

## McALEXANDER PLACES 3<sup>rd</sup> AT STATE WRESTLING



Junior Aidan McAlexander had yet another historic weekend by earning a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the 106-pound weight class at the State Wrestling Championships on March 8-10 in the Jerome Schottenstein Center on the campus of The Ohio State University. McAlexander fin-

ished the weekend with 4 wins to only 1 loss and 2 major decisions, including 2 victories over projected state champion Wyatt Riddle of Lees Creek East Clinton. With his 3<sup>rd</sup> place state finish, McAlexander has etched his name in the history books of Antwerp  
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## MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL HONORED BY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

The Indiana Association of School Principals annually recognizes outstanding school leaders in each of the 12 Indiana districts who have succeeded in providing

high-quality learning opportunities for students. These principals are acknowledged by their peers for the exemplary contributions they have made to the profession. The program honors school principals / assistant principals who have demonstrated  
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## LHN CEO MIKE POORE ATTENDS BILL SIGNING FOR MOM & BABIES



(from L to R) Indiana Hospital Association President Brian Tabor, Lutheran Health Network Regional President and CEO Mike Poore, state Rep. Cindy Kirchofer, Governor Eric Holcomb, State Health Commissioner Kristina Box, MD, state Sen. Ed Charbonneau and St. Vincent - Indiana CEO Jonathan Nalli

Lutheran Health Network Regional President and CEO Mike Poore was among a group of special guests at Peyton Manning Children's Hos-

pital for the official signing of the Levels of Care Bill SEA 360. According to an advisory distributed by the office of Governor Eric Holcomb, the

bill requires the Indiana State Department of Health to certify levels of care for mothers and babies at hospitals and  
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## MERRY & BRIGHT PARADE CELEBRATION IN COOPERATION WITH FRIENDS OF PAULDING PRESENT "A MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE"

A Mystery Dinner Theatre has been planned for Friday and Saturday, April 13th and 14th. The dinner theatre will be held on both evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall at St Paul Lutheran Church, 601 Flat Rock Drive, Paulding. The event is a fund raiser for the Merry and Bright parade and festivities.

The Mystery Dinner Theatre includes some interesting Paulding County history, a four course meal catered by Above and Beyond Catering, music and comedy. During the performance and dinner you will have the opportunity to tip your server/actor for great service and include a tip to ask questions to solve the mystery. Other fund raising activities will include a gift basket raffle, 50/50 raffle, pictures and more!

For information contact an actor: Tim/ Renee Boss, Brenda Crawford, Katie Diaz, Jay Dachenhaus, Eileen Kochensperger, Rhonda Smalley, Don/Ruby Crossland, Erin Karlstadt, Bob/Heather Miller, Max/Donna Hibbard, Greg/Nancy White, Nathaniel Trausch, Clint Vance, and Shaun Matak. You may email friendsopfaulding@gmail.com  
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## 40<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL P.A.S.S. BASKETBALL MARATHON ENTRY DEADLINE THIS WEEK

The deadline to get your team entry filled out for this years historic 40th annual Basketball Marathon is today. The Marathon Committee will continue to take the forms until this Friday, but we request that you do not mail the entries beyond the March 14th deadline. We ask that you please contact any  
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## FRIENDS OF THE PC PARK DISTRICT TO MEET

The Friends of the Paulding County Park District will meet at the River's Edge Restaurant (west of the Five Span Bridge, Defiance, OH) on March 20th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

We will learn about the proposed plans for a park at the site of the original Five Span Park and tour the area. Everyone is welcome.

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**Woodburn Community Historical Society**  
will meet on March 22nd @ 7pm at the **Woodburn Library on 101** for a special program.  
Our own **Nancy Smith**, local resident, Naturalist and Beekeeper, will talk about pollinators and bees. She will discuss how important all the pollinators are to our environment and food source. She will point out that honey bees are not the only pollinators that count and talk about different plants that are beneficial to our landscape.  
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## Community Calendar

Tuesday, March 13

• Urban Homesteader @ Woodburn Library, 7pm

March 16-17

• Petals & Vines Open House Mar. 16, 9-5, Mar. 17th, 9-2

Saturday, March 17

• Antwerp Rotary St. Patrick's Day Party @ Paulding Eagles

• Antwerp Cons Club Any Rifle Any Sight @ 11am

• BBQ Pulled Pork Dinner, 5-7 PM St.Paul UMC,Payne

Sunday, March 18

• Maple Syrup Brunch @ Camp Palmer, 11a-2p

Monday, March 19

• Spring Party @ Paulding Library, 6pm

Thursday, March 22

• Woodburn Community Historical Society meeting, Woodburn Library @ 7pm

• PCH Antwerp Facility Open house 9-7pm, Grand opening @10am

• Adult Bingo @ Cooper Comm Library, 11:30am

March 22-23

• Antwerp Elementary Kindergarten Registration

Friday, March 23

• CMH Foundation Designer Purse Bingo, 6pm

• Purdue Varsity Glee Club @ Woodlan, 7pm

Saturday, March 24

• Ohio Boating Ed Course, Maumee Bay State Park Nature Center, 9a-5p

Sunday, March 25

• Addison Agen @ Niswonger, Van Wert, 7:30pm

• Woodburn Miss. Church Living Last Supper @ 2pm

To add your event to the calendar email [info@westbendnews.net](mailto:info@westbendnews.net)

Continual Events must be resubmitted once per month

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**OBITUARIES**

**3rd ANNUAL BOOK EXCHANGE AT PAYNE ELEMENTARY**



In celebration of Read Across America, Payne Elementary held their 3rd annual Book Exchange. Title 1 teacher, Mrs. April Krouse planned this event for the school in hopes to promote literacy and encourage students to learn to love all different kinds of books. Students were encouraged to bring in up to 2 books for the exchange this year. Students and teachers both made donations, and we

gathered close to 300 books! The classes enjoyed choosing books from their favorite author, topics, and genres. Our Book Experts were AR Hall of Fame students, and they assisted by helping out the students with choosing books that they would enjoy. Mrs. Krouse appreciates all the help that went into this event and looks forward to more book exchanges in the future!

ity Distribution; 11:00 - 2:00 Craft store open  
3/19 - 10:00 Exercise  
3/20 - 9:45 Euchre; 12:15 Euchre

**HICKSVILLE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 3/14 - 3/20**

3/14 - 10:00 Aggravation; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre; 2:30 - 4:15 Bingo; 4:30 - 6:30 FREE Pizza Party  
3/15 - 10:00 - 11:00 Irish Bingo; 12:30 Irish Poetry; 1:00 - 2:00 Bingo with Rhonda from Community Health Professionals  
3/16 - St. Patrick's Day Fun! 9:30 St. Patrick's Day word search or coloring; 10:00 The Electric Balladeer performs; 12:15 - 2:15  
3/19 - 10:00 The Price is Right! Join the fun! 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre  
3/20 - 10:00 Chair Exercise; 12:00 Grocery Shop; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre; 1:00 Computer/Phone Questions and Answers

**DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR DINING CENTER MENU 3/14 - 3/20**

3/14 - Grilled chicken breast sandwich with lettuce & tomatoes, tater tots, warm cinnamon applesauce; Salad Bar in Café  
3/15 - St. Patrick's Day; Corned beef; Alt=Hamburger patty; roasted cabbage, potatoes, and carrots, tropical fruit salad, whole wheat roll, Pistachio pudding, ncs=Sf pudding  
3/16 - Macaroni & cheese; French green beans, peas & Onions; apricots; blueberry muffin; St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17th  
3/19 - Ham baked in apple juice; Alt=Hamburger patty; Mashed potatoes, beets, orange slice in cranberry sauce, whole wheat roll

3/20 - Herb baked chicken, baked Italian vegetables, scappedo potatoes, Mandarin oranges, Hawaiian bread roll, cookie; ncs=Sf cookie

**DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 3/14 - 3/20**

3/14 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Crafts; 12:30 Kroger Shop  
3/15 - 9:30 Cards; 10:45 blood Pressures with CHP; 10:00 Zumba; 10:00 Band Stretch; 12:30 Meijer Shop; 12:30 Bingo - Twin Rivers; 4:00 Yoga with Sue  
3/16 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Crafts; 10:00 Tai Chi; Happy St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17th  
3/19 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Zumba; 1:00 Euchre Tournament; 3:00 Yoga  
3/20 - 9:45 Aldi shop; 10:00 Tai Chi; 10:00 Bible Study; 10:00 Cards; 4:00 Yoga

**FIRST EVENING MEAL OF 2018 FOR DCSS AT HICKSVILLE**

Defiance County Senior Services at Hicksville has announced its first Evening Meal of 2018. The meal will be held at the Hicksville center on Wednesday, April 11th, 2018. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m.

A beef Manhattan meal is being planned.

Hicksville's own Jennifer Slattery Nelson will perform a variety of vocal selections after dinner.

Questions regarding the event may be directed to Linda McMahon at the Hicksville Senior Center Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**LUTHERAN HELPING RESOLUTIONS TO LOSE WEIGHT, SPRING BACK TO LIFE MARCH 21**

How many New Year's resolutions to lose weight are derailed by winter weather that's better suited for hibernation than beginning a regimen of healthy eating and increased physical activity? That's why the Lutheran Weight Management Center team is taking the second day of spring to help the community pump new life into its healthy intentions. Two open houses are scheduled for March 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Those who attend either free session can receive a personalized metabolic profile,

tour the facility and meet staff including a registered dietitian and an exercise specialist. Topics of discussion will include simple food choice changes and the impact of portion control.

Dale Sloan, MD, surgical medical director of the Lutheran Bariatric Center, and David Lippie, MD, who performs the non-surgical dual intragastric balloon procedure, will also be available to answer questions about these options from 5 to 6 p.m.

"We find that many people simply want to speak with a live human being to better understand what options are available and which of them might make more sense for their unique situation," said Chris Rich, RN, manager of Lutheran's bariatric and weight management centers. This is a relaxed, no-obligation opportunity to explore the possibilities and learn how our medically supervised and surgical programs can help lead to lasting results."

As an added benefit, an Optifast® representative will also be there with product samples that feature unique flavors, decreased sugar and increased protein. Optifast products have been offered through the Lutheran Weight Management Center for more than a decade.

The Lutheran Weight Management Center is located at the back corner of the Rehabilitation Hospital of Fort Wayne, 7970 W. Jefferson Blvd., on the Lutheran Hospital campus. Attendees are asked to enter door #4. Questions about the open house should be directed to (260) 435-7844, option 1.

Additional information about the Lutheran Weight Management Center can be found online at Lutheran-Hospital.com/Weight-Management.

**MOST EXPERIENCED METEOROLOGIST VISITS NEW HAVEN HIGH LIFE SKILLS CLASS**

Greg Shoup is First News and Noon meteorologist at News Channel 15. He has been forecasting weather for over 25 years in Fort Wayne, first at WKJG before coming to News Channel 15 in 2005. As a result, Mr. Shoup is Fort Wayne's most experienced certified meteorologist.

Mr. Shoup visited New Haven High School, Mrs. Scheumann's Life Skills class. Each student had an opportunity to ask questions and Mr. Shoup answered in detail. Mr. Shoup told the students his favorite subject was Science.

**BINGO PLANNED AT COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

OAKWOOD - The Cooper Community Library Branch, of the Paulding County Carnegie Library, is hosting Adult Bingo in the Community Room of the library on Thursday, March 22, 2018, at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided at no cost by the Meadows of Kalida.

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

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

"Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires."  
-II Peter 1:4

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.

**USDA ANNOUNCES MORE LOCAL CONTROL FOR SCHOOL MEAL OPERATIONS**

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Secretary Steve Censky announced two new efforts to provide states and school districts with additional flexibility and support to operate more efficient school meal programs. Censky made the announcement during a speech at the School Nutrition Association Legislative Action Conference in Washington, D.C.

**Child Nutrition Hiring Flexibility Rule**

In 2015, USDA established education and training requirements for nutrition professionals as part of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. While this strengthened many school meal programs, some small school districts faced challenges finding qualified applicants to direct their local food service operation. This proposal would provide much-needed relief for school districts with less than 2,500 students, allowing them more flexibility in the hiring of new school nutrition program directors.

"Small and rural school districts will no longer have to overlook qualified food service professionals because of one-size-fits-all standards that don't meet their needs," said Censky. "We trust our local partners to hire talented school nutrition program directors who will manage the meal service in a way that protects the health and well-being of students."

USDA is providing a 60-day public comment period and will then develop a final rule that responds to the needs of partners and stakeholders.

**Child Nutrition Food Crediting Request for Information**

To support states' efforts to improve program integrity,

USDA also rolled out a suite of customizable resources to help local school districts improve the accuracy of their school meal application processes. These resources include support for online applications, evidenced-based materials, and best practices to simplify the process for families and ensure that eligible children receive free and reduced-priced meals.

"USDA's goal to do right and feed everyone starts with our children," said Censky. "We are committed to giving states and school districts more tools and options to build a bright, self-sufficient future for America's children through well-managed school meal programs."

As part of this package, USDA is offering guidance to help schools utilize its award-winning, open-source online school meal application model. USDA developed the application with input from local food service professionals. The customer-friendly design of the model is intended to increase the integrity of the application process by reducing common mistakes families make when applying for free or reduced-priced school meals.

"These tools are the benchmark for future innovation and give schools 21st century resources and strategies to run efficient food service operations, now and into the future," Censky said. "Schools can ensure the proper use of funds for feeding students in need, protecting the taxpayer dollar through high integrity programs."

USDA invites software developers in private industry to join schools in delivering customer service by helping them tailor their own applications.

The announcement is the latest in a series of recent USDA actions to expand flexibility and ease challenges for partners and stakeholders who help feed our nation's children. Other actions include:

- Publishing the School Meal Flexibility Rule, which provides local food service professionals the flexibility they need to serve wholesome, nutritious, and tasty meals in schools across the nation.
- Releasing "The Food Buying Guide," a mobile app

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**Robert A. McLaren**, 73, of Antwerp, passed away Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at Laurels of Defiance. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp.

**PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 3/14 - 3/20**

3/14 - 12:00 Bingo w/ Community Health Professionals; 12:15 Cancer Support Group; 12:30 Crafts; 1:30 Grocery Shopping  
3/15 - 9:00 Toe Nail Clinic; 10:00 Exercise; 9:45 Euchre; 12:15 Euchre; 12:30 - 2:30 Fun with Students; 5:00 St. Patty Day evening meal  
3/16 - St. Patty Day Party; 12:00 Green Penny Pitch; 10:00 Bible Study; 9:30 United Health Care; 11:00 Commod-

**Antwerp Conservation Club**  
SCHEDULE AND EVENT CHANGES

- **Mar 17th - Any Rifle Any Sight. Registration opens at 10, first group at 11am. 40 shots at SRI targets at 100yds.**
- **March 31st - Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Doors open at 12:00, Egg Hunt starts at 1pm.**
- **2018 memberships are available! \$25 Single, \$30 Family! contact Gary Mabis with any questions at [garymabis@gmail.com](mailto:garymabis@gmail.com)**
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# MAPLE SYRUP BRUNCH AT 4-H CAMP PALMER-SUNDAY, MARCH 18



The public is invited Sunday, March 18 between 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. to 4-H Camp Palmer to learn about Maple Syrup making, ride on wagon rides horse drawn, and eat in our dining hall a brunch with real maple syrup (as long as our supply lasts) for the pancakes. There will also be a ribbon cutting ceremony at 1:30

p.m. highlighting our new shower renovations at the Sauder Recreation Hall.

At 12 noon & 1:00 p.m. you can view a Maple Syrup history lesson in the Sauder Recreation Hall. You can see maple trees that have been tapped and see ongoing Maple Syrup making in the main camp. Some maple syrup

products will be available for purchase.

4-H Camp Palmer is located in western Fulton County at 26450 County Rd. MN, Fayette, Ohio 43521. For more information on the Maple Syrup Brunch please call 419-237-2247 or www.campplamer.org.

that puts critical information at the fingertips of food service professionals and makes it easier for them to plan wholesome, nutritious, and tasty school meals.

• Selecting Kansas State University to direct the Center for Food Safety in Child Nutrition Programs, which will help improve food safety across all of USDA's child nutrition programs.

• Inviting the public to submit ideas on food crediting, the system that defines how each food item contributes to meal requirements under the National School Lunch Program and other federal child nutrition programs.

About 100,000 schools and institutions feed 30 million children through the National School Lunch Program and nearly 15 million children through the School Breakfast Program. Many of these children receive their meals at no cost or for a reduced price according to income-based eligibility.

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) administers 15 nutrition assistance programs, including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, the Summer Food Service Program, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, and the Supplemental Nutrition

Assistance Program, which together comprise America's nutrition safety net.

## USDA TO HOST ROUNDTABLES ON RURAL OPIOID MISUSE

Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Anne Hazlett announced USDA is hosting a series of monthly roundtables on opioids through the summer.

"The opioid epidemic in rural communities is more than a public health issue," Hazlett said. "This is a matter of rural prosperity. Opioid misuse is impacting the quality of life and economic well-being in small towns, which is why partnering with rural leaders to address this crisis is critical to the future of rural America."

Beginning this month, Hazlett will convene regional roundtables to bring together partners in five states to raise awareness and better understand what support rural communities need to address opioid misuse. Key topics will include challenges associated with substance use disorder; strategies for prevention, treatment and recovery; and how these measures can be replicated to effectively address the epidemic in other rural communities.

Roundtables will be held: March 14 in Pennsylvania April 11 in Utah May 9 in Kentucky

June 6 in Oklahoma July 11 in Maine

To be notified of roundtable event specifics as they become available, subscribe to receive email updates from USDA on rural opioid misuse.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that in 2016 nearly 64,000 Americans died from a drug overdose. An overwhelming majority of these overdose deaths involved an opioid. At 174 people each day, this is more than the number of lives lost in car accidents or gun-related homicides. While no corner of the country has gone untouched by this issue, the opioid epidemic has hit rural America particularly hard.

