

PAULDING COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE \$300,000+ GRANT



L. Oakwood VFD Capt. Gary Keller, Payne FD Fire Chief Leroy Anderson, Paulding Fire Chief Todd Weidenhamer, Auglaize Twp. Fire Chief David Schroeder, Ohio Fire Marshal Jeff Hussey, Grover Hill VFD Fire Chief Dave Volk, Scott VFD Fire Chief Jay Klopfenstein, Crane Twp. Asst. Fire Chief Kevin Stuart, and Antwerp Fire Chief Ray Friend.

The Paulding County Fire Departments with the Paulding County Emergency Management Agency recently announced receiving a grant from the Ohio State Fire Marshal for new MARCS radios (Multi-Agency Radio Communication System).

The MARCS radios enable the counties to talk directly to the state or to anywhere else in the state either with shared groups or other means. This advanced system of communication is much stronger than the VHF bands and communication is much greater between the groups and can be programmed to communicate with other

counties and departments nearby.

The grant request was written by EMA Director Ed Bohn with the help of the fire chiefs from the various townships and villages and it was submitted on November 13th.

The State Fire Marshal is Jeff Hussey and it came up on Thursday, March 1st to present the check to the county to be used for the new MARCS radio equipment. They were glad to receive the check and they asked Jeff about the advantages and integration of the 883.

Sheriff Landers spoke up that the Paulding County Sheriff's Office was also get-

ting new MARCS radios after it applied for grants and they 883 VHF will still be working for the foreseeable future alongside MARCS.

There is a \$20 per year fee for each radio to county and local authorities. The state has supplemented the fees to bring the cost down to \$10. This fee helps to manage and maintain the radios towers and maintenance that the counties cannot always afford. The grants should cover the fees each year so it will end up costing the emergency agencies nothing.

Hussey stated that Larry Flowers was the person

Sitter is an instructional program that teaches girls and boys how to handle emergencies when caring for young children. Classes incorporate basic first aid skills, CPR, how to change diapers, how to screen babysitting jobs to decide which ones to accept and which ones to decline and how and when to talk to a 9-1-1 dispatcher.

The classes are taught by Lutheran Children's Hospital staff and prepare babysitters to confidently handle normal situations and crises. The training also dives into how to be safe with social media

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MC ALEXANDER MAKES HISTORY AGAIN!!



Aidan McAlexander wins his match at the Defiance Districts!

Junior Aidan McAlexander made history again this past weekend by becoming the first Archer high school wrestler in program history to qualify for the state tournament. This comes just one week after he was the first sectional champion in

school history. McAlexander finished the weekend with 3 wins to only 1 loss and 2 pins to earn a 2nd place finish in the 106-pound weight class. The state tournament runs from Thursday, March 8 through Saturday, March

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OAKWOOD RECYCLING DROP OFF SITE TO SHUT DOWN

Due to abuse of the recycling drop off site in the Village of Oakwood, the WMEA Program will no longer have it as a recycling drop off site effective immediately. This will affect not only Oakwood, but also Melrose and Junction.

This is an unfortunate situation for those communities in Paulding County. The problem of people abusing the Oakwood Village drop off site is not new - it has been an ongoing problem. The program Manager, Becky Suvar, attended one of the Oakwood Council's meetings where this was discussed. The village provided signage to put site letting residents know

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Community Calendar

Tuesday, March 6

- FW Area Comm Band @ John & Ruth Rhinehart Music Center, IPFW, 7:30p
- Hands of Hope Taco Bar 5-7pm at Paulding OSU Ext.
- Free Community Meal, St. Paul UMC, Payne, 5-6:30pm

March 9, 10 & 11

- Antwerp School Presents Grease The Musical

Friday, March 9

- Payne KofC Fish Fry, Payne Divine Mercy, 5-7pm
- Pretty Princess @ PHS, 6-8pm
- Oakwood Elem. Spring Carnival, 5:30-8pm

Saturday, March 10

- PCBDD Easter Bunny Brunch @ PC Fairgrounds, 9-11am

Sunday, March 11

- First Responders Appreciation Dinner @ Paulding NAZ, 10:30am
- Van Wert Countywide Prayer Service, 7pm @ Penticostal Way Church

Tuesday, March 13

- Urban Homesteader @ Woodburn Branch Library, 7pm

Saturday, March 17

- Antwerp Rotary St. Patrick's Day @ Paulding Eagles
- ACC Any Rifle Any Sight @ 11am

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



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POND-A-RIVER GOLF CLUB

Pond-A-River Golf Club officially opens April 1st!

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OBITUARIES

PAULDING, OH:

Kenneth "Kenny" "Mike"

Barnes, age 69, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on February 26, 2018.

He was born April 19, 1948 in Lima to Kenneth E. and Cuba L. (Hartzog) Barnes. He grew up in Van Wert, Ohio, and graduated from Van Wert High School in 1966. Kenneth proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1966 to 1970. He attended Defiance College and retired from BF Goodrich in 2005, after 35 years of service. He was a member of Sherwood Baptist Church.

Kenneth enjoyed reading and studying God's word. He loved to golf and enjoyed riding his motorcycle. He was active in the lives of his grandchildren and loved attending their sports events and activities.

He is survived by his loving wife, Marsha; a daughter, Jennifer (Lonnice) Leaman, Paulding; sons, Brian (Joni) Barnes, Bryan, and Jeremy (Brandi) Barnes, Paulding; 9 grandchildren: Sabrinah, Abigail, Hannah, Sarah, Eli, Aidan, Arianna, Braylon, and Xander; 3 sisters, Melody Long, Van Wert, Marsha (Mike) Elliott, Middlefield, OH, and Marjean (Dave) Warren, Delphos.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Mitchell and Marlan.

Funeral services were held 11 AM Saturday, March 3 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. He will be laid to rest in Paulding Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation was 2 - 8 PM Friday, March 2 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. There was also a visitation on Saturday from 10 AM until time of services.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

PAULDING, OH:

Rodney Alan Egnor, age 45 died Tuesday, February 27 at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Ft. Wayne.

He was born June 9, 1972 in Paulding, the son of George R. and Irene (Bustos) Egnor, who survive in Paulding. He was a member of VFW Post #587, Paulding.

He is also survived by a sister, Renae (Shad) Bowers; a brother, Steve Egnor, Paulding; nieces and nephews: Wesley, Tyrel, Ashlyn and Kaitlyn Goings, Devan and Brennan Egnor; and aunts and uncles.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 AM Monday, March 5 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will be in Paulding Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will be 2 - 8 PM Sunday, March 4 at

Den Herder Funeral Home. There will also be visitation on Monday from 10 AM until time of services.

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

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

WOODBURN, IN:

Joe Jacquay of Woodburn, Indiana passed away unexpectedly February 28, 2018. Arrangements by Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville, IN

HICKSVILLE, OH:

Janice J. Rex, 79, died Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

Jan was born on December 25, 1938 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, the daughter of the late Wendall and Bessie (Wilson) Jump.

She was a graduate of Antwerp High School, Antwerp, Ohio. She furthered her education and became a nurse.

On September 17, 1955, she was united in marriage to Louis Rex and he preceded her in death on February 2, 2005.

Jan worked as a nurse at Community Memorial Hospital, retiring after 40 years.

She was a member of the First Church of Christ, Hicksville.

Jan was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary, and the Firemans Auxiliary. She was a seamstress, enjoyed crocheting, knitting and loved to travel with Louis.

Jan is survived by her daughter, Kristi (Michael) Bowersock of Columbus, Ohio; grandchildren, Ashlie Hanson of Columbus, Ellissa (Garrett) Helf of Edgerton, Ohio, Chase (Lexi) Rodocker; a great grandson, Javan, and a brother, Larry (Sue) Jump of Antwerp.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Diana.

Funeral services for Jan will be Saturday at 11:00 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with Pastor Jack Teeple officiating. Visitation will be Friday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Burial will be at Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials may be made to Hicksville Volunteer Fireman's Association Auxiliary or CMH Auxiliary.

Online condolences may be shared at www.smith-brownfuneralhome.com.

ANTWERP, OHIO:

Lorrie Lee Baker, age 59 of Antwerp, Ohio passed away February 26, 2018 at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Arr. by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 3/7 - 3/13

3/7 - 12:30 Crafts; BUNCO; 1:30 Grocery Shopping
 3/8 - 10:00 Bingo w/Paulding Hospital; 10:00 Exercise; 9:45 Euchre; 12:15 Euchre
 3/9 - 10:00 Bible Study; 11-2 Craft store open
 3/12 - 10:00 Exercise; Bowling and Grocery Day trip to Ft. Wayne; Leave Center at 9:30
 3/13 - 9:45 Euchre; 12:15 Euchre

HICKSVILLE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 3/7 - 3/13

3/7 - 9:30 Coffee and Conversation; 10:00 The Music Man - Alan Seibert performs; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre
 3/8 - 10:00 New! Musical entertainment with Jennifer; 12:30 - 1:30 Corn Hole; 1:30 - 2:15 Bingo
 3/9 - 10:00 Puzzle Day; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre
 3/12 - 10:00 Chair Exercise; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre
 3/13 - 10:00 Bingo with Van Crest; 12:00 Grocery Shop; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre; 1:00 - 2:00 Computer/Phone Questions and Answers

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 3/7 - 3/13

3/7 - 9:00 Toe Nail Clinic; 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Crafts; 12:30 Kroger Shop; 12:30 PM Nail Clinic; 5:00 - 8:00 Open Mic
 3/8 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Band Stretch; 10:00 Zumba; 12:30 Meijer Shop; 4:00 Yoga with Sue
 3/9 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Tai Chi; 10:00 Crafts
 3/12 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Zumba; 12:30 Bingo with Kingsbury Place; 3:00 Yoga
 3/13 - 9:45 Aldi Shop; 10:00 Tai Chi; 10:00 Bible Study; 10:00 Cards; 4:00 Yoga; 4:00 Seniors; Nite Out - Sullivan's in Wauseon

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 3/7 - 3/13

3/7 - Cheeseburger, steak fries, baked beans, orange juice, cream pie, NCS=SF cream pie; Salad Bar in Café
 3/8 - Chef's salad with turkey, lettuce, tomatoes, diced eggs, cheese and shredded carrots, Ambrosia salad, garlic bread
 3/9 - Egg salad sandwich, potato soup, pineapple tidbits, 3 bean salad, crackers, chocolate chip cookie, NCS=SF cookie
 3/12 - Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, raisins, whole wheat roll
 3/13 - Roast turkey with gravy, sweet potatoes, bread

dressing, cauliflower, peaches, whole wheat bread, cookie, NCS=SF cookie

'GRIEVING BEFORE YOU LOSE A LOVED ONE'

First of a four-part series for families dealing with death and dying set for March 22

Watching a loved one live with a terminal illness and knowing death is near is always difficult. It's hard enough to go through a "normal" day while also processing the emotions of knowing your loved one is dying. To offer insight and support, Lutheran Health Network Bereavement Services and Visiting Nurse's Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center are hosting a four-part series to help families cope with the stress, strain and sadness surrounding death and dying.

The first session, "Grieving Before You Lose a Loved One," will take place March 22, 2018, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the Kachmann Mind Body Studio in Lutheran Hospital's south lobby. Anyone attending this free presentation is encouraged to park in the south parking garage and enter through door 1L. The series is open to the public. Call 435-7704 for more information.

During each session, bereavement professionals will address the struggles family members experience when a loved one is dying and once he or she passes away. Upcoming sessions include:

- "Unexpected Grief" - June 21
- "What to Do After Your Loved One Dies" - September 13
- "Surviving the Holidays and the Future" - November 29

MY CRAZY, JOYFUL, AROMA LIFE

By: Kari Spangler

What exactly are essential oils??

Essential oils are volatile liquids and aromatic compounds that are distilled or pressed from plants. They are the life blood of the plant and can have over 100 different natural, organic compounds. Essential oils have been used for thousands of years for cosmetic purposes, as well as for their spiritually and emotionally uplifting properties.

Primarily extracted through careful steam distillation but also through cold pressing, the purest essential oils are far more powerful than the botanicals from which they were extracted. Anytime you are using a powerful essential oil, you are using nature's pure essence.

In humans, these oils pro-

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

-Deuteronomy 6: 6-7

PAULDING HS FEBRUARY SOM



Paulding High School announce their February House Students of the Month as follows (from left to right): **Palmarium - Donnique Dickey, Excellentia - Ashley Bulka, VVV-Mackenzie Weible, and Stupendum - Morgan Mobley.**

vide support for every system in the body from your skeletal, immune, muscular, circulatory, endocrine and respiratory systems to your weight, brain, hormone and emotional health.

You are welcome to join me for one of the following one hour classes to learn more about how you can use natural, organic essential oils in your home to support your health and wellness: Tuesday, March 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the Payne Library (Essential Oils 101), Tuesday, March 20th at 6:00 at the Oakwood Library (oil safety during pregnancy and for babies/children), and Thursday, March 22nd at 10:30 a.m. at the Genesis House Coffee Shop in Antwerp (Essential Oils 101). Everyone is welcome!

USDA INVESTS IN E-CONNECTIVITY TO RESTORE RURAL PROSPERITY BY PROVIDING TRAINING AND HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Anne Hazlett announced that USDA is investing in e-connectivity which will provide virtual access to job training, educational, and health care opportunities for rural communities.

"Under Secretary Perdue's leadership, USDA is committed to being a strong partner in creating rural prosperity," Hazlett said. "Connecting rural Americans to quality education and health care

services is an innovative and important tool in our efforts to facilitate economic growth, job creation and quality of life in rural America."

USDA is awarding 72 grants totaling \$23.6 million through the Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grant Program. This program invests in equipment that uses broadband to help rural communities connect to educational and health care services. These vital services are part of the foundation of a high quality of life and enable communities to overcome the effects of remoteness and low population density by connecting them to the rest of the world through high-speed internet.

The grants are supporting projects based in Alaska, Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia.

Several recipients will use the grants to help address two of the nation's most urgent needs: opioid abuse treatment and mental health counseling. USDA recognizes that modernizing healthcare access for such recovery resources is vital to addressing rural prosperity.

Here are a few examples of projects USDA is supporting



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this year:
Lincoln Community Hospital and Nursing Home is receiving a \$265,622 grant to establish a telemedicine network between hospitals and clinics in Colorado serving more than 20,000 residents in Adams, Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Lincoln and Phillips counties. Improved medical services include behavioral health, post-operative care and care management for chronic conditions. Mobile clinics will provide medical services at patients' homes and will provide access to specialty care and tele-stroke services. Additionally, the telemedicine connections will help emergency departments at Lincoln Memorial Hospital's behavioral health providers assess behavioral health issues more rapidly and move patients in crisis out of the departments and into more appropriate care settings.

Southern Tier Health Care Systems, Inc. in Olean, N.Y., is receiving a \$132,899 grant to deploy telecommunications equipment to help train and certify emergency responders dealing with opioid overdoses. Southern Tier will connect to four end-user sites in Salamanca, Cuba, Franklin and Gerry. The project will support education for emergency response personnel at the Allegany Indian Reservation Volunteer Fire Department and at community service agencies in Allegany, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties.

