

OAKWOOD D.A.R.E. GRADUATION



On December 1, Paulding County D.A.R.E. program held a D.A.R.E. graduation for Oakwood Elementary 5th graders. Graduation is a time for the students to think back on what they have learned in D.A.R.E. and time to reward the kids for completing the 12-week program. At the end of the program, each student writes an essay. Two essays are

picked and the winners are announced during D.A.R.E. graduation. Deputy Mendez said the two essay winners this year were Emma Elkins and Ethan Warner. "Every fifth grader did an amazing job on their essays and it's because of their essays, I know they are ready to make good choices," say Deputy Mendez.

During the graduation

ceremony, each kid received a certificate, a medal and a D.A.R.E. t-shirt for completing the program. Students also had a pizza party and played dodge ball.

Below are two essays written by DARE participants:

Hi today D.A.R.E. will be described. Can you guess what D.A.R.E. stands for each letter
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EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOGNIZE B.F. GOODRICH FOR STRONG PARTNERSHIP



Since 2011, Prince Chapman Academy has worked closely with the B.F. Goodrich Corporation to enhance academic achievement by way of one on one tutoring with students. Also, the donation of application licensure of programs such as, IXL Math & IXL Language Arts has been a

tremendous help to teachers. Over the past 6 years, salary employees volunteer in the classrooms during reading blocks. They also hold mock interviews with 6th grade students to enhance their job readiness skills and also provide financial resources to support programs.

East Allen County Schools would like to recognize Mr. Dent Johnson, plant manager, Mr. Mark Brown, facility personnel manager, Ms. Geanie Edgington, public relations manager and the entire B.F. Goodrich workforce for helping our students Dream It. Do It.!

CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO PERFORM SMOKE TESTING ON SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

New Haven, Indiana - The City of New Haven will perform smoke testing on the sanitary sewer system to complete the overall evaluation. Please note that "smoke" utilized in this testing process is safe for the community. This is a specific type of smoke testing which is non-toxic and will

not harm residents or their pets. If residents receive smoke within their residential structure or have concerns, please contact Utility Superintendent, Dave Jones at New Haven City Hall at 748-7056.

Smoke Testing Area: Woodridge subdivision (bordering on the east side by

Werling Road, South side of Moeller Road, and the west side by Hartzell Road.) Testing began December 7 and will run through December 14th (weather permitting).

Director of Engineering Keith Schlegel said, "We are performing a thorough evaluation of our sanitary
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RAIN FOREST LIVE @ ANTWERP ELEMENTARY



Students watch in awe as founder and director of The Rainforest Live, Mike Kohlrieser, holds a snake in front of them.

On Monday, December 4, 2017, The Rainforest Live out of Wapakoneta visited Antwerp Elementary School

to give students a rainforest experience through an educational assembly during the
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FORT WAYNE MAD ANTS INVADE THE MAC GYM

Antwerp - The MAC Gym will be hosting the Fort Wayne Mad Ants professional basketball team on Tuesday, December 19, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. The Mad Ants are a member of the NBA G-league. Players and coaches from the Mad Ants will work on fundamentals with youth players of all ages during the hour. There are also many additional benefits for the participants that add to the evening.

Following the clinic, Mad Ant players will sign autographs and take pictures with

clinic participants. The players will also receive a FREE ticket to the Mad Ants home game on Saturday, December 30. That night the Mad Ants take on the Westchester Knicks at 7:00 p.m. at the Memorial Coliseum. Prior to the December 30 game, all clinic participants will get 10 minutes of court time, on the Mad Ants floor, to shoot or scrimmage before tip-off. Once the court time expires the participants are then invited to stand on the court and make a tunnel to high five
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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Ellorissa Peace Atkins was born to Kevin & Janet Atkins (Sweet to the Soul Honey) of Cecil, Ohio

Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 7:15 am. She is joyfully welcomed by her nine brothers & sisters.

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Community Calendar

- Thursday, Dec 14**
- Smoke Testing Completes in New Haven
- Sunday, Dec 17**
- Movie at the Huber-Miracle on 34th St. 3:00p
 - Ann's Bright Christmas Program at Gardens 3:00p
 - Grant's Christmas Buffet 10-2
 - Antwerp Com. Band 2:30p.m. @ Divine Mercy Center
- Wednesday, Dec 20**
- Trinity UMC Hicksville Advent Svc, 7:35p
- Thursday, Dec 21**
- Antwerp Community Band Concert at the Huber, 7:30
- Friday, Dec 22**
- Trans-Siberian Orchestra at the Huber @ 7:00
 - Red Cross Blood Drive @ Payne Van Crest 1-6p
- Sunday, Dec 24**
- Christmas Eve Svc @ Hicksville Grace 10pm
 - Trinity UMC Hicksville Advent Svc 10am
 - Roselms Christian Church Christmas Eve Svc. 11pm
- Monday, Dec 25**
- Merry Christmas! West Bend Closed
- Sunday, Dec 31**
- New Year's Eve Party at the Huber
- Monday, Jan 1**
- West Bend Closed
 - ACC Still Shoot: Reg. @ 11, shooting starts @ Noon
- Jan 16-18**
- Fort Wayne Farm Show
- Friday, Jan 19**
- Military Appreciation Night @ Antwerp Girls BB 6pm

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OBITUARIES

ANTWERP, OH
Nettie J. Mabis age 92 died Sunday, December 10, 2017. She was born November 9, 1925 in Adams County, Indiana, the daughter of Emanuel and Sylvia (Brentlinger) Miller. On April 7, 1946 she married Russell J. Mabis, who preceded her in death on October 23, 2002. She retired in 1986 from General Electric of Fort Wayne, and was a member of St. James Lutheran Church, Payne.

She is survived by four children: Beverly Stevenson, Antwerp, Rebecca (Jerry) Stebing, Antwerp, Tim Mabis, Payne, and Tom Mabis, Lebanon, IN; a brother, Lloyd Miller, Decatur, IN, 7 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and 2 great-great grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by her parents; and siblings: Nina Ross, Mildred Sills, Margaret Myers, Goldie Cook, Dorothy Springer, and Zeal Miller.

Funeral services will be conducted 3 PM Friday, December 15 at St. James Lutheran Church, Payne with Pastor Fred Meuter officiating. Burial will follow in Wiltsie Cemetery, Payne.

There will be visitation 4 - 8 PM Thursday, December 14 at St. James Lutheran Church, Payne. There will also be visitation Friday from 2 PM until services at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations made to Van Crest of Antwerp Activity Fund.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding is handling arrangements.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 12/13 - 12/19

12/13 - Americare Canvas Painting, 9:30 a.m.; Bingo w/Community Health Professionals, Noon; Cancer Support Group, 12:15 p.m.; Crafts, 12:30 p.m.; Grocery Shopping, 1:30 p.m.

12/14 - Bingo w/Paulding Hospital, 10:00 a.m.; Exercise, 10:00 a.m.; Euchre, 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.; Christmas Bazaar, 4:00-7:00 p.m.; Soup, Sandwich and Salad Bar Evening meal, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

12/15 - Ohio Consumer

THE MEME TEAM SHOWS APPRECIATION



"The Meme Team" from Paulding Middle School 7th grade brought in goodie bags for our nursing department at the Gardens of Paulding. Pictured above are (front

row) Paula Rhody, Heather Fairchild, and Traci Philpot; (back row) Mindy Huss, Ann Munger, Deanna Rhonehouse, Alisha Simon, Bev Apple, Annett Hemenway, and

Mickey Suffel. This was in appreciation for everything they do for the residents at The Gardens.

Council Presentation; Bible Study Continental Christmas breakfast, 9:30 a.m.; Commodity Distribution, 11:00 a.m.; Craft store open, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Red Hat Christmas Party

12/18 - Exercise, 10:00 a.m.; Bridge Club; Steering Committee and Site Council joint lunch and meeting, 11:30 a.m.

12/19 - Euchre, 9:45 & 12:15

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 12/13- 12/19

12/13 - Boiled dinner with smoked sausage, spinach salad, warm pitted cherries, apple corn muffin, grape juice

12/14 - Pork roast/gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned zucchini, peachy cream, dinner roll

12/15 - Chili spaghetti, peas & onions, orange juice, garlic bread

12/18 - Smothered steak, herbed mashed potatoes, fiesta corn, carrot, raisin & pineapple salad, dinner roll, goldfish crackers

12/19 - Creamed chicken, mashed potatoes, peas, cinnamon applesauce, cookie, biscuit

HICKSVILLE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 12/13 - 12/19

12/13 - 10:00 a.m. Aggra-

vation; 12:15-2:15 p.m. Euchre

12/14 - Christmas Dinner @ The Defiance Center - Transports begin at 8:30, After dinner - we'll shop at BIG LOTS!

12/15 - 10:30 a.m. Christmas Music and Carols; 12:15 - 2:15 p.m. Euchre

12/18 - 10:00 a.m. Chair Exercises; 12:15 - 2:15 p.m. Euchre

12/19 - 10:00 a.m. Corn Hole; 12:00 p.m. Grocery Shop 12:15 - 2:15 p.m. Euchre

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 12/13 - 12/19

12/13 - 9:30 a.m. Cards; 10:00 a.m. Crafts; 12:30 p.m. Kroger Shop

12/14 - 11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. Our Christmas luncheon, music with Kim Tracy, transportation available. (Sugg Donation - \$5.00); 4:00 p.m. Yoga

12/15 - 9:30 a.m. Cards; 10:00 a.m. Crafts; 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi

12/18 - 9:30 a.m. Cards; 10:00 a.m. Zumba; 1:00 p.m. Euchre Tournament; 3:00 p.m. Yoga; There is no Evening Alzheimer's Support this month

12/19 - 9:45 a.m. Aldi shop; 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi; 10:00 a.m. Bible Study; 10:00 a.m. Cards; 4:00 p.m. Yoga

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 12/13 - 12/19

12/13 - Chili & cheese, tossed salad, orange, crackers, bread stick; sorry - no salad bar today

12/14 - Our Christmas Dinner; Beef pot roast with onions, baked potato, baby carrots, mint pears, dinner roll, apple pie, NCS= SF Pie

12/15 - BBQ pulled pork sandwich, sweet potatoe fries, tropical fruit salad, grape juice

12/18 - Turkey Manhattan

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."
 -Isaiah 7:14 NIV

WAYNE TRACE GEOGRAPHY BEE



Friday, December 1, Wayne Trace seventh and eighth grade students participated in their annual junior high geography bees. In the geography bee, seventh grader Mallory Moore was the winner, with Ariel Landwehr as the runner-up. Congratulations to these ladies!

MVNU CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Mount Vernon Nazarene University presented the 50th annual performance of G. F. Handel's Messiah on Sunday, Dec. 3 in the R.R. Hodges Chapel/Auditorium on the MVNU campus.

In the early days of Mount Vernon Nazarene College, the tradition of an annual performance of the Messiah originated with the presentation of four chosen choruses at a Christmas concert held on Friday, Dec. 13, 1968, at First Church of the Nazarene in Mount Vernon. The first Christmas concert was conducted by Reuben Rodeheaver, former professor of music, who was also current conductor Dr. Robert Tocheff's choral director. The first MVNC Christmas concert also included a violin solo by Mrs. Christine (Hardy) Nease, wife of the first college president, Dr. Stephen W. Nease. The Messiah has been presented every year since that time by either the MVNU Collegians Chorale or Choral Union with several conductors and professional soloists and many talented and faithful orchestra members.

It is noteworthy that the current concertmaster, Sharon Blaydes, played her 39th Messiah performance on Sunday, and Dr. Tocheff conducted his 27th performance. David Templeton, bass soloist, and harpsichordist, David Robinson, each have performed 21 times.

This year's presentation was performed by the 160-voice MVNU Choral Union and community singers, faculty

and guest soloists and chamber orchestra. The featured soloists were Elizabeth Barrett, MVNU music faculty member; Carolyn Redman, 1989 MVNU music alumna, classical performer and adjunct voice professor at Kenyon College and Otterbein University; and Tyler Skidmore, 2004 MVNU music alumnus, music specialist with the Medina, Ohio, City School District and frequent area vocalist. Returning bass soloist David Templeton is an associate professor of voice and director of opera at The College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina. John Packard, MVNU Music Department Chair, and guest musician Michael Eaton assisted on trumpet.

Another cherished tradition is the MVNU Student Messiah where student soloists, selected through auditions, are given the opportunity to perform with the Choral Union at the last chapel of the fall semester, which recently took place on Friday, December 1.

To learn more about the MVNU Music Department, visit mvnu.edu/music.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is a private, four-year, intentionally Christian teaching university for traditional age students, graduate students, and working adults. With a 327-acre main campus in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and several convenient Graduate and Professional Studies locations throughout the state, MVNU emphasizes academic excellence, spiritual growth, and service to community and church. MVNU offers an affordable education to more than 2,200 students from 32 states and 19 countries/U.S. territories.

LATTA TO FDA: USE "TRACK AND TRACE" TO PREVENT OPIOIDS FROM FALLING INTO THE WRONG HANDS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) has asked the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to look at ways that the Safeguarding America's Pharmaceuticals Act — also known as "Track and

Trace" — could be used to prevent opioids from being diverted from the supply chain and falling into the wrong hands. The Safeguarding America's Pharmaceuticals Act was authored by Latta and was signed into law in 2013 as part of the Drug Quality and Security Act. Under the law, FDA is directed to set up a system to follow prescription drugs through the supply chain in order to protect Americans against counterfeit and otherwise illegitimate drugs. In a letter, Latta asks FDA whether they have the necessary tools to identify diverted prescription opioids, whether they recommend Congress provide them additional authority to track and trace diverted drugs, what potential changes could be made to protect consumers, and whether the use of blockchain technology to monitor prescription drugs has been considered by the agency.

The letter says, "We are losing 91 Americans every day from opioid overdoses, and prescription opioids are a driving factor of this devastating trend with nearly half of all these overdose deaths involving a prescription opioid. Furthermore, in my home state of Ohio we are seeing some of the highest overdose death rates in the nation. In 2016, Ohio had a 32 percent increase in deaths from the previous year with at least 4,050 people losing their lives from unintentional drug overdose.

Due to this nationwide crisis, I urge FDA to review ways to better prevent and identify both the diversion of prescription drugs, including opioids, from the U.S. drug supply chain and the introduction of illegitimate prescription drugs (e.g., counterfeit opioids) into the supply chain."

Earlier this week, Congressman Latta was added to the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over FDA and drug abuse issues. Latta has been a leading voice in Congress when it comes to the opioid epidemic, including authoring legislation — the INFO Act — to improve data collection and make public pertinent information.

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stands for something. I'll give you time to think you know you've got the answer read the next sentence. D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education or Define Assess Respond Evaluate. Did you get it? If so YAY!!!! Or if not try again next time. Now I'm going to describe my D.A.R.E. experience to you!

Hello! This will be my paragraph describing what I learned in D.A.R.E.. I learned how to use the D.D.M.M. which is making good decisions. Yet another thing I learned in D.A.R.E. is physical, verbal and cyber bullying which is picking on a kid day after day after day it's not just like, "Say a kid wants to play a game at recess and the game is full up to player limit but you come back the next day and the player limit isn't full so you can play." That's a wrap on my second paragraph.

Hello again! In this paragraph how I have used the D.D.M.M. will be shared. I'm going to give you 4 things alright? One situation was I was on the Internet just having fun and I found an account that was used for bad things like cyber bullying so I reported the account to the website. Another time I used the D.D.M.M. was when someone stole something from someone I know so I told on the thief for stealing. Now for almost the final D.D.M.M. situation that I've encountered was when people were talking in class which was making it distracting for many people including me. Now for the final D.D.M.M. situation was when a kid was getting bullied and I was an eyewitness that saw this and told on the bully as soon as possible. To sum it up, those were 4 D.D.M.M. situations.

You are probably getting tired of me saying hello so I'm just going to get right into the paragraph. This paragraph will be about how I will use the D.D.M.M. in the future. If a kid drops something I'm going to pick it up for him or her. If I see someone stealing or catch someone that is wanted by the police I'm going to turn the criminal in. If a kid is getting bullied in the future I'm going to tell on the bully and I know I've already told on a bully but if you see a bully bullying they should really stop because bullying is bad. If people are purposely embarrassing a kid to see the "Stress Signs" on the kid's face I will definitely stick up for the kid.

To conclude, D.A.R.E. is a program that teaches you and other people to be responsible. I'm positive that I've learned a lot from D.A.R.E. and now am more responsible than I used to be. ----

D.A.R.E Report
"This has been an amazing experience," Daisy says with excitement as she turns in her report. This is my D.A.R.E report, it will include things that I have learned, such as dealing with pressure or stress and occasionally bullying. I will tell you about how I plan to use the D.A.R.E Decision Making Model in the future and how I've already used it. Not only will I talk I talk about those strategies, but so many such as how I used them at home and not only in school, but in other places to.

I'm glad that I've had D.A.R.E this year and really sad I won't have it next year. I've learned about a lot of things and here are just some

of the things I've learned about. One thing I've learned about is the use of tobacco. The nicotine in tobacco is what keeps adults hooked on using it. Alcohol slows down the brain and body, although most teens don't it is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to drink alcohol. The next thing I've learned is how to deal with stress. Stress can be dangerous if you or anyone else express it in the wrong way. There are more than one way to deal with stress. Another thing I've learned on D.A.R.E is how to deal with pressure and pure pressure. Pressure and pure pressure are much alike, yet totally different. Pressure is when someone like your older brother is trying to get you to do something. Pure pressure is if someone like your friend is trying to get you to do something. Officer Mendez showed us an example by trying to convince one of my classmates to do something. My last thing I learned about was....Bullying. I know for a known fact that probably every school has at least some type of bullying in them. First, you need to think "Is this person really bullying another person" (person thought). Next, ask yourself "Am I tattling" (also person thought) if not please tell a trusted adult, so that they can deal with the situation.