USDA is committed to being a partner to rural communities to address substance misuse disorder at the local level through program investment, strategic partnerships and best practice implementation. For more information, go to USDA's opioid misuse in rural America webpage.

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. In January 2018, Secretary Perdue presented the Task Force's findings to President Trump. These findings included 31 recommendations to align the federal government with state, local and tribal governments to take advantage of opportunities that exist in rural America.

In the area of quality of life, the Task Force included a recommendation to modernize health care access. The report highlighted the importance of telemedicine in enhancing access to primary care and specialty providers. The Task Force also found that improved access to mental and behavioral health care, particularly prevention, treatment and recovery resources, is vital to addressing the opioid crisis and other substance misuse in rural communities.

## LATTA, LOEBSACK INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY FOR PRECISION AGRICULTURE

Congressmen Bob Latta (R-Ohio) and Dave Loebsack (D-IA) have introduced bipartisan legislation to improve connectivity in rural areas in order to reduce barriers to implementation of precision agriculture. The legislation, the Precision Agriculture Connectivity Act, requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to form a task force in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to evaluate the best ways to meet the technological needs of precision agriculture.

Precision agriculture is the use of cutting-edge innovation like self-driving machinery, the Internet of Things (IoT), drones, and satellite imagery to more efficiently and effectively farm. Unfortunately, due to rural communities having less access to high-speed connectivity, the agricultural sector may have more difficulties than other industries when it comes to integrating new technology. Latta and Loebsack are both Co-Chairs of the House Rural Broadband Caucus.

"Precision agriculture has the opportunity to revolutionize this industry in a way that will make farming more efficient, safer, and sustainable," said Rep. Latta. "Unlike other sectors, most farming is congregated in rural areas where there may be very limited access to high-speed Internet that is essential to using IoT, self-driving equipment, and other technology. Due to this reality, it's essential that the FCC and USDA work together to identify current gaps in coverage in croplands and ranchlands, and reduce barriers to the deployment of broadband in those unserved communities. This bipartisan legislation will begin the process of identifying and implementing policies that will help farmers in Ohio, Iowa, and around the country use this cutting-edge technology."

"Broadband connectivity is essential in this day and age, whether you're trying to find a job, do your homework, or start a small business,

and in rural America it is needed for more than just schools and businesses," said Rep. Loebsack. "Many farmers are now using technology to assist in planting and monitoring their crops - getting real time readings on soil, and even using drones. This bill establishes a task force to examine the broadband needs of farmers and rural communities to be able to take advantage of these new technological advances in order to increase crop yields. I am proud to partner with Rep. Latta to help ensure our nation's farmers have the best information available on meeting their broadband needs."

The bill establishes the Task Force for Meeting the Connectivity and Technology Needs of Precision Agriculture in the United States, which will operate under the direction of the FCC and in collaboration with USDA. The Task Force must be comprised of farmers and ranchers, Internet service providers, satellite industry, precision agriculture equipment manufacturers, and local and state government representatives.

The duties of the Task Force include:

- Identifying and measuring current gaps in broadband coverage of cropland and ranchland;
- Assembling a comprehensive guide of all federal programs and resources working to expand broadband access on cropland and ranchland;
- Developing policy recommendations (and propose new rules or amendments to existing rules) to promote the rapid, expanded deployment of fixed and mobile high-speed broadband Internet access service on cropland and ranchlands, with a goal of achieving reliable service on 95 percent coverage by 2025;
- Promoting policy and regulatory solutions that encourage the adoption of broadband on farms and ranches, and promote precision agriculture;
- Recommending steps the FCC and other Federal agencies should take to obtain reliable measurements of broadband Internet access service coverage as may be necessary to target funding support to agricultural areas in need of broadband service; and
- Recommending steps the FCC should take to en-

sure that the expertise of USDA and available farm data are reflected in developing Federal programs to deploy broadband and direct available funding to croplands and ranchlands where needed.

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by becoming the school's first ever state placer. He has also etched his name in Paulding County history by earning the 3rd highest finish by any Paulding County wrestler at the state tournament, trailing only George Clemens of Wayne Trace (1st - 2016) and Paulding's Ryan Collins (2nd - 1993 & 1994). McAlexander's 34-4 season record has also tied him with Jarett Bute for the best winning percentage (89%) in a season by an Archer wrestler. His 24 pins also ties Logan Shaner for most pins in a season as well. McAlexander also set a new takedown record this season with 129 takedowns, with the previous record being at 82 takedowns. Congratulations to Aidan for his historic record breaking season and we all look forward to what his senior year will bring. The Antwerp wrestling coaching staff along with Aidan would like to thank the Antwerp Police Department, the Paulding County Sheriff's Department, the Antwerp Fire & EMS, and the entire Antwerp community for their spectacular welcome back when Aidan returned from the State tournament Saturday night. It was an awesome and unbelievable turnout that makes you proud to be an Archer. Thanks so much for all your support throughout this entire season. We truly appreciate it!!

Here is a breakdown of all the matches Aidan wrestled at the state tournament:

- Round 1 - McAlexander defeated Mike Prikrly (Rootstown) - Major Decision 12-3
- Quarterfinals - McAlexander defeated Wyatt Riddle (Lees Creek East Clinton) - Major Decision 16-6
- Semifinals - McAlexander lost to Lucian Brink (Coshocton) - Decision 10-3
- Consolation Semifinals - McAlexander defeated Collin Yinger (Nelsonville York) Decision 8-1
- 3rd Place Match - McAlexander defeated Wyatt Riddle (Lees Creek East Clinton) Decision 8-1



## Thank You!

Words cannot express how much I appreciated ALL the cards and kind words that I received for my 90th birthday. Thank you and blessings to each and every one of you!

~Ola 'Buddie' Hughes

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# EPIDEMIC OF HOPE



Pictured from left to right are Pastor Paul Hamrick, Darryl Strawberry, and Pastor Bill Watson.

Pastor Bill Watson and Joe Lippi from Turn Right Go Straight and Pastor Paul Hamrick of New Hope Recovery from Van Wert attended the Epidemic of Hope event in Circleville. They joined over 500 area wide community leaders, law enforcement, church leaders and concerned family members who listened as Darryl And Traci Strawberry, Recovery Specialist Pastor Greg DeLaney, Attorney General Mike DeWine, Pastor Jack O'Brien Harvest Ministries and others communicated about the opiate crisis that is devastating our state, counties and communities economically, socially and spiritually. Not only did they share the magnitude of the disaster that Ohio is presently facing but also communicated how across Ohio the call is that "Enough is Enough".

It is time we come together as a united team: the faith community, law enforcement, courts and probation, business community, mental health, recovery services and state and local government to bring together our resources to defeat this darkness that is robbing us of our future and the lives of our young adults. Ohio has become the epicenter of opiate overdose deaths in America and Dayton has been reported to be the number one drug city in the US today.

But there is HOPE if we determine to work together to give our state, counties and communities a better

future than we are facing now. Hope is the reason the Van Wert County Ministerial Association and area churches have determined to be pro-active against the opioid/drug crisis. No longer can we have our heads in the sand or ignore the tragedy that is soon to become a tsunami sweeping our nation, state, communities and homes.

The V.W. Ministerial Association is so excited to bring The Epidemic of Hope event with Darryl and Tracie Strawberry and others to our area on April 15 to our marvelous Niswonger Performing Arts Center. From 4pm to 5pm will be youth event while Darryl will be speaking, we will be bringing a prevention specialist to share from 4-5 pm youth leaders, coaches, and families. At 7:00pm will be the Tri-County Main Event evening program at the NPAC. This is ticketed event (you must have a ticket to attend).

The V.W. Ministerial wanted to have as many as possible people to attend so that is why, with cooperation the NPAC the evening is totally FREE. The V.W. Ministerial Association is receiving donations from Churches, Compassionate Community Minded Businesses and individuals to underwrite this event. For more information about the Epidemic of Hope please contact Pastor Paul at 419-771-9378 or to become a co-sponsor or to become a call Trinity Friends Church at 419-238-4506.

# PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,  
My young son was inspired by the Olympics and would like to win a gold medal someday, but I know he doesn't have much athletic ability. How can I prepare him for the let down?

Even the disciples, James and John, seemed bent on greatness from man's point of view (Matthew 10:35-41). Christ redirected them toward true greatness, indicating that truly great people:

1. Make themselves servants and serve others (Mt. 20:26-28) "But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

2. Humble themselves as a little child (Matthew 18:4) "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

3. Receive and help children (Luke 9:48) "...Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great."

4. Trust God completely (Matthew 8:10) "When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel."

5. Love God completely, and others as themselves (Matthew 22:37-40) "Jesus said unto him, Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and prophets."

Turn your son towards true greatness that he can attain through Christ and he will have much more than a medal to show for it.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

## ANTWERP COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP GATHERING

The churches in Antwerp continue our annual Good Friday gathering to worship our Lord together as one

body.

This year, it will be hosted at Riverside Christian Church with the message being delivered by Mike Pennington from the Antwerp First United Presbyterian Church. March 30 at 6:30 p.m. Please note the time change as this is the first year that it will be in the evening.

All are welcome.

## THE SAFETY OF CHURCHES DISCUSSED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

A rare interview with the pastor of First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs will be shown at Lifetree Café on March 14 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The program - titled "In the News: God and Guns" - provides an opportunity for participants to discuss the issue of church security and features an interview with Frank Pomeroy, the pastor of a Texas church targeted in a shooting that claimed 26 lives in November 2017.

"There's a line you don't want to cross between being a fortress and being welcoming," Pomeroy says. "You want people to feel welcome, but you also want them to feel safe. I'm not going to be drawn into the complacency trap again."

During the program, participants will have an opportunity to discuss what level of security - ranging from none to armed security personnel - churches should offer.

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

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

Topic for March 21 - "Dangerous Foods. Is your supermarket killing you?"

## JUST FOLLOWING THE REGULATIONS ISN'T ALWAYS ENOUGH

By: Manuel Lay, WLEB Nutrient Mgmt. Specialist

As many who handle manure can understand, even though you may be applying nutrients in an ethical manner, a violation of Pollution Abatement may still occur. There are many factors that come into play and as many of us know, the weather is quite unpredictable. As a Soil & Water Conservation District, we want landowners and producers in the Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB) to be as informed as possible when it comes to the application of nutrients and the regulations that pertain to those nutrients.

Since 2015, Ohio farmers in the WLEB have been under regulations set forth by the state of Ohio, restricting the application of manure and fertilizer, known as Senate Bill 1. It states that manure and fertilizer is not to be applied under the following conditions: Frozen ground is one such condition and is defined as soil that is unpenetrable by a steel object such as a digging shovel. Under frozen conditions, the manure or fertilizer has no way to absorb into the soil and will sit on the surface or leave the field

as runoff. Senate Bill 1 also restricts application on saturated ground, which is defined as soil in which the pore space is filled with water in the top two inches. Which would include water pooling on the surface. It is a violation of Senate Bill 1 to apply on snow-covered ground. Snow covered ground is defined as soil and plant residue that are covered by at least a half inch of either snow or ice. Restrictions also apply when it comes to the weather that is being forecasted. If the weather forecast shows a 50% chance or greater of more than one inch of rain in a 12-hour period, fertilizer application is restricted. For manure, if the local weather forecast is calling for a 50% chance or greater of a half inch in twenty-four hours, then manure application is restricted.

Given these restrictions, Senate Bill 1 does have some exemptions. Nutrients can be applied to restricted fields under the following circumstances: The manure or fertilizer can be directly injected into the ground. Also applied nutrient can be incorporated within 24 hours following application. Nutrients can also be applied on an established over wintering crop, such as wheat or a cover crop. A growing crop or cover crop is defined as any crop that will be harvested or that was planted as a over wintering cover crop. This established crop is to create approximately 70% coverage.

Even though, there are exemptions which allow for nutrient application. Applicators should exercise caution when applying nutrients under restricted conditions. Applicators should keep in mind that there are Agricultural Pollution Abatement Laws that are still enforced. Violations could very well be issued if there are nutrient discharges into waters of the state, as stated in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 939. ORC 939 states that any agricultural pollution entering the waters of the state is a violation and may be subject to fines and punishments.

What is defined as a "water of the state"? Waters of the state are defined as all streams, lakes, ponds, wetlands, watercourses, waterways, wells, springs, irrigation systems, drainage systems, and other bodies or accumulations of water, surface and underground, natural or artificial, regardless of the depth, that are situated wholly or partly within or border the state of Ohio. In layman's terms it is any collection of water that has potential to contrib-

ute to a larger body of water. Agricultural pollution means failure to use management or conservation practices in farming operations to abate the degradation of soil and the waters of the state by residual farm products, manure, or soil sediment, including attached substances. Simply stated means that, any nutrient rich runoff from agricultural lands is a violation of pollution abatement.

Pollution from both agricultural and non-agricultural areas have been deemed a major cause for the algal blooms in Lake Erie. This is an issue that is not going away any time soon, and will require an effort from agricultural and non-agricultural sectors to reduce nutrient pollution. From an agricultural standpoint, voluntary use of guidelines will prevent further issues. Refusing to follow these guidelines puts your farm, and those of others at risk of having more mandated restrictions. Further restrictions could state there will be no application allowed in the winter months.

Given all this information, let's consider an example. A farmer applies liquid manure in late December on soil that is frozen, there is 25% chance of 1/4" rain, and the application is on an established growing crop. At the first glance, this farmer is within all regulations of Senate Bill 1. However, for whatever reason, the liquid manure is discharged into the creek, which is waters of the state. This could be due to receiving more rain than predicted or runoff due to the ground thawing. This is considered a violation, even though this farmer under SB1 did nothing wrong, he is still in violation of Pollution Abatement due to the discharge.

Could this have been prevented? Unfortunately, sometimes the answer is no. However, the risk of it happening could be greatly reduced by following the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) 590 guidelines for application. These guidelines give setbacks from waters of the state and recommends not applying on more than 20 continuous acres with 200' buffers during winter. In addition, other guidelines that will help prevent the pollution of waters of the state.

Should you ever have any questions on stockpiling, application or are looking for additional information resources contact, Manuel Lay or the local Soil and Water Conservation District.

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We had a very successful fundraiser, because of our awesome supporters. The totals are not all calculated yet, but we know we made quite a bit more than last year. We defied about the same amount as last year, around 250 people. The taco bar, which appeared to go over very well. The meal was made possible with the help of many family and friends (especially Mary Nieto) We gave away several door prizes and afterwards, the Manz Strings performed for us again. We always enjoy listening to them and got great feedback last year from their performance. We are grateful for our table sponsors:

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It takes a lot of work to put on a large meal like this,

but our wonderful board members and volunteers all pitched in to make it possible. We appreciate all the work our volunteers and board members do for Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services. We also need to take the time to acknowledge our wonderful medical director (Dr. Wendell Spangler) and our ultrasound doctor (Dr. Marilyn Kindig-Stahl) for making it possible for us to offer our services. We have seen the fruits of all the efforts and prayers this past year, as we have been very busy, and can feel God working at our center. If anyone is interested in finding out more about becoming a volunteer or board member, they can email [handsofhope.director@gmail.com](mailto:handsofhope.director@gmail.com). As we announced, in 2017, we saw 58 clients, and performed 42 ultrasounds. We appreciate our community continues to stand by and help us to be able to minister to many families in the area!

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

*Editor's Note: We here at the West Bend News print all "Letters to the Editor" because we believe that everyone has a Constitutional right to freedom of the press. In saying that, we do not necessarily agree with the content that is printed. We are just the messengers. The name of the person who wrote the letter is placed at the end of each article. To be considered for publication, letters must be no longer than 1000 words, and you must provide a name along with a phone number and/or email to confirm validity of content. You can respond or USPS a new letter by email, USPS or fax.*

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### Union brothers and sisters,

My name is Aden Baker. Currently, I am running for the office of State Representative in Ohio's 82nd district. While that might not sound incredibly exciting, it is absolutely imperative that we band together to win this race. My opponent this November, Representative Craig Riedel, has done next to nothing during his first two-year term in the house. Nothing, except for working hard to bring "Right to Work" legislation to the ballot by 2020.

That's why I'm writing to you today. I'm not just running against Craig Riedel- I'm running against an anti-worker agenda that has been lurking in our state for far too long. In 2011, we worked tirelessly for the repeal of Senate Bill 5 (which is nothing compared to the new legislation my opponent has proposed), and I'm confident that we can do it again.

Cleveland.com gave the proposals a fitting description

in a recent article:

"Reps. John Becker and Craig Riedel have proposed a package of six separate constitutional amendments that would limit how unions are funded, ban project labor agreements where the state or cities require union labor for construction projects and eliminate prevailing wage, which sets a floor wage for skilled labor on publicly funded projects."

These bills aren't just divisive and irresponsible- they're downright dangerous. They eliminate "fair share" payments, attack collective bargaining rights, and pose a serious threat to every public and private labor union in our state. If these bills go through, they will damage Ohio's unions in an unprecedented way.

As a young person, I know that the key to success for our state and for my generation rests greatly in the hands of organized labor. Unions fight for better pay and better conditions and are preparing the next generation of Ohio's workers through apprenticeship programs and vocational training.

Besides that, union members take great pride in their work. They cooperate and look out for each other in a way that's unique to union shops. We're going to bring that same sense of pride and brotherhood to this fight- which is exactly why we're going to win it.

The bottom line is, for the first time in the history of District 82, a pro-union Democrat is on the ballot. We have an uphill battle ahead of us but it's a battle worth fighting and one we can't afford to lose. Let's work together to topple "Right To Work" once and for all. Donate to my campaign, spread the word, volunteer- anything that you can do to help ensure that this is the last time we see "Right to Work" and Craig Riedel on our ballots.

