

## RECORDS ROLL AT RAIDERS/RAMS RACE



Ethan Linder awarded the basketball trophy and congratulated by Coach Jim Linder. More pictures at westbendnews.net

This season for the Wayne Trace Raiders has been a season of records. This game on February 17 brought more. After defeating Tinora 61-36, the Raiders have their fifth straight league title and their 28th overall, the most surpassing any other team in the Green Meadows Conference.

Ethan Linder surpassed a new milestone for the GMC and the county. He surpassed the 2000 career point mark in this game. He now is close to

being in the top 25 scorers of Ohio Boys Basketball history. He currently is at 2011 after the game against Tinora.

The game started with the Raiders having an 18-2 record and Tinora is 3-17 for records and Ethan Linder had 12 points to go to achieve the 2000 point mark. This first period had Wayne Trace scoring left and right with players Brady Stabler, Eli Sinn and Ethan Linder all racking

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## MULTIMILLION DOLLAR SEWER PLANT TO BE BUILT IN WOODBURN

The City of Woodburn would like to formally invite all residents and any interested parties to attend an informational presentation describing plans to implement a mechanical plant within the City limits. This new plant will replace the wastewater lagoon system that is currently in place. This conversation will start off the City Council meeting on February 28th at 7:00 p.m. within the Woodburn Community Center located at 22731 Main Street, Woodburn, IN, 46797.

## INTEREST IS GROWING AT THE ANTWERP CONSERVATION CLUB

You may have heard of this local club, but do you really know what this club does? Some people think of this as a safe place to shoot. Others know it for the fall fish fry. Others have enjoyed the curly fries that we make at Flatrock Creek Festival. I can remember it as a place years ago to play games, tell stories and eat wild game

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## INDOT STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2017 PAINT THE PLOW CAMPAIGN

The Indiana Department of Transportation continues to accept applications for the 2017 Paint the Plow campaign, a community outreach program designed to promote safety and awareness of INDOT's Winter Operations all year long.

INDOT Fort Wayne District invites high schools within district boundaries to paint an INDOT snow plow blade with original artwork to represent their school. Applications will be accepted through March 15.

In addition to being seen in full service during the winter weather months, the blades may be used at events within the school's community to enhance public awareness, promote safety and foster greater appreciation of both INDOT and the school's art program.

Paint the Plow is open to all high schools and career-technical schools in Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Elkhart, Grant, Huntington, Koscius-

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## CMH DISPLAYS HICKSVILLE STUDENTS ART WORK



If you have visited the lab and respiratory departments lately at CMH, you may have noticed the new art work hanging on the walls in the waiting area. These framed treasures are the result of Hicksville Schools art students. The art teachers, Chris Gaghan and Joey Stevenson are proud to display

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**PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 2/22 - 2/28**

a.m.; Bible study at 10:00 a.m.; Cards at 10:00 a.m.; Yoga at 3:30 p.m.

2/22 - Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery shopping at 1:30 p.m.; Bingo w/Buckeye Hearing at 12:00 p.m.  
 2/23 - Bingo w/Gardens of Paulding at 10:00 a.m.; Euchre at 12:15 p.m.  
 2/24 - Red Hat Day; Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11-2; Bingo with VanCrest at 12:00 p.m.  
 2/27 - "Shedding Pounds" at 9:30 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Steering Committee at 12:00 p.m.  
 2/28 - Fat Tuesday; Donuts and coffee at 9:00 a.m.; Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Euchre at 12:15 p.m.; Trivia with Nicole at 12:00 p.m.

**PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 2/22 - 2/28**

2/22 - Johnny Marzetti, Italian green beans, apricots, tomato juice, garlic bread, milk  
 2/23 - Ham & cheese casserole, stewed tomatoes, spinach salad, hot apple-sauce, dinner roll, milk  
 2/24 - Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, strawberries, dinner roll, angel food cake, milk  
 2/27 - Spaghetti & meatballs, warm pears, coleslaw, garlic bread, milk  
 2/28 - Turkey & cheese on rye, chunky tomato soup, pineapple tidbits, pea salad, cookie, crackers, milk

**DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 2/22 - 2/28**

2/22 - Cards at 9:30 a.m.; Crafts with Andrea at 10:00 a.m.; Corn hole at 10:00 a.m.; Hearing aid checks at 10:00 a.m.; Shopping (Kroger) at 12:30 p.m.; Food for Seniors 1:00-2:30 p.m.  
 2/23 - Cards at 9:30 a.m.; Zumba at 10:00 a.m.; Stretch band exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Bingo with Allcaring at 12:30 p.m.; Shopping (Meijer) at 12:30 p.m.; Yoga at 3:30 p.m.  
 2/24 - Cards at 9:30 a.m.; Tai Chi at 10:00 a.m.; Crafts at 10:00 a.m.; Music in the cafe with Alan Seibert at 11:30 a.m.  
 2/27 - Cards at 9:30 a.m.; Zumba at 10:00 a.m.; Nails and Tales with Dawn at 10:00 a.m.; Euchre Tournament at 1:00 p.m.; Yoga at 3:00 p.m.  
 2/28 - Shopping (Aldi) at 9:45 a.m.; Tai Chi at 10:00

**HICKSVILLE CENTER ACTIVITIES 2/22 - 2/28**

2/22 - Chair exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Cards & games at 10:30 a.m.; Euchre at 12:15-2:15 p.m.; Food for Seniors, Commodities Program 1:00-2:30 p.m.  
 2/23 - Chair exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Bingo 10:15-11:00 a.m.; Blood pressure checks at 10:30 a.m.; Inspirational Readings with Linda at 12:30 p.m.; Adult coloring 12:45-1:45 p.m.  
 2/24 - Wear your favorite bright color shirt, Hawaiian shirt or hula skirt and help us get in the mood for summer! Puzzle Day at 10:00 a.m.; Euchre 12:15-2:15 p.m.  
 2/27 - Grocery shopping at Aldi in Defiance at 10:00 a.m.; Euchre, 12:15-2:00 p.m.  
 2/28 - Corn hole at 10:00 a.m.; Euchre 12:15-2:15 p.m.; Computer questions & answers 1:00-2:00 p.m.; Inspire me! Field trip to Hickory Creek for motivational speaker at 2:00 p.m.

**DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 2/22 - 2/28**

2/22 - Beef stew, cornbread, raisins, grape juice; Salad bar in cafe  
 2/23 - Hot chicken sandwich, carrot salad, potato salad, fruit cocktail  
 2/24 - Spinach lasagna, green beans, pears, wheat bread, peanut butter cookie; ncs = SF cookie  
 2/27 - Vegetable frittata, tater tots, saucy prunes & peaches, biscuit  
 2/28 - Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, apple, dinner roll, cookie; ncs = SF cookie

**WOODBURN COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FEBRUARY MEETING**

The Woodburn Community Historical Society will start the new year with our February meeting on the 23rd, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Woodburn Library on the east side of Woodburn.  
 Hope to see you and bring some friends. We will receive a box of Woodburn Boosters from the 1950's, also some other history sent to us. We would like to share anything you bring. See you on the fourth Thursday.  
 —Gloria Gerig, President

**BARNETT RETIRES & BEE WINNERS RECOGNIZED**



Madisyn Peters, Dr. Marty Miller, and Aaron Hawley

On Thursday, February 16 the Antwerp school board met in regular session. Bob Herber opened the meeting. Dr. Miller recognized Spelling Bee winners Aaron Hawley with the winning word "eucalyptus" and Madisyn Peters spelled "digestive" correctly.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. President Bob - recognized a new national school liaison. The funding for the school did not drop or increase for the next two years. The state superintendent was recognized as being frustrated because of a 2 billion rainy day budget, but it hasn't been spent for the school even though they cannot control the cost of doing business which is going up. The school is being very efficient with funds. The rainy day fund is going to have a \$200 million of the 2 billion and is about 1% which is probably the interest according to Dr. Martin Miller.

Dennis Recker gave the Vantage report and Vantage will be having an Open House coming up soon and that includes showing new equipment and it's February 27 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Stacy Kauffman is retiring from Vantage as the superintendent on August 1st.

The Financial summary statement was presented by Christine Stuart.

Income: 1,199,108.55  
 Expenses: 662,241.78  
 Interest: \$2900.42

The income includes several taxes and casino revenues all coming in at the same time.

Principal Mike Bute said on February 23 and 28 at 4:00-7:30 p.m. will be teacher conferences. The March 10 is the end of the 3rd grading period. State testing is coming up very quickly in March.

Principal Tim Manz presented some of the testing results for 3rd graders. The Paulding County Sheriff's Dept put on a 911 present-

tation for the 2nd graders for when and how to call for emergencies. The PC Tigers will be competing against the teachers on February 24.

Kindergarten registration is March 29th and 31st.

Marty stated the custodian position is being filled right now and there should be an approval by next week. The pressbox for the football field is being worked on right now with the architects. They are also working on dugouts and backstops for the baseball and softball fields. The Solar array is continued to be worked on with bids from solar companies. Harold Gottke just became certified as a level 1 Building Operator. Cathy Barnett, Technology Integration Specialist teacher is going to retire again this year. She thanked the board in a letter with all her years that started in 1985 through many positions from athletics, teaching, technology coordinator and much more. "I love my job and the people I work with everyday," wrote Cathy Barnett.

Harold Gottke said the 3D printer is working well and the CAD programming is how it's driven. Digital signage is now being implemented outside the cafeteria. He said the broadcasting studio and TV that the students have been working with Kayla Bagley keeping it up to date. The classroom amplification system is looking at being replaced because the previous system has been failing and teachers are frustrated.

Dr. Miller talked about his recent school administrator conference. He said some of the new technology is very significant coming soon. The changes will be coming into science, technology and probably influencing every aspect of education.

Dennis Recker thanked Christine and the people that worked on changing the insurances over the past two years.

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

"Whoever would foster love covers over an offense, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends."

Proverbs 17:9 NIV

The transaction is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2017, subject to the affirmative vote of IAB shareholders, regulatory approvals and other customary considerations.

The merger's strategic highlights include:

- Combined assets of \$8.3 billion, creating the second largest financial holding company headquartered in Indiana;
- Serving customers from the convenience of 122 banking offices in 31 Indiana counties, as well as two counties in both Ohio and Illinois;
- One of the largest Trust organizations in Indiana;
- Second largest agribusiness portfolio in Indiana;
- Strengthening of a core commitment to community banking;
- Enhancing products, services and technological capabilities; and
- Enhanced lending limits with local decision-making.

"We are excited about the opportunity to become part of the First Merchants family, and we believe this partnership will be good for our clients, shareholders and local communities in which we serve", stated Michael C. Marhenke, President and CEO of iAB Financial Bank. "For several years our strategic plan has been driven to be the community bank of choice in our marketplace. Our bankers look forward to expanded new product capabilities and lending capacity in continuing to build relationships with our clients as First Merchants. The core values of both companies share a commitment to local decision making, personal service, long-term relationships and community involvement."

**SECRETARY HUSTED ANNOUNCES MEETING OF THE OHIO BOARD OF VOTING MACHINE EXAMINERS**

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced a meeting of the Ohio Board of Voting Machine Examiners will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Secretary of State's Office in the Continental Plaza Building at 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Due to space constraints, the meeting will begin in the

Large Conference Room on the 17th floor and continue in the Large Conference Room on the 15th floor.

**The agenda includes:**

Review of the application for certification of the Verity Voting, Version, 2.0, Voting System, a series of modifications to the Verity Voting, Version 1.0, Voting System (submitted by Hart Interivic), and examination of the voting system for certification and approval for use in Ohio elections.

**This examination will be conducted in the 17th Floor Large Conference Room at 180 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio, 43215.**

Re-examination of the Unity Management System Version 3.0.1.1 (submitted by Elections Systems & Software [ES&S]), which originally was certified in 2006 and re-examined and re-certified in 2011, for continued certification and approval for use in Ohio elections.

**This examination will be conducted in the 15th Floor Large Conference Room at 180 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio, 43215.**

Review of the application for certification of the EVS 5.4.0.0 Voting System, a series of modifications to the EVS 5.2.0.0 Voting System (submitted by Election Systems & Software [ES&S]) and examination of the voting system for certification and approval for use in Ohio elections.

**This examination will be conducted in the 15th Floor Large Conference Room at 180 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio, 43215.**

Review and possible approval of edits to the matrix containing testing standards for a remote ballot marking device, which is utilized in the examination and certification of a remote ballot marking device for use in Ohio elections.

**This review will be conducted in the 15th Floor Large Conference Room at 180 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio, 43215.**

This meeting of the board is open to the public.

**Board Members:** Jeffrey A. Matthews (Chair; Director, Stark County Board of Elections), Joyce Kale-Pesta (Director, Mahoning County Board of Elections), Shawn Stevens (Member, Delaware County Board of Elections) and William Anthony Jr.

**INDEPENDENT ALLIANCE BANKS, INC. TO PARTNER WITH FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION**

Independent Alliance Banks, Inc. (OTCQX: IALB) ("IAB"), the holding company of iAB Financial Bank, and First Merchants Corporation (NASDAQ: FRME) ("First Merchants") jointly announced the execution of a definitive agreement whereby IAB will merge with and into First Merchants, and iAB Financial Bank will merge with and into First Merchants Bank.

The merger agreement provides that shareholders of Independent Alliance Banks will have the right to receive

1.6530 shares of First Merchants common stock for each share of IAB common stock owned. Based on the closing price of First Merchants' common stock on February 16, 2017 of \$42.10 per share, the implied price of IAB common stock is \$69.59 per share. On November 21, 2016, First Merchants purchased 495,112 shares or 12.1% of IAB's outstanding common stock from an IAB shareholder for \$19.8 million in cash. Based on the closing price of First Merchants' common stock on February 16, 2017, the transaction value for the remaining shares of common stock, not owned by First Merchants, is approximately \$251.3 million.

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# WAYNE TRACE STUDENTS EARN AN AFTERNOON OF BOWLING



71 Wayne Trace JH students recently spent the afternoon bowling at Olympic Lanes in Van Wert. The students qualified for the afternoon of fun by having good grades, no attendance or discipline issues, no tardies, and no late homework assignments. Way to do a GREAT job Raiders!!!

## DEAN'S, HONORS LISTS ANNOUNCED FOR FALL SEMESTER 2016 DEFIANCE COLLEGE

Each semester, Defiance College recognizes students who have attained an outstanding level of academic excellence by naming them to either the Dean's list or the school honors list.

The honors list is for students achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and enrolled in 6-11 semester hours for which letter grades are given. Students who have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and are enrolled in 12 or more semester hours for which letter grades are given are named to the Dean's list.