In April 2017, President Donald J. Trump established the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to identify legislative, regulatory and policy changes that could promote agriculture and prosperity in rural communities. As Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue was selected to serve as chairman of the Task Force, which includes more than 22 federal agencies as well as local leaders, executive departments, and offices. Over the course of six months, Secretary Perdue travelled to 30 states to listen to the voice of rural America

and gather recommendations from citizens, farmers, and business leaders throughout the country. He held countless meetings with partner Federal agencies, and consulted with industry experts.

In January 2018, Secretary Perdue presented the Task Force's findings to President Trump, which included 31 recommendations to align the federal government with state, local and tribal governments to take advantage of opportunities that exist in rural America. To view the report in its entirety, please view the Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity (PDF, 5.4 MB). In addition, to view a summary of the recommendations, please view the Rural Prosperity infographic (PDF, 190 KB).

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community services such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit rd.usda.gov.

NSCC ANNOUNCES COMPREHENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (CCMEP) WITH JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Northwest State Community College is pleased to announce a new partnership with Wood County (OH) Job and Family Services (JFS) on a Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP). The program, targeting area youth ages 14-24 who are below the poverty level, is designed to provide the necessary rehabilitation, supportive services, training and education to enable those individuals to enter the workforce and obtain living wage jobs (\$15-\$17 per hour.) The partnership also includes participation from Auglaize, Defiance, Henry, Paulding and Wil-

liams counties.

As part of the partnership, Northwest State will hire two full-time employees - one focusing on employee and job placement, the other focusing primarily on recruiting program participants, employer recruitment and on-the-job training program management. Both employees would focus on identifying participants and placing them in NSCC programs. JFS will provide the funding for all associated costs of the employees, including equipment, supplies and travel costs. JFS may fund tuition and training fees for participants to take the NSCC programs, and may also fund customized curriculum development that employers request for program participants.

"Northwest State is excited about this partnership because it strengthens our ongoing efforts to bridge the skills gap in our region, and provide more opportunities to a still-underserved population," said Todd Hernandez, Vice President of Innovation for Northwest State. "No single entity or institution will be able to address the skills gap in our region, but this partnership is another example of how the different agencies in our region are finding ways to work together to strengthen northwest Ohio," Hernandez continued.

ABOUT WOOD COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Wood County Job and Family Services (JFS) administers programs and services to residents of all ages residing in Wood County, ranging from public assistance (employment, medical and income programs) to social services, protective services, employment services and more. Additional information can be found online at woodcountyjfs.com.

PRETTY PRINCESS @ PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL

You are invited to attend an evening to get spoiled like a princess.

On March 9th, 2018 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Paulding High School Auditoria you can get your hair, makeup and nail done, also make jewelry, crafts, play games, watch a movie and face painting.

For more information, please contact Santina Arellano at S_Arellano@paulding-schools.org or Denise Kinder at denisebaer1@hotmail.com

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SPRING CARNIVAL

The Oakwood Elementary PTO will hold it's annual spring carnival on Friday, March 9th from 5:30-8:00. 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.

There are many games; such as Plinko, Ring Toss, and Party Pooper! There will be several themed baskets of prizes to be raffled too. We hope to see you there!

SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY RELEASES 2017 FALL COMMENCEMENT LIST

Over 160 Shawnee State University students graduated at this year's Fall Com-

WAYNE TRACE PAYNE ELEMENTARY FEBRUARY STUDENT OF MONTH



Wayne Trace Payne Elementary February students of the month are front Row: Blake Dunn, Allison Noggle, Serenity Rios, Jack Schoenauer, Breven Anderson, Jude Stoller. Back Row: Eli Hull, Carson Love, Kenzie Johnson, Jayce Elston, Hannah Ross, Mya Endicott, Brenna Parker, Aubre Dunn

mencement Ceremony on Sat., Dec. 15th in the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts.

At this year's commencement, there were 40 students who were graduating with a Master's Degree, 75 with a Bachelor's Degree, and 48 students with an Associate Degree. There were a total of 7 Summa Cum Laude, 7 Magna Cum Laude, 20 Cum Laude.

President Rick S. Kurtz gave the opening remarks speaking to the students, faculty and parents.

"With this degree from Shawnee State University, you have exhibited your commitment to knowledge and you are now equipped with the necessary tools to advance your careers," said President Kurtz to the graduates. "Go out into the world and accomplish your goals and let the world benefit from your talents, gifts and knowledge."

Congratulations to the Class of 2017! Go Bears!

Hometown: Oakwood, OH; **Name:** Rachel Grace Hauter; **Degree:** Master of Occupational Therapy; **Major:** Occupational Therapy

38TH NATIONAL PRINT EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTS CONTEMPORARY APPROACHES TO TRADITIONAL MEDIUM

For 38 years, Artlink Contemporary Gallery has showcased the best in contemporary printmedia from around the nation. The 38th National Print Exhibition, opening Friday, March 30th, will feature contemporary explorations of the traditional and historic processes of print. Although printing for most of us is often as immediate as Ctrl+P, the tradition of hand-pulled prints continues on today. This exhibition seeks to highlight this traditional, laborious, and oftentimes tedious, art form.

The exhibition was juried by Liz Maugans, printmaker and arts advocate. "I often look for a-ha moments, trickery, mastery and magic when curating work for an exhibition or collection. I want people who see the work to experience that as well," stated Maugans, when discussing her selections for the exhibition.

This exhibition is sponsored by Lincoln Financial Group, with additional support from the Designer/Craftsman Guild.

About the Juror, Liz Maugans

Liz Maugans received her BFA in printmaking from

Kent State University and her MFA from Cranbrook Academy of Art. As an advocate for artists and the visual arts, Maugans has served as a consultant for many organizations and art business start-ups. She is the co-founder of the Collective Arts Network, a quarterly journal and arts network that works to promote Northeast Ohio artists and organizations to a greater audience through a quarterly journal and collective events. Maugans' work is included in the Progressive Art Collection, BF Goodrich (Charlotte, N.C.) and The Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, (Columbus, OH) collections. She received an Ohio Arts Council Individual Artist Fellowship in 2000 and a 2005 Artist-in-Communities Grant. She was honored, along with her Zygote co-founder, the Martha Joseph Prize for Distinguished Service from the Cleveland Arts Prize in 2012. In 2013, she was awarded a \$20,000 Creative Workforce Fellowship from Community Partnership for Arts and Culture. Maugans work can be found online at lizmaugans.com.

For more information on upcoming exhibitions, artists, or for an exhibition preview, please contact Maddie Miller, Gallery Coordinator at maddison@artlink.com or call (260) 424-7195.

Exhibition Dates: March 30 - May 11, 2018

Opening Reception: Friday, March 30th from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 12:00 - 7:00 p.m., Sunday 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

WESTERN BUCKEYE LEAGUE BOYS BASKETBALL ALL LEAGUE SELECTION 2017 - 2018

FIRST TEAM: Chad Frey - Bath; Daniel Unruh - Elida; Jaron Sharp - Kenton; Jay Kaufman - OG; Owen Hiegel - OG; Johnny Caprella - Shawnee; Jacoby Kelly - Van Wert

SECOND TEAM: Kole Murlin - Celina; Tyrel Goings - Defiance; Donte Johnson - Elida; Jake Dible - OG; Adam Scott - Wapak

THIRD TEAM: Will Lammers - Defiance; Ethan White - OG; Sheridan O'Neal - Shawnee; Austin Wilker - St Marys; Gage Schenk - Wapak; Drew Bagley - Van Wert

HONORABLE MENTION: Harrison Gough - Bath; Brett Schwieterman - Celina; Easton Gerken - Defiance; Skyler Smith - Elida; Landon Rush - Kenton; Bryce Schroeder - OG; Riley Rosado - Shawnee; Braeden Dunlap - St. Marys; Nate Place - Van Wert; Jace Copeland - Wapak

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Jay Kaufman - OG

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who really pushed to make MARCS possible and centralize communications for emergency systems in Ohio.

The amount Hussey presented was \$331,105.37. Antwerp received \$47,260.20; Grover Hill, 45,160.24; Oakwood, \$49,488.85; Paulding, 49,970.19; Payne, \$49,924.64; Auglaize Twp., \$41,498.04; Crane Twp.-Cecil Fire Dept, \$43,603.21; Scott, \$4200.00

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CHILDREN PAINT AT THE COOPER COMMUNITY BRANCH LIBRARY



A Canvas Art Program for children was recently held at the Cooper Community Branch Library, a branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library system. Children ages six and older were invited to paint their favorite Emoji face! Pam Kretz, library clerk for the branch led the children on their painting

adventure! This program was made possible by the funding of the library's Maker & Creative Space by the Ann Sherry Foundation.

The Paulding County Carnegie Library extended county library service to the Oakwood community by opening the branch library in 2000. Prior to that, the Vil-

lage of Oakwood was served for many years by an all-volunteer library, thanks to the efforts of Phyllis Bidlack and many like-minded citizens. More information about upcoming events can be found on the branch library's Facebook page or by calling 419-594-3337.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

*Dear Parson,
Why is it by the time you've learned a lot about life, it is time to die?*

Life is short even if you live to be 100. God gave us all different abilities and circumstances. I believe He wants each of us to learn and live as much of His truth as we can, trusting Him to help us.

Then before we pass on we should pass on to others what we have learned, so our life's influence does not end with our last breath on earth. God expects us to be good stewards both of what we have and what we know. (I Corinthians 4:1-2) - "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." (II Timothy 2:2) - "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." (I Peter 4:10) - "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." (Ezra 7:10) - "For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments." (Matthew 28:20) - "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Besides learning by our own experiences, we should learn from others also. God also wants others to learn by

our experiences. We must all become teachers. Write and share your knowledge, teach classes, mentor faithful acquaintances, and especially your children and grandchildren. (Ephesians 6:4) - "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." (Deuteronomy 6:6-7) - "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou riseth up." (Proverbs 22:6) - "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Psalm 78:4-6) - "We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done. For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children."

Don't forget to live what you've learned. What folks see they emulate more than what they read or hear. Don't leave what you have learned in a vacuum. We so often learn much but leave so little. Pass it on before you pass on!

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

H.E.L.P. FOR FRIENDS & FAMILIES OF THOSE AFFECTED BY ADDICTION

H.E.L.P. is a community based support group focused on friends & families struggling with the devastating effects of addiction. While there are many programs for addicts, rare are support groups for friends and families. No longer is that the case for the Tri-County area of Paulding, Mercer and Van Wert counties.

The heart of H.E.L.P. is to provide a safe encouraging, enlightening, edifying, and educating place for those whose friends and family members are caught in the destructive cycle of addiction and there seems to be no way out.

H.E.L.P. is one of the five-fold focuses of New Hope Recovery. We can live weeks without food, days without water, minutes without air but no one can survive very long without Hope. The support team of H.E.L.P. is there to facilitate help, healing and hope for a better tomorrow.

Saturday afternoon March 17th at 4:00pm, H.E.L.P. will be scheduling an information time at Hope Chapel located at 9010 Van Wert Willshire Rd. (Corner of Van Wert Willshire & Richey Rd.) For more information and to pre-register please contact Pastor Paul at 419-771-9378 or email 771hope@gmail.com

The mission of H.E.L.P. is to bring hope for tomorrow, encouragement for today, to learn healthy boundaries and finally a peace that will guard your hearts and minds.

WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN SAVE OUR COMMUNITIES

Even though the weather was not hospitable, the second Van Wert County Ministerial Association County-wide Prayer service was well attended. Once again, the focus was to bring God's intervention and blessing to our area as churches and individuals came together in oneness of heart to seek the face of God. The promise of 2 Chronicles 7:14 "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land" was central in the hearts and minds of those in attendance.

Pastor Greg Rice, pastor of Trinity Friends Church wel-

comed and opened the February prayer service. Trinity Friend's anointed worship team led believers from across the county into a powerful, intimate time of worship in preparation for united prayer. Pastor Bill Watson shared a compelling video by Billy Graham's daughter, Anne Graham Lotz on preparation for prayer. Closing the evening in prayer, individuals across the sanctuary gathered in small groups lifting family members, neighbors, and friends, seeking for God's love, mercy, and grace to be poured out across our county. Followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship. In addition, the upcoming Tri-County (Paulding, Van Wert, & Mercer Counties) "Epidemic of Hope Weekend" with Baseball All Star and World Series Team Member, Darryl Strawberry was also a focus of prayer. The Van Wert Ministerial Association is organizing, 6-8 powerful and cutting-edge events on the April 13-15 weekend across the Tri-County Area, with Darryl Strawberry, in response to Ohio's current Opioid/Drug crisis. For more information on the upcoming event contact Pastor Paul Hamrick at 419-771-9378

Please mark your calendars for the next Van Wert Countywide Prayer service. Sunday, March 11, at 7:00 pm will be the date of the next prayer service. Pastor Bill Watson of Pentecostal Way Church will be hosting the March prayer service at 1213 Lesson Ave. Van Wert. The Church is located just east of the airport. The Van Wert County Ministerial Association gives a warm welcome and heartfelt invitation to their next prayer meeting to all churches and individuals who have a heart to team together to make Van Wert County a safer, healthier, and better place to live and raise a family. These events are part of the 2018, Van Wert County Ministerial Association's mission of F.U.N. (Fellowship, Unity, Networking) for a better tomorrow.

ANNUAL WAYNE TRACE NHS GLOW-IN-THE-DARK 5K

The Wayne Trace National Honor Society is holding its annual Glow-in-the-Dark 5K on Saturday, April 14, 2018, at the Payne ball park across from the Payne Elementary School. Registration begins at 7:00 p.m. and the race begins at 8:00 p.m. Any money raised this year will go the William Moore family.

William Moore, an avid supporter of Wayne Trace, was tragically killed in a vehicle crash this past January. Bill was the husband of Shandonn and the father of Zack, Riley, Ellie, Eli, and Samuel. Zack was a 2013 graduate of WT, and Riley was a 2015 graduate of WT. Ellie, Eli, and Samuel are current students at the Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School. As one can imagine, this tragic event puts a financial strain on Shandonn and her family. The Wayne Trace National Honor Society would like to help this family by donating any proceeds from the 5K to the William Moore family.

Registration forms are available at the Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School building, on the Wayne Trace website, or on Facebook. The registra-

EASTER BUNNY BRUNCH WITH PCBDD



Come out and enjoy the 5th Annual Easter Bunny Brunch with Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities Levy Committee on Saturday, March 10th from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. It will once again be at PARC Lane Center, 900 Fairground Drive, Paulding.

This year we will be adding an Easter Bonnet Judging. For each paid ticket you will have the chance to vote for the best/most creative Easter bonnet. We will have local representatives from the Paulding Fire Department (Todd Weidenhamer), Paulding Police Department (Brian Tope), Gardens of Paulding (Vickie English), Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce

(Mikayla Pieper), and PCBDD Workshop. These individuals will be in attendance with their beautiful and creative Easter bonnet so come out and help support them to win the contest.

This family friendly morning will be filled with activities and food. The Easter Bunny will be in attendance the entire time for pictures and passing out treats to all children under 5th grade in attendance. There will be several crafts to do and take home that day.

