

## PAULDING FFA AG COMMUNICATIONS TEAMS PLACES 5<sup>th</sup> IN OHIO



Pictured L-R is Estee Miller, Kaly Strahley, Hannah Farr and Chantal Monnier

The Paulding FFA Ag Communications team recently traveled to Columbus to compete in the final round of the Ag Communications Career Development Event. In December, the team of Hannah Farr, Chantal Monnier, Estee Miller and Kaly Strahley qualified by placing 2nd in the district. Before heading to the final competition, members were required to take an Ag Communications quiz based on the AP Stylebook and had to submit a Media Plan outlining how they would promote a specified plan.

Once at the event, another test on editing skills was completed and students per-

formed a 15 minute presentation. Each student then compete in a different practicum on the following areas: Web Design, Promotional Video Production, Journalistic Writing, and Opinion Writing. Each member was given 60 minutes to complete their practicum. Chantal Monnier was 2nd in Promotional Video Production, Hannah Farr was 5th in Web Design, Kaly Strahley was 5th in Opinion Writing and Estee Miller was 9th in Journalistic Writing.

This is the first time that Paulding FFA competed in this event and the members will receive a banner for the chapter to display.

## WEIGHT WATCHERS PRESENTS: BEYOND THE SCALES IN WOODBURN

There will be a Weight Watchers Informational Meeting at Westwood Fellowship Church, 4100 Becker Road, Woodburn, IN 46797 on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be led by a Weight Watchers leader, and will describe the details of the Weight Watchers program. Follow-up meetings will be held at Westwood Fellowship in Woodburn as well.

The goal is to promote wellness and better health for the participants. Come learn what Weight Watchers has to offer for wellness in the community!

Contact Heidi for more details at 419-356-4409. All are encouraged to come! Walk-ins are welcome as well.

## CAMPING CHANGES AT PAULDING COUNTY FAIR

There will be changes implemented for anyone wishing to camp at the 2017 Paulding County Fair. Changes are not designed to be drastic, but to ensure the process of reserving a spot and pulling in go

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## ANTWERP WINS SECTIONALS, DEFEATING TIGERS



The Antwerp Archers claim Sectional Victory after defeating the Tigers at Defiance. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Holgate Tigers defeated Edon in the first round of sectionals in a 19 point victory, shooting them to the top of the Sectional Final game against the Antwerp Lady Archers, who had a first round bye.

The Sectional Final game took place at Defiance High School on Saturday, February 25 and the game got underway with Rachel Williamson grabbing the tip off to pass it to Hope Smith getting off to a good start. The Tigers retaliated quickly and was up to a 5 points after Madilyn Hohengerger and Kameron Kupfersmith scoring a 2 and 3 point field goal, respectively. Eight more points were scored by Williamson and the first period ended close at 10-8.

The next period was very similar, but Rachel started early foul trouble and coach Scott McMichael pulled her out before the end of the half after scoring 4. Maggie Wilson chipped in two points on the far side of the court and Becca Johans struck gold with a 3 point basket. The Lady Tigers added two more 3-point field goals and a 2-pointer by Kacee Theisen before the half. The score at the break slightly expanded Antwerp's lead 19-16.

Coming back to the third period, both teams stepped up the aggression. Lots more fouls and both sides were using their bodies to push the competition around—just look at the pictures! With the defense increasing neither team added as many points as

before. Wilson and Williamson both posted another basket along with Karsyn Brummett adding her first basket when she drove right into an opening in the key and scored a layup. On the Holgate side, Bailey Plott added her first 3-pointer and Hohenberger became active again with a 2-pointer from under the basket. The 3rd period finished with Antwerp on top at 26-22 and still close enough for either team to claim the prize.

The fourth period continued the aggressive behavior for Holgate while Antwerp tried to pull back a little and just slow the pace down. They were not all that successful with 10 fouls in this half, while the Tigers fouling went over 10 as they became

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## PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 3/1 - 3/7

3/1 - Vegetable lasagna, Betty salad, chunky apple-sauce, garlic bread, milk  
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 3/3 - Baked fish, loaded potatoes, California blend, peachy cream, dinner roll, milk  
 3/6 - BBQ riblet sandwich, hash-brown O'Brien, spinach, citrus fruit, raisins, milk  
 3/7 - Beef stew, tossed salad, grape juice, biscuit, peach cobbler, milk

## MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL & WOODLAND & WILDLIFE FAMILY FESTIVAL

It's that time of year for the Annual Maple Syrup Festival and this year it will be even bigger as the Northwest Ohio Woodland & Wildlife Family Festival joins the event on Saturday, March 25. The fun begins at the Williams County Fairgrounds in Montpelier, Ohio. Bring your family and friends to see a sugar shack in operation, enjoy pancakes with real maple syrup, and numerous additional educational events.

Events start at 8:00 a.m. and continue until noon in the Gillette Building with pancakes and sausage prepared by the Williams County Fair Foundation and Williams County Pork Producers topped with "real" maple syrup provided by the Northwest Ohio Maple Syrup Producers. Breakfast will be served starting at 7:30 a.m. and there will be two serving lines to better serve those attending. Handicap parking will be available at the Gillette Building. Both the east and west entrances will be open.

Horser-drawn wagons (weather permitting) and tractor-drawn wagons will

be on hand for rides across the covered bridge to the sugar shack. The sugar shack is complete with a stainless evaporator, holding tank and filtering unit. See the tree tapping process of gathering the sap and the boiling process in the evaporator until the sap becomes syrup.

The 'Woodland' events of the festival will include a portable sawmill demonstration, the 'dos and don'ts' of chainsaw and logging safety, NW Ohio Woodland Owners Association and the Loggers Chapter, samples of native hardwoods. John Mueller and Joe Puperi, Division of Forestry, will be available to answer all your tree and forestry questions!

The 'Wildlife' events will include two exhibits of pelts and animal mounts from local taxidermists, find out about trapping and the fur trade, see live raptors from Nature's Nursery, learn about bees and beekeeping, see live reptiles, make rope the old-fashioned way, learn about wildlife and programs from the Division of Wildlife, Pheasants Forever, restoration and hunting of wild turkeys from the National Wild Turkey Federation, the 'Worm's World', talk with a State Park Naturalist about nature, and find out the latest on invasive species in our area from Amy Stone.

There will also be representatives and educational displays from the following organizations: Williams County Master Gardeners, Montpelier Tree Commission, meet 'Johnny Appleseed', what is a 'CSA', leaf casting, nature photography, Schedel Gardens, the 'Native Indian syrup story', Project Learning Tree, and displays from the Northwest Ohio Soil & Water Conservation District display, Maumee River Water Trail, and Toledo Metropolitan Parks.

The Northwest Ohio Maple Syrup Producers will have real maple syrup available along with fresh-spun maple cotton candy, maple candy, and other maple products. Poppin' George will have fresh popped 'kettle corn'.

So bring your family and friends to the Williams County Fairgrounds in Montpelier on Saturday, March 25, for a fun-filled morning while enjoying "real" maple syrup, pancakes and sausage, plus

## BLUEBERRY PANCAKE HOUSE II



Standing, from left, employee Michelle Osenkowski and owner Ulysses Ayala; seated, customers Dorothy Flaugh, Jim Wilson and Jerry Flaugh.

Beginning its third week of operation, the Blueberry Pancake House II, located at 106 South Main Street in downtown Payne, may have a rather unusual name -- unless you're familiar with its predecessor.

The first Blueberry Pancake House, located in Monroeville, Indiana, is linked by name to the new Payne eatery. "I worked for other (restaurant owners) two years ago," says restaurant owner Ulysses Ayala. "The owner asked me if I wanted to do it. He was a nice guy."

The Monroeville establishment apparently had some fans from Payne as well, because it wasn't long before Ayala found out about another restaurant there. "The customers said, 'there's a place open in Payne; you should try over there,'" he said.

Eventually Ayala and his wife Sildain Atienzo opened up the Blueberry Pancake House II, which is open from 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. seven days a week, although Ayala is considering closing the place on Mondays.

But while pancakes are deservedly a menu staple there, the restaurant offers a great deal more for hungry customers, including waffles, French

toast, breakfast burritos, various types of eggs, biscuits and gravy, breakfast skillet, fluffy omelets, various steak and egg combinations, fritatas with choice of toast or pancakes, ala carte items, and breakfast specials, including an early bird special featuring eggs, pancakes, toast, coffee and choice of meat from 7:00-8:00 a.m.

The lunch crowd doesn't go unnoticed either, with choices including sandwiches, half-pound burgers and melts, wraps, salads, soup of the day, low calorie items, house favorites including chicken parmesan, Oriental stir fry, country fried steak, charbroiled pork chops and many other items. Breakfast items are available throughout the day, and kids' breakfast and lunch menus are available.

With customers from the original Blueberry Pancake House as well as newcomers, Ayala and his staff believe the restaurant is off to a good start.

"It's our goal to serve great food at a good price with great service," notes restaurant employee Michelle Osenkowski.

"We've gotten lots of people and lots of compliments," says Ayala.

loads of woodland and wildlife fun! There is no charge for the events or entry to the fairgrounds. There is a charge for the breakfast.

This event is being sponsored by the Northwest Ohio Maple Syrup Producers, Williams County Fair Foundation, Williams County Fair Board, Williams Soil and Water Conservation District, Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Northwestern Ohio, The Ohio State University Extension of Williams County, Williams County Pork Producers, and Superior Farm Supply.

If you would like more information, contact the Williams or Paulding SWCD District at 419-636-9395 ext. 3 or 419-399-4771 or visit northwesternohiomaplesyrup-producers.com.

## CATCHABLE TROUT RELEASES SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN MARCH

More than 100,000 rainbow trout are expected to be released this spring in 64 Ohio public lakes and ponds, creating excellent fishing opportunities for anglers all across Ohio, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). The first rainbow trout release is scheduled for Friday, March 3, at Adams Lake in Adams County.

Rainbow trout releases will take place across Ohio from March 3-May 21 as long as areas are ice-free and accessible to anglers. Information about the trout releases, including updates to the schedule due to weather and stocking locations, is available at wildohio.gov or by calling 800-WILDLIFE (945-3543).

By stocking these water areas throughout the state, opportunities are created for anglers of all ages to get out and enjoy quality spring trout fishing in a family-friendly environment. Many stocked locations will feature special angler events, including youth-only fishing on the day of the trout release.

Rainbow trout are raised at Ohio's state fish hatcheries and measure 10-13 inches before they are released by the ODNR Division of

## SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

I John 3:18 NIV

Wildlife. The daily catch limit for inland lakes is five trout.

Anglers age 16 and older must have an Ohio fishing license to fish in state public waters. The 2017-2018 fishing license is now available and is valid through Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018. An annual resident fishing license costs \$19. A one-day fishing license costs \$11 for residents and nonresidents. The one-day license may also be redeemed for credit toward the purchase of an annual fishing license.

Licenses and permits can be purchased online at wildohio.gov and at participating agents throughout the state. A complete list of participating license sales agents can be found at wildohio.gov.

Sales of fishing licenses along with the federal Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) program continue to fund the operation of the ODNR Division of Wildlife's fish hatcheries. No state tax dol-

lars are used for this activity. This is a user-pay, user-benefit program.

The SFR program is a partnership between federal and state government, industry, anglers and boaters. When anglers purchase rods, reels, fishing tackle, fish finders and motor boat fuel, they pay an excise tax. The federal government collects these taxes, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service administers and disburses these funds to state fish and wildlife agencies. These funds are used to acquire habitat, produce and stock fish, conduct research and surveys, provide aquatic education to youth and secure and develop boat accesses.

For a list of trout stocking dates and locations, go to wildohio.gov/fishing/trout-stocking-dates.

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.

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Payments for campsites may be sent in beginning March 1, 2017. In order to reserve a camping spot for the 2017 fair and the same spot you have had in previous years, all camping forms and payment must be received by our office or postmarked by May 1, 2017. Any forms/payments received after this date will not be guaranteed to receive the spot held in a previous year as spots fill up quickly. Payment must be received by this established date and not when pulling in.

Parking permits will be strictly enforced this year. Each campsite will receive one (1) parking permit for their campsite. This permit MUST be placed in a visible location in your vehicle. If a permit is not found in your vehicle, your vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense. All other vehicles must be parked across from the fairgrounds. Camping permits will also need to be displayed in the window of your camper as well.

Camping permits and parking permits will be received at the Secretary's Office upon arrival at the fair-

For those who have camped in lots 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 located in the area east of the 4H Horse Arena along the woods, who are double parked, your pull in will be Wednesday, June 7th and Thursday, June 8th from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. All other campsites will need to pull in Friday, June 9th through Sunday June 11th. One further reminder is that there are new camping spots installed over the summer along the east side of the nature trails. Let us know if you would like to move to these new sites, please note this with your reservation.

We appreciate your understanding of these changes and for camping at the Paulding County Fairgrounds. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact John Weisenburger, Sr. Fairboard, Camping Superintendent, 419-769-5648 (CALLS ONLY)

Larry Colley, Sr. Fairboard, Assistant Superintendent, 419-506-0286 (CALLS ONLY)

Send all forms and payments to: Paulding County Ag Society c/o Camping PO Box 222 Paulding, OH 45879.

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

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

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

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

A Big **THANK YOU** is extended to all those who sent cards, flowers & prayers to me when I had my recent heart attack. I appreciate the efforts of so many who helped me, and also to the medical help from Doctors Chio, Bilodeau, & Padmaligam. I am recuperating at home. —Sincerely, Joni Arend.

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## FEBRUARY WAS NATIONAL AGE RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION MONTH



By: Dr. Brandon Callow, Grabill Eye Center

Age related macular degeneration, or AMD, is a leading cause of vision loss for Americans age 50 and older, where the central part of the retina tissue in the back of the eye, called the macula, becomes damaged. Central vision is mostly affected which can interfere with daily tasks such as driving, reading and recognizing faces. A person's vision may become blurry or wavy and a blind spot can develop. Side vision is typically unaffected so it does not cause total blindness.

There are two types of AMD; dry and wet. Dry is the most common form and typically progresses slowly. Dry AMD generally starts with the appearance of small yellow deposits in the macula called drusen. Drusen are accumulated waste products of the retina, which can grow in size and stop the flow of nutrients to the retina. This can cause the retinal cells in the macula that process light to die and cause vision to be blurred. Wet AMD generally causes more rapid and serious vision loss. With wet AMD, tiny new blood vessels grow under and into the retina. These vessels are fragile and can leak and break causing fluid or blood to build up under the retina. This fluid will blur and distort vision and can scar the cells causing

permanent damage.

It is important to understand risk factors for AMD. Some risk factors are out of one's control, such as family history, being over the age of 60, Caucasian race, and light colored eyes. Other risk factors can be controlled such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, obesity, high sun exposure, and poor diet. The single biggest risk factor, however, is smoking.

We now know this is a cause of macular degeneration, and according to the CDC, it doubles your chances of getting the disease. They also note, "Smoking may speed the deterioration (in AMD) by increasing the number of damaging chemical compounds or reducing the number of protective nutrients delivered by the bloodstream to the eye... and smoking reduces blood and oxygen to the eye."

The key to slowing or preventing vision loss with AMD is regular eye exams with your optometrist. People over the age of 60 should have a full eye exam every one to two years. It is important to maintain a regular schedule of eye exams even if there are no vision problems. At an exam visual acuity can be checked and a dilated exam can be performed to monitor the health of the retina and macula. There are also scans that can be taken with a machine called an Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) which can detect any early AMD development.

The only current treatment for dry AMD is dietary vitamins and other supplements. A study known as the AREDS study (Age Related Eye Disease Study), shows that combinations of vitamins C and E, lutein, zeaxanthin, and zinc can slow progression of dry AMD in people with moderate levels of disease. The treatment for Wet AMD is targeted at stopping the growth of those new fragile and leaky blood vessels. These can be prevented or halted by injections known as anti-vascular endothelial growth

factor drugs (anti-VEGF). Anti-VEGF drugs are delivered by injection into the eye by very specialized eye surgeons, Retina Specialists.