### Dean's List

Austin R. Wheeler, Almont, Mich.; Derek P. Smalley, Antwerp, Ohio; Cayla M. Walker, Archbold, Ohio; Chase D. McLendon, Attica, Mich.; Samantha R. Basham, Bellville, Ohio; Clayton J. Fox, Berlin Heights, Ohio; Adam T. McGinnis, Bloomville, Ohio; Sidney E. Faine, Bluffton, Ohio; Jillian A. Schneider, Botkins, Ohio; Haley S. Patty, Bradford, Ohio; Desiray V. Zaleski and Paris M. Creek, Bryan, Ohio; Victoria R. Mueller, Buchanan, Mich.; Elisabeth E. DeClaire, Canton, Mich.; Marissa A. Windau, Castalia, Ohio; Katherine J. Murphy, Cecil, Ohio; Kaitlyn K. Kuhn and Matthew J. Feltz,

Celina, Ohio; Dawn A. Alexander, Emma E. Bedan, and Thomas J. Scott, Cincinnati, Ohio; Laurel E. MacGregor and Robert T. Mann, Cloverdale, Ind.; Isaiah C. Ross and Madison A. Mansfield, Cloverdale, Ohio; Logan J. Jones, Columbus, Ohio; Dalton R. Bradford, Continental, Ohio; Rebecca L. Thompson, Convoy, Ohio; Michael T. Smith, Cortland, Ohio; Bryton S. Lear, Covington, Ohio; Da'Ja'Nay J. Askew, Crown Point, Ind.; Logan J. Scott and Morgan M. Connor, Curtice, Ohio; Ricardo E. Jimenez, Dania, Fla.; Cody M. Meinert, Deerfield, Mich.; Aerica R. Firman, Allison N. White, Amanda J. Heil, Anthony A. Mayer, Arica C. Castillo, Ashlyn C. Deming, Ceresa A. Page, Christiane B. Kempe, Christina A. Gebers, Corinna M. Gebers, Danyle S. Avery, Deborah M. Young, Drake W. Moening, Elizabeth M. Lorenz, Erica R. Smay, Grace C. Mitchell, Jennifer L. Meade, Jeremiah J. Krouse, Kayla R. Rethmel, Madeleine J. McMaster, Madison M. Bennett, Martin S. Bush, McKenzie J. Hall, Nicole L. Roth, Reeka N. Edwards, Robyn A. Boyd, Samantha J. Gomez, and Whitney L. Schalk, Defiance, Ohio; Jordan L. Osborne, Delaware, Ohio; Kelsey A. Tietje and Kollin M. Spence, Deshler, Ohio; Jordyn M. Worley and Madison M. Bowman, Eaton, Ohio; Emily D. Culler and Megan M. Wiles, Edgerton, Ohio; Leah T. Hedding, Farmington, Minn.; Timo-

thy W. Feasel, Fort Jennings, Ohio; Alexis F. Walker, Fort Myers, Fla.; Jacob S. Bickel, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Mason C. Rapp, Fortville, Ind.; Kevin R. Keefe, Fostoria, Ohio; Calli N. Bauer, Galion, Ohio; Nathan I. Height and Spencer J. Gray, Grand Rapids, Ohio; Kyle R. Williams and Luke J. Miller, Grover Hill, Ohio; Alek J. Menyhart, Hartland, Mich.; Jonathan E. Brown, Haskins, Ohio; Arlen A. Stoller, Christopher N. Davis, and Corey M. Davis, Haviland, Ohio; Tabitha R. Del Carmen, Hemet, Calif.; Jacob D. Thiel and Michaela R. Bauer, Hicksville, Ohio; Madysyn P. Creighton, Hillsboro, Ohio; Kiana R. Carpenter, Holmesville, Ohio; Cody R. Wiggins, Howell, Mich.; Cheyanne N. Bultman, Huber Heights, Ohio; Sarah R. Madaras, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Alexander S. Frick and Thomas E. Woehner, Kendallville, Ind.; Alex J. Marciniak, Lake Forest, Ill.; Adam J. Swisher, Lambertville, Mich.; Austin M. Conlon, Latty, Ohio; Paige A. Sickmiller, Leipsic, Ohio; Trevor C. Hester, Liberty Center, Ohio; Sean D. Daley, Tanner J. Stippich, and Zachariah L. Henson, Lima, Ohio; Mackenzie G. Durdak, Megan E. Overmann, Sarah C. Kaya, and Zachary A. Bires, Lorain, Ohio; Lucas S. Singleton and Megan E. Warren, Loveland, Ohio; Marcus L. Pompey, Marcellus, Mich.; Meredith J. Shank, Maumee, Ohio; Cody R. Wilson, Mc Comb, Ohio; Elyzabeth C. King, Mechanicsburg, Ohio; Hayley J. Paulson, Medina, Ohio; Catherine R. Tilman, Miami, Fla.; Malia C. Ferry, Milford, Ohio; Dalton L. Bettis, Minerva, Ohio; Beau L. Massingill, Monroe, Mich.; Kathryn M. Inboden and William R. Ploughe, Montpelier, Ohio; Hannah M. Hesterman and Michael W. Gilliland, Napoleon, Ohio; Zachary C. Roush, Nashville, Ind.; Dallas B. Yost, North, Fairfield, Ohio; Grayson Q. Conney, Norwalk, Ohio; Nicholas J. Starosta, Novi, Mich.; Nathaniel Schnitkey, Oak Harbor, Ohio; Mindy J. Yates, Oakwood, Ohio; Joshua R. Petro, Ocala, Fla.; Michaela A. Clute, Onsted, Mich.; James A. DeMeo and Noah E. Goodrich, Oregon, Ohio; Keri L. Conine, Ottawa, Ohio; Jacqueline D. Hartman, Parma, Ohio; Abbey R. Ash, Kande E. Manson, and Kynsie L. Etzler, Paulding, Ohio; Haley C. Saylor, Payne, Ohio; Henna M. Frank, Petersburg, Mich.; Nicholas H. Mesnard, Petoskey, Mich.; Richard D. Custar, Pioneer, Ohio; Nicholas E. Eberly, Powell, Ohio; Elizabeth A. Martin, Ridgewater, Ohio; Alyson N. Seibert, Rossford, Ohio; Kenneth Miller, Royal Oak, Mich.; Jacob M. Rindler, Saint Henry, Ohio; Mason J. Gross, Saint Marys, Ohio; Ashlyn T. Simi-

on, Saline, Mich.; John P. Seely, Sault Sainte Marie, Mich.; Alexandra M. Fowler, Seville, Ohio; Cory E. Sidle and Daniel W. Arny, Sherwood, Ohio; Conner R. Varner, Keira J. Grandeym and Tanner J. Clingaman, Stryker, Ohio; Aaron J. Textor, Surf City, N.C.; Andy S. Foore, Swanton, Ohio; Erin K. Conner, Sycamore, Ohio; Andrew J. Rebottaro, Tecumseh, Mich.; Eline J. Widman, Tiffin, Ohio; Damion L. Tall, Emma M. Seitz, Jude E. Neary, and Katarina R. Wicher, Toledo, Ohio; Chelsey Braunwart, Trenton, Ohio; Hope E. Neargarder, Union City, Ohio; Catlyn R. Pavel and Joshua E. Ream, Van Wert, Ohio; Jessica C. Mello, Vermilion, Ohio; Courtney J. Alexander, Warren, Ohio; Ashley N. Wilson, Brooke A. Waidelich, and Jonathon D. Mielke, Wauseon, Ohio; Jared R. Guerra, Waxhaw, N.C.; Nathan J. Rice and Taylor J. Hueston, West Unity, Ohio; Laura E. Lutzke, Williamston, Mich.; Taylor A. Haydinger, Wilmington, Del.; Amoy Russell, Denique P. Dennis, and Toni-Ann T. Ledgister, Jamaica.

### Honor's List

Drew R. Shaffer and Kaleb S. Westrick, Bryan, Ohio; Ashley Mansfield and Jaylen K. Army, Continental, Ohio; Alysia Fickel, Amanda J. Seibert, April F. McKenzie, Brittany L. Coressel, Brittany Mealer, Brittany S. Knueven, Jamison E. Clark, Kristian D. Woolace, Lynette K. Roberts, Merri E. Hasch, and Zachary L. Shook, Defiance, Ohio; Lisa Beverly, Delta, Ohio; Derek R. Lucas, Eaton, Ohio; Marissa M. Myles, Holgate, Ohio; Ashley L. Williams, Leipsic, Ohio; Marisela Reyes, McClure, Ohio; Tyler N. Lown, Milan, Mich.; MacKenzie R. Combs, Milford Center, Ohio; Rebecca S. Kain, Orland, Ind.; Joshua M. Kuhlman, Ottawa, Ohio; Teresa M. Watkins, Sherwood, Ohio; Emily R. Denhard, Troy, Mich.; Hollie L. Carroll and Noelle A. Chester, West Unity, Ohio.

## EXCITING EVENTS FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAPPENING IN ANTWERP IN 2017!!

The February meeting of the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce took place on February 15 at the Essen House Restaurant in Antwerp. The members in attendance were ready to get the ball rolling for all of the activities that the Chamber sponsors for Antwerp businesses and residents.

The first order of business was approving the governing board members - Sara Keeran, Christy DeLong, Audrey Feasby and Tony Langham. These individuals will work closely with the officers of the Chamber for decision making concerning all the various events and sponsorships of the Chamber.

If you've caught the Antwerp Chamber on social media, you will have seen the new forms for the spring and summer events coming up in Antwerp. The Town Wide Garage Sale days is one of the forms already available for the advanced planners. The dates are set for June 9-10 and sign up forms will be available

# OAKWOOD KINDERGARTEN LEARN ABOUT NUTRITION



The Oakwood kindergarten students have been learning a lot about proper nutrition. Erika Lee from the OSU Extension office has been providing educational information to the students through the SNAP-ED program. Shown with Erika are Taelynn Parrett and Wesley Grindstaff, who are students in Mrs. Kylee Miller's class.

soon at Subway and West Bend News. Day in the Park forms are also finalized and will be available through Small Town Bliss and Subway. A new event this year in conjunction with Day in the Park will be a Kids Parade and Little Miss and Little Mr. Antwerp pageant chaired by Audrey Feasby, Kelli Bradbury and Stephanie Kelble. Day in the Park is set for Saturday, August 12, 2017 and the Kids Parade and Pageant will take place the evening before on August 11, 2017.

The success of the Chamber Bucks distributed during Small Business Saturday 2016 were discussed. The Chamber agreed that they should be made available to business owners and others to purchase for employees and friends to encourage local purchasing in Antwerp. It was decided that Sara Keeran would oversee this distribution since the Town office is open regularly throughout the week.

New guidelines were implemented for the Community Sign, which is on the side of the Friends Furniture building. For more information about these guidelines or to put an event on the sign, please call Sue Fowler at 419-258-2410.

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is always looking for new members and ideas. If you are a part of an Antwerp business or an Antwerp resident and would like to be more involved in town goings ons, then contact Antwerp Chamber treasurer, Sue Fowler at antwerpchamber@gmail.com or message the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce on Facebook.

## MARY PENROSE WAYNE CHAPTER DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MEET

By: Caroline Zimmerman  
The Mary Penrose Wayne Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution met Saturday, February 11, 2017 at the Ft. Wayne Allen Co. Library, 900 Library Plaza FW, Indiana at 1:00 p.m.

Attending from Antwerp were members, Caroline Zimmerman and Patricia Gottschalk. The meeting was opened by Vice-Regent, Linnea Briscoe with Patriotic exercises to include the Pledge to the US Flag and the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner. All Members and guests were welcomed and reminded of Mary Penrose Wayne's birthday on February 18, 1749. She was the wife of General Anthony Wayne.

First on the agenda was the installation of five new members by Registrar, Benita Steyer. Each was presented with a pin and a presentation was given on each of their lineages and patriot's history from their application. The 1st Wednesday of each month at the library is work day on papers.

The President General's message was given. The message stressed that the DAR is not a political platform; all opinions are welcome. It is non-partisan. It was also reported that during the past recent unrest and demonstrations in Washington, D.C. recently, that there has been no damage to our DAR buildings or to the Founder's Monument.

A report on Carlisle Barracks near Harrisburg, PA. was given. It was a war college where many famous military leaders in our country attended college. It was noted that the "DAR Eagle Lectern" was borrowed from the National Constitution DAR stage for the Presidential inauguration in January. It has also been used by President Obama in 2009 and President Bush in 2005.

Announcements were made on the "Martha Washington Ball" at Kokomo, Indiana on February 18. It will have a George Washington re-inactor and those attending will need to dress in period dress. DAR Continental Congress in Washington, DC will be June 28 - July 2, 2017. This chapter will have a bus available. Information is available.

Officer's Reports included the Americanism Chairman, Cathy Simonds, who spoke on the Naturalization ceremonies at the Ft. Wayne Courthouse. She welcomed anyone to attend and stressed what a moving and rewarding experience it was to see a person pass their tests. She stressed that all Americans would appreciate their own citizenship more if they could see these emotional ceremonies of thankful new citizens.

The speaker was: The Honorable U.S. District Judge Theresa Springmann. She gave a very interesting talk on the legal screening processes and her past experiences. A Nominating Committee was presented for next meeting of March 11. Meeting adjourned.



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**MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ANTWERP RECOGNIZES "SOUP"ER BOWL FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

The congregation and their friends are collecting non-perishable soup ingredients to be donated to the local food bank. The food will be delivered by March 1, 2017.

Thrivent Financial has awarded a \$250 seed money grant to purchase canned meat to accompany the soup ingredients. Young people are getting involved by donating canned soups and awarded t-shirts for their participation.

Collection ends February 26, 2017 after church services. Call 419.212.0389 for alternate collection arrangements.

**AUTHOR OF "THE SHACK" TALKS SPIRITUALITY AT LIFETREE CAFÉ**

William Paul Young, best known as the author of "The Shack," will discuss the difference between being spiritual and being religious in a filmed interview at Lifetree Café on Thursday, February 23rd from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Nearly 30 percent of Americans identify themselves as spiritual but not religious, and the trend is growing. Young's best-seller has prompted a national discussion of the difference between spirituality and religion.

"I make a distinction between the church as an organization and the church as people," says Young. "Biblically speaking, the church is people. It's only people. They didn't have the buildings, the structures, or platforms. It's simply people."

The Lifetree event, titled "Spiritual but Not Religious," offers participants the opportunity to explore the issue in a safe, open environment.

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

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

**FIRST UM PRESCHOOL ART SHOW FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The First United Methodist Preschool located at 113 W. Central Ave Van Wert will be hosting an Art Show at the Wassenberg Art Center also located in Van Wert on February 23rd, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Preschool students are

working hard on several masterpieces that will be available to their families by donation. There will also be many items donated by local artists that will be available by silent auction. This event is open to the public, mark your calendars, invite your friends and family and plan to join us.

For more information on the art show or preschool please contact Administrator April Ellerbrock at 419-238-0631 ext 308 or by email at aellerbrock@wcoil.com

**BIBLE QUESTIONS**

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

1. 1st John 4:1 Were these Christians being moved by other spirits than that of Christ? Yes or no.

2. 1st John 4:1 How do we test the Spirits?

3. 1st John 4:1 Who should do the testing when being taught?

4. 1st John 4:1 Do we have false teachers today? Yes or no?

5. 1st John 4:2 What two spirits are in the world today?

6. 1st John 4:2 who were these Christians motivated by?

7. 1st John 4:2 Name three things that we confess about Christ? Jesus \_\_\_\_\_; Christ is \_\_\_\_\_; Jesus came in \_\_\_\_\_?

8. 1st John 4:3 Spirits that confess Jesus didn't come in the flesh is not of \_\_\_\_\_?

9. 1st John 4:3 If Jesus was not human, and living under human conditions; could he show us how to live? Yes or no.

10. 1st John 4:3 The only true \_\_\_\_\_ has to both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_?

Comments, questions, need assistance in your study of the Bible, let us know we are willing and able. James Potter at 419-393-4775 or e-mail jsp1941@yahoo.com also Lonnie Lambert 419-399-5022. Jesus loves all of us and so does the Church of Christ.

Answers to today's questions:

1. Yes; 2. Compare what is being taught with the Bible, both Testaments; 3. Christians; 4. Yes; 5. Holy Spirit, evil spirit; 6. Holy Spirit; 7. Humanity, son of God, deity has come in the flesh; 8. God; 9. No; 10. Mediator, human, divine.

Now let's see what we will be looking at today, and it is what is written on a tombstone. Loved ones, there is some interesting writings on tombstones in grave yards. On a tombstone in a cemetery the following words were found: "Remember friend as you pass by, as you are now, so once was I; as I am now, you soon will be, so prepare

to die and follow me." Someone else had written with a black crayon under the above words: "To follow you I'm not content until I learn which way you went." Loved ones Christ left us an example that we should follow in His steps (1st Peter 2:21). The apostle Paul said follow him, as he followed Christ (1st Corinthians 11:1). With the passing of each day, we are one day closer to death, judgment, and eternity. Are you ready to face our Lord in judgment?

"Ol' Baldy" says bye for now, but continue to pray, read and study the Bible, especially the New Testament. "Luv Ya!"

**HOW BLINDED VETERANS HELP THEMSELVES AND OTHERS TO A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE**

(NAPSI)—According to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) statistics, there are over 130,000 legally blind veterans in America. Every year, another several thousand are added to the number either because of combat injuries, age, illness or other factors.

**What's Being Done**

Fortunately, they're not simply left in the dark. All over the country, the VA has set up residential and outpatient centers where former military persons who have impaired vision can learn to lead more independent, pleasant and productive lives.

There are two basic kinds of facilities. The Blind Rehabilitation Programs support blind and low-vision veterans and active-duty servicemembers in regaining their independence and quality of life to enable their successful integration into family and community life.

These places also support family and significant others to better understand visual impairment and foster the provision of appropriate support, to assist in enhancing home environments and to reduce caregiver burden.

The Visual Impairment Services Outpatient Rehabilitation (VISOR) programs use a team approach to provide services based on a thorough assessment of the veteran's strengths, needs and personal goals.

Veterans and their families are encouraged to identify these goals and provide ongoing feedback regarding progress.

To enhance the quality of life for veterans and servicemembers experiencing vision loss, the Blinded Veterans Association (BVA) works with VA to help keep these places up to par. Recently, that organization's Training Coordinator, Wade Davis, conducted a comprehensive and individualized Veterans Care Review at each of the 13 Blind Rehabilitation Centers nationwide. He is currently doing the same with the VISOR programs.

**What Davis Does**

Over several days, Davis visits each facility and meets separately with the staff and the veterans involved. He considers various aspects of the programs: orientation and mobility, living skills, manual skills, low-vision therapy, computer access training, low-vision clinic, optometry, eye clinic, ophthalmology, recreation therapy, social work, psychology, nursing, diabetic education, and pharmacy. He also talks to the

Visual Impairment Services Team (VIST) Coordinators individually. Davis' aim is to evaluate the full curriculum of care and to share findings with staff and the administration to promote and expand each facility's successful procedures and generally make the facility as productive and safe as it can be for blinded veterans.