For all of these activities and a meal (pancakes, sausage, hash brown, coffee, juice, and water) please call (419)399-4800 to reserve your seat or for more information.

tion forms are due back to the Wayne Trace High School by March 21 if you want to be guaranteed a t-shirt. Local businesses who have not already been contacted can also sponsor the event by calling the Wayne Trace High School at extension 229.

If you have any questions about the 5K, please email klopfensteinj@wt.k12.oh.us or hatcherh@wt.k12.oh.us or call Joni Klopfenstein (ext. 229) or Heather Hatcher (ext. 219) at the Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School.

OAKWOOD LIBRARY PLANS STITCHING AND ESSENTIAL OILS PROGRAMS FOR MARCH

OAKWOOD - Meet your friends or make new ones during "Sit and Stitch" at Cooper Community Branch Library on Tuesday, March 13, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. "Sit and Stitch" offers you a cozy place to knit, quilt, crochet, or do other needlework without formal instruction. Bring your own projects and supplies and catch up on your stitches! No pre-registration is re-

quired. Kari Spangler will be at our Oakwood library on Tuesday, March 20, at 6:00 pm presenting "Babies, Bumps & Beyond" with essential oils. Learn how to safely use essential oils from pregnancy through childhood. You will learn how to properly dilute and apply oils, as well as make and take a free sleep roller bottle blend. Pre-registration is not required. We hope to see you there!

The Cooper Community Branch Library (est. 2000) was the third branch to open in the Paulding County Carnegie Library system. For over fifteen years, the branch has become the hub and heart of the community, sponsoring programs and events throughout the year. In 2017, over 20,000 people visited this branch library with over 4,200 attending programs. Library patrons also borrowed or used over 35,000 library items. Follow the branch library on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/coopercommunitybranchlibrary/> for upcoming events.

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PAULDING COUNTY D.A.R.E. PROGRAM



Approximately three years ago, Paulding County Sheriff Jason K. Landers and Paulding County Commissioners decided to re-instate the county D.A.R.E. program.

Deputy Nick Mendez began teaching the program to fifth graders, then expanded D.A.R.E. into 7th and 8th grades. "Teaching kids how to make good life choices should not stop in the fifth grade. They need to be re-introduced at the middle school level as well. Middle school can be a challenging time, so it's important to continue teaching these students the importance of making good life choices," says Deputy Mendez.

Deputy Mendez attended surrounding counties to help D.A.R.E. officers with their 3-day summer camps. After seeing the positive effects, he knew it was something Paulding County D.A.R.E. program needed. So he has gone outside the classroom and started summer events.

"Summer camps give the D.A.R.E. officers the ability to remind kids why it's import-

ant to make good life choices and they can have fun when making good choices," says Deputy Mendez. Last year the Paulding County D.A.R.E. program held a one-day summer camp. This summer it will grow to a 3-day summer camp. "I am excited to offer this summer camp and appreciative of donations financing the event," says Deputy Mendez.

On February 15, 2018, Jim Stykemain, of Stykemain Chevrolet of Paulding donated \$1,000 to the D.A.R.E. summer camp. "I can't thank Jim enough for his donation to kick off this campaign", says Deputy Mendez.

Registrations forms for the summer camp will be available on-line through the Paulding County Sheriff's Office website. If you would like to donate to the summer camp, donations may be sent payable to the Paulding County Sheriff's Office D.A.R.E. program at 500 East Perry Street, Paulding, OH 45879 c/o Deputy Nick Mendez.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The 4th of July and Gun Control

For some folks at least, the 4th of July, is more than a picnic in the park with hot dogs and beer, although on a hot day, those things go well together. But for them, they remember it as the day of the birthday of our nation; the birthday of the best freedom any civilized society on earth has ever been privileged to enjoy; and the freedom from an

unjust and tyrannical Government that had no regard for the citizens of this land. That is the day, when those citizens, living in fear for decades, decided that they had had enough, and they openly declared it so. They stated their concerns and their unabashed belief that all men were born free, and ought to be free forever to live productive lives without the chains of oppressive government.

The Founders thoughtfully pondered the government they wished to form as they drafted the document that would be the underlying foundation for that government. We must keep in mind that these gentlemen were better educated with the knowledge of humanity than we are today, despite all of our public education, colleges, and universities. And they deliberated just what to write down in the document that was to become the "chains" that would forever bind that government from becoming tyrannical as England was whom they were then facing. So they put forth a list of those things that must never be negotiated away at any cost, simply because it would require an extreme cost to secure them in the coming battles of the Revolutionary War. Thousands of men lost their lives so that list would become a reality. Freedom is indeed precious and is only enjoyed at great cost to every individual who desires it and is worthy to make the sacrifices necessary to maintain it.

Every law that is passed is a form of "chain" upon the people; and today we are a nation of thousands upon thousands of laws and regulations. And as we view the lawless behavior of people we might be tempted to say, we need more laws to control them. Am I the only driver that goes the speed limit on the highway? Somehow I do not think more laws will help. I obey the law because that is who I am...I want to obey it. But if laws are chains on me, what are the chains on our Government, and dare we risk having a government comprised of lawless citizens, such as most of us, with no Constitutional chains upon it? And are we going to continue to destroy the only chains presently there by unconstitutional gun control laws? We will then find ourselves in exactly the same estate as our Founders in 1776! Let us not go there.

-Robert Cooper Payne, Ohio

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Do you ever wonder if our country is going to hell in a handbasket? Our politicians can't seem to work together to accomplish anything, people are ending friendships because somebody doesn't agree or have the same view point as they do, and even killing each other is becoming common place and the list goes on and on. The media revels in this chaos to ensure that the hate and division remain, and their ratings are high. We are concerned about the influence of the Russians and others, but the reality is we do plenty of finger pointing and spreading of lies to cast distrust and create division ourselves. Very few people seem to want to come together and do what is best for our country.

Deteriorating family

structures and moral values are common. There seems to be no truth, and everything is acceptable. Drug addiction, mental health issues and broken relationships are prevalent. Is there anything we can do as individuals or as a nation to make a positive impact or to influence change? God says this in the Bible in 2 Chronicles 7:14(NKJV): "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

I wrote a similar message about a year ago and it seems things may be getting even worse instead of better. However, the answer remains the same, then and now, and it is Jesus and the word of God. John 3:16(NKJV): "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

During the remaining 40 day Lenten season, we need to pray and reflect on our life and what needs to change. Remembering Jesus' life, His suffering, His death on the cross and His victorious resurrection. He did all this because of His love for you and for me. Our sins can be forgiven and He can create a new life in each of us and restore our relationship with God and each other. Perhaps, in addition to giving up something for Lent, we should use this time to humble ourselves, pray and seek His face and turn from sin. If we do, God promises he will hear us, forgive our sin and heal our land. He is faithful and the only one who can deliver us until He returns. This is the only way to make the United States of America great again. Will you do your part?

May God bless you and the United States of America!

-Ric Michael Montpelier, Ohio

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Some Paulding County residents will be soon receiving, or have already received, a letter in the mail signed by me. This request is from the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association (BSSA) attempting to seek new associate members. I am a proud member of this Association.

I feel it is imperative to communicate with our citizens and let you all know this is not a scam. The BSSA will only request for memberships using this system, and only with my approval. The Association does not contact prospective members by telephone.

In November, 2017, I was voted to serve as a NW District Sheriff Director for the BSSA by my colleagues within the district. I am now serving my 4th consecutive year in this position. I also sit on the Legislative, Civil Process, Carry Concealed Weapons, Education & Training, Image Enhancing, Community Corrections, Awards & Public Relations and DARE Committees for the Association. I feel by committing myself to these assignments, I can better serve you by having a working knowledge of what is coming out of Columbus through our Association.

The funds collected by the BSSA using this membership drive directly affect my office.

Our Association will continue to have the resources necessary through education to advance my office into the ever-changing world we all live in. I urge you all to consider becoming an associate member of this fabulous organization.

My office is committed to making our neighborhoods a safe place to live. It is imperative we seek progress to reduce the negative influences crime has on our children and to help safeguard the elderly. Through your financial contribution to this associate member program, my office

will continue to receive the training and guidance necessary to move forward.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact the Association at 800-589-2772 or by mail at 1103 Schrock Road, Suite 401, Columbus, Ohio 43229. Explore my office website at www.pauldingohsheriff.com and click on the BSSA video to learn more about the Office of Sheriff.

As always, you can contact my office and ask for me directly.

-Jason K. Landers, Sheriff



Randall Mills defeats Jonathon Patterson of North Baltimore in a 12-0 major decision. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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10 at the Schottenstein Center in Columbus. McAlexander will carry his impressive 30-3 season record to state with hopes of becoming the first state placer in school history. Congratulations to Aidan for all of his hard work this season and on behalf of everyone in the Antwerp wrestling community we wish you the best at state.

Randall Mills of Antwerp also competed at Defiance on Friday and Saturday in the 113 weight class. He had both wins and losses that day:

First Round: Randall Mills (Antwerp) pin Juan Figueroa (Willard) 4:47

Quarter Final: Reece Mullholand (Carey) dec. Randall Mills (Antwerp) 10-3

Second Consolation: Randall Mills (Antwerp) maj. dec.

Jonathon Patterson (No. Baltimore) md12-0

Third Consolation: Gabe Meyer (Delta) pin Randall Mills (Antwerp) 3:53

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I MIGHT BE WRONG

By: Stan Jordan

This Nikolas Cruz killing seventeen people and wounding a lot more at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida is an open and shut case that I talked about in my column last week.

In the old west, with a case that solid, the killer would be dead by sundown, but that will never happen here, although I think it should.

This young man undoubtedly has something wrong in his head and as I hear, he is in solitary confinement, under suicide watch and probably more.

He will never make a good, treatable citizen, so he should get the death penalty soon, but that won't happen.

In a case like this, even with no mind problem, it will take twenty years or more, because of all the appeals, retrials and all. But I look for this boy to be in and out of an asylum and escape proof prison for life.

If they don't do away with him, then there is no justice for all those families who lost people it that worthless shooting.

See ya!

I HEARD FROM DR. CAINE'S GRANDSON

By: Stan Jordan

In February 13th West Bend News I wrote a column about the late Dr. Caine and family. I received an email from his grandson, Steve Nahrwold, who lives just outside of Washington D.C. and I want to share the letter with all of you "Old Timers" who remember those fine people.

Steve's mother was Clarice Ann and she married Norman Nahrwold and not his cousin Gerald and they had four children. Shirley lives in Ft. Wayne, Judith of Chesterton, Indiana and Fred from up around Gar Creek.

Dr. Caine oldest daughter Margaret Osborne died giving birth to her only child, Richard Osborn of Toledo. Steve told me that Bill Caine of Antwerp High School 1940, lived around Columbus with his wife Doris Baer and they had two sons.

Steve, I will tell you one more anecdote about the great Dr. Caine.

In the fall of 1941 Jack Buckhard and I were to report to Dr. Caine's office and get a physical to play basketball for Antwerp High School 1941 - 1942. He was busy playing checkers with the Honor Mayor Charles Bissell. Mayor Bissell was either mayor or city clerk for well over twenty years, a real pioneer for Antwerp as he arrived on a canal boat at Hutchkins Lark as a boy in 1863.

Dr. Caine checked our teeth, nodes, chest and heart

and said, "Okay, you boys go back to school."

We said, "Doc, we don't have any money!" He said, "That's alright, I will get it off of some democrat" and we laughed and left.

Steve, I want you to know that I really appreciate your letter and a lot of older people will also.

See ya!

WWII VETS FROM PAULDING COUNTY

By: Stan Jordan

There were 1,993 veterans from Paulding County listed in the veterans book by Ray Keck and Gene Scarbough back in 2013, but Father Time has called a lot of them and the following is the amount we have listed. If you know of someone whose name should be on there and it isn't, please let me know.

Air Force: Pete Beerbower, Bob Keck, Russell Long

Army: Robert Baumele, Donald Beamer, Tom V. Dowding, George Forrest, Fred Grindstaff, Robert Johnson (Antwerp), Robert Johnson (Latty), Stan Jordan, Orval Mullen, Robert Riley, James Smalley

Navy: Alfred Daeger, Keaton Endsly, Robert Franklin, Gerald Grindstaff, Richard Harris, Keith Keck, Gene Scarbough, Elmer Woodcox, Leroy King.

See ya!

SNOWY OWL

By: Stan Jordan

The other day, Van, our UPS driver, made a delivery at West Bend News and was telling us about seeing a snowy owl a little southeast of Antwerp in the area of Road 51 and 124. The big bird was sitting on a telephone pole.

On Friday morning Cork Hughes stopped in the office and he saw a big snowy owl, on the Wednesday before stopping in, around that same area (around 61 and SR 111). He thought maybe that owl was after some pigeons since there was some in that area.

A little later on Friday morning, Linda Baumert came in the office and she was telling about seeing a male and a female snowy owl in that same area. That makes me very happy to hear all that news about a pair of snowy owls together. They must have a nest around here somewhere.

In my reading on the snowy owl, it says the male gets whiter the older he gets. He seems to lose spots or they get lighter in color. Now the owls that I have seen, those spots looked blue to me, but I've heard brown and black even, but maybe that has to do with his age.

I understand that he doesn't "hoot" his noise is more of a bark, but he does make more than one noise.

Thanks to all of these folks.

See ya!

ACC HOLDS ITS LAST WINTER STILL SHOOT

On Sunday March 4th, the Antwerp Conservation Club held its final winter Still Shoot of 2018. We held three shoots this winter to help raise money for our 2018 Scholarship program. This year the ACC

PAULDING CHAMBER'S OFF THE CLOCK



Paulding, OH: The Paulding Chamber of Commerce held their second Off of the Clock this year hosted by Paulding Entrepreneur Network (P.E.N.) on Thursday March 1st at the Paulding Eagles. P.E.N. is a group of businesses in the area that service Paulding in some capacity. The businesses included are Office Partners, Natural Design and Graphics, Schlatter's Plumbing and Heating, Raylecom Communications, FSC Securities, Amerimade Realty, BRSW, American Cancer Society, Fun Factory, First Federal Bank, The Gardens of Paulding, Stahl Stoller Meyer Insurance, Diehl Cleaning Solutions, Paulding County Hospital Foundation, Cook Burkard and Gorrell Law Firm and the Paulding Chamber of Commerce.

The first 30 people to walk through the door received a smart phone wallet donated by First Federal Bank. Each

wallet had every businesses' card inside, but one wallet had a surprise \$100 as well. The lucky winner of the \$100 was Lou Ann Wannemacher. The members of P.E.N., and all who attended had a fun time with many laughs and the opportunity for social networking. Off the Clock is a perfect opportunity to build relationships with people without feeling the pressure of a formal business networking event. "This Off the Clock was a success because the members of P.E.N are such enthusiastic and friendly business owners and leaders in their organization," says Chamber director Mikayla Pieper. The Chamber would like to thank P.E.N for hosting the Off the Clock and would also like to acknowledge the Paulding Eagles for their great hospitality. The Chamber's next Off the Clock will double as their Annual Banquet/Casino Night on April 6th.

is giving out two \$400 scholarships to area seniors. The following schools are eligible to apply. Antwerp, Fairview, Hicksville, Paulding, Wayne Trace and Woodland. If you are interested in applying, contact your guidance office or go to our website (Antwerpconservationclub.com) to download the form. This form must be postmarked by April 15th.