—In solidarity,  
Aden Baker

### MCCOLLEY AND HOOPS ANNOUNCE \$2.6 BILLION CAPITAL BILL, HIGHLIGHT PROJECTS IN WILLIAMS COUNTY

State Senator Rob McColley (R-Napoleon) and State Representative Jim Hoops (R-Napoleon) announced the introduction of the state's Capital Budget, a \$2.6 billion investment in Ohio's infrastructure and local community projects.

The proposed bill allocates \$725,000 in state funds for projects in Williams County. These projects include renovating recreational trails and erecting a public safety tower for the entire county's benefit.

Historically, the General Assembly enacts a capital budget every even-numbered year, and the bill funds needed improvements to public services and facilities across the state, including (but not limited to) schools, roads and bridges, waterways and parks. The identical bills introduced today in each chamber also increase the capital investment in mental health and addiction services facilities.

"The capital budget is a great opportunity for our state to invest directly in the local communities, improving the quality of life of those in the region," said McColley. "The projects funded in Williams County will provide a unique

recreational and economic impact in our local community and Northwest Ohio. I commend the local officials and constituents of the area for their vision and dedication to make this funding possible."

"I want to thank the local officials for bringing attention to these very important projects for the communities in Williams County," said Hoops. "This gives communities an opportunity to complete projects for their constituents that they would not otherwise be able to do because of lack of local resources."

For a complete list of community projects by county, click here.

### STATEWIDE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CAPITAL BILL:

Supporting Ohio's Schools - \$600 million will be invested in local school construction, including repairs, renovations and maintenance for primary and secondary facilities.

Over \$483 million will be invested in projects supporting Ohio's 37 public colleges and universities.

Supporting Ohio's Infrastructure - \$514 million will go to local infrastructure projects through the Public Works Commission, including local roads, bridges, water-supply systems, storm sewers and wastewater systems.

This includes \$100 million to support the Clean Ohio program, which funds the preservation of green space, farmland, open spaces and expanded recreational opportunities.

Over \$234 million for the maintenance and preservation of Ohio's dams, parks, trails, waterways and wildlife.

Supporting Ohioans in Need

Nearly \$222 million will be invested in critical health and human services funding for youth services, developmental disabilities, mental health, addiction treatment and women's health initiatives, over double the amount spent in the last capital budget.

This includes \$20 million for new opioid community resiliency projects.

Supporting Ohio's Communities

Nearly \$150 million will be used for economic development and cultural projects of local and regional importance to boost growth and increase opportunities throughout the state, in addition to supporting the healthcare projects above.

The companion bills were introduced this week in the Ohio Senate as Senate Bill 266 and in the Ohio House as House Bill 529 and are available for review at [www.legislature.ohio.gov](http://www.legislature.ohio.gov). Hearings will be broadcast live by The Ohio Channel and streamed at [www.OhioSenate.gov](http://www.OhioSenate.gov) and [www.OhioHouse.gov](http://www.OhioHouse.gov).

For more information on the Capital Budget bill process, visit <http://www.obm.ohio.gov/budget/capital/>.

### GMC ALL-CONFERENCE BOYS SELECTION 2017/18

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce the All-Conference Selections for the 2017-Boys Season:

#### PLAYER OF THE YEAR FIRST TEAM:

Payton Tunis, Hicksville - 12; Eli Sinn, Wayne Trace - 12; Ethan Schlachter, Ayersville - 12; Parker Thiel, Hicksville - 11; Kyle Nicely, Ayersville - 12;

# POTACC & OTHERS BATTLE ALONG THE BORDER



On Sunday March 11th, POTACC and three other Antwerp Conservation Club members (Aaron Kohler, Keith Mueller and Alex Campbell) crossed the Indiana border to compete in the monthly High Power match held at Fort Wayne Rifle and Revolver.

This is a 100 yard off hand match using a center fire rifle. The targets used are called NRA SR1 reduced. The object of this is to stand real steady while aiming at your target and squeeze the trigger and hit a black circle that measures 6.35" diam. The inner "X" ring measures 1.35" diam, the 10 ring is 3.35" diam, the 9 ring is 6.35" diam, and the 8-5 rings grow by 3" in diameter each. That means the 5 ring is 18.35". If you can do all things right for each of the 40 shots, the highest score possible is 400 with 40x's. I won't tell you our scores, but we had fun.

Some shooters use scopes and others use iron sights. The problem with iron sights is that the front post can cover the black circle of the target. It takes some patients, practice and discipline to control your body movement, breathing and trigger control to make a great shot. Some of the shooters there make this look easy. They have spent years practicing this form of shooting. For some of our members this was only our second time trying this style of event.

We will be holding a similar match at our facility on March 17th at 11:00 a.m.. Registration opens at 10. Come out and try it or just to observe. We are calling this our Any Rifle Any Sight match. It doesn't take fancy or high dollar equipment to have a good time or to shoot well. Some of us have luck on our side.

—Gary Mabis  
POTACC

### Ryan Mohr, Tinora - 12 SECOND TEAM:

Nate Gerber, Wayne Trace - 10; Tye Norden, Tinora - 11; Braydon Cape, Edgerton - 11; Jake Kuhn, Wayne Trace - 12; Michael Myers, Hicksville - 11; Jayvin Landers, Antwerp - 10

### HONORABLE MENTION:

Luke Brewer, Antwerp - 11; CJ Zachrich, Ayersville - 9; Logan Sack, Edgerton - 12; Cole Crites, Fairview - 12; Jake Greer, Hicksville - 10; Sebastian Briseno, Holgate - 12; Brady Bumb, Tinora - 11; Josh Kuhn, Wayne Trace - 12

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birthing centers. Governor Holcomb was joined by the bill's author, state Sen. Ed Charbonneau, its sponsor in the house, state Rep. Cindy Kirchofer, and State Health Commissioner Kristina Box, MD, for the ceremony.

"We are excited to support an effort that will impact in a very positive way the standards of care Hoosier hospitals provide for our youngest patients and their mothers," said Poore.

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**ROLE MODEL**

**By: Stan Jordan**

Over the years, I've been asked a number of times about who influenced my life. Lots of people have, some more than others.

First, I came from a fine Christian family of five children and we all knew right from wrong, as we heard it every day. Church and Sunday school were always a must.

My friend and neighbor was a probate judge, Fred Carr, and I was awed by him being a judge at the court house.

At the Antwerp High School was Mr. Bell, Mr. Hornsey and Mr. Carter and the older I get, the smarter they get. They stomp through my memories every once in a while.

My father always talked about going to school and learn to march and sing. He talked about it everyday, but he was right, you have to get an education and the state of Ohio offered a good one, free.

At the Doering and Long Grocery Store, these people taught me a lot about meeting people. I will always give them credit for that.

By that time, I had a steady girlfriend, who later became my wife. Her parents Thurman and Ola Powell, were some of the best people I ever met. When the Japanese started the war, we all wanted to quit school and enlist, but Thurman wanted me to graduate and I did. One of the best things I've ever done.

But the guy who was my role model, and I have always looked up to him, was my brother Jack.

He was born in Ohio City in March of 1922 at the age of 34. I mean, he always thought like a grown up person. He always had energy and could work all day. He worked for a lot of farmers for fifty cents, and some for a dollar a day, but he would work all day. He never seemed to have to rest.

He worked one summer and saved some money and bought a Sears Elgin bike for twenty one dollars. It came by railway express.

In looking back, I certainly did look up to him and I knew not to bother or tease him, but he always left Jim and I alone.

Our father died in December of 1939 of peritonitis. Jack took over the family and quit school and got a job at the PA Railroad for 62½ cents per hour. He kept the family together and he was only 18. I have looked back over the years, and like I said, he was

much older than his years.

He worked there till fall of 1942 and he was called into the army in the Ohio Division. He was paid \$50.00 per month, but some of that he sent home. Then I enlisted into the army in November of 1942.

At this time, my brother Jim was in the South Pacific with "A" Co. of the Ohio National Guard called the 37th Division. Those boys were from Paulding County, having been activated in 1940.

Jack was in England and went in on the second day of the invasion. I was in Virginia in the anti-aircraft training post. I liked Virginia. Yorktown, Williamsburg and all the history.

Jack was wounded and taken prisoner from July to March. A Russian woman tore all the fences down with her tank and then left. The boys didn't know where to go, stay or eat. It took a lot of walking and asking but they finally got to the Black Sea and got on a friendly ship.

Jack didn't like the Russians much. They were dirty, nasty and would kill a civilian for no reason.

That left mom with two little girls, one 10 and one 8.

Maybe another day, another story. See ya!

**LADY SCHOOL TEACHERS ARMED? NO WAY**

**By: Stan Jordan**

The idea of letting the school teachers carry arms...I'm against that right away, quick. To me that is a bad idea.

Now to me, classroom teachers are mostly ladies and I don't think we could train them enough to get past their kind spot. What I mean is, they want to help a wounded person, maybe, instead of getting her gun and shooting.

I'm afraid that before she could get to her pistol and find the safety and get unlocked and aimed, she herself is a casualty.

Hardly any school districts can afford to have an armed guard in each classroom, and are they needed? Or have an armed man on each floor? That would be ideal but it's not going to happen.

I have given this a lot of thought and probably some schools have already installed a similar system, and that is to have an alarm button in every room that has regular classes. This button could be under the teachers' desk in the center of the room. It is wired to a room at an office with a wall chart that has a little light for every room and all of these rooms are numbered and there is at least one person in the room at all times. All rooms would have their number on the door and the chart in the office. The room numbers would correspond to the floor such as 14 would be number 4 on the first floor and 38 would be room 8 on the third floor, you know something simple. Now I

imagine some schools already have a system such as this. So if we had a disturbance in 24 and the officer could inform the other person in the room that he was going to room 24. The next man in would go to the room with the chart and if there was another disturbance he could go to that next room or go down and help at 24.

There is no cheap or easy way to handle the fact that any one, all schools, could have a problem and some disturbance at any time. See ya!

**DRIFTING ON THE MAUMEE**

**By: Stan Jordan**

For years I have been urging people to take advantage of the scenic Maumee and all of the other parts of nature here in the Tri-state area.

Here in the Antwerp area, in good weather, Louie Beregszazi will operate his business Maumee Rentals consisting of canoe and kayak rentals, as well as primitive campsites, available by appointment. This will operate all season. In July, Dan Bowers will have his raft race on the Maumee and we will have more on both of these activities later.

As of this date, all of that is out of the question. The river is out of the banks. It is very high and full of driftwood and the temperature is too cold. I guess another weekend of television and basketball. See ya!

**THE COMMUNITY SIGN**

**By: Stan Jordan**

If you noticed the construction that was going on Friday in the West Bend News parking lot, I will tell you a little about that.

The West Bend News is erecting a digital sign so you can advertise any and all activities in the area. In other words, for the good of the community.

I have been told that the sign will be about three feet high and ten feet long attached to some good solid steel poles and some safety buffers at the bottom of the poles.

Any and all informaton will be forthcoming.

**OHSAA GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS AND BOYS BASKETBALL REGIONAL PAIRINGS**

**Girls basketball state tournament tips off Thursday afternoon at the Schottenstein Center**

The Ohio High School Athletic Association announced the pairings for this week's girls basketball state tournament, along with the regional tournament pairings in boys basketball. The girls basketball state tournament begins Thursday at the Jerome Schottenstein Center.

**Girls Basketball State Tournament Pairings**

Home Team Listed First. Rankings are From Associated Press Final State Poll.

All games played at the Jerome Schottenstein Center, Columbus, Ohio

**Division IV**  
New Washington Buckeye Central (26-1) vs. No. 2 Ottoville (26-2), Thursday, 1 p.m.  
No. 1 Waterford (26-1) vs. No. 4 Minster (24-3), Thursday, 3 p.m.  
State Final: Saturday, 10:45 a.m.

**Division III**

No. 1 Versailles (27-1) vs. Elyria Catholic (22-5), Thursday, 6 p.m.

No. 9 Ottawa-Glandorf (25-2) vs. No. 6 Columbus Africentric (25-3), Thursday, 8 p.m.

State Final: Saturday, 2 p.m.

**Division II**

Bellbrook (20-8) vs. No. 3 Gates Mills Gilmour Academy (24-3), Friday, 1 p.m.

New Philadelphia (25-2) vs. No. 6 Toledo Rogers (25-3), Friday, 3 p.m.

State Final: Saturday, 5:15 p.m.

**Division I**

No. 9 Wadsworth (24-3) vs. No. 6 Solon (25-2), Friday, 6 p.m.

Mason (24-3) vs. No. 1 Pickerington Central (26-2), Friday, 8 p.m.

State Final: Saturday, 8:30 p.m.

**Boys Basketball Regional Pairings**

Boys Statewide Brackets: <http://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Basketball-Boys/Boys-Basketball-2017-18/2018-OHSAA-Boys-Basketball-State-Tournament-Coverage>

Home Team Listed First. Dates, Locations and Times Subject to Change. Records Indicated are as of District Final from Available Information. Rankings are from the Final Associated Press Poll released on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

**Division I**

Region I - Akron/Toledo Tol. Whitmer (21-5) vs. No. 5 Tol. St. John's Jesuit (22-3) at Univ. of Toledo, John Savage Arena, Thursday at 7 p.m.

No. 8 Lakewood St. Edward (22-3) vs. Lorain (20-5) at Univ. of Akron, Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Regional Final: at Univ. of Toledo, John Savage Arena, Saturday at 2 p.m.

Region 2 - Cleveland Copley (20-6) vs. Massillon Jackson (19-6) at Cleveland State Univ., Wolstein Center, Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

No. 1 Solon (24-1) vs. Shaker Hts. (17-8) at Cleveland State Univ., Wolstein Center, Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Regional Final: at Cleveland State Univ., Wolstein Center, Saturday at 7 p.m.

Region 3 - Columbus No. 10 Hilliards Bradley (25-1) vs. Reynoldsburg (19-7) at Ohio Dominican Univ., Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Dublin Coffman (20-6) vs. Pickerington Central (16-8) at Ohio Dominican Univ., Thursday at 7 p.m.

Regional Final: at Ohio Dominican Univ., Saturday at 7 p.m.

Region 4 - Cincinnati No. 2 Cin. Archbishop Moeller (23-3) vs. Springfield (21-4) at Xavier Univ., Cintas Center, Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

No. 7 Cin. Princeton (23-3) vs. No. 3 Huber Hts. Wayne (24-1) at Xavier Univ., Cintas Center, Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Regional Final: at Xavier Univ., Cintas Center, Friday at 7:30 p.m.

**Division I State Tournament**

Semifinal #1: Region 4 vs. Region 1 at Jerome Schottenstein Center, Friday, March 23 at 5:15 p.m.

Semifinal #2: Region 3 vs. Region 2 at Jerome Schottenstein Center, Friday, March 23 at 8:30 p.m.

State Final: at Jerome Schottenstein Center, Saturday, March 24 at 8:30 p.m.

**Division II**

Region 5 - Canton Cle. Villa Angela-St. Jo-

**SPRING PARTY AT THE LIBRARY**



Paulding - The Youth Services Department of Paulding County Carnegie Library will be hosting a Spring Party on Monday, March 19 at 6 p.m.

The Easter Bunny will make an appearance for pictures with the children, an egg hunt, crafts, games and

snacks are planned for the evening.

Library Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9-8; Fri 9-6 and Sat 9-1. For more information about this event contact the Children's Room at the Main Library in Paulding at 419-399-2032.

seph (17-8) vs. Cortland Lakeview (20-6) at Canton Memorial Civic Center, Thursday at 6:15 p.m.

No. 9 Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary (17-8) vs. Richfield Revere (20-5) at Canton Memorial Civic Center, Thursday at 8 p.m.

Regional Final: at Canton Memorial Civic Center, Saturday at 12 p.m.

Region 6 - Bowling Green No. 2 Cols. Beechcroft (25-1) vs. Bay Village Bay (19-6) at Bowling Green State Univ., Stroh Center, Thursday at 6:15 p.m.

Lexington (21-5) vs. No. 1 Wauseon (25-0) at Bowling Green State Univ., Stroh Center, Thursday at 8 p.m.

Regional Final: at Bowling Green State Univ., Stroh Center, Saturday at 2 p.m.

Region 7 - Athens Chillicothe Unioto (22-2) vs. New Concord John Glenn (20-4) at Ohio Univ., Convocation Center, Thursday at 6:15 p.m.

Byesville Meadowbrook (20-6) vs. No. 4 Proctorville Fairland (22-3) at Ohio Univ., Convocation Center, Thursday at 8 p.m.

Regional Final: at Ohio Univ., Convocation Center, Saturday at 3 p.m.

Region 8 - Kettering No. 5 Trotwood-Madison

(23-3) vs. Cols. South (22-4) at Kettering Fairmont High School, Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Cin. Woodward (17-9) vs. Cin. Hughes (23-3) at Kettering Fairmont High School, Thursday at 8 p.m.

Regional Final: at Kettering Fairmont High School, Saturday at 3 p.m.

**Division II State Tournament**

Semifinal #1: Region 8 vs. Region 7 at Jerome Schottenstein Center, Friday, March 23 at 10:45 a.m.

Semifinal #2: Region 6 vs. Region 5 at Jerome Schottenstein Center, Friday, March 23 at 2 p.m.

State Final: at Jerome Schottenstein Center, Saturday, March 24 at 5:15 p.m.

**Division III**

Region 9 - Canton No. 4 Leavittsburg Labrae (24-1) vs. Canton Central Catholic (16-9) at Canton Memorial Fieldhouse, Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

Cle. Hts. Lutheran East (12-13) vs. Wooster Triway (17-8) at Canton Memorial Fieldhouse, Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Regional Final: at Canton Memorial Fieldhouse, Saturday at 7 p.m.

Region 10 - Bowling Green Carey (20-6) vs. No. 10

**The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office**

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

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

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Cols. Africentric (19-6) at Bowling Green State Univ., Stroh Center, Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

No. 3 Ottawa-Glandorf (24-1) vs. Archbold (21-3) at Bowling Green State Univ., Stroh Center, Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Regional Final: at Bowling Green State Univ., Stroh Center, Saturday at 7 p.m.

