

Merry Christmas!!

VANTAGE STUDENTS TOSS A TOY



After months of fundraising, and with the generosity of students and staff, Vantage Jr. Cosmetology instructor Mrs. Amy Grothouse and

her "elves" were able to buy a stage-full of toys for the local Toss A Toy! She said, "even though we will not see their faces when they get these

gifts, all of us can know in our hearts that we made someone's Christmas very special. And that is truly the joy of giving!"

PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (PPEC) TO GIVE \$1.4 MILLION BACK TO MEMBERS

Paulding Putnam Electric Members will see a lower electric bill around the holidays. That's because Paulding Putnam Electric Coop-

erative's Board of Trustees recently approved to return \$1.4 million to the Cooperative's members. Members will be seeing a credit on their December bill. The money is being returned to members in the form of capital credits, also known as profits or margins.

PPEC is a not for profit co-op, and one of the 7 cooperative principles is Members' Economic Participation, which means members contribute equitably to the capital of the co-op. "Simply put, this means that PPEC members contribute a portion of the

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LOCAL AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT OAKWOOD LIBRARY

The Cooper Community Library Branch, of the Paulding County Carnegie Library is hosting a book signing with local author, Ezekiel O. Tracy, for his most recent published book, "River & Pauline" on Saturday, January 13, 2018, from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Ezekiel O. Tracy is a baker, author, and artist. Growing up he read nearly every fantasy book in the Oakwood Library, filling his imagination and love for story-telling. When he isn't writing, Ezekiel can be found baking or teaching art lessons.

His published works include: The Death Diary, The Seed Bearer's Chronicles: River & Pauline, and the Other/s, which he will have available for purchase on January 13.

The Cooper Community Branch Library was the third branch to open in the Paulding County Carnegie Library system. Opening in 2000 the branch has become the hub

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DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL SPELLING BEE WINNER

Jasmine Mattson won the school Spelling Bee, and the



Jasmine Mattson

runner-up was, Raelyn Schweinsberg. The bee lasted 8 rounds, and a good effort was given by all participants! Jasmine will now advance to the County Spelling Bee held at the Antwerp Local School Auditoria on Tuesday,

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Community Calendar

Wednesday, Dec 20

• Trinity UMC Hicksville Advent Svc, 7:35p

Thursday, Dec 21

• Stuff the Bus Food Donations @ Gardens of Paulding 8:15-9:30am
• Antwerp Community Band Concert at the Huber, 7:30pm

Friday, Dec 22

• Trans-Siberian Orchestra at the Huber @ 7:00
• Red Cross Blood Drive @ Payne Van Crest 1-6pm

Sunday, Dec 24

• Christmas Eve Svc @ Hicksville Grace 10pm
• Trinity UMC Hicksville Advent Svc 10am
• Roselms Christian Church Christmas Eve Svc. 11pm
• Twin Oaks UMC Christmas Eve Svc., 6pm

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 13

• Paulding KofC Youth Free Throw Contest @ Paulding HS, 12pm

Jan 16-18

• Fort Wayne Farm Show

Friday, Jan 19

• Military Appreciation Night @ Antwerp Girls BB 6pm

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



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Vet/Clinic: _____

A penalty in an amount equal to the registration fee shall be assessed if Dog License is not secured on or before January 31, or within 30 days after the dog becomes 3 months of age, is acquired, or is brought from outside the state. ORC Sec 955.01, 05.
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OBITUARIES

Kenneth E. Bronson, 96, of Sun City Center, FL, passed away Tuesday, December 5, at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Kenneth was born to Clarence and Abby (Johnson) Bronson on August 29th, 1921, in Toledo, Ohio.

During World War II, Kenneth served on the Navy destroyer USS Waterman, escorting submarines off the coast of Japan. He returned stateside in 1944 serving the Bureau of Ships in Washington DC.

Kenneth met and married Audrey A. Althouse of York, Pennsylvania, in June of 1948. Audrey passed away March 23, 1963, and after grieving, Kenneth remarried Ruth (Hayes) Crist (deceased) in June of 1970.

Mr. Bronson and Audrey have 2 children - Keith E. (deceased), Kendra (David) J. Smith. He is survived by grandchildren Ryan, Sean, and Lindsay, along with 3 great grandsons.

Kenneth worked for Libbey Glass of Toledo, Ohio, and Lucas County State Bank in Toledo, and he retired from Leon Bolton and Son in 1977.

After retirement Kenneth moved to Florida to enjoy life in the sun. Playing golf, and fishing were his two great hobbies. He would go out on the boat and bring home supper with the grandchildren!

In April of 2015, he was able to thoroughly enjoy the Honor Flight to Washington DC. While there, he was able to view the WWII Veterans Memorial and many other historical memorials.

Burial and private family service on December 22 in Skyway Memorial Gardens, Palmetto, FL.

Memorials can be sent to Heartland Hospice in Fort Wayne, IN, or Woodburn Christian Children's Home in Woodburn, IN.



PAULDING, OH

Gary W. Lipp age 69 died Tuesday, December 12, 2017 in the Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, IN.

He was born February 5, 1948 in Defiance, Ohio, the son of Harold and Freda (Elser) Lipp. On December 27, 1969 he married Janice L. Werling, who preceded him in death on July 11, 2014. He retired in 1998 from GM Power Train, Defiance. He

was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding; UAW #211; Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council #2584, Paulding; and Lions Club. He was an avid Coin Collector; a Little League Coach, and Pee Wee Red's Coach.

He is survived by his sons, Brian (Adrienne) Lipp, Mitchell, IN; Michael (Carrie) Lipp, Phoenix, AZ, and Aaron (Caroline) Lipp, Greenwood, IN; a sister, Carol (Gary) Hume, Fishers, IN; and 8 grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted 10 AM Monday, December 18 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, with Rev. Joseph Poggemeyer officiating. Burial will follow in Paulding Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will be 2 - 8 PM Sunday, December 17 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with a wake service at 7:30 PM.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations made to Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding; Galgo Scuby North America; or Greyhounds of Eastern Michigan.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

ANTWERP, OH

Avery Allen Hook Sr. age 74 died Wednesday, December 13, 2017.

He was born February 12, 1943 in Paulding, the son of Henry and Margaret (Kerns) Hook. On February 03, 1962 he married Janet (Lehman)



Hook, who preceded him in death on September 26, 1997. He retired in 2008 from LaFarge Corporation after 40+ years. He was a member of the NRA and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his children: Allen (Linda) Hook Jr., Antwerp, Debra Lehman, Cecil, Dawn (Ralph) McDougal, Leipsic, Stacy (Jeff) Betzer, Cecil, and Kelly (John) Jones, Antwerp; brother, Thomas L. Hook, Payne; 10 grandchildren: Barry Hook, Michael (Buffie) Hook, James (Markie) Betzer, Caris Hook, Samantha (Kelsey) Johnston, Jessica (Nate) Smith, and Avery Hook II, Cash Hook, Tabitha Jones and MaKenna Jones; 5 great grandchildren: Cainan Carlisle, Katie Hook, Karleigh Hook, Emma Betzer and Jade Betzer; and a great-

great granddaughter.

He is also preceded in death by an infant daughter, Diana Lynn Hook; and sisters, Joann Highwarden and Dorita Lynch.

Funeral services will be conducted 10:30 AM Friday, December 15 at Paulding Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Jeremy Thompson officiating. Burial will follow in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be Thursday, from 4 - 8PM, December 14 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. There will also be visitation on Friday at the church from 9:30 AM until service time.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 12/20 - 12/26

12/20 - Birthday & Anniversary Celebration; Crafts at 12:30; Buckeye Bingo at noon; Grocery shopping 1:30

12/21 - Blood Pressure & Toe Nail Clinic 9:00 a.m.; Exercise 10:00 a.m.; Euchre 9:45 a.m.; Euchre 12:15 p.m.

12/22 - Bible Study 10:00; Craft store open 11 - 2; Christmas Luncheon party & gift exchange

12/25 - Closed for Christmas

12/26 - Euchre 9:45; Euchre 12:15

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 12/20- 12/26

12/20 - Pot roast, mashed potatoes, scalloped corn, apricots, w.w. bread, birthday cake

12/21 - Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, wax beans, hot apples, w.w. bread, Jello

12/22 - Seasoned veal cutlet, parsley potatoes, green beans, w/bacon, apple juice, cherry fruit crisp, dinner roll

12/25 - Closed for Christmas

12/26 - Chicken and broccoli casserole, warm applesauce, biscuit, grape juice

HICKSVILLE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 12/20 - 12/26

12/20 - 10:00 Adult Coloring; 11:00 HV Middle School Choir; No Euchre Today; 4:30 - 6:30 Holiday Card Exchange - Pizza and Dessert

12/21 - 10:30 Holiday Memories; 12:30 - Inspirational Readings; 1:00 - 2:00 Bingo with CHP

12/22 - 10:00 Twas the Night Before Christmas; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre

12/25 - Closed for the Christmas Holiday

12/26 - 10:00 Skipbo; 12:00 Grocery Shop 1:00 Cornhole

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 12/20 - 12/26

12/20 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Crafts; 12:30 Krogers

12/21 - Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale - 9am - 2:30pm; 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Band Stretch 10:00 Zumba; 10:45 Blood Pressures; 12:30 Meijers Shop; 12:30 Bingo; 4:00 Yoga

12/22 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Tai Chi; 10:00 Crafts; Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale

12/25 - Closed for the Christmas Holiday

12/26 - 9:45 Aldi shop; 10:00 Tai Chi; 10:00 Bible Study; 10:00 Cards; 4:00 Yoga

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 12/20 - 12/26

12/20 - Chicken salad sandwich, potato soup, apple, orange juice, crackers; Salad Bar In Café

12/21 - Meat loaf, hash brown bake, asparagus, pineapple tidbits, wheat bread, a Christmas cookie

12/22 - Cheesy scrambled eggs, tater tots, hot peaches, raisin bagel & cream cheese, v-8 juice

12/25 - Closed for the holiday season! Merry Christmas

12/26 - BBQ beef sandwich, navy beans, beets, fruit cocktail, vanilla wafers

DEPARTMENT OF AGING SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR OHIO SENIOR CITIZENS HALL OF FAME

Each year, the Ohio Department of Aging honors outstanding older Ohioans with induction into the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. The hall honors current or long-time Ohio residents age 60 and older who have made and continue to make a lasting impact on their professions, their vocations or their communities. Visit www.aging.ohio.gov/halloffame to learn more and access the nomination form.

"Inductees to the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame continue to grow, thrive and contribute throughout their lives," said Stephanie M. Loucka, director of the department. "Their drive, dedication, ingenuity, kindness and compassion have truly made their communities and our state stronger. Their values and their accomplishments make them examples for all of us to emulate."

Past inductees have included business and industry leaders, advocates, community planners, educators, scientists, health care professionals, volunteers, artists, entertainers, athletes and more. Nominees are evaluated on the scope and impact of their contributions begun or continued after age 60. Nominees must be native-born Ohioans or have been residents of the state for at least 10 years. Posthumous nominations are accepted.

Induction is held each May as the state and nation celebrate Older Americans Month. Those selected for the Hall of Fame will join more than 450 older Ohioans inducted into the hall since its inception in 1978. While nominations are accepted year-round, nominations must be received by January 31, 2018, to be considered for induction in 2018.

Learn more, access the nomination form and view past inductees at www.aging.ohio.gov/halloffame.

About ODA - The Ohio Department of Aging works to ensure that our elders are respected as vital members of society who continue to grow, thrive and contribute. We collaborate with state agencies and community partners, including area agencies on aging, to help

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago)." - Luke 1:68-70 NIV

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY STUDENTS GO CAROLING



Oakwood Elementary students who earned the PAWS reward for the month of November were given the opportunity to go around the town on Thursday, December 7th

to Christmas carol for various businesses and residents of the village. Shown are some of the carolers with Oakwood residents Don and Anna Lee Adams.

integrate aging needs into local plans and ensure that aging Ohioans have access to a wide array of high-quality services and supports that are person-centered in policy and practice. Our programs include the PASSPORT Medicaid waiver, caregiver support, the long-term care ombudsman program, the Golden Buckeye Card and more. Visit www.aging.ohio.gov.

MCCOLLEY PRAISES PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION CREATING PAULDING COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

State Senator Rob McColley (R-Napoleon) announced the Senate passage of legislation to allow the part-time Paulding County County Court to become the full-time Paulding County Municipal Court.

Under current law, the Paulding County County Court is a part-time operation, meeting only three times a week. The legislation seeks to address concerns over a growing backlog of court

hearings stretching weeks and sometimes months.

"This bill creates a system that will better serve the people of Paulding County through increased access to the court system," said McColley. "I am proud to support this important piece of legislation that protects the sixth amendment rights of the people in the 1st Senate District."

House Bill 215 helps to accommodate the growing caseload that has put a heavy strain on the judicial system in Paulding County in recent years. This increase is attributed to the opioid epidemic, as well as a substantial increase in traffic tickets, accidents and moving violations following the 2012 expansion of US Route 24 from a two-lane to a four-lane highway.

The bill will now go to the Governor for further consideration.

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ANTWERP ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Antwerp Elementary School held its spelling bee on Thursday, December 14, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the library. Ten fourth and fifth grade students competed for a chance to represent the Archers in the Paulding County Spelling Bee. After 24 rounds, fifth grader Jessica Thornell won the bee by spelling the words "diagram"

and "grocery" correctly. Fifth grader Allison Carnes was the runner-up. Thornell will represent Antwerp Elementary School at the Paulding County Spelling Bee on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Antwerp Local School auditoria. In the event that Thornell cannot attend, Carnes will represent the school.