I've used the D.A.R.E Decision Making Model a lot since I've had D.A.R.E. One effect of using D.D.M.M is my choices are more clearer when I make them. Next effect of using D.D.M.M is the outcome is really good I don't have to look back thinking that I made a mistake. Another effect of using D.D.M.M is I make sure to tell a trusted adult if something has happened or someone is bothering me. Last effect of using D.D.M.M is I listen better to my parent and other trusted adults, and I act better around my friends and family.

As I get older I will have to dodge many obstacles and roadblocks in my way thru middle school, high school, and all the way thru college. That's why I'm going to reconcile Mr. Mendez that first "I will not drink alcohol or use drugs and tobacco" (This was own private thought no one has encouraged her to use these idea's.) Next, "I will make sure to deal with stress, pressure and pure pressure, also bullying the right way. That's by telling a trusted adult." Then, "As I got older more drama will appear in my life, in schools and other places. I will make sure to walk away and not try to make the argument worse and hopefully it can be worked out by those people who started it in the first place. I will admit that I have bullied others, but I've been bullied by those people to, and they bullied me right back. I was not happy at all, but I guess I kind of deserved it."

Like what Daisy said "This has been an amazing experience." I will use all of the knowledge I've learned and use it to try to help others. I will also use this to help guide me and my 3 younger sisters who look up to me and are watching my every move. I want to say "Thank You!!!!" I'm glad when you would come into our classroom you always had a positive attitude. I never once saw you roll your eyes and think "Not this CRAZY class again" (if you did you're a very good actor!) ThankYou! ----

AUDITOR YOST CALLS ON COMMERCE DEPARTMENT TO SUSPEND ISSUANCE OF MARIJUANA CULTIVATOR LICENSES

Auditor of State Dave Yost called on the Commerce Department to suspend the issuance of Level 1 cultivator's licenses for medical marijuana following media reports that one of the application graders was a convicted drug dealer.

Media reports state that Trevor C. Bozeman, one of three consultants hired by the Department of Commerce to evaluate and grade applications for the licenses, pled guilty in 2005 to possession with intent to manufacture or distribute a controlled substance in Pennsylvania.

"This is an epic failure. I am outraged," said Yost, a former county prosecutor. "The only proper course of action is to freeze the process, and independently review the evaluation and scoring from the ground up. And the Administration needs to explain how this drug dealer ended up telling the government how to run its fledgling medical marijuana program."

Without such assurances, the entire program is tainted, Yost said.

Yost has directed his staff to seek additional information to determine whether there were errors made during the selection of those hired to review applications and whether any hiring errors impacted the grading of the license applications.

"We can't wait for a rear-view mirror audit," Yost added. "The Commerce Department needs to act today before this train leaves the station."

LATTA VOTES TO TAKE NEXT STEP ON TAX REFORM

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) joined his colleagues in passing a motion to go to a Conference Committee between the House and Senate to reconcile differences between the tax bills passed by each respective body. Latta recently voted to pass the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act to modernize the nation's tax code and provide needed tax relief for middle class families. Under the House bill, a family of four making \$59,000 annually would keep nearly \$1,200 more of their money each year. The legislation would create more than 33,000 full time jobs in Ohio

according to one estimate.

"We're a step closer to pushing tax reform across the finish line and providing relief to middle-class families and small businesses," said Latta. "We want to pass this bill before the end of the year so that Ohioans will see more money starting with their first paycheck in January. Going to conference will help us hammer out the differences that remain. While there are still details to be sorted out, it's clear that this legislation will allow Americans to keep more of their hard-earned money."

LATTA JOINS ENERGY AND COMMERCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The House Energy and Commerce (E&C) Committee announced that Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) has been added to the Subcommittee on Health. The subcommittee has jurisdiction over private and public health insurance; biomedical research and development; health information technology; drug abuse; the regulation of food, drugs, and cosmetics; the Department of Health and Human Services; the National Institutes of Health; and the Center for Disease Control. Latta currently is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, and serves on the Subcommittee on Energy and Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. Joining the Health Subcommittee will not change his positions on the other subcommittees.

"I'm honored to join the Health Subcommittee where I'll have an opportunity to add to the discussion about improving our health care system and empowering patients," said Latta. "With Ohio being ground zero for the opioid crisis, I'll be a voice for the state as the subcommittee works to find solutions to this devastating epidemic."

Latta previously served on the E&C Subcommittee on Health in the 112th Congress.

COMMUNITY RIGHTS AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY OHIO RESIDENTS GOES BEFORE OHIO BALLOT BOARD

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced he will convene the Ohio Ballot Board on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 3:00 PM in the Senate Finance Hearing Room,



Fifth grade teacher Mrs. Linda Mabis holds a snake as founder and director of The Rainforest Live, Mike Kohlireser, describes the snake's characteristics.

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school day and a full-length show later that evening. Students were able to see and

learn about monkeys, birds, snakes, lemurs, alligators, and sloths up close and personal.

Ohio Senate Office Building, 1 Capitol Square. The Ballot Board will discuss the Ohio Community Rights Amendment and the Initiative and Referendum for Counties and Townships Amendment proposed by Ohio community members to be placed on a statewide ballot.

The Attorney General certified both initiatives on November 27, 2017. In accordance with Ohio law, the Ballot Board will decide whether the proposed constitutional amendments each contain one single subject.

Ballot Board meetings are open to the public. A legal representative of the people, community members, and several members of the Ohio Community Rights Network will attend the hearing to voice their support to the Ballot Board members.

Secretary Husted serves as the Chairman of the Ohio Ballot Board. Other members include State Senator Jay Hottinger, State Senator Michael Skindell, State Representative Kathleen Clyde and Mr. William Morgan.

USDA ANNOUNCES MUSHROOM COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue announced the appointment of three members to serve on the Mushroom Council. The members appointed to serve three year terms are:

- Curtis C. Jurgensmeyer, Miami, Okla. (Region 1)
 - Joe W. Caldwell, Reading, Pa. (Region 2)
 - Jane Irene Rhyno, Ontario, Canada (Region 4)
- "The Mushroom Council is effectively working to expand markets and create

new ways for customers to use mushrooms," said Perdue. "These appointees have a deep understanding of the mushroom industry and I know that this agricultural sector will be well served by them."

The Mushroom Council is composed of eight domestic growers and one importer. The nine members are allocated to four regions as follows:

- Two growers represent Region 1, (all states other than California and Pennsylvania),
- Four growers represent Region 2 (Pennsylvania),
- Two growers represent Region 3 (California), and
- One importer represents Region 4.

The mushroom research and promotion program was established under the authority of the Mushroom Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1990. Since 1966, Congress has authorized 22 industry-funded research and promotion boards to provide a framework for agricultural industries to pool resources and combine efforts to develop new markets, strengthen existing markets and conduct important research and promotion activities. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) provides oversight, paid for by industry assessments, which helps ensure fiscal responsibility, program efficiency and fair treatment of participating stakeholders.

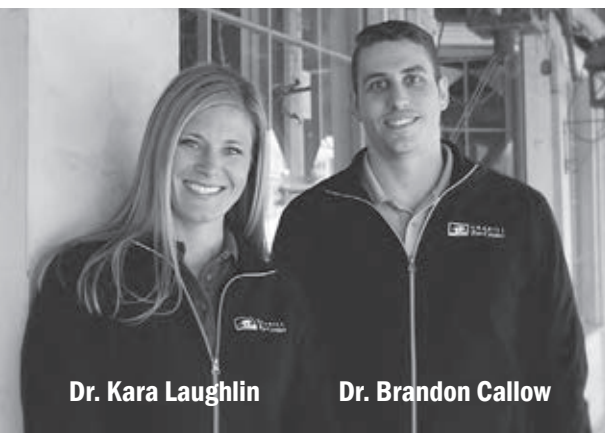
A roster of members is available on the Mushroom Council page on the AMS website. You may also find more information on the Mushroom Council website.



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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY



Mrs. Ann Wieland's 4th, 5th and 6th Graders at Grover Hill Elementary gave a presentation of "How To Train Your Reindeer (To Fly)" on December 7th. All young magic reindeer need a good,

well-rounded education. Fortunately, they are able to get one from the School of Reindeer at (where else?) the North Pole. They can study all of the important subjects like Math, Science, Reading,

Music, and so on. But they also have to have specialized training in necessary skills like leaping, reindeer games, and of course, flying.

PAYNE ELEMENTARY NAMES NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Pictured here are the Payne Elementary students of the month for November. (front row) Witt Stoller, Columbia Dempsey, Brinna Col-

lins, Chloe Coombs, Olivia Zartman, Blake Noggle, and Alicia Bahena; (second row) Kayson Ross, Clay Stoller, Isabella Knowles, Luke Stouffer,

Rylee Johnson, Landen Foltz, and Breven Anderson.

BIBLE STUDY

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ
A. Prophecy in Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1-5

1. Who is God telling to comfort His people?
2. How is God telling him to speak to Jerusalem?
3. What days are gone for Jerusalem?
4. Whose sins has God pardoned?
5. How many times over has God punished Jerusalem?
6. What must be done in our lives to make a straight highway to the Lord?
7. What is the word "wasteland" a symbol or picture of?
8. The _____ of the Lord will be revealed?
9. Who will see the glory of the Lord?
10. Who quoted Isaiah 40:3-5 in the New Testament? Matthew 3:3; Mark 1:2-3;

B. Fulfilled in the New Testament Luke 3:1-6

1. Who had been reigning fifteen years?
2. Who was governor of Judea?
3. Who was Herod's brother?
4. Who were the high priests at this time?
5. What came to John, the son of Zachariah, in the wilderness?
6. What was John preaching in the region around Jordan?
7. What is the subject of these Old Testament and New Testament?

Answers to Old Testament questions:

1. Isaiah; 2. Tenderly; 3. Sad; 4. Jerusalem; 5. Twice; 6. All sin must be removed from our lives through obedience to the Gospel and we must present ourselves holy and acceptable to God; 7. Of life's trials and suffering; 8. Glory; 9. All People; 10. John the Baptist;

Answers to New Testament questions:

1. Tiberius Caesar; 2. Pontius Pilate; 3. Philip; 4. Annas; Caiaphas; 5. Word of God; 6. A baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; 7. The way prepared

This concludes another study with more to come. To reach James Potter @ 419-393-4775 or Lonnie Lambert @ 419-399-5022.

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN

St. John Lutheran Church, 812 East High Street, Hicksville will be celebrating The Nativity of Our Lord as follows: the last mid-week Advent service will be held on December 20 at 7:35; the church will be hosting the Siberian Solstice performance at the Huber at 7:00 p.m. on December 22; the fourth Sunday of Advent on December 24 at 10:00 a.m.; a candlelight service will be held that evening with special prelude music starting at 7:00 p.m. and a service of Lessons and Carols will be held on December 31 at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions please call the church office at 419-542-6269. ALL ARE WELCOME!
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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT ROSELM'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Roselms Christian Church at 21068 State Route 114 Grover Hill, Ohio invites you to join us for our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 11:00 p.m.. We look forward to sharing this time with all our friends and neighbors. Our time together will include traditional carols, special music, a time of reflection and candlelighting to remind us of the birth of our Savior and coming King.

NEW TIME FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT HICKSVILLE GRACE UMC

Hicksville Grace UMC hosts Christmas Eve at a new time this year - 10:00 p.m. by request. "All is Well" revisits the Christmas story through the eyes of two veteran Watchmen who bear witness to signs and wonders. Guests from the community are set to join Grace musicians to welcome Christmas. Choir, ensembles, solos, and instrumental music combine with scriptures and carols. Tradition ("O Holy Night," candle lit "Silent Night") is tweaked at a new time. All are welcome!

Grace Church is located at 121 W High St, Hicksville. Morning Worship also December 24 at 10:45.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

My little daughter hears her friend excitedly talk about Santa Claus. Should I tell her he doesn't exist or just wait and let her find out?

Santa does exist as a mythical, pretend character. Your daughter needs to understand the truth from her parents now. Otherwise, when she discovers the truth, she may wonder if you have been truthful about other things, including Jesus.

Children and youth especially are attracted to supernatural characters who know all things, are immortal and can give them what they want.

Why not rather tell her of the real person of Jesus Christ, who has all power - "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." (Matthew 28:18) He created all things - "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him." (Colossians 1:16) He understands even our feelings - "For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." (Hebrews 4:15) He promises to help with all our needs - "Let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16) And he showed us the greatest love possible - "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13)

Compared to the real Christ of Christmas, the pretend Santa is a complete fraud. Christ wants to be to us every day much more than children want Santa to be at Christmas.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

THE PAULDING COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 11/22/17

This 22nd day of November, 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 237890 through 237937 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST:
Santee Buffington, Toledo District

SYNERGY LEARNING CENTER NAMES DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



SYNERGY Learning Center's staff recently nominated and voted for the December Students of the Month. They are Thomas Murphy (Wayne Trace), Neveah Yan-

tiss (Paulding), James West (Lincolnview), Makenna Tice (Crestview), Michael Sigman (Antwerp), Haley Capetillo (Van Wert).

Meeting, Findlay, OH - December 11, 2017

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holtsberry to go into executive session at 8:24 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tony Zartman. All members voting yea. At 8:46 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 045):

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 CDBG Fund (Fund 045):

045-001-00001/CDBG/CDBG Expenses
AMOUNT: \$100,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-030):

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

FROM: 001-030-00002/General Fund/Loss Control/Retirement Funds
TO: 001-030-00001/General Fund/Loss Control/CORSA
AMOUNT:\$6,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEING TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A LEASE FOR OFFICE SPACE BETWEEN PAULDING COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of a lease for office space between Paulding County Soil and Water Conservation District and Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, said lease shall be in effect January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018, and renewable January 1, 2019; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, copy of said lease shall be on file at the Paulding County Soil and Water Conservation District and Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby resolve to fund eighty percent (80%) of the county employees' health insurance premium for the calendar year 2018; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, those Paulding County employees eligible for health insurance coverage will be responsible for twenty percent (20%) of their health insurance premium for the calendar year 2018, with payroll deductions taken out of December for health insurance coverage beginning January 1, 2018, and ending December 31, 2018.

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-010):

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

FROM: 001-010-00001/General Fund/Juvenile Court/Salaries, Employees
TO: 001-010-00014/General Fund/Juvenile Court/Appointed Counsel
AMOUNT: \$5,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-010):

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

FROM: 001-010-00001/General Fund/Juvenile Court/Salaries, Employees
TO: 001-010-00015/General Fund/Juvenile Court/Attendance Officer Salary
AMOUNT: \$1,300.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-010):

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

FROM: 001-010-00001/General Fund/Juvenile Court/Salaries, Employees
TO: 001-010-00018/General Fund/Juvenile Court/Attendance Officer Medication
AMOUNT: \$20.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-011):

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

FROM: 001-011-00011/General Fund/Probate Court/Workers' Compensation
TO: 001-011-00002/General Fund/Juvenile Court/Salaries-Employee
AMOUNT: \$360.61

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-011):

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

FROM: 001-011-00001/General Fund/Probate Court/Salary Official
TO: 001-011-00013/General Fund/Probate Court/Medicare
AMOUNT: \$5.00

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Corey Walker, JFS - Mr. Walker met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss the Jacob-Eaton Children's Home 2018 budget/appropriations.

Ed Bohn, EMA - Mr. Bohn reported the concrete pads have been poured at the First Responders' Training Facility. He noted if additional Emergency Preparation Grant dollars are available, an additional pad may be poured for a propane tank. Mr. Bohn reminded Commissioner Zartman of the facility tour scheduled for next Monday in Napoleon. He then discussed the flash flooding last week, stating several roads were closed for a couple of days. Mr. Bohn was happy to announce that all eight fire departments applied for the Fire Marshalls' Grant (up to \$50,000 per department) for mobile and portable MARCS radios. There appears to be no grants available for MARCS pagers, which cost \$350.00 to \$400.00 each. Mr. Bohn agreed to send a memo to the fire chiefs clarifying allowable expenses for the grant. There are currently eight (8) fire departments and six (6) EMS squads in Paulding County. Mr. Bohn stated the Sheriff's Office homeland security grant will pay for portable radios. The MARCS radios' monthly maintenance fees are \$10.00 for fire and EMS and \$20.00 for law enforcement. Paulding County's mitigation plan has been reviewed by the state. If will be sent on to FEMA for final approval. The EOP is being corrected and will be ready for signatures soon. Mr. Bohn reminded the Commissioners of the LEPC meeting November 29, 12:00 p.m., at the Health Department. Mr. Bohn mentioned he would like to arrange for an active shooter training for the Courthouse. He will coordinate this training with Sheriff Landers. Mr. Bohn also noted he has set his 2018 budget.

Deb Hubbard, Patrick Troyer, and Manual Lay, PCSWCD - Ms. Hubbard announced plans of promoting skating and sledging at the Nature Center. She then presented the SWCD budget (actual) through October 31, 2017 and projected through December 31, 2017. She noted they would like to retain the mowing at the Children's Home. She also said the office space is adequate at the Parcel Lane Center. Ms. Hubbard presented PCSWCD's '2017 At a Glance' report. The report reviewed the activities of the Conservation Educator, Technical Assistant, Manure Management staff, and Ditch Maintenance staff. All departments at the PCSWCD are keeping busy with various activities 'to promote the wise use of our

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Looking at the election results, I see the people were foolish enough to elect someone to the council that spoke out about wanting the police to stop writing tickets because it was driving people out and preventing people

from coming into the town. So, you want the police to quit doing their jobs and let people just do anything they want no matter what laws they break???

People getting tickets for breaking the law isn't keeping people out or driving them away. Maybe it's the high cost of living here, the taxes and levies that get shoved on us. Maybe it's the lack of jobs and employment in this town. Maybe it's the bad roads even though some have been actually repaved and finally are nice. Maybe it's all the drug related arrests and going ons.