Region 11 - Athens Sugarcreek Garaway (18-8) vs. No. 7 Oak Hill (22-2) at Ohio Univ., Convocation Center, Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

No. 1 Canal Winchester Harvest Prep (26-0) vs. Wheelersburg (20-3) at Ohio Univ., Convocation Center, Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Regional Final: at Ohio Univ., Convocation Center, Saturday at 7 p.m.

Region 12 - Kettering No. 2 Cin. Deer Park (25-0) vs. Cin. Purcell Marian (20-6) at Kettering Fairmont High School, Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Cin. North College Hill (22-2) vs. Cin. Madeira (18-7) at Kettering Fairmont High School, Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Regional Final: at Kettering Fairmont High School, Saturday at 7 p.m.

**Division III State Tournament**

Semifinal #1: Region 9 vs. Region 12 at Jerome Schottenstein Center, Thursday, March 22 at 5:15 p.m.

Semifinal #2: Region 11 vs. Region 10 at Jerome Schottenstein Center, Thursday, March 22 at 8:30 p.m.

State Final: at Jerome Schottenstein Center, Saturday, March 24 at 2 p.m.

**Division IV**

Region 13 - Canton Rittman (21-4) vs. No. 9 Willoughby Cornerstone Christian (18-7) at Canton Memorial Fieldhouse, Tuesday at 6:15 p.m.

No. 1 Mansfield St. Peter's (26-0) vs. East Canton (19-7) at Canton Memorial Fieldhouse, Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Regional Final: at Canton Memorial Fieldhouse, Friday at 7 p.m.

**Region 14 - Bowling Green**

Pandora-Gilboa (24-1) vs. Sycamore Mohawk (19-6) at Bowling Green State Univ., Stroh Center, Tuesday at 6:15 p.m.

Convoy Crestview (22-3) vs. Tol. Maumee Valley Country Day (20-5) at Bowling Green State Univ., Stroh Center, Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Regional Final: at Bowling Green State Univ., Stroh Center, Friday at 7 p.m.

Region 15 - Athens Peebles (20-5) vs. Coal Grove Dawson-Bryant (19-5) at Ohio Univ., Convocation Center, Tuesday at 8 p.m.

No. 8 Berlin Hiland (21-5) vs. Lancaster Fairfield Christian (12-14) at Ohio Univ., Convocation Center, Tuesday at 6:15 p.m.

Regional Final: at Ohio Univ., Convocation Center, Friday at 7 p.m.

Region 16 - Kettering Russia (16-8) vs. No. 4 Fort Loramie (24-2) at Kettering Fairmont High School, Tuesday at 8 p.m.

No. 10 Springfield Catholic Central (23-3) vs. Maria Stein Marion Local (21-4) at Kettering Fairmont High School, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

Regional Final: at Kettering Fairmont High School, Friday at 7 p.m.

**Division IV State Tournament**

Semifinal #1: Region 15 vs. Region 13 at Jerome Schottenstein Center, Thursday, March 22 at 10:45 a.m.

Semifinal #2: Region 14 vs. Region 16 at Jerome Schottenstein Center, Thursday, March 22 at 2 p.m.

State Final: at Jerome Schottenstein Center, Saturday, March 24 at 10:45 a.m.

**LATTA DISCUSSES 5G DEPLOYMENT, RURAL BROADBAND AT E&C SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING**

At an Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Technology hearing, Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) questioned a representative of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) on efforts to deploy 5G technology and expand America's broadband infrastructure. At the hearing, entitled "Oversight of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration," Latta questioned witness David Redl, the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information and Administrator at NTIA. NTIA is a division of the Department of Commerce and focuses its programs and policymaking on expanding broadband access, managing the availability of spectrum, and ensuring the Internet remains an engine for innovation and economic growth.

Latta began his first question by referencing his work as Chairman of the Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection Subcommittee on self-driving car legislation and the role 5G technology will play in the effort. He said, "In my role as Chairman of the DCCP Subcommittee, we've done great work on clearing the regulatory path for self-driving vehicles, but

we also need to clear a path for increased access to spectrum. It's going to be new wireless 5G networks that drive some technology solutions supporting self-driving cars."

Congressman Latta also asked Mr. Redl what actions NTIA has undertaken through broadband mapping to identify locations unserved by broadband service.

**LATTA-AUTHORED BILL TO PREVENT VEHICULAR TERRORISM APPROVED BY HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE**

The House Committee on Homeland Security approved H.R. 4227, the bipartisan Vehicular Terrorism Prevention Act, legislation authored by Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) that would improve vigilance in the face of growing terrorist attacks using vehicles. The bill passed by voice vote.

The legislation requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to assess current actions at the department to support emergency response providers and the private sector to prevent, mitigate, and respond to the threat of vehicular terrorism. The bill then requires DHS to submit a strategy to Congress that includes an examination of the current threat of vehicular terrorism, methods to improve information sharing activities with the private sector, and training activities that the department can undertake. The strategy would also include recommendations from DHS on what can be done to aid department efforts to prevent vehicular terrorism.

"We've seen terrorists in Europe using vehicles, often times rental vans or trucks, to kill innocent people and inflict terror," said Latta. "With the October attack in New York City showing that these groups will not hesitate to carry out the same type of attack here, it's important that the Department of Homeland Security is doing their due diligence regarding this threat. It's also critical that the department has the resources they need to prevent the use of vehicles as a means of terror and keep American citizens safe. The Vehicular Terrorism Prevention Act will bolster efforts to address this threat, and I thank Chairman McCaul and the House Committee on Homeland Security for approving this legislation."

**LATTA RECOGNIZED FOR 100% FAMILY VALUES VOTING RECORD WITH 'TRUE BLUE' AWARD**

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) has been awarded the 'True Blue' Award from the Family Research Council's legislative arm, FRC Action, for his 100% record on their 2017 scorecard. The scorecard included votes to prohibit taxpayer funding of abortions, disapprove of President Obama's Health and Human Services Title X Rule, repeal the Independent Payment Advisory Board, and to pass the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. The FRC Action scorecard is available here.

"I'm honored to receive this award that shows my steadfast commitment to life, faith, and freedom," said Latta. "Whether its protecting the unborn or safeguarding religious freedoms, I'm proud of my strong pro-family voting record. The people of Ohio's 5th Congressional District know that I will not waver on these issues."

FRC Action President Tony Perkins said, "Rep. Latta deserves praise for his unwavering commitment to stand for life, family, marriage, and religious liberty. Ohioans should be encouraged to know that they have a Member of Congress such as Rep. Latta who has come alongside other members and our president to begin the work of rebuilding our nation, and protecting the very values that made America great," concluded Perkins.

**SECRETARY PERDUE PRESENTS AGRICULTURE AND RURAL PROSPERITY TASK FORCE REPORT TO PRESIDENT TRUMP**

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue will ceremonially present the findings of the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to President Donald J. Trump at the 2018 American Farm Bureau Annual Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. On April 25, 2017, President Trump signed an Executive Order establishing the task force "to ensure the informed exercise of regulatory authority that impacts agriculture and rural communities." As Secretary of Agriculture, Perdue served as the task force's chairman and identified over 100 recommendations to help improve life in rural America. The recommendations centered around these five areas: E-Connectivity, Quality of Life, Rural Workforce, Technology, and Economic Development.

**Secretary Perdue issued the following statement:**

"Since his inauguration, President Trump has made agriculture and rural America a high priority. On the day he swore me in to office, he tasked me with chairing the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity. With the voice of rural America leading the way, and in close collaboration with local, state, and tribal leaders, 22 federal agencies, offices, and executive departments accepted the challenge to make rural America great again. We traveled to 30 states, held two RV Tours covering over 2,200 miles, and most importantly, we listened to the people of rural America.

"While the task force worked tirelessly to identify solutions to the problems plaguing our rural communities, there is more work ahead. No doubt, rural America has struggled under burdensome regulations with no voice in Washington, but under President Trump's leadership, and with the work of this task force, we can turn that around and restore rural prosperity once and for all."

**ACES TAKE RAIDERS IN DISTRICTS**

Revenge is sweet says the Aces as they defeated Wayne Trace in boys basketball in the semi-final District match

**THIS WEEK AT KIWANIS**



Pictured are: Guest speaker Miah Coil (left) Kiwanis member Taryn Stiltner (center) and guest speaker Jocelyn Camposano (right).

Paulding, OH: This week at Kiwanis, Taryn Stiltner, the director of United Way of Paulding County and fellow Kiwanis member introduced Miah Coil and Jocelyn Camposano as the guest speakers. Both being seniors at Paulding High School and members of National Honor's Society, the students talked about Blessings in a Bag. Blessings in a Bag, started by PHS student Kelsi Manz, supplies children with food to eat over the weekend when they are not provided school lunches during the week. The program services about 70-75 elementary school children bi-weekly. The NHS students said that the program is meant to provide a nutritious meal to students every weekend, but they have had to cut

back to every other weekend because their funds for food are running low. They work with Campbell's soup and Chief supermarkets who provide food donations but are looking for more community support. The cause was very near and dear to the students' heart and is a fantastic way for them to help others as well as obtain community service hours for NHS. Kiwanis members enjoyed their presentation and were eager to help the cause. We appreciate the NHS students for their dedication, hard work, and passion for helping others and look forward to seeing their leadership abilities in the future. As always Kiwanis members will meet next Thursday, March 15th at noon.

on Tuesday, March 6. The two teams competed late in the season this year after the Aces had endured several player injuries and they ended up losing by a wide margin. This time Hicksville had their full roster on the floor and it was a tough battle, and they came out over the Raiders.

The game started with Wayne Trace having the lead at the end of the first period, but in the second period, the Aces picked up steam and held the Raiders down to only 8 points. Wayne Trace spread their points across the board with Nate Gerber as the only one to score any 3-point baskets. On the other side, Hicksville was able to show 6 3-point baskets made with Payton Tunis leading the charge. Hicksville racked up an impressive 18 points. The half ended at 19-26 with Hicksville in the lead.

The second half started and Wayne Trace was able to take some ground back in this battle as they had 15 points to Hicksville's 11, but that turned again in the fourth quarter when the momentum swung back to the Defiance County team. The Raiders struggled with turnovers on this night, but not as much as Hicksville.

The fourth quarter showed the Aces knew how to pull ahead. Their crew, all back from injuries, really come to-

gether as a team. They scored 17 points to the Raiders 9. The game finished, 43-54.

Score by Quarter:  
Wayne Trace - 11 8 15 9 = 43  
Hicksville - 8 18 11 17 = 54

Scorers of the Game:  
Wayne Trace - Eli Sinn 8; Reid Miller 6; Josh Kuhn 4; Nate Gerber 8; Trae Sinn 1; Josiah Linder 6; Jake Kuhn 8; Alex Reinhart 2

Hicksville - Payton Tunis 15; Michale Myers 10; Jake Greer 10; Parker Thiel 10; Landon Turnbull 9

Wayne Trace finished their season with a 18-6 record.

Hicksville went on to play Crestview in the District Final match and fell by one point when the buzzer rang. The Aces finished their season also at 20-6.

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excellence in the areas addressed by the selection criteria.

Recently, Dr. Matt Widenhoefer was named Middle School Principal of the Year for District 3! Dr. Widenhoefer has been principal at Heritage Jr. Sr. High for 5 years and in education for 21 years. The EACS Board of School Trustees recognized Dr. Widenhoefer at a recent school board meeting for this great accomplishment!

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**OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT EARTH**



Students shown painting the water on their paper plates are Palmer Hanenkrath and Eliza Rodgers.

Mrs. Miller's kindergarten students at Oakwood Elementary are learning all kinds of facts about the

earth. Students used a paper plate to draw and paint a comparison of how much of the earth is covered with land and how much is covered with water.

**LOCAL SNOWY OWL**



By: Stan Jordan

This fine picture of the snowy owl was given to us last week along with two other good photos. We were very glad to get them.

This fellow is sitting on the lid to the filler spout on a grain bin on CR 144 between Road 83 and 87. We are just as proud of these pictures as we can be.

The young man that took this picture had to work for it. The owl was looking the other way and the man had to climb up the ladder to the top while carrying the camera and made a soft whistle and the owl turned around and looked right at him. It was about eighteen feet away, that is close because those wild birds are really flighty.

We here at the West Bend News think this is an older male because he is quite white. A white-white.

The other day, Cork Hughes stopped in the office. He said he had seen a pair of snowy owls on the next road over. So it was probably the same family.

I hope we can get a nest of owls in that area. I feel pretty sure there is a nest up on the state line area.

The young man said when the owl turned and seen the camera and camera man, he took off and flew away. But the fellow got to within eighteen feet of the

owl. That, in itself, is good news.

I am very proud of this picture. Thank you old friend!

See ya!

**GMC ALL-CONFERENCE GIRLS SELECTION 2017/18**

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce the All-Conference Selections for Girls Basketball 2017-2018 season:

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Addison Bergman, Hicksville - 12

**FIRST TEAM:**

Addison Bergman, Hicksville - 11; Rachel Williamson, Antwerp - 12; Claire Sinn, Wayne Trace - 10; Mercedes Wagner, Fairview - 11; Madilyn Hohenberger, Holgate; Amber Schliesser, Tinora - 12

**SECOND TEAM:**

Ally Cape, Edgerton - 10; Gracie Gudakunst, Wayne Trace - 12; Micah

Schroeder, Hicksville - 11; Bailey Plott, Holgate - 11; Hope Smith, Antwerp - 12; Taylor Addington, Ayersville - 10

**HONORABLE MENTION:**

Heather Oberlin, Antwerp - 10; Meghan Engel, Ayersville - 12; Rebecca Schroeder, Edgerton - 12; Kendra Schroeder, Fairview - 12; Katelyn Bergman, Hicksville - 11; Kacee Theisen, Holgate - 12; Sydney Grieser, Tinora - 11; Brooke Sinn, Wayne Trace - 12

**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 1/17/18**

This 17th day of January, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtsberry, and Cindy Peters, Clerk.

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS**

Warrants documented as 239139 through 239266 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein to go into executive session at 11:20 a.m. with Randy Ruge and Rob Goshia, Paulding County Hospital to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtsberry. All members voting yea.

At 11:30 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

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

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on January 10, 2018, Warrants numbered 238826 through 238860 in the amount of \$21,349.69; and

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

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

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

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

**IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 092)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Paulding County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Hazmat Fund (Fund 092); to-wit: FROM: Pay-in #116718 TO: 092-001-00001/Hazmat/ Other Expenses AMOUNT: \$18,662.81

**IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2018 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-010)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2018 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit: FROM: 001-010-00002/General Fund/Juvenile Court/Supplies TO: 001-010-00003/General Fund/Juvenile Court/Equipment AMOUNT: \$1000.00

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROPRIATING THE 2018 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 002)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2018 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Dog & Kennel Fund (Fund 002), to-wit: 002-001-00001/Dog & Kennel Fund/ Other Expenses AMOUNT: \$187.00

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDING THE TRAVEL POLICY TO THE COUNTY PERSONNEL MANUAL**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio has amended the County Personnel Manual to add the Travel Policy; and

WHEREAS, after review, the Board of Commissioners approve the aforementioned Paulding County Personnel Manual revision;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elected Officials of Paulding County, Ohio, do hereby accept the revision to the 2013 Paulding County Personnel Manual as the policies and procedures of our offices. These personnel policies and procedures will be effective January 1, 2018.

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO A SERVICE CONTRACT WITH IRA GOOD**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby enter into a service contract with Ira Good to provide services to Paulding County as an independent contractor, a copy of said contract on file in the Commissioners'



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# PAULDING CRUMBLES TO A HIGH POWER



Paulding Senior Logan Bradford gets under the basket and scores for the Panthers. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On March 8, the Panthers travelled down to Lima to take on Ottawa Glandorf in the District Semi-Final match. Paulding was out matched from the very beginning, only posting 10 points in the first quarter. That doesn't sound too bad until you see the Ti-

tans plastered 31 points on their side of the scoreboard. Jay Kaufman was on top the game with 9 point by himself in that time period.

Paulding's Carson Shull and Ethan Rhonehouse both sunk a 3-point basket in the the first period. It was helpful, but the speed

at which the Ottawa school handled the game was just too much to stop.

Paulding increased a little over the first and before the half with Jaret Miller sneaking in a pair of 3-point baskets and a 2-point field goal.

Coach Brian Miller knew this would be a hard game going into this battle. This was the fourth game in a row where the Titans scored over 80 points.

It was early in the second half of the game when it switched over to a running clock due to the 35 point difference in scores. That didn't stop the Panthers from trying hard though. In the fourth quarter, Jarred Miller added another 5 points and Marcus Miller also popped in a 3-pointer. Fletcher Cook was fouled and he was able to add 2 points to the score from the line.

These boys were still happy that they made it so far in the tournament when most teams had already been eliminated.

The game finished 82-38. Paulding finished their season 13-12.

Score by Quarter:  
Paulding - 10 12 4 12 = 38

Ottawa Glandorf - 31 19 13 = 82

Scorers of the Game:  
Paulding - Carson Shull 5; Marcus Miller 3; Ethan Rhonehouse 5; Jaret Miller 13; Fletcher Cook 2; Austin Howell 2; Logan Bradford 6; Isaac Baldwin 2

# LEIPSIC OVERPOWERS LADY RAIDERS



Wayne Trace Senior Gracie Gudakunst sinks one of her last baskets of her high school career. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Not very far from where the Paulding boys were playing was the Regional Semi-Final for the Lady Raiders against Leipsic. The game took place in the Field House at Elida on March 8. What everyone needs to realize is this is new territory for the Wayne Trace Raiders in basketball. They had never made it past District Finals before this year. This really is a good crew, even though it hasn't had the height of past teams. Both teams were the same by record entering this match.

