the Wildlife Diversity Fund enables the ODNR Division of Wildlife to form partnerships with Ohio's zoos, creating exhibits, displays as well as educational products and publications for students, teachers and wildlife enthusiasts. Since 1997, sales of Ohio's wildlife license plates have generated more than \$13 million for worthwhile conservation projects across the state. More information about the Wildlife Diversity Fund is available at wildohio.gov.

In addition to the cardinal, the ODNR Division of Wildlife has several other specialty plate design options, including a bald eagle, smallmouth bass, wild-turkey and white-tailed deer. Purchasing a smallmouth bass, wild-turkey or white-tailed deer license plate directly supports research and management for those species. For more information about ODNR Division of Wildlife's specialty license plates, visit bmvo.ohio.gov or call 888-PLATES3.

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SCOUT SUNDAY

This Sunday, February 5, the West Bend News circulation area will join the rest of the nation in acknowledgment of Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of both young people and adults to Scouting.

Scout Sunday began in 1914, four years after the founding of the Boy Scouts of America. While it is a tradition in most cases to acknowledge Scout Sunday on the Sunday immediately before February 8, in many cases the United Methodist and Presbyterian churches wait until the Sunday following the eighth.

In Hicksville, various area churches take turns in holding the annual Scout Sunday service; this year the date will be acknowledged with a special service at Trinity United Methodist Church downtown. Many find this to be fitting, as Trinity is a longtime center for Boy Scout and Cub Scout activities locally. Meetings are often held in the church basement, and current congregation member Loren Smith has been a Scout liaison for well over 30 years.

But while many feel Trinity is a logical place to hold Scout Sunday, no one seems quite certain as to how long the church has been associated with it in the first place. Scoutmaster Greg Brown said that next year is the fiftieth in which the current Boy Scout troop

was chartered to Trinity. Former Scoutmaster Harry Street, a Trinity member who has been a part of local Scouting for decades, believes that Trinity first became part of Hicksville's Scouting around 1965, although scouts had been a part of Hicksville long beforehand.

During those days, he says, Hicksville had two Boy Scout troops -- numbers 28 and 216. Back then, he said, St. John Lutheran Church was an active sponsor. Eventually Troop 216 became the dominant troop, with local Cub Scouts assuming pack number 28.

Scout troops nationwide are usually affiliated with some sort of civic organization, with churches backing an estimated 75-80 percent.

This year, Cubs and Girl Scouts are also invited to Hicksville's Scout Sunday program, which will begin at the start of Trinity's 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Plans are for different scouts to take part in the service, including lighting of the candles and Scripture readings; however, at press time Trinity had yet to receive the specifics of the Sunday service.

Following Scout Sunday services, the scouts will go tobogganing at Pokagon State Park in Angola.

No matter exactly when Scouting started in Hicksville, most connected with Scouts believe the event to be one of the year's unqualified highlights. "We are getting geared up for a celebration," Brown notes.

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