This is supposed to be a nice friendly little town, but it seems drug use and making them and selling them are running rampant and people don't want to live in this kind of environment! Personally, I'd like to see more tickets written especially in the west end where people drive like idiots, run through stop signs and ignore speed limits. Especially the Dix Street intersections, where while working at the buildings, whether mowing or working outside not a day goes by that I don't see someone blow through those stops, or driving at a ridiculous rate of speed down Caroline Street, many in excess of 40 to 50 and more mph.

Just like a friend said, you have to treat every intersection as if it has stop signs even

if you have the right of way with no signs. Yesterday, I was heading east on Caroline, getting ready to make a turn north on to Dix with my signal on, some idiot pulled up to the stop sign on Dix, stopped then never looked left or right and pulled out in front of me. I see this crap all the time! My neighbor was coming home during the summer, south on Dix when a female started through the stop sign without stopping, stopped in the intersection and backed up. He confronted her and her reply was, "I always run these stop signs, nobody's ever coming". What kind of a stupid mindset is that?? Hey lady, there was someone coming that time! You want to play Russian Roulette with cars, you will pay a big price someday. Just hope you don't kill someone.

I'll probably end up in court someday for punching someone who does this to me and causes an accident. If you are in such a hurry, leave sooner, having an accident or killing someone will make you a lot later than you want to be. I support our police for doing their jobs and writing tickets for those who deserve them. I'd like to see more.

The only ones I don't agree with are the many for no seat belt use I see in the paper each week. Surely not that many people are that stupid especially if they read the paper and see the court results. How do they get charged with this, especially since lots of cars have seat belts the same color as the interior and are mounted low on the inside door frame and not readily visible, and if you are wearing clothes that are close to the same color the belts are hard to see! So much for that, but I just hope this person doesn't push for less tickets for acts that deserve them.

You want people to come to this town? Give them a town that's affordable and worth coming to, not a lawless unsafe town that has nothing to offer.

—Gregg Gorman
Paulding, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I don't get it

I was just thinking. Shortly after December 7th, President Roosevelt had 120,000 Japanese families sent to internment camps in seven different states. The great majority of these people were from Hawaii and California. They were sent to these states for the duration of the war.

Similarly in the rest of the country, Germans and Italians endured like treatment. The only good thing out of this fiasco was the fact that a couple of battalions of the Japanese men were allowed to serve in the European theater mostly in France and Italy. They fought and died valiantly for the defense of this country. America lost over 2,400 lives at Pearl Harbor.

During the Clinton administration over 20 Japanese men were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. After the war had ended, the Japanese population, even citizens, were treated as second class peoples. They could find little work, much like many illegal immigrants today. Mostly menial jobs were on the calendar.

President Reagan awarded each family \$ 20,000 for what had been called "Jap-

SYNERGY DOES FALL CLEAN-UP



Students from SYNERGY Learning Center recently spent time at Hiestand Woods Park in Van Wert, doing a fall clean-up, and putting picnic tables away for winter. The

students are: Owen Deny (Wayne Trace), Michael Nash (Van Wert), Justin Roberts (Van Wert), Larry Stahl (Wayne Trace) James West (Lincolnview), Max Maroney

(Crestview), Mr. Dan Kline (SYNERGY Staff), Thomas Murphy (Wayne Trace), and Clayton Brown (Wayne Trace). Great job SYNERGY students and staff!!!

EAST ALLEN UNIVERSITY STUDENT RECEIVES HIGH HONORS AT STATE LEVEL



INTESOL (Indiana Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Journal editors accepted original K-12 ELL student artwork for consideration for the cover of the Fall 2017 journal issue. Artwork of any medium

such as sketching, painting, sculpture, collage, etc... were accepted from several students throughout the State of Indiana.

The 2017 Fall journal cover winner is Lin Latt, East Allen University student! The

artwork is currently featured on the TESOL Journal cover! Lin's teacher is Stefanie Lichtsinn and Mr. Doug Hicks, principal!

natural resources in order to enhance the environment and quality of life for the people of Paulding County'. Ms. Hubbard also presented a three-year plan to plant warm season grass and pollinator plants at the Black Swamp Nature Center and the Jacob Eaton Children's Home. The plan would result in less mowing (saving on gas and man-hours) and more conservation. The end result would promote birds and other wildlife. Pheasants Forever will provide seed and the local school students will help with the planting. (See resolution above)

Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - Ms. Fickel presented the November sales tax report for the Commissioners' review. November sales tax of \$158,457.17 was down from October by \$14,626.21. October General Fund receipts of \$284,338.41 are down \$118,991.24 from September. October General Fund expenses of \$414,914.80 were down by \$34,742.78 from September. Real Estate and Mobile Home Conveyance Fees collected in October were \$8,959.90. Ms. Fickel reported there is an Auditor's auction on November 28. She then discussed the GIS system and the investment required.

Tim Franklin and Steve Sprow, Park District - Mr. Sprow announced the Rochester Park grand opening was a success. He noted up to 20 people volunteered to help get the park prepared for public enjoyment. More than 30 people attended the grand opening. Mr. Sprow said they are not finished with the park. They would like to build a pavilion, picnic tables, and benches to make the park even more inviting for picnics and family gatherings. Mr. Sprow stated the next project for the Park District is the 5-Span Park. Plans are to build a nice boat ramp along with a pavilion, tables, and benches. Mr. Franklin noted he doesn't think they will have any problems raising the funding for the 'special' projects, like the pavilion, tables, benches, etc. He did, however, note that the Park District can not apply for grants because they don't have any 'seed' money. He emphasized the importance of having 'sustaining' funding to take care of their expenses that are on-going. Mr. Franklin suggested that support for at

least the next three (3) years will hopefully get the Park District to the point of asking the voters to support an operating levy. He asked the Commissioners for \$75,000.00 each year for the next three year, for a total of \$225,000.00, to use as sustaining funds for non-special projects (payroll, vehicle, mower, gas, etc.) Mr. Sprow noted that so far all the work that has been done has been volunteer man-hours, as well as equipment. The Commissioners have made arrangements to supply the Park District an office (with office furniture and equipment) in the Small Business Innovative Center. Commissioner Klopfenstein commented they are trying to maintain a flat-line budget for 2018. He also suggested the Park District submit a budget/plan, along with limitations of what volunteers are able to (and willing to) do. Mr. Klopfenstein asked if the office space is beneficial to the Park District. Mr. Franklin and Mr. Sprow agreed the office location is working well. He noted there isn't much 'foot' traffic in the office; however, they use the computer and the conference room for meetings. Mr. Franklin then said they hope to eventually obtain the old canal route. He noted there are already beautiful trails and aqueducts for the public's enjoyment. He said it will not be possible to move ahead unless they get a 'shot in the arm'. Mr. Franklin pointed out that corporate America likes to recreate in rural settings. People enjoy getting away to hunt, fish, boat, and hike. Mr. Franklin is positive they can get local businesses to donate for specific projects. He then asked if the Commissioners would commit to \$50,000.00 each year for three years. Mr. Franklin realizes the importance and necessity of collaborating with other agencies and entities for donations and volunteers.

Doug Cook, Ewing Landscape and Design - Mr. Ewing reviewed the trees to be planted at the Jacob Eaton Children's Home. The Commissioners noted they would like to relocate the sign out front of the Home. Mr. Ewing agreed to 'winterize' the landscaping irrigation and to landscape around the sign once it is moved.

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

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anese Hysteria." That was little solace after four years plus behind barbed wire and armed guards. What is so ironic to me is the fact we lost nearly 3,000 lives on 9/11 and the dimms are wetting their pants because the president has ordered (and rightfully so) to stop immigration from 7 different countries where terrorist cells reside. Dim witted judges try to exercise their disdain by challenging the authority of President Trump. The authority of the president is clearly spelled out in the constitution.

I have never seen anything like this in my entire life. Pure hatred, Chuck and Nancy couldn't do anything to help this country except to yell impeach and this is going to kill people and of course to announce the end of the world and the second coming of Christ.

I don't get it. They want more immigration, no matter where it comes from as witnessed by crying Chuck. Nancy's own people are turning against her. They say more immigration will help the economy while we are shoveling out more that \$53,000,000 for these shiftless people per year! They enter the country, cannot speak the language, get housed, fed, educated all at the taxpayers expense. The humanitarian side of things I'll go along with, but throwing them over my shoulder and burping them every day is where I draw the

line. I agree with President Trump, America first. You have to take care of this country, make it stronger, more vibrant, take care of these anarchists (I guess they've holed up for the winter, the scummy, little cockroaches) first then ship them out of the country!

Lastly, I wanted to speak about our justice system. The Department of Justice has been compromised by Eric Holder, Loretta Lynch, James Comey, Rosenstein, and so many others and if Jeff Sessions isn't investigating this corrupt dimmocratic cover-up, then ship him out too. The dimms have not been able to prove collusion between Trump and the Russians so they've changed collusion to obstruction of justice. Didn't they just change global warming to climate change?. I stated in and earlier letter, if you want to get rid of carbon dioxide, plant trees, trees, trees.

In closing, send Obama and all of these crooked dimms, including Hillary and all the way down the line, to a 12'x12' cell, lock them all up in the same cell and let them fight over the bunk and the toilet!!!!

—Kenny Barnes
Paulding, Ohio

LETTERS TO SANTA

Have you been a good girl or boy this year? Do you deserve something special

this year? The Reindeer are in training and the Elves are busy building toys and getting Santa's sleigh ready so now is your chance to write your letter to Santa.

It's safe to say that Santa is very busy this time of year and the sooner kids get their letters or wish list to him the better. With less than a month left until Christmas, Santa Claus is asking kids to please send their letters soon!

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

LOOK FOR THE PENQUIN!!

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sewer system. The evaluation is necessary because during heavy rain events, the sewer system in our neighborhoods is causing raw sewage to back up into some basements and causing the manholes to periodically overflow."

For more information, please contact Superintendent of Utilities Dave Jones at (260) 748-7056 or (260) 414-9097, or Director of Engineering Keith Schlegel at (260) 748-7031.



TO MY WAY OF THINKING

By: Stan Jordan

The biggest share of NCAA college football is over. Now there are 12 - 15 different bowl games. For some schools, a sort of a Coupe De Grace.

But let's talk about the National Championship Series, better known as the NCS, generally known, controlled and put on by the same boys more favored by the SEC.

In my way of thinking, Ohio State has a good football team, not a great team, but a good one. But those four teams picked for the National Championship Series are great teams. I don't think Ohio State could have gotten by Clemson in the first round.

But then again, on any given day anything can happen and cause an upset. Besides those four teams, there are another four good teams Wisconsin, Ohio State, University of Southern California and one of the Florida teams.

I think the playoffs should take the top eight teams. There is enough time and I know those games would be a sell out.

I think those men who select the top four, could do just as well picking the top eight and let them draw for an adversary. That would mean four

more games of smash mouth football.

In some of those bowl games, the winning school can take home over 7 million dollars and any of those play off games could bring in that amount.

All of the games should be played in the south or a domed stadium. None of this playing in the miserable, cold weather. What do you think? See ya!

IT'S ABOUT TIME



By: Stan Jordan

My boss, Mr. Steiner, just handed me a copy of a booklet we printed for the Antwerp Athletic Boosters, called Antwerp High School 2017-2018 Winter Sports Booklet. It covers all of the Archers activities, their schedules, pictures and names of the players, the coaches and the assistant coaches.

This booklet sells for one dollar per copy. That is a whale of deal. The pictures are so clear and informative. It's about time we talk about our sponsors. In this booklet there are the names of over 60 businesses here in Antwerp and the nearby area along with the names of about one hundred athletic booster backers.

Now just this past week I wrote a column about shopping locally when you can.

Support our local business people because they support our school, our first responders and any and all activities that we have in the whole year.

Those big department stores don't back us at all. So, support our local businesses when you can.

You can be an Antwerp Archer Patron and get your name on the booster page by sending \$20.00 to P.O. Box 615. See ya!

THESE BUTT PINCHING POLITICIANS

By: Stan Jordan

I have voted in the precinct at St. Mary's Center and I have voted on the absentee ballot and I have never seen anywhere on any ballot where a congressman or a senator could fondle, feel, squeeze, kiss, hug, demean or control one of his assistants or worker.

Everyday some lady will come forward and tell that she was molested by her boss or some man on up the ladder. I believe every one of these ladies. Of course the man is going to call her a liar, but I'm sure it is the man that is lying.

This sort of molesting, cheating, brow beating and rank pulling has been going on since King David had Captain Uriah placed on the front line so he would be killed and David took over Uriah's pretty wife.

It seems when a politician gets in Washington D.C. all the pretty ladies become fair game. What a tangled web we weave, when we start to deceive. Ben Franklin told me that some time ago.

This is all for a while, but I think it will continue. See ya!

THE AREA EAGLES

By: Stan Jordan

I have written before about this subject, but I guess that I will have to admit and realize that our local eagles have moved their nest.

It was across the river and the east end of Riverside Veterans Memorial Park for over 10 years. It blew down once and the eagles rebuilt it in the same location, and it blew down again, and the eagles left the area.

Now that was this past spring of 2017. In talking with Barb Butzin, who lives down by Dead Man's Curve, she tells me that the eagles built a nest across the river from her house this past spring. I really think those two adult eagles are the ones who use to have a nest here in Antwerp, but who knows?

I talked with a number of people these last few weeks about the eagles and I will tell you what I found out.

An eagle's main diet is fish, that is why in our area all the nests that we know about are on a river.

Eagles will eat road kill, but I have been told they won't eat a opossum. Squirrels, coon, most anything, but not opossum. They thrive on kittens, small dogs or chickens...anything they can carry.

This is December 5th and I just had coffee with Steve Derck and he told me the best news that I have heard in some time. He told me he thinks the eagles rebuilt their nest on the north side of the river. Steve and his wife, Nancy, live in the last house on North Main Street on the east side.

He said he walked down to the river two or three hundred



yards and now that the leaves are gone, you can see the nest plainly. It is a good sized nest and one of the adult eagles was there on a limb.

Steve had told me before that the eagles had been carrying small limbs from his backyard, but beings the leaves were on at that time, he didn't know what the new nest was until now.

Steve also told me about coming home from the farm and he saw an adult eagle and a young one, and the adult was teaching the young how to eat a dead carcass. Steve took the time to watch nature at work.

In just thinking here, that those eagles got their new nest built and still raised their young this past season. I hope so anyhow.

See ya!

TANKER RESPONSES

Nov. 18, 2016 - Woods fire, 3405 CR 144; Protected exposures

Jan 18, 2017 - Mutual aide w/Crane Twp: House fire, 8361 CR 230; Supplied water to Crane Twp.

Feb. 2, 2017 - Mutual aide w/Paulding: Airplane hanger fire, 11503 Rd 93; Supplied water to Paulding pumper

April 24, 2017 - Mutual

aide w/Crane Twp: House fire, 8548 Rd 192

June 15, 2017 - Mutual aide w/Crane Twp: House fire, 12464 Rd 8; Supplied water for Crane pumper

July 19, 2017 - Mutual aide w/Scott: Straw on fire in barn, 10438 Rd 48; Supplied several loads of water for Scott pumper

July 20, 2017 - Called back to supply water for yesterday's fire

July 26, 2017 - Mutual aide w/Payne at 3450 State Route 500; Not needed

Aug. 8, 2017 - Mutual aide w/Paulding: Shed fire 7887 SR 111; Not needed

Sept. 6, 2017 - Semi accident on SR 11 @ US 24; Water supply not needed

Sept. 19, 2017 - Barn on fire w/live stock inside, 2354 Rd 424; Supplied water for pumper

Oct. 3, 2017 - Pickup truck fire on US 24 @ MP6; Water supply for pumper

This picture is of Antwerp's new tanker. It carries 3000 gallons on a Freightliner Chassis and is also a pumper.

I am indebted to Fire Chief Ray Friend for giving us all these trips that the tanker has made over the year that we have had it - 30.

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WAYNE TRACE SPELLING BEE WINNER



Friday, December 1, Wayne Trace seventh and eighth grade students participated in their annual junior high spelling bee. Eighth-grader Faith Meraz, last year's reigning champion,

took first place in the spelling bee, correctly spelling "grandiose" and then "atoll." Congratulations to both Faith as well as eighth-grade runner-up, Isaiah Pirani. Congratulations!

NEARLY 73,000 DEER CHECKED DURING OHIO'S WEEKLONG GUN HUNTING SEASON

Hunters checked 72,814 white-tailed deer during Ohio's 2017 week long deer-gun hunting season, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Last year, hunters checked 66,758 deer over the weeklong deer-gun season.

Two days (Saturday, December 16, and Sunday, December 17) of deer-gun season remain. The muzzle loader season is January 6-9, 2018, and archery season remains open through Sunday, February 4, 2018. Find more information about deer hunting in the 2017-2018 Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations or at wildohio.gov.

Past year's harvest summaries and weekly updated harvest reports can be found at wildohio.gov/deerharvest.

The ODNR Division of Wildlife remains committed to properly managing Ohio's deer populations. The goal

of Ohio's Deer Management Program is to provide a deer population that maximizes recreational opportunities, while minimizing conflicts with landowners and motorists.

Hunting Popularity

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

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

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

2016 numbers are in parentheses.