Healthy lifestyle habits can lead to healthy eyes and are the best things for preventing macular degeneration. Quitting smoking, eating healthy foods, especially brightly colored vegetables and leafy greens, and staying active can all have positive benefits not only on a person's body as a whole but on their eyes as well. Regular eye exams are the best way for early detection of AMD and for deciding the best treatment if AMD is discovered. If you need an eye exam, Grabill Eye Center has the technology available to detect and Macular Degeneration. Dr. Callow can be reached at 260.627.1091 or www.grabilleye.com.

### BROWN BETTYS AND BUSTER BROWNS MEET AT OAKWOOD LIBRARY

The Brown Bettys and Buster Browns 4-H Club held a meeting on February 16th at the Oakwood Community Library. The meeting was called to order by president, Aaron Horstman. The pledges were led by Nicole Gerschütz, Ben Weible, Royce Cooper, and Olivia Cramer. The roll call was answered by 42 members present. The treasurer and secretary reports were given and approved as read. Demonstrations were given by Emma Elkins, Jack Woods, Tianna Cooper, and Matthew Bail. Community service project items were collected from members; to be given to the Oakwood food pantry. Refreshments were served by the Meggison/Gerschütz family. The next meeting is scheduled for March 2nd.

Respectfully submitted by: Jocelynn Parrett

### FORREST WOODS NATURE PRESERVE

Black Swamp Conservancy is a local land trust dedicated to protecting family farms and natural habitats in order to preserve the agricultural and natural heritage of northwest Ohio. The Conservancy serves 16 counties and has protected over 16,000 acres since being founded in 1993. In Paulding County the Conservancy has worked with landowners to protect nearly 500 acres of rare habitat. Included in this acreage is Black Swamp Conservancy's 346 acre Forrest Woods Nature Preserve.

Forrest Woods is located in Crane Township and is one of the few remnant habitats of the Great Black Swamp in northwest Ohio. Habitats that can be found on the property include seasonal wetlands and mature swamp and upland forests. The property is home to over 30 rare, threatened, and endangered species including Blanding's Turtles and Leafy Blue Flag Iris. Forrest Woods also improves water quality in the area as the wetlands on the preserve treat water in Marie DeLarme Creek as it flows through property, prior to the creek flowing into the Maumee River.

The preserve's capacity to improve water quality and provide important habitat as

led to the Conservancy conducting a 60 acre stream and wetland restoration project. This project is funding by grants from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The focus of this project is to expand and enhance existing habitat and the capacity of the preserve to remove pollutants from the watershed. Once the project is completed in spring 2017 over 3,500 feet of streams and 45 acres of wetlands will be restored, and over 50 acres of wetland and upland habitat will be reforested. Beyond creating habitat and helping to improve water quality, this project will provide high quality open space for the public.

Another project the Conservancy continues to work on at the preserve is to monitor and remove invasive species. Invasive species degrade habitat by crowding out the native species that help to make the preserve such a spectacular collection of habitats, and it is the goal of Black Swamp Conservancy control these species. To accomplish this goal the Conservancy partners with volunteers during various stewardship days throughout the year. Our next stewardship day is on Saturday March 18th from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm. This volunteer day will also include a short tour of the stream and wetland restoration area.

If you would like to join us for this Stewardship Day or would like information about future Stewardship Days, guided tours, or access to Forrest Woods please contact the Conservancy's Conservation Manager, Chris Collier, at (419) 833-1025 or by email at ccollier@blackswamp.org.

### CAPTAIN AMERICA LIVES!

By: Caroline Zimmerman

Do you have any Captain America comic books? Have you ever read any? One of the most important things parents can do, besides keeping their children safe and fed, is to read with them. Most people would say that the Holy Bible is the only book. Children don't always interact and learn to speak to that language, so we have to be patient. Starting early with "Baby books" and building (and never stopping) into additional, more interesting and character-building books is extremely important in their lives, also.

My mother read to me every night before I was 10 years old. Then they moved on to another farm and we milked cows! By then I was hooked on books. I had my own library of books in my bedroom and now in my retirement age, I am on my 3rd library in my home with over 25,000 books. I really like history, genealogy and non-fiction. Local history is always interesting in any form.

This week I saw an item in a city newspaper about the Captain America comic books. The lady who wrote the item actually was a demonstrator at Boston Women's March a few days ago; she was the granddaughter of Joe Simon and Jack Kirby, both sons of Jewish immigrants in New York. They

had released the first issue of "Captain America". The cover featured "Cap" slugging Adolf Hitler (her family did not like what was happening on Dec. 20, 1940). Many rejoiced, but later, members of the German American Bund, An American pro-Nazi org., were disgusted. Her relatives and the "Timely Comics" Co. employees started getting "Death to the Jews" mail and threats. Her grandfather did finally get a call from Mayor LaGuardia for police protection. They continued publication for 75 yrs.

This lady was Megan Margulies. She kept very close contact with "Daddy Joe" while growing up in New York "Captain America" shield icons were hanging on the walls in his office. It was a red & white circle with a blue circle in the middle with a white star. (She mentioned seeing some of these shields in the Boston Women's March on January 21, 2017). Her grandfather died 5 years ago, but it all became very personal for her. Our nation needs to pull together and have heroes that can do something.

More than 75 years after his inception, Captain America (comics) was born to fight fascism and hatred. It has been able to create new Super-Soldiers. Even in late 1945 Captain America and "Bucky" try to stop the villain, Baron Zemo, from destroying an experimental drone plane. They fought communism and even dealt with Marvel Universe's version of the Watergate scandal & the 2001 tragedy. He has a "Super-Soldier" virus in his system which cures the many times he has been poisoned and nearly died.

When I pulled up "Captain America" on Wikipedia, I could not believe all the things this man has written on "Captain America". Science Fiction is really not my bag, but this guy is now my hero. I wish I had started collecting the magazines and books years ago. The writer kept his (fictionalized) characters up with the world current events and he bailed us out of our nation's problems. Obviously, that is who we should have gotten for U.S. President instead of the person who is presently in office. It's surprising that Mr. Trump has not somehow personified himself to this character (Captain America). But then, he's not the military-man type.

Which takes me back to why I saw the "Captain America" item in the first place. It was because of a Boston Women's March on January 21. The Captain America sign was in the parade to promote the unfairness of some of the immigration shutdowns. (It's obvious that history repeats itself). Ollie Zedaker had Rabbi Doppelt from Fort Wayne speak at our 1961 Antwerp HS Grad. He had interesting views on the Jewish situation even at that time.

## REINHART PAINTS THE FFA LOGO



Wayne Trace HS Senior Kacey Reinhart recently completed painting the FFA logo on Wayne Trace FFA Instructor Miss Heiby's wall. Kacey did this as an art requirement for her art teacher: Mrs. Stokes.

## LATTA PRESENTS VAN WERT VETERAN WITH OVERDUE WWII MEDALS



Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) presented local veteran Orval Mullen with medals earned serving in World War II at a ceremony held at the American Legion in Van Wert this morning. The medals - which Mr. Mullen had never received due to an oversight - included a Bronze Star, a Purple Heart, and a Combat Infantryman Badge 1st Award. Latta learned that Mullen had never received the medals last summer when conducting an interview with him for the Library of Congress's Veterans History Project. Latta's office then worked with the U.S. Army to rectify the situation. In addition to the ceremony, today is Orval Mullen's 95th birthday and a cake was presented to him to celebrate.

"More than 70 years ago, Orval Mullen earned a number of prestigious medals and commendations because of his heroic actions in combat," said Latta. "Unfortunately, a military oversight meant that he never received what was rightfully his. Today, on his 95th birthday, we were able to right this wrong and present Orval with the medals he deserved for all these years. Our country is forever indebted to the members of the Greatest Generation, like Orval, that served with honor and bravery during World War II."

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## JUBILATE DEO



On Sunday, February 19, the Paulding Chamber of Commerce welcomed the Defiance College Chamber Singers and Choral Union under the direction of Jim Watson to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. This was the first concert sponsored by the Ohio Arts Council Fund Every County Grant. The concert was a global celebration of joy, celebrating the languages and music of the whole earth.

### LENTEN LUNCHES RETURN

The Paulding Ministerial Association invites the community to the 2017 Lenten Lunch series. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 1, and continuing each Wednesday through Wed., April 5th, lunch and a brief time of worship will be held at First Presbyterian Church. The general theme this year is "Take Up Your Cross" based on Matthew 16:24-28.

Each gathering begins promptly at noon and ends before 1:00 pm, so that participants can easily attend during a lunch hour break. A freewill donation is accepted to support the work of the Ministerial Association.

Meals are held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Caroline and Cherry Streets, Paulding.

### POLICE BRUTALITY EXAMINED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

Violent encounters between citizens and law enforcement officers will be explored on Thursday, March 2nd from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The program, titled "Police Brutality or Necessary Force?" features filmed interviews with a man who was severely beaten after a routine traffic stop and a police captain who used what was deemed appropriate force - but resulted in the death of an innocent man.

During the interviews, both parties will share accounts of their experiences.

"This Lifetree program will provide a rare opportunity to hear from individuals on both sides of a controversial topic, both with firsthand experience," says Lifetree representative Craig Cable. "Whether or not you already have an opinion on the level of force police use, it will be an enlightening hour of conversation."

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located at the Bachwell

Center, 116 N. Washington Street, Van Wert, OH. Please enter on Court Street and park behind the Courthouse.

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

Topic for March 9th: "Meeting God face to face. A surprising encounter from The Shack."

### NEW CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR AT FIRST UMC

First United Methodist Church, Van Wert, would like to welcome Teresa Shaffer as the new Christian Education Director. She has been the office manager for three years and will now be involved in all the education opportunities at First Church including, Sunday School for all ages, Life Groups, Mustard Seeds, Youth groups and many special events.

One of her first assignments is to finish the last three weeks of the winter Mustard seeds session. Mustard Seeds is an after school program that meets every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Children are learning about the Fruit of the Spirit. They enjoy a snack, bible lesson, music, movie, crafts and games each week. There is a F.E.A.S.T. (Families Eating and Sharing Together) meal each week at 5:00 p.m.

The church plans activities during the Season of Lent including Wednesday Meditations at 12:05 p.m. led by Pastor Gus Christo-Baker, followed by lunch served until 12:30 p.m.

First Church invites the community to attend, because we believe that this is a great opportunity for a mid-week "pick me up" as we prepare for Easter.

Teresa is looking forward to identifying the needs

within First Church and the community and work to fulfill those needs. For more information and to get involved with our ministry, please contact Teresa at (419)-238-0631 ext. 307 or email at tshaffer@wcoil.com

First United Methodist Church worship services Sundays at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Check out all they have to offer on their website at vanwertfirst.net.

### AN ATTITUDE OF ANGER

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell." Matthew 5:21-22 (NIV).

In this scripture reading Jesus talks about anger and reconciliation, but he does so by expanding on the commandment "You shall not murder." The teaching in this commandment is almost universally accepted. Just about every society in the world accepts the idea that it is wrong to kill another human being simply because you want to. Jesus' elaboration on this command, however, reveals a more insidious way we may violate this commandment, a way that can do damage as surely as taking a life does.

Jesus is saying, in effect, "Because you haven't actually killed someone, you think you've kept the commandment. But if you're raging at someone, insulting someone or calling someone a fool, you're missing the point about this commandment." Jesus expanded it beyond physical violence to include verbal abuse, refusals to reconcile and other manifestations of

anger. We can also hear his expansion of the commandment as a warning against crushing someone's spirit.

It is all too possible to crush the spirit of another person, particularly if you have some kind of official power over another person, such as being their parent, their employer, their in-law, their caregiver or their teacher. But it also happens in supposedly equal relationships, such as between siblings or marriage partners, to regularly put the other person down, particularly someone with a lesser self-image, is a subtle but real breaking of the commandment to not murder.

Jesus taught that intention is a significant part of wrongdoing. Anger leads quickly to a whole range of emotions and actions. When anger is not righteous it becomes destructive. Jesus says in Matthew 15:19, "For out of the heart (mind) come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander." Rephrased, Jesus is saying that where the mind goes, the body follows.

This commandment, and Jesus' commentary on it, puts us on notice that as we live together, we have the opportunity, in fact the obligation, to treat other people better. We live in the human family and need to watch out for one another. Jesus reminds us that we hold the lives of others in our hands and that we are answerable to God for the welfare of each other.

### 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

## 9-1-1 PRESENTATION AT DIVINE MERCY



Last Friday, Divine Mercy 1st and 2nd graders welcomed Deputy Nick Mendez and Lt. Brian Hanenkrat to the classroom for a 911 Presentation. They enjoyed learning about the appropriate and inappropriate times to dial 911, having all of their questions answered by the officers, and receiving their very own police badge stickers! The class and teachers were so grateful that they took the time to come and teach!

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!"

### 2017 HOLY WEEK SERVICES - GROVER HILL MINISTERIAL

Sunday, April 9, 7:00 - Zion Christian Union Converse Roselm; Singers - Randy Long & Olga Kipp

Wednesday, April 12, 5:00 - Mt. Zion Road 151 Grover Hill; Rev. David Prior Supper & Sharing

Thursday, April 13, 7:00 - Roselms Christian State Rt. 114 GH; Rev. Ron Johnson & Communion

Friday, April 14, 12:00 noon - Grover Hill Church of the Nazarene; Guest Speaker - Rev. Eileen Kochensparger

### REV. JAMES SMITH APPOINTED VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Mount Vernon Nazarene University President Henry W. Spaulding II, Ph.D. has announced the appointment of Rev. James Smith to the position of Vice President for Enrollment Management, which will take effect March 1, 2017.

"James has become a key partner in our enrollment strategy," said Spaulding. "I look forward to expanding the partnership with this appointment."

Previously, Smith has served as Director of Undergraduate Admissions and Student Recruitment (2008-2013), Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Management (2013-2015), and Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management (2015 to present).

Outside of his work at MVNU, Smith is recognized for his expertise in enrollment management. He serves on the Ohio College Credit Plus Advisory Committee, Ohio Association for College Admissions Counseling (Executive Board), Executive Board of the ACT, ACT Research Council, Ohio Private College Admissions Directors Committee, Chairperson, and Chair of the Nazarene Enrollment Officers Network.

Smith graduated from MVNU with a B.A. in Religion and Youth Ministry, cum laude and has an M.A. in Education Ministry, Magna Cum Laude from Huntington University.

MVNU joins Spaulding in congratulating Smith on the new position.

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## WEHRKAMP TAKES OFFICE AS PAULDING COUNTY PROBATE/JUVENILE JUDGE



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Michael A. Wehrkamp has assumed office as Judge of the Paulding County Probate/Juvenile Court. Close friends and family joined Judge Wehrkamp for a swearing-in ceremony at the Paulding County Courthouse in January. Judge Vernon L. Preston of Ohio's Third District Court of Appeals, who Wehrkamp considers a professional mentor and friend, administered the oath of office. Judge Wehrkamp's term officially commenced on February 9, 2017.

"I am honored and humbled to serve the citizens of Paulding County as judge. I am focused on putting the rule of the law first and offering quality service to those who come in contact with the court, while also serving as a

partner in efforts to strengthen our county's future."

Prior to taking office, Judge Wehrkamp served Paulding County and the surrounding area as a judicial attorney at the Third District Court of Appeals, where he handled probate and juvenile cases and developed a unique perspective into the most pressing challenges facing our community. Before his employment at the Court of Appeals, Judge Wehrkamp was a litigation attorney in private practice.

Judge Wehrkamp is a Paulding High School graduate who went on to earn his bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University (Columbus) and Juris Doctor degree from the University of Toledo College of Law.

Judge Wehrkamp and his wife, Laura, live in Paulding with their son, Andrew.

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Mount Vernon Nazarene University is a private, four-year, intentionally Christian teaching university for traditional age students, graduate students and working adults. With a 327-acre main campus in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and several convenient Graduate and Professional Studies locations throughout the state, MVNU emphasizes academic excellence, spiritual growth and service to community and church. MVNU offers an affordable education to more than 2,100 students from 28 states and 17 countries/U.S. territories.