He also holds information sessions for the veterans and provides literature about BVA.

Davis' BVA evaluations have brought about a number of improvements to blind rehabilitation services, such as making sure each of the facilities has the training and equipment it needs.

**What BVA Does**

All this is just one way BVA fulfills the mission it's pursued since the end of World War II: to promote the welfare of blinded veterans so that, notwithstanding their disabilities, they may take their rightful place in the community and work with their fellow citizens toward the creation of a peaceful world. Through its free service programs, regional groups, resources, and advocacy before the legislative and executive branches of government, it makes life better for blinded veterans.

**Where To Learn More**

Because BVA advocates for all blinded veterans, whether they are members of the organization or not, and regardless of how their visual impairment occurred, veterans old and young and who experience vision loss can call BVA at (800) 669-7079, or visit www.bva.org, to get connected with the rehabilitative services they may need and have earned. For more about VA health care, visit www.va.gov/health.

**MOUNTAIN MAN PROGRAM AT THE OAKWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY**

The Cooper Community Library Branch, a branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library system, is hosting the program "Early Ohio Frontier" at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 27th. This educational program is geared for middle school aged students through adults.

Historical re-enactors, John Bennett, aka Graybeard and Paul Reams, aka Bear Claw will be presenting the program "Life on the Early Ohio Frontier. The program will share the wit and wisdom of mountain men as well as information about food, weapons, furs, every day tools, music and items for the home. There will be an opportunity for hands-on participation.

John and Paul have a combined forty-plus years' experience in camping, cooking, hunting, and storytelling as "mountain men" and "long hunters" in the tradition of Simon Kenton and Daniel Boone.

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 a continuous learning center for citizens of this small community. For more information about the library and services call 419-594-3337.

**GROVER HILL STUDENTS HELP OUT CLASSMATES**



Grover Hill sixth grade class toss coins in a blanket

Students at Grover Hill Elementary School wanted to help when classmates lost their mother. As soon as students heard about her death, they decided they wanted to raise money for the Elston/Cutright family. The Student Council and advisor, Mrs.

Jessica Davis, put together a few FUNdraiser days to help the family out. One day, the student council went around to classrooms with a blanket and students could toss any change into the blanket. GH raised \$1570.00 for the Elston/Cutright family.

**LATTA VOTES TO ELIMINATE HHS RULE PROHIBITING STATES FROM REDIRECTING FUNDS AWAY FROM PLANNED PARENTHOOD**

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) joined his colleagues in passing legislation that eliminates an Obama Administration rule prohibiting the redirecting of Title X funding away from Planned Parenthood to health care centers that don't provide abortions. The bill, H.J. Res. 43, uses the Congressional Review Act to eliminate the 'midnight rule' from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that was finalized just two days before the end of President Obama's second term. That regulation blocks states from diverting Title X family planning grants away from Planned Parenthood to community health centers, county health departments, or other providers.

"I'll continue to support measures like H.J. Res. 43 that roll back the myriad of midnight rules put into effect at the end of the Obama Administration," said Latta. "There are twenty community health centers for every one Planned Parenthood clinic, and states shouldn't be

stopped from directing funding to more comprehensive health care centers that don't provide abortions. The resolution simply rolls back this HHS rule and allows states the freedom and flexibility to direct Title X funds to the health care providers of their choice."

The Congressional Review Act allows Congress to remove midnight rules by allowing votes within sixty days of any rule implemented at the end of an Administration.

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# LADY RAIDERS VISIT MAD ANTS



The Wayne Trace Lady Raider basketball team visited the Fort Wayne Mad Ants on Valentine's Day for a practice and a Mad Ants game at the Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne. The girls enjoyed the opportunity to practice on the floor of the Fort Wayne squad as well as watching the team play following the practice. Members of the squad taking part in the practice included managers Katie Anna Baumle, Caroline Winans and Careen Winans along with Raider players (front l-r) Chelsea Sinn, Gracie Gudakunst, Miriam Sinn, Libby Wenzlick and Brooke Sinn. The middle row includes Ellie Stoller, Lily Sinn, Claire Sinn and Sadie Sinn while the back row features two Mad Ant players along with Maddy Laukhuf, Danae Myers, Sara Edwards, Sara Sinn and Kaylee Shepherd.

## ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS 2/22 - 2/28

- 2/22 - Corndog, green beans, orange smiles, milk
- 2/23 - Chicken taco or burrito, sweet potato fries, peach crisp, milk
- 2/24 - Cheese bread w/dip, carrots, applesauce, milk
- 2/27 - Breaded chicken on bun, baked beans, mixed fruit, milk
- 2/28 - Tex Mex chili, baked fries, apple, milk

## PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 2/22 - 2/28

- Breakfast**
- 2/22 - Breakfast pizza, juice, fruit, milk
  - 2/23 - Coffee cake, juice, fruit, milk
  - 2/24 - Sausage, egg & cheese muffin, juice, fruit, milk
  - 2/27 - Cook's choice
  - 2/28 - French toast stix, sausage, juice, fruit, milk
- Lunch**
- 2/22 - Chicken dippers, asstd dipping sauces, vegetable blend, mac & cheese, dinner roll OR lettuce salad, wg chips, assorted fruit, milk
  - 2/23 - Cheese lasagna with sauce, vegetable blend, garlic toast OR Personal pan pizza, seasoned corn, assorted fruit, milk

- 2/24 - Philly beef sub OR Brautwurst, bun, peppers & onions, oven potatoes OR Salad bar, garlic breadstick, assorted fruit, milk
- 2/27 - Potato soup, crackers, BBQ pork, juice box OR Salad bar, breadstick, assorted fruit, milk
- 2/28 - Chkn Chunk salad, tomatoes, pretzel b.stick OR Asstd entree items, oven fries, pickles, assorted fruit, milk

## PEVS ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 2/22 - 2/28

- Breakfast**
- 2/22 - Bkfst burrito, juice, fruit, milk
  - 2/23 - Muffin, cheese stick, juice, fruit, milk
  - 2/24 - Cereal or cereal bar, juice, fruit, milk
  - 2/27 - Yogurt, goldfish grm, juice, fruit, milk
  - 2/28 - Pancakes, juice, fruit, milk
- Lunch**
- 2/22 - Cheese & nachos, oven potatoes, celery/carrots/broccoli, fruit, milk
  - 2/23 - Turkey gravy over whipped potatoes, pulled pork on wh. grain, fresh veggie choice, fruit, milk
  - 2/24 - Fish sticks, bread, fresh vegetables, corn, fruit, milk
  - 2/27 - Grilled chicken on wh gr bun, Pennsylvania

blend, celery, fruit, milk  
 2/28 - Hot dog on wh gr bun, baked beans, fruit snack, fruit, milk

## OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 2/22 - 2/28

- Breakfast**
- 2/22 - Bkfst pizza, juice, fruit, milk
  - 2/23 - Saus-egg burrito, juice, fruit, milk
  - 2/24 - Ass't cereals, juice, fruit, milk
  - 2/27 - Yogurt, juice, fruit, milk
  - 2/28 - Pancake on stick, juice, fruit, milk
- Lunch**
- 2/22 - Br chicken on wh gr bun, broccoli, carrot stix, fruit, milk
  - 2/23 - Chicken fajita, romaine lettuce, mixed veg, fruit, milk
  - 2/24 - Cheese pizza, corn, bean salad, fruit, milk
  - 2/27 - Mini pancakes, sausage patty, celery stix, carrot stix, fruit, milk
  - 2/28 - Corn dog, oven potatoes, veggie sticks, fruit, milk

## LATTA TOURS VA COMMUNITY BASED OUTPATIENT CLINIC IN TOLEDO

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) visited the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) in Toledo. Joining Congressman Latta was Acting Director of the VA's Ann Arbor Health Care System, Dr. Mary Beth Skupien. Latta and Skupien toured the clinic, greeted veterans, and spoke with physicians. Last week was National Salute to Veteran Patients Week, where the 98,000 military veterans that are cared for in VA facilities every day were honored and celebrated. "Our nation's veterans have made countless sacrifices in defense of our freedoms, and our country is forever indebted for the actions of these brave men and women. While words can't fully express our appreciation, I was happy to share my thanks and praise with the veterans at the Toledo CBOC on Friday. I also enjoyed being able to speak with the physicians and medical staff that serve these heroes on a daily basis. National Salute to Veteran Patients Week is a reminder of all that our veterans have done along with the commitment we've made to honor their service."

## INDOT SEEKS MEMBERS FOR ADA ADVISORY GROUP

The Indiana Department of Transportation is seeking applications from Indiana residents for membership in its Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Community Advisory Working Group. INDOT seeks membership from a broad cross-section of Indiana for its ADA Advisory Working Group. In particular, individuals with disabilities, or those who provide services to persons with disabilities, are encouraged to apply. There are now two ways to participate. Statewide Advisory Group members are expected to travel to six meetings around the state - one in each INDOT regional district. Applicants who prefer to represent their area may participate on a regional committee that will meet

with the Advisory Group once each year. About the Advisory Group, Transition Plan Selected Advisory Group members provide information and recommendations regarding INDOT's ADA Transition Plan, including efforts to increase the public involvement of persons with disabilities in transportation planning. Discussion and advocacy is limited to INDOT matters including programs, pedestrian facilities in INDOT right of way, and where INDOT works with local governments. The ADA Transition Plan outlines INDOT's policies and practices for removing barriers to accessibility in its programs and at its facilities, including pedestrian facilities in state right of way such as sidewalks, curb ramps, crosswalks and pedestrian signals. The document is available for review in Microsoft Word and PDF format on INDOT's website at [www.in.gov/indot/3036.htm](http://www.in.gov/indot/3036.htm).

**Next meeting and how to apply**  
 Individuals interested in becoming members should submit a letter of interest and resume before Wednesday, March 1 to Erin L. Hall, INDOT's Title VI/ADA Program Manager, via email at [ehall2@indot.in.gov](mailto:ehall2@indot.in.gov). Applications may also be sent via mail to 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N750, Indianapolis, IN 46204. There is no application form to complete, a letter of interest and resume are all that is required. Potential statewide applicants are strongly encouraged to attend the next ADA Advisory Group meeting at 6:00 p.m. Eastern on Wednesday, February 22. The meeting is open to the public and will be held in the upstairs conference room at INDOT's District Office, located at 185 Agrico Lane in Seymour. In addition, local officials representing city, town and county governments are invited to attend and participate in Advisory Group meetings held within their regional district.

**ACTING SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE VISITS WORKERS IMPACTED BY LOUISIANA TORNADO AND TOURS STORM DAMAGE**  
 Acting Agriculture Deputy Secretary Mike Young visited the displaced workers of the USDA Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) National Finance Center (NFC) Monday after an EF-3 tornado hit the New Orleans-based NFC building last week, causing severe damage. No one was seriously hurt as a result of the storm, which struck at approximately 11:20 a.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2017. Following the tornado, the NFC immediately implemented its Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) and within 12 hours advance teams were relocated to the alternate work site (AWS) in Bossier City, near Shreveport, La., to begin the resumption of business operations. The tornado struck NFC in the beginning of a pay week and NFC was able to ensure the safety of all employees, recover from the tornado, deploy staff to the AWS site in Bossier City, and still make timely payroll deposits to all employees they service.

"I wanted to say thank

you," said Young addressing a crowd of NFC employees. He stressed the work they do is incredibly important, and commended them for their ability to execute their COOP in an instant and still deliver on providing the vital services without interruption. Young, along with the USDA Acting Chief Financial Officer Lynn Moaney, met with employees to express his gratitude and admiration for their hard work and personal sacrifice that kept the NFC running. Around 1,300 employees work at the OCFO New Orleans site. The NFC processes payroll for more than 650,000 federal employees across 172 agencies, the reconciliation of health insurance premiums for the entire federal workforce, and retiree benefits that are submitted to the Office of Personnel Management. The OCFO New Orleans Financial Management Services (FMS) provides payment to all USDA vendors, performs all financial management functions for the USDA, and distributes block grants to States.

Young and Moaney then left the Bossier City facility to tour the damage of the NFC located at Building 350 at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans. Photos of the NFC damage can be viewed at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/usdagov/albums/72157677965476512>. The Bossier City facility is about 350 miles north of New Orleans and can support up to 500 employees. It was specifically designed to serve as an alternative USDA work site for emergency operations. Currently, there are about 182 employees deployed to Bossier City, while approximately 300 others are teleworking. NFC leadership is working to find another facility closer to New Orleans to get the rest of the employees back to work as quickly as possible.

"Our first priority, now that we know everyone is safe and we have our business operations running, is getting back to New Orleans," said Calvin Turner, Director of the NFC. Turner added that he knows there can be a lot of anxiety the longer workers are deployed and others are displaced. He said that supervisors are on daily conference calls to ensure all employees receive accurate and timely information. "It was an incredible response on everyone's part at the National Finance Center," said Young. "They had a good

plan that they tested a number of times, and they executed it flawlessly. The idea that they were able to have the whole operation up and running in less than a day is unbelievable." The NFC is a Shared Service Provider for Financial Management Services and Human Resources Management Services. For more information about the NFC, please go to <https://www.nfc.usda.gov/>.

**OHIOANS ASKED TO SHARE OUTDOOR RECREATION PREFERENCES**  
 Care about kayaking, hiking or swimming? The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) wants to hear from Ohioans about the outdoor recreational activities they enjoy the most. Ohio residents can share their opinions about their favorite activities, and any new or expanded outdoor recreational opportunities they would like to see in Ohio. Feedback from the survey will help park, nature preserve and forest managers, as well as local, state and federal officials set priorities for funding and improvements. The survey results will be included in the five-year Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), which provides information on recreation trends and serves as a reference document for state officials allocating federal and state grants among worthy projects proposed by park districts around the state. The survey is now available through Monday, March 8, at [ohiostateparks.org/research](http://ohiostateparks.org/research). ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at [ohiodnr.gov](http://ohiodnr.gov).

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 ko, LaGrange, Miami, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells and Whitley counties. Consideration will also be given to schools in Blackford, Fulton, and Jay counties, as portions of these counties are located within the district boundaries. Only students who are currently enrolled in the applicant school may participate in the creation, execution and completion of the art project. For more information or questions about the Paint the Plow campaign, contact Nichole Thomas at 260-969-8219 or by email at [nhachathomas@indot.in.gov](mailto:nhachathomas@indot.in.gov).

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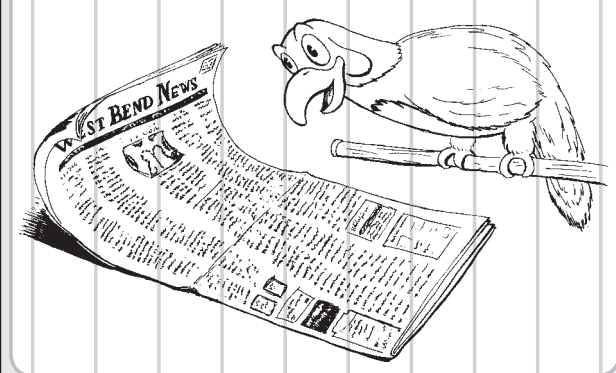
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## MAYBE THIS WILL WORK

By: Stan Jordan

I know Valentine's Day is here and gone, but if you didn't shower your wife with the usual flowers and chocolates, how about this treat? Take her for a ride out in the country side.

Now don't give me this "Aw Pshaw" stuff, just read the rest of this column.

On some nice afternoon, tell your wife you are going for a ride, just as you are.

There are a dozen places you can visit right here in the Tri-State area. You can go see all the windmills in Paulding and Van Wert County, they are huge, along with all the deer, there is a lot to see in the Van Wert area. Stay off the main highways, there are a lot of good side roads.

You can go to Defiance and see the old locks on the canal at Independence Park and Dam. From that area, you go on down 424 to Florida, as this is full of eagles nests. You can enjoy all that Defiance has to offer, or swing up on U.S. 6 or U.S. 20, that is all good farming country, maybe swing around through Bryan.

My fine wife was always ready to take a ride. She would always thank me and say "what a nice afternoon" or words to that effect and I bet that you would get the same reaction if you would take your wife for a nice ride.

See ya!

## ME AND THE NEEDLE PROGRAM

By: Stan Jordan

I am still undecided about the benefits of this program. I have studied both sides of the report for the program and I read good and bad from both sides.

To me, they can turn in a used needle and get a completely sterilized needle kit and I think that says "just go ahead and shoot up, have a good time."

I talked to a police chief about this and he was somewhat in favor of it. In his way of thinking, they are going to use drugs anyhow and new

needles cut down on the risks of diseases such as HIV, aids and hepatitis. Most needles are free, and some programs require you get that same number of free kits. He says there is some good in the program.