Adams: 1,166 (1,082); Allen: 341 (363); Ashland: 1,363 (1,225); Ashtabula: 2,094 (1,946); Athens: 1,591 (1,377); Auglaize: 334 (268); Belmont: 1,239 (1,360); Brown: 1,029 (823); Butler: 352 (289); Carroll: 1,733 (1,494); Champaign: 431 (356); Clark: 197 (184); Clermont: 744 (542); Clinton: 303 (260); Columbiana: 1,338 (1,307); Coshoc-ton: 2,576 (2,325); Crawford: 615 (569); Cuyahoga: 52 (47); Darke: 305 (259); **Defiance: 745 (773)**; Delaware: 503 (411); Erie: 272 (206); Fairfield: 776 (681); Fayette: 140 (108); Franklin: 156 (157); Fulton: 322 (362); Gallia: 1,318 (1,211); Geauga: 538 (479); Greene: 229 (203); Guernsey: 2,014 (1,885); Hamilton: 191 (155); Hancock: 529 (454); Hardin: 529 (477); Harrison: 1,530 (1,573); Henry: 371 (345); Highland: 1,076 (948); Hocking: 1,370 (1,288); Holmes: 1,592 (1,484); Huron: 1,148 (1,074); Jackson: 1,230 (1,031); Jefferson: 832 (1,138); Knox: 1,965 (1,942); Lake: 163 (167); Lawrence: 907 (795); Licking: 1,789 (1,609); Logan: 754 (639); Lorain: 702 (683); Lucas: 119 (129); Madison: 186 (158); Mahoning: 649 (594); Marion: 432 (403); Medina: 620 (604); Meigs: 1,323 (1,373); Mercer: 310 (262); Miami: 251 (196); Monroe: 1,334 (1,131); Montgomery: 157 (103); Morgan: 1,459 (1,178); Morrow: 657 (626); Muskingum: 2,328 (2,112); Noble: 1,391 (1,271); Ottawa: 120 (105); **Paulding: 446 (425)**; Perry: 1,278 (1,156); Pickaway: 342 (270); Pike: 761 (753); Portage: 560 (559); Preble: 300 (235); **Putnam: 359 (274)**; Richland: 1,343 (1,228); Ross: 1,230 (1,102); Sandusky: 275 (219); Scioto: 898 (890); Seneca: 868 (835); Shelby: 394 (334); Stark: 881 (798); Summit: 159 (174); Trumbull: 1,250 (1,144); Tuscarawas: 2,335 (2,045); Union: 350 (271); **Van Wert: 223 (211)**; Vinton: 1,234 (1,111); Warren: 313 (236); Washington: 1,572 (1,502); Wayne: 823 (730); **Williams: 691 (655)**; Wood: 342 (286); Wyandot: 757 (716). Total: 72,814 (66,758).

FARM SHOW AT MEMORIAL COLISEUM

The Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, Indiana celebrates the 28th annual Fort Wayne Farm Show January 16, 17, 18, 2018

Show dates and hours:
January 16, January 17, January 18, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Fort Wayne Farm Show has established itself as one of the most respected farm shows in the upper Midwest, featuring the latest technology the industry has to offer. Over 30,000 farmers attend the show annually, to view the area's largest variety of farm equipment and services in one location.

The Northeastern Indiana Soil & Water Conservation District along with Purdue Cooperative Extension Services present educational seminars daily. Free CPR classes will be offered each day by Parkview Health Systems. This year's grand prize will be a Massey Ferguson 2400 series zero turn lawn

mower* courtesy of harmony outdoor equipment located at 102 Peckhart, Auburn, IN.

In support of Indiana's FFA Scholarship Foundation, a fund raising auction will be held at 1:00 p.m. both Tuesday and Wednesday, featuring a variety of donated items. Last year's auction raised \$20,000.00 For scholarships.

In addition to the Fort Wayne Farm Show, Tradexpos produces the North American Farm & Power Show in Owatonna, MN, the Wichita Farm & Ranch Show along with the Topeka Farm Show; both in Texas.

Visit the Tradexpos website at www.tradexpos.Com

For more information on the Fort Wayne Farm Show contact Tradexpos, inc. Po box 1067 austin, mn 55912 or call fred cline 1-800-347-5225

WAYNE TRACE VARSITY WRESTLING RESULTS

The Wayne Trace varsity wrestling team competed in a Tri-match December 5th against Hicksville and Tinora. The Raiders split the matches defeating Hicksville 46 to 15 and falling to Tinora buy a score of 39 to 28.

Wayne Trace 46 Hicksville 15

106 double void
113 Gabe Sutton (WT) pinned Audrey Johnson-baugh (H)
120 Gavin Wilhelm (H) won by void
126 Tyler Bauer (WT) won by void
132 Jack Figgins (H) dec Caleb Baughmn 11-9 OT
138 Cameran Cox (WT) won by void
145 Austin Smith (WT) won by void
152 Eli Moore (WT) pinned Roman Graber (H) :41
160 Wyatt Stabler (WT) won by void
170 Cameron Cline (H) pinned Elijah Harris Wt :50
182 Double void
220 Brian Merritt (WT) pinned Steven Gardner (H) 1:25
HWT Jacob Graham (WT) dec Chase Rialing (H) 11-1

Wayne Trace 28 Tinora 39

106 Double void
113 double void
120 Gabe Sutton (WT) dec Kaleb Stafford (T) 16-4
126 Owen Tong (T) won by void
132 Tyler Bauer pinned Jordan Bowers (T) 4:46
138 Aaron short T Pinned Caleb Baughman Wt3:15
145 Austin Smith (WT) pinned Alex Henry (T) :49
152 Devid Wolfrum T dec Eli Moore (WT) 11-9OT
160 Tim Meyer (T) Pinned Elijah Harris (WT) :26
170 Aaron Wagner (T) won by void
182 Lucas Flory (T) won by void
195 Logan Newsome (T) won by void
220 Brian Merritt (WT) pinned Draven Bartley 1:14
HWT Jacob Graham (WT) pinned Howard Plas-ant

The coach stated, "I was very pleased with how we wrestled. We won some big matches. I have several wrestlers still out yet for various issues. When all are back we will be very competitive. I am looking forward to working with this team and watching them develop."

RAIN FOREST VISITS STUDENTS AT PAYNE ELEMENTARY



Understanding Wildlife brought "The Rain Forest" to Payne Elementary. Students learned about conservation and how they can help the environment sustain wildlife and their habitats.

WAYNE TRACE/PAYNE ELEMENTARY DONATE FOR NEIGHBORS IN NEED



During the month of November, the student council led a collection for Neighbors in Need. The students and staff donated almost 700 items which were donated to

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the starting Mad Ant players as they are announced before the game.

To end the clinic evening at the MAC Gym, participants will receive a small token from the evening sponsor, Paragon Tempered Glass. Paragon is Antwerp's largest manufacturing employer. Paragon is a specialty glass fabricator offering custom solutions to a variety of markets including: RV, truck

our local food pantry. The volunteers at the pantry were extremely thankful for the generosity shown by Payne Elementary.

cap, digital signage, fish aquariums and many others. Products include bent and flat tempered glass and insulated units. Paragon started in Antwerp in 1978 and continues to maintain a dominate presents in the tempered glass industry.

For more information about the evening and the clinic please stop at the MAC Gym for a detailed flier or visit the MAC Gym website at www.macgymohio.com.

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in the Huber Opera House, Hicksville.

On the playbill: traditional carols like "Away in a Manger" and "Adeste Fidelis" as well as more modern ones like "I'll Be Home for Christmas" and the "Ukrainian Bell Carol". Franck's reverent "Panis Angelicus", selections from Handel's "Messiah" and more seasonal favorites balance the program.

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PAULDING FALLS TO RAIDERS



Nate Gerber couldn't be stopped at Saturday night's game. Here Nate puts 3 points in from the outside. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The annual county game took place this year at Paulding High School between Wayne Trace and the Panthers for high school boys basketball. The varsity match took place after a very competitive JV game that came down to the final second where Paulding sophomore Evan Edwards tossed up a 3 point basket for the Panther win.

The varsity game started competitively, but after Paulding hit 7 points the Raiders ran away with the game. Paulding's Fletcher Cook scored a 3-point basket and 2 free throws. Wayne Trace was extremely aggressive from the beginning against the Panthers. Josh Kuhn and Nate Gerber started in with 4 each

along with Josiah Linder and Eli Sinn having two each. The quarter finished at 7-12.

The vigorous play by Wayne Trace continued into the second period when Nate Gerber had a scoring spree, hitting 2 2-point field goals and 2 3-pointers. The Panthers continued with 8 points, led by Blake McGarvey with a 3 point basket. The half ended 15-34.

The Raiders continued to keep holding in check as they scored 17 points to Paulding's 8 in the third. Gerber continued to score and was listed as the top scorer for the night at 25. On the Paulding side of the board, we had Fletcher Cook who also continued to do well and checked out at 16.

The fourth quarter the

Panthers finally got their way with scoring more but it was not near enough get out of the deficit created by the 2 and third periods. The game finished with a 42 - 62 difference and Wayne Trace took home the win.

Score by Quarter:
Wayne Trace: 12 22 17 11 = 62
Paulding: 7 8 8 19 = 42
Scorers of the Game:

Paulding - Carson Shull 4; Marcus Miller 3; Blake Dobbelaere 10; Ethan Rhonehouse 2; Jaret Miller 2; Fletcher Cook 16; Austin Howell 2; Blake McGarvey 3.

Wayne Trace - Eli Sinn 12; Reid Miller 4; Josh Kuhn 7; Nate Gerber 25; Trae Sinn 2; Josiah Linder 4; Adam Stoller 6; Jordan Saylor 2.



Paulding's Carson Shull stole the ball and ran up for the layup. More pictures at westbendnews.net



The Panther JV Team celebrates with Evan Edwards leading the charge with the win clenching shot! More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP 7th GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL

On Monday December 4th, the 8th grade Lancers from Lincolnview came barging into the Auxiliary Gym at Antwerp for a battle with the Archers. Little did they know the home team was on a mission to protect their home turf!

The young Archers were up 20-7 at the break and ended the contest with a 44-26 win. Five boys reached the scoring column for the blue & white. They were led by Jagger Landers with 20, Hunter Sproles-12, Luke Krouse-9, Kaden Recker-3 and Luke McDorman with 2.

MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT

Antwerp High School's January 19th home varsity girls' basketball game against Hicksville will be Military

Appreciation Night. All veterans will be admitted free of charge. Students are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue. It will also be Antwerp Athletic Booster Night, meaning all students will be admitted into the game for free.

The Antwerp Athletic Booster Night for the varsity boys will be January 26th. All students will be admitted into the home game against Tinora free of charge that night.

ANTWERP 8th GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, December 7th was a chilly & windy bus ride across the Indiana State Line for the Antwerp Jr High Boys Basketball team as they traveled to Woodlan High School to take on the Warriors.

It was all Archers from the jump ball with the exception of a sluggish 2nd stanza. The final score was 48-21 Ant-

ARCHER BOYS FALL TO FAYETTE, JENNINGS



Antwerp junior Cole Seslar smoothly sales to the basket with this layup. More pictures at westbendnews.net

A pair of games over the weekend went the wrong way for the Antwerp boys basketball team as the Archers fell to both Fort Jennings and Fayette last weekend.

Against the Eagles, the Archers fell behind 11-2 after one quarter and were unable to recover as Fayette posted a 51-39 victory.

The visitors from Fulton County led 22-8 at halftime and took a 32-18 advantage into the fourth quarter.

Luke Brewer led the way for the Archers with 10 points while Jayvin Landers and Cole Seslar both chipped in 8 markers. Ty Rebber added 5 points with Boston Dunderman posting 4. Brayton Stuckey and Ashton Barnhouse both picked up 2 markers as well.

The Eagles won the battle of the boards 21-18 while Antwerp had 2 more turnovers

in the game, 14-12. Each team was 13 of 31 from the field (42 percent).

Fayette took advantage of a big difference at the free throw line, hitting 21 of 28 (75 percent) compared to Antwerp's 7 of 11 (64 percent).

On Friday night, Antwerp dropped a 62-42 decision to the Musketeers of Fort Jennings.

Seslar topped the Archer scorers with 15 points followed by Brewer with 10 and Rebber adding in 8. Dunderman (4), Stuckey (3) and Landers (2) picked up the remaining Archer points.

Seslar and Brewer each grabbed 9 rebounds for the blue and white as well.

Antwerp returns to action on Saturday when it hits the road to Continental.

More pictures at westbendnews.net

werp. Leading the Archers in scoring were Jagger Landers with 19, Gaige McMichael-9, Luke Krouse-6, Tucker Franklin-6, Kaden Phares-4 and Hunter Sproles & Mason Steel each with 2 points to round out the 48.

The Archers move to 3-0 on the young season. The Antwerp Jr High Boys will travel to Fairview Monday December 11th at 5:00 p.m.

December 8 and 9 @ Jay County High School Round 1 South Adams 52, Bluffton 27

Jay County 75, Woodlan 3 Adams Central 44, Southern Wells 27

Round 2 Woodlan 39, Bluffton 36 Jay County 43, Adams Central 25

Southern Wells 55, Heritage 24

Round 3 Adams Central 59, Woodlan 12

Jay County 66, Heritage 6 Southern Wells 35, South Adams 34 (Tie Breaker)

Round 4 Adams Central 66, Heritage 12

Jay County 65, Bluffton 15 South Adams 66, Woodlan 12

Round 5 Southern Wells 42, Bluffton 27

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BRAVES CRUISE PAST WARRIORS



Woodlan's Jack Stuckey attempts a basket from the outside. More pictures at westbendnews.net

WOODBURN - Visiting Blackhawk Christian scored 20 or more points in the first 3 quarters and the Braves rolled to an 87-49 win over host Woodlan Saturday night in non-league boys basketball action outside of Woodburn.

The Braves jumped out to a 20-13 lead after 1 quarter and never looked back in rolling to the victory.

Blackhawk Christian posted a 45-27 advantage at the intermission before expanding the margin to 71-44 at the end of 3 quarters.

The fourth quarter saw Blackhawk Christian score 16 points compared to the War-

riors' 5 points.

Sophomore guard Aiden Bayman paced the Warriors with a dozen points while senior Matthew Elias chipped in 9 markers.

Other scorers for Woodlan included Ah'lan Howard (8), Aaron Hahn (6), Trevor Wiedenhoef (5), Mitch Mendenhall (4), Micah Robbins (3) and Ben Reidy (2).

Hahn led the Warriors on the boards with 8 while Elias picked up 4 rebounds. Wiedenhoef dished off 4 assists to lead Woodlan followed by Bayman and Hahn with 3 each. Bayman also picked up a pair of steals.

Monday, December 4.

Leading the way for the Archers were Owen Sheedy with 14, Austin Lichty with 9, Jordan Buerkle with 5, Dylan Hines with 3 and Eric Thornell with 2.

The Archers move to 2-0 on the season.

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ANTWERP JH SLOW START TO BB SEASON

JH Boys basketball started their season Monday, December 4 against Lincolnview where the Archers 7th grade lost with a score of 18-32.

Scoring for the Archers were Ross Lee with 10 and Parker Moore and Ethan Lichty both finishing with 4 points each.

They move to 0-1 on the season.

Antwerp 7th grade took their first win with a score of 28-21 against Edon on Tuesday evening to move to 1-1 on the season.

Leading the 7th grade Archers were Ross Lee with 12 points, Parker Moore with 8 points, Ethan Lichty and Lance McKeever finished with 4 points each.

YOUNG ARCHERS SHOOT DOWN BOMBERS

The Antwerp Jr High Boys traveled north up SR 49 about 45 minutes to a little berg named Edon. There was a fierce battle on the horizon set to tip off about sunset. It was the mindset of the 8th grade Archers to get back on the Bluebird after this match-up with an unblemished record of 2-0. The young Bombers of Edon had their own agenda.

The Archer boys ended each quarter on top of Edon in scoring. Don't let the final score of 31-23 fool ya!! It was a battle till the end. Edon has a nice ball team!

The Archers were led in scoring by Luke Krouse with 18 points, followed by Jagger Landers with 8 and Hunter Sproles with 5. "Many other teammates contributed in other ways that do not appear in the score book," said Coach Landers.

The 8th grade boys are now 2-0 on the young season.

BULLDOGS TOO MUCH FOR PANTHERS

DEFIANCE - Paulding made its final road trip to the current Defiance high school gymnasium as the Bulldogs will be opening a new gymnasium around the Christmas break.

For the Panthers, it will be a trip they hope they can soon forget as host Defiance ran away from the maroon and white for a 74-48 victory.

Defiance opened an 18-5 lead after one quarter of action and wouldn't let up from there. The Bulldogs expanded the lead to 37-17 at halftime before widening it to 56-30 at the end of 3 periods.

Ethan Rhonehouse led the way for Paulding with 14 points while Marcus Miller chipped in 10 markers.

Jaret Miller recorded 9 points and Logan Bradford added 5 points for the maroon and white. Blake McGarvey (3), Austin Howell (3) and Josh Trausch (1).

Jaret Miller also hit a pair of 3-pointers for Paulding with Marcus Miller, Blake Dobbelaere, Howell and McGarvey all hitting one each. Defiance won the bat-

tle of the boards 35-24 over Paulding, which was led by Bradford with 4. Paulding did have only 3 turnovers in the contest compared to Defiance's 10.

Score by Quarter:

Defiance - 18 19 19 18 = 74

Paulding - 5 12 13 18 = 48

Scorers of the Game:

Defiance - DJ Dobson 6; Will Lammers 13; Jonas Seele 19; Hugo Bily 1, Tyrel Goyings 13; Easton Gerken 8; Caden Kline 2; Ben 2; Buzz Naton 5; Jack Venderhorst 3; Romero Pearson 2.

Paulding - Marcus Miller 10; Blake Dobbelaere; Ethan Rhonehouse; Jaret Miller 9; Joshua Trausch 1; Austin Howell 3; Blake McGarvey 3; Logan Bradford 5

For the JV game the score was much closer. Defiance won 49 to 40.

RAIDERS BEST BRYAN IN CLOSE GAME

The Bryan Golden Bears traveled to the Wayne Trace Raider's Palace on Friday, December 8. Both teams were equally matched from the very beginning when the Raiders scored 12 points in first-quarter to Bryan's 11 points. On this night, Wayne Trace's Nate Gerber was on fire hitting 5 3-point field goals. By half time, the Golden Bears had taken a slight lead in the game 25 to 21.

In the second half, the Raiders came back to within one point by the end of the third. Josiah Linder, following in his brothers' footsteps, was top for 2 point field goals made.

In the fourth quarter, the Raiders extended their lead by a small amount when they scored 19 points to the Golden Bears 15 points and they came out on top at the end 57 to 54.