ANTWERP MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Antwerp Middle School held its spelling bee on Friday, December 15, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. in the auditoria. Fifteen sixth through eighth grade students competed for a chance to represent the Archers in the Paulding County Spelling Bee. After 12 rounds, eighth grader Gage McMichael won the bee by spelling the words "callous" and

"dexterity" correctly. Eighth grader Kelsie Puckett was the runner-up. McMichael will represent Antwerp Middle School at the Paulding County Spelling Bee on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Antwerp Local School auditoria. In the event that McMichael cannot attend, Puckett will represent the school.

USDA SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON CHILD NUTRITION FOOD CREDITING

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced a public invitation to submit ideas on food crediting, the system that defines how each food item fits into a meal for the National School Lunch Program and other federal child nutrition programs. The information collected will help USDA officials better understand its diverse stakeholders' perspectives on navigating today's evolving food and nutrition environment.

comply that goal by listening to the voices of our many stakeholders," said Brandon Lipps, acting Deputy Under Secretary of USDA's Food Nutrition and Consumer Services. "This is an opportunity to improve customer service by helping our agency gain a better understanding of America's thoughts, as well as gathering innovative ideas from all who care about our children's nutritional needs." To claim federal reimbursement for food served through one of USDA's child nutrition programs, program operators must serve meals and snacks that meet each program's specific meal pattern requirements. USDA's crediting system defines how each food item fits into the meal pattern. USDA is using

this Request for Information as a systematic and transparent method to ensure each stakeholder has the chance to share their thoughts and opinions on crediting and gather ideas that maximize program operators' ability to serve healthy, appealing meals.

USDA is especially interested in understanding both the possible benefits and any negative impacts associated with possible changes to how certain foods may or may not credit. This would affect USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program in addition to the school meals programs, Lipps noted.

"This is an important issue," Lipps said. "How food is credited plays a critical role in what America's children eat at school, in day care, and during the summer. Crediting decisions have an impact on schools and daycares, industry, and most importantly, our children, so we want to be as informed as possible."

Electronic comments are preferred and may be submitted at the Federal Register today through February 12, 2018.

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service administers 15 nutrition assistance programs, including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, the Summer Food Service Program, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which together comprise America's nutrition safety net. For more information, visit fns.usda.gov.

MVNU ALUMNI ARTISTS AMY LEWIS AND JASON ANDREW BOWLES TO EXHIBIT IN JANUARY

"Praestigia" by Amy Lewis and "WYSIWYG" by Jason Andrew Bowles exhibits will be on display January 8 to February 23. A reception for the show will be held on Friday, January 12, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

As MVNU alumni artists, their work pertains to Fluxus thought which assimilates materiality, simplicity, chance, and even a bit of humor as important components to making art. As contemporary sculptors in their own right, Lewis and Bowles have built on this foundation in separate but complementary ways to perceive the world as found, delicate, and transient. Schnormeier Gallery is thrilled to show their unique perspectives in tandem.

Lewis graduated from MVNU in 2003 and earned her MFA from Columbus College of Art and Design (CCAD) in 2015. Bowles graduated from MVNU in 2002 and earned his MFA from Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) in 2012.

This exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

For more information on this exhibit and others coming to Buchwald Center visit <http://www.mvnu.edu/art-gallery>.

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 12/4/17

This 4th day of December, 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 238088 through 238183 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST: Tiffany Beckman, OCPJA 2017 Winter Conference, Dublin, OH - December 5-8, 2017

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

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on November 29, 2017, Warrant numbers 238015 through 238079 in the amount of \$62,269.46; 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 001-031):

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: 001-031-99998/General Fund/Commissioners' Misc/Transfers AMOUNT: \$50,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 028):

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 General Tax Fund (Fund 028): 028-001-00005/General Tax/Forfeited Land Sale Expense AMOUNT: \$4.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 229):

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 VISION Group Fund (Fund 229): 229-001-00002/VISION Group/Contract Services AMOUNT: \$25,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-014): 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: 001-014-00006/General Fund/County Court/Juror Fees TO: 001-014-00002/General Fund/County Court/Salaries AMOUNT: \$810.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-014):

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: 001-014-00011/General Fund/County Court/Workers' Compensation TO: 001-014-00002/General Fund/County Court/Salaries AMOUNT: \$1,914.40

IN THE MATTER OF RECEIVING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC.:

WHEREAS, Paulding County Sheriff Jason Landers presented an executed copy of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Paulding County Sheriff's Office and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement covers January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2020; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby acknowledge receiving of said Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented. A copy of said Agreement is on file at the Paulding County Sheriff's Office.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Jason Landers, Paulding County Sheriff - Mr. Landers presented the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Paulding County Sheriff's Office and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. (See

resolution above) Bryon Palitto, Business Communication Specialists (BCS) - Phillip Jackson, Randy Ruge, Rob Goshia, Jason Landers, Jennifer Wiswell, Jeff Smith, and Cindy Peters gathered with the three Commissioners to listen as Mr. Palitto presented information on a voice over IP phone system. He offered background on BCS, noting the company started in 1996 in Wadsworth, Ohio. The purpose of starting the company was to assist small businesses with IT and phone issues. Mr. Palitto reported they have grown from their original three customers to over 700, while employing 40 people. He also commented customer retention is high. Mr. Palitto fielded several questions from those in attendance. He explained how the ShoreTel system works and briefly reviewed prices for the system, phones, licensing, and software assurance. A demonstration of how the phones function closed the meeting.

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Raelyn Schweinsberg February 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. A weather make-up date is scheduled for Thursday, February 8th.

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Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
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Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

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Hicksville Knights of Columbus Grand Knight Ed Mendez, presents a check for \$2000 to Julie Taylor, Principal of St. Marys School, Edgerton Ohio and Fr. Dan Bergolt. The gift is the proceeds from a dinner recently held by the Hicksville K of C to help in remodeling at St Mary's School to add classroom space.

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Grover Hill Elementary School has named their November students of the month. Pictured here are (front, l-r) Kaiden Tucker, Jericho Guyton, Kathleen Stoller, Harley Halliwill, Jordan Hale, and Natalie Richie; (back, l-r) Zachary Stoller, Jensen Beining, Noah Schlatter, Ethan Reed, Austin Finrock, Easton Jay, Lane Miller and Gracelyn Miller.

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bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." (Matthew 1:23)

2. God the Father called Christ God—"But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom." (Hebrews 1:8)

3. God's inspired Scriptures called Christ Jesus God—Romans 9:5; Titus 2:13; 1 John 5:20, 3:16.

4. Compare Isaiah 6:1 with John 12:41, Isaiah 8:13 with 1 Peter 3:15, and Psalm 68:18 with Ephesians 4:7-8.

5. He was and is the manifestation of God—"Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?" (John 14:9) "Who is the image of God, the firstborn of every creature." (Colossians 1:15) "I and my Father are one." (John 10:30) Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the Sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God." (John 5:18) "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God." (Philippians 2:6) See also 1 Timothy 3:16; 2 Corinthians 4:4; John 14:9-11; Acts 20:28; 1 John 5:7.

6. Note Christ's statements about being God—Matthew 26:63-65, 27:43.

7. He received worship forbidden and judged by all who were not God—"And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God." (John 20:28) "And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith and let all the angels of God worship him." (Hebrews 1:6) See also John 5:23; Matthew 14:33; Luke 24:52.

8. He possessed divine attributes: Eternal and All-Powerful—"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." (Revelation 1:8) See John 17:5; Philipians 2:6; Matthew 28:18. He was and is able to give life - "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh

unto the Father but my me." (John 14:6) See also John 1:4, 10:12-18, 15:1- 26. Unchangeable - "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." (Hebrews 13:8) Holds all things together - Hebrews 1:3. Right to forgive sins - Mark 2:5- 10. All-knowing - John 16:30; "In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." (Colossians 2:3) Everywhere present - Matthew 28:20. Sinless - "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth;" (1 Peter 2:22) ...and more.

If Christ is not God in the flesh, He is a liar, there is no salvation and the Bible is totally unreliable.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

TWIN OAKS UMC CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

You are invited to attend the 6:00 Christmas Eve candle light service at the Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, located at 200 East Harmon Street, Oakwood, Ohio

Come worship with us as we welcome the newborn king.

BIBLE STUDY

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

A. Prophecy in Old Testament: Malachi 3:1

1. How many messengers in this verse?
2. Name the messengers in this verse?
3. What will one of the messengers do?
4. In the Old Testament who were the people seeking?
5. Who will suddenly come to His temple?
6. Who is the messenger of the covenant?
7. Which covenant is this?
8. Did Christ come as prophesied?

B. Fulfilled in the New Testament? Luke 7:24-30

1. Whose messengers were these?
2. Who began to speak to the multitudes?
3. The message Jesus was giving concerned who?
4. Could John the Baptist be shaken in his message?
5. Was John the Baptist clothed in soft garments?
6. Did Jesus say John was more than a prophet?
7. What does this mean, not a greater prophet than John the Baptist?
8. What does this mean he who is least in the Kingdom of God is greater than he?
9. What is the subject of the Old and New Testament verses?

Answers to Old Testament questions:

90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Helen Treece will be celebrating her 90th birthday January 12th.

Her children are asking family and friends to send a birthday card to honor her 90th birthday.

Cards can be sent to: Helen Treece, 7724 Rd 87, Paulding, OH 45879

1. 2; 2. John the Baptist; Jesus; 3. Prepare the way of the Lord; 4. The coming of Christ; 5. Christ; 6. Christ; 7. The New Covenant; 8. Yes;

Answers to the New Testament questions:

1. John the Baptist;; 2. Christ; 3. John the Baptist; 4. No; 5. No; 6. Yes; 7. Out of all the prophets throughout the Old Testament none fulfilled his God given purpose better than John; 8. John lived and died under the Old Testament law

Today you and I have greater spiritual understanding through the New Testament scriptures of the purpose of Jesus mission death and resurrection.

9. Preceded by a fore runner.

To contact James Potter call 419- 393-4775 or Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Do you have a question for Santa, a favorite story to share or maybe something special to ask for? Now is your chance to write to him!

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 just over a month left until Christmas, Santa Claus is asking kids to please send their letters soon!

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce, with the help of the Antwerp High School National Honor Society, is working with Santa this year to get all those letter collected and forwarded to the North Pole. So get those letters written and drop them off to Santa's mailbox located next to Town Hall. Don't forget to include your return address so Santa can get back to you!

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 capital necessary to grow the co-op. Eventually, as the co-op is financially able to do so, the board approves the capital be returned, or "retired" back to those members who contributed it originally," stated PPEC President and CEO George Carter.
 Including this year's capital credit return, Paulding Putnam Electric has returned over \$21 million to its members. According to Carter, this process is what sets them apart from other utilities. "We're not in business to make a profit for shareholders. If there is left over mon-

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 Anyone with questions about their capital credit refund should call PPEC at 1-800-686-2357.

UPDATED 'FINANCIAL HEALTH INDICATORS' SHOW SLIGHT INCREASE IN FISCAL STRESS

Nine cities and one county are showing signs of financial stress for fiscal year 2017, with nearly two-thirds of Ohio's county governments showing an increase in the number of "critical" or "cautionary" warnings, according to the second annual "Financial Health Indicators" report.

Auditor of State Dave Yost in January unveiled the first Financial Health Indicators (FHI) to gauge the fiscal health of Ohio's 88 counties and 247 cities and help them avoid a fiscal crisis. The 17 indicators are based on financial data provided by cities and counties in their annual financial statements, providing a snapshot of their fiscal health based on a historical analysis of other local governments that have been declared in fiscal distress.

"The aim is to provide communities and counties with advance warning of looming financial difficulties so that they can take steps to halt and reverse these trends," Auditor Yost said.

For 2015, no counties triggered enough cautionary or critical indicators to suggest fiscal stress is occurring. For 2016, Morgan County met the threshold for fiscal stress based on historic trends. Three counties (Hocking, Jackson and Vinton) are showing early signs of fiscal stress and may be two to three years away from experiencing fiscal stress based on current conditions. One county (Lawrence) is a single indicator away from facing an elevated state of fiscal stress.

As was the case last year, nine cities have financial indicators showing fiscal stress in 2016: Akron, Canton, East Cleveland, Girard, Lorain, Maple Heights and Norwood, which showed fiscal stress in 2015, and Fostoria and Parma Heights.

Six cities (Alliance, Martins Ferry, North College Hill, Upper Sandusky, Warren and Zanesville) are showing early signs of fiscal stress and may be two to three years away from experiencing fiscal stress, based on their current financial data and trends.

Thirteen cities -- Belpre, Cincinnati, Elyria, Galion, Garfield Heights, Kenton, Lebanon, Lima, New Philadelphia, Riverside, Springdale, Springfield and Youngstown -- are a single indicator away from facing an elevated state of fiscal stress.

"Our cities and counties are generally well-managed," Auditor Yost said. "Unfortunately, those leaders sometimes are challenged by financial factors beyond their control: A major employer downsizing or relocating, or reductions in federal or state funding. They're working hard to be good financial stewards, but it's clear there is elevated financial stress in many of our local governments."