### ANTWERP 1st GRADERS HAVE A "HOPPING" GOOD TIME

By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist

First graders at Antwerp Elementary had a "hopping" good time learning about frogs during a recent program in their classrooms. Students enjoyed learning about frogs such as where they live, what they eat, and the four most important things that frogs need in order to survive. Every living thing, including frogs, need food to eat, water to drink, a shelter, and space in order to live. This is a very important concept for the students to understand.

Frogs are amphibians, which means they can live both on the land and the water. Their eggs are laid in the water, which will then hatch into tadpoles which live in the water until they develop into an adult frog. When frogs breathe, they will breathe in half through their nose while the other half of the air they need to survive will be absorbed through their skin. One interesting fact about frogs is that they can see forwards, sideways, and upwards all at the same time. They will never close their

eyes for more than a second, even when they are sleeping!

What creatures do frogs like to eat? Frogs have a wide diet of things they will eat such as various insects, worms, spiders, snails, mice, and sometimes smaller frogs! Students were asked how frogs capture their food? Frogs use their sticky, muscular tongue to catch as well as swallow. When the frog catches an insect, it throws that sticky tongue out of its mouth and wraps it around its prey. The frog's tongue snaps back into its mouth and the prey goes down its throat. To help them swallow their food, frogs will use their eyes! Their eyes sink through the openings in the skull and force the food down the throat.

Frogs also have an interesting adaptation when it comes to getting the water they need to survive. Frogs do not swallow their water like humans do, rather they get all the moisture they need through their skin. This makes it very important for frogs to stay moist as they get the oxygen from water. Frogs have lungs, but they rely on the extra oxygen they absorb through their skin, especially when they are underwater.

Students were also asked whether frogs shed their skin. Frogs shed their skin once a week with the frog first twisting, bending, and stretching to loosen the old skin. The frog then pulls their skin over its head just like humans do with a sweater and eat it!

After students learned where frogs live, the food they eat, and how they get their food, students took part in an activity called "Don't Croak" where they became frogs. Everyone was given a party favor with Velcro on the end which served as their frog tongue. They were not able to use their arms or any other assistance to get their food, only their tongues. There were colored cards with Vel-

cro on them which students had to use their tongues to obtain. Red cards represented food, green cards represented space, blue represented water, and yellow represented shelter. Students needed to get 5 red cards, and 1 each of the green, blue, and yellow to survive.

Everyone was given five minutes to obtain their cards. Once the time was up, students gathered the cards they collected and went back to their desks. Once they got back to their desks, they learned there was a little twist to the game! All students sorted their cards and stood up. They were asked who received a card of each color, for those that did not, they were asked to sit down. Next, students who received a red card (food) were asked to look to see if they had a "D" on the back. If they did, they just became the dinner of a muskrat, snake, fish, or human and were asked to sit down.

Next, students were asked who had a green card (space). If they had an "X" on their card, your puddle was filled by someone wanting to build a house or shopping center so you ran out of space! Those with the "X" were asked to sit down. Those still standing that had a blue card were next. If their card had a "P" on it, the water has become polluted by fertilizers, pesticides, or acid rain. These students were asked to sit down. Lastly, anyone left standing who had a yellow card (space) were covered. If their card had a "T" on it, the tree shading their pond was cut down and all the water dried up before they could go from the tadpole stage to the adult frog stage! Unfortunately, by this point, there were no frogs standing and all croaked.

Through this program, students learn the difficulty that comes with any species, not just frogs, when it comes to obtaining all the essential items of food, water, shelter, and space needed to survive. This means that we must work together and understand how everything we do as humans affects nature in some way.

### MVNU TO HOST THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF JOY

Mount Vernon Nazarene University will host the annual Festival of Joy in celebration of our senior adults on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants will spend quality time with their students, enjoy special music by The Ball Brothers, and hear from keynote speaker Dr. Doug Van Nest. Van Nest serves as Professor of Pastoral Ministry in the School of Theology and Philosophy at MVNU.

Van Nest has 20 years of pastoral ministry experience

and previously served as the superintendent of Southwestern Ohio District Church of the Nazarene for eight years. He holds a bachelor's degree in religion from MidAmerica Nazarene University, a M.Div. from Nazarene Theological Seminary, and a D.Min. from United Theological Seminary. Van Nest is married to Lisa Baker Van Nest, and they have two sons, Jordan and Jared.

The Ball Brothers consist of brother, Andrew and Daniel Ball; brother-in-law, Chad McCloskey; and Matt Davis. Since their formation in 2006, The Ball Brothers have rapidly made their mark in Christian music by finding a balance between the old and new styles. Their goal is to spread the message of the Gospel and encourage believers. They have appeared on the popular Gaither Homecoming video series and performed on the Main Stage of the National Quartet Convention.

Lunch for all attendees will be served in Ariel Arena at 11 a.m. or individuals can attend an optional Estate Planning Seminar Luncheon in the President's Dining Room in the lower level of Hyson Campus Center. MVNU partners with The Nazarene Foundation and Don Lain, Vice President of Gift Planning, who will discuss current issues and tax implications. The luncheon is limited to the first 75 people reserving a seat for the seminar.

The festival kicks off with registration at 9:30 a.m.

To register, call 1-888-470-0050 or online at [mvnu.edu/joy](http://mvnu.edu/joy). The registration deadline is Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

### NEW HEIGHTS EDUCATIONAL GROUP VOLUNTEER, ROBERT HALL, RECOGNIZED BY WHITE HOUSE FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE

New Heights Educational Group announced that Research Coordinator Robert Hall "has been a volunteer with NHEG, since 2012, and an instrumental member of our team," said Pamela Clark, Executive Director. He has received recognition for his volunteer service from the White House as the recipient of the Complete Gold Medal Package, [www.presidential-serviceawards.gov/co](http://www.presidential-serviceawards.gov/co). Pamela Clark, the Executive Director of NHEG, recently promoted him to Assistant Virtual Development Director of the Research Department and stated, "We are proud to have Mr. Hall on our team; he is an incredible researcher in his own right and was the obvious choice for the position. He has earned both this recognition and his new position."

## TIME TO REGISTER FOR VANTAGE PRESCHOOL!



These 3 Vantage preschoolers have fun wearing their safety glasses while learning about building things. Registration for the Vantage Preschool are now being accepted for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Vantage Preschool, located in Van Wert, is accepting registrations for children ages 3 - 5 years old.

The preschool offers a morning program that runs from 8:20 - 10:50 a.m. or an all day session from 8:20 a.m. - 2:20 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Preschool serves as a learning lab for high school students enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program. It is a state-licensed facility and is open to the public.

There is a large indoor and outdoor space for the chil-

dren to enjoy and learn in, along with state-of-the-art technology incorporated into daily sessions. Children will be exposed to age-appropriate activities and meaningful experiences that will expand their social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development in a preschool with a very low child-to-staff ratio.

For more information about the Vantage Preschool, or to reserve a spot for your child, please contact Rhonda Davis or Marcia Osenga at 419-238-5411 ext. 2408

For more information, visit the NHEG blog [www.nhegtseducation.org/nheg-blog/](http://www.nhegtseducation.org/nheg-blog/) or call us at 419-786-0247.

### SECRETARY OF STATE HUSTED ANNOUNCES ADJUSTED CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced the 2017 Adjusted Campaign Contribution Limits, which take effect on Saturday, February 25, 2017.

In accordance with R.C. 3517.104, campaign contribution limits are required to be adjusted for inflation in each odd-numbered year by the Ohio Secretary of State's office. Adjustments are based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers and certified by the Auditor of State.

Per the statutory formula, current contribution limits were multiplied by the one and four-tenths percent (1.4%) increase in the CPI from 2014 to 2016 and the

product was then added to the existing contribution limits. The limits will remain in effect until February 2019, when the next adjustment is required.

Secretary Husted also issued Advisory 2017-02, advising the recount charge will remain at \$60 assessed per precinct for requested recounts. Under R.C. 3515.072, the Secretary of State must determine if any adjustment is required to these fees. This is done in odd numbered years using a statutory formula based on the yearly average of the previous two years of the Consumer Price Index. This cost does not apply to automatic recounts and the rate will remain in effect until February 24, 2019.

The 2017 Adjusted Campaign Contribution Limits report contains a detailed explanation of the procedures used in adjusting the contribution limits, a breakdown of all campaign contribution limits, and a reference chart containing the adjusted contribution limits.

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**MORE TALK ON THE EAGLES**

**By: Stan Jordan**  
The other day, Diane Richart, who drives for FedEx, brought us some parcels at WBN and told us an exciting story.

She lives over around Woodburn and she is on the road every day. She is also an avid bird watcher. She says she sees the adult and young birds pretty regularly and she has seen a snowy owl once.

There is a factory east of Paulding a couple of miles, called In-Source, and she delivered some parcels to them one day & told the receptionist that she saw five eagles - two adults and three young ones.

The receptionist said, "I'm sure you did, but the other day we saw nine eagles out there, and they were picking on some carrion. We got excited and all of us saw them, and someone figured there were four generations of eagles there."

I was certainly glad to hear that about the nine eagles. I have heard of five in a group a couple of times. Carl Baumert tells me that a group of eagles are seen pretty often over south of Payne. Probably some of the same bunch.

See ya!

**WHAT I REMEMBER ABOUT THE ANTWERP SCHOOL SYSTEM**

**By: Stan Jordan**  
I started to school here in Antwerp the first day after Labor Day in 1930. Our first grade teacher, that was her first day of teaching, was Lucille Carr Stiver. She was a dandy and everybody liked her.

When I was in the 6th grade, that school building was 1st through 12th grade and was built in 1876 and then torn down and remodeled later in 1911.

There was a Catholic school for St. Mary's over on the corner of Monroe and West Washington. In 1933, the state of Ohio didn't approve the school and the pu-

pils were sent over to the Antwerp District School.

Then in 1936 it was found to be too small and a lot of remodeling and new rooms were built for around \$225,000 which was a lot of money at that time. It is called Antwerp School District which was all of Carryall and Crane and part of Harrison Township.

This school had a gym, an auditorium, a shop room, a very up-to-date school for many years. I was in the graduating class of 1942 of this school.

Things went along pretty smooth until 1956 or so, and there was a lot of building and remodeling and they started to have kindergarten and a cafeteria, and some rooms added to the high school.

In 1967, some more rooms were added to the 1937 high school. Along in the 1970s there were a lot of discussion of consolidation, and the Antwerp people didn't want to be consolidated, they wanted to keep their good old Antwerp High School.

So for Antwerp to be in the Green Meadows Conference, we had to have a gym that would seat 1,000. So we voted in a new gym and an official swimming pool.

Then things moved along pretty good until around 2003 or 04 and the state of Ohio, offered \$17 million for a new school if we could come up with the other \$4 million and we decided to go that way, and that is the school we have now. That we have made a number of additions and corrections since then, about 15 years.

There have been a number of improvements in the Antwerp School complex in a short time and I am to understand there are more to come.

I am indebted to Ruth Clem for some of these remodeling dates. Thanks again.

See ya!

**THE LOCAL WATER TRAIL**

**By: Stan Jordan**  
I am pleased to tell you the plans to make a kayak and canoe trail from the Indiana state line to Toledo.

The Maumee River has been laying here and just now plans are being made to make use of this great recreation area - it can be priceless.

Locally, the ACDC volunteers remodeled the landing at the east end of the park and made a marina where you can pull your boat and trailer right down to the water, unload your equipment

and drive back up to the park road.

The powers that be, have made some improvements down by the Forder's Bridge area and there is going to be a place to launch or take your boat out. There is even parking down there.

The plans are to have a launching spot every few miles along the river bank. Right now there are two spots in Antwerp and one in Delaware Bend.

The idea is to have a marina every few miles past Napoleon and end in Toledo. Man, what a future this area has!

See ya!

**MAYBE YOU HAD BETTER READ THIS**

**By: Stan Jordan**

On March 6th, 1897, council passed a curfew prohibiting children under 18 years of age from being on the streets, alley, sidewalk or other public places in the Village of Antwerp between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and daylight the following day during the summer months, and from 7:00 p.m. to daylight in the winter months.

(Note to our modern boys and girls, as far as we can ascertain, this ordinance has never been repealed.)

These two paragraphs were taken word for word from Mr. Ehrhart's book, *A Century of Progress, Antwerp, Oh 1841-1941.*

See ya!

**SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 22: THE NEW BRIDGE**

**By: Stan Jordan**

On the morning after the buffalo hunt, we all slept in till about an hour after daylight. Well now, the mess sergeant didn't, because he had deer meat and potatoes for the group from the Broken Bow agency.

The bridge crew started to work on the new bridge after that and Chief Soaring Eagle agreed where it should be built.

Farmer got out his plow and team and asked who their head gardener was.

The Shaman said, "Right here he is. His name is Possum." So he and Farmer talked a lot and both went down to the garden area. Farmer later told me Possum was born with sort of a lopsided head and face. He was a nice fellow and darn good worker, but his head was caved in a little bit, but he knew gardening.

Possum was amazed at the new plow. Farmer let him plow a few rounds before lunchtime. The ground worked up nice. Possum wanted a plow for himself but he can't get one right now.

They plowed till quitting time and all was finished. Lots of room for family gardens then room for potatoes, a little wheat, lots of corn, and maybe some Timothy hay.

We sat up and talked around the fire; it is a new gathering place for the tribe. Some brought their new blankets. Possum wanted to learn about the one burner oil stove and he made a couple of pots of coffee. His marked up face is the only thing wrong with him. He is plenty sharp and ambitious.

After our group had pancakes for breakfast in the morning, everyone, and a lot of natives, went out to see the

**ANTWERP SENIORS RECOGNIZED**



**Front Row: Hannah Richey and Emma Butting; Back Row: Trey Mills, Brandon Pendergrast, Matt Jones, Matt Dooley, Hunter Noel. More pictures at westbendnews.net**

Hanna Richey, daughter of Chad and Missy Geyer; Her future plans include attending Northwest State Community College for nursing.

Emma Butzin, daughter of Barb and Aaron Butzin; Her future plans include attending the University of Saint Francis and major in nursing.

Hunter Noel, son of Kevin Noel and Marie Miller; His future plans include joining the United States Army.

Trey Mills, son of Tom and Heather Mills; His future plans include attending Northwest State to pursue a field in Criminal Justice.

Matthew Dooley, son of Shawn and Michelle Doolley; His future plans includes

attending Miami University for Chemical Engineering.

Brandon Pendergrast, son of Diane and Tad Pendergrast; His future plans include attending IPFW for Mechanical Engineering.

Matt Jones, son of Chad and Deborah Jones; His future plans include attending college business administration.

fellows working on the new bridge. The soldier boys could do their job well, they had the natives to help lift and handle the bigger logs.

The bridge has a little arch in it as the Chief says, sometimes in the spring the water level will rise up. The bridge crew worked fast because this is practice for them as well as a necessity for the natives. The people are certainly happy to have the new bridge.

The crew stopped work about four in the afternoon to allow everyone to get washed up and come down to the new cookout area.

The squaws wanted to show their appreciation for all of the white eyes' work. So they fixed supper for all of us in the camp.

They had a lot of soup kettles with lots of buffalo meat in the soup, also with some deer meat in some of the kettles. They had hominy type of corn along with creamy corn, corn dodgers and some hush puppies.

After the meal, the mess sergeant borrowed our one burner stove and got a skillet and buffalo grease and tried to pop some of the corn - what popped was good! The natives never had it in a skillet before, only on the ear.

The U.S. government wants us to teach the natives to our ways and customs in this area. I would say we are doing a very good job of that. The new cookout area and that type of cooking for a crowd is all new to them. The pots and pans and utensils, like the silverware, is all new to them.

The lieutenant borrowed Rooster's horse and rode back to the Fort to see the General. Chief Soaring Eagle did not go along.

He wants permission to build them a long log building to be used as a ceremonial house or community meeting building or a shelter if the weather gets bad. It will have a dirt floor. The lieutenant would bring back another squad of workers along with boards for the roof and lots of supplies for the Mess Sergeant and the engineers. He left a

Sergeant Murphy in charge of finishing the bridge.