We had another one scheduled for April 1st, but I has been cancelled. I want to say thank you to all those who helped put these events on and to all those who came out to support our Scholarship program. We will be doing this again in 2019.

March 17th is the start of our club's busy season. New events are coming out this year. On March 17th it's our Any Rifle Any Sight match. It is as it says, any rifle with any sight. We will be shooting offhand at SR1 targets placed at 100 yards. Cost is \$10 and is open to the public registration opens at 10, match begins at 11. To learn more about this event or to see want else is coming up, go to our website or check out our weekly add in the West Bend News.

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LATTA QUESTIONS DEA ABOUT EFFORTS TO CURB OPIOID EPIDEMIC AT E&C COMMITTEE HEARING

At an Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health hearing, Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) questioned an official from the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) about law enforcement efforts to combat the opioid epidemic and coordination between the agency and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The hearing, entitled "Combatting the Opioid Cri-

sis: Helping Communities Balance Enforcement and Patient Safety," focused on finding solutions to the epidemic that is prevalent in communities across the country. The hearing kicks off a push by the Energy and Commerce Committee to pass legislation addressing the opioid crisis in the coming months. Latta has introduced the INFO Act, legislation that would improve the collection and availability of data relating to opioids.

"The opioid epidemic has hit Ohio hard and overdoses across the state continue to rise," said Latta. "Finding solutions needs to be a priority here in Congress, and that's why it's so important that the Energy and Commerce Committee is beginning a full-court press to get legislation to the President's desk to curb the abuse of opioids, treat those that are addicted to drugs, and hold accountable those that bring illicit drugs into our communities. Today, we heard valuable testimony that will be essential as we try to improve coordination between federal agencies, state and local governments, law enforcement, health care professionals, and advocates."

Latta led off his questions to DEA Deputy Assistant Attorney Susan Gibson from the agency's Diversion Control Division by asking about DEA's coordination with HHS and followed up by asking about what DEA is doing to stop the importation of fentanyl.

Latte's introduction of the INFO Act continues his work on an issue that has greatly impacted Ohio. In 2016, Ohio had a 32 percent increase in deaths from the previous year with 4,050 losing their life from unintentional drug overdose. Initial statistics indicate even more deaths

LADY RAIDERS CLIP BLACKBIRD'S WINGS AT DISTRICTS



Claire Sinn shoots while being blocked by her Pettisville opponent and scores for the Raiders. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Pettisville and Wayne Trace competed in girls basketball for the District Semi-Final on Tuesday, February 27 after the Blackbirds defeated Antwerp and the Raiders defeated North Central in the sectional championship games.

Both teams started of slow with 6-7 Blackbird lead in the first. The second didn't finish much difference with 13-12 points, finishing the half at 19 for both teams.

The second half of the game Wayne Trace turned up the heat, scoring 46 points to Pettisville's 22. The game finished 65-41 and Wayne Trace moved on to District Championship.

Claire Sinn and Gracie Gudakunst were top scorers

with 19 and 18 respectively. Kaylee Shepherd had the most rebounds with 8 and Brooke Sinn followed with 6 for the Raiders. The Blackbirds had more rebounds but it didn't help with 24 turnovers.

Score by Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 6 13 20 26 = 65

Pettisville - 7 12 5 17 = 41

Scorers of the Game:

Wayne Trace - Claire Sinn 19; Tiffany Sinn 2; Miriam Sinn 6; Saide Sinn 6; Gracie Gudakunst 18; Lily Sinn 2; Brooke Sinn 10; Katie Stoller 2;

Pettisville - Morgan Lappelmeier 14; Sami Tilley 7; Nichole Foor 4; Elizabeth Beck 5; Brandi Schnitkey 11.

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from accidental overdoses occurred last year, as there were 5,232 deaths in the 12-month period ending on June 31, 2017.

In addition to the INFO Act, Latta has asked the Food and Drug Administration to look at ways that the Safeguarding America's Pharmaceuticals Act - also known

as "Track and Trace" - could be used to prevent opioids from being diverted from the supply chain and falling into the wrong hands. He also has participated in discussions at the White House about what can be done to reverse the staggering growth of opioid use, addiction, and overdoses.

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ACES TAKE SECTIONAL MATCH IN TOUGH GAME



Hicksville's Parker Thiel is back and scores 19 points in this game! More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Hicksville Aces snatched a difficult victory from Ayersville in the first game of sectionals that took place this week at Paulding High School 46-41. The game was very close at the beginning. Aces' Parker Thiel topped the scoring chart for the team with 16 points plus 3. By the end of the first period the game was tied at 11. In the second period, the Pilots made a valiant attempt to

steal the game from Hicksville and was quite successful. They ended up making the game 21-28 by half. It wasn't looking good for the Aces. Payton Tunis and Thiel both became more active starting in the second half. The whole Aces team picked up the defense and only allowed the Pilots to score one point the entire period. This gave Hicksville the chance

they needed to add 9 points and they were able to take the lead by the end of the third.

Keeping up the pressure Hicksville once again out-scored the Pilots in the fourth to take the game and send them to the championship match on Friday night.

Score by Quarters:
Ayersville - 11 17 1 12 = 41
Hicksville - 11 10 9 16 = 46

Scorers of the Game:
Ayersville - Sam McGuire 2-0-3-7, Devin Emerling 1-0-0-2, Ryan Martin 1-2-0-8, Kyle Nicely 1-1-2-7, Ethan Schlachter 4-0-1-9, Christian Zachrer 1-0-0-2, Jacob Berner 0-2-0-6, Totals 10-5-6=41

Hicksville - Payton Tunis 3-2-1-13, Michael Myers 2-0-0-4, Dylan Early 0-0-2-2, Jake Greer 0-2-0-6, Parker Thiel 8-0-3-19, Landon Turnbull 1-0-0-2, Totals 14-4-6=46

Ayersville closes its season with a record of 15-8.

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WBL GIRLS BASKETBALL ALL LEAGUE VOTING RESULTS

FIRST TEAM: Jaidyn Hale - Lima Bath; Emily Poling - Defiance; Shyah Wheeler - Elida; Kadie Hempfling - Ottawa Glandorf; Lexi Jacobs - Wapakoneta; Alissa Stahler - Lima Shawnee

SECOND TEAM: Ellie Miller - Kenton; Erin Kaufman - Ottawa Glandorf; Lindsay Singhaus - Lima Bath; Makenna Mele - St Marys; Sarah Pothast - Wapakoneta

THIRD TEAM: Layne Taylor - Kenton; Sydney Cisco - St. Marys; Cassidy Meyers - Van Wert; Kennedy Replogle - Defiance; Ashley Schroeder - Ottawa Glandorf

HONORABLE MENTION: Lauren Jackson - Celina; Morgan Wityk - Defiance; Abby Jackson - Van Wert; Lauren Cisco - St. Marys; Bette Andrews - Lima Bath
WBL PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Kadie Hempfling - Ottawa Glandorf; Paige Sutter - Ottawa Glandorf; Ijah Austin - Lima Shawnee; Amira Freeman - Elida Makenzie Wilson - Wapakoneta; Kori Barrett - Kenton

ACES SLIDE TO REGIONALS!

On Friday night, March 2 at the Paulding high School the Hicksville Aces defeated Delphos St. John's in a stunningly close 58-57 game. The fans on both sides were loud and cheered for their teams.

The Aces had just defeated Ayersville and everyone knew this game would be close with Delphos. Hicksville has speed that other teams just cannot match with Parker Thiel, Jake Greer and Payton Tunis. The first period enabled them to take a 2 point lead, but it was the second period that sent Hicksville behind when they had an 8 point deficit in scoring. The half time score was 24-30 with St. John's in the lead.

In the third, Hicksville reversed the loss with a positive 19 points over the 12 Delphos scored. The Aces scored 17 points in free throws, certainly helping the cause. Parker was the top scorer with 17 and Tunis was right behind with 13-pointer, 5 jump shots and 2

RAIDERS STRIKE STRYKER TO WIN DISTRICTS WITH 20 POINTS IN FREE-THROWS!



The Wayne Trace Wins Districts! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Wayne Trace sets a new school record for victories in a season by the girls basketball team with 22 this year, improving to 22-3 after defeating Stryker in the District Final match at this game on Saturday evening, March 3.

There is no reason to assume the game was an easy triumph for the home team (Raiders). It was a tough match and both teams were pretty equal. It wasn't until the last couple minutes that the Raiders expanded their lead.

The first two periods were crazy close as the teams went back and forth with points. Stryker's Courtney Stewart was getting her fair share of shots from under the basket and Raider Claire Sinn was on fire hitting points from inside and outside the key. The half ended at 20-20 when Wayne Trace posted a last second shot at the buzzer.

The third period was also close. Wayne Trace had gained an 8 point lead, but near the end they gave it up to the Panthers with a score of 30-28.

Gracie Gudakunst came in with 3-point baskets in the first half and now was adding to her roster of points with multiple field goals giving herself 14 on the board. Kaylee Shepherd also had several good rebounds and then points which gave extra support for the team that ultimately won the match.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Raiders were on fire! They pressed and it was successful. Both teams were having issues with fouls, but Wayne Trace turned those into points from the line each time. 20 out of 26 free throws



Wayne Trace's Miriam Sinn gets under the basket and attempts to score for the Raiders. More pictures at westbendnews.net

were made by these girls — over 1/3 of the points from the line!

The game finished at the Archbold gym with half the crowd on their feet cheering for the Raiders! Congratulations to the team and the coaches in their victory!

Score by Quarter:
Wayne Trace (22-3) - 10 10 10 24 = 54
Stryker (20-5) - 11 9 8 15 = 43

Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace - Claire Sinn 17; Miriam Sinn 2; Saide Sinn

4; Kaylee Shepherd 11; Gracie Gudakunst 14; Brooke Sinn 4; Chelsea Sinn 2;

Stryker - Brittney haines 6; Courtney Stewart 12; McKenna Louis 3; Haley Doehrmann 18; Emma Grimie 4

The Raiders also qualified for the regional tournament with this win for the first time in the history of the girls basketball program. Wayne Trace will travel to Elida High School on March 8 at 6:15 pm to compete against Leipsic. More pictures at westbendnews.net



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The fourth quarter was hot! Both teams posted 15 points and that left the game at a one point difference when the buzzer rang in favor of the Aces.

Score by Quarters:
Delphos St. John's - 13 17 12 15 = 57
Hicksville - 15 9 19 15 = 58


Scorers of the Game:
Delphos St. John's - Lucas Metcalfe 0-1-0-3, Curtis Schwimmen 0-0-1-1, Jared Wurst 3-2-2-14, Richard Coanza 8-0-0-16, Brady Parish 2-0-1-5, Brady Grothaus 2-0-1-5, Collin Will 5-0-0-10, Grant Czukker 0-1-0-3, Totals 20-4-5=57.

Hicksville - Payton Tunis 5-1-2-15, Michael Myers 0-0-2-2, Jake Greer 4-1-3-14, Parker Thiel 5-0-7-17, Landon Turnbull 2-1-3-10, Totals 16-3-17=58.

Hicksville will now play Wayne Trace at 8:00 p.m. at Elida on Tuesday, March 6 for the District Semi-finals.

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PANTHERS WIN SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



The team, coaches and cheerleaders pose for their photograph following the 2018 Sectional win! More pictures at westbendnews.net

MILLER CITY - The Paulding Panthers posted victories over Bluffton and Tinoira to win a Division III boys basketball sectional championship at Miller City High School last week.

Coach Miller stated, "This is the first time in three years the Panthers have picked up this title victory."

The Panthers advanced to the district tournament with a 35-32 victory over the Rams Friday night at Miller City.

Jaret Miller scored 8 points to top the Panther efforts while Marcus Miller and Fletcher Cook posted 6 markers each.

Logan Bradford and Carson Shull added 5 points apiece with Austin Howell getting 4 and Ethan Rhonehouse 1.

In the sectional opener, the Panthers defeated Northwest Conference rival Bluffton 42-35.

Jaret Miller topped Paulding with 15 points and Ethan Rhonehouse added 13 for the Panthers.

Fletcher Cook (7), Marcus Miller (3), Carson Shull (2) and Austin Howell (2) also scored for the maroon and white.

Kaleb Jefferson paced the Pirates with 17 points while Dakota Bricker chipped in 5 markers. Cole Fruchey and Mason Soper added 4 points each and Mason Ault picked up the other 2 Bluffton points. The Pirates led 14-8 at the



Ethan Rhonehouse shoots the ball and scores for the Panthers. More pictures at westbendnews.net

end of 1 period before Paulding rallied to take a 21-20 half-time advantage. The maroon and white then took control of the contest in the third quarter, expanding the lead to 35-24 entering the final stanza.

Paulding finished the night 12 of 38 from the field (32%) while Bluffton was 12 of 40 (30%). The Panthers committed fewer turnovers, 7-12, but Bluffton won the battle of

the boards, 28-23.

At the free throw line, the maroon and white was 13 of 16 (81%) while the Pirates hit 9 of 14 (64%).

Paulding will return to action on Thursday when the Panthers face top seeded Ottawa Glandorf at Lima Senior High School with a 6:15 p.m. game time.

More pictures at westbendnews.net

STATEMENT FROM SECRETARY HUSTED ON PROPOSAL TO REPLACE OHIO'S VOTING EQUIPMENT

Secretary of State Jon Husted released the following statement regarding the announcement concerning legislative efforts to replace Ohio's aging voting machines by State Senator Frank LaRose. The following may be directly attributed to Secretary Husted:

"I want to thank Senator LaRose for his leadership in advocating for legislative action to support local gov-

ernments in replacing Ohio's outdated voting equipment. There have been many good discussions on how to proceed in replacing the voting machines, but now it's time for action.

"It's important for the legislature to remember that their action on funding is only the beginning of the process. We must then negotiate the best prices for the taxpayers, purchase the machines, and then train local Board of Elections staff - and ultimately 35,000 poll workers - on how to use them.

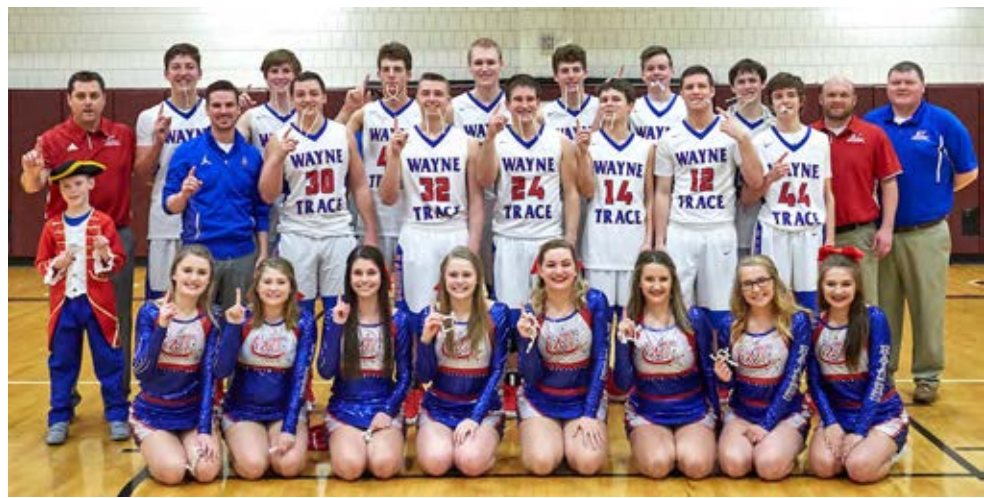
"We need to act now to make sure this process is completed and tested in 2019 - well in advance of the 2020 presidential election."

rebounds and 2.3 assists per game for the Knights and was also a first team selection last year.