According to county data, 55 of the 88 counties (62.5 percent) had more critical and cautionary indicators in 2016 than in the prior year, while 23 percent (20 of 88) showed improvement. Fiscal stress for 10 counties, or 11 percent, was unchanged, and data for three counties were incomplete because of inconsistent accounting bases in financial statement presentation.

Data show 111 of the 247 cities (45 percent) had more critical and cautionary indicators in 2016 than in the prior year, while 44 percent (108 of 247) showed improvement. Totals for 21 cities were unchanged, and data for seven were incomplete.

There was a change regarding how pension liabilities are reported by the entities in 2016 that could have generated a false "negative" for some cities and counties in Indicator 1 and possibly Indicators 3 and 13.

The conditions include "critical outlook," "cautionary outlook" and "positive outlook." They are color-coded like a stop light, as red, yellow and green.

A closer look While taken together, counties had 36 critical outlook indicators in 2015, they had 64 in 2016 -- an increase of 78 percent. County cautionary outlook indicators increased 38 percent, from 132 to 182. While 70 of 88 counties had at least one cautionary or critical outlook in 2015, 78 had at least one such indicator in 2016 -- an increase of 11 percent.

Cities combined for 301 critical FHI in 2016, up from 275 in 2015, for an increase of 9 percent. Cities collectively had 513 cautionary indicators in 2016, which was less than a 1 percent decrease from 518 the prior year. The number of cities with at least one critical or cautionary indicator grew 4 percent between 2015 and 2016, from 217 to 227.

The indicators that caused the greatest challenges for both cities and counties involved:

Capital assets and infra-

structure (No. 11) for the age of and replacement of capital assets.

Spending exceeding annual revenues (Nos. 8 and 9).

The available (unrestricted) balance of all government-type activity funds, the trend of that balance and the number of days of available funding (Nos. 1, 3 and 13).

The available (unassigned) balance of the general fund, the trend of the general fund balance and number of days of available funding (Nos. 2, 4 and 14).

Percentage of revenues used to pay debt (No. 12).

Historical data indicate that entities with at least six "critical" indicators are in a state of high fiscal stress. (For cities and counties using a cash basis or modified cash basis of accounting, four critical indicators is the threshold.) Historical data indicate that entities with a combination of eight critical and cautionary indicators may experience fiscal stress in two to three years. (For cities and counties using a cash basis or modified cash basis of accounting, a combination of six critical and cautionary indicators is the threshold.)

New FHI Enhancements:

For 2017, the FHI tool has been enhanced to allow for greater analysis by city and county officials, their residents, policymakers and the media.

The enhancements allow for the user to:

- Select a specific group of cities or counties for comparisons.
- Compare entities by population or overall budgets.
- Sort data by specific financial health indicators.

The data also can be exported into PDFs for easy distribution.

"The response to the FHI last year was extremely positive, yet we knew we could enhance it to allow for greater analysis -- which is, after all, why it was created in the first place," Auditor Yost said. "The discussion around community finances was elevated after the FHI became available, and we expect it to increase this year."

PEVS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Paulding Exempted Village Schools Board of Education Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 12, 2017 Administration Board Room.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on this agenda.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Brian Egnor Matt Stoller James Foltz, Pres. Clint Vance, Mark Manz, Vice Pres.
5. Introduction of Guests and Public Participation

In order for the board to fulfill its obligation to complete the planned agenda in an effective and efficient fashion, a maximum of ten (10) minutes of public participation will be permitted at each meeting.

Each person addressing the board will give his or her name. Each person will be allotted two (2) minutes unless extended by the presiding officer. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer. No person may address or question Board members individually or speak more than once on the same topic unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.

Persons desiring more time should follow the procedure of the board to be placed on the regular agenda. The period of public participation may be extended by a vote of a majority of the board members present.

- No Public Participation
- 6. Treasurer's Report

A WORLD OF CHRISTMAS



Recently, Payne Elementary students in grades 4-6 presented "A World of Christmas" to friends and family. Under the direction of their music teacher, Mr. Kaleb O'Donnell, the students sang Christmas songs from around the world.

NORTHWEST STATE HONORS AWARD OF MERIT RECIPIENTS



caption: Front Row L to R: Bradley, Kovar, Majchrowski; Back Row L to R: Brumbaugh, Carmody, Stouffer, Yocklin, Yoder. Absent from the picture were: Branham, Weisenburger, Spangler and Kepler.

Northwest State Community College recently recognized twelve Award of Merit recipients. For over 25 years, Northwest State has recognized graduates within the degree programs for their academic achievements. Award of Merit recipients are chosen by faculty from the respective divisions based on leadership involvement, special talents or abilities in their academic field, and

significant contributions to Northwest State.

The following students were recognized:

Emily Branham, Defiance, Office Administrative; Josh Carmody, Defiance, Business Management; Kasara Kovar, Delta, Criminal Justice; Jennifer Majchrowski, Wauseon, Medical Assisting; Dustan Bradley, Sherwood, Associate of Arts; Levi Brumbaugh, Edon, Mechanical

Engineering Technologies; Trevor Kepler, Bryan, CAD/CAM; Tyson Spangler, Edgerton, Mechanical Engineering Technologies; Rob Weisenburger, Oakwood, Electrical Engineering Technologies; Alex Yoder, Ridgeville Corners, Network Administration; Timothy Yocklin, Alvordton, Maintenance Technology-Mechatronics; Devyn Stouffer, Napoleon, Registered Nursing.

A. Regular Monthly Items (Attachments A & B)

(1) Approval of minutes of the regular Board of Education meeting of November 8, 2017.

(2) Approval of financial reports and bills for October and November 2017.

(3) Approval of Investment Ledger for October and November 2017.

B. Other Financial Items

(1) Approval of the following Then and Now purchase orders that exceed \$3000.00. 11-2-17 Huntington National Bank, PO #2160926, \$520,500.00

7. Administrator's Report
- A. Superintendent's Report
- 1) Enrollment numbers
- 2) Academic Hall of Fame nominations are being accepted until Feb. 1, 2018.
- 3) Senior Citizen's Breakfast, 51 in attendance.

B. Principal, Curriculum, Athletic and Special Ed Director Reports

8. JVS Report

9. Legislative Report Recommendations by the Superintendent

10. Farm Leases Resolution to award E & B Stoller Farms, the highest bidder, a three-year School Farm Lease at \$176.00 per acre/27.21 tillable acres/per year for 3 years, and a three year Gorman Family Trust Scholarship Farm Lease at \$176.00 per acre/51.3 tillable acres/per year for 3 years. (Attachment C)

11. January 2018 Board Meeting

It is necessary to set the date, time and location for the January organizational meeting and regular Board meeting. The resolution below is recommended for approval.

Resolution to set the annual organizational meeting for p.m. on, January, 2018 (January 13 at

the latest) in the administration office board room with the regular meeting to follow, serve as President Pro Tem.

Personnel Recommendations by the Superintendent

12. Resolution to approve the following personnel items effective for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year except as noted, pending records:

A. Approve a one-year limited contract for Mike Mudel, bus driver, effective December 4, 2017. Placement Step 0.

B. Approve a one-year limited contract for Shelly Clark, Paulding Elementary 7- hour Aide, effective January 8, 2018. Placement Step 0, (ESEA).

C. Approve a one-year limited interim contract for Paige Ordway, Paulding Elementary Intervention Specialist, effective January 3, 2018. Placement B and 0 years.

13. Executive Session

Resolution to hold an executive session to consider the employment and compensation of public employees or officials.

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I'M A BELIEVER

By: Stan Jordan

- (1) I believe in Santa Claus
- (2) The Easter Bunny
- (3) Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer
- (4) Jack Frost
- (5) The Tooth Fairy
- (6) The Ground Hog Day
- (7) The buzzards at Hinckley, Ohio
- (8) The goblins at Halloween
- (9) Valentine's Day
- (10) The Sandman
- (11) The Grim Reaper
- (12) A stork brings the baby
- (13) There is a little gremlin that turns out the light in the fridge
- (14) The Ides of March
- (15) God made the chicken first
- (16) I believe in gravity, but I don't know what it is?
- (17) I believe in women, but I don't understand them
- (18) I believe in this black cat stuff
- (19) I don't believe in three on a match
- (20) I believe I will go take a nap

WHY DID THEY WAIT?

By: Stan Jordan

That is the first thing you hear about some of the ladies reporting their mess, after 25-35 years. Now you just put yourself in her place...you work in the office of the Slam Bang Corporation and you make widgets. This big corporation has four factories here in the United States. You work because you have to. Money is scarce at your house. Things have been good for you, you have two children and you are still very attractive and are easy on the

eyes and that is what your boss thinks. That slime runs his hands over you every time he gets a chance, or he will make a chance.

Your boss is a small time supervisor and his desk is just down the line from yours and when you deliver papers to the workers, he can undress you with his eyes, with his lecherous look. You hinted to the big boss that he bothers you, but nothing was ever done about it and you didn't push it cause you need this job.

You have given it a lot of thought and you told yourself if it came down to court you would lose because a little person like you could not buck those corporate lawyers. You just have to put up with him checking you out. This goes on for quite a while, then he went up the ladder. Then he was moved to one of the factories at Round Rock. He must have done it to a young lady over there because you see she has taken the slime ball to court because of no action taken by the CEO on the matter of this jerk's roaming hands.

So you go to the lady's lawyer and told all he used to do to you. You know it is old stuff but you can still feel his creepy fingers on you. If you can get even with that louse by helping this lady's case, you will go tell it all.

See ya!

KAEPERNICK AND JANE

By: Stan Jordan

Not long ago, Jane Fonda had an occasion to speak at a Rights Group and she was in favor of Kaepernick demonstrating his rights about some local police overreacted again some black people and killing that person.

Now I don't know much about these killings only the one side, because the police and first responders are not allowed to say anything. But what I remember about some of the killings of some black men was they didn't stop when the officer called and he keeps them from escaping.

The police have a dangerous job, but he knows that when he accepts the job. There are rules he must follow. But there are also rules the purportrater is suppose to obey at once. Taking off and running away and the policeman is calling them to halt and he continues to run then this officer is right to stop the man who is guilty of something, that is the officer's job. We rely on him doing his job. This crook might be armed

and dangerous. Anyhow, black or white, he should be stopped in his tracks.

Yes, Mr. Kaepernick has the right to express his opinion. What I am saying is some police might overreact or error, but most of the time if that fellow would have obeyed the officer's command he would not have been shot. The police are not always right, but they have a job to do and if it needs to go that far, it is because the crook did not do his duty and obey the officer.

But, to not follow the accepted rules of honoring our flag or National Anthem upsets me. I have written before: by Mr. Kaepernick exercising his civil rights not to follow the accepted path to pay homage, he is stepping on the rights of many other people.

But as far as Jane Fonda exercising her civil rights, she is about as un-American as she can be. Back during the Vietnam Conflict, she went to the enemy's camp and called our soldiers crooks and murderers and they were following the orders of their commander. Jane ought to follow those orders and keep her mouth shut!

See ya!

THE PENTAGON AND I

By: Stan Jordan

My boss here at the West Bend News is Bryce Steiner, and he recommended that I do a column on the Pentagon, one of the largest office buildings in the world.

Well, he punched it up on Wikipedia and we got 16 pages of data and history about the building. I am not going to rewrite it because it is so interesting, we are going to print all of it as is. So watch for it in the next couple of issues.

Here we go! The Pentagon is the headquarters of the United States Department of Defense, located in Arlington County, Virginia, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. As a symbol of the U.S. military, The Pentagon is often used metonymically to refer to the U.S. Department of Defense.

The Pentagon was designed by American architect George Bergstrom (1876-1955), and built by general contractor John McShain of Philadelphia. Ground was broken for construction on September 11, 1941, and the building was dedicated on January 15, 1943. General Brehon Somervell provided the major motive power behind the project; Colonel Leslie

Groves was responsible for overseeing the project for the U.S. Army.

The Pentagon is one of the world's largest office buildings, with about 6,500,000 sq ft (600,000 m²), of which 3,700,000 sq ft (340,000 m²) are used as offices. Approximately 23,000 military and civilian employees and about 3,000 non-defense support personnel work in the Pentagon. It has five sides, five floors above ground, two basement levels, and five ring corridors per floor with a total of 17.5 mi (28.2 km) of corridors. The Pentagon includes a five-acre (20,000 m²) central plaza, which is shaped like a pentagon and informally known as "ground zero," a nickname originating during the Cold War on the presumption that it would be targeted by the Soviet Union at the outbreak of nuclear war.

On September 11, 2001, exactly 60 years after the building's construction began, American Airlines Flight 77 was hijacked and flown into the western side of the building, killing 189 people (59 victims on board the airliner, as well as 125 victims in the building), according to the official report. It was the first significant foreign attack on Washington's governmental facilities since the city was burned by the British during the War of 1812.

Construction

Before the Pentagon was built, the United States Department of War was headquartered in the Munitions Building, a temporary structure erected during World War I along Constitution Avenue on the National Mall. The War Department, which was a civilian agency created to administer the U.S. Army, was spread out in additional temporary buildings on the National Mall, as well as dozens of other buildings in Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia. In the late 1930s a new War Department Building was constructed at 21st and C Streets in Foggy Bottom but, upon completion, the new building did not solve the department's space problem and ended up being used by the Department of State. When World War II broke out in Europe, the War Department rapidly expanded in anticipation that the United States would be drawn into the conflict. Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson found the situation unacceptable, with the Munitions Building overcrowded and the department spread out.