Here in Ohio, medical marijuana is legal, but patients won't be able to buy it for a year or two. Then they must have a doctor's note and meet other criteria. And I am in favor of some type of marijuana in the remedy for seizures, it has been known to help some people.

You can bet people will find a way to get legal marijuana, illegally. Ohio has a long way to go on their marijuana program.

If those needle using people would get a job and work and not have so much idle time, all of society would gain from that.

See ya!

## EAGLES HERE IN ANTWERP

By: Stan Jordan

I have been watching the eagles' nest here in Antwerp and I would like to report that the nest had been rebuilt and is bigger than before. I must say that those two birds worked long and hard to get as much done as they did.

Now I talked to a number of people and they only tell of the two adults rebuilding the nest. Evidently the last year's young are not to help with the building, they probably have been kicked out.

Becky Zartman told me about seeing one of the adults at work. She was walking between the park and her house and she saw an eagle dive down low and then back up to the top of a dead tree and he snapped off a small limb and flew back to the nest with it. Then she said she could see the limb at the top of the tree was still waving from the eagle taking the limb.

It looks to me like the nest will be ready for the eagles to start laying their eggs for the hatching season, about 30 days.

See ya!

## SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 21: BUFFALO HUNT WITH THE CALAMUS RIVER TRIBE

By: Stan Jordan

We are here at the Calamus River Tribe camp. It is almost 30 miles from Broken Bow, in a north-northeast direction to a settlement called Burwell.

Well, that was a few days

ago, when we arrived here. I haven't written for a few days, as we are too busy and by golly, too tired. We have had good fall weather to work in for a week. These people pray to the sun god for warm weather, and I guess it works.

The lieutenant took part of his men and cut trees to make a cook out area, and for a place to hang their winter meat supply. Then he made a tripod that we could carry in one of our wagons, when we go on the buffalo hunt. That will help us put the buffalo carcass on the wagon.

The soldiers then started to cut trees for logs to make a bridge over the Calamus River, which runs right through the camp. So far, the natives have had to wade through the stream. It was agreed between the mess sergeant and Rapid River, their Shaman, that for meals we would fend for ourselves for the present time.

About the end of the second day, some of the scouts returned to camp and reported that they had spotted a good size herd of buffalo. One of the scouts stayed with the herd, and was to report at daylight just where the herd would be for the hunt.

Callie and I had the tripod in our wagon. The four soldiers with their rifles were mounted on horseback, on Indian ponies, plus some more Indians to drive the herd and help anywhere. A wagon load of squaws was right behind.

They found the herd feeding in a meadow just over the rise and the shooting started, and the noise and pandemonium broke out. The herd ran off to the right and the natives and all four soldiers after them yelling and shooting, and killing some.

This hunt, to me, is no different than the one over at White Elk's tribe. The noise and the din had died down by the time we got to the first buffalo carcass.

We stopped our wagon and some of the Indian squaws started to remove the hide from the animals. Some of the ladies walked on down to the second buffalo and started skinning.

Like before, they rigged up the tripod and raised the animals, and finished skinning and gutting the buffalo, and cleaning him out. They backed the wagon under the buffalo and loaded him on the wagon. They threw the tripod on top and went to the next animal and the ladies had him ready to raise.

It is just like before on White Elk's hunting trip. We took our wagon with two buffaloes on it and went to camp and hoisted them up to the holding log.

One of the soldiers had taken our one burner oil stove and made coffee and some natives made a corn cake, with a touch of salt and a little more honey, it was very tasty. Then it was back to the meadow for more hard work.

We returned to the kill area as the other two wagons did, and we got kill numbers seven and eight. The next wagon got nine and ten and the last wagon, an adult buffalo and a yearling.

All the wagons returned with their kill and hung them up. It was about an hour till dark. All the bridge builders were in and washed up. Then they went and brought up all the lanterns and hung them up by the new cook out area.

Everyone had gone down

to wash up in the river. The smell of fresh meat sticks around for a while.

I guess there were about 20 squaws and their mates and 14 soldiers and the lieutenant, Soaring Eagle, Rapid River and their squaws. I guess in the area of 60 folks for supper.

The other natives had already had their evening meal and were making their good corn cakes. Corn flat bread, corn dodgers and some were with hot spice, if you liked that kind.

The soldiers had made a number of pots of coffee. The mess sergeant had become a hero again, he had fried up many skillet of deer and buffalo meat. He had plenty of baked potatoes. They put a baked potato in each man's bowl and told him to cut it up and mash it. Then they poured hot grease and fryin's over it. The sergeant had enough canned peaches to give some to all of the natives. Yes, the sergeant is a hero again.

See ya!

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dinners.

Some things have changed, others have not. The club is funded by its membership, donations, dinners and curly fry sales. The club is managed by a dedicated group of elected officers, elected trustees, range chair persons and member volunteers. They are the ones maintaining the buildings, property and ranges. They are the ones setting the agenda for each year's events. They are the ones working at these events. They all take pride in making these events a great enjoyable experience.

I feel that I am privileged to be a part of this club. It is great to see eyes wide open and minds turning out new ideas. In 2017, a dedicated group has set a full agenda and adding more all the time. Our first event was a Ham Still Shoot on New Year's Day. There was 60+ shooters, good food, games and many stories of these shoots from years past. We have added another Still Shoot on March 19th. Once again, good food, more stories, card games, bingo and great shooting. This will be a kid friendly event. There will be youth only rounds, using 410's. Some club members are offering kids the use of their shotguns. If you have never experienced this type of shoot, stop by and check it out. Even if you don't have a gun. I'm sure we can find one for you to use.

The club is not only for adults. There is events planned for kids and parents. The annual Easter egg hunt is planned for April 8th. We are partnering up with OSU Extension office and Paulding County 4-H to bring a new program to our area. The 4-H Shooting Sports. Go check it out online or contact the Paulding County Extension office for more details.

The club is about conservation. Whether that means responsible hunting and fishing or plants, trees and wildlife habitats. The club is hosting a hunter education course on March 25th/April 1st. This is a 2 day class from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Participants must attend both days. For more information or to register, go to [www.wildohio.gov](http://www.wildohio.gov). For the first time we will be having a Conservation

## BLANKETS FOR POLICE



Shown with police officer Gina Weidenhamer is Paulding fifth grade students Maci Kauser and Emma Townley.



Oakwood sixth grade students shown with a completed blanket are Bryanna Winke, Skylar Keezer, and Kathryn Fraley.

Paulding and Oakwood Elementary students spent some time making fleece blankets this winter. Several of the blankets have been do-

nated to the Paulding Police Department to use whenever they see a child or an adult who is in need of a blanket.

Day on April 29th. We are partnering up with Defiance and Paulding Counties SWCD, OSU Extension office and Blackswamp Conservancy. There will be speakers there covering many topics. The topics will be for youth and adults. We will be putting out fliers soon with a list of the topics and times.

The club is about community service. The club is offering two \$250 scholarships. 2017 graduating seniors from the following schools are eligible. Antwerp, Fairview, Hicksville, Paulding and Woodburn. Check with your guidance counselor or contact us for the scholarship form. On January 21st, we had some volunteers help with the Forders Bridge Conservancy project. This is a project that is managed by the Blackswamp Conservancy. The task at hand is huge. It will take many hours by volunteers to remove the invasive plants that have taken over this area. Another work day has been scheduled for

March 18th. To learn more about the Forders Bridge and Forrest Woods projects, check out Blackswamp Conservancy online. The Upper Maumee Watershed and Blackswamp Conservancy will be holding an open meeting to discuss these and other projects on March 8th at 6:00 p.m. at our clubhouse.

I appreciate you taking the time to learn more about the Antwerp Conservation Club. We have a great group of members that I call my friends. Many more events are scheduled for this year. Check out our new website [www.antwerpconservationclub.com](http://www.antwerpconservationclub.com). Look us up on Facebook. Look for ads in the Westbend News. Better yet, COME JOIN US. Many of our events are open to the public. Our interest varies, but our goal is the same. Responsible and respectable conservation with the whole of the community in mind.

—Gary Mabis,

Antwerp Conservation Club

## The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

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We also provide reimbursement for the cost of transportation to VA medical facilities in our area, or in the case where the veteran cannot drive himself, we will provide a driver.

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

**Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments**

**Any questions, please call 419-399-8285**

## Antwerp Conservation Club Upcoming Events



- **MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> - UPPER MAUMEE WATERSHED FORUM**  
Open to the public. Meeting starts at 6pm
  - **MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> - MONTHLY MEETING**  
Starts at 7pm
  - **MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> - STILL SHOOT**  
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# ANTWERP WINS CONFERENCE TITLE; WILLIAMSON'S BEST GAME YET!



The 2017 Green Meadows Conference Champions. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Rachel Williamson scores another 3-point field goal and has her best single night with 25 points. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Antwerp Ladies basketball hosted the Apaches on Thursday, February 16. If Antwerp would win, the ladies would take home the Green Meadows Conference Title. Both of the teams in the conference have had played 6 matches of the conference and this was the final. Fairview had a 2-4 record and the Archers was at 5-1.

This game started with both teams being competitive in the first period. Fairview's Allison Vetter was at 6 points with 3 field goals and Mercedes Wagner was close behind with 2 field goals. Katie Crites was fouled and she chipped in both from the charity line. Antwerp's stat sheet was a little more one sided. Emilee Phillips earned a field goal but it was Rachel Williamson who set her own record. She tapped 10 points in this period with 2 three pointers and 2 field goals. The first period finished tied at 12.

The second fired up even more for the home team. Hope Smith got tacked on a field goal and was fouled scoring that point too. Karsyn Brumett hit a 3 pointer. It was Williamson who was on fire. She nailed 3 more 3 point field goals in a row. The half finished 30-21.

Coming back from the half, the Archers stopped the Apaches' scorers. They only added 2 more points. Antwerp, on the other side, had Williamson and Brumett both tackling another 3 point basket. Peyton Short was also on her second field goal and 3 pointer. Antwerp closed out the third with 41-23.

Neither team did much in the fourth period except defense. They both scored only four points. Rachel was fouled and added both of those points to have her personal record of 25 points! Fantastic! Maggie Wilson posted her first points of the game when she scored on a

rebound shot.

The final score was Antwerp 45, Fairview 27.

Score by the Quarter:

Antwerp - 12 18 11 4 = 45

Fairview - 12 9 2 4 = 27

Scorers of the Game:

Antwerp - E Phillips 2; R Williamson 25; M Wilson 2; K Brumett 6; P Short 7; H Smith 3

Fairview - A Vetter 6; R Collins 2; K Schroeder 2; M Wagner 11; K Crites 6

More pictures at westbendnews.net

## ATHLETIC RESULTS FOR FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

The 8th grade boys defeated Antwerp (63 to 32) Monday night to advance to the GMC Championship game this Saturday at 11:15 a.m. at Holgate. They will be playing Tinora who beat Edgerton 36-22.

The JV boys basketball was defeated by Tinora on Friday by a score of 27-21. Keenan Jackson led the Apaches with 10 points. Saturday night, the Apaches bounced back with a 50-30 win over Hilltop. Cade Polter scored 15, Keenan Jackson and Chayse Singer chipped in with 9 and 8 respectively. The JV record now stands at 9-9 on the season.

Montpelier - 5 2 8 8 = 23  
Fairview - 14 8 9 9 = 40  
Montpelier: 7/12 FT, 2 3pt, 5 2pt, 17 turnovers  
Fairview: 4/7 FT, 0 3pt, 18 2pt, 14 turnovers

Fairview Player Stats:  
Allison Vetter - 15 points, 7/9 FGs, 1/1 FT, 2 rebounds, 1 steal, 3 turnovers  
Mercedes Wagner - 8 points, 3/9 FGs, 2/4 FTs, 9 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 blocks, 1 assist

Kendra Schroeder - 8 points, 4/9 FGs, 0/1 3pt, 2 rebounds, 2 steals, 4 assists, 2 turnovers

Katie Crites - 6 points, 3/9 FGs, 7 rebounds, 5 assists, 5 turnovers

Kendall Baker - 2 points, 1/1 FGs, 1 steal

Riley Collins - 1 point, 0/2 FGs, 1/2 FTs, 1 turnover

Carly Wendling - 0 points, 0/2 3 pt, 4 rebounds, 1 block, 3 assists, 2 turnovers

Katelyn Smith - 0 points, 0/1 FG, 1 rebound

FV Team Stats:  
18/42 FG - 43%  
0/3 3pt - 0%  
4/7 FT - 57%  
25 Rebounds (8 offensive), 13 assists, 8 steals, 3 blocks, 14 turnovers

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE RIEDEL ENCOURAGES LOCAL COLLEGE GRADUATES TO APPLY FOR STATE-HOUSE FELLOWSHIP

State Representative Riedel (R-Defiance) announced that the Ohio Legislative Service Commission is accepting applications for its 13-month Legislative and Telecommu-



Fairview's Kendra Schroeder scores two points for the Apaches. More pictures at westbendnews.net

nications Fellowship Program. The commission will hire 24 fellows to work with members of the Ohio General Assembly during 2018.

"The LSC Fellowship is a great opportunity for those who aspire to get involved in state government," said Rep. Riedel. "This program offers someone the ability to learn firsthand how the General Assembly works."

Legislative fellow duties include assisting members of the Ohio General Assembly with constituent work, writing press releases and speeches, assisting in legislative re-

search, attending meetings, and performing administrative duties. Telecommunications fellows assist in televising Ohio House and Senate proceedings and in preparing educational video productions about the General Assembly and the legislative process.

Fellows receive full State of Ohio employee benefits and are paid \$31,200 annually, with the opportunity to earn a \$2,000 bonus based on length of service in the program.

Legislative fellowship applications must be post-

marked by April 1, 2017 to be considered for the program. The application deadline for the two telecommunications positions is April 30, 2017. All applicants must have graduated from a four-year college degree program by the December start date. Persons holding graduate or professional degrees may also apply.

The legislative fellowship program is open to graduates of all major fields of study who have a genuine interest in learning about state government, and no political experience is required. The two telecommunications fellows must have majored or minored in a telecommunications-related field of study or have comparable experience.

## UMWP MEETING MARCH 8<sup>th</sup>

The next meeting of the Upper Maumee Watershed Partnership will take place on March 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Are you curious about the project at Forrest Woods? Please join us for a presentation by Chris Collier of Black Swamp Conservancy on "Forrest Woods Stream & Wetland Restoration" at Antwerp Conservation Club, 17814 Township Road 53 Antwerp, OH.

Also, Forrest Woods work day: Saturday March 18th at 9:30 am. Chris Collier from Black Swamp Conservancy will give a brief tour of the restored wetlands and then move into removing woody invasives present at Forrest Woods. Meet at the new parking lot on the east side of County Road 73 at Forrest Woods.

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Wayne Trace takes the GMC title for the fifth year in a row. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Ethan Linder's shoots at the free-throw line, making his 2000th point. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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up points and Tinora scoring only hitting 4 points. The first finished 17-4.

The second period started

with Linder within 4 points of the goal. The team was working together, grabbed a turnover, and all running back to home basket and passed

to Linder, tossing the ball in with his right hand from the right side of the key and scored. Nearly the same thing happened again this time he was fouled and Ethan was sent to the line at 5:16 left on the clock. He easily sunk both shots to put him at the 2000 mark.

The fans celebrated and even the Rams were cheering for records of this nature. It's difficult for a person to achieve 1000 points and 2000 is certainly a landmark achievement. Balloons, confetti and streamers are flying through the air when the basket went in. The senior cheerleaders stood behind with a banner recognizing Linder's success while coach and father, Jim Linder presented Ethan with the ball trophy. Linder was then congratulated by his teammates, and Tinora's coach Paul Wayne. Then he walked to his mother and gave a heart-felt hug and thanked her. The entire gym of people were celebrating his achievement.

Continuing on with the game, the boys scored 17 points to Tinora's 10. Linder looked exhausted for the rest of the period. His teammates picked up the steam and continued. Points by Jake Kuhn were right on finishing up the half.

The boys came back from half time and Tinora's Ryan Mohr did quite well. They outscored the home team by one when they hit 12. The 3rd period ended 45-26.

Now, the fourth stretch was back up the first two period's standards when three point baskets became the norm for Sinn and Linder. Turnovers for Tinora were up to 24 and this helped the Raiders. Brady Stabler was

100% at the charity line, making 4 of 4. The game finished 61-36 and gave Wayne Trace the conference title, shared with Ayersville and Holgate.

Linder has 19 games in his career over 30 points (eight this year) and three games of 40 or more (two this year) points in his career.

Wayne Trace hosts Ottoville in the regular season finale on Friday, February 24 before opening tournament play in the Division III sectional at Elida where they will tangle with either Parkway or Riverdale on March 3.