Etzler and Overholt were joined on the NWC first team by Derek Stout (CV), Caden Ringwald (LV), Alex Rode (DJ) and Blake Reynolds (CG). Overholt, Stout, Ringwald and Rode are seniors while Etzler is a junior and Reynolds is a freshman.

Coach of the Year honors in the NWC go to Jeremy Best of Crestview. He led the Knights to an 8-0 conference mark and a regular season record of 19-3. This year's

5TH SECTIONAL TITLE AFTER RAIDER VICTORY



Wayne Trace wins the Sectional Finals! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Wayne Trace made the short stint to the Palace on Friday, March 2nd to play in the Sectional Final game to take on the Lincolnview team. The Raiders had won over Continental in the semi-finals previously in the week, also at Paulding.

Previously in the season, Lincolnview had defeated the Raiders when they pounded them, 67-49. The Raiders knew they were going into this game as the underdog and that the game would be very difficult if it could be won. Coach Linder knew the victory could be theirs though!

The game was not easy for the Raiders. Both teams were beating the court to take any advantage they could. Eli Sinn was fighting off an injury from the previous week, but he was still hitting the basket. He scored 22 for the night. The first period was 18-16 and the second was even tighter at 13-13. The half ended at 31-29 with Wayne Trace in the lead.

The Raiders came back from the half, increasing the defensive pressure and held the Lancers to only scoring 14 while Wayne Trace posted 4 more points. Nate Gerber hit a couple 3-point baskets and Josiah Linder added 3. 17 points of the night were from



Nate Gerber Launches from the 3 point line to score for the Raiders. More pictures at westbendnews.net

free throws made. The third quarter ended with Wayne Trace still having a small lead at 49-43.

In the fourth quarter, both sides were struggling to get the ball even close to the hoop as the defense was rock solid for the Lancers and the Raiders. Wayne Trace had 9 turnovers for the night and 4 steals.

The game finished with a 60-52 Sectional Championship for Wayne Trace.

Score by Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 18 16 18 11 = 60
Lincolnview - 16 13 14 9

= 52

Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace - Eli Sinn 22; Josh Kuhn 2; Nate Gerber 19; Josiah Linder 9; Jake Kuhn 8.

This is the 24th sectional championship in Wayne Trace school history. It is also the fifth consecutive sectional championship for Wayne Trace.

The Raiders go on to Elida to play against the Hicksville Aces for the District Semi-Final match on March 6 at 8:00 pm. The Raiders are now 18-5. More pictures at westbendnews.net

conference championship was the 17th NWC title in school history for the Knights and the first since the 2013-14 season.

The team breakdowns are as follows:

FIRST TEAM: Javin Etzler (CV) - 11; Chayten Overholt (LV) - 12; Derek Stout (CV) - 12; Caden Ringwald (LV) - 12; Alex Rode (DJ) - 12; Blake Reynolds (CG) - 9

SECOND TEAM: Wade Sheets (CV) - 11; Drew Kline (CV) - 11; Kaleb Jefferson (BL) - 12; Ethan Rhonehouse (PL) - 12; Zane Miller (LV) - 11; Fletcher Cook (PL) - 11

HONORABLE MENTION: Connor Frazier (ADA) - 11; Tayt Birnesser (CG) - 9; Marcus Miller (PL) - 12; Jaret Miller (PL) - 12; Jared Piercefield (BL) - 10; Tyler Bratton (DJ) - 12; Brenen Auer (DJ) -

12; Ben Dues (SV) - 12; Ethan Kemler (LV) - 11; Mason Soper (BL) - 10

FINAL STANDINGS:
Crestview 8 - 0, 19 - 3; Lincolnview 7 - 1, 15 - 7; Delphos Jefferson 5 - 3, 8 - 14; Paulding 5 - 3, 11 - 11; Bluffton 4 - 4, 10 - 12; Columbus Grove 4 - 4, 9 - 13; Ada 2 - 6, 4 - 18; Spencerville 1 - 7, 2 - 19; Allen East 0 - 8, 4 - 18.

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ETZLER VOTED NWC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Crestview 6'7" wing Javin Etzler was chosen as the 2017-18 NWC Player of the Year by Northwest Conference boys' basketball coaches at the annual selection meeting Monday evening in Delphos. Etzler received 115 total points to finish ahead of Chayten Overholt, a guard from Lincolnview. Etzler averaged 15.2 points per game along with 7

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PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC WINS NATIONAL CO-OP PURPOSE AWARD



Pictured is the Honor Flight Committee for PPEC: left to right- Erika Willitzer, Steve Kahle, Annette Schreiner, CEO George Carter, and Tara Schlatter.

Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op (PPEC) was awarded with the National Co-op Purpose Award yesterday for their fundraising efforts with Honor Flight in 2017. The co-op was recognized at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) 2018 Annual Meeting held in Nashville, TN. The national award recognizes cooperatives for meaningful contributions to the community and exemplifying the purpose of cooperatives.

"By engaging their local community and giving back to our nation's veterans, these co-ops clearly demonstrated their concern for community, a core principle of the cooperative business model," said NRECA President Phil Carson. "I applaud Paulding Putnam for the determination to honor our nation's veterans and inspire their communities to give back."

Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative raised more

than \$170,000, allowing 475 local heroes to make the trip to Washington D.C. through the Northeast Indiana Honor Flight Chapter. "I challenge everyone to do something for our veterans. It truly can change their lives and at the same time, change yours," stated President and CEO of PPEC George Carter.

PPEC engaged their whole community for the fundraising effort, and PPEC members raised \$10,000 through electric bill contributions. PPEC staff also held a raffle for a new truck and local organizations, schools, and churches conducted their own events.

More than 6,000 representatives from electric co-ops across the nation attended NRECA's Annual Meeting held Feb. 25-28 in Nashville. Another Ohio electric co-op, Holmes Wayne Electric, was also recognized for sending 24 veterans on an Honor Flight.

fish enforcement on Lake Erie. The officers observed a man casting near one of the channel markers in the Toledo shipping channel. The officers contacted the man and asked to see his Ohio fishing license, to which he responded that he was in Michigan. The officers advised him that he was in Ohio, and he needed to have an Ohio fishing license. He responded by shouting to the officers, "how am I supposed to know I'm in Ohio?" The officers informed him that the channel marker he was casting near was clearly in Ohio. The angler's boat was also equipped with two large GPS chart plotters that showed their location. Officer Kaufmann issued the man a summons for fishing without a license.

While working waterfowl enforcement during early teal season, State Wildlife Officer Eric VonAlmen, assigned to Wood County, observed two men hunting at Metzger Marsh Wildlife Area. Both men shot at a pair of large ducks that were not teal, killing one of the birds. Officer VonAlmen contacted the hunters in the marsh and determined that the duck that had been shot was a mallard. The officer also discovered a pied billed grebe in their boat, which the hunters had harvested earlier that morning. Both of the birds were seized as evidence and each hunter received a summons in Oregon Municipal Court. They each paid \$142 in fines and court costs.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

While patrolling along the banks of the Ohio River, State Wildlife Officer Craig Porter, assigned to Jefferson County, and State Wildlife Officer Nick Turner, assigned to Harrison County, observed numerous individuals fishing. Officer Porter contacted a group and noticed that one of the men appeared very nervous. The man stated that he had left his fishing license at home. After obtaining his driver's license, Officer Porter quickly realized that he was the brother of an individual who recently had his residence searched by the ODNR Division of Wildlife. Officer Porter met with Officer Turner and advised him of the situation. It was also relayed from dispatch that the man did not possess a valid fishing license and had an active warrant out of Jefferson County. He was arrested and escorted back to Officer Porter's patrol vehicle. The subject was issued a summons for fishing without a license and transported to the Jefferson County Jail. He was later convicted in court of fishing without a license and ordered to pay \$200 in fines and court costs.

State Wildlife Officer Jesse Janosik, assigned to Columbiana County, received a call from a landowner who had observed lights in a field late at night, and had found entrails from a deer the following day. Officer Janosik arrived on scene and located vehicle tracks leading in the field. As he was leaving the area, he noticed a vehicle in a neighboring driveway with what appeared to be deer blood on the rear bumper. Officer Janosik contacted the homeowner and through the investigation determined that the landowner's friend had illegally shot a 20-point

antlered deer without a deer permit and attempted to game check it in as a landowner harvest. A few weeks later during the deer gun season, Officer Janosik was called to the same area about an individual who had shot across the roadway. When he arrived, he found a dead Cooper's hawk. The results of the investigation revealed that the homeowner with the truck in the driveway Officer Janosik had contact several weeks earlier had killed the bird. Both men were eventually charged with multiple wildlife offenses and ordered to appear in the Columbiana County Municipal Court. The individual who attempted to cover up his friend's illegal harvest and shot the Cooper's hawk was convicted and ordered to pay \$370 in fines and court costs. The man who illegally harvested the white-tailed deer was convicted and ordered to pay \$685 in fines and court costs. In addition, his hunting privileges were revoked, and he was placed on probation for 1 year. The white-tailed deer was forfeited to the ODNR Division of Wildlife.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

In December 2016, State Wildlife Officer Brad St. Clair, assigned to Noble County, investigated a violation involving an individual hunting without permission and shooting a deer from a public roadway. Eyewitnesses provided valuable information about the incident and the identity of the individual. The individual had left the scene and went to his residence in Licking County. Officer St. Clair forwarded the information about the incident to State Wildlife Officers Patrick Muldovan, assigned to Licking County, and Tony Zerkle, assigned to Fairfield County, who contacted the individual at his residence. The individual was issued multiple citations for the violations, and the deer he unlawfully harvested was seized as evidence. The individual later failed to appear in the Noble County Court and a warrant was issued for his arrest. In October 2017, the individual was stopped in Licking County for a traffic violation and was arrested for the warrant. Following his arrest, the individual was transported to Noble County where he appeared in front of the judge. He was found guilty of the wildlife violations and was ordered to pay \$592 in fines and in court costs. In addition, his hunting license was suspended for one year. The individual was given credit for the three days he served in jail. The deer was forfeited to the ODNR Division of Wildlife.

In November 2017, State Wildlife Investigator Heath Horn was contacted about an abandoned safe that a Division of Wildlife employee had found on Kinnikinnick Wildlife Area in Ross County. Investigator Horn arrived on site and observed a small safe with a bent key in it. He contacted the Ross County Sheriff's Office to have their K9 unit respond. Upon arriving, the handler worked the K9 in the area to be sure the item was safe to open. Once the scene was clear, the safe was opened. There was nothing in the safe, but the K9 handler agreed that it was a good idea to use caution with this item. The Ross County

ROUGH START DOOMS ANTWERP



Antwerp's Cole Seslar picks up the rebound and then shoots to score for the Archers. More pictures at westbendnews.net

VAN WERT - A bad start proved to be too much to overcome for the Antwerp boys basketball team on Wednesday night as the Archers dropped a 59-53 decision to Parkway in Division IV sectional action at Van Wert High School.

The Panthers jumped out to an 18-6 lead at the end of 8 minutes of action and never trailed the rest of the way in advancing to the next round.

Antwerp did make things interesting, closing to within 3 points late in the contest, but Parkway held on for the victory.

Parkway led 32-23 at the end of the first half and the Panthers took a 40-32 lead into the fourth quarter.

Cole Seslar had an outstanding night for Antwerp, scoring a game high 29 points to lead all scorers.

Luke Brewer added 11 markers for the blue and white and Ty Rebber chipped in 10. Blake Schuette added 3 points for Antwerp as well.

The Panthers were led by Corey Walls, who scored 20 points, while Caleb Kinney added 10 markers.

Also finding the scoring column for the Mercer County squad were Jack Wehe (9), Mason Baxter (7), Dylan Hughes (7), Andrew Baker (4) and Preston Stober (2).

Antwerp's 2017-18 season finished at a 13-10 record.

More pictures at westbendnews.net

CUFFS & COLLARS

Field reports from ODNR Division of Wildlife Officers

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

Following the deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Matt Teders, assigned to Madison County, was assisting State Wildlife Officer Patrick Muldovan, assigned to Licking County, with follow-up investigations after the deer gun season. Officer Teders discovered an abnormal tagging history for a hunter from Pennsylvania. During the investigation, it was determined that the hunter was leasing property during peak rut and hunting without a non-resident hunting license and a deer permit. The investigation uncovered that this hunter had been hunting the last two years without the proper permits and tags. The hunter would only purchase the tags after harvesting a deer. Multiple charges were filed in Licking County Municipal

Court, which included hunting without a hunting license, hunting without a deer permit, and providing false data to game check. The hunter returned to Licking County and was arraigned by Judge Higgins. The hunter was found guilty and was ordered to serve 10 days in jail and had a 3-year hunting license revocation. He was ordered to pay \$1,317 in fines and court costs and forfeited two antlered deer skulls. In addition to the hunting license suspension, the hunter's name was entered into the Wildlife Violator Compact. Each state in the compact will then review the charges and could possibly revoke his hunting privileges within their state.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

In August of 2017, Lake Erie Investigator Kevin Good and State Wildlife Officer Nathan Kaufmann, assigned to Huron County, were working on Lake Erie. Wildlife Communication Specialist Meredith Gilbert was also on board that day learning about sport

Sheriff's Office took possession of the property to see if it was reported stolen.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

In late October, State Wildlife Officers Austin Levering, assigned to Mercer County, and Jason Keller, assigned to Warren County, were working on a jack-lighting project in southern Adams County. State Wildlife Investigator Joel Budelmeyer was concurrently conducting surveillance and informed Officers Levering and Keller that he had viewed a spotlight sweeping through the field. He gave the officers a description of the vehicle, which they located. Officers Keller and Levering spoke with both the driver and front seat passenger. The driver stated that he was only driving the van and not using the spotlight. The passenger stated that he had pointed the red light out of the driver's side window and turned it on to locate white-tailed deer. During their contact with the vehicle's occupants, the officers located a cocked crossbow in the back of the van. No bolt was present in the track of the crossbow,

but several bolts had been removed from the quiver and were resting beside the crossbow. The front passenger claimed ownership of the crossbow and said that he had harvested an 11-point buck earlier that morning. He stated that the deer carcass was back at their camp. State Wildlife Officers James Carnes, assigned to Highland County, and Matt Hunt, assigned to Greene County, joined Officers Keller and Levering for the investigation at the hunting camp. Once there, the officers located the skull plate and antlers of the buck that the hunter had harvested earlier that morning. Further investigation by the officers revealed that the deer was not checked in before he began to remove the skin, head, or other parts of the deer. After the field investigation, the red tactical light and the crossbow were seized as evidence. The hunter was issued one summons for jack-lighting and one summons for removing the head and skin of a deer before game checking. He appeared in the Adams County Court and was ordered to pay \$1,650 in fines and court costs.

