

TWO PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC LINEMEN GO ON HUMANITARIAN MISSION



L to R: Paulding Putnam Electric Linemen John McMaster and Zak Kauser

(Paulding, Ohio) Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op (PPEC) Linemen John McMaster and Zak Kauser, along with fifteen other line workers from all over Ohio, came together in March to be part of Project Ohio. Project Ohio is a statewide effort led by Ohio Electric Cooperatives to elec-

trify rural parts of Guatemala. The trip ran from March 4-22 with an inauguration celebration held in the villages of Las Tortugas and San Jorge on March 20. Even through the brutal high 90s heat and language barrier, the Ohio crew helped village residents gain a

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WOODBURN LIONS CLUB CELEBRATES 80 YEARS

Founded in 1938 by local businessmen and community leaders, the Woodburn Lions Club is celebrating its 80th Anniversary this year. Our motto "We Serve" has always been and still is the primary function of our organization. While we continue to serve our community, we recognize that there are many other community organizations that also serve Woodburn. Without all of these, as well as many individuals and churches, our city would not be able to serve the residents of our fine community.

To celebrate our anniversary, we will be hosting a Community Service Open

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BASKETS 4 BABIES SUPPORTS LOCAL BABIES IN NEED

Associated Churches is hosting a "Baskets 4 Babies" campaign from April 9, 2018 - April 14, 2018, to benefit the Associated Churches' ministry, A Baby's Closet.

All items will be donated to A Baby's Closet, an incentive-driven program that provides essential baby items to low-income families (or families experiencing hardship) to safely and adequately care for their children.

New baby items can be dropped off at Associated Churches, 602 East Wayne St, beginning 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. April 9-12, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. April 13, and 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. April 14 or

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STRAWBERRY VISITS PAULDING



Darryl Strawberry is a name that baseball fans will recognize for many reasons... from his phenomenal 17-year Major League career to his battle with personal struggles off the field.

Today, the former baseball star is a born-again Christian evangelist and minister. He has overcome depression, two

bouts with cancer, drug and sex addictions, abuse, divorces, jail time and other issues

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Community Calendar

April 10

- PC Career Showcase @ OSU Extension
- National Bookmobile Day

April 12

- Learning is an Art @ Oakwood Elem., 6:30-8pm
- ACC Club Meeting, 7pm

April 13

- FWAH Drama Camp, The Ant and the Grasshopper @ Woodburn Missionary Church, 7pm
- Identity Theft Lunch & Learn @ LS Wealth Management, Bryan, 12-1:30pm
- Coffee w/Craig Riedel @ Truly Divine, Van Wert, 9-11am

April 13-14

- Quilt Show @ Harlan UMC, 10a-3p
- Mystery Dinner Theatre @ St. Paul Lutheran, Paulding, 7pm

April 14

- Glow in the Dark 5K, Payne Ball Park, 8pm
- Epidemic of Hope @ Branch Christian Fellowship, 3:30-4:30pm
- Spaghetti Dinner @ Oakwood Fire Dept., 4-7pm
- Movie at the Huber: The Greatest Showman, 7pm
- Auditions for Lion King, Jr. 9:30-11:00 am @ Huber
- PCH Health Fair - Auglaize Township Fire Department, Oakwood, OH
- WT Art Show, WT gym, 12-3pm

April 15

- Auditions for Lion King, Jr. 2:30-4:00 pm @ Huber

April 16-21

- CMH Health Fair - 6am-10am in Community Rooms 1-2

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



Woodburn City-Wide Spring Garage Sales

May 25-26 7am-??

• Woodburn Lion's Club will be serving their famous donuts on Saturday morning.

• The Woodburn Legion Auxiliary #377 will be selling poppies around the Downtown Plaza.

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THANK YOU!

The Panico family would like to thank all of the wonderful people who came to Dad's viewing and funeral, sent cards of sympathy and caring and made donations in his name to the Antwerp Rotary and to all who sent flowers and gifts.

To Shawn Dooley for his kindness, caring and sage advice. To the VFW women's auxiliary for the delicious lunch at the VFW hall. To the VFW men for the impressive military funeral honors that they performed. To Pastor Mike for the eulogy service he performed.

And lastly, to my wonderful family of aunts, uncle, cousins, nephew and niece and friends of the family.

Dad was truly a member of the greatest generation.

—Andrea Panico

FIRST PATIENT SEEN AT THE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER



Paulding County Hospital is pleased to announce the new Regional Health Center located in Antwerp is now open. Monday, March 26, 2018 was the opening day for the provider offices and the fitness center. The first patient at the new facility was John R. Larson.

Regional Health Center is located at 608 S. Erie Street Antwerp, Ohio. Providers at the office include Dr. Melanie Schramm, DO; Dr. Nick Pflieger, DO; Janet Zee-

dyk, PA; and Kelley Peters, NP. The practice does accept walk-ins and is accepting new patients.

The fitness center located in the facility is equip with state-of-the-art fitness equipment. The hours of operation for the fitness center are: Monday-Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m, Friday 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m, Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Personal training is also available at the facility by appointment.

HICKSVILLE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 4/11 - 4/17

4/11 - 10:00 Chair Exercises; We'll close at noon due to evening meal; 4:30 Doors open Evening Meal at The Hicksville Center

4/12 - Defiance County Senior Services will be closed for a staff training day

4/13 - 10:00 - 11:00 "The Music Man" - Alan Seibert performs; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre

4/16 - 10:00 Spring Craft Project - join us! 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre

4/17 - 10:00 Euchre for beginners; 12:00 Grocery Shop; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 4/11 - 4/17

4/11 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Crafts; 10:30 Speaker from Twin Rivers; 12:30 Kroger Shop

4/12 - Defiance County Senior Services will be closed for a staff training day

4/13 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Tai Chi; 10:00 Crafts

4/16 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Zumba; 1:00 Euchre Tournament; 3:00 Yoga with Heather

4/17 - 9:45 Aldi Shop; 10:00 Tai Chi; 10:00 Bible Study; 10:00 Cards; 4:00 Yoga

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR DINING CENTER MENU 4/11 - 4/17

4/11 - Kielbasa, baked beans, zucchini, raisins, dinner roll; Salad Bar in Café

4/12 - Senior Services will be closed for a staff training day; We will deliver an extra meal on April 11th.

4/13 - BBQ beef sandwich, French fries, cauliflower, Hawaiian delight; salad

4/16 - Baked chicken, cheesy mashed potatoes, brussels sprouts, fruit cocktail, dinner roll

4/17 - Spaghetti & meat sauce, Italian blend vegetables, bosco stick, mixed berries with whipped topping

FAMILY HEALTH CARE CELEBRATES 1 YR AT NEW LOCATION WITH EXPANDED SERVICES AND NEW LOOK

Since relocating to the newly expanded state-of-the-art health center on Westwood Drive in Van Wert, Family Health Care of Northwest Ohio has added behavioral health services. The next important change in their organization is an overall re-branding effort.

In April 2017, the county's only health care center accepting all types of insurance, Medicare, Medicaid and the only low-cost sliding-fee scale basis (based on household income) self-pay moved to their new location at 1191 Westwood Drive, the former Derry Drugs building. With the new location came an additional major expansion in providing a full range of dental and behavioral health services for all ages. Family Health Care's CEO Jennifer Smith said, "the much-needed expansion was an important investment by our organization to provide more than adequate care for the growing population in the community and to best reflect these additional services, we felt a rebranding was necessary to incorporate all that we offer."