Score by Quarter:

Wayne Trace - 12 9 17 19 = 57

Bryan - 11 14 14 15 = 54

Scorers of the Game:

Wayne Trace - Eli Sinn 11; Reid Miller 2; Josh Kuhn 4; Nate Gerber 18; Trae Sinn 1; Josiah Linder 12; Jake Kuhn 10

Bryan - John Garza 12; Peyton Lamberson 22; Zhane Cupp 12; Evan Smith 3; Conor Shirkey 1; Zac Nobis 4

The Wayne Trace boys will play at home next on December 15 against Liberty Center.

S&S, SUTTON; SHOWALTER, SHINE AT ARCADIA

Wayne Trace Wrestling opened up its tournament season at the Arcadia Invitational on Saturday, December 9th. Nineteen teams participated in the invitational. Wayne Trace wasn't at full capacity missing 3 wrestlers from its starting line up, but still captured runner-up as a team finishing 8 points behind team tournament champion Plymouth.

160# Elizah Harris battled hard, but was unable to capture a win on the day. All other WT wrestlers put points up for the team. Caleb Baughman, 132#, posted a win with a pin. 152# Eli Moore captured two wins on the day. Cameron Cox won 2 matches with 1 coming via pin, but had to medically default in his match for placement and finish at 2-2.

The first of 6 placers for the red, white, and blue were a fifth place finish at 220# by Brian Merritt. Merritt was 3-1

ARCHERS SPLIT WITH KALIDA, FAYETTE



Antwerp's Heather Oberlin sinks her first free-throw shot. Altogether, Heather scored 10 points for the night and earned the top scorer status. More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - Antwerp's girls basketball team returned to the hardwood for games both Thursday and Saturday with the two contests being split in the win-loss columns.

On Thursday, the Lady Archers welcomed in Kalida from the Putnam County League for a non-league girls basketball game and it was the visiting Wildcats who emerged with a 32-23 victory in the contest.

Kalida opened at 7 points, 19-12 halftime lead and the Wildcats never let up in taking home the win. The Putnam County squad outscored the Archers 18-16 in the second half to wrap the contest.

Heather Oberlin paced Antwerp with 10 points while Karsyn Brumett added 8. Rachel Williamson, Tiera Gomez and Chelsea Johanns chipped in 3 mark-

ers apiece and Hope Smith picked up one point.

Antwerp hit the court again on Saturday where the Lady Archers welcomed in Fayette in a non-league battle.

Rachel Williamson scored 18 points and Hope Smith chipped in 9 markers as Antwerp moved to 3-2 on the season with a 49-34 win over the Golden Eagles.

Johanns recorded 7 markers for Antwerp followed by Brumett (5), Courtney Smith (4), Tiera Gomez (3), Amanda Roberts (2), Sabrina Thomas-Vankirk (1).

Williamson hit a trio of 3-pointers for Antwerp with Johanns and Gomez each adding 1.

Antwerp also forced 23 Fayette turnovers while the Archers committed 16.

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- ton 27
- Jay County 43, South Adams 36
- Woodlan 34, Heritage 15
- Round 6**
- Adams Central 60, Bluffton 17
- South Adams 60, Heritage 12
- Southern Wells 64, Woodlan 18
- Round 7**
- Adams Central 50, South Adams 28
- Jay County 57, Southern Wells 18
- Bluffton 51, Heritage 18
- FINAL STANDINGS**
- 1. Jay County (6-0)
- 2. Adams Central (5-1)
- 3. Southern Wells (4-2)
- 4. South Adams (3-3)
- 5. Woodlan (2-4)
- 6. Bluffton (1-5)

7. Heritage (0-6)

ARCHER BOYS FRESHMAN BEAT PANTHERS, BULLDOGS

Saturday, December 2, Antwerp freshman boys traveled to Paulding for their first game of the season where the Archers defeated the Panthers 46-36. Leading the way for the Archers were Austin Lichty with 17 points, Owen Sheedy with 10 points, Hunter Grant with 9 points, Dylan Hines and Jordan Buerkle with 4 points each and Eric Thornell with 2 points. The Archers move to 1-0 on the season.

In freshman boys basketball action the Archers defeated Edgerton 33-21 this



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PANTHERS DROP PAIR TO ACES, BEARCATS



Paulding's Sydney McCullough scores 2 points. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Paulding high school girls basketball team came up on the short end of a 56-38 decision to Spencerville in Northwest Conference action last Thursday.

The Lady Bearcats jumped in front and took control early, opening a 16-4 advantage after 8 minutes of action before pushing the margin to 21-7 at the intermission.

Paulding did outscore Spencerville 17-12 in the third quarter to pull within 33-24 at the end of 3 periods before the Bearcats responded by outpointing Paulding 23-14 in the fourth to seal the victory.

Briana Townley led the way for the maroon and white with 10 points while Sydney McCullough and Cassidy Posey added 7 markers each.

Kaylen Hale posted 5 points for the Lady Panthers followed by Daviah Pessefall (4), Asia Arellano (3) and Audrey Manz (2).

In earlier action last week,

Hicksville won each of the last 3 quarters and overcame an early deficit for a 57-39 win over Paulding.

The Lady Panthers led 15-13 at the end of 8 minutes of action before Hicksville responded to take a slim 23-22 advantage at the intermission.

Quarter number 3 saw the Lady Aces take control, outscoring Paulding 22-13 in the stanza for a 45-35 lead going into the fourth quarter. Hicksville then added a dozen markers in the final 8 minutes while holding Paulding to 4 and set the final margin at 57-39.

Audrey Manz and Kaylen Hale led the way for the maroon and white with 9 and 8 points, respectively, while Cassidy Posey and Briana Townley picked up 7 each. Sydney McCullough chipped in 4 markers for the Lady Panthers while Daviah Pessefall and Ashlyn Rice recorded 2 apiece.

Score by Quarters:



Addison Bergman from Hicksville scores again. For the night she had 32 points. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Hicksville - 13 10 22 12 = 57

Paulding - 15 7 13 4 = 39

Scorers of the Game:

Hicksville - Katelyn Bergman 0-0-2-2, Micah Schroeder 2-1-0-7, Samantha Klimar 0-0-1-1, Alexis Kerns 1-0-3-5, Addison Bergman 14-0-4-32, Harlee Shuman 3-0-4-10, Totals 20-1-14-57.

Paulding - Ashlyn Rice 0-0-2-2, Audrey Manz 0-3-0-9, Kaylen Hale 4-0-0-8, Daviah Pessefall 1-0-0-2, Sydney McCullough 2-0-0-4, Briana Townley 3-0-1-7, Cassidy Posey 3-0-1-7, Totals 13-3-4-39.

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on the day with three pins. HWY Jacob Graham followed that up with a fourth place finish with a 2-2 record.

145# Austin Smith posted a 4-1 record with 2 pins and a tech fall. He went on to pin his opponent in his placement match to capture a third place finish on the day.

Wayne Trace got 3 wrestlers through to the finals. Tyler Bauer fell just short of being a champion and finished as a runner-up in the tournament. He posted impressive wins via pin in his first 4 matches, but lost in the championship tilt in the waning seconds of the match by a score of 6-5.

The Raiders finished with two champions in the tournament. Gabe Sutton was the first to stand atop the podium as a champion. Gabe was slated to wrestle as a 106 pounder, but when only one other 106 pounder was entered, Gabe decided to wrestle up a weight class and competed as a 113 pounder. He was not disappointed wrestling a bracket up.

Sutton easily handled the 113-pound bracket. He won by forfeit, major decision 14-2, pin, and another major decision 12-0 and found himself wrestling for the championship at 113#. Gabe shone in the championship match handled Van Buren's Grant Young and garnered first place honors by way of a pin at the 1:14 mark.

Hunter Showalter entered the invitational after a leave of absence and only being in the wrestling room for two days. Wanting to get some of the rust knocked off, Showalter decided to wrestle with little preparation and shone all day in the toughest bracket of the tournament.

Showalter posted three wins with pins in the pool and then went on to win with a pin over a district qualifier in his first bracket match to find himself wrestling for a championship. He then faced

Van Buren's Emerine, another district qualifier from last year. Showalter dominated this match, capturing a 182# championship with a major decision of 10-2. Showalter then was voted by the coaches as the tournament as the "most outstanding wrestler."

Coach George Clemens was satisfied with the team's performance. "Sutton and Showalter both shined today for us. Sutton was willing to bump up and it paid off. He wrestled really well. Showalter was willing to come in and wrestle for us with nearly no practice time after returning to the team and he simply dominated a pretty tough weight class," stated Coach Clemens.

"We need to improve and get back to work, but they all wrestled pretty well today. A little let down in the closing seconds of Bauer's match cost us another champion, but we will fix those little mistakes," finished Clemens.

WARRIORS OPEN SEASON WITH WIN OVER HORNETS

ANGOLA - Woodlan hit the road in its boys basketball season opener on Tuesday night and the Warriors started the season off right with a 61-59 victory over host Angola.

Micah Robbins led the way for the Warriors by posting 17 points while Aaron Hahn added 16 markers.

Ah'lan Howard and Mitch Mendenhall chipped in 11 points each as well for Woodlan, which also got 4 from Tyler Wiedenhoef and 2 by Matthew Elias.

Hahn paced Woodlan with 7 rebounds followed by Wiedenhoef with 4 and Robbins grabbed 3 boards.

Howard topped the Warriors by dishing off 5 assists and Hahn added 3. Mendenhall and Wiedenhoef picked up 2 assists apiece as well. Howard paced the Warriors

WAYNE TRACE JH GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS



Friday December 1st, Wayne Trace seventh and eighth grade students participated in their annual junior high geography bees. In the

with 4 steals.

ANTWERP WRESTLING HAS GREAT WEEKEND

The Antwerp junior high and high school squads both competed at separate tournaments over the weekend, with each team wrestling very well at their respective tournaments. The junior high squad competed at the Bryan Invitational, placing 5 of their 6 wrestlers in the top 3 of their respective weight classes. Finishing 3rd on the day were 7th grader Aiden Provines at 110 lbs., 8th grader Brady Hatlevig at 142 lbs., and 8th grader Caleb Wilson at 150 lbs. Saturday also marked the 1st time that Provines and Hatlevig were able to place at a tournament in their young careers. Placing 2nd was Trayce Lengacher in the 92-lb. weight class. Going undefeated and earning his 1st individual tournament championship was 7th grader Eli Reinhart. Reinhart's wins on Saturday came by pin as well.

The Antwerp high school wrestlers were also very successful at the Lincolnview tournament on Saturday. Junior Aidan McAlexander improved his record to 5-0 on the season when he recorded 3 pins on his way to a 1st place finish in the 106-pound weight class. Sophomore Randall Mills also improved his record to 6-0 on the season as he went 4-0 on Saturday with 3 pins and a major decision to capture 1st place at 113 pounds. Congratulations to all of the Archer wrestlers for their hard work this past weekend. Be sure to catch the

geography bee, seventh grader Mallory Moore was the winner, with Ariel Landwehr as the runner-up.

junior high wrestlers at their only home meet this season when they wrestle in the Antwerp Invitational on January 6, 2018. Good luck and GO ARCHERS!!

LADY WARRIORS TRIP BY BLUFFTON

Woodlan played against the Bluffton Tigers on Friday, December 8. The game was at home and was a difficult loss for girls, falling short 33-52. Quarterly, the Lady Warriors held their own when they scored 2 points more than the opposing team with points by Addison Bayman, Taya Kitzmiller, and Hanna Albertson. The girls have done quite a bit of training to get the 3-point baskets they have been nailing. Woodlan though fell behind in the second quarter when Bluffton scored 14 to the Warriors 6. The half ended 15-21.

The girls came back from half and added 10 more points to their score with both Bayman and Kitzmiller scoring and the newly added Gabby Joyce plunked in 3.

In the fourth quarter, Bluffton continued their upward trend, this time with 18 points scored across the roster, but only 8 points for the Woodlan side of the board. Madi Koos sunk a pair of free throws after being fouled.

Bluffton took the win 52-33.

Score by Quarter:
Woodlan - 9 6 10 8 = 33
Bluffton - 7 14 13 18 = 52

Woodlan scorers of the game - Madi Koos 2; Addison Bayman 13; Taya Kitzmiller 10; Hanna Albertson 3; Gabby Joyce 5.

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ANTWERP MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS SHARE THEIR STORY WITH 3RD GRADERS



Seventh graders Parker Moore and Ethan Lichty watch as third grader Gabriella Snyder chooses her path through their story.

At the beginning of December, Mrs. Reyes's 7th grade students at Antwerp Middle School shared their "If-Then" story adventures with Mrs. Vail's third grade classes at Antwerp Elementary. Using the Applied Digital Skills program from Google,

seventh graders created stories with three choices. Each choice changed the characters' paths and the outcome of the story. The third graders enjoyed reading the stories and seeing how the different options affected the ending of the story.

CINDERELLA AT NISWONGER

See the fairy tale come to life when Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella waltzes onto the Niswonger Performing Arts Center on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 2:00 & 7:30 p.m. presented by Jim & Mary Pope.

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of shoes. From the Shimmer in the shoes to the gymnastic big-Broadway choreography, this new "Cinderella" offers plenty of spectacle and lots of sparkle.

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CHRISTMAS BRUNCH AT PAYNE ELEMENTARY



On November 30, Mrs. Moran's class at Payne Elementary cooked a Christmas Brunch for their families and friends.

ANTWERP D.A.R.E. GRADUATION



On November 28, Paulding County D.A.R.E. program held its graduation for 5th graders of Antwerp Elementary. Graduation is a time for students to think back on what they have learned in D.A.R.E. and time to reward the kids for completing the 12-week program. At the end of the program, each student writes an essay. The top two essays are picked and the winners are announced during D.A.R.E. graduation. Deputy Mendez said the two essays winners were Madisyn Peters and Drew Eaken. "Every 5th grader did an amazing job on their essays, I know they are ready to make good choices," says Deputy Mendez.

Each student received a certificate, a medal and a D.A.R.E. t-shirt for completing the program. Donuts and cookies were provided and after the graduation ceremony they explored a police cruiser.

Below are two essays written by DARE participants:
D.A.R.E. Essay BY Madisyn Peters
Have you ever wanted to take a risk and thought about the good and bad consequences? Then congratulations! You are using the D.D.M.M. In our fifth grade year, we have shared a new

and exciting experience, we had DARE! DARE. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. It is a new program for fifth graders.

In D.A.R.E., we learn how to make responsible choices, stay safe, and handle difficult situations in the future. In D.A.R.E., we have learned how to handle stress, bullying, peer pressure, and good communication. When you or a friend are being bullied you may think there is no possible way to resolve the conflict, but there is! We have learned how to handle difficult situations by writing an anonymous note to a help network or asking a trusted adult for advice or help. A lot of our lessons were about making responsible choices. Not all of our lessons were solely about responsibility, but everything that we learned has lead to responsible choices and staying safe.

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ruin your life faster than anything else. We learned about strength in numbers, avoiding the situation, and walking away. Those are only a few of the skills we learned about and have begun using this year.

People who have been in D.A.R.E. are more likely to make better choices. We learned to take medicines that doctors give us properly or it could result in medical issues in the future. I plan to use this so I can protect myself and other people. I also plan to use the peer pressure strategies to have better judgement on different choices. Using the DARE. Decision Making Model, or D.D.M.M., is another strategy to stay safe so we can Define, Assess, Respond, and Evaluate.

In just a small amount of time we have learned so much. I plan to use all of these skills in the future so I can have a safer, healthier, and happier life.

DARE

By: Drew Eaken

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Case No. CI 17 062

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Parcel Number: 30-06S-053-00

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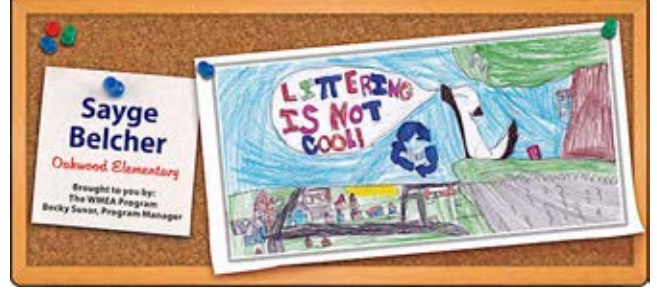
STUDENT'S ART WORK TO BE DISPLAYED ON BILLBOARDS



This fall, Becky Suvar, Manager of the WMEA Program, spoke to all the fourth grade students throughout the county. She spoke about litter prevention, reduce, reuse, and recycle, closing the

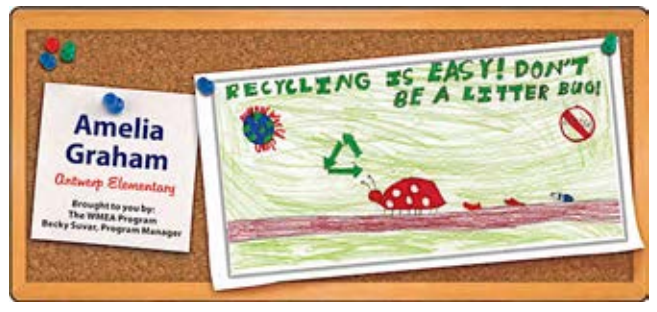
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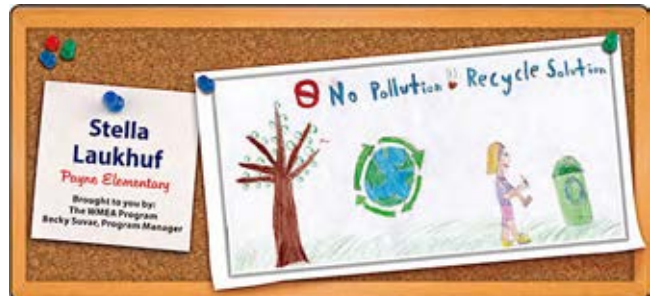
as trees, and other resources that are not renewable – such as iron ore or bauxite.

would create artwork that had the potential of going up on a billboard. Since there are six Elementary schools and only 4 billboards, there was some intense competition. The judging was very difficult



as there were so many good pictures submitted. However, the judges persevered and four pieces of artwork were chosen. These pictures are going up at the beginning of December, so if you are traveling through Paulding County, you may see some of

our great artists' work. Listed below are the billboard winners and where their artwork will be displayed.



tary – US 114; Sayge Belcher – Oakwood Elementary – US 613; Stella Laukhuf, Payne Elementary – US north 127

Divine Mercy – Griffin Williamson; Grover Hill – Lance Whitman; Oakwood – Hunter Harwell; Paulding – Colten Hunt; Payne – Chase Pack

Along with these winners, there were first place winners from each school. Their artwork was in the running for a billboard and the judges decided they needed to be recognized as well.