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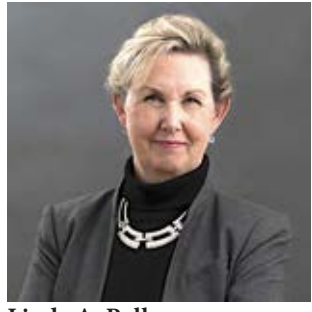
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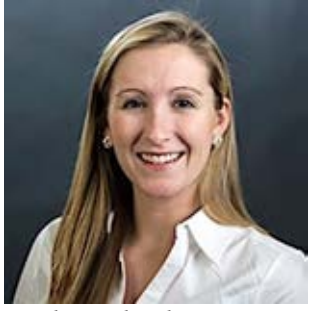
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Haller & Colvin, P.C. is pleased to announce that the following attorneys were listed in the 2018 Edition of Indiana's Super Lawyers:
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USDA AND HHS INVITE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON TOPICS AND SCIENTIFIC QUESTIONS FOR THE 2020-2025 DIETARY GUIDELINES FOR AMERICANS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced a new step in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGA) development process. For the first time, the departments will seek public comments on the proposed priority topics and supporting scientific questions that will guide the development of the upcoming 2020-2025 edition of the DGA. The public may submit comments

through the Federal Register; the comment period will be open from Feb. 28, 2018 to March 30, 2018. The topics, supporting scientific questions, and link to submit public comments will be available at DietaryGuidelines.gov.

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans serves as the cornerstone of federal nutrition programs and policies. This new public comment stage at the beginning of the DGA development process helps maintain the integrity of the process and ensure transparency in communicating the topics that meet the priorities of federal nutrition programs. This new approach allows for more public participation over this multiyear development process. It also

improves customer service by being more responsive to stakeholder recommendations and feedback.

"The American taxpayer is an essential customer - indeed, a shareholder," said Brandon Lipps, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for the Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services at USDA, the administrative lead for the 2020-2025 DGA. "We're proud to be taking this important step forward towards greater transparency, and ensuring that the American public's voice is heard throughout this process."

USDA and HHS are proposing a life stage approach for this edition of the DGA, focusing on priority scientific questions from birth through older adulthood. The 2014 Farm Bill mandated that, starting with the 2020-2025 edition, the DGA provides guidance for women who are pregnant, as well as infants and toddlers from birth to 24 months. In addition to a focus on life stages, the topics and supporting questions for public comment reflect a continued focus on patterns of what we eat and drink as a whole, on average and over time, not on individual foods or food groups.

"We know that good nutrition together with physical activity can help decrease Americans' risk of developing serious health conditions across the life span," said Don Wright, MD, MPH, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health at HHS. "The Dietary Guidelines for Americans help support healthy choices at home, school, work, and in the community. That's why we are encouraging the public and stakeholders in nutrition to submit comments up front to help inform the next edition of the guidelines."

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The 2020-2025 DGA topics which USDA and HHS propose are based on four criteria:

Relevance - the topic is within the scope of the DGA and its focus on food-based recommendations, not clinical guidelines for medical treatment;

Importance - the topic has new, relevant data and represents an area of substantial public health concern, uncertainty, and/or knowledge gap;

Potential federal impact - there is a probability that guidance on the topic would inform federal food and nutrition policies and programs; and

Avoiding duplication - the topic is not currently addressed through existing evidence-based federal guidance (other than the Dietary Guidelines).

USDA and HHS will consider all public comments submitted in finalizing the list of topics and supporting questions to be examined in the development of the 2020-2025 DGA.

After finalizing the topics and supporting questions, USDA and HHS will post a public call for the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee nominations. The areas of expertise needed will be based on the final topics and supporting scientific questions, resulting in a coordinated and efficient scientific review.

For information and links, go to DietaryGuidelines.gov.

AUDITOR YOST ANNOUNCES AUDITOR OF STATE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Auditor of State Dave Yost is pleased to announce that the following entities received the Auditor of State Award for their clean audit reports:

- Allen County Metropolitan Housing Authority (Allen County)
- LaBrae Local School District (Trumbull County)
- Mathews Local School District (Trumbull County)
- Portage Lakes Career Center (Summit County)
- Vantage Career Center (Van Wert County)

The Auditor of State Award is presented to local governments and school districts upon the completion of a financial audit. Entities that

WTGH VERY IMPORTANT DAY



Pictured here are Grandma JoAnne Klopfenstein and grandson Cole Manz.

Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary held Very Important Person Day for the Third Grade on February 21st. Students with their VIP

filled the day with a President Scavenger Hunt, President Research Posters, lunch and recess.

receive the award meet the following criteria of a "clean" audit report:

- The entity must file timely financial reports with the Auditor of State's office in accordance with GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles);
- The audit report does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Single Audit findings or questioned costs;
- The entity's management letter contains no comments related to:
 - Ethics referrals
 - Questioned costs less than \$10,000
 - Lack of timely report

submission

- Reconciliation
- Failure to obtain a timely Single Audit
- Findings for recovery less than \$100
- Public meetings or public records
- No other financial or other concerns exist that involve eligible entity.

(Continued from Page 1) and obtaining resources online for appropriate children's activities.

Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, and class size is limited.

Classes run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the following dates at Lutheran Hospital:

- 2018**
- April 3 - Kachmann Auditorium
 - June 5 - Special Function Rooms 1 & 2
 - July 12 - Special Function Rooms 1 & 2
 - Aug. 3 - Special Function Rooms 1 & 2
 - Dec. 27 - Special Function Rooms 1 & 2

A graduation ceremony for each session takes place at 3:00 p.m. Graduates receive a completion card demonstrating that they know how to use their skills in situations they encounter.

Students must be 11 to 14 years old to participate. To register, contact Lisa Pearson, RN, at (260) 435-2699, option 3, or by email at lpearson@lhn.net. More details are available online at Lutheran-ChildrensHosp.com/classes-for-kids.

The West Bend News READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Hometown Pantry, Pop-N-Brew, The Rootbeer Stand, Genesis House, Pit-Stop, Subway

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

Cecil: Maramart, Vagabond

Charloe: Charloe Store

Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware

Defiance: Newman's Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Cabbage Patch Store, Werlor's Waste

Edgerton: Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Utilities Office, Napa

Grover Hill: Ross' Gas Station, N&N Quick Stop

Hicksville: Sailors, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, H20, Senior Center, Subway

Latty: Kohart's Surplus & Salvage, Country Inn Living Center

Melrose: Morning Star Convenience Store

Ney: Marathon

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

Paulding: Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Holly Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrill Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paul-

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

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

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

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

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Walmart (Maysville Rd.), Great Clips

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

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

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

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

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

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

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1% TAX PROPOSED AT PAYNE MEETING



Mayor Steve Wobler and the Payne Town Council have been contemplating an income tax over the past couple years. The meeting took place on Monday, February 26 at the City Hall. Many Town residents showed up asking about the impact of the tax on the people.

Questions included about taxing businesses and the residents and the how it would play out, rentals, retirees and how much of a percentage between 0-1%. Central Collection Agency (CCA) had a representative there who gave general information for the officials and residents of what their part would be if chosen. Wobler said he talked with

Representative Bob Latta last summer to see what could be done to get a share of the revenue coming in from the wind farms. Latta never got back with the mayor after he asked for the help.

One resident asked how the money would be spent and the council replied that it would be spent to help shore up the deficits that were being accumulated due to the funds being cut. Mayor Wobler said they lost the money that used to come from the railroad.

It was asked if it could be collected in town rather than having a place so far away collect (Cleveland). The CCA representative didn't know if there was any towns that col-

lected locally or not. He said they would charge 2% plus a transaction fee, so he could not state exactly what would be taken out of the tax revenue.

One gentleman said he was concerned about people leaving because of the rate and look for employment in Van Wert or other city/towns.

One lady specifically stated that if they got the funds to, "please spend it wisely." Other people agreed they did not want it wasted.

The meeting ended with the Mayor Wobler saying there would be other meetings to guide the direction of this process.

wood, OH; Failure to control; Pay all fines and costs today

Edward P. Riedinger, Whitehouse, OH; Seat belt/driver; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Randall D. Wilson, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/driver; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

AUGLAIZE TWP
3/1/18 Froelich Daniel L to Schlatter Gary; 19525 Rd 212 Defiance Oh 43512; 0.4063 acres; Lot 3 Six Mile Bay Subdiv Auglaize Twp S-19

3/1/18 Froelich Daniel L to Froelich Daniel L; Rd 212; 0.4316 acres; Lot 4 Six Mile Bay Subdiv AuGLAIZE TWP S-19

BROWN TWP
2/28/18 Essex Joseph L & Essex Alana R to Weisenburger Robb; Rd 86; 12.392 acres; Pt Nw1/4 S-1Brown Twp

EMERALD TWP
2/28/18 Laker Roman C Trustee Et Al to Laker David Trustee Nally Bonita Trustee; 14367 Rd 232 Cecil Oh 45821; 120 acres; E1/2Sw1/4&Sw1/4Sw1/4 Emerald Twp S-5

2/28/18 Laker Roman C Trustee Et Al to Laker David Trustee Nally Bonita Trustee; Rd 115; 37.597 acres; Se1/4 Se1/4 Emerald Twp S-6

HARRISON TWP
2/26/18 Wiley Catherine M Et Al to Wiley Catherine M Et Al; Sr 111; 96.75 acres; E1/2 Nw1/4 E1/2 E1/2 W1/2 Nw1/4 Less 1A Harrison-Antwerp Sec 13

JACKSON TWP
2/28/18 Colter Donald L Le & Colter Katherine J Le to Colter Katherine J Le; 199 Klingler Rd Paulding Oh 45879; 1.929 acres; Pt Outlot 7 S-7Jackson Twp

PAULDING TWP
2/28/18 Paulding Village to Carlisle Rylee Carlisle Tyler; 208 N Williams St; 0.1333 acres; Lot 140 44Ft Ns O.p. Paulding Vill

2/28/18 Colter Donald L Le & Colter Katherine J Le to Colter Katherine J Le; 202 Klingler Rd; 0.4213 acres; Lot 60 Pt Ne 1/4 Se 1/4 Outlots S-12 Paulding Vill

2/26/18 Hacker William R & Mccauley Alice A to Mccauley Alice A; 121 E Wayne St; 0.2083 acres; Pt Lot 16 Pt Nw 1/4 Ne 1/4 Pt Lot 22 Outlots Paulding Vill

DR. SEUSS AT CARNEGIE LIBRARY



Paulding-The Paulding County Carnegie Library Youth Services Department recently held a Dr. Seuss Celebration. Pictured with the "Cat in the Hat", Kirk Baker, Early Literacy Specialist Ryder Collins, 4 and Rozlynn Eversole, 5. For more information about upcoming events contact the Children's Room at the Main Branch Library in Paulding at 419-399-2032.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Dylan C. Lawson, Melrose, OH; Disobey police order; Case dismissed; With prejudice; Costs waived

Kimberly E. Schroeder, Cecil, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Case dismissed; With prejudice; Costs waived

Michelle Thompson, Paulding, OH; Confine of dog; Pled no contest; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Bond processing fees are waived (\$25.00 and 10%); Shall maintain general good behavior; Bond posted shall be applied to fines and costs

Joanna Miller, Briceton, OH; Confine of dog; Guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

David O. Esparza Sr., Cecil, OH; Confine of dog; Bench trial held; defendant found guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs; Shall pay in full by 12/21/18

Samantha Marie Fry, Defiance, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tevin L. Hale, Grover Hill, OH; Assault; Case dismissed per state; Without

prejudice; Costs waived

Thomas R. Kieper, Toledo, OH; Criminal trespassing; Case dismissed per state; With prejudice; Costs waived

Jeffrey J Schindler, Ney, OH; Child endangerment; Case dismissed per state; With Prejudice; Costs waived

Riley Jonathan Hart, Paulding, OH; Criminal trespassing; Case dismissed per state; With prejudice; Costs waived

Raynina B. Reed, Detroit, MI; Seat belt/driver; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Robert L. Bair III, Leipsic, OH; Possession of drugs; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing in open court; Case shall be bound over; All bond conditions remain; Or bond granted

Robert L. Bair III, Leipsic, OH; Receiving stolen property; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing in open court; Case shall be bound over

Penny M. Avery, Dayton, OH; Following too close; Guilty; Pay or collection 3/30/18

Thomas S. Parrett, Oakwood, OH; Park on public highway; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and cost today

Rex A. Keezer, Paulding,

OH; Seat belt/driver; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Olivia R. Fouty, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/driver; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Michael R. Reese, Brookville, IN; Seat belt/driver; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

George Clemens III, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/driver; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Alyssa M. Estrada, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/driver; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Christina J. Ferguson, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Michael L. Geiger, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/driver; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Zachary N. Isaac, Toledo, OH; False information gm ck; Guilty; James M. Riedel, Fort Wayne, IN; Marked lanes; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Matthew F. Monti, Chesapeake, VA; Seat belt/driver; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Johnathan R. Bowman, Paulding, OH; Driving under FRA suspension; Guilty; Pay or collections 12/21/18; If found driving, the vehicle shall be impounded immediately

James H. Wickline, Wapakoneta, OH; Marked lanes; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

Christal J. Gillette, Greenwood, IN; No operator license; Pled no contest, found guilty; Fines and costs to be taken from the bond

Ashley P. Stairhime, Paulding, OH; Following too close; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kevin R. Younce, Norwalk, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kody J. Johnson, Van Wert, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Bronson E. Bartley, Oakwood, OH; Failure to reinstate; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs today; Proof of financial responsibility provided

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Dillon Wildlife Area. After watching the person for some time, it became clear to Officer Muldovan that the individual was hunting ducks. As the man came back to his vehicle, Officer Muldovan made contact with the hunter. The man admitted that he was hunting ducks but that he had not killed any. Officer Muldovan informed him that the south zone for duck hunting was not open and explained where the waterfowl zones are, along with the dates for each. The man was issued one summons for hunting ducks out of season. He appeared in court and paid \$164 in fines and court costs.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

During the 2017 deer archery season, State Wildlife Officer Nathan West, assigned to Wyandot County, received information from the Turn In A Poacher (TIP) hotline from a concerned sportsman who was hunting from a tree stand at Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area. The hunter stated he was currently watching a vehicle drive down a closed



HELP WANTED

PART-TIME STOREKEEPER / BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. in Paulding, Ohio has an opening for a part-time storekeeper/building maintenance. Responsibilities include, but not limited to, inventory levels, material accounting, receiving, storing, issuing of materials, and general building maintenance. This position is approximately 20 hours per week. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume and three references postmarked by March 9th, 2018 to: Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Antwerp Local School Board of Education hereby gives notice in accordance with section 3307.353 of the Ohio Revised Code that Kurt Tempel, currently employed in the District as Middle School Science Teacher, will be retired and is seeking employment with the District in such position following retirement. The Antwerp Local School Board of Education will hold a public meeting on the issue of Kurt Tempel being employed in the District at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at the Antwerp Local School District Board of Education room.