The first period in this

girls match looked to be in the hands of the Lady Raiders when the score was 12-7. The fans were cheering, believing they had this game. Claire Sinn was on fire and the game going well.

It was the second stretch that sent the girls into desperation. They were only able to score 9 points and this put them in a terrible deficit to try and dig out of in the second half when Leipsic had posted 24 more. The half ended 21-31.

The next 2 quarters were just typical periods and the

girls were pretty even. Miriam Sinn, outside, had scored 3 of the 3-point baskets. They just could not dig out of the hole they were in from the second quarter. Altogether, the girls posted 9 3-pointers and 5 2-point field goals. The Raiders easily lead on rebounds.

Coach Bethany DeJarnett was still very proud of her team and the records they broke this year across the board. These girls all worked hard and deserved every bit of how far they made it in the tournament! The girls finished their season with a 22-4 record.

Score by Quarter:  
Wayne Trace - 12 9 13 = 43

Leipsic - 7 24 12 12 = 55

Scorers of the Game:  
Wayne Trace - Claire Sinn 16; Miriam Sinn 9; Kaylee Shepherd 6; Gracie Gudakunst 5; Brooke Sinn 7

Leipsic - Peyton Henry 7; Carlee Siefker 9; Kierra Meyer 14; Heather Lammers 18; Claire Rigel 5; Bailee Sickmiller 2

## IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO A SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE AGREEMENT WITH DEFIANCE/PAULDING CONSOLIDATED JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby enter into a supplemental lease agreement with Defiance/Paulding Consolidated Job & Family Services, to pay off building improvements to the 252 Dooley Drive location; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, said agreement will be for five (5) years commencing on the 1st day of January, 2018.

## IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL 2018 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section §339.06(3) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of County Commissioners have reviewed and does hereby accept the Paulding County Hospital 2017 Operating and Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018.

## Meeting Notes of Appointments

• Bryce Steiner, West Bend News - Mr. Steiner met with the Commissioners regarding new signage at the Jacob Eaton Children's Home.

• Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher presented her Investment Report as of December 29, 2017. Total county investments now total \$14,465,216.86. The Commissioners also reviewed the Investment Interest (monthly breakdown) report.

• Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - General Fund Receipts report for December showed receipts of \$289,353.06, down from November 2017 and December 2016 by \$8997.55 and \$46,674.42 respectively. General Fund Expenses were \$527,076.21 for December, up from November 2017 by \$159,336.51 and down from December 2016 by \$86,986.25. Real Estate and Mobile Home Conveyance Fees were \$25,918.30 for December, up from November 2017 and December 2016 by \$13,756.90 and \$9857.68, respectively. Ms. Fickel commented that her office continues to be busy with dog tags.

• Ann Pease, Clerk of Courts - Ms. Pease reported the Title office being slow this time of year.

• Randy Ruge and Rob Goshia, Paulding County Hospital - Mr. Ruge and Goshia presented the Paulding County Hospital facility budget for 2018.

(See resolution above)

• Brian Palitto, (Business Communication Specialists), Phillip Jackson (INSBIT), Sheriff Landers - Mr. Palitto and Mr. Jackson met with the Commissioners and presented some preliminary quotes for a new voice over IP phone system for county entities in an effort to cut costs for the county. A collection of information was obtained to further the process.

• Jared Renollet, County Dog Warden - Mr. Renollet presented an end of year update for 2017 dog statistics. He has brought in 239 dogs in 2017, compared to 310 in 2016, 141 were reclaimed, 57 rescued and 11 adopted. Mr. Renollet informed the Commissioners that dog tag sales are up about 100 from last year at this time.

## VANTAGE CAREER CENTER FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES 2.1.18

The Vantage Board of Education held the February Regular Board meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2018 in the District Conference room. Board meeting, Minutes from the January 11, 2018 regular Board meeting were approved along with financial statements for the month of December, 2017.

Superintendent Rick Turner updated the Board that there is a very good response from area employers for our Connections event, to be held March 14 at Vantage. Companies as far as Berne, IN to Lima, OH are participating. Right now we have 26 companies register. We encourage students and parents to come and talk to employers to gain insights on the opportunities available to them. Both High School Director Tony Unverferth and Ohio Technical Center Director Pete Prichard gave oral reports to the Board.

In new business, the Board:

- Employed the following Ohio Technical Center (Adult Education) Instructors: Michael Dirr, Police Academy Instructor, Rachael Thomas, Medical Assistant Instructor;

- Approved the TIF agreement for payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) from Grote Farms, LLC, Jackson Township, for the total refurbish of layer operation and addition of a manure storage unit, at 25% for 15-years approximately \$2,550,000, with Vantage receiving \$281.74 annually;
- Accepted a grant of \$1,000.00 from

Walmart Community Grants for instructional use in the Construction Equipment Technology program;

- Approved out of state field trip for Auto Body and Auto Technology to attend the Auto Rama Car Show in Detroit, MI on March 2, 2018;

- Approved an out of state field trip for Auto Body and Auto Technology to the Ford Rouge Truck Plant, in Detroit, MI on March 2, 2018;

- Approved an out of state field trip for Auto Body and Auto Technology to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, Auburn, IN, on May 4, 2018;

- Approved an overnight field trip to Columbus, Ohio for State BPA competition from March 8-9, 2018.

Outside of Consent Agenda Items

- Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1), the Superintendent moves that the Board adjourn to executive session for the purpose of considering the employment of an employee or official of the school district.

End of Superintendent's Consent Agenda Items

Adjournment - at the call of the President and at the pleasure of the Vantage Career Center Board of Education

Next meeting - Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. In District Conference Room

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**VANTAGE TO HOST EMPLOYER/STUDENT/PARENT CONNECTION EVENT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14**



Marie Miller from Brand It Marketing Communications (right) interviews Quincie Sheaks, a Vantage Interactive Media senior from Kalida during Mock Interview Day.

What do you want to be when you grow up? How many times have you been asked that question? Vantage can help you find the answer! On Wednesday, March 14 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., 45 area employers will be in the Commons Area to talk with students in grades 8 through 12 and their parents about their business and the skills needed to be successful in their industry. There will be businesses representing manufacturing, construction, health care, insurance, finance, agriculture, automotive, law enforcement and more. Employers will share current employment opportunities and discuss their future needs. Learn about available training, apprenticeship programs, and scholarship opportunities.

If you have a student in high school or getting ready to enter high school, you should attend this event. All 8th - 12th grade students and their parents from Antwerp, Continental, Crestview, Delphos Jefferson, Delphos St. John's, Ft. Jennings, Kalida, Lincolnview, Ottoville, Parkway, Paulding, Van Wert and Wayne Trace are invited to this FREE Connection Event. Start planning for your future NOW.

For more information, visit [vantagecareercenter.com](http://vantagecareercenter.com) or check out the Vantage Facebook page. You may also call or email Superintendent Rick Turner at 419.238.5411 ext. 2102 or [turner.r@vantagecareercenter.com](mailto:turner.r@vantagecareercenter.com).

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**PERDUE ANNOUNCES FARM SERVICE AGENCY STATE COMMITTEE APPOINTEES**

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced a slate of Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Committee Appointees. State committees are selected by the Secretary, serve at the pleasure of the Secretary, and are responsible for carrying out FSA's farm programs within delegated authorities. "The State Committees will help to ensure USDA is providing our farmers, ranchers, foresters, and agricul-

tural producers with the best customer service," Secretary Perdue said. "They serve as a liaison between USDA and the producers in each state across the nation by keeping them informed and hearing their appeals and complaints. The committees are made up mostly of active farmers and ranchers, representing their peers and ensuring USDA's programs are supporting the American harvest."

The following is a list of State Committees released today:

- Alabama** Committee Chair Monica

- Carroll - Ozark; Andy Lavender - Brundidge; Rodney Moon - Harvest; Steve Penry - Daphne; Doug Trantham - Alexandria

- Alaska** Committee Chair Scott; Mugrage - Delta Junction; Joe Orsi - Juneau; Richelle Plummer - Matanuska Valley; Al Poindexter - Kenai Peninsula

- Arizona** Committee Chair Pamela Griffin - Globe; Andy Grossetta - Prescott; Steven Killian - Phoenix; David Lamoreaux - Gilbert; Lyndon Smith - Gilbert

- Arkansas** Committee Chair Ron Chastain - Faulkner County; Gary Churchill - Pope County; Sarah Dunklin - Desha County; Nathan Reed - Lee County; Vivien Wright - Sevier County

- California** Committee Chair Greg Wegis - Buttonwillow/Bakersfield; Blake Alexandre - Crescent City; Thomas J. Butler - Woodland; Joe Egan - Susanville

- Colorado** Committee Chair Jo Stanko - Steamboat; Glenn Hirakata - Rocky Ford; Robert Mattive - San Luis Valley; Alex Rock - Wray; Nathan Weathers - North Yuma County

- Connecticut** Committee Chair Bonnie Burr - Storrs; Melissa Greenbacker-Dziurgot - Middlesex County; Bruce Gresczyk - New Hartford; Diane Karabin - Southington; Mark Sellew - Lebanon

- Delaware** Committee Chair Richard Bergold - Dover; Jay Baxter - Georgetown; Donnie Collins - Millsboro; Lori Ockels - Milton

- Florida** Committee Chair Michelle Williamson - Dover; Mike Adams - Jennings; Mack Glass - Marianna; Mark Soddors - North Palm Beach

- Georgia** Committee Chair Allen Poole - Haralson County; L.G. (Bo) Herndon, Jr. - Vidalia; Meredith McNair Rogers - Ca-

- milla; Donnie Smith - Willacoochee

- Hawaii** Committee Chair Teena Marie Rasmussen - Kula; Wilson Kenzo Koike - Waianae; Glenn Martinez - Waimanalo; Boyd J. Ready - Haleiwa; Simon Russel - Makawao

- Idaho** Committee Chair Mike Guerry - Castelford; Joe Anderson - Potlach; Kaitlin Davis - Cascade; Matt Gellings - Idaho Falls; Randy Hardy - Oakley

- Illinois** Committee Chair Jim Reed - DeLand; Martin R. Barbre - Carmi; Melanie DeSutter - Woodhull; Ron Moore - Roseville; Troy Uphoff - Findlay
- Indiana** Committee Chair Ken Rulon - Arcadia; Kim Ames - Fillmore; Bill Gelfius - Hartsville; Clint Orr - Forest; Kirk Perkins - Wolcottville

- Iowa** Committee Chair Ray Gaesser - Corning; Nathan Anderson - Cherokee; Laura Cunningham - Nora Springs; Jim Stillman - Palo Alto; Pat Swanson - Ottumwa

- Kansas** Committee Chair Garrett Love - Gray County; Lexy Goyer - Cowley County; Nick Gutterman - Miami/Johnson County; Michael Jordan - Mitchell County; Greg McCurry - Sedgwick County

- Kentucky** Committee Chair Sharon Furches - Calloway County; Tom Flowers - Shelby County; Kenny Imel - Greenup County; Brenda Paul - Paris; Bart Peters - Cadiz

- Louisiana** Committee Chair Ray Young - Wisner; Julie Baker-Richard - Abbeville; John Earles, II - Bunkie; Emery Jones - Natchez; Donna Winters - Lake Providence

- Maine** Committee Chair Sue McCrum - Belfast; Gregg Garrison - Blaine; Heath Miller - Newburgh; Nancy Ricker - Turner; David Tuttle - North Berwick

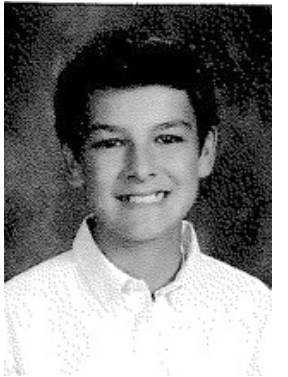
- Maryland**

**LUKE SCHLATTER COMPETES IN COUNTY SPELLING BEE**

By: Baily Beerbower and Vivian Nolot

Luke Schlatter went on to the Allen County Spelling Bee after winning the school's spelling bee held at Harlan Christian School on November 22, 2017. On February 8th, Luke competed against all of Allen County's best spellers. There were 49 other contestants that he had to compete against.

We asked him some questions to find out about his experience. Luke told us that he did not remember a lot of the words, so he was not sure what was the hardest. He said the easiest word was "nubbish" even though that is the word that disqualified him. Luke said that he was nervous when spelling, but who would



not be?

He was supported by his parents, Chad and Tammy Schlatter, of Woodburn, and his grandpa, Jerry Furnish. His family is very proud of how Luke did while competing. Luke finished in the top twenty.

Go Hawks!

- Committee Chair Jenny Rhodes - Centerville; Steve Ernst - Washington County; Steve Isaacson - Cecil County; Pat Langenfelder - Kenne-dyville

- Massachusetts** Committee Chair Bradford N. Morse - Rochester; James J. Larkin - Sheffield; Matthew J. Parsons - Hadley

- Michigan** Committee Chair Sally McConnachie - Deckerville; Blaine Baker - Clayton; Ben Lacross - Lake Leelanau; Matt Schwab - Standish; Isaiah Wunsch - Traverse City

- Minnesota** Committee Chair Scott Winslow - Fountain; Kurt Blomgren - Butterfield; Jay Nord - Wolverton; Mike Yost - Murdock; Carolyn Zurn - Callaway

- Mississippi** Committee Chair Ted Kendall IV - Bolton; Scott Flowers - Clarksdale; Bobby Moody - Louisville; Henry Reed - Belzoni; Rita Seward - Jackson County

- Missouri** Committee Chair Julie Hurst - Atchison; Marc Allison - Dade; Cindy Schroeder - Saline; Will Spargo - Ripley;

- Barbara Wilson - Audrain
- Montana** Committee Chair Carl Mattson - Chester; Joe Dooling - Helena; Chaley Harney - Billings; Bruce Tutvedt - Kalispell

- Nebraska** Committee Chair Scott Spilker - Beatrice; Cindi Allen - Ogallala; Mark Jagels - Davenport; Hilary Maricle - Boone County; Geoff Ruth - Rising City

- New Hampshire** Committee Chair Kathy Sherman - Conway; Gary LeClair - Claremont; Madison Lowell Hardy - Hollis; Scott Mason - North Stratford; Kirk Scamman - Stratham

- New Jersey** Committee Chair Linda DuBois - Pittsgrove; Kurt Alstede - Chester; Sam Conard - Hillsborough; Jim Etsch - Middlesex

- New Mexico** Committee Chair Alisa Ogden - Carlsbad; Dustin K. Johnson - Farmington; Matthew L. Lansford - Clovis; John M. Romero - Laguna

- New York** Committee Chair Judi Whittaker - Broome County; Michael Bittel - Greenwich;

**CITY OF WOODBURN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 1/15/18**

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

**Police Chief's Report:** The chief presented information to the council for calls that the police department received in December as well as year end totals. The chief also presented figures for amounts

spent by the department in 2017 in addition to the training hours for officers during the calendar year.

**Superintendent's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Mayor's Report:** The mayor presented a quote from Dozerwerks to start a 14 inch deep dirt road that will extend from Hickory off of Main Street in the amount of \$81,500. After discussion, Councilman Renner moved to table this topic and make a decision at a later time, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. The mayor will attend a meeting tomorrow with INDOT to present the city's case for funding towards the creation of "Warrior Road". The mayor welcomes Reserve Officers Scheumann, Grimm, and Cuney and

appreciates their willingness to work with and throughout Woodburn.

**Clerk-Treasurer's Report:** The meeting minutes were presented from the December 29th and the January 2nd meetings. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to accept the minutes from the meeting on December 29th as corrected, second by Councilman Renner, all in favor except Councilman Watts who abstains. Motion carries. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to accept the minutes from the meeting on January 2nd as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor except Councilman Renner who abstains. Motion carries. Warrants were presented. After inspection, Councilman Gerig moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Martin, all in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer handed out annual acknowledgment forms for the 2018 calendar year. The purpose of the acknowledgment form is to make clear current policies that are in force and will be updated annually as needed.

**Councilmen's Report:** Councilman Voirol stated that something needs changed in order for the gator to get through the sidewalks on Main Street. After discussion, no immediate actions were determined at this time.

**Audience:** Scott with Greater Fort Wayne explained a little bit about what he does and how the group works to bring in business to Allen County. A couple of residents had a question about chickens within the City limits. Alan with MKS explained a possible expansion in partnership with a local business within the Woodburn Industrial Park. After discussion, no immediate actions were determined at this time.

Councilman Gerig moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Renner, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

stein, Mark Holtsberry, and Heather Barnhouse Asst. Clerk

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:** Warrants documented as 239437 through 239510 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** A motion was made by Mr. Tony Zartman to go into executive session at 8:10 a.m. with the County Prosecutor to discuss personnel/legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtsberry. All members voting ye.

At 9:05 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

**IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Probate Court Other expenses (Fund 001):

FROM: Pay-in #116865  
TO: 001-011-00009/Probate Court/ Other Expenses

AMOUNT: \$17.00

**IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 78)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Infrastructure Projects Fund (Fund 78):

FROM: Pay-in #116875  
TO: 078-001-00001/Infrastructure Projects/Infrastructure Expenses

AMOUNT: \$466,200.47

**Meeting Notes of Appointments**

• Mr. Dan Bowers, head of Horsepower Holiday, that will be held at the Paulding County Fairgrounds came in to speak with the Commissioners about this event. He explained what all events will be taking place and how this event will be bringing people of all ages to the Fairgrounds. He reassured the Commissioners that if there are any problems from the event he would personally address them. Mr. Bowers also offered that if there is anything that the Antwerp ACDC group could do or be in-

involved regarding the county to let him know and he would see that ACDC group would hear about these involvements.

• Phil Maag from Metalink came in to discuss the future changes towards fiber optic to be brought more into the county to better serve the community with their

internet needs. Commissioners also informed him that the county entities would still be using Metalink for internet purposes but will be going with another company for phone needs.