Well, the boys got the bridge done two days ago, and they have been cutting and trimming logs for the new ceremonial building. The Lieutenant isn't back yet, but the sergeant figures it will be best to get started and find rocks for the fire places plus wood to burn at the cookout area. That is the meeting place for all.

We are learning each other's ways and language. We converse pretty well while sitting around the fire with a little coffee and corn cakes. The U.S. government would be pretty proud to see us at a bonfire at night, we would all smoke the peace pipe.

See ya!

**HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY HONORS LOCAL RESIDENT WITH SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD**

A total of 160 Heidelberg University student-athletes were honored earlier this

month not for their play on the field but for their achievements in the classroom. Kenna Pancake of Defiance, Ohio has received the Landess Scholar-Athlete Award for the fall semester.

Pancake, a freshman Education major, was honored as a member of the cheerleading team at Heidelberg.

The Landess Scholar-Athlete Award recognizes students-athletes who earn above a 3.0 GPA during the semester of competition. The team trophy for the fall semester went to the women's cross country team, which recorded a combined 3.45 GPA last fall.

Founded in 1850, Heidelberg offers 30 majors, 30 minors and 10 pre-professional programs, awarding the bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, bachelor of music degrees, as well as master's degrees in education, counseling, business administration and music. For more information visit the web site at [www.heidelberg.edu](http://www.heidelberg.edu).

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## LADY PATRIOTS RECEIVES STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC AWARD



Team members include: Aubrianna Muldoon, Maddie Johnson, Veronica Hare, Sara Strahm, Renee Hare, Breanna Chacon, Emaly Brinkman, Kaylie Till, Alexis Miller, Liz Zelt, Taylor Reece, Olivia Vanderford, Laura Franz, Carissa Anderson, Molly Johnson, Alison Strahm, Madison Castleman, Emma Fifer, Erin Walter, Elizabeth Boenker and Sarah Kleine.

The Heritage's Girls' Soccer team was recently recognized by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and the EACS Board of School Trustees with the 2015-16 High School Academic Award! The Lady Patriot soccer team was one of 387 teams nationwide recognized for exemplary performance in the classroom as a team during the 2015-16 academic year. To qualify for this award, the team must have a

minimum grade point average of 3.25 for the entire academic year. The Lady Patriot team average was 3.52!

The National Soccer Coaches Association of America also announced the Team Ethics and Sportsmanship Award recipients. The Lady Patriots were awarded the Gold level award. There were only two teams in the State of Indiana to receive this award - Lady Patriots one of them!

## DR. KEVIN W. MANNOIA TO SPEAK AT MVNU COMMENCEMENT

Dr. Kevin W. Mannoia, Professor of Ministry and Chaplain at Azusa Pacific University, in Azusa, Calif., will be speaking at Mount Vernon Nazarene University's traditional commencement ceremony on Saturday, April 29, 2017, to celebrate the graduation of the MVNU Class of 2017. Prior to graduation day, Rev. Douglas S. Wyatt, District Superintendent of the Eastern Kentucky District of the Church of the Nazarene, will be speaking at the Baccalaureate service on Friday, April 28, 2017.

Mannoia has developed and currently oversees the chaplaincy and spiritual care ministry of the faculty, staff, and graduate students at Azusa Pacific University. Previously, he served as Dean of Haggard School of Theology at APU, coming from his role as president of the National Association of Evangelicals in Washington, D.C. He is Founder and Chair of the Wesleyan Holiness Consortium, and also the president of the International Council for Higher Education.

In 1986, Rev. Douglas S. Wyatt began full-time ministry as a Youth/Music Pastor at the First Church of the

Nazarene in Newton, Kans. Since then, he has served in two other churches and has been ordained in the Church of the Nazarene. He has completed coursework at Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas, and Southwest Bible College and Seminary in Humble, Texas to receive his Master of Arts degree.

Dr. Michael VanZant will speak at the non-traditional Graduate and Professional Studies Commencement ceremony on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. VanZant is currently pastor of First Church of the Nazarene in Fairmont, W.Va., and serves as the Graduate and Professional Studies Coordinator for MVNU. He will retire from pastoral ministry in July 2017 and will rejoin the faculty of MVNU in August as Professor of Biblical Literature within the School of Theology and Philosophy. He attended Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs, Colo., from 1986-1988, and received a Bachelor of Arts in Religion from MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe, Kans., in 1991. He earned his Master of Divinity degree in Ministry and Education from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and a Ph.D. in Old Testament Literature and History.

For more information on commencement visit [www.mvnu.edu/commencement](http://www.mvnu.edu/commencement).

## NEW HEIGHTS EDUCATIONAL GROUP VOLUNTEER, MICHAEL ANDERSON, RECOGNIZED BY WHITE HOUSE FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE

New Heights Educational Group announced that volunteer and website designer Mike Anderson has received an award from the White House. The White House recognized him for his volunteer service by awarding him the Complete Gold Medallion Package, [www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/co](http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/co). Pamela Clark, the Executive Director of New Heights Educational Group, recently promoted him to Assistant Virtual Development Director of Website Design and stated, "We are proud to have Mr. Anderson on our team; he had a real vision for our site, and we are proud of it and him. He has earned both this recognition and his new position." For more information, visit the NHEG blog [www.newheightseducation.org/nheg-blog/](http://www.newheightseducation.org/nheg-blog/) or call us at 419-786-0247.

## THIRTEEN INDIVIDUALS SET TO ENTER OHSAA OFFICIALS HALL OF FAME

Thirteen individuals have been selected for induction into the Ohio High School Athletic Association Officials Hall of Fame. The OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame induction banquet is scheduled for June 10 in Columbus and will welcome these 13 individuals selected by the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame Committee.

Each of the 13 inductees is being honored for outstanding officiating careers and significant contributions to interscholastic officiating in Ohio. More information on the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame is posted at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/Officiating/HOF>

"It is an honor to have an Officials Hall of Fame where the best in Ohio are recognized for their outstanding careers and their dedication to officiating," said Beau Rugg, OHSAA Assistant Commissioner and a member of the Hall of Fame. "Officiating is a service and it is a joy to recognize these highly respected individuals with induction into the Hall of Fame. We thank all officials for their service to student-athletes, coaches, schools and other officials."

### 2017 OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame Induction Class

- Fred Beekman**, deceased (BK, FB)
- James Berry**, Lancaster (BK, FB)
- Lee G. Barlow**, Kettering (BK, BB, FB, SB)
- John J. Crispino**, Springfield (FB)
- John Derrow**, Wellston (BK, FB)
- Mark A. Diller**, Defiance (FB, SB)
- Joyce Garn**, Smithville (TF, VB, BK)
- Robert A. Graf**, Mentor (FB)
- Van Parks**, Reynoldsburg (BK, FB, SB, VB, BB)
- Russell D. Pitts**, Mansfield (BK, VB, FB)
- Tom Toohig**, Bedford (BK)
- Bob Von Kaenel**, Dover

(FB)  
**Jack Winters**, Findlay (FB, BK)

## ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS 3/1 - 3/7

- 3/1 - Hotdog on bun, green beans, pineapple, milk
- 3/2 - Vegetable soup, bread w/butter, cheese stick, peaches, milk
- 3/3 - Cheese pizza, cole-slaw, applesauce, milk
- 3/6 - Ham & cheese on bun, baked beans, mixed fruit, milk
- 3/7 - Meatball sub, carrots & celery w/dip, pears, milk

## BELLMAN VOTED "POY" IN NWC GIRLS HOOPS

Columbus Grove junior post player Paige Bellman was selected as the 2016-17 NWC Player of the Year in voting by Northwest Conference girls basketball coaches. Bellman was a unanimous selection by the coaches in the balloting receiving the maximum of 120 points. Last year's player of the year, senior Jade Clement (CG) finished second in the balloting with 110 points closely followed by junior Paige Motycka (CV) with 107 points.

Bellman averaged 17.4 points and 8.9 rebounds per game in leading the Bulldogs to an 8-0 conference record and first place in the NWC. She shot at a 65.9% rate while also garnering 3.3 steals and 2.9 blocks per game.

Joining Bellman, Clement and Motycka on the NWC First Team were sophomore Alivia Koenig (BL), senior Haley Wyss (ADA), and junior Sarah Miller (DJ). Bellman, Clement and Koenig were repeat first team selections from last year.

Brian Schroeder, who led Columbus Grove (8-0) to the school's third NWC girls basketball title was selected as the NWC Coach of the Year.

The team breakdowns are as follows:

### FIRST TEAM:

Paige Bellman (CG) 11, Jade Clement (CG) 12, Paige Motycka (CV) 11, Alivia Koenig (BL) 10, Haley Wyss (ADA) 12, Sarah Miller (DJ) 11

### SECOND TEAM:

Abbie Parkins (BL) 12, Macy McCluer (CG) 12, Kayla Schimmoeller (LV) 11, Faith Vogel (PL) 12, Lyvia Black (CV) 11

### HONORABLE MENTION:

Jenna Henline (SV) 11, Avery Rumer (BL) 10, Aleina Looser (LV) 11, Briana Townley (PL) 10, Macy Wallace (DJ) 11, Lauren Criblez (AE) 12, Alexis Gregory (CV) 9, Kaiden Grigsby (SV) 11, Kelsey Berelsman (DJ) 12, Katlyn Wendel (LV) 12

### FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS:

Columbus Grove 8-0, Bluffton 7-1, Delphos Jefferson 6-2, Crestview 4-4, Lincolnview 4-4, Spencerville 3-5, Paulding 3-5, Ada 1-7, Allen East 0-8

## SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNIZES ACADEMIC ALL-STATE STUDENT ATHLETES



**New Haven High:** Erica Miller, Jacob Birch, and Cameron Mason



**Leo Jr./Sr. High:** Madi Detmers, Kate Setser, Palmer Stapler, Luke SanGiacomo, Matt Heck, Will Lengacher, Alijandro Flores, Tommy West, Dane Ousley, Lexi Baron, Alexa Allen, Logan Sagstetter, Raeanne Genth, Laurel Zwick, and Erik Fowerbaugh.



**Woodlan:** Josh Gerig, Samantha Voors, Cassidy Wiedenhoef, and Samantha Houser.



**Heritage Jr./Sr. High:** Alex Feipel, Terry Lockwood, Rylie Schane, Jerome Lechleitner, Connor Simmons, Laura Franz, Renee Hare, Veronica Hare, Sara Strahm, Kaylie Till, Zach White, and Evan Knapke

The EACS Board of School Trustees recognized the fall sports Academic All-State student athletes. The Academic All-State Award has been around more than two decades and honors student-athletes who are the best

students in their sport, as well as key contributors on their varsity team. The following student athletes have been named as the 2016 Indiana Fall Academic All-State Athletes:

### Antwerp Conservation Club

#### Upcoming Events

- **MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> - UPPER MAUMEE WATERSHED FORUM**  
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- **MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> - MONTHLY MEETING**  
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Karsyn Brumett finds an opening and drives forward for a layup. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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desperate with Bailey Plott fouling out of the match. Sending Antwerp to the foul line might work under certain conditions, but not on this night. Wilson and Williamson both had 4 fouls to call their own by the time the buzzer rang for the last time. The Archers scored 8-11 from the charity line and rocketed their points to an 8 point lead by the end 34-26.

Following the win, Antwerp cut down the nets and posed for the team victory! Great job to the Lady Archers who are now 17-6. Holgate finished their season on even keel at 12-12.

Score by the Quarter:

Antwerp - 10 9 7 8=34

Holgate - 8 8 6 4=26

Scorers of the Game:

Antwerp - R Williamson 16; M Wilson 5; B Johanns 3; K Brumett 2; P Short 3; H Smith 5

Holgate - K Hoffman 3; K Theisen 2; B Plott 3; M Hohenberger 12; K Kupfersmith 6

Antwerp competes against Stryker on March 2 at Archbold High School in District Semi-Finals.

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### FOUNTAIN CITY FLAMES LOSE ON THE ROAD IN HARLAN, IN

Senior forward Marcus Nafziger led all scorers with a season high 40 points and 18 rebounds as the Fountain City Christian School Flames lost on the road at Harlan Christian School, 60-73. The talented senior was 68% from the floor making 17 of 25 shots to lead the Flames. Nafziger continues to lead the state of Ohio on Maxpreps in scoring average (27.4 ppg), rebounds

(13.9 ppg), and points per 32 (28.8 ppg).

The Flames fall to 11-9 on the year with their final home game Thursday night at the Furnace in Bryan against the Northwest Ohio Cougars. Come out and support the Flames in the last home game of the season and bid farewell to the Flames four senior players - Nafziger, Isaiah Sheldon, Jared Stokes and Brandon Johnson.

### APACHES JV BOYS BASKETBALL SPLIT

The JV boys basketball team split a pair of games this weekend. Friday night the Apaches lost to Antwerp by a score of 41-22. Saturday night the Apaches bounced back with a 32-19 win over Edon. The JV record now stands at 10-10 on the season.

On Monday, the freshmen basketball team defeated Antwerp 31-30. They will play in the GMC Championship game on Saturday February 25th at 11:30 a.m. at Tinora.

### FIVE WRESTLERS EARN BIDS TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Five Cumberland wrestlers - seniors Nate Croley, Kyle Delaune, Orlando Nawade and Sammy Rosario along with junior Sean Nguyen - all earned automatic or received at-large berths to the 60th Annual NAIA Championships, as announced by the national office late Tuesday.

Croley was the only one of the five to garner an automatic berth, placing second at 157 in last weekend's NAIA East Qualifier in Bowling Green, Ky. The Pigeon Forge, TN, native won 13 straight bouts and 17-of-19 before losing a 5-2 Decision in the finals.

Delaune finished fourth in last weekend's East Qualifier at 184, posting a 3-2 mark in the event. The New Orleans, La., native earned one of the regional wildcards, decided on by coaches after Saturday's tournament. He has registered a 20-10 overall mark this academic year.

Rosario also placed fourth in the East Qualifier at 133 with a 3-2 mark, dropping his final bout by Medical Forfeit. The Cartersville, GA, native posted 17 wins in 19 matches before last weekend. He also

received one of five regional wildcards and carries a 27-6 overall record this season.

Nawade tallied a 4-2 mark in the East Qualifier, finishing fifth at 174. The Lawrenceville, GA, native earned one of 30 national wildcards with his overall record of 23-15, with 10 of his 15 losses against ranked opponents.

Nguyen also received one of the national wildcards after placing fifth at 125 in the East Qualifier with a 3-2 mark. The Spring Hill, FL, native compiled an overall record of 14-9, all the second semester.

At least one Cumberland wrestler has earned All-America honors in 11 of the last 13 seasons, including each of the last four years. Croley is the only returning All-American for the Phoenix.

The 60th Annual NAIA Championships are set for March 3-4 in Topeka, KS.

### LAKWOOD COMES FROM BEHIND TO TAKE DOWN WOODLAN

By: Jeff Abbott

Lakewood Park used a strong second half to down Woodlan in boys' basketball. The Warriors jumped out to a 11-0 lead in the game and finished the first quarter on top at 20-13 and then held on to lead at the half 30-29. The Panthers outscored Woodlan 20-17 in the third period and then extended their lead in the fourth quarter to pull away and get the win. Keegan Fetters scored 32 points for the Panthers and Austin Fancher led the Warriors with 17 points.