A CONFESSION

By: Stan Jordan

Over the last 8 - 10 years I have told you that I traveled back and forth to Boston and Philadelphia and met with my friend, Ben Franklin. I must admit, now, that is not true. I made all of that up. You knew that was partly falsehoods. Yes, I have some unkind accusations coming.

But, I must tell you about my new conversation with Ben. He calls me once in a while from his mausoleum, somewhere on the east coast.

Now ,right away you think, "That is a lot of malarkey" me getting messages from a man that has been dead for 227 years.

Well, think about this, there are over 350 million people in the United States of America that believe in Star Wars, The Jedi, Jurassic Park and let their children read books about Harry Potter. What is so different that I hear from Ben.

Now, you will remember that Ben and his son, Bill, are the first live men in the United States of America to work with electricity and besides that, Ben was an inventor. He had been awarded four patents and who knows what else he had been working on.

I have a Direct T.V. satellite in my front yard and he comes in on my receiver on channel 0I812.

Ben is very upset about so many men molesting and mistreating women employees. More from Ben next week, he is on the girls' side. See ya!

USDA PROVIDES TIPS TO KEEP HOLIDAY FOOD SAFE AT HOME OR WHEN TRAVELING

The most wonderful time of the year is already here. Some of us stay home for the holidays; others travel to visit relatives or friends. Regardless of the destination, one thing that does not change is that food is always part of the celebration.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is here to share food safety tips to ensure the food you prepare for your friends and family is safe and your holiday season won't be remembered for the wrong reason - food poisoning.

Holiday Food Safety 'To Do' List for Cooking and Traveling

Let's start our 'to do' list with USDA's four steps to food safety: CLEAN, SEPARATE, COOK and CHILL.

Clean your hands for 20 seconds with soapy water. Always serve food on clean plates and avoid reusing plates that previously held raw meat and poultry.

Separate raw and cooked foods so you don't cross contaminate.

Cook using a food thermometer to make sure food reaches a safe minimum internal temperature.

Chill leftovers within two hours of cooking. Keep track of how long items have been sitting on the buffet table and discard anything that has been out longer than two hours.

During the holiday season there are a wide variety of traditional dishes and family recipes that require specific preparations. When cooking these delicious party foods, make sure to cook them to the correct internal temperatures to destroy food poisoning bacteria.

Cook all raw beef, pork, lamb and veal steaks, chops, and roasts to a minimum internal temperature of 145°F before removing meat from the heat source. For safety and quality reasons, allow meat to rest for at least three minutes before carving or consuming. For reasons of personal preference, you may choose to cook meat to higher temperatures.

Cook all raw ground beef, pork, lamb and veal to an internal temperature of 160°F.

Cook all poultry to a safe minimum internal temperature of 165°F as measured with a food thermometer.

If you are invited to a holiday party and plan to bring your famous holiday dish or if you are traveling to visit relatives or friends, be sure to keep hot foods hot (140°F or above), by carrying them in insulated containers. If you're transporting cold food, keep it cold (40°F or below), by carrying it with cold sources such as ice or frozen gel packs. The best way to ensure that food is being held at a safe temperature while you are traveling is to pack and use an appliance thermometer in the cooler.

Lastly, for our tech savvy holiday cooks, we recommend our smartphone and tablet application, the FoodKeeper. With more than 150,000 downloads on both the Android and iOS smartphones, the FoodKeeper is quickly establishing itself as the quick reference go-to guide for safe food storage and preparation. A recent update just integrated food product recall announcements into the app. Available in English and Spanish, the FoodKeeper has information on safe storage of leftovers and 500+ different food and drink items.

Consumers can learn more about key food safety practices at foodsafety.gov and follow @USDA-FoodSafety on Twitter. Consumers with questions about food safety can call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) or chat live with a food safety specialist in English or Spanish at Ask-Karen.gov, available from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.

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Jerry and Marilyn were married December 10, 1967 by the late Rev. William Miller at the Antwerp United Methodist Church.

They have been blessed with 4 children: Barbie (Pete) Wales of Antwerp, Susie Barclay of Reynolds-

burg, OH, Tim (Kim) Overmyer of Honea Path, SC and Josh (Kathleen) Overmyer of Convoy, OH; 13 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren and 3 step-great-grandchildren.

"We appreciate everyone for sharing in our celebration and for all the cards, gifts and flowers and for all the many happy memories made. Praise to God for our wonderful family and all the blessings he has given us."

CONSERVING OUR RESOURCES DURING THE HOLIDAYS

By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist

I don't have to tell you that Christmas is quickly approaching! Do you have your shopping done and gifts wrapped? If not, better hurry! The Christmas season is upon us with Christmas music playing in all the stores, gifts being wrapped, Christmas trees lit up across the land. As we enjoy the holiday season, let us keep the environment in mind as we are doing so with some simple ways to enjoy the holidays while preserving our natural resources. The holiday season does not have to put a burden on our natural resources, but with a little effort put forward along with some creativity, the holiday season will have minimal impact on the environment.

think green during the Christmas season is to buy smart. There are several ways that we can keep then environment in mind as we finish our Christmas shopping. One of the most common things that you can do is look for locally-made gifts. Think about how goods you buy at larger chain store impact the environment during their transportation. The transportation of these items to the larger stores burns up a non-renewable resource, fossil fuels, such as gasoline or diesel fuel. Battery free gifts are another option to consider. According to the US EPA, about 40% of battery sales throughout the United States take place during the holiday season between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Dead batteries that are discarded pose a hazard to the environment as the acid in the batteries can be toxic to many wildlife who may encounter them according to Earth Easy. To help out that situation, try a

battery-free gift this holiday season.

Now it's time to talk about the holiday light displays that decorate the yards of many people throughout the area. Many of us know by watching many familiar holiday comedies that the house with the most decorations in the neighborhood wins the competition among the neighbors. It is all fun and games until we receive our electric bills the following month. Excess use of electricity puts a strain on our natural resources considering where electricity comes from such as coal-fired power plants. Although it may not be a fun, consider downsizing the holiday light display which will help conserve electricity and thus the natural resources used to generate that electricity.

Another option you may consider is using LED Christmas lights. According to Earth Easy, LED lights will use up to 95% less energy than the larger, traditional bulbs commonly used. Another awesome thing about the LED bulbs is that even though one bulb goes out, the rest of the string will remain lit! One last tip is to shut down the light display during the nighttime hours. Let your light display shine while everyone is awake.

Would you believe that choosing a live tree is a sustainable choice during the holiday? Yes, you might be able to reuse that artificial Christmas tree from one year to the next, but consider what it is made of. According to Earth Easy, artificial Christmas trees are made from petroleum products (a non-renewable resource), while also using up manufacturing and shipping resources and it seems they are thrown out after a few years when repeated use causes a decline in quality. The artificial trees end up in the landfill where they will not degrade due to their plastic makeup.

Believe it or not live trees, although messy, can be quite the sustainable alternative. According to the National Christmas Tree Association, there are about 25-30 million real Christmas trees sold in the United States on any given year with about 350 million real Christmas trees actively growing on tree farms throughout the U.S. Live Christmas trees are planted on a regular basis making them a renewable resource. The trees help improve air quality while they are actively growing with nearly 90% of trees recycled into mulch, according to Earth Easy. There are Christmas tree farms around the area with locally grown trees that help save costs and air emissions from transportation.

Recycling is a good practice to do at any time of the year and the holiday season is no exception. Have you ever considered that many of your packing materials included in your holiday presents can be reused or recycled? According to Earth Easy, items such as bubble wrap, foam packing materials, and cardboard boxes are easily able to be recycled. Get a new TV or other electronic device as a gift? Electronic devices contain hazardous materials that can prove to be toxic to the environment so let us do our part and recycle these items rather than sending them to the landfill. Not sure where to

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Pictured here are fourth, fifth and sixth grade WTGH Student Council members L-R Tianna Sinn, Kyle Stoller, Logan Miller, Harley Halliwill, Kyla Hurd and Tori Young. Seated Michal Sinn and Addison Stoller.

Grover Hill Elementary is in the final stretch of their Annual Canned Food Drive. Each year the students are encouraged to

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Consideration towards the environment is something to keep in mind not only during the holiday season but all throughout the year. The Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District Staff and Board of Supervisors wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

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All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2018 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held Saturday, January 13th at 12:00 p.m. at the Paulding H.S. Gym. Local winners progress to district competition. ALL boys and girls 9 to 14 are eligible to compete in their respective age divisions.

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Deadline for all entries is January 10th, 2018.

WARRIORS SCALP PATRIOTS IN ACAC PLAY

MONROEVILLE - Visiting Woodlan outscored host Heritage 27-20 in the second half as the Lady Warriors rallied for a 43-39 win over the Patriots in Allen County Athletic Conference action Saturday.

Heritage led 7-3 after eight minutes of action before Woodlan trimmed the deficit to 19-16 at halftime.

The Lady Warriors then outscored the Patriots 12-9 in quarter number three to tie the contest at 28-28 at the end of three quarters.

Woodlan finished off the comeback by outpointing Heritage 15-11 in the final period to complete the rally for the four point victory.

Addison Bayman paced the Lady Warriors with 22 points in the contest and Gabby Joyce chipped in 15

markers. Taya Kitzmiller and Hanna Albertson posted five points and one point, respectively, for Woodlan.

Bayman also added nine rebounds, two assists and three steals for Woodlan with Joyce grabbing six rebounds and picking up two steals.

Heritage was led by Taylor Zelt, who bucketed 11 points, while Abby Sheehan recorded nine markers. Other scorers for the Lady Patriots were Alivia Beard (eight), Bree Dossen (five), Nevaeh Feasby (four) and Tori Richman (two).

Zelt grabbed a dozen rebounds to top the Patriots

with Beard picking up 11 boards. Katie Graham and Feasby dished out a pair of assists each as well for Heritage.

Woodlan also defeated Southern Wells 46-41 last week in ACAC play.

Bayman led the way for the Lady Warriors with 23 markers followed by Joyce (seven), Kitzmiller (five), Madi Koos (five), Albertson (three) and Lexia Holmes (three).

Bayman and Joyce topped Woodlan on the boards with ten and six, respectively, while Kitzmiller had two assists and two steals.

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LADY PANTHERS POACHED BY RAIDERS



Wayne Trace's Gracie Gudakunst and Lily Sinn attack Paulding's Cassidy Posey, trying to stop her from getting the ball to the Panther side of the court! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Lady Raiders Of Wayne Trace travelled to Paulding On Tuesday, December 12 for the first county girls match between the two rivals. Both teams did quite well in this



Paulding's Audrey Manz scores a 3 point basket for the home team! More pictures at westbendnews.net

game.

Game between the JV teams was very close with Wayne trace winning it by one point.

The varsity match began with both teams working hard to compete for the title. The first quarter put the Raiders in the lead by two at 15-13.

The girls on both sides were playing hard and watching the battle was interesting as the Paulding had the height advantage and the Raiders had the speed. They used that to their advantage to press the Panthers throughout the game. By half time, the Lady Raiders had built themselves a small lead at 20-26 they could carry over to the final half.

The third quarter brought a revived home team to the court when they played hard and tied the game back up by the buzzer. In this game, Audrey Manz hit a 3 point basket and Briana Townley and Cassidy Posey both were collecting 2 point field goals. The third finished at 33 each.

The fourth quarter was bright for Wayne Trace on the court as they reversed the trend that took away their lead. Miriam Sinn was back and she had 5 three point baskets for the night. The Raiders only scored one 2-point field goal this whole game. They scored 10 3 points baskets and 14 free throws. The Panthers hit 13 2-point field goals and 1 3-point basket and 10 free throws.

Paulding finished the game trailing the Raiders 39-46.

Score by Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 15 11 7 13 = 46

Paulding - 13 7 13 6 = 39

Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace - Claire Sinn 2; Miriam Sinn 19; Kaylee Shepherd 10; Gracie Gudakunst 7; Lily Sinn 3; Brooke Sinn 5

Paulding - Audrey Manz 3; Kaylen hale 7; Daviah Pessefall 2; Briana Townley 14; Cassidy Posey 13.

More pictures at westbendnews.net

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 Johnsonbaugh H; 120 Gavin Wilhelm H won by void; 126 Tyler Bauer WT won by void; 132 Jack Figgins H dec Caleb Baughmn 11-9OT; 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 WT 3:15; 145 Austin Smith WT pinned Alex Henry T :49; 152 Devid Wolfrom 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 Plasant

Coach Clemens stated, "I was very please 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."

LADY WARRIORS TAKE DOWN RAIDERS

On Thursday, December 14, Southern Wells girls basketball team travelled to the Elmer Strautman stadium at Woodlan. The girls game between the Raiders and the Warriors started with Woodlan getting a nice head start when they scored 14 points in the first period - with Addison Bayman leading the charge. The Raiders were only one basket behind with 12 points to close out the quarter. The third quarter

ARCHERS COMPETE AT DEFIANCE YMCA



The Antwerp Archer 6th grade boys basketball team competed in their end of season league tournament at the Defiance YMCA that had 16 teams playing on Sunday December 17th. The boys finished the regular season with a 5-3 record making them the 8th seed in the tourney. They opened against 9th seeded Napoleon and came away with a 31-18 victory matching them up against #1 seeded and undefeated Crestview. Playing a complete team game the boys in blue and white put it all together with an impressive

46-28 upset of the Knights moving them into the semi-finals against #4 Glandorf. The game was very tight throughout the contest and the Archers pulled out a 39-38 win placing them in the Championship game against #2 seed Anthony Wayne. Playing with everything they had, the Generals were just too strong in the end and defeated the Archers 28-32 to end a great day for these boys. The team members are Camden Fuller, Syrus Gale, Reid Lichty, Ben Savina, Cohen Hitzeman, Carson Altimus, and Landon Brewer.

saw the Lady Warriors slow down. They managed to add 9 points to the board, with a 3-pointer by Madi Koos. The Raiders, however, managed to stay consistent with the first quarter and scored another 12 points. The score at the half was 24-23, with the ladies from Southern Wells holding a 1-point lead.