Combining the strength of services between medical, integrate dental, behavioral health and substance abuse services, Family Health Care believes the most prominent part of the new brand identity is the symbol in the shape of a cross, which represents the community coming together in health and well-being. It also shares in the story of medical organizations throughout history that when working together, we can help create better lives and encourage individuals to transform into their best life. The colors of Purple and Blue tell a story of how Family Health is an organization focused on strength, stability, wisdom, and trust. In addition to the significance of the symbol and colors, a new tag-line graces the organization's brand "Healthy Together" as the organization focuses on the whole health of the entire family. Family Health Care will begin to change out the organization's brand and identity over the coming months along with launching several outreach initiatives in the spring and summer of 2018.

Family Health Care provides services to all ages and is currently accepting new patients. Family Health Care accepts all Medicaid Insurance plans, Medicare, Commercial Insurance and has a sliding fee discount for individuals with

no insurance or high deductible insurance. The sliding fee discount is based off the federal poverty guidelines. It is the mission of Family Health Care to provide high quality, comprehensive, patient-centered care. Family Health Care wants to create a healthy community, together! Family Health Care is a United Way sponsored agency and has received financial assistance from the Van Wert County Foundation.

About Family Health Care of Northwest Ohio:

Family Health Care provides Quality Comprehensive medical, dental and behavioral health services for both adults and children in the Van Wert, Mercer, and Paulding communities. Not only for the underinsured, patients of all ages and economic conditions are accepted including those with Medicare, Medicaid, Health Insurance and a self-pay opportunity with a sliding scale depending on the financial situation. Family Health Care is an FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Center) community-based organization providing comprehensive primary care and preventative care to persons of all ages and is recognized for its model of care that is patient-centered, comprehensive, coordinated, team-based, accessible and focused on quality and outcomes.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

A son, Tony J. Axel Dunno, was born to Emily Miller and James Dunno, Paulding, OH on April 1, 2018 at 1:06 p.m. weighing 8 lbs and 19.9 inches long.

Siblings are: Izaya, Kinley and Brilynn Dunno. Grand-

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SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK
 "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
 -Matthew 5:10

parents are Brian Miller, John Dunno, Jennifer Mobley, Tim and Rhonda Tyner, Harold and Estella Driver and Lynette and Bob Willitzer. Great grandparent: Tony Miller.

GARDENING WITH MASTER GARDENERS EVENT TO BE HELD AT THE OAKWOOD LIBRARY

OAKWOOD - The Cooper Community Library, a branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library, is hosting Gardening with the Master Gardeners, an event in the Cooper Community Room on Monday, April 16, at 6:00 p.m. This is a free program for adults and young adults who wish to learn gardening tips and tricks from local gardening pros. This program is free and registration is not required.

The Ohio State University Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program provides intensive training in horticulture to interested Ohio residents, who then volunteer their time assisting with educational programs and activities for Ohio residents through their local OSU Extension county office. Working with county Extension personnel, Master Gardener Volunteers provide such educational services to their communities as: answering gardening questions from the public; conducting plant clinics; gardening activities with children, senior citizens, or disabled persons; beautifying

the community; and developing community or demonstration gardens.

More information about state-level Master Gardener Volunteer programs and activities is available at <http://mastergardener.osu.edu>.

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

FLOWER POT PAINTING AT THE LIBRARY

Paulding- the Youth Services Department of the Paulding County Carnegie Library will be hosting "Flower Pot Painting" on Tuesday, April 24.

Paint your own flower pot. All supplies will be furnished. Supplies will be limited so register early to insure your spot.

Library hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 - 8:00; Fri 9:00 - 6:00 and Sat 9:00 - 1:00. For more information about this event contact the

APRIL 16-21, 2018
6 AM - 10 AM in Community Rooms 1-2

Health Fair

at Community Memorial Hospital

APRIL	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY UNIT DRILLS AT OLD FORT

A local Revolutionary War reenactment group will hold a drill Saturday at the Old Fort. The 13th Pennsylvania Regiment of Foote is a local living history group that recreates both military and civilian life in colonial America. Their drill day will include training for new recruits and military drills, as well as period cooking and sewing demos.

The Fort will be open to the public on Saturday, April 27th, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Admission: donation. For more information: www.oldfortwayne.org or call (260) 437-2836. The Old Fort is located at 1201 Spy Run Ave Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Parking is available at Headwaters and Lawton Parks.

About Historic Fort Wayne, Inc.: Founded in 2004, Historic Fort Wayne is a Non-Profit Organization that manages the Old Fort in Fort Wayne, IN. Our goal is to educate the community about Historic Fort Wayne and its significance to the Northwest Territory, the State of Indiana, and the United States during the 17th and 18th centuries through interactive programming. We are a 100% volunteer organization. All of our events are free to the public. All programming is funded by private and corporate donations.

HIKE THE DIKES AT MAGEE MARSH WILDLIFE AREA

Walkers, birders, and wildlife enthusiasts are encouraged to participate in the Hike the Dikes program at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area and Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. Hikes take place the second Saturday of each month April through September according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

The Hike the Dikes program is free and open to all ages and interest levels, and provides opportunities to explore the natural wonders of Magee Marsh Wildlife Area and Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. All walks are led by a trained and knowledgeable guide. Participants will learn about local wildlife such as birds, reptiles and amphibians, butterflies and marsh mam-

als, as well as, wetland plants and more.

Hike the Dikes is a partnership program between ODNR Division of Wildlife - Magee Marsh Wildlife Area, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, and Black Swamp Bird Observatory. Each walk is hosted by one of the partner agencies. Hike dates for 2018 include April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, and September 8.

Hikes begin at 9:00 a.m. and usually last one to two hours, depending on the weather. Starting locations are dependent on the hosting agency. The hike in April will meet at the Sportsmen's Migratory Bird Center at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area, located at 13229 West State Route 2, Oak Harbor 43449. All other hikes will meet at the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Visitor's Center, located at 14000 West State Route 2, Oak Harbor 43449.

Anyone who attends three or more Hike the Dike walks in 2018 will receive a free hiking stick. For more information call Magee Marsh Wildlife Area at 419-898-0960 ext. 21 or Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge at 419-898-0014. To learn about other available programs, visit wildohio.gov.

The mission of the Black Swamp Bird Observatory is to inspire the appreciation, enjoyment, and conservation of birds and their habitats through research, education and outreach.

The mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System is to administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at ohiodnr.gov.

UPCOMING PARENT - PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

WELCOME: Parents, Caregivers, Educators, Professionals!

WHAT: "COFFEE & DESERT" PARENT - PROFESSIONAL TRAINING - This

FREE training is sponsored by the Parent Mentor Program and Western Buckeye, ESC, of Paulding County.

TRAINING TOPIC: "The Bull Stops Here: Understanding Bullying and What You Can Do to Help", with Presenter Pam Cotrell, Information Specialist & Trainer, Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities

Participants will gain an understanding of the dynamics of bullying. The various types of bullying and common characteristics of children who are targeted and children who exhibit bullying behaviors will be explored. There will be discussion about ways to help a child who is a target, children who are bystanders, and the child who is exhibiting bully behavior. Cooperative approaches for parents and educators to address and prevent bullying will be discussed.