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**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 1/24/18**

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**Saint Patrick's Day Party**  
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**Saturday March 17, 2018**  
At the Paulding Eagles  
206 W. Perry St., Paulding Ohio  
Steak dinner, DJ, Games, 50/50 Drawing @ 8 P.M.  
5:00-10:00 PM  
Doors open 4:30 PM, Dinner Served 5:00-7:00 PM  
~Tickets \$13.00 each~  
Funds raised go toward the Antwerp Rotary Future Projects.  
Tickets are available from all Antwerp Rotarians or at the door.

**MORNING CHOICE AT ANTWERP ELEMENTARY**



Arianna Hosler, Rylee Chrisman, Tucker Doster, and Camden Herber at the LEGO station



Students explore the new marble run constructed by Mr. Ehrhart's EYF class.

Since the middle of last school year, first and second graders at Antwerp Elementary School have enjoyed and benefited from the implementation of Morning Choice. At the beginning of each school day, the first and second

graders can go to a classroom of their choice to participate in various stations, including word games, LEGOs, art, dance, and hands-on manipulatives.

The latest addition to the Morning Choice stations is a large marble run. After a field trip to Imagination Station in Toledo, the second grade teachers approached high school teacher Mr. Cord Ehrhart with the idea of creating one. Mr. Ehrhart's Engineering Your Future class designed, constructed, and assembled the marble run in the pre-K-2 hallway. With tools such as paper towel tubes, rubber bands, clothespins, and funnels, students enjoy working together to assemble any creation that allows a marble to pass through to the bottom.

Teachers decided to implement Morning Choice for several reasons: It motivates students to get to their classrooms on time; it minimizes behavioral issues; and it incorporates more STEAM activities.

Lawrence Eckhardt - Rensselaer County; Theodore Furbur - Wayne County; Barbara Hanselman - Delaware County

**North Carolina**

Committee Chair Alice Scott - Lucama; Jeffery Lee - Benson; Nathan Ramsey - Fairview; Richard Renegar - Harmony; Jeff Tyson - Nashville

**North Dakota**

Committee Chair Jim Hauge - Mandan; Jared Hager - Emerado; Erika Kenner - Leeds; Edward Kessel - Dickinson; Barton Schott - Kulm

**Ohio**

Committee Chair Trish Levering - Knox County; Ronnie Clifton - Pickaway County; Kim Davis - Carroll County; Daryl Knipp - Sandusky County; Joe Steiner - Warren County

**Oklahoma**

Committee Chair Gary Crawley - McCallister; Sarah Dorsey - Bixby; Karen Eifert Jones - Stillwater/Waukomis; Don Allen Parson - McCurtain County

**Oregon**

Committee Chair Anna Sullivan - Baker County; Sam Asai - Hood River; TJ Hansell - Hermiston; John Phillip (Phil) Hassinger - Cove

**Pennsylvania**

Committee Chair Bonnie Wenger - Lebanon; George Greig - Linesville; Doug Graybill - Granville Summit; Bill Hoover - Tyrone

**Rhode Island**

Committee Chair Doreen Pezza - Providence County; Judy Carvalho - Newport County; Christopher Jaswell - Providence County; Ellen Pu-

cetti - Providence County

**South Carolina**

Committee Chair Tony Grant - Columbia; Bob Battle - Mullins; Bill Surratt - Spartanburg/Gaffney; Landy Weathers - Bowman; Beth White - York

**South Dakota**

Committee Chair Mark Gross - Bridgewater; Gwen Kitzen - Belle Fourche; Tiffani Robertson - Hermosa; Bill Simonsen - Roslyn

**Tennessee**

Committee Chair Steve Officer - Dekalb County; Daryl Brown - Maury County; Charlotte Kelly - Tipton County; Renea Jones Rogers - Unicoi County

**Texas**

Committee Chair Jerry Harris - Dawson/Gaines County; Juan Garcia - Willacy County; Rodney Schronk - Hillsboro; Michael Skalicky - Ganado; Linda G. Williams - Dumas

**Utah**

Committee Chair William Tolbert - Piute County; Scott Mower - Sanpete County; Randy Sessions - Morgan County; Mike Yardley - Beaver County

**Vermont**

Committee Chair Sally Godrich - Cabot; Jacques Couture - Westfield; Heidi Doll-off - Springfield; Joe Tisbert - Cambridge

**Virginia**

Committee Chair Brian K. Harris - Heathsville; Gary D. Cross - Zuni; Matthew J. Lohr - Broadway; Charles P. Shorter - Blacksburg; Steve Sturgis - Eastville

**Washington**

Committee Chair Melanie Wyss - Okanogan County; Maureen Harkcom - Lewis County; Jesus Limon - Grandview; Robyn Meenach - Spokane County; Bruce Nelson - Spokane County

**West Virginia**

Committee Chair Andrea Lambert - Taylor County; Lois Alt - Hardy County; Russell Linger Jr. - Huttonsville; Rocky Peck - Wood County; Sarah Wayne - Braxton County

**Wisconsin**

Committee Chair Lisa Condon - Horicon; Thomas Gillis - River Falls; David Heideman - Clintonville; Anthony Kurtz - Wonewoc; Tom McClellan - Delavan

**THREE CANVAS JEWELRY ART EXHIBIT AT LIBRARY**



PAULDING - A three-canvas Jewelry Art exhibit by local artist, Carol Blodgett, will be on exhibit at the main library through April. Carol creates jewelry art by gluing pieces of jewelry to the canvas. No two pieces are alike in this exquisite art form.

The exhibit is open for

viewing during regular business hours of Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For more information about the library call 419-399-2032 or visit the library's website at www.pauldningcountylibrary.org.

**Wyoming**

Committee Chair Nancy Tarver - Gillette; Julie Hahn - Rawlins; David Slover - Worland

**Puerto Rico**

Committee Chair Carmen Rullan - Adjuntas; Duahmed Colon - Gurabo; Yanice Deynes - San Sebastian; Rebecca Feliciano - Aibonito

State committees are appointed for a one year term which began on January 1, 2018. Each state committee has five members, one chairperson and four members. States that are not listed here or that have incomplete lists will be announced at a later date.

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com. Seating is very limited! Committee members for this dinner theatre are: Jane Nic, Renee Boss, Tim Boss, Kim Tracy, and Brenda Crawford.

The Merry and Bright Parade, The Mystery Dinner Theatre, Shop the Square, John Paulding Days and many other fun and entertaining events taking place downtown are all part of the CoRP (Community Revitalizing Paulding) project. Your support is greatly appreciated for all events sponsored by Friends of the Chamber and CoRP. Watch for future activities and please support the community as we continue to rebuild for the future.

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**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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The Wayne Trace Performing Arts Association is pleased to present the musical, "Fiddler On The Roof", based on Sholem Aleichem stories by special permission of Arnold Perl. This cast and crew of 50+ Jr and Sr High students have been working hard to bring you a fun

filled performance that will take you to the small Russian town of Anatevka back in the early 1900's. Come and hear the familiar songs of "Matchmaker" and "If I Were a Rich Man". Please join us at Payne Elementary Auditorium on Thursday, March 15th & Saturday the 17th at 7:30 p.m.

and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 18th. Doors open 45 minutes prior to show time for ticket sales and doors to the auditorium open 30 minutes prior. Elevator access is through the cafeteria on the east side of the building.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Austin M. Smith, New Haven, IN; Drug paraphernalia; Case dismissed per state; With prejudice; Costs to defendant

David Madriz, Indianapolis, IN; Drug paraphernalia; Case dismissed per state; With prejudice; Costs to defendant

David Madriz, Indianapolis, IN; Possession; Guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

olis, IN; Possession; Guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

Robert A. Mourey, Cecil, OH; Zoning violation (count A); Guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

Robert A. Mourey, Cecil, OH; Zoning violation; Count B dismissed per state; Costs to defendant

Robert A. Mourey, Cecil, OH; Zoning violation (count

C); Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Walter S. Wilson, Antwerp, OH; Domestic violence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; \$25.00 probation fee waived; Evaluation at Westwood and complete such counseling; No unlawful contact with victim; 40 hours community service; Greif counseling; Good behavior

James H. Wickline, Wapakoneta, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

James H. Wickline, Wapakoneta, OH; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs today; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

James M. Riedel, Fort Wayne, IN; Marked lanes; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Myron R. Zimmerman, Fort Wayne, IN; Domestic violence; Case dismissed per state; Without prejudice; Costs to defendant

Michelle L. Hunter, Defiance, OH; Endangering child; Case dismissed per state; Without prejudice; Costs waived

Nicolas L. Chiaia, Holland, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Daniel P. Figley, New Haven, IN; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

David Esparza Sr., Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

William J. Crutchfield, Paulding, OH; Physical control; Pled no contest, found guilty; May attend DIP in lieu of jail; Pay or collection date 12/21/18; Shall pay \$410.00 per month commencing 4/27/18; Community Control Two; Fees waived; Secure a valid driver's license; 40 hours community service; 177 jail days reserved; Driving privilege fee waived

William J. Crutchfield,

DR. SEUSS MONTH AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



Preschool students are (in front) Precia, Ronan, Max, Aundrea, Damian. Between Thing 1 and 2: Isabelle. Standing: Dezirae, Bentley, and Corbin.

March is a month with lots of fun activities relating to Dr. Seuss and the celebration of his birthday. Oakwood Elementary preschool students

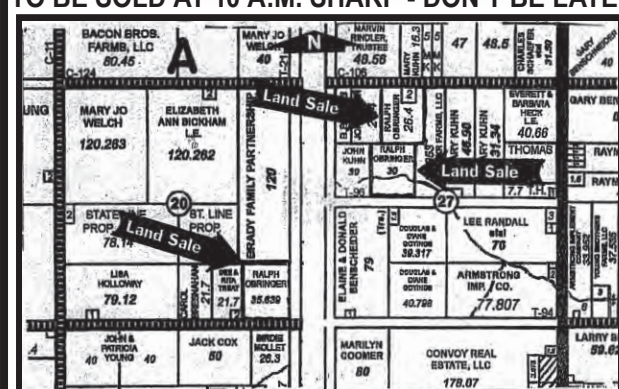
in Mrs. Shinner's class had a great time celebrating with Thing 1 and Thing 2 (student teachers: Danielle Herr and Madeline Sobceki).

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10 A.M. Saturday • April 7, 2018 • Saturday 10 A.M.

DIRECTIONS: Payne, Ohio.....On E. Merrin Street/SR.500 East to Payne Church of Nazarene, Fellowship Hall....Watch for Auction Arrows

10 A.M. - Saturday Morning - 10 A.M. TO BE SOLD AT 10 A.M. SHARP - DON'T BE LATE!



"92.034 Acres Farm Land" PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO 3 Parcels to Be Sold as 2 all in Section's 20 and 27 HARRISON TOWNSHIP

Total Acres Being 92.034 Acres Total, of good productive farm land. • Being 35.639 Acres in Section 20, Also Being a 26.395 Acres, and a 30 Acres in Section 27, all in Harrison Twp. Paulding County, Ohio. These farms are predominantly Hoytville Type Soil. All 3 Farms to be sold as 2 Parcels as follows: Parcel #1 = Being 35.639 Acres more or Less in Section 20 on TR. 106, including the growing wheat crop. Parcel #2 = Being the combination of 26.4 Acres on TR.106 and 30 Acres on TR.96 which = 56.4 Acres Combined as Parcel #2, which join together in the center. Reason being, Wildcat Creek separating the 30 acre parcel in center, making it easier to farm. All 3 Parcels in Harrison Township, Paulding County, Ohio.

TERMS: We will be selling this property to the highest bidder. Buyer to sign Purchase Agreement, Property Disclosure, Buyers to pay: \$10,000 down on each parcel auction day, balance at Closing on or before May 7, 2018, Seller's closing documents include: Warranty Deed, Owner's Policy of Title Insurance in the amount of the Selling Price. Seller to pay Conveyance Fee, all Real Estate Taxes up to Dec. 31, 2017.

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: All Parcels being surveyed. This is good productive farmland. Farmed by a Professional Farmer, and it shows!!! Predominantly Hoytville Type Soil. Buyer to receive possession of said property at closing, or when farming season begins. Come walk over the property, Check the drainage ditches and tile on each parcel for good drainage. Have your finances in order the day of auction and be ready to bid and buy! Sold with confirmation of Seller. All Legal Documents prepared by Glenn H.Troth, Attorney for the Sellers. All Statements made day of Auction take precedence over all printed matter. Call the Auctioneers at 419-769-9090 or 419-399-2347. For Survey's, Brochure, FSA and other Auction Information. Ask for Maurie Wannemacher

NOTE: Auction to be held @ Payne Church of the Nazarene, Fellowship Hall, Payne Ohio, on E. Merrin St. or SR. 500 East of Payne

OWNERS: MARK E. OBRINGER, Executor of Trust PATRICIA OBRINGER, Executor of Trust

WANNEMACHER AUCTIONEERS "Call Us-We're the Other Guys" 106 N. Williams Street Paulding, Ohio 45879 Auctioneers: Maurice Wannemacher-Jeff Strahley-Kevin Anspach Mike Winans-Associate-JoEllen Sisson-Bev Wannemacher-Clerks

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 1/17/18

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Mayor Ray DeLong. Council persons present: Kenneth Reinhart, Dean Rister, Mike Rohrs, Keith West, and Jan Reeb.

Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty, Village Administrator Sara Keeran, and EMS Clerk Ashley McDougall. Media present: Peter Greer of the Crescent News. Visitors: Barry Hook and Clint Vance.

Motion made by West, seconded by Rohrs, to excuse Rudie Reeb from the council meeting. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to elect Jan Reeb as the President Pro tempore of Council. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Minutes from the regular council meeting held December 18, 2017, were reviewed.

Motion made by West, seconded by Jan Reeb, to accept the minutes from the December 18, 2017, regular council meeting. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Minutes from the special council meeting held December 27, 2017, were reviewed.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Jan Reeb, to accept the minutes from the December 27, 2017, special council meeting. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

The December disbursements were reviewed. Discussion on expenses.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Rister, to approve the December reconciliation report. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

VISITORS Barry Hook present to observe only. Clint Vance informed council he is running for Paulding County Commissioner in the May 8th primary election.

POLICE REPORT Mayor DeLong provided a written report prepared by Police Chief George Clemens showing 101 calls for service for the month of December with 41 offenses.

Discussion on police presence at the school during drop off and pick up times. Members of the public safety committee will decide on a date to meet with Police Chief Clemens to discuss police presence at the school in the morning hours.

EMS REPORT EMS Clerk Ashley McDougall provided a written report showing collections of \$9,683.41 for the month of December with year-end total collected of \$82,824.85 and a total of \$14,925.00 transferred to the vehicle replacement fund. She also provided a written report showing 34 EMS runs for December with a total of 316 EMS runs for 2017.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT Discussion on membership in Paulding County Economic Development, inc. at \$1,500.00 level.

Motion made by West, seconded by Rohrs, to approve membership

in Paulding County Economic Development, inc. at \$1,500.00 level. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Final reading of ordinance no. 2017-26: an ordinance regulating utility vehicles and mini-trucks within the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, and requiring inspections of the same by the Antwerp Police Department.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by West, to accept ordinance no. 2017-26. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2018-01: an ordinance approving, adopting and enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2018 Edition, as the code of ordinances for the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Jan Reeb, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2018-01. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by West, to accept ordinance no. 2018-01. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2018-02: an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into third addendum to agreement for collection, transportation and disposal of residential solid waste within the corporate limits of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by rister, seconded by rohrs, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2018-02. 5 Years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to accept ordinance no. 2018-02. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT Village Administrator Keeran reported that her crew is spending a lot of time thawing resident meters, doing shut-offs for residents with burst pipes, and repairing village waterline breaks.

Keeran discussed Maumee Valley Planning offering to assist village in submitting letter of intent for grant money available through ODOT for construction of sidewalks on South Rrie Street to Dollar General. Estimated project cost is \$63,000.00 with the village being responsible for 5% and engineering costs, which amounts to approximately \$8,700.00

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Rister, to approve village administrator working with Maumee Valley Planning to submit letter of intent for proposed construction of South Erie Street sidewalks with grant money available through ODOT. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS No reports.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor's court brought in a total of \$6,894.39 in the month of December with \$5,100.39 going to the village, \$1,725.00 going to the state, and \$69.00 going to the county. Mayor gave a report on highlights of 2017 project accomplishments by the village. Mayor also discussed proclamation he issued in recognition

of January 21-27, 2018, as Antwerp School choice week.

OLD BUSINESS Discussion on composite site and availability to use in winter.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Jan Reeb, to adjourn the meeting. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

WBESC GOVERNING BOARD MEETING NOTES 12/20/17

Western Buckeye ESC Holds Organizational Meeting, Accepts Donations from Area County Foundations

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held its annual organizational meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2018, in the Paulding office. Board president pro tem Mr. Nick Miller welcomed board members and school personnel to the meeting.

Board members Miller, Bill Poe, Ron Treece, and Jerry Zielke were sworn in with Poe re-elected president and Treece elected vice president. Following the election of officers, members appointed Dave Bagley to the board, who was then sworn in as a member. At the conclusion of the business portion of the meeting, Miller tendered his resignation, having served on the board from 2007-2018.

Superintendent Steve Arnold discussed the hiring of an intervention specialist for three area non-public schools; outlined the ESC's plans for upcoming professional development opportunities; discussed (along with treasurer Tricia Taylor) the plans for seeking a new assistant treasurer; wished (along with the other board members) Miller well and praised

him for his dedicated service to the board; and thanked the Van Wert County and Paulding County Area Foundations for their generous gifts. This money is earmarked for students attending the Synergy Learning Center in Van Wert.