CUFFS & COLLARS

Field reports from ODNR Division of Wildlife Officers

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

While working a project in Delaware County during pheasant season, State Wildlife Investigator Justus Nethero observed a man exit his vehicle and shoot at a pheasant that was located on private property. State Wildlife Officers Chad Grote, assigned to Marion County, and Maurice Irish, assigned to Delaware County, stopped the vehicle after the man drove away. Once questioned by the officers, the man admitted to shooting at the bird, and he was issued a summons for hunting without permission. He was found guilty in Delaware Municipal Court and paid \$214 in fines and court costs.

While patrolling during the youth deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Patrick Muldovan, assigned to Licking County, noticed a person in a kayak at a marsh near

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

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

IN THE CAUSE 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.

THELMA M. COAK, ET AL.,
Defendants.

Case No. CJ 17 152

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

Township of Harrison, County of Paulding, Road 106
Parcel Number: 17-265-002-01

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

Total amount of judgment is Five Hundred Seventy-nine and 24/100 (\$579.24) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

Whereas, said judgment orders such real

property to be sold by the undersigned to satisfy the total amount of said judgment;

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VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-03** on February 21, 2018, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE PERSONNEL MANUAL FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, INCLUDING ANY AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO AND ALL APPLICABLE STATEMENTS ATTACHED THERETO, FOR CALENDER YEAR 2018 AND DECLARING THE SAME IN AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance adopts the Personnel Manual for the Village of Antwerp for calender year 2018.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-04** on February 21, 2018, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER \$32,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE FUND, AND DECLARING THE SAME IN AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Fiscal Officer to transfer \$32,000.00 from the general fund to the Police Fund for the operation of the police department.

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

DR. SEUSS CELEBRATION AT CARNEGIE LIBRARY



Pictured with the "Cat in the Hat", Kirk Baker, Early Literacy Specialist; Ryder Collins, 4 and Rozlynn Eversole, 5.

The Paulding County Carnegie Library Youth Services Department recently held a

Dr. Seuss Celebration. For more information about upcoming events contact the

Children's Room at the Main Branch Library in Paulding at 419-399-2032.

road that is designated as a handicapped-accessible electric APV trail. Officer West responded to the location and observed the vehicle. Officer West waited until after legal shooting time to make contact with the owner of the vehicle, since the witness was hunting in the immediate area and Officer West did not want to ruin his hunt. After dark, Officer West located two individuals who were hunting on the wildlife area property. The individuals admitted to driving down the trail after passing two "no vehicles beyond this point" and two handicapped accessible electric APV trail signs. The driver of the vehicle was ordered to pay \$158 in fines and court costs.

While working sportfish enforcement during the summer at Van Tassel Wildlife Area, State Wildlife Officer Eric VonAlmen, assigned to Wood County, observed a group of five anglers fishing the Maumee River. As the anglers returned to their vehicle, Officer VonAlmen observed one of the individuals dump out multiple plastic

chicken liver containers and then throw the containers into the weeds. Another individual threw two plastic water bottles into the weeds. As the group was loading their gear into the vehicle, a third individual was gathering other trash, placing it into a plastic bag. Upon having gathered it all, he walked to the edge of the parking lot and threw the bag into the woods. The bag hung in a tree and most of its contents spilled out onto the ground. At this point, Officer VonAlmen contacted the group and checked for fishing licenses. All five subjects were from Michigan and had purchased one-day fishing licenses. Three individuals received summons for littering on state property and each paid \$150 in fines and court costs.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

During the weekend of deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Jason Warren, assigned to Ashtabula County, received a complaint from a concerned landowner who stated that a suspicious vehicle was parked on his property

and that a single set of tracks could be seen in the snow walking into his woods. The landowner was confident that someone was hunting on his property without permission. Officer Warren responded to the area and began following the footprints. A lake effect snow storm had recently hit the area and the snow was two to three feet deep. Officer Warren had followed the footprints for approximately half a mile when he observed a person in the distance who was not wearing hunter orange clothing and appeared to be looking for something on the ground. Officer Warren quickly caught up with the individual who turned out to be a surveyor busy marking the property line for an adjacent landowner.

State Wildlife Officer Aaron Brown, assigned to Wayne County, and State Wildlife Officer Eric Moore, assigned to Medina County, were working during the spring turkey season when they received a complaint of someone hunting without permission in an adjacent county. A short time later, the officers arrived on scene and spoke with the complainant. The man stated that he and his friend had permission to hunt the farm, and while they were there, they heard an individual using a turkey call and observed a man hunting next to a pair of turkey decoys. They knew that the landowner had not given anyone else permission to hunt the property, so they called Turn In a Poacher (TIP) hotline to report the violation. Officers Brown and Moore believed the hunter was still on the property and were later able to locate a set of boot prints that did not match either lawful hunter.

After tracking the individual for some time, Officer Moore spotted the man ahead. They contacted him and a search of the hunter's bag produced a pipe and bag of marijuana. The man was subsequently charged with hunting without permission and found guilty in court. He paid \$246 in fines and court costs and received a 30-day suspended jail sentence.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

In October 2017, a landowner reported a road hunting incident to state wildlife officers. The caller had observed a man discharge a firearm from the road in front of his residence. The caller was able to record the license plate number of the suspect's truck. State Wildlife Investigators Travis Abele and Heath Horn were able to obtain the suspect's address but he was not home at the time. A few miles from the residence, the officers spotted the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. They found a 12-gauge shotgun and a cocked crossbow inside the vehicle. The investigators were able to determine that the man had recently killed a doe with a shotgun during the deer archery season. Back in the man's garage, the investigators located an eight-point buck that had not been checked in. Another eight-point shoulder mount was located inside the suspect's residence. The man admitted that he had killed that buck during the 2016 deer gun season and had not checked it in. He was issued seven summonses, including hunting without a deer permit, failing to game check a deer (two counts), killing a deer with an illegal hunting implement, and hunting with the aid of a motor vehicle (two counts). The man was found guilty on all charges and was ordered to pay \$2,175 in fines, court costs, and restitution. He received 1080 days of suspended jail time, two years of probation, and a three year hunting privilege revocation. The firearm and deer were forfeited to the ODNR Division of Wildlife.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

State Wildlife Investigator Ryan Garrison received information that an employee at a business in Darke County was illegally selling white-tailed deer meat. Investigators made contact and obtained information that the suspect was also attempting to purchase deer meat from a processor in another state and sell that venison in Ohio. At a later date State Wildlife Officer Timothy Rourke, assigned to Shelby County, interviewed the suspect at his place of employment. The man admitted to selling wild white-tailed deer meat at work for several years and that he profited by \$870 from those sales. He also admitted that he and a co-worker killed two deer that year on a relative's property and they both sold venison from those two deer. The out-of-state processor

THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

Lane found spent 20-gauge shells at one spot and spent 12-gauge shells at another. Officer Stewart determined there was only one 20-gauge and only one person using the 12-gauge ammo that matched the spent shells found by Officer Lane. In addition, the 20-gauge was found to be unplugged. The officers cited the two hunters for litter and the hunter with the 20-gauge received an additional citation for the unplugged gun. Each of the two hunters received 20 hours of community service and \$250 in fines for the litter violations. The hunter with the 20-gauge paid in additional \$125 in fines for the unplugged gun.

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was identified and it was later revealed that the suspect purchased one hundred sticks of wild white-tailed deer summer sausage from the processor and was in the process of selling that deer meat. Investigators located the summer sausage in the refrigerator at the suspect's place of employment. Investigator Garrison and an officer from the other state's DNR interviewed owners at the out-of-state processor regarding the sale of deer meat to the suspect. The processor admitted to illegally selling left over wild white-tailed deer meat from customers' deer. A total of 11 charges were filed in Darke and Jackson counties. The two suspects were ordered to pay a total of \$2,897.27 in fines, court costs, and restitution. Additionally, each lost their privileges to hunt for three years. A total of 78 sticks of summer sausage were seized in addition to other wild white-tailed deer meat. All evidence was forfeited to the ODNR Division of Wildlife and all meat that had been professionally processed was donated to local charity.

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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. PATRICIA DAVILA, ET AL., Defendants.

Case No. CI 17 151

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows: 3519 Road 48, Payne, Ohio 45880 Parcel Number: 03-16S-005-01

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 One Thousand Forty-three and 89/100 (\$1,043.89) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

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

judgment;

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:00 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the 5th day of April, 2018, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the 19th day of April, 2018 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.

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

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

vs. EDWIN L. ZEDAKER, ET AL., Defendants.

Case No. CI 17 150

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows: Stafford Street, Cecil, Ohio Parcel Number: 15-03S-042-00

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 One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-nine and 30/100 (\$1,699.30) 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 15th day of March, 2018, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the 29th day of March, 2018 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.

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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:
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST
COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.
ANDREW E. GRIBBLE, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 15 035.
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 22nd day of March, 2018 at 10:25, the real estate located at:

14750 County Road 163, Defiance, Ohio 43512
Parcel Number: 01-15A-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 Fifty-one Thousand and No/100 (\$51,000.00) 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 29th day of March, 2018 at 10:25. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
www.pauldingohsheriff.com
Carrie L. Davis, Attorney for Plaintiff

USDA ANNOUNCES NATIONAL POTATO PROMOTION BOARD APPOINTMENTS

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced the appointment of 30 members to serve three-year terms on the National Potato Promotion Board beginning March 1, 2018.

Newly appointed producer members are:

Jared B. Smith, Alamosa, Colo.; Wes Pahl, Aberdeen,

Idaho; Tyson Ruff, Aberdeen, Idaho; Kasey Poulson, American Falls, Idaho; Eric Searle, Burley, Idaho; Mike Larsen, Declo, Idaho; Ryan Christensen, Grace, Idaho; Jeff Blanksma, Hammett, Idaho; Steve Elfering, Idaho Falls, Idaho; P.J. Stevens, Idaho Falls, Idaho; Blake Matthews, Oakley, Idaho; Blake Thorlund, Greenville, Mich.; Jeffrey B. Jennings, Camden, N.C.; John Coombs Jr., Elmer, N.J.; Kyle Michael, Urbana, Ohio; Adam W. Weber, Moses Lake, Wash.

Reappointed producer members are:

Dan Moss, Declo, Idaho; Jeff Harper, Mountain Home, Idaho; Kent Bitter, Shelley, Idaho; Kyle Lennard, Sturgis, Mich.; Jeff J. Edling, Becker, Minn.; Gary H. Gray, Clear Lake, Minn.; Chris Hansen, Bliss, N.Y.; Jeff Van Ray, Pingree, N.D.; Tyler P. Young, Greetle Compton, R.I.; E. Phillip Hickman, Horntown, Va.; Randi Renee Hammer, Pasco, Wash.; Molly Connors, Richland, Wash.; Heidi Alsum-Randall, Cambria, Wis.; Marilyn Freeman Dolan, Atwater, Calif., is reappointed as the public member.

"The United States is recognized as the world leader in potato production with products that offer high-quality, consistency and variety," said Perdue. "Representing nearly 2,500 American commercial potato growers and 450 importing companies, the work of the members of the National Potato Board provides an invaluable service for the U.S. farm sector and the American economy as a whole."

The National Potato Promotion Board consists of producers, importers, and one public member. The board is authorized by the Potato Research and Promotion Act and the Potato Research and Promotion Plan. Since 1966, Congress has authorized 22 industry-funded research and promotion boards to provide a framework for agricultural industries to pool their resources and combine efforts to develop new markets, strengthen existing markets and conduct important research and promotion activities. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) provides oversight, paid for by industry assessments, which helps ensure fiscal accountability and program integrity.

More information about the board is available on the

National Potato Promotion Board page on the AMS website and at PotatoesUSA.com, the National Potato Promotion Board's website.

BOATING SAFETY COURSE OFFERED AT MAUMEE BAY STATE PARK ON MAR. 24

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Watercraft, invites the public to attend an Ohio Boating Education Course on Saturday, Mar. 24 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required, but admission is free.

The course will be held at the Maumee Bay State Park Nature Center, which located at 1400 State Park Road in Oregon. Pre-registration is required due to class size limitations.

The Ohio Boating Education Course covers a variety of boating topics such as navigation rules, boating and personal safety equipment, navigational signage, Ohio boating laws and much more.

Ohio Law requires any person, born on or after January 1, 1982, to be able to show proof that they have successfully completed an approved boating safety education course if they are operating any watercraft powered by a motor greater than 10 horsepower.

For additional information or register, please contact the Maumee Bay office at (419) 836-6003, or visit <http://watercraft.ohiodnr.gov>.

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.

HUSTED ANNOUNCES UCC WATCHLIST TO CURB FRAUDULENT BUSINESS FILINGS

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced the launch of the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) Watchlist, the latest in an ongoing effort to improve the services offered by the Secretary of State's Office and protect Ohioans from potential fraudulent filings.

The new service is expected to curb instances when fraudulent UCC filings are submitted by disgruntled customers or individuals. These types of filings can negatively impact a person's credit history, personal finances and often require a substantial amount of time and resources to resolve in court. Fraudulent filings can also mischaracterize good-standing companies, putting their assets at risk and pulling their focus and energy away from growing their business.

"We have worked very hard in recent years to bring more accountability and efficiency to the services we provide for Ohio's businesses," Secretary Husted said. "The Watchlist has the potential to put Ohio a step ahead in serving its businesses and curbing fraudulent activity."

UCC statements are notices filed by creditors to declare an interest in the personal property of debtors. In Ohio, the notices are uploaded to the Secretary of State's website and may be active for a period of five years or longer. Nearly 100 percent of UCC statements are now filed online - improving overall efficiency

NSSC BOARD OF TRUSTEES HOLDS OFFICER ELECTIONS



The Northwest State Community College Board of Trustees met in regular session on Friday, February 23. As part of the meeting, the Board elected new leaders for one-year terms. The new Board leadership will include Jeffrey Erb, Chair of the Board, Laura Howell, Vice Chair of the Board, and Joel Miller, Second Vice Chair of the Board. Erb replaces Paul Siebenmorgen as Chair. In his closing remarks, Siebenmorgen thanked the Board for their efforts, noting they have been "all united looking at the best interests of the College."

The Board also heard a presentation from team members of the Advanced Manufacturing Training Center (AMTC), located at the Scott Park facility at the University of Toledo. Todd Hernandez,

vice president for innovation at Northwest State, introduced team members Dave Conover, Cheryl Geer and Tami Norris. Hernandez and the AMTC team highlighted some of the projects they have worked on for the College, including recently hosting Congressional representatives Marcy Kaptur (OH), Steny Hoyer (MD) and Nannette Diaz Barragan (CA) for a "Make It In America Listening Tour" and a major training collaboration with Fiat Chrysler employees, with the support of the University of Toledo. The AMTC provides classroom and lab education and training opportunities at the Scott Park location, as well as custom training solutions to suit business' needs. More information on available programs can be found at trainwithcts.com.

In other Board action:

- Approved the amended role and responsibilities of Dr. Tom Stuckey, who will become the Special Assistant to the President (Dr. Michael Thomson), effective April 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018.
- Approved 2017-2018 revised budget.
- Approved miscellaneous employment contracts, transfers and resignations.
- Approved the Academic Calendars 2020-2021 through 2027-2028.
- Approved Duplicate Program Report for Ohio Department of Higher Education.
- Appointed Sue Derck as OACC delegate from the NSSC Board of Trustees, with John Bridenbaugh appointed as alternate.

and reducing the likelihood of avoidable errors.