Date & Time: Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

Training Location: Antwerp Local Schools, 303 S. Harrmann Rd., Antwerp, Ohio

(Please park & enter at main entrance by the flag poles)

There is no cost to attend the Parent—Professional Trainings. Pre-registration is preferred, walk-ins welcome! Certificate of Attendance available upon request.

To pre-register or for more info. please contact: Cathy Ruiz, Parent Mentor, at 419-399-4711 or email Cathy at: cruiz@wbesc.org

WOODBURN COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING NOTICE

The Woodburn Community Historical Society will not be having our monthly meeting this month on April 26th. We will instead be joining the Woodburn Lions Club for their 80th anniversary on April 22, 2018 so that we can spend time our time with our local people.

Look for news, time, etc. I encourage all to attend.

—Gloria Gerig, WCHS President

FORT WAYNE'S HISTORIC SWINNEY HOMESTEAD FREE OPEN HOUSE

The public is invited to visit the Historic Swinney Homestead on Friday, May 4 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Free, 1424 W. Jefferson Blvd. Parking by the tennis courts. Early Americana music by Settlers' Hearstone Ensemble and spinning demonstrations in the morning. All day — refreshments, Settlers, Inc. programs/hand-arts display, Bake Shop, herbs and perennial plants in basement and on back lawn. (260) 637-8622. www.settlersinc.org

CELEBRATION OF ARTS AND ARTISTS OF PAULDING COUNTY

"Fiber Art Fest" is the theme for the Celebration of Arts and Artists this year at the John Paulding Historical Society museum.

The Grand Opening of the event is Saturday, May 12th from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and will continue every Tuesday through June 16.

Katholene Hofner, Haskins, Ohio will be demon-

strating tatting on Tuesday, May 15. Weaving, spinning and other fiber arts will also be demonstrated throughout this day.

Paulding County fiber artists, or the family members of those who are deceased, are invited to exhibit their original wearable and non-wearable art.

Fiber art entries will be accepted for the exhibit at the Museum, located at 600 Fairgrounds Drive, on any Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The deadline for entries is May 8. Entry forms are available at the Museum.

If you have any questions or for more information, please call the museum on Tuesdays at 419-399-8218 or call Sue Weible at 419-393-2941 or Linda Hodges at 419-594-3659.

The display will be open and free to the public every Tuesday through June 16. We also hope to be open through the Paulding County Fair week. Look for our OPEN sign!

4-H DEMONSTRATION MEETING

On March 22, 2018, at 7:00 the Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H club had their demonstrations meeting. This is where all the members come and give demonstrations. There was pizza and then a short meeting and then the demonstrations started. These included telling the club about something or showing the club how to do something. The 1st place winners were Johnathan Reinhard with Biosecurity and Clint Spangler with duck calls. The 2nd place prizes went to Bryce Ross-wurm with magic squares and Claudia Sinn with a decorative phone case. It was a fun night for the whole club. On March 17th the club went ice skating in Fort Wayne. It was a fun activity for the club to do together.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MEET

The Daughters of the American Revolution (Indiana Society) Mary Penrose Wayne Chapter met Sat. March 10 at 1:00 at the Allen Co. Library. The meeting was opened by the Chapter Regent with opening Ritual and patriotic exercises. The National Defense report was given and the officer's reports. There was one guest: Beverly Wayner.

The program was given by guest: Martha Ferguson from Riverview Native Nursery. It was an interesting program on perennials, grasses, shrubs and trees native to northeastern Indiana for gardens, butterflies, pollinators, birds and rain gardens. Martha Ferguson, owner of Riverview Native Nursery, has grown native plants for more than 25 years, first for her own pleasure, then in a public garden and now for sale. She is a Master Naturalist and an advanced Master Gardener. She is on the Executive Committee of the Northeast Chapter of the Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society. Martha consults with homeowners for Fort Wayne's rain garden program and volunteers for the St. Joseph River Watershed Initiative. See RiverviewNativeNursery.com for

more info.

You can sign up for a free newsletter. Schedule an appointment to visit them.

Their promise is to select desirable landscape and garden traits. All plants are inspected by DNR and are healthy with vigorous roots and no neonicotinoid pesticides are used on their plants. All of their staff is native plant knowledgeable.

Native plants provide food and habitat for wildlife, help keep our rivers and lakes clean, and make beautiful bouquets. And all are native to northeastern Indiana and this immediate area. The majority are local genotypes and the rest are from seeds sourced in our ecoregion.

The next DAR meeting will be Sat. April 14 at 1:00 at the History Center at 302 E. Berry St. in Ft. Wayne in the Shields Rm. It will be the Annual Business Meeting (Members only). The Hostesses will be Eliz. Gensie and Cathy Simonds.

Respectfully Submitted by: Caroline Wells Zimmerman, Public Relations

PATROL PLANS OVI SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT THIS WEEK

The Ohio State Highway Patrol announced that troopers will operate an OVI checkpoint this week to deter and intercept impaired drivers.

The county where the checkpoint will take place will be announced the day prior to the checkpoint. The location of the checkpoint will be announced the morning of the checkpoint.

If you plan to consume alcohol, designate a driver or make other travel arrangements before you drink. Don't let another life be lost for the senseless and selfish act of getting behind the wheel impaired.

Operational support for the sobriety checkpoint will be provided by local law enforcement agencies.

FIRST FEDERAL BANK WELCOMES JAKE OBERLIN AS VP, TRUST OFFICER



Defiance, OH - First Federal Bank is pleased to welcome Jake Oberlin as Vice President, Trust Officer.

In his role, Oberlin serves as a trusted advisor to clients in need of trust or financial management services, in Bryan, Defiance, Hicksville, Napoleon, Paulding and Wauseon, Ohio, as well as Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is a cum laude graduate of the Farmer School of Business at Miami University, with a degree in finance. Jake is also a graduate of the Cannon Financial Institute's Trust School, and earned the Certified Trust and Financial Advisor (CTFA) designation from the American Bankers Association in 2017.

As an active member of his community, Oberlin currently serves as the Varsity Boy's Golf assistant coach at Defiance High School and sits on the board of directors for the Ohio Women's Open. Previously, Jake served on Defiance City Council, participated in Defiance City Schools Strategic Planning, and was awarded the Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce's 4 Under 40 Award in 2016. Oberlin can be reached at his office at 601 Clinton Street, Defiance or by calling (419) 782-5222.

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 • APRIL 28TH, Concealed carry class, register at McDougall's Firearms
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LIFE IS FOR WINNING

By: Doris Applegate

Sometimes we all need a bit of "help", an encouraging word, a smile, a hug or just a text of phone call from a friend. Reading a passage of Bible verse will help also! One I find to lift me up is: Hebrews 13:5 where we are told to "live our lives without the love of money, and be content with the things you have" for God has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you!" What a comfort for someone living alone.

The following poem may also lift your spirit as you travel your earthly journey.

Many a time we stumble and fall

Many a time lose our grip on the "ball"

The darkness seems greater, much greater than light

The good things we'd hoped for seem lost from our sight.

Just when the darkness has trampled us down

Our depression and sadness we wear as a "crown"

We hear in our spirit, a sound faint but clear.

"Raise up weary pilgrim, your Savior is near.

I am always with you, I never will leave

Life is for winning, new strength I will give

So stand up, take courage, be strong now and live

Life is for winning, so live now and win."