Woodlan 20 10 17 18 - 65  
Lakewood Park 13 16 20 27 - 76

Woodlan Fancher 17, Hahn 13, Robbins 12, Biggs 12, McCarter 4, Howard 3, N Gerig 2, J Gerig 2

Lakewood Park Fetters 32, Traylor 12, Gonzales 9, I Farnsworth 8, Lozano 4, Day 4, Schlotterback 3, Z Farnsworth 2, Miller 2

### IHSAA 2A BOYS BASKETBALL SECTIONAL AT WOODLAN

Tuesday, February 28:  
7:00 p.m. - Churubusco vs South Adams

Wednesday, March 1:  
6:00 p.m. - Bluffton vs Canterbury

7:30 p.m. - Adams Central vs Eastside

Friday, March 3:  
6:00 p.m. - Woodlan vs Churubusco/South Adams winner

7:30 p.m. - Bluffton/Canterbury winner vs Adams Central/Eastside winner

Saturday, March 4:  
7:00 p.m. - Championship Game

### ANTWERP WRESTLING SEND 2 TO DISTRICTS

The Antwerp High School wrestling team recently competed in the sectional tournament at Archbold High School on February 24 & 25, 2017. Of the 5 wrestlers competing, 2 were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes, thus earning them a trip to next week's District tournament at Toledo Waite High School on March 3rd & 4th. Placing 3rd at 106 pounds was sophomore Aidan McAlexander. McAl-

### WAYNE TRACE WINS ON SENIOR NIGHT



Wayne Trace Senior Jon Sinn added to the board this night with 2-point field goal. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On the final home game of the 2016-17 season for the Wayne Trace Raiders, the boys took on the Ottoville Big Green. Not only is this game special for the seniors on the team, this game is particularly special to a specific senior. This is Ethan Linder's 100th game in a Raider uniform, becoming the first Wayne Trace boys or girls basketball player to play in 100 games for their career which is a difficult feat for any player to claim. From Wayne Trace's record (19-2), it is pretty clear that they would be claiming the victory, especially compared to Ottoville's record (8-11).

Right off the bat, Wayne Trace took control of the ball; however, not total control of the game. After some intense back and forth, it was pretty clear that this game wasn't going to have a clear winner until one of the teams finally caved. The first quarter ended with both the Raiders and the Big green stuck at a stale mate of 14-14. The second was a completely different game. Wayne Trace upped their game over 200%, adding 32 points to the board. This completely blew Ottoville's scores during the second quarter (11) away. The score at half time was 46-25.

After coming back from the half, it was apparent that Wayne Trace had slowed its gameplay down. The Big Green, though, did not, and outscored the Raiders in the

third quarter - Ottoville scored 16, while Wayne Trace only added 11. The fourth quarter went similarly with the Big Green adding 18 and the Raiders only adding 10. However, Wayne Trace had created such a wide margin in the 2nd quarter, that even with Ottoville adding more points to the board, it was impossible for the Big Green to catch up. The final score of the game was 67-59. The Wayne Trace Raiders defended their home court and were victorious.

Score by the Quarter:

Wayne Trace - 14 32 11 10=67

Ottoville - 14 11 16 18=59

A few of the top scorers for Wayne Trace included: Ethan Linder with 14, Brady Stabler with 14, Eli Sinn with 12, and Jake Kuhn with 8.

A few of the top scorers for Ottoville included: Ryan Bendele with 27, Logan Kemper with 14, Eric Von Sossan with 8, and Keagan Leis with 4.

This victory gave Wayne Trace 20 wins on the season, the 13th time in school history that the Raider boys have won 20 games in a season. Congratulations to the Wayne Trace Raiders for an amazing game and an amazing season so far. The seniors should be proud for the years that they have dedicated to their school, their sport, and themselves. Congratulations!

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exander amassed a record of 3 wins and only 1 loss with 1 pin and 2 major decisions on the weekend. This also marks the first time in McAlexander's young career that he has qualified for the district wrestling tournament. Also finishing 3rd for the tournament was freshman Randall Mills in the 113 pound weight class. Mills earned himself 3 wins to 1 loss with all 3 wins coming by way of pin. Like McAlexander, this will be Mills' first trip to the district tournament as well. Mills also became only the 2nd wrestler in school history to qualify for the district tournament as a freshman. If Mills and McAlexander are able to place in the top 4 of this week's district tournament, they will have earned a trip to the state tournament in Columbus on March 9-11.

Congratulations to both Randall and Aidan for their hard work this past weekend and we wish you best as you prepare for this week. Good luck and Go Archers!!

### WARRIORS LOSE TO BLAZERS

By: Jeff Abbott

A slow start by Woodlan led to 58-31 loss to the Eastside Blazers in boys' basketball. The Warriors got just 3 first quarter points and fell behind to the home team 14-3 by the end of the quarter. Eastside outscored the Warriors in all 4 quarters in the win. Jacob Thompson led the home team with 26 points. Ah'lan Howard led the Warriors with 11 points.

Score by the Quarter:

Woodlan - 3 10 11 7=31  
Eastside - 14 13 17 14=58

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**PANTHERS FALL FROM FIRST PERIOD DROUGHT; SENIORS HONORED**



Paulding Seniors: Griffin Harder, Cameron Doster, Tyler Nichols, Preston Johanns, Preston Ingol, Kameron Echols. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Paulding Pep Band Seniors: Christine Clapsaddle, Beth Yates, Joellyn Salinas, Lauren Hill, Leona Aldred, Daleigh Davis, Kourtney Thomas, Chris Elder. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On Thursday, February 23rd, the Paulding Panthers hosted the Edgerton Bulldogs for a home game. For the Panthers, this was a special night. They chose this night to recognize the senior pep band members and seniors on their basketball team. This is oftentimes an emotional night for many basketball players, as it is the last home game that they will play for their school. Either way, the Panther boys pressed on to play their best

in their final home game. Paulding's record so far this season is 6-14, which isn't very good, but doesn't mean that they still can't pull off a win. The first quarter was very evident that this game would not go in Paulding's favor. The Panthers were only able to score 1 point, foul shot by Kameron Echols. The Bulldogs, on the other hand, were able to add 10 points to the board. In the second quarter,

Paulding stepped up some and scored 10 points, however, they were still outscored by Edgerton who scored 15. The score at half-time was 25-11, with Edgerton holding a strong lead.

Coming back from the half time break, the Panthers found their second wind and scored 11 points. Their defense upped its game as well and only allowed the Bulldogs to score 8 points. Paulding began to play strong into the fourth quarter. They managed to add 18 points. However, Edgerton added 17-points to the board. The final score of the game was 50-40, with Edgerton taking the win home.

Score by the Quarter:  
Paulding - 1 10 11 18=40  
Edgerton - 10 15 8 17=50

A few of the top scorers for Paulding were Ethan Rhonehouse with 15, Preston Ingol with 13, Kameron Echols with 4.

It is unfortunate that the Paulding Seniors could not have a win to celebrate their final home game. However,

they should still be proud for the years that they have dedicated to their school, their sport, and themselves. Congratulations!

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**Senior Highlights:**

**Cameron Doster**, son of Denny and Kim Doster; While attending Paulding High School he has participated in football, basketball and baseball. His favorite memory is winning sectionals his sophomore against Liberty Center. His future plans include attending college and majoring in sports management.

**Kameron Echols** son of Pam Echols; While attending Paulding High School he has participated in football, basketball, track, robotics, choir, men's quartet and the school musical Hair Spray. His favorite memory is when Mookie hit the buzzer winning shot against Bryan. His future plans include after graduation to attend Xavier University and major in Health Care Administration.

**Griffith Harder**, son of Brian and Melissa Harder; While attending Paulding High School he has participated in the quiz bowl, soccer, basketball. His favorite memory is watching Doster chase Jaret around the gym before practice. His future plans include attending Mount Vernon Nazarene University to study Integrated Math Education.

**Preston Ingol**, son of Shawn Ingol and Roberta Hardman; While attending Paulding High School he has participated in football, basketball, track, OMUN, the science fair, National Honor Society, robotics, choir, solo and ensemble and as a community service worker. His favorite memory includes when Marcus cracked his tooth because his brother sat on him and when "we beat Bryan two in a row by a buzzer beater." His future plans include attending Bowling Green State University, majoring in Sports Management and minoring in Business and Music.

**Preston Johanns**, son of Thomas and Erin Johanns; While attending Paulding High School he has participated in football, basketball, baseball, student council vice president, science fair, robot-

ics team, honor roll, office helper, member of Stupendum and the National Honor Society. His favorite memory is winning NWC freshman of the year and playing fake WWE in the locker room before varsity games. His future plans include attending Ohio Northern University majoring in nursing to obtain BSN.

**Tyler Jacob Nichols**, son of Darrell and Melanie Nichols; While attending Paulding High School he has participated in football, basketball, wrestling and track. His favorite memory in the grind with his friends, finally making it through everything and determining the people who we are going to be: Proud to be a Panther. His future plans include studying Physical Therapy at the University of Concordia, Ann Arbor and also play college football their.

**Leona Aldred**, daughter of Tom and Katie Pessefall; While attending Paulding High School she had participated in band, FFA, FCCLA, golf, solo ensemble, softball and a member of the National Honor Society. Her favorite memory is going to Florida with her chosen family. Her future plans include attending the University of Saint Francis and majoring in nursing.

**Christine Clapsaddle**, daughter of Dave and Shellie Clapsaddle; While attending Paulding High School she has participated in band, cross country, track, science olympiad, engineering team, quiz bowl, drama club, junior leaders and 4-H. Her favorite memory is waiting in line for the Escape from Gringotts ride at Universal with Beth and Michael. Her future plans include attending the University of Toledo and double majoring in Bioengineering and Chemical Engineering.

**Daleigh Davis**, daughter of Jammie Gandy and Gene Davis; While attending

Paulding High School she has participated in soccer, softball, FFA, a member of the National Honor Society, drama department, science olympiad, solo and ensemble, band. Her favorite memory is going to Florida with her favorite seniors. Her future plans include attending Kent State University to major in nursing.

**Christopher Elder**. While attending Paulding High School he has participated in Pep, concert and marching band, DIII Honors band, solo and ensemble, quiz bowl, engineering team, HOBY and member of the National Honor Society. His favorite memory is friends/bonds made with students and teachers. His future plans include attending Bowling Green State University for Music Education and Spanish Education.

**Lauren Hill**, daughter of Sherie and Jeff Summers; While attending Paulding High School she has participated in science olympiad, solo and ensemble, 4-H, band a member of the National Honor Society. Her favorite memory is Kourtney and Daleigh causing her to choke on water and almost die during dinner at Disney World. Her future plans include attending University of Findlay to major in pre-veterinary medicine.

**Kourtney Thomas**, daughter of Jon and Becky Jo Thomas; While attending Paulding High School she has participated in FFA, band, solo and ensemble, and drama department. Her favorite memory is overflowing the bathtub on the Florida trip and flooding the whole bathroom. Her future plans include attending OSU ATI in the fall and majoring in Horticulture Science.

**Joellyn Salinas**, daughter of Rich and Becky Bennett; While attending Paulding

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# NARROW LOSS FOR ARCHERS ON SENIOR NIGHT



Matt Jones scored 14 this night and here he shoots a field goal. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Senior Night was the theme for a late season game between home team Antwerp and faraway rival, Toledo Christian in high school boys basketball. The Antwerp faculty recognized their five senior basketball players following the varsity game.

In these equally matched teams, Antwerp and To-

ledo Christian bounced back and forth with baskets in the first half leaving the court at half time with a score of 22-26 in favor of the Archers. There is talk of rallying that takes place in the locker room during half time & it is said that it either makes or breaks the game for one of the teams. Well, a rally fever took over Toledo Christian in the 2nd half and their players managed to close the gap at the end of the 3rd quarter 37-39 with Antwerp keeping a very slim lead. The last quarter tipped the scale in direction of Toledo Christian as they pulled in the win from the home team with a mere 6 points. Final score: Antwerp 47, Toledo Christian 53.

Score by the Quarter:  
Toledo Christian - 12 10 15 16=53

Antwerp - 12 14 13 8=47  
Scorers of the Game:  
Toledo Christian - L McGill 2, D Smith 18, G Leu 4, O Gast 3, J Ochoa 13, J Gleason 13

Antwerp - M Jones 14, T Mills 6, D Peters 11, C Seslar 13, L Brewer 3

JV score: Antwerp 52, Toledo Christian 36.

Antwerp is set to take on Lincolnview in the first round of Division IV Sectional play at Van Wert High School on Tuesday, February 28 at 8:00 p.m.

## KNIGHTS BRING DOWN WARRIORS IN SECOND HALF

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan used a big second quarter to propel the Warriors to a 29-17 lead at halftime, but the Norwell Knights outscored the guests 38-24 in the second half to get the comeback win 55-53. Norwell had 3 players in double figures, led by Cody Shively with 21 points. Aaron Hahn topped the Warriors scoring with 26 points.

Score by the Quarter:  
Woodlan - 7 22 11 13=53  
Norwell - 8 9 21 17=55

Scorers of the Game:  
Woodlan - Hahn 26, Fancher 8, Robbins 8, Biggs 5, Rhoades 3, Gerig 2, McCarter 1

Norwell - Shively 21, Wilson 17, Geiger 11, McMichael 4, Stauffer 2

## AN AMAZING NIGHT

On February 26th, the fans of New Haven High School and Heritage High School came together to support their communities... Caring for OUR Community. A total of over 850 socks, hats and gloves were "tossed" onto the floor, collected up and will soon be distributed to people in need throughout both communities.

A shout out to event sponsor Parkview Sports Medicine and also to WHNH 101.3fm.

It was an amazing night of sharing, giving and caring due to many fans that brought items, the staff at each school and the New Haven Cheerleaders.

Because of YOU... our community is a better place today.

## FOUR RAIDER GRAPPLERS ADVANCE TO TROY

Fourteen area schools descended on Lima Central Catholic this last weekend to battle for the next step on the path to the Schottenstein Center's State Wrestling Championships. LCC is the local sectional that begins to weed out the field, and Wayne Trace Wrestling sent seven wrestlers and advanced four with an alternate.

Two sophomores finished their season this weekend. 113# Daniel Ruiz, 19-9, went 0-2, and Wyatt Stabler, 20-16, was 1-2 at sectionals this year.

132# Austin Smith found his sectional wins even at 2-2. He picked up wins over Etzcom of Parkway and Ellerbrock of Ottawa Glandorf. Smith's 7-3 decision over Ellerbrock secured him a 5th place finish and a district alternate spot.

Two Raiders found themselves securing their right to advance with garnering third place finishes. 152# Hunter Showalter went 4-1. He picked up two quick pins Friday over Patrick Henry's Bremer (0:47) and Allen East's Belcher (1:39). Showalter dropped a match to the #2 seed Mault of Bluffton, 2-1, before pinning Anderson

of LCC (1:41) and capturing third place with a forfeit over Coldwater's Obringer.

HWY Noah Reel punched his second consecutive trip to districts with a 3-1 effort in sectionals. He dropped his first match of the tournament to the eventual sectional champion, but battled back. He picked up three consecutive wins over OG's Johnson (0:50), DSJ's Shawhan 7-0, and pinned Ada's Bailey in 2:00 to place third.

Two other Raiders found themselves atop the podium as section champions. 106# Tyler Bauer came into sectionals a little under the radar and recently dropped down to this weight class. Seeded third, he posted an initial win over Columbus Grove's Langhal's 13-2. Pinning the second seed, McKee of Parkway, he found himself in the finals against state ranked Chase Caprella. Allen East's Caprella boasting a 34-2 record was pushed by Bauer the entire match. Bauer scored the first takedown, picked up a late takedown, and upset Caprella by a 6-4 decision. Bauer became a two-time sectional champion.

The red, white, and blue's only senior, team captain, and state ranked 126# Ruger Goeltzenleuchter walked through the sectional field. The 36-1 senior tech fell OG's Hernandez then pinned Parkways' Browning in 1:00. Squaring up Patrick Henry's Gerken in the finals, Goeltzenleuchter picked up a major decision win, 21-7, and became a three-time sectional champion. Pushing his record to 39-1 on the year, Ruger remains ranked in the top four of both state rankings.

The Troy district wrestling tournament will take place this coming weekend and action will begin at 3:00 p.m. on March 3rd. "I am really pleased with how sectionals went. We have multiple sectional champions, multiple district qualifiers, and a new district qualifier. For a young team, we have improved all year. I want to continue the tradition of sending multiple wrestlers to the state tournament as we have done for the last six years. Ruger will have the chance to be a multi-state qualifier and Bauer, Showalter, and Reel will have the opportunity to punch their golden ticket this weekend," commented Coach Clemens.