In the second half, the Lady Warriors managed to keep pace with the Lady Raiders and gave themselves 10-points, with 6 of those being scored by Addison Bayman, and a three-pointer by Gabby Joyce. Southern Wells was able to maintain a slight lead, scoring 11-points. The third quarter ended with high tensions as the Raiders maintained a slight lead. The fourth quarter was where the lady Warriors took the game home. Their defense was able

to maintain a strong wall and only allowed two baskets to go up, as well as two foul shots. This only gave the Lady Raiders 6 points for the quarter. The Woodlan Warriors only put up two baskets as well, however, thanks to the foul shots by Bayman and Taya Kitzmiller, they scored a total of 13 points. The game ended with a score of 46-41, with the Woodlan Lady Warriors taking the victory!

Score by Quarter:
Woodlan - 14, 9, 10, 13 = 46

Southern Wells - 12, 12, 11, 6 = 41

A few of the lead scorers for the Warriors included Addison Bayman with 23, Gabby Joyce with 7, Madi Koos with 5, and Taya Kitzmiller with 5.

Congratulations to both teams for a great game!

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WARRIORS OUTLAST FLYING JETS FOR WIN



Woodlan's Micah Robbins, unguarded, shoots and scores! More pictures at westbendnews.net

WOODBURN - The Woodlan Warriors boys basketball team opened Allen County Athletic Conference play on Friday with a 61-57 victory over Adams Center.

The Warriors, now 2-1 overall and 1-0 in the conference, held off a late rally by the visiting Flying Jets for the victory in the conference opener.

Woodlan led 15-12 at the end of one period and extended the advantage to 27-21 at the midway point of the contest.

The Warriors then added 18 third quarter points compared to Adams Central's 11 as Woodlan expanded the lead to 45-32 entering the final period.

In the fourth quarter, the Flying Jets made things interesting by scoring 25 points in the stanza but Woodlan held on for the four-point victory.

Micah Robbins paced the way for the Warriors with 21 points while Aaron Hahn chipped in 15 markers. Ah'lan Howard also added nine points for Woodlan followed by Trevor Wiedenhoef (seven), Matthew Elias (four), Aiden Bayman (three) and Mitch Mendenhall (two).

Adams Central was led by Kevin Brown and Johnny Carroll with 18 points each while Drew Schultz added seven markers. Tyler LaFontaine (six), Ben Voirol (five) and Kyle Arnold (three) also scored for the Flying Jets.

VANTAGE WINTER SPORTS SPIRIT DAY



Did you know that you could participate in home school extra-curricular activities such as sports, cheerleading, and pep band while attending Vantage? The Vantage students pictured above are all winter sports athletes at their home school.

APACHES FALTER AGAINST ARCHER BOYS

The roads were dry and dusty for the Antwerp Archers 8th grade boys basketball team as they made their way northeasterly to take on the Apaches of Fairview. The venue for this battle was situated just outside the quaint Village of Sherwood, Ohio, on Monday the 11th of December.

The Archers were able to lead at all the breaks and sailed to a 51-30 win. Multiple boys were able to reach the scoring column for Antwerp. Scoring were Jagger Landers with 14, Luke Krouse-12, Kaden Phares-9, Kaden Recker-5, Gaige McMichael-4, Luke McDorman-3, with Hunter Sproles and Mason Steel rounding out the score book with 2 points each.

LANDERS & KROUSE LEAD JH ARCHERS TO VICTORY

The Antwerp Jr High Boys Basketball team traveled over to Henry County to take on the Holgate Tigers on Thursday December 14th. The Archers came out firing on all cylinders leading 20-9 after one quarter and 39-11 at the break.

Antwerp went on to beat the Tigers 59-22 to move to 5-0 on the young season.

Leading the team in scoring were Jagger Landers with 13, Luke Krouse-12, Gaige McMichael & Hunter Sproles each with 8, Kaden Phares-6, Mason Steel-5, Luke McDorman-3 and Kaden Miller & Austin Wade each with 2 to round out the 59 points.

Antwerp Jr High Boys are now off for a few weeks. They will take on the Tinora Rams on January 4th at 5:00 p.m. in Antwerp.

THE RAIDERS HUNT DOWN THE TIGERS

On Friday, December 15th, the Wayne Trace Raiders hosted the Liberty Center Tigers at the Palace for a game of basketball. At the time of this game, the Raiders were 3-0 for the season. The Tigers had a season record of 1-1. As per their usual style, the Wayne Trace Raiders took a strong lead. They finished the first quar-

ter with a score of 21. Liberty Center wasn't quite able to keep up, trailing behind with a score of 9. The second quarter, however, showed a reversal in gameplay action. The Raiders managed to only score 10 points, while the Tigers were able to put up 18. At the half, the score was fairly close with Wayne Trace holding the lead 31-27.

After the half time break, the Raiders came back fighting with the same vigor as the first quarter. They managed to add 22 points to the board in the third quarter. Liberty Center was also playing at the same level as the first quarter, and only added 10 to their score. In the fourth quarter, Wayne Trace was able to maintain their high pace gameplay and added 18 points. The Tigers made a slight improvement compared to the previous quarter, but still only managed to add 12 points to the board. The final score of the game was 71-49, with the Wayne Tracer Raiders adding another victory to their record.

The score per quarter: Wayne Trace 21, 10, 22, 18 = 71; Liberty Center 9, 18, 10, 12 = 49

A few of the top Wayne Trace scorers included Eli Sinn with 16, Josh Kuhn with 12, Trae Sinn with 12, Reid Miller with 8, and Josiah Linder with 8.

Wayne Trace's seasonal record now advance to 4-0,

while Liberty Center is now 1-2.

Congratulations to both teams on a game well played!

LADY BRAVES CRUISE PAST BULLDOGS

DECATUR - The Lady Bulldogs of New Haven hit the road on Saturday in girls basketball action with host Belmont posting a 57-39 win in the contest.

Sophomore Meghan Busick topped the Braves with 18 points followed by sophomore Kenzie McMahon with 15 and junior Grace

Hunter with 11.

Other scorers for Belmont were senior Emily Fuelling (six), senior Alyssa Selking (five) and sophomore Emma Keane (two).

Junior Jourdan Hudson led the way for New Haven with 17 points while senior Sukura Stubbs chipped in ten markers.

Senior Sonecia Nard had six points for the Lady Bulldogs with junior Felecia Carney, freshman Savannah Weekly and sophomore London Lee adding two points each.



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CROUCH'S FT SENDS PANTHERS OVER ARCHERS

ROCKFORD - Parkway senior Sydney Crouch hit the first of two free throw attempts with no time on the clock to give the Lady Panthers a 48-47 victory over visiting Antwerp Saturday afternoon in Rockford.

Crouch was fouled after grabbing an offensive rebound from a missed Panther shot to set up the game-winning free throw for the black and gold.

Parkway got out of the gates early, jumping in front 14-4 after eight minutes of action.

However, Antwerp cut the deficit in half in the second quarter as the Lady Archers outscored the Panthers 13-8 to pull within 22-17 at the midway point.

The black and gold widened the lead back to 38-30 following three periods before Antwerp's late rally came up just short.

Rachel Williamson paced the Lady Archers with 26 points in the contest while Heather Oberlin chipped in 14 points for the blue and white. Karsyn Brumett picked up three markers with Kortney Smith and Chelsea Johanns adding two each to complete the Antwerp scoring.

Parkway was led by Haley Hawk with 14 points while Sydney Crouch chipped in 13 and Bailey Bates added nine. Sophia Miller (eight) and Leah Harshman (four) were the other scorers for the black and gold.

Antwerp won the battle of the boards in the contest, 32-23, but also had more turnovers, 15-14.

RAIDERS LANDED BY LINCOLNVIEW

The Wayne Trace Raiders took their first loss of the season when they travelled to Lincolnview on Saturday, December 16 to contend against the Lancers in Boys Basketball. The game started with a strong start for the Raiders when they topped the score 14-6. The showing looked good but they lost their footing to a much stronger Lancer team in the following three quarters when the team did not score less than 19 in each period and held the Raiders down.

By half time the score was 28-27 and the game was taking a toll on the players. Though the Raiders had points across the board, most of the Lincolnview points were by 3 players. Wayne Trace's Reid Miller and Nate Gerber were the top scorers for their team with 9 each. On the home side, it was Caden Ringwald who landed the top spot with 20.

The third quarter started with the points being nearly the same but by the end it was clearly in the Lincolnview hands when they had a 14 point scoring difference. The fourth quarter was only 3 points in favor of the Lancers but it widened the lead even more. The game finished 67-49, handing Wayne Trace their first loss of the season.

The Wayne Trace boys will

be at home on December 22 to take on Miller City.

Score by Quarter:
Wayne Trace: 14 13 6 16 = 49
Lincolnview: 6 22 20 19 = 67

Wayne Trace Scorers: Eli Sinn 7; Reid Miller 9; Josh Kuhn 6; Nate Gerber 9; Trae Sinn 7; Josiah Linder 5; Adam Stoller 6

Lincolnview Scorers: Caden Ringwald 20; Jorge Salinas 2; Ethan Kemler 7; Chayten Overholt 10; Alek Bowersock 16; Tristin Miller 7; Zane Miller 5

PANTHERS OPEN NWC PLAY WITH WIN

PAULDING - The Paulding Panther boys basketball team opened Northwest Conference play in style Friday night as the Panthers held off visiting Columbus Grove 53-50 in action at the 'Jungle.'

The Panthers used a solid defensive effort to pick up the win, limiting the Bulldogs to 18 of 67 shooting (27 percent) while Paulding connected on 20 of 48 shots (42 percent).

Paulding held a slim 16-15 advantage after eight minutes of action before keeping that one point lead at the intermission, 30-29.

The maroon and white then opened the lead up in the third quarter, outscoring the Bulldogs 14-9 to take a 44-38 lead into the final stanza.

Columbus Grove outpointed the Panthers 12-9 in the fourth period but it was the Panthers who held on for the victory.

Marcus Miller, Logan Bradford and Fletcher Cook all scored 13 points to pace Paulding, which improves to 2-3 overall and 1-0 in the NWC.

Carson Shull chipped in eight markers for the Panthers with Jaret Miller recording six.

Cook had a trio of three-pointers for Paulding while Shull added a pair. Marcus and Jaret Miller both hit a trey as well for the Panthers.

Blake Reynolds paced the Bulldogs with 24 points while Grayson Flores hit a pair of treys for six markers.

Tayt Birnesser (five), Logan Schroeder (four), Alex Schneider (four), Logan Malsam (three), Cody Johnson (two) and Caleb Barrientes

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"Antwerp Local School is proud to be a five-star program," says Jistine Curry, director of Antwerp Local School's preschool program. "We know that children have approximately 1,892 days from birth until school starts, and every day matters. It is important to us that children develop their self-confidence, social and emotional skills, and a love of learning."

Research confirms that the first five years of a child's life have a direct impact on how children develop emotional well-being, in addition to learning and social skills. For these reasons, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the Ohio Department of Education are committed to improving early childhood opportunities for all children in the state.

(two) were the other scorers for Columbus Grove, which drops to 1-4 in all games and 0-1 in the conference.

Columbus Grove controlled the boards on the night, 39-27, and the Bulldogs committed fewer turnovers, 9-12.

BULLDOGS ROLL BY BRAVES

NEW HAVEN - In Friday night boys basketball action, visiting Belmont did what it wanted in the first quarter as the Braves posted a 13-11 lead after eight minutes of action over host New Haven.

But it was all Bulldogs from there.

New Haven outscored the Braves 23-5 in the second quarter and never looked back from there in pulling away for a 70-36 victory over Belmont.

The Bulldogs led 34-18 at the midway point of the contest before outscoring Belmont 15-10 in the third quarter for a 49-28 advantage entering the final eight minutes of action.

New Haven then sealed the victory by outscoring Belmont 21-8 in the final stanza.

Zach Latham scored 16 points to top the Bulldogs scorers while Davion Harris chipped in a dozen and James Gardner added 11 markers.

Other scorers for the Bulldogs were Brecar Clark (eight), Thomas Latham (six), Antwone Washington (five), Diquan Merriwether (five), Donovynn Lewis (four) and Damaro Robinson (three).

Aaron Lehrman bucketed 11 points for Belmont with Jordan Fuelling chipping in six markers. Oliver Gehres (five), Noah Macklin (four), Brady Manis (four), Kade Fuelling (two), Lucas Strickler (two) and Luke Strickler (two) completed the scorers for the Braves.

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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.

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Paulding High School announce their December, House Students of the Month. From left to right: Palmarium - Baylee March, Excellentia - Kaylen Hale, Vinco Vici Victum - Jocelyn Camposano, and Stupendum - Caitlyn Myers.

BULLDOGS CRUISE PAST PANTHERS

COLUMBUS GROVE - The host Lady Bulldogs of Columbus Grove picked up a 47-30 Northwest Conference victory on Thursday over visiting Paulding after rallying from an early deficit to the Panthers.