KINDNESS SHOWS

By: Doris Applegate

Kindness is defined as having a gentle and giving nature. People look for kindness in a person and we are commanded to "be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another just as God in Christ Jesus has forgiven you." (Ephesians 4:32) An evil, hateful person does not have the ability to be kind as kindness comes from God "who is love". Even dogs and little children can tell by "instinct" a kind person from a "con". Our great example is Father God who forgives our sins, provides for our every need (our breath, food, etc.) and allows us to see another day!

I can remember so many kind people in my long lifetime: teachers, neighbors, parents, my children, grandchildren and yes, even strangers. My good neighbor gets my groceries, brings my mail and always says "call me if you need anything". This is the "proof" of kindness. Do you have a neighbor like mine? I hope so!

The following verse I wrote, may encourage you on your way:

Whatever you do, wherever you go

Let love kindness lead you here below

For only one chance in life do we get

To help our brother and have no regrets

There are so many many needs

So many places for our good deeds

We only have to look around

In any corner, city or town Some are homeless, some are sick

And to these we can give life

Others are discouraged, sad and "blue"

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BAKED POTATO & SALAD LUNCH

On Wednesday, April 18th, 2018 First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will have a baked potato and salad lunch from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at 1233 Emerald Rd. Paulding, OH.

This is a free will donation and all are invited.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

*Dear Parson,
I've often wondered how Noah could have had enough room on the Ark to house and feed all the animals for one year.*

I know it seems hard to believe, but the Bible gives some pretty astounding figures as to the size of that Ark. Genesis 6:15 says it was 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide, and 30 cubits high. If we take a cubit to be about 18 inches, the dimensions would be 450 feet by 75 feet by 45 feet high.

It would appear that Noah took many years (some say 100) to build the Ark and likely had help (perhaps from his sons). God told him to put food, the animals (two of every kind or species plus seven pairs of every clean beast) and his family into the Ark.

That ship was capable of carrying a load equal to 522 railroad cars. It would only take about 188 railroad cars to handle 45,000 sheep-sized animals. Today we have about 17,600 species of animals of varying sizes. This would leave the equivalent of three trains of 104 cars apiece for food.

There are many theologians today who are trying to tell us that the Bible is full of myths and errors, but they are wrong. Many things in the Bible are hard to believe if you don't search them out and don't believe in an Almighty God. There is no proof that the Bible is wrong. It has stood the test of time and always will. Matthew 24:35 says, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

Send questions and comments to jamesbachman@juno.com

MVNU COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS VIDEO NAMED 'BEST IN OHIO'

MOUNT VERNON, Ohio — Mount Vernon Nazarene University's Communication Sciences and Disorders program video was named "Best in Ohio" at the 2018 Ohio Speech Language and Hearing Association (OSLHA) convention. This was MVNU's first time to submit an entry. The video showcased CSD students and information about the three-year-old major, particularly focusing on the Hunter Hall CSD Clinic, 221 S. Main St. CSD graduates go on to graduate school to pursue either a Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology or a Doctorate degree in Audiology.

"Winning the video contest was exciting because there is now increased awareness that MVNU has great CSD students who are creative, smart, and well prepared to pursue careers in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology," said Florence Lim-Hardjono, M.A., Ph.D. (ABD), CCC-SLP, Assistant Professor and Program Director for the Communication Sciences and Disorders program at MVNU.

The process for selection was a combination of votes from friends of the program and a decision by the OSLHA leadership committee. MVNU would like to thank all who took the time to watch the videos and submit a vote. The video was shot and edited by Eddie Dilts, an MVNU junior journalism and media production major from Gahanna, Ohio.

The Hunter Hall Clinic for Communication Sciences and Disorders allows students to apply what they are learning while providing communication disorders services within the community. The clinic houses five therapy rooms and provides services by appointment during the academic school year only. Through MVNU's pre-professional major program in Communication Sciences and Disorders, the university hopes to fill the gap for those in need of such services.

"One of the major strengths of the CSD program at MVNU is the opportunity for students to work with clients in the CSD clinic. This type of experience is not often available at the undergraduate level, so it makes our program stand out. In addition, highly qualified faculty, an active NSSHLA (National Student Speech Language Hearing Association), small class sizes, and excellent clinic resources make this a strong, desirable program."

"Small classes are especially valuable because they allow faculty to monitor students' academic progress. Students are held to high academic and professional standards because of the high responsibility of providing excellent evidence-based therapy sessions to clients during clinical experiences," said Lim-Hardjono.

MVNU is the only Nazarene university in the U.S. and the only member of the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities in the state of Ohio to offer this major.

For more information on the Communication Sciences and Disorders program at

MVNU visit mvnu.edu/csd.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is a private, four-year, intentionally Christian teaching university for traditional age students, graduate students and working adults. With a 327-acre main campus in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and several convenient Graduate and Professional Studies locations throughout the state, MVNU emphasizes academic excellence, spiritual growth, and service to community and church. MVNU offers an affordable education to more than 2,200 students from 32 states and 19 countries/U.S. territories.

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SPRING EVENT

Ladies Society of Emanuel Lutheran Church supports many local organizations and Ladies Society of Emanuel Church sponsors two events each year, April and September.

The Society supports many charities including: New Haven Food Bank, Lutheran World Relief, Worship Anew, Lutheran Social Service, Emanuel's Vacation Bible School, Concordia Theological Seminary, mission trips to Kenya, and other charities.

Emanuel Lutheran Church is located at 800 Green Street in New Haven, IN. Members donate many items, such as clothing, shoes, purses, linens, tools, kitchenware, games, toys, craft items, small furniture, and small appliances.

The event begins on Thursday, April 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday, April 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Outside items are available both day at 8:00 a.m.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this fun event.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST YOUTH LAUNCHES THEIR ANNUAL SHOE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

First United Methodist Church www.vanwertfirst.net is conducting a shoe drive fundraiser from April through June 1st to raise funds for their local, state, national and international mission efforts. First Church will earn funds based on the total weight of the pairs of gently worn, used and new shoes collected, as Funds2Orgs will issue a check for the collected shoes. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used and new shoes at 113 W. Central Ave., Van Wert, OH.

All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise (small business) partners. Funds2Orgs works with micro-entrepreneurs in helping them create, maintain and grow small businesses in developing countries where economic opportunity and jobs are limited. Proceeds from the sales of the shoes collected in shoe drive fundraisers are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send to her son to law school.

"We have set a goal to collect 75,000 pairs of shoes," stated Teresa Shaffer, Youth Director at First Church. "We know that most people have extra shoes in their closets they would be willing to donate to us. By doing so, we raise money for our mission work and we have the chance

to help families in developing nations who need economic opportunities. It's a win-win for everyone."

By donating gently worn, used and new shoes to the Youth of First United Methodist Church, the shoes will be given a second chance and make a difference in people's lives around the world. Contact Teresa for more information at 419-238-0631 ext. 307

About First United Methodist Church Youth

Our groups are comprised of youth in grades 6-12. The Middle School youth will be taking a mission trip to Toledo Ohio and the High School will be going to Haiti this summer. Both groups meet weekly from August through May studying the bible, doing service projects, fundraisers and having fun.

BIBLE STUDY

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

Prophecy fulfilled in New Testament: Matthew 26:14-16 this is the prophecy.

1. Who betrayed Christ?
2. Who did the betrayer go to?
3. Was the betrayer wanting something to betray Jesus?
4. Who is the Him in verse 15?
5. How many pieces of silver did Judas receive?