## PATRIOTS PUMMEL PANTHERS

The Paulding Panthers travelled to Wapakoneta for their first game in the Division III Girls sectional basketball tournament. The Lady Panthers were scheduled to go up against the Patrick Henry Patriots. The tournaments are what every basketball team strives to make it in. Teams will work the entire season just to make it as far as possible in the state tournament. This game would decide who gets to move on to the second game of sectionals.

As the game began, and Patrick Henry took control. The Lady Panthers struggled to keep up, but only managed to score half of what the Lady Patriots could. The first quarter ended with scores of 14-7, and Patrick Henry holding the lead. In the second quarter, Paulding managed to outscore the Patriots, adding 12 points

to the board. Patrick Henry only added 7. The score at half time was 21-19, with the Panthers trailing by 2 points.

The third quarter just went downhill for the Lady Panthers. The Patriots played a strong defense and only allowed 4 points. At the same time, Patrick Henry also managed to add 15 points to their score. In the fourth quarter, Paulding managed to add 7 points, and only allowed the Lady Patriots to score 6. However, this was not enough for the Panthers to take home a win. The final score of the game was 42-30, with Patrick Henry leaving victorious.

Score by the Quarter:  
Paulding - 7 12 4 7=30  
Patrick Henry - 14 7 15 6=42

A few of the top scorers for Paulding included Brianna Townley with 10, Cassidy Posey with 6, Sydney McCullough with 5, and Faith Vogel with 4.

With this loss, the Paulding Panthers are out of the sectional tournament, while Patrick Henry will advance.

## LADY RAIDERS END 2016-17 BASKETBALL SEASON IN SECTIONAL FINALS

February 25th was the Girls Division IV Sectional finals. At the Bluffton, OH location, Wayne Trace prepared to battle with North Baltimore in the late game beginning at 8:00 p.m. North Baltimore dominated the Bluffton court making Wayne Trace work extra hard for each point they managed to accumulate - and fight for the basket they did! The Lady Raiders posted double digit scores 3 out of the 4 quarters. North Baltimore nabbed the Division IV Bluffton Sectional Championship with a final score of 67-46.

Wayne Trace finishes their season with a record of 20-4 - the second season in school history that Lady Raider basketball posted 20 victories.

Score by the Quarter:  
Wayne Trace - 12 10 15 9=46

North Baltimore - 19 16 21 11=67

Scorers of the Game:  
Wayne Trace - C Sinn 8, M Sinn 2, S Sinn 2, K Shepherd 11, G Gudakunst 3, D Myers 18, B Sinn 2

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High School she has participated in band, solo and ensemble, track, quiz bowl and a member of the National Honor Society. Her favorite memory is playing Barbara Ann with the rest of the brass section on the balcony. Her future plans include attending IPFW with her best friend and roommate Brittany Brown and majoring in Business.

Beth Yates, daughter of Teddy and Valerie Yates; While attending Paulding High School she has participated in band, solo and ensemble, FFA, quiz bowl and a member of the National Honor Society. Her favorite memory is going to Florida. Her future plans include attending Northwest State and majoring in nursing.

Emily Knodel, daughter of Jeff and Kelly Knodel; While attending Paulding High School she has participated in FFA for 4 years, student council for 4 years, football and basketball cheerleading for 4 years and a member of the National Honor Society. Her favorite memory is winning homecoming queen with her boyfriend, Devin, as king. Her future plans include attending the University of Saint Francis and majoring in nursing.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Annual Reports for the VILLAGE OF CECIL for the year 2016 have been completed and may be review by appointment with Carlene Turner, Clerk - Treasurer. Please call 419-399-0520 to schedule an appointment.

## CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

The Monthly meetings for the VILLAGE OF CECIL have been changed to the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am in the Cecil Firehouse Community Room.

## VILLAGE OF ANTWERP HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULE

The Village Utility Department intends to start hydrant flushing starting the week of March 13, 2017. The first area to be flushed will be located south of River Street, depending on weather this process should take the three weeks. Starting approximately April 3, 2017 hydrants north of River Street will be flushed. The above schedule is contingent on weather and/or emergency repairs.

Residents may experience temporary discolored water during this process. If noticed, residents should run your tap water until the water is clear. This notice is being given to try to avoid discoloration to clothing during the hydrant flushing.

If you have questions, please call the Village Administrator at 419-258-2371

## VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed RESOLUTION NO. 2017-01 on February 21, 2017, entitled, "A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY TO THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY ONE MILL FOR A RENEWAL LEVY FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR A FIVE YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING IN 2018, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Resolution requests the County Auditor to certify the current tax valuation and dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by one mill for the Village to place a renewal levy on the ballot for the upcoming general election for fire protection and emergency medical services, such renewal levy will be for a five year period commencing in 2018, first payable to the Village in calendar year 2019.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02 on February 21, 2017, entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP AND THE PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN REGARD TO SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR A GRANT OF FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE'S WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY." This Resolution approves participation by the Village with the County in the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Community Development Program, Residential Public Infrastructure Grant Program and authorizes the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Paulding County Commissioners to submit with the application to request funds for the Sewer Collection Pump Station and Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements.

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

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# LIONS CRUISE PAST WARRIORS



Woodlan senior Kyle Nahrwold takes a jumpshot and scores for the Warriors. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Leo outscored host Woodlan in each of the first three quarters and the visiting Lions cruised to an 80-63 win over the Warriors Friday night in non-league boys basketball action at Woodlan High School.

Leo held the Warriors to single digits in the first quarter as the Lions opened a quick 17-9 advantage after eight minutes of action.

Quarter number two saw the pace pick up as the two teams combined for 47 points in eight minutes of action.

However, it was the Lions who scored 28 of the 47 and

Leo expanded the margin to 45-24 at the end of two periods.

Leo then continued to pull away from the host Warriors, picking up 24 more points in the third quarter compared to Woodlan's 16 as the Lions posted a 69-44 margin entering the final stanza.

Woodlan did win the fourth quarter, outpointing Leo 19-11 in the period, but the Lions cruised to the 80-63 victory.

Will Moreau paced Leo with 28 points, four rebounds, five assists and a pair of steals while Jeremy Davi-

son chipped in 16 points and seven assists.

Lane Reed and Eli Steiner posted 14 and 13 points, respectively, for Leo, which improves to 12-12 on the season.

Jason Sutter (eight) and Luke Stoller (1) picked up the other Leo points.

Austin Fancher totaled 18 points to pace Woodlan, which drops to 12-10 on the season.

Aaron Hahn chipped in 16 for the Warriors followed by De'ontae Biggs (9), Josh Gerig (8), Trevon McCarter (4), Ah'lan Howard (4), Jack Rhoades (2) and Kyle Nahrwold (2).

The Warriors will open sectional play in the IHSAA tournament on Friday when Woodlan hosts either Churubusco or South Adams. Game time is slated for 6:00 p.m.

Woodlan will host the sectional, which opens tonight with Churubusco and South Adams squaring off for the right to battle the Warriors.

On Wednesday, Bluffton will take on Canterbury in game one followed by Adams Central against Eastside.

Sectional semifinals on Friday features Woodlan against the South Adams/Churubusco winner before the Bluffton/Canterbury and Adams Central/Eastside victors square off in game two.

The sectional championship will be on Saturday at 7:00 p.m. at Woodlan High School.

More pictures at westbendnews.net

## LANCERS EDGE IN WIN OVER PANTHERS

To Lancers' territory was the destination of a late season league play for the Paulding boys to square off against Lincolnview. The Panthers fell to the home court advantage in both varsity and JV play.

In Varsity action, even though the Panthers had fairly consistent scoring each quarter, the Lancers upped the ante in the second half scoring over Paulding just enough to edge in the win in the 4th quarter. Final varsity score – Paulding 61, Lincolnview 66.

JV score: Paulding 46, Lincolnview 52

Score by the Quarter:  
Lincolnview – 18 7 17 25=66

Paulding – 15 13 14 19=61

Scorers of the Game:  
Lincolnview – C Ringwald 8, R Rager 12, E Kemler 8, C Verholt 25, T Miller 8, Bowersock 4

Paulding – M Miller 6, E Rhonehouse 22, J Miller 4, K Echols 4, C Doctor 4, P Ingol 17, G Harder 4

## DIVISION IV HS GIRLS SECTIONALS AT PAULDING

High school girls basketball sectionals took place at various locations in Ohio last week. Paulding played host to some Division IV action. On February 21st, the first 2 rounds pitted Fort Jennings vs. Continental and McComb vs. Delphos St. John's.

Fort Jennings 42, Continental 47

Fort Jennings (42) – Lexi Hoersten 1-0-2, McKenna Ricker 1-0-2, Abby Von Sosan 5-0-13, Madison Neidert 1-0-2, Erin Eickholt 0-0-0, Marissa Krietemeyer 5-1-11, Vanessa Wollenhorst 2-0-5, Erica Ray 0-0-0, Haley Witter 1-0-2, Kristen Luersman

0-2-2, Rachel Kneale 0-0-0, Lillian Wisner 1-1-3

Continental (47) – Brooke Bradford 3-0-7, Addyson Arney 2-1-6, Kaitlyn Alvarado 0-0-0, Alex Hoeffel 1-2-4, Jaylen Arney 0-3-3, Amber Logan 9-5-25, Ashley Mansfield 1-0-2

Three Point Goals:  
Fort Jennings – Von Sosan 3, Wollenhorst 1), Continental (Bradford 1, A. Arney 1, Logan 2

Score by the Quarter:  
Fort Jennings – 6 11 15 10=42

Continental – 11 9 7 20=47  
McComb 40, Delphos St. John's 36

McComb (40) – Nora Hemminger 3-6-13, Lauren Grubb 1-0-3, Shaye Hemminger 1-0-3, Jenna Herr 7-5-19, Hanna Schroeder 0-2-2

Delphos St. John's (36) – Taylor Zuber 2-1-5, Madilyn Schulte 5-0-13, Betty Vorst 3-2-10, Jessica Geise 2-1-5, Hannah Bockey 1-0-3

Three Point Goals:  
Delphos St. John's – Schulte 3, Vorst 2, Bockey 1); McComb (N. Hemminger 1, Grubb 1, S. Hemminger 1

Score by Quarter:  
McComb – 4 11 12 13=40  
Delphos St. John's – 16 8 0 12=36

The competition continued on Saturday, February 25 for Ottoville and Continental, and Leipsic and McComb.

Ottoville 61, Continental 19

Score by the Quarter:  
Ottoville – 10 18 17 16=61  
Continental – 3 2 8 6=19

Continental (19) – Brooke Bradford 0-0-1-1, Addyson Arney 1-1-2-7, Alex Hoeffel 0-1-0-3, Amber Logan 3-0-0-6, Ashley Mansfield 1-0-0-2

Ottoville (61) – Cassandra Kempe 6-1-1-16, Madison Knodell 2-1-0-7, Bridget Landin 4-2-2-16, Quinley Schlagbaum 1-0-0-2, Brooke Mangas 3-0-0-6, Amber Miller 2-0-0-4, Kasey Knippen 1-0-0-2, Alicia Honigford 1-0-1-3, Kylee Hoersten 0-1-0-3, Abi Hilvers 1-0-0-2

Leipsic 59, McComb 46

Score by the Quarter:  
McComb – 11 11 8 16=46  
Leipsic – 12 16 10 11=59

McComb (46) – Nora Hemminger 3-2-1-13, Lauren Grubb 1-1-0-5, Kadakna Duran 0-3-0-9, Jenna Herr 4-1-8-19

Leipsic (59) – Carlee Siefker 1-2-0-8, Peyton Henry 1-0-0-2, Mindy Ellerbrock

# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH AT PAYNE ELEMENTARY



Front Row: Knox Mills, Owen Welch, Marquan Hardin, Olivia Baughman, Chloe Murphy. Back Row: Kendel Franklin, Ty Riebesehl, Lane Morehead, Elizabeth Mohr, Emma Laukhuf, Cadence Baker, Cale Winans. Not pictured: Paytin Morrison, Laura Stoller

1-0-0-2, Kierra Meyer 4-0-2-10, Heather Lammers 1-3-1-12, Claire Riegel 4-0-0-8, Brooke Gerdeman 7-0-1-15, Alaina Haselman 1-0-0-2

On March 2nd, Ottoville will play Leipsic at Ottawa Glandorf High School at 6:00 p.m.

## LADY RAIDERS CAGE THE WILDCATS

On Wednesday, February 22nd, the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders played in the first round of sectionals against the Kalida Wildcats. Both teams travelled to Bluffton to face-off. The Lady Raiders have had an excellent season so far, with 19 victories and only 3 losses. Compared to Kalida's record of 11-11, it was pretty clear that the Raiders would come out the victors. However, it could be anyone's game in the tournament.

As soon as the whistle blew, the Raiders swiftly won the tip-off and began scoring points. Wayne Trace easily took control and held the lead. By the end of the first quarter, the Lady Raiders had added 14 points to the board. Kalida, though trailing the Raiders, was still playing a strong game and was only down by 4 points at the end of the first. However, the second quarter went fairly similar to the first. The Wildcats could only chase after the Raiders, but never catch up. Wayne Trace added 15 points, while the Kalida only managed 11. This widened the score gap to an 8-point difference. The score at half time was 29-21.

Coming back from the half, both teams seemed to have lost some steam. Though the Lady Raiders still managed to outscore the Wildcats, they only added 12 to their running score. Kalida

couldn't hold a candle to that, as they only added 7 points. However, the fourth quarter was where the Wildcats started giving a little more pushback. In a strange turn of events, Kalida upped their game and outscored the Raiders in the fourth quarter. They managed to add 14 points, while Wayne Trace could only score 13. Unfortunately for the Wildcats, this was not enough to bring them a victory. At the end of the game, the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders were the victors. The final score of the game was 54-42.

Score by the Quarter:  
Wayne Trace – 14 15 12 13=54

Kalida – 10 11 7 14=42

A few of the lead scorers for Wayne Trace include Danae Myers with 21, Kaylee Shepherd with 9, Gracie Gudakunst with 8 points, and Claire Sinn with 6 points.

A few of the lead scorers for Kalida include Sarah Klausing with 19 points, Lauren Langhals with 11 points, Kara Sinker with 7 points, Brooke Kimball with 3 points.

After this game, Wayne Trace (Continued on Page 12)

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**Bryan:** Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center, Walmart

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**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

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**INDIANA LOCATIONS**

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

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

**Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

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

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**Woodburn:** Clip -N- Tan, Sam & Carter's Pizza, Woodburn Hardware, Bob's Restaurant, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Woodburn Branch Library, 1-0-2, Erin Eickholt 0-0-0, Marissa Krietemeyer 5-1-11, Vanessa Wollenhorst 2-0-5, Erica Ray 0-0-0, Haley Witter 1-0-2, Kristen Luersman

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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, Payne, 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  
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James K. Weaner, Attorney for Plaintiff

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Trace's record improved to 20-3, while Kalida's went to 11-12

With this victory, Wayne Trace moved on in sectionals to play against North Baltimore on February 25.