Score by the Quarter:

Wayne Trace: 17 17 11 16 = 61

Tinora: 4 10 12 10 = 36

Scorers of the Game:

Wayne Trace - B Stabler 13; E Sinn 10; J Kuhn 4; J Sinn 2; B Jerome 1; E Linder 23; J Kuhn 8

Tinora - T Giesige 4; C Hoellrich 2; B Bumb 6; R Mohr 15; M Reeves 4; L Rinkel 2; C Gilbert 3

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### PANTHERS SCRAPE BY THE GOLDEN BEARS WITH INGOL SHOT

It was an intense game on Saturday, February 18th. The Paulding Panthers travelled to Bryan to face-off against the Golden Bears in a game of basketball. Both sides were ambitious and ready to give all that they had to win. The Panthers have not had the best seasonal record, but that does not mean that they couldn't pull off a win.

The intensity and nervous energy was palpable all across the court as the game began. Paulding took control of the board during the first quarter and added 13-points. The Golden Bears were close by, nipping at their heels, scoring 8 points. During the second quarter, Paulding played a similar game, and added another 13 points to the game. It appeared pretty obvious that Paulding was going to maintain a strong lead throughout the entire game by the scoring in these two quarters. Bryan, though, still wasn't too far off and added 10 points. The score at the half was 26-18.

As the game rolled into the third quarter, the Panthers continued their trend, but scored even more points, adding 17 to the board. The

Golden Bears stepped up their game as well and added 14 points. Paulding was still the leader on the board. However, the fourth quarter was a complete turnaround. The Panthers lost their footing and allowed Bryan to catch up. The Golden Bears managed to add 23 points to their score, bringing them up to 55, overtaking the Panthers, and possibly taking the game. However, Paulding's Preston Ingol took the inbounds pass with four seconds to go and drove the length of the floor, hitting a ten foot jumper in the key at the buzzer to win it for Paulding. The final score of the game was 56-55.

In game stats, Paulding had 25 rebounds and Bryan had 21 rebounds. Paulding had 13 turnovers and Bryan had 6 turnovers. Paulding's record is now 6-14, while Bryan is 12-9.

Score by the Quarter:

Paulding - 13 13 17 13 = 56

Bryan - 8 10 14 23 = 55

Scorers of the Game:

Paulding (56) - C Shull 0-0 0-0 0; M Miller 0-2 3-4 3; E Rhonehouse 6-11 4-7 16; J Miller 3-5 3-5 11; K Echols 1-1 2-2 5; C Doster 1-1 1-2 3; P Ingol 5-6 2-3 12; L Bradford 2-3 0-0 4; G Harder 1-3 0-0 2; F Cook 0-1 0-0 0; Totals 19-33 15-23 56.

Bryan (55) - J Valderas 8-11 1-2 20; P Lamberson 0-5 2-2 2; E Smith 1-5 3-4 6; C Arthur 4-12 4-4 15; J Jones 3-5 2-4 8; Z Nobis 1-1 1-1 3; C Lemons 0-1 1-4 1; Totals 17-40 14-21 55.

### HILLTOP UPSETS ANTWERP IN BOYS BASKETBALL

After a spring-like day on Saturday February 18, the boys basketball teams of Antwerp High School loaded up and headed to Hilltop in the late afternoon for some high school boys basketball action.

The Cadets used the familiarity of their home court as

the advantage they needed to keep the lead for the duration of the game play. The game ended with a Lancer's win 47-38.

In the Junior Varsity game, Antwerp won with a final score of 50-38.

Stats from the game:

Antwerp - Rebounds 24, Turnovers 11, Fg% 13-47 (28%)

Hilltop - Rebounds 23, Turnovers 17, Fg% 16-27 (59%)

Score by the Quarter:

Hilltop - 10 14 12 11 = 47

Antwerp - 8 11 7 12 = 38

Scorers of the Game:

Hilltop - S Riley 9, Q Smith 16, R Brooker 14, T Maneval 8

Antwerp - M Jones 11, T Mills 2, D Peters 9, C Seslar 3, L Brewer 6, B Pendergrast 2, H Noel 2, T Rebber 3

Records:

Antwerp 8-13, Hilltop 20-1

### NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR 2017 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Northwest State Community College is accepting nominations for the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award. This award is the most notable recognition presented by the NSCC Alumni Association. Developed in 1998, the Distinguished Alumni Award honors alumni who have achieved recognized prominence in their careers and made significant contributions to their communities and the lives of others.

"Northwest State has over 10,000 alumni, and eighty-two percent continue to live and work in the six-county area," said Robbin Wilcox, director of alumni relations. "These graduates are making a positive impact through their careers and in their

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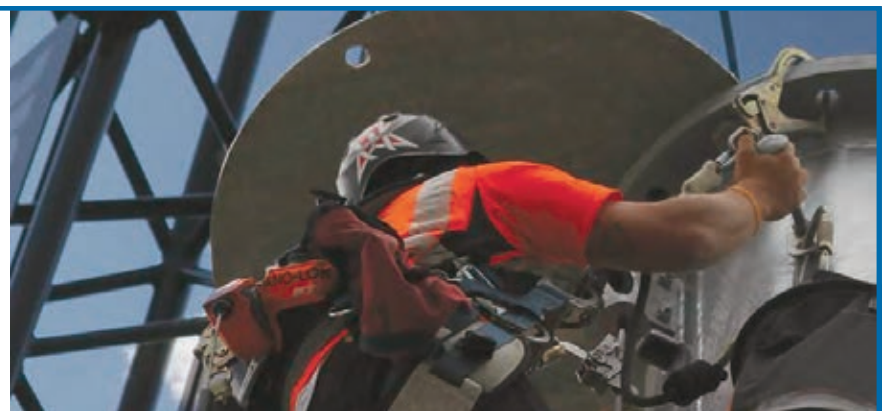
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### SENIOR NIGHT PAULDING - FALLS TO DEFIANCE



The Paulding Seniors girls basketball players!

It was senior night on February 14 for the Lady Panthers. All of the young ladies have had a great time playing as a team for their favorite school and now it's time to say, "goodbye" for the last home game of the season. These girls have some of the best attitudes around when you see they gave balloons to the seniors of their

wrack up points the Paulding girls started to score and ended up with 7. Senior guard Lucas Karissa scored the only 2 3-point field goals for the Lady Panthers in this game.

The second period was nearly the same as Defiance continued to run around Paulding scoring 8-17 and making the halftime score



Caroline Turner shoots for the Bulldogs while Audrey Manz attempts to block the shot. More pictures at westbendnews.net

competitors as a good-will gesture.

Following the tearful senior night, the girls hit the court with the fast action team from Defiance. The Lady Bulldogs quickly got on the board with a solid 14 points in the first period. After watching the guest team

15-31. The top scorer for Paulding Brianna Townley, hitting 5-2point field goals.

The 2nd half continued in the same fashion and Paulding added a few more points. The Lady Panthers scored 11 points in the 3rd quarter and the Bulldogs added 18. The game was pretty much

over by the fourth period but it was more competitive as Paulding girls increased the defense and holding the guests to only 11 and Paulding scored 10 for the last. The home team could not cover the deficit and the game finished 36-60.

Paulding scorers of the game: K Hale 2; K Lucas 6; A



Defiance's Natalie Wichman reaches out to block the pass from Paulding Senior Faith Vogel. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Manz 2; Sk McCullough 2; Sy McCullough 4; D Pessell 4; B Townley 11; F Vogel 5

Paulding will travel to Wapakoneta to take on Patrick Henry in the first game of sectionals on Wednesday, February 22 at 6:15.

Each of the seniors gave their history and future at senior and the West Bend News is glad to share it here:

#15 - Allison Arend ("AA") daughter of Dana and Caroline Arend.

While attending Paulding High School she's participated in basketball, soccer and member of the National Honor Society. Her favorite memory was attending team camp each summer with her best friends. She plans to attend the University of Dayton and major in physical therapy.

#43 - Skyler McCullough ("SkyMac") daughter of Jim and Julie McCullough.

While attending Paulding

High School she's participated in 4 years of basketball, 3 years of volleyball, has done baseball stats, a member of the National Honor Society and student council and also a student officer. Her favorite memories are when she was able to sub for her senior sister when she sat varsity as a freshman and being getting to be a captain this year with

al Honor Society and drama department. Her favorite memory is actually scoring and making an "and one". She plans to attend Ohio State University and major in biochemistry.

#33 - Brooke Weidenhamer ("B Dub's") daughter of Todd and Regina Weidenhamer.

While attending Paulding High School she's participated in soccer, basketball, poultry judging, a member of the National Honor Society, FFA and science fair. Her favorite memory is the back of the bus. She plans to attend the University of Findlay and major in animal science/pre-vet then attend Ohio State University to obtain a doctorate in veterinary medicine.

#10 - Karissa Lucas ("K-Rock") daughter of Kenny and Stephanie Thomas and Emmanuel Lucas.

While attending Paulding High School she's participated in soccer, basketball, softball and member of FFA. Her favorite memory is the back of the bus. She plans to attend the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima and major in sports management.

#11 - Faith Vogel ("Ever Faithful") daughter of Bob and Dori Vogel.

While attending Paulding High School she's participated in basketball, volleyball, a member of the National Honor Society, drama and FFA and has done baseball stats. Her favorite memory is Skyler lobbing her a pass but accidentally scoring instead. She plans to attend the University of Saint Francis and become a nurse. More pictures at westbendnews.net

### WAYNE TRACE FALLS TO CRESTVIEW

It was in the Lady Knight's country where the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders headed for an evening of high school girls basketball on Monday, February 13.

The first half of the game was dominated by the home team. The Lady Knights topped the scoreboard at the buzzer of quarters 1 and 2. After half time, it seems that the Lady Raiders rallied, scoring 1 more point than the Knights in the 3rd, and 6 more in the 4th, but it just wasn't enough to overturn the final score. The Lady Knights kept a victory at home this night, 60-47.

Score by the Quarter: Wayne Trace - 13 6 10 18 = 47

Crestview - 19 19 9 13 = 60

Scorers of the Game: Wayne Trace - C Sinn 13, M Sinn 5, K Shepherd 7, G Gudakunst 6, E Stoller 2, D Myers 12, B Sinn 2

Crestview - L Black 15, L Gregory 12, A McCoy 5, A Dealey 2, P Motoycka 26

In the JV match up, again Crestview took the game from Wayne Trace in a close game of 43-40.

Varsity records now stand at Crestview 12-9, Wayne Trace 18-3

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# 7th GRADE ARCHERS FINISH THEIR SEASON UNDEFEATED



Pictured are the Archer cheerleaders, players and coaches. Front row (l-r) Megan O'Donnell, Lauren Schuller, Jaidis Getrost, Kiera Reyes, Hailey Grant, Mia Altimus, Allie Reinhart, Maddie Smith. Second Row (l-r) Cheerleader Advisor Alicia Hook, Manager Derek Hines, Kaden Recker, Tucker Franklin, Kaden Miller, Gaige McMichael. Third Row (l-r) Coach Jason Landers, Kaden Phares, Mason Steel, Hunter Sproles, Jagger Landers, Luke Krouse, Stephon Walker, Coach Mike Krouse. Missing from the picture are Luke McDorman, Noah Smith and Summer Franklin.

The 2016-17 basketball season has come to an end for the 7th grade Archer boys. It was certainly a remarkable season for these young student-athletes. The boys finished their season with an unblemished record of 16-0 and captured the championship of the Wayne Trace tour-

nament. According to records dating back to 1978, no other junior high boys team has finished their season undefeated. "This was a season the kids will never forget. It was an honor to teach the boys everyday and watch them grow

as young men and competitors on the court," said Coach Jason Landers. "This group has a high-level basketball IQ. They were very fortunate to have such a knowledgeable coach during their years of youth basketball, which made my job this season enjoyable."

## LARGEST BASKETBALL SATURDAY IN 2017, PAULDING COUNTY'S OLDEST RUNNING TOURNAMENT PLAYED

This Saturday brings the largest contingent of basketball teams to Antwerp for the 2017 calendar year. Thirty basketball teams will converge on Antwerp for the day participating in two tournaments consisting of five divisions. All games will take place Saturday. The girls 5th and 6th grade tournament will be played at the MAC Gym and will bring 16 teams. The Antwerp Local School will host 4th, 5th and 6th grade boys tournaments with 14 teams participating the same day.

On the girls side, the sixteen teams will travel to the MAC Gym from seven Ohio

counties and one Indiana county. Leo is the only Indiana school participating. Hicksville and Fairview will be participating from Defiance County along with two teams each from Defiance and Ayersville Schools. Wapakoneta will be the lone representative from Auglaize County, as will Archbold from Fulton County, Arcadia from Hancock County, and Van Wert School from Van Wert County. Edgerton will bring two teams and Edon one from Williams County while Columbus Grove and Glandorf will represent Putnam County. No Paulding County teams are participating.

On the boys side, the Antwerp School will host Paulding County's longest running youth basketball tournament. This year will be the 19th

annual event. Fourteen boys teams will journey to Antwerp from Allen County Indiana and five Ohio Counties. Parkway School will send a team from Rockford, OH in Mercer County while Lincolnview (Van Wert County) and Hicksville (Defiance County) will send teams as well. Stryker (Williams County) will send two teams as will Leo (Allen County Indiana). Paulding County will be well represented in this tournament with two teams each from Paulding and Wayne Trace Schools while host Antwerp will field three teams.

The tournaments will begin Saturday morning, February 25th, 8:30 a.m. at both sites and run through the day. Please support the future of basketball in our area.

## FOUNTAIN CITY CHRISTIAN MOVES TO 11-8

Senior point guard, Isaiah Sheldon, led the Fountain City Christian Flames (67) over the Tri-County Patriots (56) in Adrian, MI, with 8 of 15 from the field including a blistering 57% from 3-point land. His 4th trey of the night came from truly "downtown" as Sheldon coolly nailed the

3 from the center jump-circle as time expired in the third period. On the night, the talented senior collected 21 points, distributed 3 assists, and had 3 steals. Fellow senior teammate, Marcus Nafziger, picked-up 24 points and 13 rebounds, while senior stretch forward, Brandon Johnson, had 13 points and 10 rebounds. Off the bench, junior Noah Johnson tallied 7 points in the final quarter. With the win, the Fountain City Flames move to 11-8 and head to Harlan, IN on Tuesday night to take on the Harlan Christian Hawks.

## KNIGHTS TRIP UP WARRIORS

Norwell overcame a 12-point halftime deficit by outscoring host Woodlan 38-24 in the second half to post a 55-53 win over Woodlan in non-league boys basketball action Saturday night at the home of the Warriors.

The Knights held a slim 8-7 advantage after one quarter before the Warriors scored 22 points in the second quarter in opening a 29-17 halftime lead.

However, Norwell answered the Warriors in the third quarter by outpointing Woodlan 21-11 to pull within 40-38 at the end of three quarters.

The Knights then added 17 fourth quarter points compared to Woodlan's 13 and Norwell went on to post the two-point victory.

Senior, Cody Shively, led the way for Norwell with 21 points while junior, Cole Wilson, added 17 markers.

Freshman, Will Geiger, chipped in 11 points for the Knights, who move to 13-9 on the season.

Grant McMichael added four points and senior, Reilly Stauffer, posted two markers.

Aaron Hahn scored 26 points to pace Woodlan, which falls to 12-9.

Other scorers for the Warriors were Austin Fancher (eight), Micah Robbins (eight), Deontae Biggs (five), Jack Rhoades (three), Josh Gerig (two) and Trevon McCarter (one).

Woodlan will host its final game on Friday as Leo visits the Warriors. It will be the final home game for seniors Deontae Biggs, Austin Fancher, Noah Gerig, Josh Gerig and Kyle Nahrwold.

## QUICK START PROPELS BLAZERS PAST WARRIORS

Host Eastside jumped out to a 14-3 lead after one quarter and the Blazers never looked back in rolling to a 58-31 win over Woodlan in non-league boys basketball action on Valentine's Night.

Jacob Thompson scored 26 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead Eastside, who improves to 16-3 on the season.

The Blazers outscored the Warriors 13-10 in the second quarter to widen the margin to 27-13 before putting the game away in the third quarter.

Eastside added 17 points in the stanza while Woodlan picked up 11 as the Blazers widened the lead to 44-24 entering the final period.

Josh Gerig, Austin Fancher and Aaron Hahn each bucketed eight points to pace the Warriors while Jack Rhoades chipped in three markers. Ahlan Howard and

Deontae Biggs bucketed two points each.

Hahn and Fancher each hit a pair of three-pointers for Woodlan.

Woodlan was led on the boards by Hahn with six caroms while Howard grabbed five and Gerig picked up four. Fancher dished three assists and Biggs picked up two steals for the Warriors, who fall to 12-8 on the year.