6. After receiving the silver was Judas seeking?

Prophecy foretold in Old Testament Zechariah 11:4-17: prophecy in verse 12.

1. Was thirty pieces of silver an insult to a shepherd?
2. Was the thirty pieces of silver also an insult to Christ?
3. What does the word silver mean?
4. Was having silver a sign of wealth? Genesis 13:2?
5. What is the meaning of the word beauty?
6. What is the meaning of the word bonds?
7. Who would be the shepherd that would be raised up?

Answers to New Testament questions:

1. Judas; 2. The chief priests; 3. Yes; 4. Christ; 5. 30 pieces of silver; 6. Opportunity to betray Christ

Old Testament answers:

1. Yes; 2. Yes; 3. A precious metal; 4. Yes; 5. Grace, to show that God's gracious covenant had been broken; 6. Unity; 7. Christ;

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

SAVE OUR YOUTH CAMPAIGN

Many of our youth begin experimentation with drugs by trying marijuana, the tragic development is that the drug dealers are starting to lace marijuana with FENTANYL, a synthetic version of heroin that is 50-100 more stronger than heroin. A few weeks ago, the Lima Police Department put out a warning bulletin that they had 4 overdoses in 6 days with MARIJUANA only smokers. Our young people are a target of drug dealers. There is no way to determine if marijuana is laced with FENTANYL, FENTANYL is the number one factor in overdose deaths in Ohio today. The Van Wert County Ministerial Association is planning to address this catastrophic expansion of addiction and possible death.

Darryl Strawberry, four-time World Series Champion, eight-time New York Mets All Star, who had a career high of 335 home runs will be at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center on Saturday, April 15 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm to speak with areawide Youth about the epidemic opiate crisis facing youth and their families today. The Youth event is free and does not require a ticket. At the same time, that Darryl is speaking with area youth, the Ministerial Association is planning on bringing in Dr. Tammy Collins, a Prevention Specialist at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center. Dr. Collins will be sharing with parents, grandparents, youth leaders, coaches, and others on how to protect our youth from falling into addiction. We must educate our youth never to use marijuana, even once because it could be their last. All concerned individuals are invited to attend the presentation by Prevention Specialist, Dr. Collins from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

At the 7:00 p.m., at the Tri-County Main Event, later that evening, Darryl's and his wife Tracey's powerful, cutting edge testimonies will be a central part of an event that will educate, enlighten, equip and bring hope to areawide communities that are struggling under the crushing effects of addiction. The 7:00 pm, Main Event is also free but DOES REQUIRE a ticket to attend. Tickets are available at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center box office and area churches or contact Pastor Paul at 419-771-9378. At this time the tickets at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center are almost GONE.

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fer Special Satellite Events in all three counties of Mercer, Paulding, & Van Wert. Darryl and his wife Traci will be featured speakers at each Satellite event. So even if you were not able to get tickets for the Tri-County Main Event, don't despair.

Come early to make sure you can get a good seat at one of the Satellite events. The Paulding County Satellite event will be Saturday Afternoon, April 14th from 3:30 - 5:30 pm at the Branch Christian Fellowship 109 North Main St, Paulding, Ohio. For more information please contact Pastor Paul at 419-771-9378.

Our communities, counties, and area will only survive and prosper if we face this evil darkness together. The theme of this weekend of events is that We are Better Together, then alone. The epidemic of addiction is the number one issue facing our area: economically, socially and spiritually. The Epidemic of Hope Weekend is the beginning of turning the tide as we unite together as a team to save our area. You are invited to come join us as we work together for a better tomorrow. Again, for more information, donate and become a sponsor, or order tickets, please contact Pastor Paul at 419-771-9378.

ANTWERP PARKVIEW BASKETBALL ALL STAR GAMES

5th Annual Parkview All-Star Basketball Classic on April 15, 2018 at Antwerp High School.

Indiana Girls vs Ohio Girls 4:00 p.m.; Indiana Boys vs. Ohio Boys approx. 5:30 p.m.

3 Point contest in between games; Dunk contest at Halftime of boys game

Schools representing Ohio: Antwerp, Paulding, Wayne Trace, Van Wert, Lincolnview, Crestview, Hicksville, Delphos Jefferson, Edgerton

Schools representing Indiana: South Adams, Eastside, Leo, Woodlan, Heritage, New Haven, Adams Central

ROSTERS

Ohio Girls: Rachel Williamson, Antwerp; Hope Smith, Antwerp; Brooke Sinn, Wayne Trace; Audrey Manz, Paulding; Cassidy Posey, Paulding; Cassidy Myers, Van Wert; Paige Motyka, Crestview; Lyvia Black, Crestview; Olivia Goorman, Lincolnview; Addison Bergeman, Hicksville; Alexis Kerns, Hicksville; Sarah Miller, Delphos Jefferson; Coach Gus Davis, Paulding

Indiana Girls: Lexi Delinger, South Adams; Sydney Pierce, South Adams; Calyssa Lehman, South Adams; Lindsey Beard, Eastside; Maddisyn Heffley, Eastside; Sophia Pierce, Leo; Coach Brett Freeman, South Adams

Ohio Boys: Tyler Bratton, Delphos Jefferson; Alex Rode, Delphos Jefferson; Derek Stout, Crestview; Peyton Tunis, Hicksville; Jake Kuhn, Wayne Trace; Eli Sinn, Wayne Trace; Jacoby Kelly, Van Wert; Tyson Curry, Edgerton; Caden Ringwald, Lincolnview; Marcus Miller, Paulding; Coach Jeremy Best, Crestview

Indiana Boys: Caleb Ballentine, Eastside; Breclar Clark, New Haven; James Gardner, New Haven; Aaron Hahn, Woodlan; Ah'lan Howard, Woodlan; Jeremy Davison, Leo; Lane Reed, Leo; Abram Beard, Heritage; Zach Latham, New Haven; Lamar Hudson, Heritage; Johnny Carroll, Adams Central; Coach Ryan Abbott, Eastside

PARKVIEW CLASSIC TO BE HOSTED BY ANTWERP

ANTWERP - High school basketball players from Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio will make the trip to Antwerp High School on Sunday, April 15, for the 5th annual Parkview All Star Basketball Classic.

The day will feature a girls and boys all-star game along with a three-point contest in between games and a dunk contest at halftime of the boys game.

Girls all-stars will square off at 4:00 p.m. with the

three-point contest immediately following that game. The boys game is then slated to start at 5:30 p.m. and the dunk contest will take place at halftime.

Players from nine schools in northwest Ohio will have representatives in the games.

Participants will come from Antwerp, Crestview, Delphos Jefferson, Edgerton, Hicksville, Lincolnview, Paulding, Van Wert and Wayne Trace. Indiana schools sending players to the game are Adams Central, Eastside, Heritage, Leo, New Haven, South Adams and Woodlan.

Members of the Ohio girls roster are Rachel Williamson (Antwerp), Hope Smith (Antwerp), Paige Motyka (Crestview), Lyvia Black (Crestview), Sarah Miller (Delphos Jefferson), Addison Bergman (Hicksville), Alexis Kerns (Hicksville), Olivia Gorman (Lincolnview), Audrey Manz (Paulding), Cassidy Posey (Paulding), Cassidy Myers (Van Wert) and Brooke Sinn (Wayne Trace). Coach for the Ohio girls team will be Greg Davis of Paulding.