In the business portion of the meeting, the board approved the following items:

Motion to appoint the Crestview representative as Delegate to OSBA;

Motion to appoint the Wayne Trace representative as Alternate Delegate to OSBA;

Motion to appoint the at-large representative as Legislative Liaison to OSBA;

Motion to appoint Superintendent, Treasurer, and Board President to the Records Commission for 2018;

Motion to appoint Superintendent, Treasurer, Board Vice-President, and Legislative Liaison to the Audit Committee for 2018;

Motion to designate The Paulding Progress and The Van Wert Time Bulletin as official notice newspapers;

Motion to designate the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30, alternating between the Paulding and Van Wert offices, for regular monthly governing board meetings in 2018;

Motion to set Board Member compensation at the maximum allowable by law (ORC 3313.12), not to exceed twelve meetings per year, and to continue to set Board Member mileage reimbursement at IRS rate for round trip board-approved travel;

Motion to establish a Board Service Fund in accordance with ORC 3313.16;

Motion to approve the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer as designees to attend required Public Records Training for board members;

Motion to approve the resolution addressing the purchase of gifts, re-

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## NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR THE VANTAGE PRESCHOOL!



These three Vantage preschoolers are at the science table working on a Watch-It-Grow greenhouse activity. Applications for the Vantage Preschool are now being accepted for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Vantage Preschool, where children learn and play, is now accepting registrations for children ages 3 to 5 years old.

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

There are large indoor

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

For more information about the Vantage Preschool, or to reserve a spot for your child, please contact Rhonda Davis or Maria Osenga at 419.238.5411 ext. 2408.

ing 4/27/18; Secure a valid driver's license; Complete 20 hours of community service; 90 jail days reserved

**Sierra C. Porter**, Defiance, OH; Theft; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall pay restitution in the amount of \$1.98; Maintain general

good behavior

**Bryan J. Foltz**, Paulding, OH; F.R.A. suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Proof of insurance has been provided; Pay or collection date 4/27/18

**Sarah R. Smith**, Huntington, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by

defendant

**David A. Sauder**, Elida, OH; Traffic control device/signs; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay or collection date 4/27/18

**Jarred M. Fought**, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Amy M. Neamon**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Steven Santana**, Detroit, MI; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

**Corey M. Gerken**, Napoleon, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Corey M. Gerken**, Napoleon, OH; Display plates; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**John L. Hawkins**, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Justin M. Devaney**, Westerville, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Vicki S. Green**, Hicksville, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Austin M. Smith**, New Haven, IN; Possession; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

**Amy Coyne**, Defiance, OH; Purchase for underage;

Guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs; Complete 40 hours of community service within 6 months; No contact with victim; Shall maintain general good behavior; Report to Paulding County Court Probation today for community service information

**Kaitlin C. Rodriguez**, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Pay or collection date 3/30/18

**Dawn Chandler-McClain**, Paulding, OH; Confine of dog; Guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

**Gage L. Schooley**, Defiance, OH; Open container; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs today; Shall maintain general good behavior

**Denton Kovac**, Paulding, OH; Driving on FRA suspension; Guilty; Pay or collection date 12/21/18

**Lucas R. Stevens**, Oakwood, OH; Following too close; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Richard R. Keeterle**, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Socorro C. Torres**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Case was waived by defendant

**Dustin E. Gee**, Oakwood, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Pay or collection date 5/25/18; Defendant shall pay \$40.00 per month commencing 3/5/18

**Andrew L. Blackwood**,

## THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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				9			4
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	8			3			
			6	7			

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

Wayne, MI; Turn signals; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Gage Schooley**, Defiance, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

**Brock R. Bergman**, Defiance, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Michael L. Peoples**, Rockwall, TX; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Bryan L. Bostick**, Dayton, OH; Traffic control device/signs; Guilty; Case was

waived by defendant  
**Aaron M. Ries**, Van Wert, OH; Traffic control device/signs; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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of our committee persons to make arrangements to hand deliver the entry forms. If we receive the form in the mail after Friday it might not be accepted due to the time restrictions on pairing all of the team brackets, creating the schedule, and having the shirts silk-screened.

We all look forward to seeing this Marathon reach the historic 40th year and hope that everyone who has been a part of the Marathon either as a player or volunteers stops by the Payne Elementary gym on March 30-31 to enjoy this historic event!

freshments, and other board-provided amenities;

Motion to designate Kimberly Jones as Interim Treasurer of Record; Motion to designate the Interim Treasurer to sign all Governing Board of Education checks, or the Assistant Treasurer, if so directed by the Interim Treasurer;

Motion to appoint Jones to act for the Treasurer in time of absence, illness, or other capacity upon Taylor obtaining capacity;

Motion to approve the Interim Treasurer to invest all inactive funds through 2018 and to advance monies from fund to fund as needed;

Motion to authorize the Interim Treasurer to pay all bills within the limits of appropriations as bills and services are received;

Motion to appoint the Superintendent as Purchasing Agent for 2018; Motion to appoint the Superintendent as contact person for Federal projects and programs;

Motion to appoint Elizabeth Zartman as Truant Officer for Paulding County, in conjunction with the Paulding County Probate/Juvenile Court;

Motion to appoint Ryne Jerome as Truant Officer for Van Wert County;

Motion to approve the Superintendent to employ temporary personnel, accept resignations from personnel, authorize attendance at

professional meetings, and act on behalf of the ESC within the limits set by the Governing Board;

Motion to approve a one-year limited contract for Michelle Reinhardt, Teacher for three area, non-public schools, effective from January 16, 2018 - March 31, 2018, pending proper licensure. Salary as per salary schedule on pro-rated basis;

Motion to approve a one-year limited contract for Hannah Kenedy, Paraprofessional at Antwerp, effective January 4, 2018. Salary as per salary schedule;

Motion to approve a one-year limited contract for Sadie Mazingo, part-time Paraprofessional at Thomas Edison, effective January 8, 2018. Salary as per salary schedule;

Motion to approve an evaluation tool for classified staff;

Motion to accept the SFY18 Family-Centered Services and Supports (FCSS) Grant in the amount of \$10,524;

Motion to approve the resignation of Miller as a board member, effective January 12, 2018;

Motion to accept donations of \$2,500 from the Van Wert County Area Foundation and \$1,000 from the Paulding County Area Foundation, respectively.

The board will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, in the Van Wert office starting at 5:30. The purpose of this

meeting will be to appoint a board member, review financial reports from the treasurer, and address any other business that comes before the board.

### PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 1/22/18

This 22nd day of January, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtzberry, and Cindy Peters, Clerk

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS**  
Warrants documented as 239304 through 239436 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

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

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on January 17, 2018, Warrants numbered 239139 through 239265 in the amount of \$201,771.64 and

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

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

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

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

**IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 078)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Paulding County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Infrastructure Projects Fund (Fund 078); to-wit: FROM: Pay-in #116814 TO: 078-001-00001/Infrastructure Projects/Infrastructure Expenses AMOUNT: \$139,412.38

**IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 228)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Paulding County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Abandoned Gas Station Fund (Fund 228); to-wit: FROM: Pay-in #116814 TO: 228-001-00001/Abandoned Gas Station/Contract Services AMOUNT: \$70,824.45

**IN THE MATTER OF MODIFY-**

**ING THE 2018 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 280-001)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2018 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit: FROM: 280-001-00001/Sewage Permit Fund/Salaries TO: 280-001-00003/Sewage Permit Fund/Other AMOUNT: \$2000.00

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2018 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 002)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2018 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Prisoners Subdivision Fund (Fund 089); to-wit: 089-001-00001/Prisoner's Subdivision Fund/Prisoner Housing Expense AMOUNT: \$454.00

**TRAVEL REQUEST**

• Mark Holtzberry, Area Office on Aging, Toledo, OH - January 25, 2018

• Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein, Joint Solid Waste, Williams County - January 22, 2018

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE PAULDING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby accept the recommendation of appointment of Mr. Jim States, replacing John Kobe, to serve as the Commissioners' representative on the Tax Incentive Review Council Committee for 2018.

**Meeting Notes of Appointments**

• Kevin Hanenkratt - Mr. Hanenkratt discussed some plumbing issues in the Courthouse with the Commissioners.

• Phillip Jackson (INSBIT) - Mr. Jackson met with the Commissioners briefly to discuss the voice over IP phone project preparations for county entities.

### WBESC GOVERNING BOARD MEETING NOTES 1/24/18

Western Buckeye ESC Appoints Treasurer and Board Member, Hires Assistant Treasurer

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board met in special session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, in the Van Wert office. Board president Mr. Bill Poe welcomed board members and school personnel to the meeting.

Board members began by appointing Tricia Taylor as the official treasurer of record, having completed all necessary requirements to serve in this capacity. Former treasurer, Kimberly Jones, who now serves as the treasurer for Paulding Exempted Village Schools, had been serving as the interim treasurer for the ESC while Taylor completed her requirements for licensure.

Following the appointment of Taylor, members appointed Mike Schlagbaum to the board. Schlagbaum replaces Nick Miller as the Crestview representative.

Taylor then reviewed the current financial reports, investments, and the monthly expenditures with the board. After the board approved the financial report, Taylor and Superintendent Steve Arnold recommended Mrs. Heather Sharp as the new assistant treasurer. Sharp, who has served Lima City Schools for over fifteen years, was approved unanimously, and will begin her duties with the ESC on February 5.

In other action, the board approved the resignation of Mrs. Amelia

Wannemacher as a preschool teacher, effective at the end of the 2017-18 school year.

The board will hold its next regular meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, in the Paulding office starting at 5:30.

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**EXPLORING OHIO WILDLIFE: THE MINK**



**By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist**

It is time once again to explore the outdoor features of our great state with another installment of Exploring Ohio Wildlife. So far, we have examined several animals that call Ohio home such as the coyote, skunk, deer, black bear, and the wild turkey with many more animals left to explore! This installment will feature the American mink which is an animal found in each of Ohio's 88 counties. We will explore some basic facts about the mink, its habitat and behavior, its diet, along with many other features of this animal.

According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), the mink likely had a presence in Ohio well before the state was settled and that due to its preference of streams with wooded banks or vegetation, it is highest occurrence of mink will be found in both eastern and southeastern Ohio where these habitats are found. The mink is highly valued by many trappers for the soft fur of this animal and is an animal that easily eludes any predators or trappers as its instinct will be to quickly get away to a secluded place that they can hide in.

The mink is similar in appearance to the weasel or ferret as defined by their long, slender body. ODNR writes that the main characteristics that set the mink apart from

the weasel and ferret is that it has a larger body and a bushy tail. Mink are further identified by their dark brown fur, short legs, sharp claws, and a flat, pointy face. They have a white patch on their chest and chin in addition to rounded ears and small beady eyes. The male of this species is typically larger than the female with the mink species weighing anywhere from 1.25 to 3 pounds and appearing 1-1.5 feet long. The average life span of the mink is typically between 3-4 years, but it can live as long as 5 years.

For the most part, the mink lives a solitary lifestyle. Males of this species have been documented to be intolerant of one another when it comes to interaction and quite possessive of their territory according to New Hampshire PBS. Males will fight with one another when one mink invades the territory of another which is commonly marked by a unique scent. Mink are typically found near forested areas with any kind of water source such as a stream, lake, or pond to which the mink will spend a large amount of time in as it hunts for food. In addition to their aggressive nature, the mink can also defend itself by spraying an unpleasant smelling liquid much like the skunk, although it is not nearly as accurate in spraying as the skunk, according to New Hampshire PBS.

Minks begin their mating

**GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**



**Pictured are the Grover Hill Elementary February students of the month: Front L-R Leah Bland, Whitney Boroff, Mary Lema, Trent Thornell, Lance Maenle, Allison Schilt and Lorie Sinn. Back Madison Densmore, Aden Burke, Cole Manz, Corbin Stoller, Alivia Moiser, Karson Miller, Braylen Ross and Griffin Miller.**

season in January which continues through April. Female minks will typically have between three to six offspring per litter on average. Female mink will make themselves a burrow along the bank of most streams or lake during their gestation period. According to ODNR, young mink are born with closed eyes which are not opened until they reach five weeks of age and that it is the responsibility of the female mink to care for the young until they reach an age of five months. By the age of five months, the mink is considered to be fully grown.

How can one tell the mood of a mink? If the mink is content and happy, it will make

a purring sound like a cat. Should the mink be angered or threatened, it will make more of a screech, hiss, snarl, or barking sound. Minks are a nocturnal animal, usually at dawn or dusk. The mink is classified as a carnivore type of consumer which means that they will only have meat included in their diet. Typical foods of the mink include rabbits, mice, snakes, frogs, fish, or chipmunks. They have been known to store extra food in their den which is usually dug on the river bank, abandoned beaver dam, or hollow log.

One question that gets asked is the status of the mink population. Habitat destruction is one thing that has hurt

the mink population. According to the University of Michigan, wetlands are shrinking in size which is taking away one habitat that mink depend on. Restoration and enhancement of wetland areas is one thing that can be done to ensure a healthy population of mink. Concerns also arise with trapping mink for their valuable fur. The University of Michigan writes that several states in the U.S and several Canadian provinces have set limits on trapping seasons to ensure a healthy population.

Stay tuned for the next installment of our Ohio Wildlife series where we will explore more amazing animals that are found in our great state.

**VILLAGE OF ANTWERP REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 2/21/18**

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Mayor Ray DeLong. Council persons present: Mikie Reeb, Kenneth Reinhart, Dean Rister, Rudy Rohrs, Keith West, and Jan Reeb.

Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty, Village Administrator Sara Keeran, and EMS Clerk Ashley McDougall. Visitor: Dan Wright from Paragon Tempered Glass.

Minutes from the regular council meeting held January 17, 2018, were reviewed.

- Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Reinhart, to accept the minutes from the January 17, 2018, regular council meeting. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

The January disbursements were reviewed. Discussion on expenses.

- Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to approve the January Reconciliation Report. 6 years, 0 nays. motion carried and approved.

**VISITORS**

Dan Wright presented council with information on Paragon Tempered Glass including the current state of operations and invited council to tour the facility when new equipment is installed later this summer. He expressed paragon's desire to be an active part of the antwerp community and stated that Paragon is here to stay, investing another 2 million dollars between their two locations here in Antwerp and Niles, Michigan.

**POLICE REPORT**

Police Chief Clemens provided a written report showing 90 calls for service for the month of January with 22 offenses.

**EMS REPORT**

EMS Clerk Ashley McDougall provided a written report showing collections of \$8,052.51 for the month of January. She also provided a written report showing 25 EMS runs for January.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2018-03: 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 calendar year 2018, and declaring the same an emergency

- Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by West, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2018-03. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

- Motion made by Rudy Reeb, seconded by Reinhart, to accept ordinance no. 2018-03. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2018-04: an ordinance authorizing the village fiscal officer to transfer \$32,000.00 from the general fund to the police fund, and declaring the same an emergency

- Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by West, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2018-04. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

- Motion made by Mike Rohrs, seconded by West, to accept ordinance no. 2018-04. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Discussion on municipal income tax collection and status of pending litigation by other municipalities challenging the opt-in procedure for business' net profit tax collection by the Ohio Department of Taxation and the elimination of the sales throwback rule. Rita has advised the village not to make any further changes to municipal income tax ordinance to address these issues at this time due to the pending litigation.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

See attached report.

Council decided not to proceed with solar panel installation proposal because cost too high for project.

Discussion on Stone Street property and options to dispose of property. Solicitor Farr asked to research process to dispose of public property, including any possible transfer to the paulling county cic.

Bid opening for water treatment plant project is scheduled for March 7, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the depot.

Administrator Keeran is researching credit card/debit card payment process for village residents to pay utility bills. She will bring more information to march council meeting.

Administrator Keeran discussed CDBG program and possible projects to submit for funding.

- Motion made by West, seconded by Reinhart, to authorize Administrator Keeran to work with MVPO to prepare application for submission to request CDBG funding for a tornado siren located on Harrmann Road property. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public safety met to discuss police presence at the school during drop off and pick up times. Members of the public safety committee decided that police presence was needed but they preferred the police having a mobile presence in the school's vicinity rather than parking in the school parking lot.

Finance committee met with state auditor on 2015-2016 audit review. There were 3 minor findings for the village and village received highest rating possible.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor's court brought in a total of \$3,163.61 in the month of January with \$2,368.61 going to the village, \$765.00 going to the state, and \$30.00 going to the county.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dean Rister asked about the village pursuing a local option election in regard to a liquor license being held in safekeeping by the ohio division of liquor control. Council discussed current status of this liquor license and decided not to have the village solicitor research the process of a local option election at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Dean Rister asked about current status of lighting project at library and bidding process. Administrator Keeran updated council on the status of this project. Council asked Solicitor Farr to research whether there is a conflict of interest in a business in which a village elected official has an ownership interest submitting a bid on a village project.

- Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to adjourn the meeting. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

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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. Cl-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 Paulling, and the State of Ohio and more fully described as follows:

**Situated in Antwerp Village, Paulling 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, Paulling 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**

**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. Cl 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 Paulling, 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 Paulling 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 Paulling County Recorder's Office.

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

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

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

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Carrie L. Davis, Attorney for Plaintiff

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**ADOPTION NOTICE**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO JUDGE MICHAEL A. WEHRKAMP

In the Matter of the Adoption of Gracie Elizabeth Rose Marihugh

Case No. 2018-5002

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION**

To: ANTHONY DICKERSON, Address Unknown

You are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of March, 2018, Deziarae Marihugh filed in the Court an Application for Adoption of Gracie Elizabeth Rose Marihugh, a minor whose date of birth is 10/28/16 and for change of the name of the minor to Gracie Elizabeth Rose Marihugh. This Court, located at 115 N. Williams Street, Room 202, Paulling, Ohio, 45879 will hear the petition on the 3rd day of May 2018, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. It is alleged in the petition, pursuant to R.C. 3107.07, that the consent of Anthony Dickerson is not required due to the following:

A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION, IF GRANTED, WILL RELIEVE YOU OF ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO CONTACT THE MINOR, AND, EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO A SPOUSE OF THE ADOPTION PETITIONER AND RELATIVES OF THAT SPOUSE, TERMINATE ALL LEGAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE MINOR AND YOU AND THE MINOR'S OTHER RELATIVES, SO THAT THE MINOR THEREAFTER IS A STRANGER TO YOU AND THE MINOR'S FORMER RELATIVES FOR ALL PURPOSES. IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE PETITION WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER PROOF OF SERVICE OF NOTICE OF THE FILING OF THE PETITION AND OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING IS GIVEN TO YOU. IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST ALSO APPEAR AT THE HEARING. A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION MAY BE ENTERED IF YOU FAIL TO FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE ADOPTION PETITION OR APPEAR AT THE HEARING.