Caleb Ballentine added nine points for Eastside while Cade Willard and Aaron Dean added eight and seven points, respectively. Dalton Rieke (three), Riley Thompson (two), Alex Yoder (two) and Andrew Steffen (one) also scored for the Blazers.

## LADY ARCHERS SHOOT DOWN CADETS

On Tuesday, February 14th, the only thing that most people feel in the air is love. However, on this Valentine's day, basketball heat was felt all over the court. The Antwerp Lady Archers played host to Hilltop Cadets on this day of love and passion. Even on the court, love and passion for their schools and for their sports was obvious among the lady basketball players.

The Lady Archers quickly took the game and began scoring points right after the tip-off. From the first quarter alone, it was obvious that Antwerp would maintain a heavy presence in the game. Rachel Williamson was the lead scorer, while points were also added by Hope Smith, and foul shots by Peyton Short and Maggie Wilson. The Archers ended the quarter with a score of 19 on the board. The Lady Cadets could not hold a candle to the lead that the Archers held. Hilltop did score a three point basket by Roth. This left the Archers dauntingly in the lead. The second quarter was a different story, though. The Lady Archers slowed down tremendously. The Cadet defense was able to fight back and hold back the advances by Antwerp. By the end of the first half, the two teams had each added seven points to the board. The half time score was 26-10.

The teams came back from the half-time break rejuvenated and ready to play some more. The Lady Archers easily held their lead. These ladies even went as far as to add 12 more points! The Lady Cadets also continued on in a similar fashion as the previous quarters, and added 6 points to the board. However, the fourth quarter was a different one for the Hilltop players. They pushed back against the Archers and added 12 points to the board. Antwerp, though under some stress from the Lady Cadets, also managed to add 12-points. Antwerp finally did take the win with their immense lead. The final score of the game was 50-28.

Score by the Quarter:  
Antwerp - 19, 7, 12, 12 = 50  
Hilltop - 3, 7, 6, 12 = 28

A few of the top Antwerp scorers include: Rachel Williamson with 21 points, Hope Smith with 9 points, Tiera Gomez with 5 points, and Peyton Short with 4 points.

A few of the top Hilltop scorers include: Jackson with 11, Roth with 8, Schaper with 5, and A. Brown with 4.

Congratulations to both teams on a great game!

## NEW HAVEN CONTINUES EXCELLENT SEASON

On February 16, New Haven competed against Heritage in boys basketball. The game started close for the county competitors, but it wasn't long before the Bulldogs took a strong lead. Ivan Upshaw had a wonderful senior night leading the Bulldogs in points with 19 points and 6 rebounds. It was the way to closeout the last home game of the year for the home team.

It was a 2 point lead for New Haven at the end of the first when it was 14-12. In the second period, it was hard for the Patriots to gain traction, finishing the quarter with only 7 and the half was 25-19. The third period wasn't a huge difference-only 3. It was the fourth period where New Haven struck gold, a 13 point difference by the buzzer. The game finished 57-35.

The Bulldogs travelled to Canterbury on February 14. The Bulldogs had another good game, and a little more competition. Both started slow when neither team hit more than 10 points in the first period. The second was certainly more beneficial for both teams when the difference finished the half by only 6 points, but it was 23-29. Moving to the latter half the Cavaliers stole the show for the third period and making contest quite the spectacle to watch, ending the third 40-41. The Bulldogs got their act together and realized defense needed a boost. Brekar Clark had a great night of shooting leading the bulldogs with 18 points. The game finished 63-53 after New Haven forced Canterbury to concede with a 9 point deficit in the fourth.

On February 10, the Bulldogs travelled to East Noble. It was clear in the first period New Haven came to be competition when the Bulldogs led 15-3 at the end of the first period. The Knights made changes quickly and outscored New Haven by 4 in the 2nd and the half finished 21-29. The game from here one out was very close by the quarter with East Noble outscoring the Dawgs by 1 point in each. The Knights never did recover from the deficit accumulated from the first period and New Haven walked away with the win 61-67.

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# LADY RAIDERS BLOW AWAY RAMS - TAKE CONFERENCE TITLE



The Lady Raiders Win the Green Meadows Conference title after defeating the Rams.

On Thursday night, February 16th, the Lady Raider of Wayne Trace traversed to the Tinora school district for high school girls basketball action. And action it was! The Lady Raider dominated the Ram's court taking a 10 point lead at the end of the 1st quarter. Wayne Trace kept their lead at the half time buzzer acquiring 8 more points than their opponent in the 2nd. In the second half of the game, the scoring slowed up for both teams, but Wayne Trace still lead the scoreboard

for both the 3rd and 4th. Final score of the night, 60-33 - Lady Raiders win. With the win, Wayne Trace clinches a share of the school's fifth Green Meadows Conference championship and the first since 2011. At 6-1 in league play, the Raiders share the league title with Antwerp. It is the Archers' first league championship since 1990. In Junior Varsity play, Tinora reigned victorious against the Raiders, 44-42. Varsity records now stand

with Tinora 13-9 overall & 3-4 GMC; Wayne Trace 19-3 overall & 6-1 GMC. Score by the Quarter: Wayne Trace - 21 19 15 5 = 60 Tinora - 10 11 4 8 = 33 Scorers of the Game: Wayne Trace - C Sinn 12, M Sinn 6, K Shepherd 5, G Gudakunst 13, E Stoller 4, D Myers 16, B Sinn 4 Tinora - A Schliesser 4, S Pedroza, G Norden 15, S Greiser 1, K Wilkerson 7

## REPRESENTATIVE RIEDEL APPLAUDS PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION REGARDING PENALTIES FOR TRAFFICKING AND POSSESSION OF COCAINE

State Representative Craig S. Riedel (R-Defiance) announced the passage of legislation by the Ohio House that makes changes to drug trafficking and possession laws

regarding cocaine. House Bill 4 restores the statutory penalties for possession of cocaine and clarifies the penalties for the trafficking of cocaine. Under Ohio's statutory drug penalty framework, penalties increase with the quantity of the drug involved in the violation. For cocaine, the Ohio Revised Code prescribes five steps or tiers of felony penalties with the increasing amounts of cocaine

involved. The possession penalties were undone by the Ohio Supreme Court's recent decision in State v. Gonzales, which determined that only the weight of pure cocaine in a substance could be used to set an offender's sentence. Because of this, cocaine possession regardless of quantity will, as a practical matter, only be prosecuted as a fifth degree felony, the lowest penalty under statute, if the law is not amended. House Bill 4 seeks to modify this language to clarify that the total weight of the compound, mixture, preparation or substance containing cocaine is included for penalty purposes, for both offenses of possession and trafficking.

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- OHIO LOCATIONS**
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  - Bryan:** Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center, Walmart
  - 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 Convenience Store
  - Edgerton:** Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Utilities Office, Napa
  - Grover Hill:** Ross' Gas Station, N&N Quick Stop
  - Hicksville:** Cline's Market, Hickory Hills Golf Course, Sailors, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, H2O, Senior Center
  - Latty:** Kohart's Surplus & Salvage, Country Inn Living Center
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  - Oakwood:** Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware
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- Fort Wayne:** Walmart (Maysville Rd.), Buffalo Wild Wings
  - Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
  - Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Harlan Cafe, iAB Bank
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House Bill 4 seeks to modify this language to clarify that the total weight of the compound, mixture, preparation or substance containing cocaine is included for penalty purposes, for both offenses of possession and trafficking. "House Bill 4, in my opinion, is sound legislation that helps protect all citizens in our communities," said Rep. Riedel. "By supporting this legislation, the Ohio House is helping to crack down on those who sell and possess cocaine." The legislation now heads to the Ohio Senate for consideration. The bill includes an emergency clause to make it effective on the day it is signed by the Governor.

**ODOT SEEKING PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROJECTS**

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1, in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Executive Order 11988, is seeking public comments regarding the following proposed projects:

**Defiance County**  
State Route 281-1.35 (PID: 102805) - ODOT is proposing a project to repair slopes along state Route 281 (Domersville Road) north of the bridge over the Maumee River on the east side of the city of Defiance. A portion of this project is located within the regulated floodplain of the Maumee River. Impacts to the floodplain are anticipated to be minor and result in no rise in localized flood levels. A statement of findings detailing the results of the fi-

nal floodplain analysis will be made available on the ODOT District 1 Environmental Website at: <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/D01/PlanningPrograms/Pages/environmental.aspx>

Construction of this project will require a lane closure and traffic control is to be coordinated with the city of Defiance. Construction for this project is scheduled to occur in the summer of 2018.

**Paulding County**  
State Route 114-19.64/19.88/21.73/22.50 (PID: 100746) - This project proposes to replace two bridge structures, replace one culvert, and rehabilitate another bridge along state Route 114 between the village of Grover Hill and the state Route 66 intersection. A description of the work proposed at each structure is below:

- PAU-SR 114-19.64: Replace existing bridge over Middle Creek.
- PAU-SR 114-19.88: Replace existing culvert carrying an unnamed waterway with a new box culvert.
- PAU-SR 114-21.73: Replace existing bridge over Dog Creek.
- PAU-SR 114-22.50: Rehabilitate existing bridge over the Little Auglaize River.

A portion of this project is located within the regulated floodplains of Middle Creek, Dog Creek, and the Little Auglaize River. Impacts to these floodplains are anticipated to be minor and result in no rise in localized flood levels. A statement of findings detailing the results of the final floodplain analysis will be made available on the ODOT District 1 Environmental Website at: <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/D01/PlanningPrograms/Pages/environmental.aspx>

Traffic on state Route 114 will be detoured during construction; however, access to all properties within the construction limits will be maintained. Construction is scheduled to occur in the summer of 2019.

More information on ODOT projects can be found here: [www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/D01/PlanningPrograms/Projects](http://www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/D01/PlanningPrograms/Projects)

Written comments regarding the project(s) may be sent to: Ohio Department of Transportation District 1, Attn: Nate Tessler, 1885 N. McCullough Street, Lima, Ohio 45801; or to [nate.tessler@dot.ohio.gov](mailto:nate.tessler@dot.ohio.gov)

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**MAPLE SYRUP SEASON MAKES A TRIP TO OHIO STATE PARKS ESPECIALLY SWEET**

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**Malabar Farm State Park** in Richland County will host its 41st annual Maple Syrup Festival from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. the weekends of March 4-5 and March 11-12. Visitors can take horse-drawn wagon rides to the Sugar Camp, witness live historical demonstrations and enjoy music and food. Maple products will be available for sale. Donations may be made to the group providing wagon rides. For more information, call 419-892-2784.

**Hueston Woods State Park** in Preble County will host its 51st annual Maple Syrup Festival the weekends of March 4-5 and March 11-12 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. A pancake breakfast,

with locally made syrup, will be available at the park lodge. Throughout the weekend, concessions will be made available by the Friends of Hueston Woods and the Museum Association. Visitors can go on maple syrup tours, hay rides and hikes through the Big Woods State Nature Preserve. The nature center will also be open during this time. For more information, call 513-524-4250.

**Hocking Hills State Park** in Hocking County will host events at the Old Man's Cave Visitor Center on March 11-12 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Free tours around the naturalist cabin will be taking place from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Naturalists will demonstrate methods to make maple syrup and maple candy, and delicious samples will be available. For more information, call 740-385-6842.

**Indian Lake State Park** in Logan County is holding events on March 18-19 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Free wagon rides will be available to visit the Sugar Shack for demonstrations on turning sap into maple syrup. Wagon rides will be from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. Visitors can enjoy a pancake breakfast with sausage and beverages from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. There will be pints, quarts and gallons of syrup for sale. For more information, call 937-843-2717.

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**SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

General Code, Section 11681  
Revised Code, Section 2329.26  
**THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:**  
**CITIFINANCIAL SERVICING LLC sbm CITIFINANCIAL INC., Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**JUSTIN D. STERRETT, ET AL., Defendants,**

Case No. CI 16 175.  
Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 16th day of March, 2017 at 10:10, the real estate located at:

**310 West Merrin Street, Paulding, Ohio 45880**  
**Parcel Number: 19-14S-012-00**

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

Said premises appraised at Forty-five Thousand and No/100 (\$45,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second sale will be held on the 30th day of March, 2017 at 10:10. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers  
Paulding County, Ohio  
www.pauldingohsheriff.com  
James K. Weaner, Attorney for Plaintiff

**SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

General Code, Section 11681  
Revised Code, Section 2329.26  
**THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:**  
**VAN WERT FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**CHARLES D. WILSON, ET AL., Defendants,**

Case No. CI 16 080.  
Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 16th day of March, 2017 at 10:00, the real estate located at:

**203 Cedar Street, Haviland, Ohio 45851**  
**Parcel Number: 06-03S-032-00**

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

Said premises appraised at Fifteen Thousand and No/100 (\$15,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second sale will be held on the 30th day of March, 2017 at 10:00. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Charles F. Koch, Attorney for Plaintiff

**SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

General Code, Section 11681  
Revised Code, Section 2329.26  
**THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:**  
**THE HUNTINGTON BANK, Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**UNKNOWN HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, UNKNOWN SPOUSES, DEVEISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS AND BENEFICIARIES OF ESTATE OF ARTHUR B. ZELLNER, DECEASED, ET AL., Defendants,**

Case No. CI 16 142.  
Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 16th day of March, 2017 at 10:05, the real estate located at:

**303 Klingler Road, Paulding, Ohio 45879**  
**Parcel Number: 23-50S-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.

Said premises appraised at Fifty-four Thousand and No/100 (\$54,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second sale will be held on the 30th day of March, 2017 at 10:05. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers  
Paulding County, Ohio  
www.pauldingohsheriff.com  
Benjamin N. Hoen, Attorney for Plaintiff

**K-9, COOPER, VISITS OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY**



Deputy Caleb Miller from the Paulding Sheriff's Dept. brought his specially trained dog, Cooper, to Oakwood Elementary. Deputy Miller talked about the training he went through with Cooper and the important jobs that Cooper does for the sheriff's department. Deputy Miller and Cooper are shown with some of the Oakwood Elementary kindergarten and first graders.

2, 2017, and will end December 31, 2017; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the Paulding County Auditor to complete the processes as indicated on the Board Authorization Delegation form.

**IN THE MATTER OF RELINQUISHING OWNERSHIP OF COUNTY PROPERTY TO THE PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

WHEREAS, the PC Workshop, Inc. occupies the buildings at 900 West Caroline Street, Paulding OH 45879, on two parcels, being 30-52S-001-00 and 30-11B-001-00; and

WHEREAS, the PC Workshop, Inc. is a now a private non-profit entity; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Paulding County Board of Commissioners do hereby relinquish, transfer, and convey ownership of the two said parcels currently owned by the County to the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE EMA ADVISORY BOARD**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint Mr. Roy Klopfenstein to serve as the Commissioners' representative on the EMA Advisory Board for the year 2017.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint Mr. Mark Holtsberry to serve as the Commissioners' representative on the Family and Children First Council for the year 2017.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint Tony Zartman to serve as the Commissioners' representative on the John Paulding Historical Society Board for the year 2017.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE PAULDING COUNTY HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint Mr. Roy Klopfenstein to serve as the Commissioners' representative on the Paulding County Homeland Security Advisory Committee for 2017.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE NORTHWEST OHIO COMMUNITY ACTION (NOCAC) BOARD**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint Mr. Mark Holtsberry to serve as the Commissioners' representative on the Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission (NOCAC) Board for the year 2017.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE AREA OFFICE ON AGING OF NORTHWESTERN OHIO, INC.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint Mr. Mark Holtsberry to serve as the Commissioners' representative to the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc., for the year 2017.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint Mr. Mark Holtsberry to serve as the Commissioners' representative to the Paulding County Senior Center Steering Committee for the year 2017.

WHEREAS, Baker Shindler Contracting Co., Inc. is desirous of maintaining and expanding their operations in Paulding, Ohio, with additions to real property; and the retention of and the addition of employment opportunities in the Enterprise Zone provided the appropriate development incentives are available; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Paulding of Paulding County is desirous of providing Baker Shindler Contracting Co., Inc. with tax incentives pursuant to Chapter 5709 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, Paulding County, having the appropriate authority for the stated type of project is desirous of providing Baker Shindler Contracting Co., Inc. with

the incentives available for the development of the aforementioned Project in said Enterprise Zone under Chapter 5709 of the Ohio Revised Code; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby enter into an Enterprise Zone Agreement with Baker Shindler Contracting Co., Inc. located at 121 German Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879 as set forth in said Agreement on file in the County Commissioners' office.

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT/AGREEMENT WITH ERIE RECYCLING**

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Waste Management and Education Awareness (PCWMEA) is under the direct supervision of the Paulding County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the PCWMEA program is in need of a facility to unload and accept materials to be recycled; and

WHEREAS, Erie Recycling of Antwerp, Ohio, shall make its facility available to PCWMEA, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, to unload and accept materials to be recycled; and

WHEREAS, compensation terms are included in the contract/agreement which is on file at the PCWMEA office and the Paulding County Commissioners' Office, now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby enter into a contract/agreement with Robby L. Gerken dba as Erie Recycling of Antwerp, Ohio, to unload and accept materials from PCWMEA for recycling; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the term of said Contract/Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2017, and end on March 31, 2017, at the rate of \$2,000.00 per month.