Congratulations go out to each of these students for winning. The WMEA Program appreciates the opportunity to share environmental issues to students in Paulding County.

Antwerp – Brianna Dzib;

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, Plaintiff,
vs.
Edwin L. Zedaker, et al. Defendants,

Case No. CI-17-150
Judge Tiffany Reighter-Beckman

TO: Edwin L. Zedaker, Unknown Spouse of Edwin L. Zedaker, Unknown heirs, administrators, executors or assigns of Edwin L. Zedaker

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: Unknown

Please take notice that a complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against you seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by **Edwin L. Zedaker, Unknown Spouse of Edwin L. Zedaker, Unknown heirs, administrators, executors or assigns of Edwin L. Zedaker** to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed by you.

The real property in question is situated in the Village of Antwerp, County of Paulding, and the State of Ohio and more fully described as follows:

In Paulding County in the State of

Ohio, to-wit: Lot Number forty-eight (48) in Mackinaw Addition to the Village of Cecil, Paulding County, Ohio according to the plat of said addition as recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of Paulding County, Ohio

Parcel No. 15-03S-042-00
Property Address: Stafford Street, Cecil, Ohio

You are required to answer in the above-captioned cause twenty-eight (28) days after the last publication hereof; or a default judgment seeking sale of your real estate will be sought. Your answer should be filed with the Clerk of Courts, Courthouse, 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Ann Pease, Clerk
Court of Common Pleas
Paulding, County, Ohio

By: *[Signature]*
Deputy

Respectfully submitted,
[Signature]
Joseph R. Burkard, (#0059106)
Paulding County, Ohio
Prosecuting Attorney
120 S. Walnut Street
Paulding, Ohio 45879
419-399-8270

and bad decisions in general. I think all grades should do DARE because it will teach younger kids to not make bad decisions in the future. DARE is a good program that I will plan and use in the future.

In DARE this year, I learned that there are good drugs like caffeine and medication. There are also bad drugs like alcohol and tobacco. You should stay off bad drugs because they could affect the way you act and the way your body acts. Another thing I learned this year is that you should tell not tattle on someone.

I think DARE is a good program for all ages every grade should do DARE because DARE teaches kids to stay off of drugs. Kids should not smoke under the age of 18 because smoking could mess up kids lungs under the age of 18. The same case goes with alcohol but it does not mess up your lungs it messes up your liver because your liver

thinks alcohol is poison but it quickly put it into your bloodstream and you will eventually die! That is why you should not drink alcohol.

Nicotine is very addictive and it is not good for you. Smoking can cause lung cancer, gum disease, etcetera. That is why thousands of people die each year.

I've used DARE before I've dealt with stress and bullying. Stress is awful usually I cry, hit my walls, and hide from everyone. So to deal with stress I do my hobbies. Being bullied is not fun I usually get hit, get called names and get left out. I deal with bullying by telling my teacher or parent.

In the future I plan to use DARE all the time like not smoke and drink not a lot of alcohol. Alcohol is bad, but if you drink it responsibly you won't have a bad time. So that is why I will not drink at all. Smoking is terrible you should never smoke because it can give you lung cancer and gum disease. That's why I will never ever smoke.

I personally think DARE is a great program because DARE teaches you to stay off drugs and make good decisions. In the future I will use everything I learned to make good decisions and stay off drugs. I think that DARE should be taught in all grades so littler kid know to stay off drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

HAVE A WEDDING, ENGAGEMENT OR ANNIVERSARY?
Let your friends and neighbors know for **FREE** in the West Bend News.
(pictures are extra)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

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

- 1. Bids will be accepted as "highest and best offer".**
- 2. The successful bidder will pay for the cost of the deed preparation, conveyance fee, recording costs and closing costs.**
- 3. The Village of Paulding shall have one (1) month, after the finalization of the sale, to remove all of the contents of the building from said building.**
- 4. Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to be deposited with the bid by certified check, and the balance to be paid to the Finance Director of the Village of Paulding within thirty (30) days after the acceptance of the bid by the Council of the Village.**
- 5. The successful bidder for the property must agree, in writing, to comply with all ordinances of the Village of Paulding, Ohio, that pertain to possible uses for said real estate.**

All bids must be placed in a sealed envelope and be identified as "BID FOR OLD UTILITY BUILDING PROPERTY" and be received by Robert Fisher, Village Administrator, Village of Paulding, 116 South Main Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879 by 12:00 P.M. (Noon) on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at which time they will be opened and read.

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

Please contact Robert Fisher, Village Administrator, at 419-399-2806 with any questions.

VANTAGE DECEMBER BOARD MEETING HELD

The Vantage Board of Education held the December Board meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2017 in the District Conference room. Minutes from the November 2, 2017 regular Board meeting were approved along with financial statements for the month of October, 2017.

Superintendent Rick Turner updated the Board being very impressed with the citizenship instruction that takes place at Vantage. Activities are built into the culture that emphasizes giving back to the community. Examples include: Haiti Carnival, students and staff raised \$1851.87 through a variety of activities to support our carpentry class in Haiti, Toss A Toy, activities to buy needy children Christmas gifts has raised approximately \$5400.00, and Veterans Day, students initiated a truck parade honoring our Veterans generated over 27,000 views and 609 shares on our Facebook page alone. Friday, December 8, 2017 at noon, Vantage is hosting a Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting ceremony for our CDL program located at the academy, showcasing recently purchased equipment, a new 200 hour curriculum, and have information on recently awarded Ohio Means Jobs Revolving Loan Program for student funding. High School Director

Tony Unverferth reported that the 8th grade tours were a success. Mike Knott and Mary Jo Wilhelm worked together to coordinate all of our scheduling and tour guide training and Vantage students were excited to showcase the building to the visitors. Student Ambassadors raised over \$250 for the Ottoville VFW and a Vantage student-led effort to recognize American Veterans, which was able to be viewed on Facebook. The effort included Vantage students flying the American flag on their way to school and on the way home, which was captured on video and posted to the Vantage Facebook page, earning them 50,000 views. Thank you to all students who participated. Ohio Technical Center Director Pete Prichard updated the Board that the CDL program will start another class on December 11 and the Ohio Board of Nursing approved the LPN program application, with anticipation the ACCSC will approve this program at the December meeting. Director Prichard also reported that the Van Wert Economic Development Director, Stacy Adam, hosted a Manufacturing Consortium meeting and restated the goal to create a forum addressing pressing issues, shared potential solutions and how to access available resources. Mindy Eales provided employers with information regarding funds available for training. A stakeholder group has been created to assist in the development of the structure of

the consortium.

In new business, the Board:

- Appointed Pat Bamle as President Pro-Tem for the January 2018 Organizational Meeting;
 - Employed Christopher Kerns on a one-year limited contract for the remaining teacher contract days in the 2017-18 school year (96 days) and to accept said teacher's resignation from employment effective at the end of the 2017-18 teacher contract year;
 - Employed Gary Cearns for the 2018-19 school year as Welding Instructor;
 - Approved the Intervention Specialist job description;
 - Approved an out of state field trip for Jerry Robinson, Carpentry Instructor and the Carpentry class, to Frank Miller Lumber, Union City, Indiana, on December 11, 2017;
 - Accepted a donation of 1,042 pounds of powder coat materials, in various colors, from Kennedy Manufacturing, Van Wert, OH, valued at \$5,210.00, for instructional use in the Industrial Mechanics program;
 - First reading of NEOLA new & revised policies.
- 2271 Program - College Credit Plus Program
4120.05 Classified Staff - Employment of Substitute Educational Aides
5136 Students - Personal Communication Devices
5136.01 Students - Electronic Equipment
5200 Students - Attendance
5330 Students - Use of Medications
5530 Students - Drug Prevention
6233 Finances - Amenities for Participants at Meetings and/or Other Occasions
6680 Finances - Recognition
7300 Property - Disposition of Real Property/Personal Property
7540.03 Property - Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
7540.04 Property - Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
7540.05 Property - District-Issued Staff E-mail Account
7540.06 Property - District-Issued Student E-mail Account
8600.04 Operations - Bus Driver Certification
9141 Relations - Business Advisory Council
End of Superintendent's Consent Agenda Items
Adjournment - at the call of the President and at the pleasure of the Vantage Career Center Board of Education
Next meeting - Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. In District Conference Room, Regular Board Meeting

USDA RANKED AMONG BEST PLACES TO WORK IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has been rated by employees as among

the top ten best places to work in the federal government, moving up two notches to come in at seventh place in the 2017 rankings. That is an improvement over 2016's rankings, when USDA came in tied for ninth place. The Best Places to Work in the Federal Government rankings are produced by the Partnership for Public Service and Deloitte and include opinions from more than 498,000 civil servants from 200 federal organizations on a wide range of workplace topics.

The rankings come from a complex algorithm that weighs responses to questions spanning from "is my organization a good place to work?" to "how satisfied are you with your job?" These measures are widely considered the most comprehensive rating of employee engagement in the federal government.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue issued the following statement:

"Our high-quality USDA employees work hard every day to provide the best possible services to our customers: the farmers, ranchers, foresters, and producers of American agriculture. It's our shared goal to be the most effective, most efficient, most customer-focused department in the entire federal government. And this year's rankings show that USDA is also a great place to work and is improving every day. It is an honor to work alongside such dedicated professionals who make coming to work such a pleasure."

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-29** on December 5, 2017, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance establishes the time and place of regular council meetings for calendar year 2018 to be the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m., unless there is a holiday then the meeting will be the third Wednesday of the month at 8:00 a.m. with the meeting in January being on January 17, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. and the meeting in February being on February 21, 2018, at 8:00 a.m.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-30** on December 5, 2017, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER \$51,500.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE FUND, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Fiscal Officer to transfer \$51,500.00 from the General Fund to the Police Fund for the operation of the Police Department.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-10** on December 5, 2017, entitled, "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR THE PUMP STATION AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Resolution accepts the bid of E.S. Wagner Co. for improvements to the Pump Station and Wastewater Treatment Plant and authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract for these improvements.

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

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

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

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

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,

vs.

JACQUELINE SUMMERVILLE, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF VIOLA WILLIAMSON, ET AL., Defendants.

Case No. CI 16 0171

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

115 South Coupland Street, Paulding, Ohio

Parcel Number: 30-06S-044-00 and 30-06S-043-00

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

Total amount of judgment is Seven Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-six and 42/100 (\$7,476.42) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

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

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:05 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the 18th day of January, 2018, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the First day of February, 2018 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.

Payment in full is due at the time of the sale and the purchaser(s) are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
www.pauldingohsheriff.com

ber and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on November 13, 2017, Warrants numbered 237587 through 237671 in the amount of \$235,086.98; and

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2017 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Professional Training Fund (Fund 254), to-wit; 254-001-00005/Professional Training/Miscellaneous AMOUNT: \$1,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-002)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit; FROM: 001-002-00004/General Fund/County Auditor/Equipment TO: 001-002-00003/General Fund/County Auditor/Supplies AMOUNT: \$1,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-003)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit; FROM: 001-003-00010/General Fund/County Treasurer/Workers' Comp TO: 001-003-00003/General Fund/County Treasurer/Supplies AMOUNT: \$893.48

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit; FROM: 001-016-00004/General Fund/Commissioners' Bldgs & Grounds/Supplies TO: 001-016-00006/General Fund/Commissioners' Bldgs & Grounds/Utilities AMOUNT: \$11,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 042)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Extension Center Fund (Fund 042); to-wit; FROM: 042-001-00008/Extension Center/Electric TO: 042-001-00004/Extension Center/Supplies AMOUNT: \$1,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 162)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Victims' Assistance Fund (Fund 162); to-wit; FROM: 162-001-20125/Victims' Assistance/Health/Life Insurance TO: 162-001-20123/Victims' Assistance/Medicare AMOUNT: \$9.40

IN THE MATTER OF REDUCING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 162)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to reduce the 2016 Annual Appropriation in the SVAA Fund (Fund 177); to-wit; Fund/Dept/Acct 177-001-20123/SVAA/Contract Help Current Appropriation \$200.00 Change (+ or -) -200.00 New Appropriation \$ -0-

IN THE MATTER OF REDUCING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 177)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to reduce the 2016 Annual Appropriation in the SVAA Fund (Fund 177); to-wit; Fund/Dept/Acct 177-001-20124/SVAA/Supplies Current Appropriation \$1,189.00 Change (+ or -) -13.08 New Appropriation \$1,175.92

IN THE MATTER OF REDUCING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 177)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to reduce the 2016 Annual Appropriation in the SVAA Fund (Fund 177); to-wit; Fund/Dept/Acct 177-001-20125/SVAA/Travel/Training Current Appropriation \$200.00 Change (+ or -) -136.72 New Appropriation \$63.28

IN THE MATTER OF REDUCING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 177)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to reduce the 2016 Annual Appropriation in the SVAA Fund (Fund 177); to-wit; Fund/Dept/Acct 177-001-20125/SVAA/Travel/Training Current Appropriation \$200.00 Change (+ or -) -136.72 New Appropriation \$63.28

IN THE MATTER OF ESTIMATING REVENUE AND APPROPRIATING EXPENSES IN FUND 162

WHEREAS, the grant year for the Victims' Assistance Fund (Fund 162) is accounted for on a fiscal year beginning October 1, through September 30; and

WHEREAS, the Victims' Assistance Fund's (Fund 162) 2017 fiscal year ended September 30, 2017, and the 2018 fiscal year began October 1, 2017; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2017 Annual Appropriation by estimating revenue for the first quarter of FY 18 (October 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017) in the Victims' Assistance Fund (Fund 162), to-wit; Fund/Dept/Acct 162-001-10001/Victims' Assistance/State Grant Estimated Revenue \$11,958.43 Fund/Dept/Acct 162-001-10002/Victims' Assistance/Match Estimated Revenue \$2,989.63

and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2017 Annual Appropriation by appropriating expenses for the first quarter of FY 18 (October 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017) in the Victims' Assistance Fund (Fund 162), to-wit; Fund/Dept/Acct 162-001-20121/Victims' Assistance/Salaries Appropriation \$10,582.01 Fund/Dept/Acct 162-001-20122/Victims' Assistance/PERS Appropriation \$1,481.51 Fund/Dept/Acct 162-001-20123/Victims' Assistance/Medicare Appropriation \$153.52 Fund/Dept/Acct 162-001-20124/Victims' Assistance/Workers' Comp Appropriation \$-0- Fund/Dept/Acct 162-001-20125/Victims' Assistance/Health/Life Insurance Appropriation \$2,250.00 Fund/Dept/Acct 162-001-20126/Victims' Assistance/Other Appropriation \$375.00

IN THE MATTER OF ESTIMATING REVENUE AND APPROPRIATING EXPENSES IN FUND 177

WHEREAS, the grant year for the SVAA Fund (Fund 177) is accounted for on a fiscal year beginning October 1, through September 30; and

WHEREAS, the SVAA Fund's (Fund 177) 2017 fiscal year ended September 30, 2017, and the 2018 fiscal year began October 1, 2017; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2017 Annual Appropriation by estimating revenue for the first quarter of FY 18 (October 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017) in the SVAA Fund (Fund 177), to-wit; Fund/Dept/Acct 177-001-10001/SVAA/Grant Monies Estimated Revenue \$897.24

and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2017 Annual Appropriation by appropriating expenses for the first quarter of FY 18 (October 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017) in the SVAA Fund (Fund 177), to-wit; Fund/Dept/Acct 177-001-20123/SVAA/Contract Help Appropriation \$49.99 Fund/Dept/Acct 177-001-20124/SVAA/Supplies Appropriation \$279.24 Fund/Dept/Acct 177-001-20125/SVAA/Travel/Training Appropriation \$49.99 Fund/Dept/Acct 177-001-20129/SVAA/Other Appropriation \$500.00

Meeting Notes of Appointments

Tiffany Beckman, Common Pleas Judge - Judge Beckman reviewed the current activity in Common Pleas Court. She reported criminal cases are up from last year. Ms. Beckman noted she attended the Vision meeting in Paulding last night along with 35-40 other interested residents. She said the meeting was very productive. The meeting held in Oakwood on Monday was also well attended with 12-15 present. Judge Beckman was encouraged with the numbers at both meetings.

Pam Miller, Board of DD - Ms. Miller met with the Commissioners at their request. She introduced herself and explained her appointment began when she filled the unexpired term of a previous board member. In January 2014, she was appointed to a four-year term, which expires December 31, 2017. She is up for re-appointment with her term beginning January 1, 2018. Ms. Miller is currently serving as the president of the Board. She has three children with special needs. Ms. Miller said serving on the board has been a very pleasant experience and she has learned so much. She stated the biggest stumbling block in Paulding County is state assistance to provide public transportation for the DD population. The Board continues to focus on extending services to those on the 'waiting' list. Ms. Miller noted waivers can be obtained as long as there is 'match' dollars, adding she is so thankful the DD levy passed. Pam is happy to serve on the Board and invited the Commissioners to attend its monthly meetings held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Miller for her service and dedication to the Paulding County Board of DD.

Jared Renollet, PC Dog Warden - Mr. Renollet requested permission to attend the Dog Warden Association winter conference in Columbus December 11 and 12, 2017. The Commissioners advised him to clear it with Sheriff Landers. Mr. Renollet then updated the Commissioners on the activity at the Dog Kennel.