Paulding jumped in front 9-0 early lead before Columbus Grove rallied to pull within 10-9 at the end of one quarter.

From there, the Lady Bulldogs outscored Paulding 10-2 in the second quarter to take a 19-12 halftime advantage. Columbus Grove then seized a 31-22 advantage entering the final stanza before cruising to the victory.

Audrey Manz hit a trio of three-pointers to lead the Lady Panthers with a dozen points wish Asia Arellano

adding seven markers and Briana Townley chipped in four.

Sydney McCullough recorded three with Kaylen Hale and Daviah Pessefall bucketing two markers apiece for Paulding.

Columbus Grove was led by senior Lauren Schroeder with 19 points, including five three-pointers on the evening.

Senior Teyah Sautter also hit double figures with 11 markers for the Bulldogs.

Angel Schneider (eight), Rylee Sybert (three), Carlee McCluer (two), Abby Gladwell (two) and Sydney Witteborg (two) rounded out the Bulldog scorers.

ARCHERS NIP PIRATES FOR SECOND WIN

CONTINENTAL - Jayvin Landers scored a dozen

points, including hitting a trio of three-pointers in the fourth quarter, to lead the Antwerp Archers to a 34-33 victory over Continental Saturday night in non-league boys basketball action.

The Archers held off a late rally by the host Pirates, who outscored Antwerp 16-12 in the fourth quarter but came up just short of recording their first victory.

Antwerp is now 2-2 on the season while Continental remains winless in six games.

The Archers held a 10-6 lead after eight minutes of action and expanded the margin to 17-10 at the intermission. Antwerp was on top 22-17 entering the final quarter before holding on for the win.

On the boards, Antwerp held a slim 20-18 margin in the contest and the Archers committed fewer turnovers, 7-8.

Ty Rebber and Cole Sellar both chipped in nine points for the Archers with Brayton Stuckey and Jake Ryan adding a basket each.

Continental was paced by Caleb Olds with ten markers while Nick States chipped in nine. Dylan Coleman and Reed Warniment each added six points for the Pirates. Chris Potts picked up a bucket for Continental as well.

USDA'S FOREST SERVICE CREWS INCREASE IN CALIFORNIA

U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Forest Service presence in Southern California has increased, as nearly 950 personnel are now engaged in the effort to fight raging fires and save lives. Critical fire weather conditions continue to threaten large portions of CA after fires have burned across the state for weeks. Gusty winds, extremely low relative humidity and record low fuel moisture will allow explosive growth on any new start in the windy areas during peak heating hours.

"The brave men and women of the Forest Service continue to risk their lives to save people and property," said U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue. "2017 has been the costliest fire year on record, which highlights the problem we have in budgeting for fire suppression. The more we spend fighting fires, the less we have for forest management and preventative maintenance. Without proper fire mitigation efforts, fire seasons will only grow longer and more intense."

2017 marks a year of un-

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TRIPP FOOR MAKES A VISIT TO OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



Mrs. Debbie Carter's second grade class was thrilled to have a special visit from Tripp Foor, a classmate who is currently being home

educated since he was diagnosed with cancer near the beginning of the school year. Mrs. Carter and her students are shown sur-

rounding Tripp. What a special day it was Mrs. Carter and the students in 2B at Oakwood Elementary.

precedented wildfire activity. More than two million acres of national forest land have burned, along with millions more acres of state and privately-owned land.

Currently still burning, the Thomas Fire in Ventura County has already consumed over 250,000 acres, 117,000 acres of which are in Los Padres National Forest. With two reported fatalities and as many as 18,000 homes threatened, firefighters remain engaged in protecting homes and establishing direct firelines where possible. Crews from USDA's Forest Service, California Fire, and the National Guard continued to actively engage in suppressing small spot fires around the southeastern portion of the perimeter.

USDA SEEKS NOMINEES FOR NATIONAL FLUID MILK PROCESSOR PROMOTION BOARD

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is asking fluid milk processors and other interested parties to nominate candidates to serve on the National Fluid Milk Processor Promotion

Board. The deadline for nominations is January 12, 2018.

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue will appoint eight individuals to succeed members whose terms expire on June 30, 2018, and two members to fill vacant positions with terms expiring on June 30, 2019.

USDA will accept nominations for board representation in six geographic regions and two at-large positions. Nominees for the regional positions must be active owners or employees of a fluid milk processor. At least one at-large position must be a member of the general public.

The geographic regions with vacancies are: Region 3 (Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and District of Columbia); Region 6 (Ohio and West Virginia); Region 8 (Illinois and Indiana); Region 9 (Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee); Region 12 (Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, and Utah); and Region 15 (Southern California).

Newly appointed members will serve three-year terms from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2021.

USDA will also accept nominations to fill a vacant position in Region 4 (Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina), and a vacant at-large position, each to serve a one-year term expiring on June 30, 2019.

Fluid milk processors and interested parties may submit nominations for regions in which they are located or market fluid milk, and for at-large members.

To nominate an individual, please submit a copy of the nomination form and a signed background form for each nominee by Jan. 12, 2018, to: Emily DeBord, Promotion, Research, and Planning Division, Dairy Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Stop 0233, Room 2958-S, Washington, D.C. 20250-0233, or via email at emily.debord@ams.usda.gov. For nominating forms and information, visit the AMS website or call (202) 720-5567.

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Cecil: Maramart, Vagabond
Charloe: Charloe Store
Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
Defiance: Newman's Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Cabbage Patch Store, Werlor's Waste
Edgerton: Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Utilities Office, Napa
Grover Hill: Ross' Gas Station, N&N Quick Stop
Hicksville: Sailers, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, H20, Senior Center, Subway
Latty: Kohart's Surplus & Salvage, Country Inn Living Center
Melrose: Morning Star Convenience Store
Oakwood: Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware
Paulding: Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Holly Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Court-house, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. OSU Ex-

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

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

Scott: Scott Variety Store

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

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

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Walmart (Maysville Rd.),

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

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

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

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

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

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

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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.

BARBARA NEWLAND, ET AL.,
Defendants.

Case No. CI 17 111
Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

205 South Cleveland Street, Grover Hill, Ohio 45849

Parcel Number: 26-10S-033-00
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 Sixty-eight and 20/100 (\$7,068.20) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

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

judgment;

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:00 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the 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 1st 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
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MOBILE SATELLITE TRAILER GETS DELIVERED TO HENRY COUNTY EMA



The Ohio Emergency Management Agency delivered one of their Mobile Satellite Trailers to the Henry County EMA, in Napoleon, Ohio. The Ohio EMA is strategically placing critical assets in the regions throughout the state to speed up the deployment when the need arises. The Mobile Satellite Trailer will allow for communications to those agencies in need, when a lack of continuity with cellphones, wifi, internet, etc. is interrupted during a cyber hack, overloading of the systems or when the power goes down.

With an auto-point 1.2 meter parabolic dish feeds and a wireless broadband router with dual 2.4 GHz, 8 dBi omni-directional wireless LAN antennae, these trailers are capable of providing a discrete 1,000 foot radius wifi signal for as many as 30 users.

A single axle, 1500 pound trailer comes with the power requirements to run the trailer. A stand-alone 1,000 watt portable generator provides ample power to run the satellite for the much needed communications capabilities.

The Henry County Emergency Management Director, Tracy Busch has been working with the Communication's Branch of the Ohio EMA for some time to be able to deploy such a mobile unit and once they were obtained by the state of Ohio, Director Busch wanted to be able to house the Satellite Unit in his county, to provide the spot resource in the time of need and not have to wait two to three hours for deployment. Henry County EMA will be reaching out to Region 1 EMA Directors to let them know of the mobile resource available in their back yard.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Scott T. Brown, Grover Hill, OH; D.O.C. w/persistance; Pled no contest, found guilty; Fines and costs to be taken from bond; Shall complete 20 hrs of community service within 6 months; Shall maintain general good behavior

Mindy L. Hanenkratt, Paulding, OH; Confine of dog; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

John N. Albright II, Ottawa, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Vernell L. Baker, Oakwood, OH; FTY/left turn; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Casey E. Eblin, Grover Hill, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed; With prejudice; Costs waived

Clinton S. Haney, Paulding, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Paid in full; Proof of insurance provided

Roger A. Wilbanks, Royal Oak, MI; Following close; This case dismissed on court's own motion

Raychel R. McGill, Middle Point, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

David A. Russell, Beechmont, KY; Fail control; Pled not contest, found guilty; Pay fines and costs today

Clinton S. Haney, Paulding, OH; Drive/FRA suspension; Guilty; Proof of financial responsibility provided; Defendant shall pay \$50.00 per month commencing 12/29/17; Pay or collection 4/27/18

Clinton S. Haney, Paulding, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Shall pay \$50.00 per month commencing 12/29/17; Pay or collection 4/27/17

Nicole R. Bell, Indianapolis, IN; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Roland G. Dasher, Paulding, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Carol M. Wannemacher, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Catherine E. Trowbridge, Oakwood, OH; Assault; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; No contact with victim; Complete 20 hrs of community service; Maintain general good behavior

Catherine E. Trowbridge, Oakwood, OH; Deposit Litter, Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Jerel R. Barron, Columbus, OH; Possession; Guilty; Fines and costs to come from bond; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Jerel R. Barron, Columbus, OH; Possession; Count B dismissed per state; Costs to defendant

Ethan N. Crates, Payne, OH; Off inv/undag/p; Guilty; Removed from diversion; All other conditions to be completed; Warrant and warrant block recalled; 4 days jail, 4 days credit; Shall maintain general good behavior

Stanley L. Newsome, Oakwood, OH; Domestic violence; Guilty; Defendant

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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.

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A FRIENDLY REMINDER, FROM THE PAULDING COUNTY EMA

The first winter weather hit Paulding County, last Wednesday night. Snow fell ranged from 2" to 3". Local Law enforcement in the area reported some vehicles off the roadway, but no serious accidents. Road crews worked through the night into Thursday morning to keep the roadways plowed and salted.

With the recent snow fall and freezing temperatures, Mother Nature is reminding us that we need to get prepared for the winter weather that hits Northwest Ohio each year. We need to dress for the cold, multi-layer of loose clothing, have our faces covered, and wear gloves or mittens and heavy socks. Ears, nose, fingers and toes are the most vulnerable to frostbite. Our bodies react differently to extreme conditions as we age.

Among other factors, young children play outside in the snow and tend to get their clothing wet. This draws the heat away from their bodies quicker. Adults that work out in the frigid temperatures, not only need to dress for the climate but get out of the weather and warm up on a regular basis. And let's not forget the elderly, older adults are at

a higher risk because they tend to lose body heat more quickly and are more likely to take medications that affect their ability to regulate body temperature. As a result, they are at higher risk for complications from hypothermia, frostbite and other cold weather illnesses and injuries. When the snow falls and the mercury drops, call or visit older friends, neighbors and loved ones to ensure they have what they need to stay warm and healthy.

Let's not forget to winterize your vehicle as well, check or have a mechanic check on the following items on your vehicle:

Antifreeze levels - ensure antifreeze levels are sufficient to avoid freezing.

Battery & Ignition System - should be in top condition and battery terminals should be clean.

Brakes - check for wear and fluid levels

Exhaust System - check for leaks and crimped pipes and repair or replace as necessary. Carbon monoxide is deadly and usually gives no warning.

Fuel & Air filters - replace and keep water out of the system by using additives and maintaining full tanks of gas. A full tank of gas will keep the fuel line from freezing.

Heater & Defroster - ensure it works properly.

Oil - check for level and weight. Heavier oils congeal more at low temperatures and don't lubricate as well.

Thermostat - ensure it works properly

Windshield Wiper Equipment - repair any problems, replace blades and maintain proper washer fluid levels.

Tires - make sure the tires have adequate tread. All-weather radials are usually adequate for most winter conditions.

Update the emergency kit in your vehicle, when it comes to winter weather. Have the following additional items in your vehicle...

Shovel, Tow strap, Windshield scraper and small broom, Road salt & Kitty litter, Water & Snack foods, Matches, Extra hats, socks and gloves, Necessary Medications and Blankets

to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; No unlawful contact with victim; Complete 20 hrs community service; No alcohol; Shall be removed from EMHA today; Pay for all costs for EMHA

Derek A. Amolsch, Woodhaven, MI; Open container; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

Derek A. Amolsch, Woodhaven, MI; Possession; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Renee S. McGough, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

David A. Brown, Mineral City, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

John L. Neumeier, Maria Stein, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Derek A. Amolsch, Trenton, MI; Marked lanes; Guilty; Defendant appeared in open court without counsel; Pay or collections 12/29/17

Mark A. Schulte, Middle Point, OH; FTY/ intersect; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kevin S. Garber, Paulding, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Troy D. Singer, Antwerp, OH; Assault; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs today; Place on standard probation; Thinking For A Change program; Anger management

program; 40 hrs community service; Firearm seized; Shall be forfeited to the Antwerp P.D; General good behavior

Troy D. Singer, Antwerp, OH; Agg menacing; Count B dismissed

William D. McMonigal III, Continental, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Marie L. Marvin, Oakwood, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS HOLIDAY HOURS

A note from the Paulding County Board of Elections to say that the office will be closed December 20-26, and will re-open with regular hours on Wednesday, December 27th. It will also be closed on Monday, January 1, 2018, and will re-open Tuesday, January 2nd with regular business hours.