**IN THE MATTER OF MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT OF PAULDING COUNTY ROADS, CULVERTS AND BRIDGES FOR THE YEAR 2017**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has decided that the health, welfare, and safety of the people of Paulding County can best and most efficiently be served by the "Force Account" in matters pertaining to the construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of Paulding County roads, bridges, and culverts; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer, to proceed by force account for the maintenance, repair and improvement of county roads, culverts and bridges for the year 2017; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize the County Engineer to close necessary roads, bridges and culverts for the performance of said force account work pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, Section 5543.19.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL AND SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATE AND US BICYCLE ROUTES**

WHEREAS, bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, contributing \$133 billion a year to the economics of communities that provide facilities for such tourists; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has designated a series of corridors crossing Ohio to be developed as various US Bicycle Routes (USBR 40); and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has designated a series of corridors crossing Ohio to be developed as various State Bicycle Routes; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is supportive of AASHTO designated bicycle routes through Ohio, subject to ongoing collaboration with affected jurisdictions to inventory, analyze, and designate specific facilities the routes will traverse; and

WHEREAS, Paulding County and the Adventure Cycling Association, with the cooperation of the Ohio Department of Transportation and other stakeholders, have proposed specific routes to be designated, a map of which is herein incorporated into this resolution by refer-

ence; and  
WHEREAS, we have investigated the proposed route and found it to be a suitable route and desire that the route be designated so that it can be mapped and signed, thereby promoting bicycle tourism in our area; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the route may change over time because new facilities are being constructed that are more suitable for bicyclists, now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Paulding County Commissioners hereby expresses its approval and support for the development of State and US Bicycle Routes and requests that the appropriate officials see to it that the route is officially designated by AASHTO and the Ohio Department of Transportation. Once the Route is approved, there may be efforts to publicize the route via internet maps, incorporating the Route on local maps, etc. Tourism agencies may be involved in these efforts.

**MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS**

• Joe Burkard, County Prosecutor and Deb Guildford, PCBDD - Mr. Burkard and Ms. Guildford met with the Commissioners to the PC Workshop building on Caroline Street in the village of Paulding. Several options were discussed. Mr. Burkard will do the paperwork to transfer ownership of the property to the Paulding County Board of DD (see resolution above).

• Jerry Zielke, PCED - Mr. Zielke presented an Enterprise Zone agreement for the Commissioners' signatures (see resolution above).

• Kevin Hanenkratt - The Commissioners and Mr. Hanenkratt discussed plumbing work that needs to be done to the Harrison Street building.

• Rachel Hern, Perry ProTech - Ms. Hern presented recommendations for replacing copiers. She noted the copiers we now have from Perry ProTech are out of contract. Once copiers reach a certain age, they can no longer guarantee repair due to unavailability of replacement parts. She emphasized the importance of upgrading so that replacement parts can be located if necessary. Ms. Hern has located pre-owned machines and will prepare a contract to present at a later date.

• Travis McGarvey, County Engineer - Mr. McGarvey requested a 'force account' resolution for 2017 (see resolution above). Mr. McGarvey also presented the notification from ODOT requesting approval and support for a national and statewide bicycle route (see resolution above). He also updated the Commissioners on a couple of road/bridge/culvert projects. The Engineer's staff are always willing to assist when needed.

• Earl Baldwin - Mr. Baldwin met with the Commissioners to request permission to place his bees in the old abandoned barn on the Eaton Farm. A new agreement will be done and signed at a later date.

• Todd Schweller - Mr. Schweller and the Commissioners discussed the power situation at the fair grounds. Mr. Schweller agreed to make some contacts and write a proposal for the Commissioners' review.

• Ed Bohn, EMA - Mr. Bohn presented the grant application for a training facility. The total cost of the facility is estimated at \$209,959. Mr. Bohn is requesting \$187,000 in grant dollars. The training facility would be available to out-of-county entities for a fee.

• Jason Landers and Shane Dyson, Paulding County Sheriff's Office - Sheriff Landers discussed the poor radio transmission issue. He recommends repeaters be installed in all the deputies' vehicles.

**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 2/1/17**

This 1st day of February, 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 230758 through 230812 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holtsberry to go into executive session at 8:04 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tony Zartman. All members voting yea.

At 8:13 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 210)**

**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 Public Safety Tower Fund (Fund 210), to-wit; 210-001-00001/Public Safety Tower/Maintenance Expense AMOUNT: \$6,008.98

**IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 210)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Public Safety Tower Fund (Fund 210), to-wit; FROM: 210-001-00002/Public Safety Tower/Utility Expenses TO: 210-001-00001/Public Safety Tower/Maintenance Expense TOTAL: \$1,000.00

**IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 210)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Public Safety Tower Fund (Fund 210), to-wit; FROM: 210-001-00003/Public Safety Tower/Other Expenses TO: 210-001-00001/Public Safety Tower/Maintenance Expense TOTAL: \$5,000.00

**IN THE MATTER OF REDUCING BRIDGE LOAD LIMITS**

WHEREAS, upon completion of a recent inspection of four bridges in Paulding County, County Engineer, Tra-

vis McGarvey is recommending the load limits be reduced due to structural deficiencies. and

WHEREAS, the four bridges and recommendations are as follows: Bridge T191-2.00, Township Brown, New Load Limit 10 tons; Bridge T156-3.40, Township Auglaize, New Load Limit 25 tons; Bridge T144-2.92 Township Harrison New Load Limit 15 tons; Bridge T33-10.64 Township Harrison New Load Limit 20 tons

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners, upon the recommendation of the Paulding County Engineer, does hereby authorize the load limits for the aforementioned structures.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AN ADOPTION POLICY FOR THE PAULDING COUNTY DOG KENNEL**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve the Paulding County Pet Adoption Policy as presented by Jared Renollet, Paulding County Deputy Dog Warden, effective on this 1st day of February, 2017.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE 2016 ANNUAL COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM MILEAGE CERTIFICATION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, in accordance with the provisions specified in the Ohio Revised Code, Section 4501.04 (Distribution of Revenues), the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, does hereby certify a total of 322.133 miles as of December 31, 2016, for Paulding County.

**Meeting Notes of Appointments**

Travis McGarvey, County Engineer - Mr. McGarvey met with the Commissioners with the data to certify the county-maintained miles (see resolution above). Mr. McGarvey introduced his son, Cade McGarvey, who was attending the meeting to satisfy a government assignment. Mr. McGarvey also reported the 2016 annual bridge inspection has been completed. The Paulding County Engineer's Office maintains 190 bridges in the county. Mr. McGarvey then presented a request for load limits for four bridges (see resolution above). He noted the county does 3-4 bridge replacements per year. Those that have a load limit placed on them have priority. Mr. McGarvey reported the OPWC funds to the townships had been approved. He also said he will be working with Ellen Smith at Maumee Valley Planning Organization to scheduling a TID meeting in February.

Jared Renollet, Paulding County Deputy Dog Warden; and Philip Fairchild - Mr. Renollet introduced Mr. Fairchild as the new assistant dog warden. Mr. Fairchild is currently attending Vantage academy and will graduate on June 5. He also presented the adoption policy for the dog kennel for the Commissioners' approval (see resolution above). Dog tag

sales are over (as of January 31, 2017) and Mr. Renollet reported sales are even with 2016. He currently has one dog from 2016 and five total in the kennel. He greatly appreciates the shed the Commissioners arranged for at the kennel site and reports the security cameras are working well.

Ed Bohn, EMA Director - Mr. Bohn presented his 2016 Year in Review and 2017 projection reports for the Commissioners' review. He reminded the Commissioners of the LEPC meeting today at 12:00 p.m.

**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 1/4/17**

This 4th day of January, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:**  
Warrants documented as 230061 through 230098 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

**APPOINTMENTS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Mr. Mark Holtsberry moved to approve the following appointments for 2017, to-wit: Cindy Peters, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners; Nola Ginter, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners; Kathleen Sunday, Assistant Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners; Becky Suvar, Program Manager, Waste Management Education and Awareness Program; C. Edward Bohn, EMA Director; Jared Renollet, Paulding County Dog Warden; Marsha Yeutter, Paulding County Senior Center

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZATION DELEGATION FOR THE WMEA FUND (FUND 081)**

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Commissioner have appointed Ms. Becky Suvar as the WMEA director for Paulding County for 2017; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Suvar manages the WMEA Fund (Fund 081); now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize Ms. Becky Suvar to sign for approval to following documents listed for the WMEA Fund (Fund 081), to-wit; Purchase Orders, Vouchers, Payroll, Change of Appropriations Form, and Change of Estimated Revenue Form

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the authorization will be in effect January

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# OLPE TEACHER OF THE MONTH



Mrs. Jennifer Mohr, a teacher at Wayne Trace Payne Elementary, has been selected as the Ohio Lottery Partners in Education Teacher of the Month of January for Region 2. The Partners in Education Teacher of the Month award recognizes outstanding K-12 teachers and faculty for their excellence in the classroom, leadership, creativity and community involvement and dedication on behalf of Ohio students.

Mrs. Mohr was nominated because she is an outstanding physical education teacher. She not only teaches specific skill acquisition to all students, but she differentiates her lessons to meet the needs of students in preschool through sixth grade.

Mrs. Mohr always makes it a priority to include students of all abilities as active participants in all of her lessons. At all times, even those with severe cognitive delays feel included, respected and part of the group. Mrs. Mohr plans and participates in field trips for students. Her field trips teach life skills such as team building and sports for life such as golf. Finally, Mrs. Mohr goes above and beyond to support students and staff by actively collaborating with teachers to tutor their students before school.

Mrs. Mohr has received a Certificate of Excellence, a \$50 VISA gift card, Ohio Lottery Partners in Education merchandise, and her name recognized on the Ohio Lottery's web site.

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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.**  
**DAVID J. GRAVES, ET AL., Defendants.**

Case No. Cl 16 115  
 Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

**311 South Main Street, Grover Hill, Ohio 45849**  
**Parcel Number: 26-02S-021-00**

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 Four Thousand One Hundred Two and 49/100 (\$4,102.49) 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;

ment;

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 10:15 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the 16th day of March, 2017, 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 30th day of March, 2017 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  
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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.**  
**KENNETH C. BLAND, ET AL., Defendants.**

Case No. Cl 16 106  
 Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

**310 East Jackson Street, Grover Hill, Ohio 45849**  
**Parcel Number: 26-13S-005-00**

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 Ten Thousand One Hundred Seventy-three and 81/100 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 10:20 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the 16th day of March, 2017, 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 30th day of March, 2017 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.

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## USDA REMINDS INDIVIDUALS AND SMALL BUSINESSES THAT THEY OFFER DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO HELP

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds farmers and ranchers, families and small businesses that could potentially be affected by the recent storms that USDA has several programs that provide assistance before, during and after disasters. USDA staff in the regional, State and county offices in the states of Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi are ready to help.

USDA encourages residents and small businesses in the potential impact zones to contact the following offices to meet their individual needs:

### Property and Shelter

When floods destroy or severely damage residential property, USDA Rural Development can assist with providing priority hardship application processing for single family housing. Under a disaster designation, USDA Rural Development can issue a priority letter for next available multi-family housing units. While these programs do not normally have disaster assistance authority, many of USDA Rural Development programs can help provide financial relief to small businesses hit by natural disasters, including low-interest loans to community facilities, water environmental programs, businesses and cooperatives and to rural utilities. More information can be found on the Rural Development website or by contacting the State Offices.

### Food Safety and Food Assistance

Severe weather forecasts often present the possibility of power outages that could compromise the safety of stored food. The USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) recommends that consumers take the necessary steps before, during, and after a power outage to reduce food waste and minimize the risk of foodborne illness. FSIS offers tips for keeping frozen and refrigerated food safe and a brochure that can be downloaded and printed

for reference at home. If you have questions about the safety of food in your home, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET or visit AskKaren.gov to chat live with a food safety specialist, available in English and Spanish.

Owners of meat and poultry producing businesses who have questions or concerns may contact the FSIS Small Plant Help Desk by phone at 1-877-FSIS-HELP (1-877-374-7435), by email at [infosource@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:infosource@fsis.usda.gov), or 24/7 online at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulatory-compliance/svsp/sphelpdesk>.

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) coordinates with state, local and voluntary organizations to provide food for shelters and other mass feeding sites. Under certain circumstances, states also may request to operate a disaster household distribution program to distribute USDA Foods directly to households in need. In addition, FNS may approve a state's request to implement a Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) when the President declares a major disaster for individual assistance under the Stafford Act in areas affected by a disaster. State agencies may also request a number of disaster-related SNAP waivers to help provide temporary assistance to impacted households already receiving SNAP benefits at the time of the disaster. Resources for disaster feeding partners as well as available FNS disaster nutrition assistance can be found on the FNS Disaster Assistance website.

### Crop and Livestock Loss

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) administers many safety-net programs to help producers recover from eligible losses, including the Livestock Indemnity Program, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program, Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) and the Tree Assistance Program. The FSA Emergency Conservation Program provides funding and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural

# THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

## PHS FEBRUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Paulding High School announces their February Students of the Month. Pictured left to right: Palmarium - Kourtney Thomas, Excellentia - Katelyn Strayer, Vinco Vici Victim-Leah Nusbaum, Stupendum- Ben Stuck.

disasters. Producers located in counties that received a primary or contiguous disaster designation are eligible for low-interest emergency loans to help them recover from production and physical losses. Compensation also is available to producers who purchased coverage through the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, which protects non-insurable crops against natural disasters that result in lower yields, crop losses or prevented planting. USDA encourages farmers and ranchers to contact their local FSA office to learn what documents can

help the local office expedite assistance, such as farm records, receipts and pictures of damages or losses.

Producers should use form FSA-576, Notice of Loss, to report prevented planting and failed acres in order to establish or retain FSA program eligibility. Prevented planting acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA). Producers must file a Notice of Loss for failed acres on all crops including grasses in a timely fashion, often

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

**LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**Shirley A. Parker, et. al. Defendants,**  
 Case No. Cl-16-188  
 Judge Tiffany Reighter-Beckman  
**TO: SHIRLEY A. PARKER**  
**LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 16121 SR 111, Cecil, Ohio 45821**  
 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 SHIRLEY A. PARKER to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed by you.

The real property in question is situated in the Township of Emerald, County of Paulding, and the State of Ohio and more fully described as follows:  
**Lot Number Twenty-six (26) in Proxmire's Canal view Subdivision in the Southwest Quarter (1/4) Section Twenty-two (22), Town Three (3) North, Range Three (3) East, in the Township of Emerald, County of Paulding, and State of Ohio, as platted and recorded in Volume 3, Page 86 of the Records of Plats, Recorder's Office, Paulding County, Ohio. Parcel ID No. 16-22A-006-00**  
**Property Address: 16121 SR 111, Cecil, Ohio 45821**

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.

Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney, being first duly sworn, says that Lou Ann Wannemacher, Treasurer of Paulding County, Ohio, is the Plaintiff in the above-captioned action; that the residence of the following Defendant in said cause are unknown to Affiant, and cannot with reasonable diligence be ascertained: Shirley A. Parker. Affiant further says that service of summons cannot be made in this State upon the above named Defendant; and that the same cannot with reasonable diligence be ascertained; and that this cause is one of those provided for in Section 2703.14 of the Revised Code, being for the foreclosure of a tax lien on real estate in said State.

Joseph R. Burkard, #0059106 Paulding County, Ohio Prosecuting Attorney  
 Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 14th day of February, 2017

*Jaime J. Landers*  
 Notary Public, State of Ohio

**JAYME J. LANDERS**  
 Notary Public, State of Ohio  
 My Commission Expires 4-1-17

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

By: *Josh Ann Hart*  
 Deputy

Respectively submitted,  
*Joseph R. Burkard*  
 Joseph R. Burkard, (#0059106)  
 Paulding County, Ohio  
 Prosecuting Attorney  
 112 1/2 N. Water St.  
 Paulding, Ohio 45879  
 419-399-8270

## 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.**  
**EDWARD PAUL JOHNSTON, ET AL., Defendants.**

Case No. Cl 16 107  
 Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

**315 East Plum Street, Cecil, Ohio 45821**  
**Parcel Number: 15-08S-015-00**

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 Five Hundred Sixty-four and 72/100 (\$7,564.72) 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;

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# WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS



## 106 Results Guaranteed Places

1st Place - Brayden Curtis of Yorktown; 2nd Place - Fernando Flores of Goshen; 3rd Place - Brayden Shearer of Garrett; 4th Place - JC Her-ring of Oak Hill; 1st Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet; 3rd Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet.