Anthony Dickerson is a parent who has failed without justifiable cause to provide more than de minimis contact with the minor for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition or the placement of the minor in the home of the petitioner. Anthony Dickerson is a parent who has failed without justifiable cause to provide for the maintenance and support of the minor as required by law or judicial decree for a period of at least one year

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PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

*Michael A. Wehrkamp* Probate Judge  
*Anthony Dickerson* Anthony Dickerson  
*Carrie L. Davis* Carrie L. Davis



Pictured here 1st grade with Team Kassidy Lewis, Kaiden Tucker and Graiden Troth.

The Grover Hill sixth graders in Miss Kathy Sinn's Science Class showcased their roller coasters to the staff and student body along with several parents who

visited. After several days of problem solving the students demonstrated their designs and prayed for a successful run.

**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 2/5/18**

This 5th day of February, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtsberry, and Cindy Peters, Clerk

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS**  
Warrants documented as 239677 through 239765 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

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

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on January 31, 2018, Warrants number 239614 in the amount of \$836.27; and

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

encumbrance; and

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

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

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

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2018 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 233)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2018 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the 2018 JRG Grant (Fund 233), to-wit: 233-001-00001/JRIG Grant/Salaries, AMOUNT: \$49,504.00; 233-001-00002/JRIG Grant/PERSONNEL, AMOUNT: \$6,930.56; 233-001-00003/JRIG Grant/Worker's Comp AMOUNT: \$495.04; 233-001-00004/JRIG Grant/Medicare, AMOUNT: \$838.45; 233-001-00005/JRIG Grant/Supplies AMOUNT:\$500.00; 233-001-00006/JRIG Grant/Drug Tests, AMOUNT: \$500.00; 233-001-00007/JRIG Grant/EMHA/SCRAM, AMOUNT: \$303.95

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provide all information and documentation required in said application for submission.  
**Meeting Notes of Appointments**  
• Judge Beckman - Common Pleas Judge - Judge Beckman met with the Commissioners and commented that the Courthouse visit went very well last week. As she attends various meetings around the county, she was pleased to hear positive thoughts from others about our county courthouse and the tour. Judge Beckman noted that she will have her part time personnel going to full time in her office on February 12th. There are some upcoming renovations to that office in the near future. The TCAP grant allows for salaries and some furniture. This new program seeks to ensure that more people receive the supervision and essential treatment they need in a more effective and less costly setting than prison. Judge Beckman also discussed some type of vending machine accessibility for courthouse employees and the public.

• Saandy Kessler, MVPO and Kenneth Maag, Poggemeyer Design Group, Ms. Kessler and Mr. Maag met with the Commissioners as Ms. Kessler conducted the CDBG Critical Infrastructure PY17 public hearing program overview for the Village of Oakwood, Paulding County. Ms. Kessler noted that MVPO will need to close out the Grover Hill and/or Paulding projects before they can start the Oakwood project. (See resolution above for the application process).

**MINUTES FOR WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 5TH, 2018**

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls, Chief Duhamel as well as Councilmen Voirol, Gerig, Renner, and Martin were in attendance. Councilman Watts was not in attendance until 7:45 in which votes made prior to that time do not show his vote.  
Police Chief's Report: The Woodburn Police Department logged 125 incidents in January. The department completed 8 hours of certified taser training last week, where Officer Parker was the instructor for the course. The police chief is looking for quotes on fire extinguishers for the squad vehicles.  
Superintendent's Report: The superintendent invited council to look over his breakdown of spending by utility as well as by site, for the 2017 calendar year and ask questions as desired. The well casing at the high school is in and will be replaced as the weather allows. There was a sewer issue in Havenwood that will be addressed by the county in the near future.  
Mayor's Report: The mayor mentioned that the potential land sale in the Industrial Park was in process with details and final decisions to be determined in the near future. The mayor presented "Warrior Road" to INDOT since last meeting and should know any potential funding opportunity around the end of March. The mayor discussed possible spending opportunities in the near future and which were priorities for 2018.  
Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the January 15th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the meeting on January 15th as presented, second by Councilman Martin, all in favor. Warrants were presented. After inspection, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Councilman Renner moved to read Ord 17-1359 (Partial Vacate of Alley) by title only, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Councilman Renner moved to accept the second reading of Ord 17-1359, second by Councilman Martin, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to adopt Ord 17-1359 as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Ordinance 17-1359 is ratified as presented. This ordinance articulates that the owner must sign an easement agreement in order to fulfill the partial alley vacation. Paul Blisk, with Allen County Planning Services, described how the

provide all information and documentation required in said application for submission.  
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WHEREAS, under the provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended to date, the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) is authorized to provide financial assistance to units of general local government for undertaking and carrying out Community Development activities; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable in the public interest that Paulding County, Ohio, (hereinafter called the "County"), undertake and carry out Community Development activities and make funds available for street improvements to the Village of Oakwood, Paulding County, Ohio in the CDBG amount requested of \$300,000; for a total project cost of \$350,555.00 and

WHEREAS, the County has held three public hearings on the proposed program and has made available to the general public, through the mass media and other sources, information concerning the program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has general knowledge of the proposed uses of such funds and are cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of Community Development activities and undertaken with federal financial assistance under Title I, including those prohibiting discrimination because of race, color, creed, sex or national origin.  
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**  
**SECTION 1:** That the Paulding County Board of Commissioners hereby approve filing an application for financial assistance under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Community Development Program.  
**SECTION 2:** That the Paulding County Board of Commissioners authorizes the President of the Board of Commissioners as official representative of the Paulding County Commissioners upon the approval of the Critical Infrastructure Grant Program application to participate in the State of Ohio, Department of Development, Small Cities Community Development Program and

provide all information and documentation required in said application for submission.

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**MINUTES FOR WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 5TH, 2018**

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls, Chief Duhamel as well as Councilmen Voirol, Gerig, Renner, and Martin were in attendance. Councilman Watts was not in attendance until 7:45 in which votes made prior to that time do not show his vote.  
Police Chief's Report: The Woodburn Police Department logged 125 incidents in January. The department completed 8 hours of certified taser training last week, where Officer Parker was the instructor for the course. The police chief is looking for quotes on fire extinguishers for the squad vehicles.  
Superintendent's Report: The superintendent invited council to look over his breakdown of spending by utility as well as by site, for the 2017 calendar year and ask questions as desired. The well casing at the high school is in and will be replaced as the weather allows. There was a sewer issue in Havenwood that will be addressed by the county in the near future.  
Mayor's Report: The mayor mentioned that the potential land sale in the Industrial Park was in process with details and final decisions to be determined in the near future. The mayor presented "Warrior Road" to INDOT since last meeting and should know any potential funding opportunity around the end of March. The mayor discussed possible spending opportunities in the near future and which were priorities for 2018.  
Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the January 15th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the meeting on January 15th as presented, second by Councilman Martin, all in favor. Warrants were presented. After inspection, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Councilman Renner moved to read Ord 17-1359 (Partial Vacate of Alley) by title only, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Councilman Renner moved to accept the second reading of Ord 17-1359, second by Councilman Martin, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to adopt Ord 17-1359 as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Ordinance 17-1359 is ratified as presented. This ordinance articulates that the owner must sign an easement agreement in order to fulfill the partial alley vacation. Paul Blisk, with Allen County Planning Services, described how the

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**STUDENTS DISCOVER NEW ASPIRATIONS TAKING AP COMPUTER SCIENCE**

(NAPSI)—There's high demand—and top salaries—for workers with computer science expertise. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, computer science and information technology made up nearly half of the 8.6 million STEM jobs in 2015. In fact, a recent National Association of Colleges and Employers report shows engineering and computer science were the two highest-earning majors, with computer science graduates projected to earn more than \$66,000 annually.

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Innovative Science Course

That is one reason Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles (AP CSP)—a new, unique, introductory computer science course—has been embraced by students and educators.

AP CSP focuses on creativity, ideas, and new ways of thinking. It's anchored in collaboration and using technology to solve challenges that students and teachers identify in their lives and communities. The course teaches programming and other aspects of computing, but students don't need previous coding experience.

More than 50,000 students took the AP CSP Exam in 2017. In just one year, the number of females enrolled in AP computer science doubled, and the number of Latino and African American students more than doubled.

**Sudoku solution from page 13**

8	5	3	1	7	9	6	2	4
4	9	6	3	2	5	7	8	1
2	7	1	4	7	6	3	5	9
3	9	2	5	4	1	6	8	7
5	4	8	9	6	1	2	3	7
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7	8	9	6	1	4	5	2	3
6	3	4	7	1	8	5	3	9
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overall, 74.5 percent of students scored 3 or higher on the 2017 AP CSP Exam. The number of young women scoring a 3 or higher on an AP Computer Science Exam doubled; for African Americans and Hispanics, that number almost tripled. With an AP Exam score of 3 or higher, students have the opportunity to earn college credit, saving them time and money in college.

Two Students' Stories

One such student is Bridget, who attended high school in Virginia. Though she had no interest in computer science, Bridget took AP CSP. In class, she discovered her love of programming and now aspires to be a computer engineer.

Another student, Karla, who went to high school in California, had no previous computer science experience and was intimidated by AP CSP. Once the course started, Karla realized her own abilities and is the first in her family to attend college.

Learn More

Students interested in learning more about AP CSP can visit the AP Students website at [apstudent.org](http://apstudent.org).

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**PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL**

**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. Cl-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 R. Burkard*  
Deputy  
Respectively submitted,  
*Joseph R. Burkard*  
Joseph R. Burkard, (#0059106)  
Paulding County, Ohio  
Prosecuting Attorney  
120 S. Walnut Street  
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419-399-8270

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## FILLMORE NAMED SUPERVISOR OF OKLAHOMA FISH & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION OFFICE



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is pleased to announce that Brian Fillmore has been selected as the new supervisor of the Oklahoma Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office, located in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. Fillmore brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience – and is no stranger to conservation in the Sooner State.

Fillmore, a fish biologist, was previously employed at the Service's Tishomingo National Fish Hatchery for 12 years where he was fully immersed in raising and releasing alligator gar, Arkansas River shiner, channel catfish, paddlefish, and various sunfish species. Fillmore was on the leading edge of culturing alligator snapping turtle—a rare and understudied species that the hatchery strives to bolster in the wild.

"I'm pleased to have Brian lead the Oklahoma Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office," said Stewart Jacks, the Service's Assistant Regional Director – Fish and Aquatic Conservation. "He's dedicated to conservation and is an ardent angler and hunter. He's very capable and a proven leader. Brian's skills as a biologist coupled with his commitment to working with partners will prove beneficial to natural resources and the people who enjoy them."

Fillmore and his crew will in the near-term collect wild paddlefish broodstock to help expand the fish's range. They will also assess populations of alligator snapping turtle as well as the threatened leopard darter, a fish native to southeast Oklahoma.

Fillmore has worked for the Service for 18 years. He

holds degrees from Hocking College (Ohio) and the University of Idaho. His wife, Rebecca, who is also a fish biologist, works at the Durant State Fish Hatchery. They welcomed their first child, Vivien, into the world in May 2017.

The Oklahoma Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office is one of 38 such facilities located across the United States.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service works with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

### HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY ENCROACHMENTS OCCURRING FREQUENTLY

Putting up a mailbox, installing a driveway or cleaning out a ditch are all normal activities property owners routinely undertake. But if done improperly and without the permission of the Ohio Department of Transportation, serious legal ramifications could result.

"We are urging property owners to contact us before they do any type of work along a state highway. It's much better to work with us ahead of a project rather than create a problem that requires reversal," said Kirk Slusher, Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 deputy director.

The following are the most common kinds of activities that can sometimes conflict with state requirements. Please contact your local ODOT District 1 garage at the numbers provided regarding any work within highway right of way. District 1 includes the counties of Allen, Defiance,

Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert and Wyandot.

Driveways – A permit must be obtained from ODOT prior to a driveway being installed along a state highway. Proper spacing from existing driveways and intersections, width requirements and the size of drainage pipe needed beneath the drive must be determined prior to installation. Contact your local ODOT garage for guidance and to initiate the permit process.

Mailboxes – Mailboxes can be a roadside hazard if guidelines for mailbox placement and type are not adhered to. Visit the United States Postal Service for guidance at: <https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes-es.htm>.

Ditch cleaning – Before performing any work in or along a ditch, check with the local ODOT garage to ensure the waterway is not located within highway right of way. Strict environmental regulations must be followed when working within a state-controlled waterway. A permit is required prior to this type of work taking place.

Snow removal – Snow removed from a private driveway and placed onto a highway is in violation of Ohio Revised Code. Placing anything on the highway could be dangerous to motorists in that they may hit these obstructions and lose control of their vehicle. The offense is considered a first degree misdemeanor and carries a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Farming – Property owners should know where highway right of way begins in relation to a farm field. It's easy to unknowingly creep over the line when working fields, which can lead to maintenance issues for highway personnel. Consult the local ODOT garage to establish boundaries.

Drainage – ODOT personnel can provide guidance on the proper placement and size of pipe along farm fields, along lawns and under driveways. A permit is required before this type of work can take place.

Signage – It is illegal to place anything within highway right of way without permission of ODOT. Signs placed within highway right of way that obstruct the view of motorists will be removed. As a general rule, anything placed behind utility poles is outside of highway right of way; however, permission from private property owners should be received prior to placing any sign.

"We are a resource for property owners at any time.

If work is being performed along a state highway or there's any question as to what is permissible, contact ODOT before to be sure the project is not in violation of state requirements," said Slusher.

For information regarding permits contact Duane Hackworth, ODOT District 1, at 419-999-6843; [duane.hackworth@dot.ohio.gov](mailto:duane.hackworth@dot.ohio.gov). Or visit the District 1 permits website at: <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/D01/PlanningPrograms/permits/Pages/default.aspx>

### WARRIOR AMBITION WRAPS UP SEASON

The Woodlan High School Show Choir, Warrior Ambition, wrapped up their season with competitions at Northrop, Dekalb, and Huntington North. Two Ambition members were named Outstanding Performers at those competitions: Jordan Lawson and Tristan Delagrange.

On Friday, March 23rd Warrior Ambition welcomes the Purdue Varsity Glee Club in concert at Woodlan High School. The Purdue Glee Club features Warrior Ambition Alumnus, Samuel Hathaway. The Show Choir will also be performing. The concert begins at 7 p.m. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. There is no reserved seating. Tickets can be ordered online at [purdue.edu/pmo/calendar](http://purdue.edu/pmo/calendar). Tickets at the door will be limited, so get your tickets early.

The Warrior Ambition will travel to Walt Disney World in May to perform and compete in "Festival Disney". Congratulations to all of the show choir members for their hard work and dedication during the 2017-2018 season.

### BULLDOGS PUT THREE ON ALL-NE8 TEAM

The Northeast Eight Conference released its 2018 all-conference boys basketball team recently with three New Haven players being named to the squad.

Conference champion East Noble placed two players on the first team as did New Haven and Huntington North.

For the Knights, Ali Ali and Hayden Jones each garnered first team honors along with the Bulldog duo of Brekar Clark and James Gardner. Zach Daugherty and Mitchell Geller represented Huntington North on the squad.

Other players named to the first team were Leo's Jeremy Davison, Norwell's Will Geiger, DeKalb's Logan Kruse and Columbia City's Mitchell Wilson.

Picking up second team honors were New Haven's Zach Latham, Huntington North's Hank Pulver, East Noble's Michael Bender, Leo's Lane Reed, DeKalb's Isaac Brown, Belmont's Kade Fuelling, East Noble's Brent Cox, Huntington North's Sawyer Stoltz, Norwell's Brandon Nicholson and Leo's Luke Stoller.

Players who received honorable mention included East Noble's Drew Devers, Huntington North's Joe Stoffel, Leo's Blake Davison, Belmont's Brady Manis, Norwell's Luke Zeddis, Columbia City's Garrett Roehling and Belmont's Jordan Fuelling.

## PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC CO-OP'S WILLITZER GRADUATES FROM EXTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAM



Pictured here are (l-r) Paulding Putnam Electric's Erika Willitzer and Gary Pfann Director, Executive & Staff.

Paulding Putnam Electric's Erika Willitzer has completed an intensive program in electric utility management with the University of Wisconsin, - Madison.

The Robert I. Kabat Management Internship Program (MIP) is a series of workshops offered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin. The program guides participants through all facets of the electric utility industry, including the many changes occurring around the nation. Willitzer is one of only a few electric utility managers that will graduate from the Management Internship Program this year.

MIP participants go through three 10-day sessions designed to challenge and educate participants in new, innovative management techniques. Participants leave

with a better understanding of what consumers want and how to ensure they get it.

By also covering the unique principles that govern the operations of electric cooperatives, the program helps the co-op analyze other business ventures it may want to enter as well as enhancing the core organization. Only rural electric cooperative CEOs and top-level management participate in the program. This allows greater emphasis of study, on management challenges and the aspects of consumer-ownership that cooperatives enjoy. Participants learn focus on member value as part of day-to-day decision making.

Willitzer has completed one of the most exclusive educational programs in the nation for electric cooperative management.

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