Girls representing Indiana are Lindsey Beard (Eastside), Maddisyn Heffley (Eastside), Sophia Pierce (Leo), Lexi Delinger (South Adams), Sydney Pierce (South Adams) and Calyssa Lehman (South Adams). Brett Freeman of South Adams will lead the Indiana squad.

On the boys side, those players on the Ohio team include Derek Stout (Crestview), Tyler Bratton (Delphos Jefferson), Alex Rode (Delphos Jefferson), Tyson Curry (Edgerton), Peyton Tunis (Hicksville), Caden Ringwald (Lincolnview), Marcus Miller (Paulding), Jacoby Kelly (Van Wert), Jake Kuhn (Wayne Trace) and Eli Sinn (Wayne Trace). Crestview's Jeremy Best will serve as the squad's coach.

Indiana squad members are Johnny Carroll (Adams Central), Caleb Ballentine (Eastside), Abram Beard (Heritage), Lamar Hudson (Heritage), Jeremy Davison (Leo), Lane Reed (Leo), Zach Latham (New Haven), Breclar Clark (New Haven), James Gardner (New Haven), Aaron Hahn (Woodlan) and Ah'lan Howard (Woodlan). The coach for the Hoosier squad will be Eastside's Ryan Abbott.

ARCHERS NIPPED BY PARKWAY

ANTWERP - Host Antwerp tried to rally late but came up just short in falling 6-5 to visiting Parkway Monday night in non-league softball action.

Macy Henkle got the win on the mound for the Lady Panthers, striking out seven while walking three and giving up four hits in 4-2/3 innings of work. Henkle also paced the Parkway offense with three walks that netted three runs scored for the black and gold, all to lead off innings.

The Panthers scored twice in the first inning, started by a Henkle walk. After Bailey Strickler also walked, both Henkle and Strickler would score on an Antwerp error for a 2-0 Parkway advantage.

Antwerp tied the game in the bottom of the fourth, getting a RBI double from Brooke Hatlevig followed by a run-scoring single from Rebecca McCroskey to knot the score at 2-2.

Parkway answered quickly, though, with a three-run fifth.

The trio of Panthers came on three-run homer by Bailey Bates that scored Henkle and Strickler as well for a 5-2 advantage.

Parkway added what proved to be the game winner in the top of the seventh.

Henkle walked for the third time to start an inning and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Mackenzie Sipe. Strickler then hit a run-scoring single to right field that scored Henkle for a 6-2 Panther lead.

Antwerp got three runs in the bottom of the seventh, getting a run-scoring triple from Alyvia Devore along with RBI singles by Carlie Hanes and Callie Perry.

However, the Panthers held on for the victory when Hatlevig popped out to Parkway shortstop Layne Claudy to seal the outcome.

Antwerp sophomore Carlie Hanes took the loss despite striking out 13 Parkway hitters. The Archer hurler gave up six walks and five hits as well.

Bates finished the contest with a triple and a home run along with three runs batted in. Bailey Strickler also added two singles, two runs scored and a run batted in while Haley Hawk posted a double for Parkway, which improves to 2-0.

Alyvia Devore had a double and a triple for Antwerp while scoring once and driving in a run. Callie Perry, Brooke Hatlevig, Carlie Hanes and Rebecca McCroskey all had a hit and a run batted in as well.

BULLDOGS BLANK PANTHERS

PAULDING - Defiance jumped in front with four runs in the opening frame of the contest and the Bulldogs pulled away from there for a 10-0 victory over host Paulding Monday night in non-league action.

The Bulldogs added another run in the second to push the margin to 5-0 before posting three in the fourth for an 8-0 advantage. Defiance then wrapped up the scoring with two runs in the sixth to seal the 10-0 lead.

Javen Newton had a pair of singles for the Bulldog offense. Blayne Robinson and Nick Rodriguez each recorded a double for Defiance while Brandon Shafer, Tyrel Goings, Mitchell Spencer, Adalberto Vega and John Ceballos all chipped in singles.

Goings also picked up the win on the hill for the Bulldogs, throwing five innings while scattering four hits and two walks and posting seven strikeouts. Ethan Decker pitched a perfect sixth to wrap up the contest.

Marcus Miller paced the Paulding offense with two singles while Carson Shull and Cade McGarvey added a single each.

Cory Adams took the loss for the maroon and white, pitching two innings while giving up three hits and six walks. Adams struck out one Bulldog hitter and allowed five runs, four of which were earned.

Hunter Kauser also threw two frames for Paulding, giving up three hits, three runs (two earned) and a walk. Shull tossed the final two innings, allowing three hits, two runs (both earned) and a walk with one strikeout.

HAPPY 75th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Leonard and Betty Wilks will celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary on April 10, 2018. They were married on April 10, 1943.

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House on Sunday, April 22 at the Community Center. The event will be held from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. All are invited. We will be providing free cake and ice cream. Please bring a canned good for the food bank and good clean clothes for the clothing bank.

The following organizations will be offering information, programs, future plans, etc. on how they are here to serve our residents: Woodburn Lions Club, Allen County Library - Wood-

burn Branch, Woodburn Community Association, City of Woodburn, Woodburn Community Food Bank, Woodburn Chamber of Commerce, Maumee Township Trustee, Maumee Fire Department, Woodburn Police Department, Woodburn Partnership for Downtown Development and Woodburn Community Historical Society.

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I WONDER WHAT IT WAS LIKE?

By: Stan Jordan

As I sit here in my famous chair looking out over Antwerp's busy thoroughfare and right outside is River Street; that used to be the main trail for General Anthony Wayne's men from Toledo to Fort Wayne. I wonder what it was like.

In the late 1820's a couple of pioneers came along and settled down, namely Mr. Curtis, as he built a fur trading store over in Crane Twp.

What comes to mind now is that line from the poem "Hiawatha; right behind them rose the Forrest, the dark and gloomy Forrest."

As I understand, it was solid wood, hundreds of years old timbers, knee deep, black muck from millions of acres of decaying leaves, water that couldn't drain and insects that you can't imagine. I guess the best way to travel was by boat on the river. Most of the settlers came from the Toledo-Defiance area and worked their way into Carryall Twp.

I guess the government bought the land from the Indians and around 1805 to 1820 the Maumee Valley was made ready for settlers. A survey was made and counties and townships were laid out.

Carryall Township was laid out in 1829 and was part of Williams County.

General Curtis put up that trading post and that area was named Craneville after a man named Crane that settled in that area.

But on up the river, across the Indiana line was a Knagg Indian reserve, there was a lot of action north of Antwerp as a number of French soldier relics had been dug up there. All of this action was before 1800.

Antwerp, in 1835, was just getting settled. It was surveyed and laid out in 1841. Along about that time, General Curtis built the first store down at the south end of what is now Main St, as the canal would be dug there in a year or two.

The canal was finished in 1843. The road to the Maumee from Hicksville laid out in 1844 & 45, they named it Antwerp in 1844. Antwerp became incorporated in 1864 and it has progressed each year until now. We are about 4700.

I guess they call it progress, but the hotels are gone, the railroad is practically gone, the canal and reservoir are gone, the Anthony Wayne Trail has been moved and now called US 24, the livery stable is gone, but so is the black muck, the woods, the insects and standing water.

We are now an up and coming city with a great high school, all kinds of city utilities, great streets, curbs and drainage, a beautiful park and veterans memorial.