**PAULDING COUNTY COURT REPORTS**

**Criminal and Traffic Dispositions**

**Chad E. Hook,** Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Timothy O. Schroeder,** Maria Stein, OH; Seat belt/drive; guilty; case was waived by defendant

**Abduljalil H. Ibrahim,** Minneapolis, MN; Unsafe veh; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Daniel R. Francis,** Versailles, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Kyle A. Rummel,** Montpelier, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Davis C. Reid,** Hicksville, OH; Display plates; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Zachary P. Parrish;** Continental, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

**Craig E. Blair;** Grover

**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.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers  
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Charles F. Koch, Attorney for Plaintiff

**James E. Brooks;** El Paso, TX; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jason J. Unger;** Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Rodger D. Saum;** Delphos, OH; Disable warning; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Danny L. Fairchild II;** Paulding, OH; Fail control; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant shall pay \$30.00 per month commencing 3/31/17; Pay all fines and costs by 6/30/17 or will be sent to collections

**Dylan Gamble;** Paulding, OH; Dis of safety; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**David L. Smith;** Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**David W. Smith;** Paulding, OH; Prohib turn; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**John W. Brown;** Napoleon, OH; DUS; Guilty; Proof of financial responsibility provided; Pay all fines and costs by 2/17/17 or will be sent to collections

**John W. Brown,** Napoleon, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 2/17/17 or will be sent to collections

**Floyd Hunt,** Fredericktown, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Craig E. Blair;** Grover

**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.

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

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

**Hill, OH;** Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Patrick M Elkins II,** Cecil, OH; Criminal trespa; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

**John W. Woodby,** Defiance, OH; Criminal trespa; J-Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and cots; Shall maintain general good behavior

**Tanner Jay Welch,** Paulding, OH; Criminal damage; Guilty; Same conditions as count A

**Joshua J Schmidt;** Grover Hill, OH; Sex off registr; Prel-Held; Preliminary hearing held; Testimony given; The court finds that there is probably cause to believe the crime alleged was committed; case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court

**Brian W. Ross,** Latty, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Larry G. Hilty,** Columbia City, IN; OVI/Under; Guilty; May attend the DIP Program in lieu of jail must be completed by 4/28/17; Proof of insurance provided; Fines and costs from the bond 27 jail days reserved

**Larry G. Hilty,** Columbia City, IN; Marked lanes; Guilty; Fines and costs to be taken from the bond

**LATTA AWARDED 'TRUE BLUE' AWARD FOR STANDING UP FOR FAMILY VALUES**

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) was recently awarded the 'True Blue' Award from the Family Research Council's legislative affiliate, FRC Action, for his 100 percent voting record on the 2016 scorecard. The scorecard includes votes that support faith, family, and freedom including eliminating taxpayer funding for abortion, protecting religious freedom, and preventing government discrimination against pro-life groups.

"I'm honored to receive the 'True Blue' award which is presented to Members of Congress that steadfastly vote to uphold family values," said Latta. "Whether it's protecting our religious freedoms or standing up for the unborn, there is no room for representatives to waver on these important issues. I'll continue to stand up for life, family, and religious liberty principles in Congress and represent the values of Ohio's 5th Congressional District."

"We thank Representative Latta for consistently voting to uphold faith, family and freedom," said Family Research Council Action President Tony Perkins. "Rep. Latta voted to repeal key parts of Obamacare, protect unborn children and their mothers, end the forced partnership between taxpayers and Planned Parenthood, allow students to attend the school of their choice, and protect pro-life organizations and employers from being forced to hire individuals who disagree with pro-life principles. We can be encouraged by elected officials who are willing to be criticized as they stand for family values. Members like Rep. Latta deserve praise for their unwavering commitment to stand for life, family, marriage, and religious liberty."

**Bronson E. Bartley,** Oakwood, OH; Driv/FRA susp; Pled no cont., found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 3/31/17 or will be sent to collections

**Nathan J. Woodby,** Cecil, OH; Criminal trespa; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior; 30 days reserved

**Landon T. Tracy,** Paulding, OH; Criminal trespa; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

**Connor Arend,** Haviland, OH; Criminal trespa; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines; Shall maintain general good behavior

**Christopher A Gheen,** Haviland, OH; Agg menacing; Dismis; Count A dismissed

**Christopher A. Gheen,** Haviland, OH; Resisting arrest; guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; 10 days jail with 2 days credit; Complete 40 hrs community service; Thinking For A Change Program; Placed on standard probation; Temporary protection order expired; No contact with victims

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

**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. CI-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.

**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 2/6/17**

This 6th day of February, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Roy Klopfenstein, Tony Zartman, Mark Holtzberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

**TRAVEL REQUEST:**  
Suzanne Rister, Judge's Conference, Dublin, OH - January 23-25, 2017  
Vicki Lamerson, Victims' Assistance Training, Columbus, OH - February 3, 2017

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:**  
Warrants documented as 230758 through 230812 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on February 6, 2017, Warrant numbered 230769 in the amount of \$855.37; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**IN THE MATTER OF CREATING A NEW REVENUE LINE ITEM (FUND 014):**

A new revenue line item must be created to accurately track contributions to OPERS from the employees at the PC Workshop.

Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create a revenue line item in the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities:

Fund (Fund 014) Revenue Line Items: 014-001-10043, PCBDD/OPERS Carry-over Employee Receipts  
AMOUNT: \$9,200.00

**IN THE MATTER OF CREATING NEW EXPENSE LINE ITEMS (FUND 014):**

A new revenue line item must be created to accurately track money paid to OPERS for the PC Workshop employees.

Now, therefore, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create a revenue line item in the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities Fund (Fund 014), to-wit: Expense Line Items: 014-001-00039, PCBDD/ER Share OPERS of Carry-over Employee.  
Estimated Revenue AMOUNT: \$12,800.00

Expense Line Items 014-001-00040, PCBDD/EE Share OPERS of Carry-over Employees  
Estimated Revenue AMOUNT: \$9,200.00

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 163):**

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2017 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Indigent Defense Fund (Fund 163):  
163-001-00004/Indigent Defense/Indigent Defense-Juvenile Court  
AMOUNT: \$179.04

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

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

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

By: *Shirley A. Parker*  
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.  
**DAVID J. GRAVES, ET AL.,**  
 Defendants.

Case No. CI 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  
 Paulding County, Ohio  
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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.  
**EDWARD PAUL JOHNSTON, ET AL.,**  
 Defendants.

Case No. CI 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;

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 10:25 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.

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Sheriff Jason K. Landers  
 Paulding County, Ohio  
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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.  
**KENNETH C. BLAND, ET AL.,**  
 Defendants.

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

**306 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.

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**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.**

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## NORTHWEST OHIO POACHER SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS IN PRISON



Some of the evidence seized from the northwest Ohio portion of Operation North Coast.

Robert Mandon Freeworth, 36, of Grand Rapids was sentenced to four years in prison for poaching and the illegal sales of wild game by Wood County Judge Reeve Kelsey, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Freeworth was also ordered to pay more than \$5,500 in restitution and lost his right to hunt, trap and fish in Ohio for 18 years. Judge Kelsey also ordered Freeworth to forfeit more than 50 items of evidence seized during the investigation to the ODNR Division of Wildlife, including firearms, cash, white-tailed deer antlers, venison and a vehicle.

On August 4, 2016, State Wildlife Officers from the ODNR Division of Wildlife served an arrest warrant on Robert Mandon Freeworth. The arrest stemmed from a long-term investigation dubbed Operation North Coast that was closed in March 2016 when more than 45 state wildlife officers and investigators executed search warrants and conducted interviews with dozens of subjects.

Freeworth was the main suspect in the northwest Ohio portion of Operation North Coast. He was convicted of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, selling venison, tampering with records as well as three counts of tagging, checking or possessing a deer unlawfully.

Freeworth was also convicted of improper handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle. On several occasions he possessed or discharged a loaded firearm while in a motor vehicle. One such incident occurred January 22, 2015, when he shot at three different deer from his vehicle while hunting without permission on three different landowners' properties and with the aid of a spotlight.

Other convictions for Freeworth include hunting without permission, such as one instance when he shot a deer with a rifle during the archery season from his vehicle while in the parking lot of a Grand Rapids store. Freeworth was ordered to pay restitution for this deer and the mount was forfeited to the state.

Freeworth was one of 22 suspects charged with 55 violations as part of Operation North Coast in northwest Ohio. Of those 55 violations, 38 of the charges, including seven felonies, led to guilty convictions, and 17 of the charges were dropped as part of plea agreements.

The total restitution and court costs collected during this portion of the investigation was nearly \$22,000. Violations occurred throughout four northwest Ohio counties (Wood, Lucas, Henry and Ottawa) and spanned seven different court jurisdictions.

Operation North Coast was initiated after the wildlife agency received multiple complaints from landowners, sportsmen and women, as well as the general public in reference to the illegal taking and sales of wildlife, including sportfish and deer, by subjects along Lake Erie. The case includes as many as 40 defendants throughout 10 counties. The investigation is still ongoing in several north-east Ohio counties.

Other noteworthy northwest Ohio convictions include:  
**Dawn R. Large (42) - Grand Rapids**  
 Dawn Large was convicted of committing multiple deer hunting violations while with Freeworth. For killing a buck on property she did not have permission to hunt, Large was ordered to pay restitution of \$ 2,379.45, in addition to \$745 in fines and court costs, and lost her hunting, trapping and fishing privileges for three years. For her role in another unlawful activity in Henry County she pleaded guilty of possessing a firearm while intoxicated and was ordered to pay \$665 in fines and court costs.

**Michael P. Amos (42) - Napoleon**  
 Mike Amos was convicted of killing a deer and failing to check it in before noon on the day after harvest. He also killed two antlered deer in 2015 and provided false information when he checked

## THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

the second deer by reporting the harvest county as Lucas County rather than Wood County, and for reporting the deer as an antlerless deer instead of an antlered deer. He was ordered to pay \$2,820.31 in restitution for the second buck he killed in 2015, in addition to \$280.75 in court costs, and lost his hunting privileges for three years.

**Lee A. Curtis (43) - Colton**  
 Lee Curtis, a prior convicted felon, was convicted of two counts of possessing a firearm while under disability. He was also convicted of hunting without permission, and for killing a deer during the archery season with a rifle and checking the deer in as an archery kill. He was ordered to pay \$3,090.73 in restitution for the deer and was ordered to forfeit the deer mount to the state. Curtis was ordered to pay \$509.46 in court costs and he lost his hunting, trapping and fishing privileges for nine years and was sentenced to 120 days in jail. He also was charged with killing two geese with a rifle from the road and with the aid of a motor vehicle. These charges were dismissed as part of a plea agreement, but he was required to pay \$100 restitution for the two geese

**Matthew M. Langlois (40) - Waterville, Lawrence**  
**"Andy" Turner II (39) - Toledo**  
 Matthew Langlois and Andy Turner were each charged with theft by deception for their roles in deceiving the Maumee Bait and Tackle during their annual walleye fishing tournament. In 2014, Lee Curtis and Matthew Langlois caught walleye on Lake Erie with the intent of entering the fish into the tournament. On April 27, 2014, Turner and Langlois used some of the fish caught from Lake Erie to win second place in the tournament and \$375. The money was split between Curtis, Langlois and Turner. Langlois and Turner were ordered to pay \$835 in fines and court costs. They were ordered to pay back the money they won to Maumee Bait and Tackle and to not have contact with the business for three years. They are not allowed to enter any walleye fishing tournament on the Maumee River for three years.

**Robert V. Freeworth (59) - Grand Rapids**  
 Robert V. Freeworth, Robert Mandon Freeworth's father, was charged with two counts of aiding a wildlife offender. He received more than \$1,300 in fines and court costs in Henry and Wood counties combined, and lost his hunting, fishing, and trapping privileges for three years.

**Malory J. Beasley (31) - Grand Rapids**  
 Malory Beasley, Robert Mandon Freeworth's sister,

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## DEFIANCE COUNTY HORSEMAN'S COUNCIL HELPS CLEAN UP ALONG THE MAUMEE RIVER



Pictured here is Bridget Russell helping with the Maumee River clean up. Clayton and Brenda Vance also cleaned the road. They are not pictured.



Defiance County Horseman Council member, Linda Mabis, helped with the Maumee River clean up.

Submitted by: Becky Suvar, WMEA Program Manager

Every Spring, The Defiance County Horseman's Council spends many hours cleaning up along the Maumee River. This organization enjoys taking rides along the two mile stretch of Coffin Road that borders both Defiance and Paulding Counties. This club, however, finds the scenic by-way marred by all the litter

and trash along the path. So, to make their ride more pleasant, they have started to clean up this area.

Many of the items found can be disposed of in an environmentally safe way. One way is by recycling certain items such as plastic, steel cans, glass bottles, tires; even electronics. If placed along roads, ditches or river banks, these items become litter and create a dump site. These sites can become ugly and dangerous to not only humans, but to wildlife. Everyone needs to be good stewards of their environment and county.

If anyone would like information about recycling opportunities in Paulding County, please call Becky Suvar, WMEA Program Manager at 419-399-3630.

The Paulding County Commissioners and the WMEA Program would like to extend their appreciation to the Defiance County Horseman's council for being concerned citizens of the area.

### HUSTED: INVESTIGATION UNCOVERS NON-CITIZENS WHO REGISTERED TO VOTE & ILLEGALLY CAST BALLOTS

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted today announced that his office has identified an additional 385 non-citizens registered to vote in Ohio, 82 of whom have been identified as having voted in at least one election. This brings the total number of non-citizens on Ohio's voter rolls Secretary Husted has been able to identify using available resources to 821, with 126 of those individuals having actually cast ballots.

Secretary Husted is the first of Ohio's chief elections officials to initiate a review of Ohio's Statewide Registered Voter Database (SWRVD) to identify non-citizens on the

voter rolls. This is the third review Secretary Husted's administration has conducted.

"In light of the national discussion about illegal voting it is important to inform our discussions with facts. The fact is voter fraud happens, it is rare and when it happens, we hold people accountable," Secretary Husted said.

As Secretary Husted has done following similar reviews of the SWRVD in 2013 and 2015, those 82 non-citizens that are registered to vote and have cast ballots will be immediately referred to law enforcement for further investigation and possible prosecution.

The 303 registered voters identified as non-citizens who have not cast a ballot will be sent letters both informing them that non-citizens are not eligible to vote and requesting that they cancel their registration. A follow-up letter will be sent to any individuals that still remain on the rolls after 30 days. Any non-citizens identified that remain on the rolls after being contacted twice will then be referred to law enforcement.

The Secretary of State's office has been able to identify these non-citizens on the rolls using information provided by the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) as applicants are required to provide documentation of their legal presence with their application for a state identification or drivers' license. The non-citizens were identified by the Secretary of State's Office using a double confirmation process, which requires a registered voter to have provided documentation to the BMV themselves indicating that they are a non-U.S. Citizen two times before being flagged.

While the process Secretary Husted has implemented using information provided by the BMV has been helpful in working to maintain and protect Ohio's voter rolls, there are likely additional non-citizens in the SWRVD given the lack of access to more real-time data maintained by the federal government. In February and July of 2015, Secretary wrote then-President Barack Obama requesting that the states be given real-time access to accurate, searchable, electronic databases of non-citizens who have valid Social Security numbers so that they may distinguish between citizens and lawfully-present non-citizens. That same year, Secretary Husted also testified before a congressional committee about how this type of data can be used by the states to properly maintain their respective voter rolls. In the coming weeks, Secretary Husted plans to renew his call for access to this information.

"I have a responsibility to preserve the integrity of Ohio's elections system," Secretary Husted said. "When you consider that in Ohio we have had 112 elections decided by one vote or tied in the last three years, every case of illegal voting must be taken seriously and elections officials must have every resource available to them to respond accordingly."

It should be noted, that none of the cases where a non-citizen is shown to have cast a ballot occurred in jurisdictions where an election was decided by one vote or tied.

**Editor's Quick Facts:**  
Since taking office in 2011, Secretary Husted has identified

821 non-U.S. Citizens on the state's voter rolls including 291 in 2013, 145 in 2015 and 385 today.

126 non-U.S. Citizens who have cast at least one ballot in an Ohio election including 17 in 2013, 27 in 2015 and 82 today.

Since taking office in 2011, Secretary Husted has:

Removed over 541,000 deceased Ohioans from the voter rolls

Resolved 1.6 million duplicate registrations.

Contacted over 1.65 million Ohioans who are eligible but unregistered to encourage them to register to vote.

Launched an online change of address system to make keeping your voter registration up-to-date more convenient. 462,000 voters have used this system.

Launched an online voter registration system in January 2017.

### PUBLIC INVITED TO COMMENT ON OHIO'S 2017-2018 HUNTING SEASON PROPOSALS

Ohioans are invited to offer public comment regarding the proposed and future hunting, trapping and fishing regulations at open houses scheduled across the state. The open houses will be held on Saturday, March 4, between noon and 3:00 p.m., and online comments will be accepted through Sunday, March 5.