The UCC Watchlist will allow individuals and businesses to track debtor names on approved UCC financing statements maintained by the Secretary of State's Office. Users will receive an e-mail alert whenever a new statement containing a debtor's name has been filed. The UCC Watchlist service allows users to customize their search queries to monitor individual and organization debtor names.

The UCC Watchlist is a feature of the new UCC filing system released in July 2017. The system has improved the customer's experience when filing UCC statements in Ohio. With the implementation of this system all UCC statements can be filed online and certified search results are now

available for immediate download.

The Ohio Secretary of State has implemented a series of business-friendly reforms prior to the UCC Watchlist.

Ohio Business Central was launched in 2013, allowing businesses to submit business filings over the internet. In August of 2017, Secretary Husted announced that 100 percent of all filings needed to start or maintain a business in Ohio can be done online. As of January 2018, more than 340,000 filings have been processed online.

In September 2015, Secretary Husted reduced the cost of starting and maintaining a business in the Buckeye State by 21 percent. To date, this change has saved Ohio businesses over \$5.8 million.

Most notable is the fact that as all of these innovative reforms have been implemented, Secretary Husted has eliminated the need for any tax dollars to run his office. This move is saving taxpayers nearly \$5 million in the last two years of his administration. Secretary Husted was able to do this because of his wise financial stewardship. During his first term, he reduced spending by \$14.5 million, a 16 percent reduction when compared to the previous administration. Secretary Husted is also operating his office with roughly 40 percent fewer staff and payroll costs are at the lowest level in 10 years.

The UCC Filing Portal can be accessed by visiting Ohio Business Central.

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

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

vs.
DANIEL K. BURGER, ET AL.,
Defendants.

Case No. CI 17 177

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

County of Paulding, Auglaize Township, Section 30, Lot Number Two (2) of John D. Miller's Third Subdivision
Parcel Number: 01-14D-009-00

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

Total amount of judgment is Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-nine and 87/100 (\$3,499.87) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

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

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appreciate Marsha for her dedication and willingness to serve others. The next Kiwanis meeting will be held next Thursday March 8th at noon, as usual.

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Paulding, OH: This week at Kiwanis, members met over lunch as usual and listened to the heartfelt stories of this week's speaker, Marsha Yeutter from the Paulding Senior Center. Yeutter has been the director of the Senior Center in Paulding for 17 years and has worked in the senior services field for 30 years. She shared her involvement with the Alzheimer's Association and how the disease has hit home with her and made the need for research and services for those suffering more prominent in her heart.

The Alzheimer's Association offers a support group that meets at the Paulding Hospital every fourth Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. Yeutter talked about the importance of noticing signs of Alzheimer's disease or dementia in your loved ones. These signs could include tremors, forgetfulness, frequent frustration, and mobility issues. There is an educational series sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association coming up on March 24th at the Paulding Eagles. "This is a fantastic way to get involved with the cause and become more educated on the disease as well as spread awareness," says Yeutter.

The Black Swamp Walk to End Alzheimer's is a walk to help raise money and awareness for Alzheimer's research and services. Any business, organization, or group of friends can gather together to form a team that works towards fundraising for the cause. Paulding amongst other surrounding counties will gather and walk together in the Walk for Alzheimer's. This year the walk will be held on August 25th at Sauder's Village. "All money raised stays right here in Northwest Ohio to go towards research and services offered in our area," says Yeutter.

The members of Kiwanis were touched by her story and

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Recently Workman's son Austin has begun working in the business. This has enabled Workman Computers to expand their services for personal computers. Now you can just walk into their office and drop off your computer or if dropping off your computer is difficult, their technicians are also happy to offer on-site repair. Using state of the art, industry leading PC and Mac diagnostic software, Workman Computer pinpoints any hardware issues your computer may have. Once diagnostics are complete they give clients a full repair quote and an honest opinion as to whether their computer is worth fixing or

should be replaced.

One of Workman's favorite parts of the computer repair business is its inconsistency. He said, "Each day I don't know exactly what I am going to do. I worked for many years as a corporate IT person and it was the same thing every day and I found that very boring. Most of my days I have a general idea of what I think is going to happen but in actuality my day is very fluid. I enjoy that."

Workman Computer LLC has been a member of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce since 2009. During that time they have supplied computer support for the Chamber and have done a very good job for us. Workman said the biggest

benefit of membership for him has been word of mouth advertising.

Workman shared that his only advertising is word of mouth. He said, "It is hard to advertise in this business. People don't care unless they have a problem with their computer. Other advertising is only hitting people that aren't having problems with their computer. Then months down the road when they do have problems with their computer they often ask their friends and family who to go to. That is why word of mouth is my main advertising. There's a big trust bond because the computer holds so much information. And you hear scary stories about things that happen with less than reputable people. That is why I struggle with paid advertising. It has some impact but not enough to justify in my mind the expense. I just continue to treat people right and that has been the best thing to do".

So no matter what type of computer services you need, give Workman Computer a call. "We are waiting to serve you".

USDA ANNOUNCES POPCORN BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue announced the appointment of two members to serve three-year terms on the Popcorn Board.

Newly appointed are: Dan J. Sleaford, Manito, Ill.

Rachel C. Foley, Delphi, Ind.

"These appointees have a deep understanding of an industry that provides about 13 billion quarts of popcorn to consumers each year," said Perdue. "I truly appreciate their time and the expertise they have agreed to provide to keep their industry robust."

The Popcorn Board is composed of five popcorn processors. The Popcorn Promotion, Research and Consumer Information program, operating as the Popcorn Board, helps maintain and expand existing markets and develop new markets for popcorn and popcorn products.

**Sudoku solution
from page 13**

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

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

A roster of members is available on the Popcorn Board page on the AMS website. More information is also available on the Popcorn Board's webpage.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Paulding County unaudited 2017 Annual Financial Report is now complete and available for inspection at the office of the County Auditor.
Claudia J. Fickel
County Auditor

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO
LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER
Plaintiff,
vs.
David S. Carlisle, ET. AL., DEFENDANTS,

Case No. CI-18-021
Judge Tiffany Righter-Beckman

TO: First Franklin a division of National City Bank
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 2150 North First Street, San Jose, California

Please take notice that a complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against David S. Carlisle seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by David S. Carlisle to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed by David S. Carlisle. Defendant, First Franklin a division of National City Bank has been named as a lien holder to the property.

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

to-wit:

Lot Number Eight (8) in the Catherine Davis Addition to the Village of Paulding, Paulding County, Ohio, less eighteen feet (18') off the West end thereof.

Parcel ID No. 30-02S-009-00
Property Address: 855 W. Caroline Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879

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

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

By: *Kathy M. Winters*
Deputy

Respectively submitted,
[Signature]
Joseph R. Burkard, (#0059106)
Paulding County, Ohio
Prosecuting Attorney
120 S. Walnut Street
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, Plaintiff,
vs.
Tony Green, Et. AL, Defendants,

Case No. CI-18-034
Judge Tiffany Reighter-Beckman

TO: Randy Green, Unknown Spouse of Randy Green, Jody Wilson, Unknown Spouse of Jody Wilson, Nancy Bodenmiller, Unknown Spouse of Nancy Bodenmiller

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: Unknown

Please take notice that a complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against you seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by Randy Green, Unknown Spouse of Randy Green, Jody Wilson, Unknown Spouse of Jody Wilson, Nancy Bodenmiller, Unknown Spouse of Nancy Bodenmiller to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed by you.

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

Situated in Antwerp Village, Paulding County, Ohio, to-wit: Fifty (50) feet off of the south side of Lot Number Twenty-six (26), Block "C" in the Village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio. Also, Commencing at a point fifty (50) feet north of the Southeast corner of Lot Number Twenty-six (26), Block "C", in said Village; thence

northerly Twenty (20) feet; thence westerly and parallel with the north line of said lot, Twenty (20) rods; thence southerly Twenty (20) feet; thence easterly to the place of beginning. Said tract is for road purposes only. Also, Commencing at a point Two Hundred Twenty (220) feet west of the northeast corner of aforesaid Lot No. Twenty-six (26), Block "C", in said village; thence south Sixty-two (62) feet; thence west One Hundred Ten (110) feet; thence north Sixty-two (62) feet; thence east One Hundred Ten (110) feet to the place of beginning

Parcel ID No. 12-04S-057-00
Property Address: 311 N. Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio 45813

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

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

By: *Heath Ann Hart*
Deputy

Respectively submitted,
[Signature]
Joseph R. Burkard, (#0059106)
Paulding County, Ohio
Prosecuting Attorney
120 S. Walnut Street
Paulding, Ohio 45879
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VANTAGE HOSTS OPEN HOUSE



Student Kory Kline from Van Wert City Schools is working on programming in the Robotics class.

Our friends at Vantage Career Center hosted an Open House on Monday, February 26. This event is truly a great time for families and teachers to get acquainted with students who may be attending their junior year at the trade school. Vantage offers many great classes that help train young people in the arts and fields they find interesting.

This year there were Culinary class students' treats and food vendors from around the area meeting in the main dining hall for patrons to partake of all kinds of samples. Ron Burt of Magic Moments Entertainment provided the announcing and DJ work.

Walking the halls at Vantage a person can observe that not only is the education very

good, but the students are very good and respectful to everyone that came through. Vantage truly does give students the training they need to get ahead when they graduate!

PATROL CONTINUES FOCUS ON IMPAIRED DRIVING ARRESTS IN 2018

As part of the Patrol's ongoing effort to contribute to a safer Ohio, troopers are continuing to focus on impaired driving enforcement - and these efforts are paying off. OVI-related crashes accounted for 34 percent of all fatal crashes in Ohio in 2017, a decrease from 2016.

In 2017, there were 14,389 OVI-related crashes on Ohio

roadways, killing 397 people and injuring 8,803 others. During that same period, troopers removed over 27,000 impaired drivers from Ohio roadways.

Of drivers considered at-fault in OVI-related crashes, 52 percent were between the ages of 21-39 and 71 percent were male. Male drivers were also the recipients of 73 percent of OVI citations written.

"We need motorists to commit to keeping our roads safe by planning ahead, designating a sober driver and insisting that everyone in the vehicle is buckled up," said Lt. Bob Ashenfelter. "You can help by asking friends and family to do the same."

Last year, state troopers from the Defiance Post, arrested 207 impaired drivers in this area.

The public is encouraged to call #677 to report impaired drivers, drug activity or stranded motorists.

To view a copy of the entire statistical recap, visit http://statepatrol.ohio.gov/doc/OVI_Bulletin_2018.pdf

SPECIAL REPORT DETAILS COSTS, DANGERS OF NON-COMPLIANCE IN OHIO'S MEDICAID PROGRAM

Medicaid providers who are unqualified or lack records to justify payments for services have repaid only a fraction of the tens of millions of dollars they owe to the state, according to a special report released today by Auditor of State Dave Yost.

The report highlights the costs and dangers citizens face when Medicaid providers disregard the regulations put in place to prevent fraud and inadequate care. Legislation introduced in the fall with the support of Auditor Yost aims to curb these risks with tougher safeguards for high-risk providers.

"For too long, dishonest providers have exploited vulnerabilities in the Medicaid program with little consequence," Auditor Yost said. "A stronger system of controls is necessary to protect the program's vital resources and the citizens who need them most."

In the past seven years, the Auditor of State's office has performed compliance examinations of 133 Medicaid providers, flagging \$33.3 million in improper payments and calculating an additional \$2.4 million in interest. The payments typically result from providers charging for care they are not certified to provide or for services that lack supporting documentation.

A recent follow-up analysis of 60 of those providers disclosed that they have repaid only 9.6 percent (\$1.9M) of the \$19.7 million they owe back to the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM). Most of the cases for the remaining providers are still pending.

With millions of users and more than 110,000 active providers, Ohio's Medicaid program accounts for the largest share of the state's financial resources with 39.3 percent of all fund appropriations earmarked for Medicaid spending in the 2018-19 biennium. In 2016 alone, ODM paid business and individual care providers \$22.3 billion for their services.

The special report, Ohioans at Risk: Noncompliance in Ohio's Medicaid Program Poses Dangers, Wastes Tax Dollars, is part of Auditor Yost's continued efforts to foster a culture of accountability in state and local government. Those efforts include work on

Senate Bill 218, introduced in October by Sen. Peggy Lehner, to target providers that are at the greatest risk for improper billings.

While transportation and home health providers only make up between 13 and 17 percent of the total providers in the Medicaid program, they account for more than 86 percent (\$28.7 million) of the \$33.3 million in overpayments identified since 2011.

The bill, which awaits its first committee hearing, would require these types of providers to obtain surety bonds that would help the state recover losses caused by fraud and improper payments. Indiana, Texas, Florida and New York use a similar approach.

It also would require them to complete training in billing, records retention and Medicaid compliance before becoming certified to provide Medicaid services. According to the report, both areas of the Medicaid program have shown signs of rapid growth in recent years and have minimum qualification requirements compared to other types of providers.

"Make no mistake, transportation and home health providers deliver critical services that countless Ohioans rely on every single day," Auditor Yost said. "But limited safeguards for these fields have given rise to widespread abuse and improper billing costing tens of millions of dollars."

LATTA SPEAKS TO STUDENTS AT EDGERTON HIGH SCHOOL

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) spoke with government students at Edgerton High School in Williams County on Friday morning about how Congress operates, what he is working on in Congress, and issues facing Ohio and the country. Latta also fielded questions from the students in the first two periods of teacher Matthew Krill's senior government class. Latta highlighted the opioid epidemic as an issue many communities across Ohio are facing. The Energy and Commerce Committee, on which he serves, announced recently that they will be holding a series of hearings in order to develop legislation to address the crisis.

Latta also highlighted his work as Chairman of the Digital Commerce and Consumer

PAULDING EAGLES PRESENTS CHECK TO ROTARY



Mike Wilhelm representing the Paulding Eagles Presents a check to Antwerp Rotary President Jennifer Ramsier.

On Thursday, March 1 the Antwerp Rotary had their regular meeting at the Essen House and the guest was Mike Wilhelm from the Paulding Eagles. The Rotary is hosting a dinner at the Paulding Eagles for St. Patrick's Day on March 17 starting at 5:00 p.m.

Mike presented a check of \$1500 to the Rotary as a donation for their project.

If you are interested in attending this tasty Steak Dinner on March 17 at the Paulding Eagles, ask any Antwerp Rotarian for one of the limited number of tickets. There will also be a 50/50 drawing that evening. If you don't see or know an Antwerp Rotarian, stop up at the West Bend News to pick your tickets. Anyone is invited!

Protection Subcommittee to pass legislation regarding autonomous vehicles. His bill, the SELF DRIVE Act, passed the House last year and awaits action in the Senate.

"Hearing from young people about the issues of the day always makes me feel good about our country's future," said Latta. "The students at

Edgerton High School were engaged, informed, and touched on a number of important topics. Mr. Krill has done a great job teaching them about our system of government and why it's so important to play an active role in our political system. I appreciate having the opportunity to talk to our future leaders."

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- April 28, 2018
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