And here at the West Bend News, right above me is a duct that gives me lots of heat in the winter and cool air in the summer and a number of people who help me all the time.

I wonder what it was like. See ya!

THE WEATHER AND FARMING

By: Stan Jordan

I know just enough about farming that it shows how much I don't know. But I do talk to good farmers about everyday and a little of it rubs off on to me.

Now this is the first part of April and I know most big farmers would like to be planting corn by the 15th. The last few years show that the early planted corn yields the best. Of course you still need a good rain in July and August.

The weather cycle this winter, so far, does not add up to a good spring planting season. For the past few months we have the same cycle over and over. We usually have two nice warm days, then a cold front of about three days will move in with a lot of rain, maybe some it will go to the north or the south of us. Then we have a couple of days of cold wind, some of it gets pretty gusty, the ground dries up and we have a couple of nice days again and the cycle starts over.

Before the ground gets dry enough to plant, we get a couple of more wet days. The man on the weather station hints that the first three weeks of April will be wet and cold. We will just have to wait and see.

I told you I don't know much about farming. See ya!

THE COMMUNITY SIGN

By: Stan Jordan

The new community sign is up and operational in the parking lot of the West Bend News.

It is a digital LED sign and is operated from inside the West Bend News. It is equipped with a clock and temperature sensor.

It is there for anybody to use and tell about your sale, activities, birthday or whatever. Just call the West Bend News office and get the scoop. The sign is there for the betterment of the community.

Come in and talk to the boss about renting a space, how long, the price and message you want.

The sign is lit 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and your ad/message will be on there for a week at a time.

See ya!

TRUCK DRIVER SUFFERS SUSPECTED MEDICAL ISSUE

Defiance - On April 3, 2018 at approximately 7:51 a.m. a commercial tractor-trailer being driven by Dorian McDaniel, age 37, of Cleveland, Ohio, was driving southbound on State Route 15 just north of US 24 when he suffered a suspected medical issue. The tractor-trailer drifted left of center where it struck a northbound Pontiac Vibe driven by Susan Kearney, age 61 of Napoleon.

Ms. Kearney was transported to Defiance Mercy Hospital where she was treated for minor injuries and released.

Mr. McDaniel was transported to Defiance Regional Hospital where he later succumbed to his suspected medical issue.

Both drivers were wearing their safety belts at the time of the crash.

Assisting the Ohio State Highway Patrol at the scene were the Defiance County Sheriff Office, Defiance Fire and EMS, Noble Township Fire Department, and John's Towing and Repair. The Defiance County Coroner, Dr. William Reeves will be investigating the exact cause of Mr. McDaniel's medical condition.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol encourages drivers and occupants to always wear their seat belts, to never drive distracted or impaired, and to reduce speed during inclement weather.

WAYNE TRACE ART DEPARTMENTS PRESENTS 1st ANNUAL ART SHOW

Wayne Trace Art Departments will present its first-annual juried art show on Saturday April 14th, 2018. Student creations will be displayed in the middle school gymnasium from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.. This exhibition features a variety of artworks created by talented art students from grades K-12. There will be approximately 500 pieces of art on display that will include painting, sculpting, printmaking, drawing and more. The exhibit is free and open to the public. We would love to have everyone come and support these talented students and our district art program!

FRIENDS OF THE PAULDING COUNTY PARKS



Pictured receiving the donation are left to right: Judy Copesey, Lori Mannon, Linda Hodges and Stan Jordan

By: Stan Jordan

Last fall, Paulding Putnam Electric Co-Op had a contest for you to mention a person's name who does or has done a lot for the community. Well, my sister submitted an entry about me over the last few years. We didn't win,

but PPEC awarded me a nice check.

I wanted to make this donation to Friends of the Paulding County Park District, because their goals and feelings are the same as mine. I made this donation with help from and thanks

to PPEC and my sister Grace Jordan Gross, who is an avid fisherman.

If you would like to make a donation to them the mailing address is: Linda Hodges, P.O. Box 102, Oakwood, OH 45813

RAIDERS TOPPLE ARCHERS

Baseball - Wayne Trace 5, Antwerp 2

Archer Field was the hosting ground for a match up with Wayne Trace Raiders in Varsity baseball action on April 2nd. The Raiders started the bats hot & heavy with 4 runs in the 1st inning. Raiders gave up one run to the Archers in both the 3rd and the 4th. The win was sealed for the Raiders as they protected the plate for the duration, plus adding another run to their tally in 5th. Final score for the afternoon, 5-2.

Score by Innings: Wayne Trace - 4 0 0 1 0 0 = 5; 8H, 1E

Antwerp - 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 = 2; 1H, 3E

Winning Pitcher - Noah Toppe (4 innings, 0 hits, 2 runs, 1 earned run, 6 strikeouts, 2 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Austin Lichty (4-2/3 innings, 8 hits, 5 runs, 4 earned runs, 4 strikeouts, 3 walks)

Save - Braden Zuber (3 innings, 1 hit, 0 runs, 4 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Other Antwerp Pitcher - Dylan Peters

Wayne Trace Hitters - Drew Forrer (two singles), Grant Baumle (single), Korbin Slade (single), Quinton Stabler (single), Haydn Gillett (single), Reece Thompson (single), Caleb Schaefer (single)

Antwerp Hitters - Josh Poulson (double)

EARLY RUNS LIFT WARRIORS PAST BLAZERS

BUTLER - Woodlan opened the high school baseball season on a cold Thursday night and used an early three-run outburst to post a 3-2 win over host Eastside.

The Warriors scored three times in the second inning to grab the early lead and then held on for the win.

Eastside answered with a single run in the third and added another run in the seventh to conclude the game's scoring.

With two outs and bases loaded in the seventh, Wood-

lan's Cameron Sprunger struck out the Blazers' Maguire Jacobs to end the contest.

Trevor Wallace and Cody Bratten each had a pair of singles for the Warriors, combining for all four Woodlan hits in the game.

Eastside was led by Chase Franz with two singles while Wade Miller added a double for the Blazers. Joe White and Caleb Ballentine picked up a single each for Eastside.

Sprunger got the win for the Warriors, tossing 3-2/3 innings of relief. He limited the Blazers to one hit while striking out three and walking five, giving up one run.

Connor Waterman started and tossed the first 3-1/3 innings, allowing four hits and two walks while fanning one.

Ballentine took the loss for Eastside, surrendering three hits, three runs and two walks and struck out three.

LADY PILOTS EDGE PAST RAIDERS

On April 5th the Lady Raiders traveled to Pilot country for some varsity softball play. Game play was slow going for the first two innings, with no score occurring for either team. In the 3rd, the Ayersville Lady Pilots got the bats to moving, and protecting the plate all the while. They earned one run each in the 3rd & 4th, and again two in the 6th. The Lady Raiders rallied in attempts to save the game at the top of the 7th, cranking in 4 runs which tied up the scoreboard. At the bottom, however, the Pilots said, "No way! This game is ours!" and blasted

in one last run for the win. Final score: Ayersville 5, Wayne Trace 4

Score by Innings: Wayne Trace - 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 = 4; 6H, 1E

Ayersville - 0 0 1 1 0 2 1 = 5; 8H, 0E

Winning Pitcher - Aubrey Florence (7 innings, 6 hits, 4 runs, 4 earned runs, 6 strikeouts, 3 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Maggie Crosby (6-1/3 innings, 8 hits, 5 runs, 4 earned runs, 2 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Wayne Trace Hitters - Kalin Gerber (single, double), Megan Moore (single, double), Emily Dyson (two doubles)

Ayersville Hitters - Kelly Limbaugh (two singles), Aubrey Florence (single), Loryn Wright (single), Felicity Eichler (single, double), Chloe Bowen (two home runs)

Wayne Trace is now 2-1 overall and 0-1 in the Green Meadows Conference.