Open houses provide opportunities for anyone interested in sharing input and participating in Ohio's professional fish and wildlife management process. ODNr Division of Wildlife biologists and law enforcement officers will be available to answer questions and receive comments. Those unable to attend an open house can provide comments online at wildohio.gov. All interested Ohioans are encouraged to participate.

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was convicted of tagging and checking a deer that was killed unlawfully by her brother and was ordered to pay \$441.88 in fines and court costs, and lost her hunting and fishing privileges for three years.

The ODNr Division of Wildlife would like to thank the Wood County Sheriff's Office and all of the judges and prosecutors, especially Gwen Howe-Gebbers, former assistant prosecutor with Wood County Common Pleas Court (currently county prosecutor in Henry County), who were involved in these cases for recognizing the importance of Ohio's fish and wildlife resources. In addition, this case would not have been possible without information provided by concerned citizens. To report wildlife violations call the Turn In a Poacher (TIP) line at 1-800-POACHER (1-800-762-2437) or to submit information online at wildohio.gov. All information received by the TIP program will remain confidential.

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.

## ROLLER COASTER CRAFTING AT GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY



Pictured here are sixth graders Anna Miller & Maddi Egnore showing the 3rd graders their roller coaster creation.



Sixth grader Brice Carnahan shows 2nd graders how his roller coaster works.

The Miss Kathy Sinn's sixth graders at Grover Hill Elementary recently shared their completed roller coasters with the staff, their parents and our student body. They met the challenge of

designing, creating, testing and adjusting the track to enable a safe "ride" for their marble! Then the showcase to demonstrate their success to others! Marvelous Job!

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Applications are also available at the office or can be printed from the website www.pauldingohsheriff.com under the General Information tab. Deadline is 9 a.m., on Friday, March 3, and can be delivered to 500 East Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879. Please include daytime phone number, past five year work history, copies of training certificates and three references with contact information.

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Open house location information for March 4:

- Central Ohio: Wildlife District One office, 1500 Dublin Road, Columbus 43215; 614-644-3925;
- Northwest Ohio: Wildlife District Two office, 952 Lima Avenue, Findlay 45840; 419-424-5000;
- Northeast Ohio: Wildlife District Three office, 912 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron 44319; 330-644-2293;
- Southeast Ohio: Wildlife District Four office, 360 E. State Street, Athens 45701; 740-589-9930;
- Southwest Ohio: Greene County Fish and Game, 1538 Union Road, Xenia 45385; 937-372-9261.

Directions to open houses can be found at wildohio.gov or by calling 800-WILD-LIFE (945-3543). Public input gathered at these open houses and online is critical and will be considered during the formation of future hunting and fishing regulations.

A statewide hearing on all of the proposed rules will be held at the ODNR Division of Wildlife's District One office Thursday, March 16, at 9:00 a.m.

The Ohio Wildlife Council is an eight-member board that approves all ODNR Division of Wildlife proposed rules and regulations. The council will vote on the proposed rules and season dates during its meeting Wednesday, April 12 after considering public input.

Council meetings are open

to the public. Individuals who want to provide comments on a topic that is currently being considered by council are asked to preregister at least two days prior to the meeting by calling 614-265-6304. All comments are required to be three minutes or less.

**I-469 \$24.7 MILLION PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECT PLANNED FOR MARCH 1**

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces that the \$24.7 million pavement replacement project on I-469, from 0.85 miles east of U.S. 27 to 2.4 miles south of U.S. 30, is scheduled to begin on or after Wednesday, March 1, weather permitting.

Work on the project, to be completed by INDOT contractor Brooks Construction Company, will include the total removal of concrete pavement from the lanes and shoulders, followed by the placement of asphalt between mile marker 11/U.S. 27 and mile marker 17/Minnich Road. Bridge rehabilitation and repair are also scheduled for the I-469 bridge over the Chicago, Fort Wayne and Eastern Railroad south; the I-469 bridge over Tillman Road; and the I-469 bridge over the Chicago, Fort Wayne and Eastern Railroad north. A bridge deck overlay is planned for the I-469 bridge over Houk Ditch.

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

Wednesday, March 1, motorists will see I-469 reduced to one lane in each direction between exits 11-17. This will allow contractors to complete preparation work in advance of a traffic shift planned later this year. Heavy equipment will then begin placing segments of temporary barrier walls while contractors begin construction of crossovers in the medians.

Once crossovers are completed, traffic will be switched to the eastbound lanes, with one 11-foot lane in each direction, while road reconstruction takes place in the westbound lanes. Also at this time, motorists can expect the closure of the westbound exit ramp from I-469 to Marion Center Road and the westbound entrance from I-469 from Tillman Road.

The speed limit will be reduced to 55 mph through the construction zone, with a 45 mph speed limit when flashing speed limit signs are present.

Work on the westbound lanes will continue throughout late 2017, with traffic being restored to two lanes in both directions before the 2017-18 winter season. The two-year construction project will resume in the spring of 2018 with the reconstruction of the eastbound lanes.

**STATE PATROL INVESTIGATING SINGLE VEHICLE INJURY CRASH**

The Van Wert Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a single vehicle injury crash that occurred on State Route 637 just north of State Route 613, west of the Village of Oakwood, in Paulding County.

On February 25, 2017, at approximately 11:17 P.M., a

1995 Ford Escort, operated by Scott W. Rhoades, age 46, of Middle Point, Ohio was traveling south on State Route 637. Mr. Rhoades went off the left side of the roadway, re-entered the roadway, went off the right side of the roadway and struck a ditch.

Mr. Rhoades was transported by Samaritan Life-Flight to Parkview Regional Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed by R&O Towing.

Mr. Rhoades' vehicle was equipped with an automatic shoulder strap seat belt, in which he was wearing, however, he was reportedly not wearing the lap portion of the seat belt. Alcohol is suspected to be a factor in the crash and crash remains under investigation.

State Troopers with the Van Wert Post were assisted on scene by the Paulding County Sheriff's Office, Paulding County Fire and EMS, Samaritan Life-Flight and R&O Towing.

The State Patrol would like to remind motorists to always wear a properly adjusted seat belt, to include both shoulder and lap straps, and to never operate a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

**OHIOANS BEGIN THE 2017-2018 LICENSE YEAR WITH A NEW LICENSE SYSTEM**

Beginning March 1, Ohioans can purchase a 2017-2018 hunting or fishing license at wildohio.gov and at hundreds of participating agents throughout Ohio. Licenses are also available for purchase on a mobile device such as a smartphone.

Ohio's hunters, anglers and conservationists will find a newly redesigned on-

line purchasing system when they log in to buy licenses, permits, or other products. Licenses and permits are now grouped by category, such as hunting, fishing and trapping. New this year, anyone can access their online account at wildohio.gov and obtain a free reprint of their license or permit (this option is not available at license agents).

Ohio's hunting and fishing license year begins March 1. A resident fishing license and hunting license cost \$19 each. Prices for all fishing and hunting licenses and permits are unchanged from last year. Ohio's 2017-2018 licenses are valid immediately upon purchase through February 28, 2018. White-tailed deer and fall wild turkey hunting permits will go on sale later in 2017.

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.

**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 2/13/17**

This 13th 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 231005 through 231107 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

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

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on February 8, 2017, Warrants numbered 230922 through 230987 in the amount of \$2,863.76; and

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

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

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as

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

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

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on February 13, 2017, Warrants numbered 231014 through 231075 in the amount of \$908.85; and

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

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

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

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

**TRAVEL REQUEST**  
 Tony Zartman, JEDI meeting, Columbus OH -February 15, 2017

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

There will be combined public hearing meetings for Latty and Payne Villages regarding general information on electric government aggregation on March 8th at 4:00pm and 6:00pm. The meetings will be held at the Payne Village Office at 119 N Main Street.

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# JB WINS TOURNAMENT!



Junior High Boys Basketball team - (front row) Lucas Johnson, Isaac Schwartz, Austin Petermen, Elijah Murphy, Preston Miller and Seth Cains; (back row) Shane Comer, Austin Snyder, Caleb Shenkel, Allen Kees, and Xander Jewell.

By: Hayden Cains and Faith Shenkel

On Saturday, February 11th, Harlan Christian hosted its annual Junior High Red-Robin Invitational Tournament. The Junior boys came to play that day. The junior high boys faced-off first against the Fountain City Christian Flames. They handled that team well and won that game with a score of 43-20.

Austin Petermen scored 14 points, 4 assists, and 3 steals. Caleb Shenkel added 10 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, and 2 steals.

Elijah Murphy scored 8 points, 2 assists, and 6 steals.

Then the Hawks took a break while the Angola Warriors beat the Fountain City Flames in a close game. Now it was time for our Harlan

Hawks to play for the championship. They went up against the Angola Warriors and again our Harlan JB Hawks handled them well. They won the championship game with a score of 42-26.

Austin Petermen had a double-double with 21 points and 10 steals.

Elijah Murphy added 9 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist and 4 steals.

Caleb Shenkel added 4 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists and 5 steals.

Isaac Schwartz scored 4 points, 3 steals and 1 block.

Caleb Shenkel, Elijah Murphy, Isaac Schwartz, and Austin Petermen were named to the all-tourney team. Austin Petermen took home the tournament MVP award.

Great job Hawks!

## DUSTIN SHUHERK BENEFIT

A benefit for Dustin Shuherk is planned for Saturday, March 4th at the Payne American Legion Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dustin is 29 years old and has been diagnosed with Stage III Colon Cancer. He is the son of Con and Ann Shuherk of Payne, is married and has a two year old daughter. There will be baked goods available, various raffles, a silent auction and lunch will be served beginning at 11:00 a.m. (carry-outs available). Please come and show your support for Dustin and his family. We hope to see you there.

## GIRL SCOUT COOKIES ARRIVE BY THE MILLIONS

It's a big weekend for Girl Scouts of Western Ohio! Girl

Scout cookies begin arriving by the truck-load for pick up by our volunteers. More than 2.9 million boxes will be distributed to more than 2,300 troops in 32 counties throughout western Ohio.

There are several "Cookie Drops" scheduled in your area. The largest drops are listed below with details on locations and times. At these drops, volunteers will pick up cases of cookies for their troop's initial cookie orders, which girls will distribute to customers over the coming weeks.

Haven't ordered your Girl Scout Cookies? Don't panic. You have until the end of March to place an order through a Girl Scout you know, in person or online via Digital Cookie. Don't know a Girl Scout? Girl Scout Cookie Booth sales begin March 3

and go through March 26. To find a booth in your community, visit [gsw.org/findcookies](http://gsw.org/findcookies) and enter your zip code into the Girl Scout Cookie Finder or download the Girl Scout Cookie Finder app for your iOS or Android mobile device.

Drop 1:  
Corrigan Moving, 12377 Williams Rd., Perrysburg, OH 43551; Saturday, February 25, 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Over 240,000 packages will be distributed at this location.

Drop 2:  
Camp Libbey, 28325 SR 281, Defiance, OH 43512; Saturday, February 25, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## PAULDING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS SECOND CASINO NIGHT

The Paulding Chamber of Commerce will be holding its Annual Membership Banquet on Friday, March 17, 2017. The event will be a Casino Night featuring fun games of chance such as roulette and black jack. Sweetwater Chophouse of Defiance will provide a Gaming Buffet with a wide variety of great food and drinks. It will be a great way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

"We had our first Casino night last year and it was a huge hit. Everyone who came had a great time and so we decided to do it again," said Cassie Jo Arend, President of the Paulding Chamber of Commerce. "In addition to great food and fun gaming, the Paulding Chamber honors the businesses and individuals who make our community a great place to live, work and play. This year we are looking for nominations in the following categories: Milestone Awards, Golden Shovel, Outstanding Business of the Year, and Volunteer of the Year."

Sponsors for the event include Baughman Tile Co., Cooper Farms, Sweetwater Chophouse, Eagle Rock Golf Course, First Federal Savings & Loan, Natural Design and Graphics, and Solid Ground LLC.

"There have been some amazing prize donations such as a Golf membership for Eagle Rock and Auglaize and a Vera Bradley Weekender Collection," said Peg-

gy Emerson, Executive Director for the Chamber. "We also have a Mug Club membership from 4KD Crick, wallets from Baughman Tile, a month of free sponsorship from WMYW, gift cards from Ace Hardware, Dairy Queen, Paulding Auto Group, and the list continues to grow."

For information visit [www.pauldingchamber.com](http://www.pauldingchamber.com). Admission includes the buffet, drink coupons, play money and more.

## HEALTH, BUSINESS & INDUSTRY FAIR SPONSORED BY PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

The Paulding County Senior Center is once again sponsoring a Health, Business & Industry Fair at the Paulding County Fairgrounds Extension building on March 22, 2017, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

It is exciting to have the opportunity to invite all health and service agencies as well as area businesses and industries to the 14th annual Health, Business and Industry Fair. There is room for approximately 60 tables so get your reservation in early. It's important for residents of Paulding County to be aware of the choices they have for health & nutrition, financial assistance, educational services, and business and industries. If you would like to participate in this large community event, please contact Marsha Yeuter at 419-399-3650.

## OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY ANNUAL PTO SPRING CARNIVAL

The Oakwood Elementary PTO will hold its annual spring carnival on Friday, March 3rd from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The event will take place in the café and gymnasium. Bring the family for dinner! The menu will consist of pizza, hot dogs, and walking tacos. Tickets for carnival games are only 10 cents! There are many games such as Plinko, Tic-Tac-Toe Basketball, and Party Pooper! There will be several themed baskets of prizes to be raffled too. We hope to see you there!

## PAULDING ELEM. STUDENTS RECEIVE PLASTIC CAPS FOR RECYCLING PROGRAM



Shown with the Defiance College students are Paulding Elementary third graders (l-r) Mara Philipot, Makayla Carr, Addison Shull, Dominik Batt, and Dakota Gerdemann.

Paulding Elementary would like to give a big shout out, and recognize the Defiance College students for donating plastic caps collected from their recycling program. When DC students, Paige Sickmiller and Alyssa Mlot, were doing their teaching observa-

tion with us, they learned of our "Cap Art" projects and brought in five large garbage bags filled with caps for students to use to create their art pieces. Students should be able to now complete their goal of displaying their projects at the April Art Show.

## INDOOR SOCCER COMES TO MAC GYM

Indoor soccer has made it to the MAC Gymnasium. Starting on Saturday, March 11, the gym we will be transformed into indoor soccer fields for the next six weeks. Called by the name of Futsal in some circles, the game is a scaled down version of outdoor soccer played indoors with a smaller, heavier ball, creating an exciting and fast paced game with generally five player teams.

The nature of the game places a large emphasis on technical skill and ability in

situations of high pressure and is subsequently a great training game for those that have interest in either improving eye-foot coordination or overall improvement in the game of soccer.

Sign-ups are for boys and girls students in grades one through eight and are taking place now at the gym or online. Feel free to check the forms online at [www.macgy-mohio.com](http://www.macgy-mohio.com)

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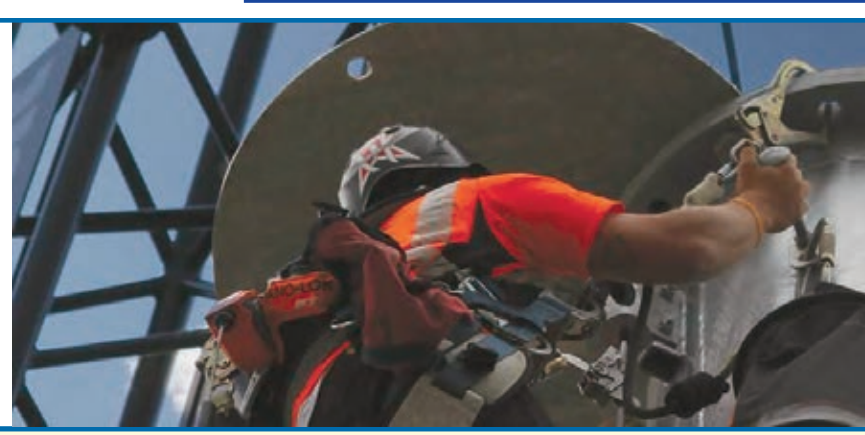
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