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ANTWERP SIXTH GRADERS LEARN ABOUT THE DESIGN PROCESS



As Mrs. Saylor, Mr. Hale, and her classmates watch, sixth grader Chloe Walls launch her ping pong tester and watches the ball fly an impressive distance.



Sixth grader Quince Dickess measures the results of his classmate's launch.

In Mrs. Saylor's and Mr. Hale's science class at Antwerp Middle School, the sixth graders have been learning about the design process. Students had to design a device that would launch a ping pong ball as far as possible.

Students created prototypes, tested them, and then improved their designs. Then they tested their launchers and measured the results.

Sinn, Annette K to Sinn, Annette K; Second St; 0.0669 acres; Lot 36 O P Latty Vill

12/12/17 Sinn, Perry R Sinn, Annette K to Sinn Annette K; Second St; 0.0669 acres; Lot 37 O P Latty Vill

12/12/17 Sinn, Perry R Sinn, Annette K to Sinn, Annette K; 425 Second St; 0.0669 acres; Lot 38 O P Latty Vill

12/12/17 Sinn, Perry R Sinn, Annette K to Sinn, Annette K; Third St; 0.2 acres; Lot 54 O P Latty Vill

12/12/17 Sinn, Perry R Sinn, Annette K to Sinn, Annette K; 125 Third St; 0.2258 acres; Lot 52 Rixsom North Latty Vill

WASHINGTON TWP 12/13/17 Miller, James E Miller, Virginia R to Miller, James Le Miller, Virginia R Le; Sr 66; 55.831acres; N Pt Ne1/4 Washington Twp Sec-35

12/13/17 Miller, James E Miller, Virginia R to Miller, James Le Miller, Virginia R Le; Rd 12; 80 acres; S1/2 Sw1/4 Washington Twp Sec-35

OHIO FARMERS REMINDED OF WINTER MANURE APPLICATION BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

With the winter season upon us, the Ohio Department of Agriculture Division of Soil and Water Conservation would like to remind producers and nutrient applicators of laws and restrictions on manure application.

Signed into law by Governor John R. Kasich in July 2015, Ohio Senate Bill 1 clarifies and enhances the restrictions on manure application within the Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB).

Application restrictions in the WLEB include:

- On snow-covered or frozen soil;
• When the top 2 inches of the soil are saturated from precipitation;
• When the local weather forecast for the application area contains greater than fifty percent chance of precipitation exceeding one-half inch in a 24-hour period.

er forecast for the application area contains greater than fifty percent chance of precipitation exceeding one-half inch in a 24-hour period.

- Applicators are responsible for checking and keeping forecast information before application.

- Any source of weather restrictions is acceptable.

Restrictions do not apply if:

- The manure is injected into the ground;
• Manure is incorporated with 24 hours of surface application, using a tillage tool operated at a minimum of 3-4 inches deep;
• The manure is applied onto a growing crop;
• The chief of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation has provided written consent for an emergency application.

Contact the division in case of an emergency.

Producers in the Grand Lake St. Marys watershed are also reminded of the manure application ban that starts on December 15th.

Producers and manure applicators shall not apply manure between December 15th and March 1st.

Producers are also banned from surface applying manure on frozen ground or ground covered with more than 1" of snow outside of the December 15th and March 1st dates.

Producers in other areas of the state are reminded to use best management practices when applying manure and follow USDA NRCS Field Office Technical Guide Standard 590.

For more information about manure application, producers and applicators can contact the ODA Division of Soil and Water Conservation at 614-265-6610 or dswc@agri.ohio.gov.

USDA CLEARS ARIZONA TO TEST SNAP FRAUD PREVENTION IMPROVEMENT

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has cleared the state of Arizona to test a program aimed at limiting fraud and reducing illegal trafficking in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) electronic benefit (EBT) cards.

The two-year waiver, granted by USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES), will allow the state to require direct contact with SNAP benefit recipients who request a replacement EBT card more than two times in a 12 month period.

Current rules stipulate that such contact be made no sooner than after four requests for a replacement card in a 12-month period.

"We want to make sure that people are getting the nutrition they need, but we also must maintain the integrity of the SNAP program for the benefit of recipients and for the protection of the taxpayers," said Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue.

THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

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

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

AUGLAIZE TWP

12/11/17 Croy, Daryl J & Croy, Diane M to Daryl, Daryl J & Croy, Diane M; 13690 Rd 171 Defiance Oh 43512; 1.5 acres; Pt Ne1/4 Ne1/4 S-31Auglaize Twp

BENTON TWP

12/13/17 Werfal Robert Robert; 315 W Townline St; 0.5758 acres; Lot 2 & 3 186X120ft N S Block G Outlots Payne Vil

CARRYALL TWP

12/11/17 Summit City Investments Inc to Zuber, Jeremy L Hatlevig, Demi L; Rd 204; 0.758 acres; Lot 4 Pt Nw1/4 Nw1/4 Thimlar Woods Add Carryall Twp Sec 21

12/11/17 Summit City Investments Inc to Zuber, Jeremy L Hatlevig, Demi L; Rd 204; 0.758 acres; Lot 5 Pt Nw1/4 Nw1/4 Thimlar Woods Add Carryall Twp Sec 21

12/11/17 Summit City Investments Inc to Zuber, Jeremy L Hatlevig, Demi L; Rd 204; 0.379 acres; Lot

6 Pt Nw1/4 Nw1/4 Thimlar Woods Add Carryall Twp Sec 21

LATTY TWP

12/12/17 N&N Quick Stop Carryout LLC to N&N Quick Stop Carryout LLC; Harrison St; 0.1212 acres; Pt Ne1/4 Ne1/4 40X132 S-26 Outlots Grover H

12/12/17 Adams, Donna R Trustee Le @ (3) to Pittman, Chris Pittman, Jennifer; 101 S Harrison St; 0.2636 acres; Outlot 40 Pt Ne1/4 Ne1/4 Outlots S-26 Grover Hill

PAULDING TWP

12/12/17 Kaop, Ronald L Trustee to Klopfenstein, Debra L; Sr 613; 49.032 acres; Pt Se1/4Se1/4 & S1/2 S1/2Ne1/4 Se1/4 S-26 Pldg Wt

12/12/17 Sinn, Perry R Sinn, Annette K to Sinn, Annette K; Second St; 0.0617 acres; Lot 34W 24 Ft O P Latty Vill

12/12/17 Sinn, Perry R Sinn, Annette K to Sinn, Annette K; Second St; 0.072 acres; Lot 35 & Lot 34 Less 24' O P Latty Vill

12/12/17 Sinn, Perry R

HERITAGE Windows And Doors advertisement with logo and contact info.

ESTATE & REAL ESTATE AUCTIONS advertisement for Schradler Real Estate & Auction Co., Inc. featuring Jerry Ehle.

earlier contacts with recipients requesting replacement EBT cards will improve program integrity.

"I appreciate Secretary Perdue's willingness to work with states to improve the administration of this program," said Arizona Governor Doug Ducey.

To assess the effectiveness of this waiver, Arizona DES will collect data and report to FNS during the waiver period -- through November 2019 -- to show what impact the lower re-

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.: 30-235-044-00

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

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

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

The Village of Paulding reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Please contact Robert Fisher, Village Administrator, at 419-399-2806 with any questions.

PAULDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NOVEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Pictured here are the Paulding Elementary students named as students of the month for November 2017. Front row (l-r): Tobias Martinez, Brynlee Mangette, Shohawna Shepherd, Jonah Anders, Symon Manz, Kimber Boroff, Scarlett Neff, Preslee Cline. Middle Row: Thor Etter, Camdyn Manz, Audrey Stoller, Mariah Klopfenstein, Kenna Jackson, Gabby Mullins, Nicholas Baughman, Jarret Griffith, Leah Leslie. Back Row: Ethan Frederick, Greyson Harder, Marley Parrett, Lilly Eppe, Hopeful Rose, Raleigh Sanders, Xsenia Casiano, Olivia Franklin, Kaitlynn Breedlove.

SHOP THE SQUARE A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

Paulding, Ohio - Shop the Square that was held on Saturday, December 2nd and Saturday, December 9th was a tremendous success! Vendors, shoppers, and all who attended, and volunteered were so thrilled to see people downtown again, socializing, roaming the square, and shopping local.

“It was the talk of the town for the past two weeks,” said Dave Burtch, the Chair of the downtown revitalization committee. A long-term goal of Shop the Square was that one vendor would see the value of having a store front, and would rent the building to bring life, and business downtown again. The long-term goal was met when E&R Ceramics announced that they will be staying in the 102 Jackson St. building for the foreseeable future. E&R Ceramics will be open from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. every Friday and Saturday leading up to Christmas. After the holiday, they plan to have more hours as well as offer painting lessons. If you didn’t get a chance to see their handmade work, stop by and do so.

The Shop the Square committee and the Downtown Revitalization committee would like to acknowledge all who attended and shopped the square. The commit-

tees would also like to give a shout out to all the vendors, other businesses that gave coupons, and United Way of Paulding County for making sure we all stayed warm and energized with coffee and hot chocolate. Another big debt of gratitude goes to Paulding Progress, Paulding County Area Foundation, and MY 102.7 for their help promoting and printing.

It was clear after Shop the Square that the people of Paulding were excited about shopping downtown again, and their enthusiasm is what made Shop the Square an immense success. Look for another Shop the Square event sometime in the Spring!

WAYNE TRACE SCHOOL BOARD NOVEMBER MEETING

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on November 20, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school lecture room

The following members were present: Mr. Pat Baumle, Mrs. Lisa McClure, Mr. Duane Sin, Mrs. Kori Stoller, Mr. Dick Swary
7:15 p.m. Annual Records Commission Meeting.
7:30 p.m. Regular meeting called to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mrs. Kori Stoller. Roll call was taken by Treasurer, Lori Davis.

Hearing of the Public for the purpose of gathering public input concerning the 2018-2019 school calendar.

No public comments were made. Correspondence, Recognition of Guests, Hearing of the Public*

*Thirty minutes of public participation will be permitted. Each person addressing the Board will give their name and address. If several people wish to speak, each person will be allotted 3 minutes until the total of 30 minutes is used. During that period no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have the opportunity to do so.

*All statements should be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.

Guests: Craig Kupferberg who spoke about why he would like to be an Ohio Senator.

Report of the Treasurer
Treasurer, Lori Davis discussed professional development that she attended at the OSBA Conference in Columbus. She also informed the board on the status of the State software upgrade.

Consent Agenda Items:
One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following consent agenda items:

Motion by: Mrs. McClure
Seconded by: Mr. Swary
A. to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2017 & November 10, 2017 Board meetings;

B. to approve the investment report and payment of bills for October 2017 as presented by the Treasurer;

C. to approve the cash reconciliation for October 2017;

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

Roll call vote: Mrs. McClure, Mr. Swary, Mr. Baumle, Mr. Sinn, and Mrs. Stoller, aye.

Nay, none. Motion passed.
Vantage Report - Mr. Baumle
Report of the Building Principals Committee Reports - Dick Swary discussed attending the OSBA Conference.

Superintendent’s Report
A. Curriculum

Ohio Improvement Process: As a district we are still engaged in this process to work together to improve our performance. Specifically, we have teacher based teams, building level teams and district level teams meeting on a regular basis to examine data and work toward goals. This process has contributed to several areas of improvement on our recent State report card.
We were fortunate enough to be able to have Bruce Boguski come and speak to our staff recently. Bruce is a well-known author and motivational speaker. He shared many motivational tactics with our staff which they can utilize in their daily work with students.

Each year we are asked to update our policy and plan for the identification and service of children who are gifted. Sandi Freeman our gifted coordinator employed through WBESC has updated our policy and plan for your approval (consent item L).

B. Personnel
RoseAnn Hall has submitted her resignation (consent item A) letter for the purpose of retirement at the end of this school year.

We are seeking approval for one paid and several volunteer supplemental positions (consent item B & C).

Divine Mercy is asking to utilize funds they receive through us for the position of a tutor. In order to be able to do allow the use of these funds for wages Board needs to approve a job description (consent item N).

C. Buildings and Grounds
Workers are completing the work on the central office and music hall to fix our water leak issues.

As we prepare for the winter months, snow removal bids were received and Scott Miller has again been awarded the snow removal at all three facilities.
D. Events

Veterans’ Day Assemblies: We extend our appreciation to all who helped make these assemblies nice events again this year for our veterans (consent item D).

Fine Arts Festival: For the fifth year in a row, this was a great evening of food and entertainment. A huge thank you to all those involved in this evening, especially Sharon Spinner, Angie Stokes, and Joni Wenninger (consent item E). We also wish to recognize all our marching band and competition choir members who participated in the evening (consent item F).

NHS Ceremony: This annual event is scheduled for November 21 at 1:45. All BOE members are encouraged to attend.

Sr. Citizens/Dinner for a Dollar: This annual event is scheduled for December 7 at 1:15. All BOE members are encouraged to attend.

Overnight Wrestling Tournaments: We are recommending approval for this year’s trips (consent item G). All overnight expenses will be covered by the WT Wrestling Club.

The dates of the previously approved Washington D.C. trip for the 8th grade have been changed and are reflected in consent item I.

E. Operations
Enrollment: 999 students in grades PK-12.

Consent item H will allow for the adjustment of our school calendar as we cancelled school on October 20 to allow for attendance at the funeral of Board of Education member Perry Sinn.

We have received quotes on several van type vehicles and we are seeking approval to move forward with the purchase of a van from Integrity Ford, Paulding (consent item O).