THE WEST BEND NEWS
Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 11/27/17

This 27th day of November, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Roy Klopfenstein, Tony Zartman, Mark Holtzberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
Warrants documented as 237938 through 238007 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST:
Mark Holtzberry, NOCAC Board meeting, Defiance, OH - November 30, 2017

Tony Zartman, MVPO Executive Council meeting, Defiance, OH - November 27, 2017

Tony Zartman, First Responder Training facility tour, Napoleon, OH - November 27, 2017

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 089):

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2017 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Prisoners' Subdivision Fund (Fund 089):

089-001-00001/Prisoners' Subdivision/Prisoners' Housing AMOUNT: \$255.95

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-003):

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

FROM: 001-003-00002/General Fund/County Treasurer/Supplies AMOUNT: \$400.00

FROM: 001-003-00006/General Fund/County Treasurer/Travel AMOUNT: \$66.00

FROM: 001-003-00007/General Fund/County Treasurer/Advertising/Printing AMOUNT: \$300.00

FROM: 001-003-00014/General Fund/County Treasurer/Bank Fees AMOUNT: \$579.00

TO: 001-003-00005/General Fund/County Treasurer/Contracts/Services AMOUNT: \$1,345.00

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher presented the Sales and use tax report for November. Sales tax received was \$158,457.17. Ms. Wannemacher also discussed the 2018 budget, specifically postage for tax bills through Smart Bill.

Raven Loaiza and Becca Peckinpugh, Crime Victim Services - Ms. Loaiza and Ms. Peckinpugh met with the Commissioners to talk about the Paulding County Rape Crisis Expansion. The Rape Crisis Expansion and Anti-Traf-

ficking Division of Crime Victim Services in Lima currently serves four counties for rape crisis work and have been selected to expand rape crisis services into five additional counties, which includes Paulding County. Ms. Loaiza has been assigned to nine counties for rape crises work and 16 counties for human trafficking work. Ms. Peckinpugh is doing an internship and is primarily working in Allen and Putnam Counties. She is also assisting Ms. Loaiza with her duties. Ms. Loaiza reported they are making contacts to provide core services for the Paulding County Rape Crisis Expansion. Core services include 24 hour Crisis Hotline, Advocacy, Hospital/medical, Criminal justice/legal, Community awareness/outreach, Crisis intervention, Information and referral, and Systems coordination/collaboration. She reported two nurses at the Paulding County Hospital have been trained to conduct medical rape exams. This service is provided at no charge to the victim through the Attorney General's Office. Rape kits are sent to the BCI and it takes up to six weeks to process. Ms. Loaiza emphasized that during the six weeks the victim has a support system working the case. The Van Wert YWCA provides services for rape victims 24/7. These services are funded through VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) through application. Ms. Loaiza expressed the importance of forming a SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) in Paulding County with members from various agencies, law enforcement, and medical personnel. Ms. Loaiza stressed the importance of awareness and education. She plans to advertise where permitted to make sure the public knows of the services offered.

Michael Wehrkamp, Probate/Juvenile Court - Judge Wehrkamp met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss the truancy/diversion officer budget.

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANTS ASSISTING THREE NORTHWEST OHIO ORGANIZATIONS

Three northwest Ohio organizations have received grants from Ohio EPA's Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF): Antwerp Local Schools, Ottawa Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and Logan Soil and Water Conservation District.

Antwerp Local Schools and Ottawa SWCD received mini grants and Logan SWCD received a general grant. General grants are awarded for up to \$50,000; seven general grants were issued statewide for a total of \$207,860. Mini grants are awarded for \$500 to \$5,000; 10 mini grants were awarded for a total of \$34,369.

The grant recipients, grant amounts and project descriptions are:

Antwerp Local Schools, Defiance and Paulding counties: \$5,000 for a Native Plants Prairie and Wildlife Area project. A two-acre section of the school complex will be planted with native plants and will include bird and bat houses, composting, solar lighting and pumps and include information to help students and visitors learn about conservation and nature.

Ottawa SWCD: \$2,145 for the Augmented Reality Sandbox project. A portable Augmented Reality Sandbox will be built to provide hands-on learning of various earth science concepts. A kinetic camera will project different landforms onto a sandbox. Participants can change the landform by moving the sand to see how water flows and

disperses over land after a rain. It will be used to illustrate land erosion, non-point source pollution and topography to local students and adults.

Logan SWCD: \$21,272 for Exploring Effects of Water Quality in Western Ohio. The project will provide curriculum resources, professional development and field experiences for seventh grade teachers in 45 school districts in Auglaize, Darke, Hardin, Logan, Mercer, Miami and Shelby counties. It will provide education on water quality, with a focus on nutrients in many watersheds and related harmful algae bloom concerns.

The Ohio Environmental Education Fund provides grants each year for environmental education projects serving kindergarten through university students, the public and the regulated community. OEEF grants are funded with a portion of the civil penalties Ohio EPA collects for violations of Ohio's air and water pollution control laws.

Eligible grant recipients include environmental groups, public and private schools, colleges and universities, trade or professional organizations, businesses and state and local governments. Letters of intent for the next grant round are due to Ohio EPA no later than Jan. 9, 2018, and applications are due by Jan. 16, 2018. Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact the Ohio Environmental Education Fund online or at (614) 644-2873 to discuss project ideas.

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 11/15/17

This 15th day of November, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Zartman, Mark Holtzberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

Absent: Roy Klopfenstein

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS EXECUTIVE SESSION
A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holtzberry to go into executive session at 8:08 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tony Zartman. All members voting yeay.

At 8:28 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

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 Judge Tiffany Reighter-Beckman
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 signs of Daniel K. Burger
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 heirs, administrators, executors or
 assigns of Daniel K. Burger to pay delin-
 quent real estate taxes owed by you.
 The real property in question is situ-
 ated in the Township of Auglaize, County
 of Paulding, and the State of Ohio and
 more fully described as follows:

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 Page 146 of the Record of Surveys, in
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 Court of Common Pleas
 Paulding, County, Ohio
 By: *[Signature]*
 Deputy
 Respectively submitted,
[Signature]
 Joseph R. Burkard, (#0059106)
 Paulding County, Ohio
 Prosecuting Attorney
 120 S. Walnut Street
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CUFFS & COLLARS

**Field reports from ODNR
 Division of Wildlife Offi-
 cers**

**Central Ohio - Wildlife
 District One**

This past October, State
 Wildlife Officer John Coff-
 man, assigned to Fayette
 County, was patrolling Deer
 Creek spillway and observed
 three men fishing from the
 high wall. As Officer Coffman
 approached, he counted seven
 poles with lines in the water
 between the three men. Of-
 ficer Coffman instructed the
 men to reel in one of the lines
 so they would be in compli-
 ance with the law. As Officer
 Coffman spoke with the men,
 one claimed he had not been
 fishing and did not have a
 valid Ohio fishing license. Of-
 ficer Coffman never saw the
 man fish. The two men who
 now found themselves with
 three extra lines in the water
 urged their associate to say he
 was fishing so they would not
 receive tickets. The third man
 never admitted to fishing.
 Officer Coffman issued cita-
 tions to the two men for fish-
 ing with more than two poles
 or lines. They were found
 guilty in Circleville Municip-
 al Court and ordered to pay
 \$110 in fines and court costs.
 During the 2016 deer arch-
 ery season, State Wildlife
 Officers Tyler Eldred, as-
 signed to Morrow County,
 and Patrick Muldovan, as-
 signed to Licking County,
 received information that a
 buck had been harvested in

Knox County by a hunter
 who did not possess a valid
 hunting license or deer per-
 mit. The officers obtained
 video footage of the suspect
 purchasing his license and
 permit from a retail store af-
 ter harvesting the animal.
 The man later pleaded guilty
 to hunting without a license
 and using a deer permit pur-
 chased after a deer was har-
 vested. He paid \$900 dollars
 in restitution, fines, and court
 fees. The buck was forfeited to
 the state.

**Northwest Ohio - Wildlife
 District Two**

While checking anglers
 on the Auglaize River, State
 Wildlife Officer Jason Porin-
 chok, assigned to Putnam
 County, observed two in-
 dividuals fishing along the
 bank of the river. After ob-
 serving both fishermen for
 some time, Officer Porinchok
 contacted the men and asked
 to see their fishing licenses.
 One of the men stated that he
 wasn't fishing and he was just
 watching his friend's fishing
 pole for him. Officer Porin-
 chok stated that he had ob-
 served the man bait the hook,
 cast the line and tend the pole
 for the last half hour. The
 man then advised that he was
 fishing and had caught several
 catfish, but did not have a
 fishing license. He was issued
 a citation for fishing without a
 valid fishing license. He paid
 a \$200 fine.

State Wildlife Officer
 Greg Wasilewski, assigned to
 Richland County, received
 an anonymous report from

the Turn In a Poacher (TIP)
 hotline about a deer that
 had been shot with a rifle
 during the bow season. Of-
 ficer Wasilewski contacted
 State Wildlife Officer Na-
 than Kaufmann, assigned to
 Huron County, who locat-
 ed the deer carcass. Officer
 Wasilewski traced the carcass
 to a residence, where he con-
 tacted the owner. The man
 stated that his friend had of-
 fered to get him a deer, but
 he was a nonresident and did
 not want to purchase a non-
 resident license. The man
 purchased a resident license
 and deer tag and allowed the
 friend to hunt with him. Of-
 ficer Wasilewski then contact-
 ed the man, who admitted
 to shooting the deer without
 having a valid Ohio hunting
 license or permit. The man
 was charged with hunting
 without a license, hunting
 deer without a deer permit,
 and providing false informa-
 tion while checking a deer.
 He was found guilty on all
 charges and paid \$685 in fines
 and court costs, with 40 days
 of suspended jail time and
 two years of probation. The
 person who purchased the
 hunting license and provid-
 ed it to the man was charged
 with aiding an offender. He
 pleaded no contest and paid
 \$214 in fines and court costs.

**Northeast Ohio - Wildlife
 District Three**

State Wildlife Officer Aaron
 Brown, assigned to Wayne
 County, received a Turn In
 a Poacher (TIP) call from
 an informant regarding in-
 dividuals hunting ducks in
 the Killbuck Marsh Wildlife
 Refuge. State Wildlife Officer
 Jeremy Carter, assigned to
 Holmes County, joined Of-
 ficer Brown and observed two
 men walking out of the re-
 fuge. One individual was car-
 rying a shotgun and one had
 a backpack. A license check of
 the man carrying the shotgun
 revealed that he did not have
 a valid Ohio Wetlands Habitat
 Stamp, Federal Duck Stamp,
 or HIP survey. A search of the
 backpack revealed two ducks
 that did not have a head or
 fully feathered wing attached.
 In addition, duck season had
 closed approximately two
 weeks prior. Officer Brown
 charged the men with tres-
 passing on a wildlife refuge,
 possession of waterfowl with-
 out a fully feathered head or
 wing attached, hunting with-
 out an Ohio Wetlands Habi-
 tat Stamp, and taking ducks
 in the closed season. The men
 appeared in Orrville Municip-
 al Court, were convicted,
 and paid \$501 in fines and
 court costs.

State Wildlife Officer
 Jason Warren, assigned to
 Ashtabula County, received
 information concerning three
 individuals who had exceeded
 their daily limit of steelhead
 trout while fishing in Con-
 neaut Creek. Officer Warren
 was provided a description of
 the three men and their ve-
 hicle. Officer Warren arrived
 at the location and observed
 the suspects catch numerous
 trout. Officer Warren con-
 tacted the individuals. Fur-
 ther investigation revealed that
 the men had each taken
 two steelhead trout over their
 daily limit. They were issued
 summonses and ordered to
 appear in the Conneaut Mun-
 icipal Court. They men were
 convicted and ordered to pay
 \$810 in fines and court costs.

**Southeast Ohio - Wildlife
 District Four**

State Wildlife Officer Ryan
 Donnelly, assigned to Wash-

ington County, was patrolling
 the AEP Recreation lands in
 Morgan County when he no-
 ticed a truck with a utility task
 vehicle (UTV) trailer parked
 on the road. Officer Donnelly
 determined that a UTV was
 unloaded at the location and
 he noticed a new trail going
 into the woods. After walk-
 ing a mile down the illegal
 trail, he found a UTV and
 three people fishing from in-
 flatable kayaks. The owner of
 the UTV admitted to driving
 it back to the pond to fish. He
 stated that with all the gear
 it was easier to just drive the
 UTV back there instead of
 walking. The owner of the
 UTV was issued a summons
 in Morgan County Court for
 operating a motor vehicle in a
 non-designated area.

**Southwest Ohio - Wildlife
 District Five**

State Wildlife Officer Jas-
 mine Grossnickle, assigned
 to Miami County, and State
 Wildlife Officer Matt Hunt,
 assigned to Greene County,
 were conducting jacklighting
 enforcement in Miami Coun-
 ty when they observed a car
 stop at a curve in the road
 and a person in the car fire
 multiple gunshots. The offi-
 cers stopped the vehicle. The
 driver and the passenger were
 both asked about shooting a
 gun from the vehicle. The
 driver claimed that they had
 thrown fireworks from the
 car and that it was not gun-
 shots. After further investi-
 gation, and with assistance of
 the Miami County Sheriff's
 Office, it was determined that
 the driver of the vehicle was
 driving under suspension, the
 suspects possessed drug and
 drug paraphernalia inside
 the vehicle, and the passenger
 was intoxicated and in pos-
 session of an open container
 of an alcoholic beverage. The
 driver had shot at a deer and
 asked the passenger to throw
 the .38 caliber revolver from
 the car after they noticed
 they were being followed by
 a police vehicle. The Miami
 County Sheriff's Office filed
 multiple charges against the
 group, including tampering
 with evidence for throwing
 the gun out of the car. The
 driver was also charged with
 hunting deer after hours and
 hunting with the aid of a mo-
 tor vehicle. Fortunately, the
 gun was recovered by the of-
 ficers.

**PAULDING COUNTY COURT
 RECORDS**

**Criminal/Traffic Disposi-
 tion Report**

Kelsey R. Guyer, Napo-
 leon, OH; Possession; Case
 dismissed per state; Costs to
 defendant; Costs to be taken
 from bond

Kelsey R. Guyer, Napo-
 leon, OH; Drug parapherna-
 lia; Case dismissed per state;
 Case to defendant; Costs to
 come from bond

Cristian E. Luna, Hous-
 ton, TX; Handle firearm;
 Case dismissed; Costs to de-
 fendant; The Glock 27 Gen
 4.40 caliber and all ammuni-
 tion are to be forfeited to the
 State Highway Patrol or any
 agency that the Ohio State
 Patrol see fit

Cristian E. Luna, Hous-
 ton, TX; Possession of con-
 trolled substance; Guilty;
 Fines and costs to be taken
 from bond; All contraband
 shall be forfeited and de-
 stroyed or put to lawful use
 by the arresting agency; Shall
 maintain general good be-
 havior

Cristian E. Luna, Hous-

ton, TX; Possession of mari-
 juana; Guilty; Fines and costs
 shall come from bond; All
 contraband shall be forfeited
 and destroyed or put to lawful
 use by the arresting agency;
 Shall maintain general good
 behavior

Gina R. Tuley, Plymouth,
 MI; FTY emergency vehicle;
 Guilty; Pay all fines and costs
 by 12/29/17 or defendant's li-
 cense may result in being for-
 feited and/or may be sent to
 collections

Steve M. Brahnam, Oak-
 wood, OH; O.V.I./under in-
 fluence; Guilty; May attend
 the DIP Program in lieu of
 jail; ALS vacated; Pay \$100
 per month commencing
 12/29/17; POC date 6/29/18;
 Community Control Two;
 Evaluation at Westwood; 30
 hrs of community service;
 Thinking For A Change; 87
 jail days reserved

Steve M. Brahnam, Oak-
 wood, OH; Left of center;
 Count B dismissed at the
 state's request

Steve M. Brahnam, Oak-
 wood, OH; O.V.I./Breath
 high; Count C dismissed at
 the state's request

Rodney E. Ray, Fort
 Wayne, IN; O.V.I./under in-
 fluence; Case dismissed

Kelsey R. Guyer, Napo-
 leon, OH; O.V.I./under in-
 fluence; Guilty; May install the
 ignition interlock device by
 12/8/17; ALS vacated; Fines
 and costs taken from the
 bond; Community control;
 30 hrs community service;
 Evaluation at Westwood;
 Thinking For A Change;
 Proof of insurance provided;
 90 jail days reserved

Kelsey R. Guyer, Napo-
 leon, OH; Seat belt/drive;
 Guilty; Fines and costs to be
 taken from bond

Kelsey R. Guyer, Napo-
 leon, OH; Equipment regula-
 tion; Guilty; Fines and costs
 taken from bond

Kelsey R. Guyer, Napo-
 leon, OH; O.V.I./Breath low;
 Count D merged with Count
 A

Justin A. Parrett, Grover
 Hill, OH; Marked lanes; At
 the state's request Count B
 dismissed at defendant's costs

Trevor L. Saylor, Paul-
 ding, OH; DUS; Guilty; Pay all
 fines and costs

Joshua M. Balzer, Bryan,
 OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty;
 Case was waived by defen-
 dant

Justin A. Parrett, Grover
 Hill, OH; O.V.I./Breath high;

Guilty; May install the igni-
 tion interlock device, install
 by 12/8/17; Pay \$100 per mo.
 commencing 12/29/17; POC
 date 6/29/18; Community
 control; 30 hrs of communi-
 ty service; Restricted license
 plates; Proof of insurance by
 12/1/17; 90 jail days reserved

Amisia Q. Davis, Bloom-
 ington, IN; Seat belt/drive;
 Pled no contest, found guilty;
 Pay all fines and costs today

Timothy L. Font II, Paul-
 ding, OH; Turn signals; Guilty;
 Case was waived by defen-
 dant

Sarita L. Guerra, Paul-
 ding, OH; Seat belt/drive;
 Guilty; Case was waived by
 defendant

Marquis A. Goings, Latty,
 OH; Traf dev/signs; Guilty;
 Case was waived by defen-
 dant

Tonya E. Rosh, Fishers,
 IN; Driving under suspen-
 sion; At the state's request
 charges are dismissed; Costs
 waived; Forfeiture shall be
 released

Natalie R. Mouser, De-
 fiance, OH; Seat belt/drive;
 Guilty; Defendant waived
 ticket

Kaleb E. Guelde, Napo-
 leon, OH; Criminal damage;
 Guilty; Defendant to pay all
 fines and costs; Placed on
 standard probation; Shall
 maintain general good behav-
 ior; Shall have no unlawful
 contact with victim; Main-
 tain general good behavior

Austin L. Fast, Toledo,
 OH; Drug paraphernalia;
 Guilty; Defendant to pay all
 fines and costs; Maintain
 general good behavior; All
 contraband shall be forfeited
 and destroyed or put to lawful
 use by the arresting agency

Austin L. Fast, Toledo,
 OH; Possession of mariju-
 ana; Guilty; Defendant to pay
 all fines and costs; Maintain
 general good behavior; All
 contraband shall be forfeited
 and destroyed or put to lawful
 use by the arresting agency

Ryan K. Tromblay, Paul-
 ding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Pled
 no contest, found guilty;
 Shall pay \$25.00 per month
 commencing 12/29/17; Pay or
 collection

Kastin N. Kelly, Paulding,
 OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty;
 Case was waived by defen-
 dant

Adam E. Minnis, Nap-
 panee, IN; Fail control;
 Guilty; Case was waived by
 defendant

Barbara E. Archer, Paul-

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James A. Sedlacek, Blissfield, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Joshua L. Tressler, Paulding, OH; Child restraint; Guilty; Pay or collection date 2/23/18; Shall pay \$50.00 per month commencing 12/29/17

Shane C. Antoine, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay \$25.00 today; Pay or collection date 1/26/18

Zeeshan H. Toor, Florissant, MO; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jeese B. Hefner, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Austin L. Fast, Toledo, OH; No tail lights; Guilty; Defendant shall pay \$50.00 per month commencing

12/29/17; Pay or collection date 12/21/18

Joni M. Clason, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Thomas M. Baum II, Antwerp, OH; A.C.D.; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Andrew E. Doan Jr., Bryan, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dustin T. Taylor, Paulding, OH; Fail control, Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jack F. Rugg, Columbia City, IN; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Martin Moreno Rangel, Fayette, OH; FTY emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Casey S. Schmidt, Payne, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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SECRETARY PERDUE STATEMENT: U.S. FARM EXPORTS TO CONTINUE STRONG IN FY 2018

Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue issued the following statement regarding the latest U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) export forecast published November 30, 2017.