## 113 Results Guaranteed Places

1st Place - Hunter Watts of Jimtown; 2nd Place - Tanner Schoeff of Central Noble; 3rd Place - Joe Just of Carroll (Fort Wayne); 4th Place - Chris Schuller of Woodlan; 1st Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet; 3rd Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet.

## 120 Results Guaranteed Places

1st Place - Christian Mejia of Elkhart Memorial; 2nd Place - Elkin Wright of Kokomo; 3rd Place - Blagh Rushing of Homestead; 4th Place - Josh Stephenson of Yorktown; 1st Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet; 3rd Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet.

## 126 Results Guaranteed Places

1st Place - Matt Gimson of Jimtown; 2nd Place - Hunter Cottingham of Western; 3rd Place - Joel Byman of Carroll (Fort Wayne); 4th Place - Dylan Demarco of Garrett; 1st Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet; 3rd Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet.

## 132 Results

## Guaranteed Places

1st Place - Christian Hunt of Yorktown; 2nd Place - Conner Gimson of Jimtown; 3rd Place - Austin Moore of Central Noble; 4th Place - Anthony Mosser of Adams Central; 1st Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet; 3rd Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet.

## 138 Results Guaranteed Places

1st Place - Eric Hiestand of Yorktown; 2nd Place - Logan Macklin of Adams Central; 3rd Place - Grant Gutierrez of Belmont; 4th Place - Chaz Boyd of Elkhart Central; 1st Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet; 3rd Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet.

## 145 Results Guaranteed Places

1st Place - Mason Winner of Jay County; 2nd Place - Xander Stroud of Elkhart Central; 3rd Place - Joel Arney of Carroll (Fort Wayne); 4th Place - Carlos Aguirre of Garrett; 1st Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet; 3rd Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet.

## 152 Results Guaranteed Places

1st Place - Kenny Kern of Jimtown; 2nd Place - Hunter Reed of Columbia City; 3rd Place - Nathaniel Weimer of East Noble; 4th Place - Colt Rutter of Yorktown; 1st Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet; 3rd Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet.

## 160 Results

## Guaranteed Places

1st Place - Brad Laughlin of Yorktown; 2nd Place - Tony Busse of Bellmont; 3rd Place - Jed Levitz of Prairie Heights; 4th Place - Nick Potter of New Haven; 1st Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet; 3rd Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet.

## 170 Results Guaranteed Places

1st Place - Bryce Baumgartner of Bellmont; 2nd Place - Tristan Goering of Elkhart Memorial; 3rd Place - Jordan Rader of Peru; 4th Place - Jonyvan Johnson of New Haven; 1st Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet; 3rd Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet.

## 182 Results Guaranteed Places

1st Place - Jacob Gray of Delta; 2nd Place - Conner Graber of Northridge; 3rd Place - Joey Blakeley of Prairie Heights; 4th Place - Stephen Nix of F. W. Bishop Dwenger; 1st Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet; 3rd Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet.

## 195 Results Guaranteed Places

1st Place - David Eli of Elkhart Memorial; 2nd Place - Caleb Hankenson of Bellmont; 3rd Place - Draven Rasler of West Noble; 4th Place - Gavin Herrera of Kokomo; 1st Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet; 3rd Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet.

## 220 Results Guaranteed Places

1st Place - Corbin Maddox of Daleville; 2nd Place - Austin Evans of Lakeland; 3rd Place - Tyler McKeever of Carroll (Fort Wayne); 4th Place - Gaven Hare of Jay County; 1st Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet; 3rd Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet.

## 285 Results Guaranteed Places

1st Place - Evan Ellis of Eastern (Greentown); 2nd Place - Jacob Rhoades of Yorktown; 3rd Place - Jessie Lawson of Carroll (Fort Wayne); 4th Place - Dakota Ault of F.w. North Side; 1st Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet; 3rd Place Match: This match has not been wrestled yet.

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within 15 days of the occurrence or when the losses become apparent. Producers of hand-harvested crops must notify FSA of damage or loss within 72 hours of when the date of damage or loss first becomes apparent.

Producers with coverage through the RMA administered federal crop insurance program should contact their crop insurance agent. Those who purchased crop insurance will be paid for covered losses. Producers should report crop damage within 72 hours of damage discovery and follow up in writing within 15 days.

## Community Recovery Resources

For declared natural disasters that lead to imminent threats to life and property, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) can assist local government sponsors with the cost of implementing recovery efforts like debris removal and streambank

stabilization to address natural resource concerns and hazards through the Emergency Watershed Protection Program. NRCS staff is coordinating with state partners to complete damage assessments in preparation for sponsor assistance requests. NRCS also can help producers with damaged agricultural lands caused by natural disasters such as floods. The NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) provides financial assistance to repair and prevent excessive soil erosion that can result from high rainfall events and flooding. Conservation practices supported through EQIP protect the land and aid in recovery, can build the natural resource base, and might help mitigate loss in future events.

USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture provides support for disaster education through the Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN). EDEN is a collaborative multi-state effort with land-grant universities and Cooperative Extension Services across the country, using research-based education and resources to improve the delivery of services to citizens affected by disasters. EDEN's goal is to improve the nation's ability to mitigate, prepare for, prevent, respond to and recover from disasters. EDEN equips county-based Extension educators to share research-based resources in local disaster management and recovery efforts. The EDEN website offers a searchable database of Extension professionals, resources, member universities and disaster agency websites, education materials to help people deal with a wide range of hazards, and food and agricultural defense educational resources.

For complete details and eligibility requirements regarding USDA's disaster assistance programs, contact a local USDA Service Center (<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>). More information about USDA disaster assistance (<http://www.usda.gov/documents/fact-sheet-usda-programs-assist-individuals-small-businesses.pdf>) as well as other disaster resources is available on the USDA Disaster Resource Center website. In a continuing effort to better serve the public, USDA has developed a new and improved central resource for disaster related materials. In partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other disaster-focused organizations, USDA created a Disaster Resource Center (<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=disaster-help>) website, utilizing a new online searchable knowledgebase. This knowledgebase is a collection of disaster-related resources that are powered by agents with subject-matter expertise. The Disaster Resource Center website and web tool now provide an easy access point to find USDA disaster information and assistance.

# NOTICE PERMISSION TO HUNT, TRAP, AND FISH

Permission for Paulding County residents to hunt, trap, and fish on the Eaton Farm owned and managed by Paulding County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, must be obtained from the farm's current tenants Mark and Matthew Miller. Contact them at 10869 State Rt. 18, Mark Center, Ohio, 419-576-0513. Mark and Matthew Miller reserve the right to approve or deny requests to hunt, trap, and fish on the property.

NOLA R. GINTER,  
CLERK  
BY ORDER  
BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS  
PAULDING COUNTY,  
OHIO  
ROY KLOPFENSTEIN  
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MARK HOLTSBERRY

# GROVER HILL KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATE 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL



Mrs. Kim Walls' Grover Hill Elementary Kindergarten class celebrated 100 days of learning on Tuesday. Students wore outfits that transformed them into 100-year-old men and women, some complete with wigs and canes. Pictured here front: Lincoln Crosser, Olivia Stoller, Jacob Wobler, Brandon Hire and Ian Scarberry. Middle Braylin Sinn, Abbie Williams, Brayden Sinn, Ximena DeLeon, EhvaJean Esposito and Aden Burk. Back: Kinlee Miller, Phoebe Landwehr, Koner Feeny, Mrs. Kim Walls, Easton Jay and Mandy Whitman.

gov/documents/fact-sheet-usda-programs-assist-individuals-small-businesses.pdf) as well as other disaster resources is available on the USDA Disaster Resource Center website. In a continuing effort to better serve the public, USDA has developed a new and improved central resource for disaster related materials. In partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other disaster-focused organizations, USDA created a Disaster Resource Center (<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=disaster-help>) website, utilizing a new online searchable knowledgebase. This knowledgebase is a collection of disaster-related resources that are powered by agents with subject-matter expertise. The Disaster Resource Center website and web tool now provide an easy access point to find USDA disaster information and assistance.

3 of their respective weight classes. Finishing in 3rd place on the day were Teagan Eaton, Michael Rohrs, and Tavin Sholl. Placing 2nd for the tournament were Zac Salas, AJ Eaton, Ethan Karam, and CJ Eaton. The Archers were able to crown 2 champions Saturday, both of which were undefeated on the day. Gage Clevinger earned his first tournament championship this season by winning all 3 of his matches by pin. Also earning his first tournament championship this season at Fairview was Dayne Sholl. Sholl finished the day 4-0 with 3 pins. Due to the efforts of all 9 wrestlers Saturday, the Archers brought home a 2nd place team trophy as well. Congratulations to all of them for their hard work over the weekend. We wish you the best in the weeks to come. Good luck and Go Archers!!

## ANTWERP WRESTLERS HAVE PRODUCTIVE WEEK-END

The Antwerp Wrestling Club recently competed in the Fairview Tournament on February 18, 2017. All 9 of the Archer wrestlers competing were able to place in the top

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## Woodburn Lutheran School PRESCHOOL TEACHER

### Maternity Leave Vacancy:

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

### Job Functions:

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

### Job Qualifications:

- Indiana certified in Early Childhood Education.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.

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# NUCOR VULCRAFT GROUP

Nucor Vulcraft-Indiana Inc., a division of the nation's largest steel and steel products manufacturer and largest recycler is seeking to assemble a hiring pool of qualified applicants for entry level rigging positions in production. We are looking for candidates who are willing to work any shift which would require working both day and night shifts in a drug free environment. Most production positions in our steel plant require moderate to heavy lifting and can be physically demanding including working in extreme temperatures. We offer competitive pay and benefits. Individuals who would like to learn more about opportunities at Vulcraft-Indiana should register at:

<http://careers.nucor.com/>

Individuals who register should be prepared to complete a brief questionnaire. Previous registrants will need to take the questionnaire again to be considered. Nucor will only be accepting a limited number of submissions, and the registration period will end on or before:

**February 28, 2017**

once a set number have expressed the willingness to work in the available positions.

**Each individual should submit only one questionnaire related to this job posting.**

All communications will be via email, must provide a valid email address. Nucor Vulcraft-Indiana does not accept unsolicited resumes. No phone calls please.

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**PAYNE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS RECYCLE**



Students and staff at Payne Elementary work hard to take care of our environment by recycling as much as possible. Each week, Emma and Luke Stouffer gather all of the recycling materials in the building and place them in the cafeteria to be sorted and prepared for pick up.

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Classified ads are \$8.50 for 20 words or less and \$.15 for each additional word.  
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**COMMUNITY MEMORIAL Hospital in Hicksville, Ohio is seeking a full time Pharmacy Technician. Must have Pharm Tech Certificate or training, preferably hospital pharmacy. For more information or to apply, please go to www.cmhosp.com and click of careers.8-9**

**ESTATE SALE: 802 Park Ave., New Haven, IN. Feb. 24 & 25, 9-5. Antiques, 2 oak dining tables, 3 sofas, 2 full bed sets, glassware, new hospital bed, vintage items, tools, much more. p**

**THE BLUEBERRY Pancake House, Payne, OH. Breakfast Special Monday-Friday, 7-8am, \$3.99. Friday & Saturday All You Can Eat fish \$6.99 from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free coffee through February. 8-11p**

**DEADLINES FOR CLASSIFIEDS are Mondays at 12, NOON!**

**ESTATE SALE: 112 Woodland Dr., Antwerp, OH. Tools, appliances, furniture. Feb. 24, 10-5; Feb. 25, 10-2; March 3, 10-5; March 4, 10-2 p**

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**PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS**

**Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report**

**Alexander G. Myles, New Bavaria, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant**

**Michael O'Connor, North Webster, IN; Fail control; Guilty; Pay all cost today**

**Ryan E. Burke, Payne, OH; Confine of dog; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Defendant shall provide copies of receipts and invoices to the court by 2/24/17**

**Sean A. Doherty, Flora, IN; No O.L.; Pled no cont., found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 3/31/17 or will be sent to collections; release of forfeiture will be sent once the defendant has paid in full**

**Jennifer Trowbridge, Defiance, OH; Drug parapherna; Guilty; Defendant to pay**

all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

**Jennifer Trowbridge, Defiance, OH; Poss marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency**

**Zachary P. Gibbs, Van Wert, OH; Drug parapherna; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; All contraband to be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; Shall maintain general good behavior**

**Zachary P. Gibbs, Van Wert, OH; Possession drug; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior;**

All contraband shall be forfeited and the same shall be destroyed or put to lawful use

**Craig T. Lamar, Trenton, SC; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant**

**Carl J. Caryer, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant**

**Troy A. Hopwood, Springfield, IL; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant**

**Chad O. Middleton, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant**

**Brad T. Bidlack, Delphos, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant**

**Sarah R. Lawson, Paulding, OH; Assault; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Defendant to repay ct. appt. counsel fees; Shall complete 40 hrs of community service; Complete Thinking For A Change program; Shall have no contact with victim or residence**

**Scott E. Kirkland, Paulding, OH; DUS; Pled no cont., found guilty; \$200 suspended if valid O.L. within 90 days; Def's suspension may be revisited after 90 days if all requirements are completed; POC date of 12/29/17; Proof of insurance by 4:30 p.m. 2/17/17; 180 jail days reserved**

**Melissa Koch, Paulding, OH; Confine of dog; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and cost; Shall pay restitution in the amount of \$346.58; Shall maintain general good behavior**

**Kasey L. Lehman, Paulding, OH; DOC school zone; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Shall repay ct. appt. counsel fees; Complete Thinking For A Change; No contact unless for child exchange school functions; 20 hrs community service; Gen good behavior**

**Raymond Sandoval, Paulding, OH; Dom violence; Prel-held; Preliminary held; The court finds probable cause; Case shall be bound over to the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio**

**Riley Moore, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant**

**Paul J. Tingler, Scott, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant**

**Joseph N. Reger, Caledonia, MO; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant**

**Jacob E. Leverton, Van Wert, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant**

**Calieb J. Salas, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant**

**Garry E. Elkins, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant**

**Nathan J. Knowles, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant**

**Timothy A. Scott, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant**

**Kenneth W. Bly, Gays, IL; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant**

**Brandon L. Conkey, Hicksville, OH; Regist viol; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant.**

**Sudoku solution  
from page 13**

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

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS**

**CARRYALL TWP**

2/9/17: FROM: HAHN DONNA E; TO: HAHN KENNETH C, 106 E MERVIN ST, 16743 SR 49, ANTWERP OH 45813; 510 - SINGLE FAMILY DWLG OWNER OCCUP, LOT 13 PT E E; BLOCK C

2/9/17: FROM: HAHN DONNA E; TO: HAHN KENNETH C, 04 01700, 16743 SR 49, ANTWERP OH 45813; 500 - RESIDENTIAL VACANT LAND LOT 13 PT NE COR 66X105 BLOCK C

2/9/17: FROM: MAJOR STEVEN L MAJOR DED; TO: MAJOR STEVEN L, 210 W WOODCOX ST, 210 W WOODCOX ST, ANTWERP OH 45813; 510 - SINGLE FAMILY DWLG OWNER OCCUP, LOT 20 SCHOOL HILL ADD

2/13/17: FROM: DELL BRIAN D & DELL JODIE K; TO: HOWELL AMBER N, 6093 RD 162, 6093 RD 162, ANTWERP OH 45813; 511 - SINGLE FAMILY DWLG UNPLAT 0-09 , PT W1/2 W1/2 SW1/4 S-36

2/13/17: FROM: TUTTLE KELLY S; TO: BROWN TIMOTHY B & BROWN LORIANNE, 308 E CANAL ST, 6337 RD 180, ANTWERP OH 45813; 510 - SINGLE FAMILY DWLG OWNER OCCUP, LOT 5 SHIRLEY ADD

**LATTY TWP**

2/13/17: FROM: GLOBAL PREMIER ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC; TO: SHOWALTER DARON KYLER EUGENE 307 E JACKSON ST, 7758 MARSH RD, VAN WERT OH 45891; 510 - SINGLE FAMILY DWLG OWNER OCCUP; LOT 4 S-24 MEYER ADD GROVER HILL

**PAULDING TWP**

2/10/17: FROM: DIX HEIDI J; TO: SHEPHERD AARON J, 717 W CAROLINE ST, 11443 RD 132, PAULDING OH 45879; 510 - SINGLE FAMILY DWLG OWNER OCCUP, LOT 3 E 1/2 CATHERINE DAVIS ADD

2/13/17: FROM: WILSON RICHARD A; TO: YANT JUSTIN M, 120 W GARFIELD AVE, 120 W GARFIELD AVE, PAULDING OH 45879; 510 - SINGLE FAMILY DWLG OWNER OCCUP; LOT 17 PT SE 1/4 NE 1/4 OUTLOTS S-12 PLDG VILL

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