To remain competitive in obtaining quality substitute teachers for our buildings, I am recommending we bump our substitute pay from \$80 per day to \$90 per day. (consent item J).

I have conducted our semi-annual review of policies and guidelines with our NEOLA representative and recommend the attached updates for your approval (consent item K).

The Ohio Department of Education requires that the district wellness committee meet two times annually to assess our wellness policy. The assessment from the recent wellness committee meeting (consent item M).

School Calendar for 2017-2018: A copy of what I am proposing and the association has approved is attached. We cannot approve the calendar until we’ve had a public hearing and waited at least thirty days. I plan to have the public hearing prior to this meeting. Our campus was again used as a polling site for the November 7 election. All went as planned on this day. A special thanks to Kenny Speice for getting our campus ready for this event.

I. Consent Agenda Items
One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following consent agenda items:

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

A. to accept the resignation of RoseAnn Hall as Head Cook at the junior/senior high effective June 1, 2018;

B. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to approve Chad Goelzenleuchter as the Assistant/JH Wrestling Coach for the 2017-2018 school year;

C. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to approve the following individuals as volunteer coaches for the 2017-2018 school year:
Rob Long - Wrestling
Ruger Goelzenleuchter - Wrestling
Justin Speice - JH Boys Basketball
Gage Critten - Freshman Basketball

D. to commend the students, teachers and principals for organizing and leading the annual Veterans’ Day assemblies at all three buildings;

E. to commend Sharon Spinner, Angie Stokes, Joni Wenninger, and the Performing Arts Association for organizing and leading the third annual Wayne Trace Fine Arts Festival on November 11;

F. to commend all members of the competition choir and marching band for their performance at the Wayne Trace Fine Arts Festival on November 11;

G. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to approve overnight trips for the high school wrestling team on December 15-16, 2017; January 19-20, 2018; and January 26-27, 2018;

H. to amend the previously approved 2017-2018 school calendar and exclude October 20, 2017 as a school day;

I. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and JH/HS Principal, to approve the annual Washington, D.C., trip on April 17-20, 2018, not May 6-10 as previously approved;

J. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to increase the rate of pay for substitute teachers to \$90 per day starting January 1, 2018;

K. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and NEOLA representative, to modify several school

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.
RANDY R. JONES, ET AL., Defendants.

Case No. Cl 17 062
Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

Situated in the Village of Paulding, County of Paulding and State of Ohio: The South One-Half (1/2) of Lot Fifty-two (52) in Dix’s Addition to the Village of Paulding, Paulding County, Ohio.

Parcel Number: 30-06S-053-00
Situated in the Village of Paulding, County of Paulding and State of Ohio:

Lot Number Thirty-five (35) of Dix’s Second Addition to the Village of Paulding, Paulding County, Ohio, subject to all easements, restrictions and zoning regulations.

Parcel Number: 30-07S-022-00
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 Three

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, Plaintiff,

vs.
Daniel. K. Burger, et al. Defendants,

Case No. Cl-17-177
Judge Tiffany Reighter-Beckman

TO: Daniel K. Burger, Unknown Spouse of Daniel K. Burger, Unknown heirs, administrators, executors or assigns of Daniel K. Burger

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 **Daniel K. Burger, Unknown Spouse of Daniel K. Burger, Unknown heirs, administrators, executors or assigns of Daniel K. Burger** to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed by you.

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

Lot Number (2) Two of John D. Miller’s Third Subdivision, as shown by survey recorded in Volume 5 at Page 146 of the Record of Surveys, in the Office of the County Engineer of Paulding County, Ohio.

Parcel No. 01-14D-009-00

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: *Kenneth Miller*
Deputy

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph R. Burkard

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

board policies to reflect changes in state and federal laws;

L. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Gifted Coordinator to approve the Wayne Trace Local Schools policy and plan for identification and services of children who are gifted;

M. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the District Wellness Committee to approve the assessment of the District Wellness Policy;

N. to approve the job description for Educational Tutor at Divine Mercy Catholic School which will be paid with appropriate funds received through Wayne Trace Local Schools;

O. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Transportation Director to approve the purchase of a 2018 Ford Transit Van from Integrity Ford at the price of

\$28,585.

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

Roll call vote: Mr. Swary, Mr. Sinn, Mr. Baumle, Mrs. McClure, and Mrs. Stoller, aye.

Nay, none. Motion passed.
New Business - None
Adjournment
Motion by: Mrs. McClure
Seconded by: Mrs. Stoller
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote: Mrs. McClure, Mrs. Stoller, Mr. Baumle, Mr. Sinn, and Mr. Swary, aye.

Nay, none. Meeting adjourned.
The next Board meeting will be held December 18, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school lecture room.

Help Needed

HOME HEALTH REGISTERED NURSE

Professional nurse, who, plans, directs, and coordinates all activities concerning the patient’s care in the home. Collaborates with the physician and all members of the healthcare team in developing an individualized plan of care for the patient in the home.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Current State of Ohio Registered Nurse Licensure. Current BLS Certification

OPENING: PART TIME (0.6)

REGISTERED NURSE (SURGERY)

Responsibilities could include rotating in the scrub, circulating and recovery phases of surgical nursing. The responsibilities of the RN include assessing, planning, and implementing care of the surgical patient throughout the pre-operative, operative post-operative phases.

REQUIREMENTS: Current State of Ohio Registered Nurse

SCHEDULE: Part Time – 1st shift hours

HOME HEALTH AIDE

Provides nursing assistant care, including personal care, activities of daily living and home management activities, to home health patients under the direction of a RN.

REQUIREMENTS : STNA Certificate, CPR Certificate, reliable vehicle and proof of vehicle insurance

SCHEDULE: Part Time – 1st shift hours, 3 days a week

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Antwerp Branch Library Patron Robin Gonzalez has her Doll Display up for the Month of December. Be sure to stop in and have a look.

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Sudoku solution from page 13

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REBECCA OTIS TENT #54 MEETS

The Daughters of Union Veterans - Rebecca Otis Tent #54 met on Dec. 2, 2017 at the Leo, Indiana library. Members are asked to support the veterans with stockings and offerings forwarded to Chrm. Vicki Layman for the Shepard's House in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Two new members were introduced from tents that were disbanding in Indiana. Scholarships are available to descendants of Union Veterans. For more information please contact State or

National.

If you are direct descendant of a Union Veteran of the Civil War 1861-65, and you would like to become a member please contact Caroline Wells Zimmerman 419-258-2222 for more information.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MEET

The Mary Penrose Wayne Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (Indiana Society) met Sat. Dec. 2, 2017 at St. Francis Historic Woman's Club, 826 Ewing

St. Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Program was to be a tour and Christmas tea. Members and guests were welcomed by the Chapter Regent.

The meeting was called to order by Chapter Regent, Mrs. Barbara Harris of Roanoke, Ind. Patriotic exercises were read and the DAR ritual. The President General's Report was given. The Chapter Registrar presented two new members and gave her report.

Chapter and committee reports were given. The Minutes were accepted as sent by E-mail. Those members who had been ill were welcomed back.

"DAR Library Day" is the first Wednesday of the month in the Ft. Wayne Allen Co. Genealogy Library Department. Please contact the Chapter Registrar if you have any questions.

The Good Citizen Awards Ceremony will be January 19 (Friday) at 1:00 at the Allen Co. Library - Theatre, 900 Library Plaza, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Hostesses will be Past Regents.

January 31, 2017 Wed. at 5:00 p.m. will be the Executive Board Meeting at the Bus/Tech. Conference Rm. Feb. 10, 2017 Saturday, will be the next regular Chapter meeting at 1:00 at the History Center in the Shields Room, 302 E. Berry St. Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

A meal was brought in and members & visitors were welcomed to tour the building.

—Respectfully Submitted by: Caroline Wells Zimmerman

USDA ANNOUNCES NEW IT OPERATING MODEL

U.S. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Steve Censky announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will revamp its Information Technology (IT) operating model to increase efficiency in serving its customers.

"When I was sworn in, Secretary Perdue charged me to help him make USDA the most effective, most efficient, most customer-focused department in the entire federal government," Deputy Secretary Censky said. "One way

to do that is by instituting a new operating model for IT. We have no choice but to modernize - we cannot continue to conduct business for the next 150 years based on splintered and out-of-date operating models."

Gary Washington, USDA's Acting Chief Information Officer, added, "We know that our ability to effectively manage and modernize information technology systems will be a key success factor in USDA achieving the Secretary's vision for a more customer-focused organization. We are excited with our plan to harness technology that will enable informed decision-making and improve the experiences customers have when interacting with USDA, whether they are working with us online or sitting across the table. The opportunities available for IT to benefit USDA's customers today are significant and far-reaching."

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue has been actively working to position USDA as the best-managed agency in the Federal government. The USDA touches each American citizen every day through its work with America's farmers, ranchers, national forest users, rural

communities, consumers, trade partners, agricultural industry, scientific researchers, and the public. To best serve customers, USDA is becoming a data-driven organization that can provide timely and accurate information at the fingertips of customers and employees.

In order to ensure a smooth transition, USDA will work with the White House Office of American Innovation to execute a series of key strategies:

Strengthen strategic IT governance by having a single USDA Chief Information Officer (CIO) and one Assistant CIO for each mission area, who will focus on improving IT for their mission specific services and programs. This will reduce the number of CIOs within USDA from 22 down to one, with seven assistant CIOs.

Consolidate end-user services and data centers from 39 USDA data centers to a single data center and a backup. This move will provide a cost-effective, high quality department-wide helpdesk and reduce cybersecurity vulnerabilities.

Enable a strategic approach to data management and introduce data-driven capabilities by implementing executive dashboard solutions with USDA-wide data.

Improve the USDA customer experience by delivering all new Farm Bill programs online and creating online service portals that are easy-to-use, include additional self-service capabilities, and integrate data for common customers.

Updating the critical IT operating model enables USDA to make effective strategic decisions, improve customer experience, become increasingly more data-driven and adopt new technologies, all without a reduction to the workforce.

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Here's hoping your holiday season exceeds all your wildest dreams. With heartfelt thanks to all of you who have helped make our dreams come true this past year, your friendship and support have made it all worthwhile and we look forward to seeing you again, soon.

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FROM MY HEART



"Come here, kids... I want to tell you something." (That's how I envision the "conversation" as I write this, my final article, for the WCCH Newsletter.) To our many WCCH family members, now grown and with families of your own and to the boys and girls who live at the Woodburn Christian Children's Home today... while I have your attention, I have some important things I want to say.

I want you to know how much we love you. As long as we live on this earth, you can be sure that you have someone who loves you and believes in you and has your best interest at heart. And, when we are no longer here, you can be confident that we'll be up in heaven, looking down and cheering you on. It just doesn't get any better than that.

Many people have joined together to give you a good home and the opportunity to succeed. But if that is all that we have given you, it wouldn't be nearly enough. I want to challenge you to follow Jesus and never turn back. It won't always be easy but I can assure you that it will be worth it. God has something important for you to do. Some people will tell you, "Never bite off more than you can chew." But I say, "I'd rather choke on greatness than nibble at mediocrity." Pray and ask God to give you something significant to do for His Kingdom and then do it with all you heart, mind and soul. Follow Jesus. Don't ever turn back. And we'll all be together in heaven someday.

Finally, when the hard times come... and they will... remember what we have taught you. We need not be defined by the difficulties of our lives. As surely as you are likely to fail, God is willing to forgive. Always remember, "We don't raise victims at the Woodburn Christian Children's Home. We raise overcomers!" The scripture teaches us, "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." (1 John 4:4) Own that promise. Teach it to your children. Find a good church and make it your home. Live out your faith every single day of your life. And you will be a bright and shining star for all the world to see.

God bless you, family. We love you very much.

Lee Bracey
WCCH Executive Director from 1984 through 2017

GRATITUDE IN ACTION



I am thankful for the many opportunities God provides through the ministry of the Woodburn Christian Children's Home.

Our staff, together with our many partners in ministry, provide a Christ-centered home where children are empowered, encouraged, and given the chance to embrace a new vision of life through faith in Jesus Christ. Together we provide hope, a firm confidence in a positive outcome, and we provide healing, education, and physical development. To participate in these opportunities brings fulfillment, and a future filled with usefulness in the Kingdom of God.

In view of these opportunities, and the grace of God, we find a great responsibility. Through His power, and desire to bless our efforts, we seek to responsibly carry forward the vital ministry of WCCH. Our commitment focuses on the responsibility to uphold the core values of private funding, private placements, and the willingness to welcome a child into our program regardless of their family's ability to pay. In addition, we are responsible to show children how God uses the Christian family as His chosen medium for the transmission of godly lifestyle and values.

The results of the opportunities and responsibilities are found in the lives of children who gain a new perspective on God's love. For example, Heather an 8th grader, defines hope as a spark of life, as a result of her faith in Jesus. Together we are responsible to provide opportunities for all children. Our gratitude toward God finds expression in these acts of service in His name.

We are thankful for your willingness to participate in this vital ministry, without your help it cannot be done.

May God bless you.

Joe Heins, Executive Director

The Woodburn Christian Children's Home is a 501(c)(3) organization and receives no public funds. We depend entirely on donations from individuals, churches, businesses and organizations. This State-Licensed Residential Child-Care Ministry provides a Christian family environment for children who need a home. Our cost of caring for a child is less than half the average cost of residential child-care throughout the tri-state area. Over the years, we have provided a home for many children who had NO ABILITY TO PAY. YOUR PRAYERS AND CONTRIBUTIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