"Today's quarterly trade forecast reflects the fact that U.S. agricultural exports are continuing strong in the 2018 fiscal year. We just closed out FY 2017 with the third-highest export total on record and I'm delighted to see that FY 2018 is shaping up to come close. With a forecast of \$140 billion, we're looking at the fourth-best year in history. And there's additional positive news in the fact that agriculture's trade surplus is expected to grow eight percent, from \$21.3 billion last year to \$23 billion in 2018.

"Much of this expected success can be attributed to robust sales to our East Asian and North American trading partners. China is again shaping up to be our top market, led by continued strong soybean sales, while Canada and Mexico remain our second- and third-largest markets,

Sudoku solution from page 13

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

respectively. We're expecting exports to grow in the coming year to all of our top three markets.

"The bottom line is that exports continue to be a major driver of the rural economy, generating 20 percent of U.S. farm income and supporting more than a million U.S. jobs. The USDA team continues to work around the clock and around the globe to boost export prospects for American farmers and ranchers not only by expanding existing markets and improving existing trade agreements, but also by aggressively pursuing new markets and new opportunities."

The complete USDA Outlook for U.S. Agricultural Trade is available at: www.fas.usda.gov/data/quarterly-agricultural-export-forecas.

USDA PROMISES NEW SNAP FLEXIBILITIES TO PROMOTE SELF-SUFFICIENCY

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is promising increased cooperation with states in the operation of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to promote self-sufficiency, integrity in the program, and better customer service. To make these improvements, USDA intends to offer state agencies greater local control over SNAP, the safety net program that serves millions of eligible, low-income individuals and families. Specifics on such flexibilities will be communicated to state agencies in the coming weeks.

"SNAP was created to provide people with the help they need to feed themselves and their families, but it was not intended to be a permanent lifestyle," said Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue. "As a former Governor, I know first-hand how important it is for states to be given flexibility to achieve the desired goal of self-sufficiency for people. We want to provide the nutrition people need, but we also want to help them transition from government programs, back to work, and into lives of independence."

The broad outlines of the coming flexibilities aimed at transitioning people into independence were described by Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services Acting Deputy Under Secretary and Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Administrator Brandon Lipps to state human services officials as part of a meeting of the Secretaries' Innovation Group (SIG). SIG is a membership organization of state human service and workforce secretaries who share innovations and push for national solutions which favor healthy families, work, economic self-reliance, budget responsibility, and limited government.

greater local control to help people achieve self-sufficiency echoed themes Lipps expressed in a letter (PDF, 527 KB) to all state SNAP commissioners last week. Lipps' letter listed the areas the new flexibilities will address:

Self-Sufficiency - The American dream has never been to live on government benefits. People who can work, should work. We must facilitate the transition for individuals and families to become independent, specifically by partnering with key stakeholders in the workforce development community and holding our recipients accountable for personal responsibility.

Integrity - We must ensure our programs are run with the utmost integrity. We will not tolerate waste, fraud, or abuse from those who seek to undermine our mission or who do not take their responsibility seriously.

Customer Service - Together, we must ensure that our programs serve SNAP participants well. In order to achieve a high degree of customer service, we at FNS must also provide States the flexibility to test new and better ways to administer our programs, recognizing that we are all accountable to the American taxpayer for the outcomes.

"We believe states are laboratories of innovation and seek to learn from you what works and what does not," Lipps wrote. "As necessary to address each of these focus areas, we will allow greater state flexibility in areas that do not increase costs to taxpayers or our various partners on the ground."

As FNS announces specific new flexibilities for promoting independence in the coming weeks, the agency will also continue to welcome additional ideas from the participant and the American taxpayer. Guided by Secretary Perdue's direction to "do right and feed everyone,"

FNS will engage all relevant stakeholders throughout this process.

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

CITY OF WOODBURN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 10/16/17

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

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: The Woodburn police department reserves have logged over 1,250 hours of patrol hours, and over 1,550 hours of activity so far this year. The department has re-certified an officer as a glock armorer, and will have another officer certified as a breath test operator first week of November.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: There will be a movie night on the 3rd of November for teenagers to bring up ideas for what they would like to see happen within Woodburn. The Allen County Redevelopment Commission pledged \$2,000,000 over 20 years, as funds are available, at their meeting on 10/10/2017 for the upcoming sewer project. The police chief thanked the Board of Works for authorizing the replacement of worn-out vests for the department. Councilman Voirol moved to modify a previous motion regarding the mayor's wage for 2018, second by Councilman Martin, all in favor except Councilman Watts who is opposed. Motion carries. Councilman Voirol moved to amend Ordinance 17-1355 (2018 Elected Salaries) to show a \$3,000 merit increase to the Mayor's wage after a 3% increase for the consideration of cost of living instead of the previously suggested amount, second by Councilman Gerig. Councilmen Voirol, Gerig, and Martin are in favor. Councilmen Renner and Watts are opposed. Motion carries. The mayor discussed an indemnification agreement between the City and the County Board of Commissioners. Councilman Watts moved to accept the proposed agreement as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. The Mayor discussed a proposed bridge maintenance agreement between the City and the County Board of Commissioners. Councilman Watts moved to accept the proposed agreement as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: The meeting minutes were presented from the October 2nd meeting. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to accept the minutes from the meeting on October 2nd as corrected, second by

Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Warrants were presented. After inspection, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to read Ord 17-1354 (2018 Budget) by title only, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the second reading of Ord 17-1354 as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved for the adoption of Ord 17-1354 as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Councilman Voirol moved to read Ord 17-1355 (2018 Elected Salaries) as amended, second by Councilman Martin, all in favor. Councilman Voirol moved to accept the second reading of Ord 17-1355 as amended, second by Councilman Renner, all in favor. Councilman Gerig moved for adoption of Ord 17-1355 as amended, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to read Ord 17-1356 (2018 Appointed Salaries) by title only, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Councilman Renner moved to accept the second reading of Ord 17-1356 as presented, second by Councilman Watts, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved for the adoption of Ord 17-1356 as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. The clerk treasurer discussed information about an agreement between the City and the Allen County Highway Department. Councilman Renner moved to read by title only, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Councilman Renner moved to accept proposed agreement as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor.

COUNCILMEN'S REPORT: Councilman Martin mentioned that the pole on Ash and Bull Rapids has been repaired. Councilman Renner thanked the group for being able to have a civil discussion about city matters even when everyone doesn't agree.

AUDIENCE: An individual attended tonight's meeting for requirements of the citizenship in the community achievement for the Boy Scouts. A resident asked about the potential for paying expenses regarding a Mainstreet Organization conference event in Indianapolis in order to maintain the status of Woodburn as a Mainstreet Community. The Mayor asked a few follow up questions but no decision was made at this time.

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

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 11/13/17

This 13th day of November, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Roy Klopfenstein, Tony Zartman, Mark Holtzberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS
Warrants documented as 237578 through 237679 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 November 8, 2017, Warrants numbered 237473 through 237536 in the amount of \$12,029.86; 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 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 078)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Paulding County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Infrastructure Projects Fund (Fund 078); to-wit: FROM: Pay-in #116077 TO: 078-001-00001/Infrastructure/Infrastructure Expense AMOUNT: \$36,917.58

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 169)

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 Jail Debt Service Fund (Fund 169), to-wit: 169-001-00005/Jail Debt Service/Bond Principal AMOUNT: \$5,000.00

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NSCC'S MEDICAL ASSISTING AND PHLEBOTOMY TECHNICIAN STUDENTS RECOGNIZED IN CEREMONY



Pictured (l to r): Front: Nailor, Majchrowski, Carlisle, Miller. Back: Hoffman, Limbacher, Huffman, Malone, Ford.

Nine students completing Northwest State Community College's medical assisting associate degree or phlebotomy technician certificate program were recently recognized in a special ceremony held for the graduates. Both options lead to entry-level positions in the health care field, and students earning the phlebotomy technician

certificate may choose to continue their education for an associate degree in medical assisting. The following graduates were honored: Defiance County: Renee Limbacher (Ayersville), Micaela Miller (Defiance); Fulton County: Kaycee Ford (Wauseon), Amy Huffman* (Delta), Jennifer Majchrowski (Wau-

seon); Paulding County: Jodi Carlisle (Paulding); Putnam County: Darcie Hoffman (Miller City), Ashley Malone (Continental); Williams County: Shylo Nailor (Edgerton) *denotes Phlebotomy honoree - all others are Medical Assisting.

OHIO BALLOT BOARD APPROVES COMMUNITY RIGHTS STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The Ohio Ballot Board unanimously approved two proposed state constitutional amendments, determining they each meet the single subject requirement. A legal representative of the people, community members, and several members of the Ohio Community Rights Network (OHCRN) attended the hearing to voice their support to the Ballot Board members.

Ohio residents are advancing the Ohio Community Rights Amendment and the Initiative and Referendum Amendment. The Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF) assisted residents and the OHCRN to draft and legally review the measures.

Gwen Fischer, a member of Portage County Community Rights Group, helped gather initial signatures for the measures. She stated, "The people working on Community Rights in Ohio know that it is standard practice for our state legislature to propose and pass laws that violate the single subject rule in the constitution, so it was gratifying to see the Ballot Board not apply a stricter standard to the people."

The Ohio Community Rights Amendment codifies the right to local community self-government, enabling local governments to protect and expand fundamental rights and prohibit corporate activities that violate those rights. It also secures the au-

thority of communities to put in place stronger environmental rights and protections than those recognized at the state, federal, or international level.

The Initiative and Referendum Amendment for Counties and Townships amendment extends the right to initiative and referendum to residents living in townships and counties. Today, only city and village residents can exercise their inalienable right to propose and repeal laws. However, nearly 39% of Ohio's population resides in townships. They do not have the same constitutional right to legislate. This amendment extends equal rights to local self-government to all Ohio residents, regardless of where they live.

The Attorney General certified both initiatives on November 27th. With the approval of the Ballot Board, residents will begin gathering signatures.

Residents are facing ongoing efforts by state government to strip local-governing authority over fracking, gun control, predatory lending, minimum wage, and more. Corporate lobbyists draft state preemptive laws, which are then adopted by state legislators.

"Since 2012, residents have advanced local Community Rights laws to stop fracking, pipelines, and other fossil fuel projects threatening their health, safety, and welfare as well as local election law and rights of nature. As those efforts build, so have efforts to stop the people from protecting themselves and creating the communities they envision. These state constitution-

al measures ensure that the authority of we, the people, is elevated above corporate or state claims to have decision-making powers over us," stated Tish O'Dell, CELDF's Ohio organizer.

This grassroots movement by the people of Ohio is not backed or funded by large corporate donors. The OHCRN and its allies invite residents from across the state to join the fight for rights! Sign up to volunteer at www.ohcommunityrights.org.

Ohio Communities Part of Growing Movement

Local communities and state Community Rights Networks are partnering with CELDF to advance and protect fundamental democratic and environmental rights. They are working with CELDF to establish Community Rights and the Rights of Nature in law, and prohibit extraction, fracking, factory farming, water privatization, and other industrial activities as violations of those rights. Communities are joining together within and across states, working with CELDF to advance systemic change - recognizing our existing system of law and governance as inherently undemocratic and unsustainable.

Additional Information For additional information regarding the state amendments, contact CELDF at info@celdf.org. To learn about the Ohio Community Rights Network, visit ohiocrn.org. To learn about the Community Rights Movement, visit www.celdf.org.

About CELDF — Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund

The Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund is a non-profit, public interest law firm providing free and affordable legal services to communities facing threats to their local environment, local agriculture, local economy, and quality of life. Its mission is to build sustainable communities by assisting people to assert their right to local self-government and the Rights of Nature.

NHHS HALL OF FAME 2017

The New Haven Athletic Program will honor three athletes from three different decades during its Hall of Fame inductions at halftime of the New Haven varsity boys' basketball game against Belmont on December 15, 2017. Previous Hall of Famers will also be introduced and recognized at the game.

This year's inductees include two-time state cross country qualifier Herman Schnelker from the class of 1960. Schnelker was a member of the first New Haven cross country team his sophomore year. In his next two years Schnelker would qualify for state both years with a 16th place finish his senior year. Schnelker was a two-time NEIC champ in the mile and a state qualifier at that distance his senior year.

Kristy Lyons, class of 1997, earned All-Conference honors in three sports, and qualified and placed 9th in the 300 Meter Low Hurdles and 6th in the 100 Meter Hurdles at the state track meet. Lyons finished her high school career third on the All-Time Career point list in Bulldog history. Following high school, Kristy continued her career at Butler University competing in both Volleyball and Women's Track. Lyons is married to New Haven football coach, Jim Rowland and teaches in Northwest Allen Schools

Kyle Bischoff, class of 2008, also earned All-Conference recognition in Tennis, Basketball and Track while earning a total of eight varsity letters. Bischoff earned All-Area in Baseball and earned a top ten finish at state in Doubles Tennis his senior year. Bischoff continued his baseball career at Purdue earning 4 letters, and earning All-Big Ten Academic honors all four years. Bischoff was also a member of the 2012 Purdue baseball Big Ten championship team.

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VILLAGE OF ANTWERP SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 12/5/17

The special meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Mayor Ray Delong. Council persons present: Keith West, Rudie Reeb,

PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC'S HEATHER HUNT GRADUATES FROM TWO YEAR TRAINING PROGRAM



Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative (PPEC) would like to congratulate Human Resource Manager Heather Hunt from a leadership course called RELITE, which stands for: Rural Electric Leaders in Training Exchange.

RELITE is a two-year program created to help develop cooperative employees into knowledgeable, committed and effective leaders for their cooperatives and communities.

Hunt says she was honored to go through the program, "RELITE has been a great opportunity to learn valuable

leadership skills, network with other people from different cooperatives, and share initiatives, all of which are useful tools to propel PPEC into a hopeful future."

This is a chance for cooperatives to come together to share their experiences and work together. "Having connections and skills that can be brought back to our office can lead to great stepping stones for further development in the industry. We're very proud of Heather and congratulate her on this accomplishment," stated CEO and President George Carter.

Kenneth Reinhart, Larry Ryan, Steve Derck and Council President Jan Reeb.

Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty and Village Administrator Sara Keeran.

First reading of ordinance no. 2017-26: An ordinance regulating utility vehicles and mini-trucks within the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, and requiring inspections of the same by the Antwerp police department.

Second reading of ordinance no. 2017-27: An ordinance to amend exhibit A to ordinance no. 2015-27, specifically to amend sections 2, 4, 5, 7, and 18 of exhibit a, said exhibit a being the Village of Antwerp income tax ordinance.

Second reading of ordinance no. 2017-28: An ordinance authorizing the charge of yard waste disposal services rates for the Village of Antwerp, County of Paulding, Ohio.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2017-29: An ordinance to establish time and place of regular meetings of the council for the Village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio, for calendar year 2018, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by West, seconded by Derck, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2017-29, 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Jan Reeb, to accept ordinance no. 2017-29, 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2017-30: An ordinance authorizing the village fiscal officer to transfer \$51,500.00 from the general fund to the police fund, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by West, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2017-30, 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Rudie Reeb, to accept ordinance no. 2017-30, 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of resolution no. 2017-10: A resolution accepting the lowest and best bid for the pump station and wastewater treatment plant improvements project, authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Derck, seconded by Jan Reeb, to suspend the rules regarding resolution no. 2017-10, 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by West, to accept resolution no. 2017-10, 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Jan Reeb, to adjourn the meeting, 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 a.m.

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