ANTWERP JH TRACK TAKE 1ST IN SEASON OPENER; POLLOCK SETS NEW SCHOOL RECORD

The Antwerp Jr. High track teams competed on Monday night against Tinora and Holgate with both the boys and girls teams taking 1st place. On the boys side the Archers had 60 points, Holgate 53, and Tinora 23. The girls had 68 points followed by Tinora with 48 and Holgate 26. The Archers athletes winning their events were Jagger Landers in the Shot and Discus, Gaige McMichael in the 110 and 200 Hurdles and Stephon Walker in the

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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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Pole Vault. On the girls side, Maddie Smith won the High Jump, Mia Altimus the Long Jump, Ali Reinhart in the 100 Hurdles, Kiera Reyes for Pole Vault and raised her record setting vault from last year to 7'0 while Leslie Pollock was victorious in both the Shot and Disc while beating the school record of Nancy Weisheit that was set in 1994 with a throw of 88' 4 inches. Leslie's throw was 90'4 inches. Congrats to those 2 girls and the rest of the track teams for a good start to the season.

The Coaches also want to thank the varsity track team, coaches and other helpers for making our 1st meet run smoothly.

ARCHERS JH TRACK TOPS AT WEST UNITY!

The Jr. High track teams traveled to West Unity on April 5th to take on Hilltop, Fayette, and Edon in a Quad Meet. Scores for the boys were the Archers 88, Edon 63, Hilltop 35 and Fayette 30. The Archers had 9- 1st place finishers out of 15 events. Athletes that scored in 2 events were Gaige McMichael, Jagger Landers, Stephen Walker, Trayce Lengacher, Avin Johnson, Kaden Phares, Tucker Franklin, Austin Wade and Hayden Wagner. They improved their record to 5-0.

On the girls side, the Archers had a great night also by winning with a score of 109 points, to Edon's 39, Fayette's 36 and Hilltop's 27. Athletes who placed very well in 2 events were: Mia Altimus, Ali Reinhart, Kennadi Recker, Lydia Brewer, Kate Farr, Isabelle Graham, Aerial Snyder, Kiera Reyes, Summer Frankin, Shaelin McCrea, Maddie Smith, Kearslyn Pierce, Hayleigh Jewell and Leslie Pollock who improved upon her school record in the discus with a throw of 92' 6 1/2 inches. They now are also 5-0 on the season.

RAIDERS BLOW AWAY PILOTS

On April 5th, Wayne Trace blew away the Pilots in varsity baseball action on Pilot home field. The Raiders dominated the field and the mound - only giving up 4 hits from the mound and 1 run at the plate. Raider hits monopolized the scoreboard with a lone 1 run by the Pilots. Final score: Wayne Trace 8, Ayersville 1

Wayne Trace is now 3-0 overall and 1-0 in the Green Meadows Conference

Score by Innings:
Wayne Trace - 0 0 3 3 2 0 0 = 8; 9H, 3E

Ayersville - 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 = 1; 4H, 3E

Winning Pitcher - Braden Zuber (7 innings, 4 hits, 1 run, 0 earned runs, 12 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Caden Brown (4 innings, 6 hits, 6 runs, 6 strikeouts, 2 walks)

Other Ayersville Pitchers - Craft, Fishpaw

Wayne Trace Hitters - Reid Miller (double), Caleb Schaefer (single), Haydn Gillett (single), Korbin Slade (two singles), Reece Thompson (two singles), Drew Forrer (single), Eli Sinn (single)

Ayersville Hitters - Caden Brown (single), Caden Craft (single), Brady Fishpaw (single), Cameron Cook (double)

BEARCATS POST NWC WIN OVER PANTHERS

SPENCERVILLE - Spencerville spread out nine hits and pulled away late in the game for a 6-2 victory over Paulding in Northwest Conference softball action Thursday night.

The Bearcats scored the only run in the first half of the game, getting a single run in the third for a 1-0 advantage.

Spencerville then seized control of the game with a three-run sixth that put the Bearcats on top 4-0.

After the Bearcats picked up two more runs in the top of the seventh for a 6-0 advantage, Paulding did get two runs back in the bottom of the inning but that would be it as Spencerville posted the 6-2 win.

The Bearcats totaled nine hits in the contest, getting a pair each from Mulholland, Market and Zak.

Haylee Dominique posted a single and a double to lead the Paulding offense with Jalynn Parrett, Audrey Manz and Ashlynn Rice adding a single each. Dominique also had a pair of RBI's for the Lady Panthers.

Manz took the loss on the mound for the maroon and white, giving up eight hits and three walks while striking out seven in the complete-game effort.

Mulholland got the win for Spencerville, scattering five hits and six walks. The Bearcat hurler recorded six strikeouts as well.

BEARCATS PULL AWAY FROM PANTHERS

PAULDING - Spencerville overcame an early 2-0 deficit and used a six-run fourth in pulling away from host Paulding for a 12-4 victory in Northwest Conference baseball action Thursday night.

The Panthers jumped on top 2-0 in the bottom of the first before the Bearcats answered with three runs in the third for a 3-2 lead.

Spencerville then opened the game up with a six run fourth that put the visitors on top 9-2 entering the bottom of the fourth.

After the Panthers added a run in the bottom of the fourth, each team picked up a single run in the fifth as Spencerville held a 10-4 advantage.

The Bearcats then completed the scoring with two runs in the top of the seventh.

Brady Nolan recorded

the victory on the mound for Spencerville, giving up eight hits and three walks while striking out ten.

Marcus Miller posted three singles to pace the Paulding offense. Jarret Miller, Cade McGarvey, Cole Heller, Evan Edwards and Westen Phlipot all had singles for the maroon and white.

Phlipot took the loss on the mound for Paulding, allowing three hits and six walks in 3-1/3 innings of work. Kolson Egnor pitched the final 3-2/3 innings, giving up three hits and four walks while fanning four.

UNDERSTANDING PAULDING COUNTY SOILS

By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist

So, you have lived in Paulding County for many years or maybe you have just moved into the area. Regardless of how long you have called Paulding County home, do you know about the soils that make up our county and the properties that come along with those soils such as drainage capability or the potential for slippage? In this article, it is my hope to give a brief overview on the land that makes up Paulding County so that you can be informed when utilizing the land for agricultural, building, or recreational purposes.

Let's first get a general understanding of Paulding County. You certainly don't need me to tell you how abnormal our climate can be, how much clay is in our soils, nor how flat Paulding County is. The soil survey gets it spot on when it says that Paulding County is "level to gently sloping" with not too much in the way of elevation change taking place in the county. Our county has several small streams and two rivers which crisscross the area and it has wetness which is a major limitation which has an impact on how the soils are used. According to the USDA Soil Survey, precipitation received in the winter allows for a good accumulation of soil moisture by the time spring rolls around and as you can imagine our soils are primarily used for row crop production and livestock.

Paulding County is noted for its broad area of flat slopes formed by the various glacial lakes that once inhabited the area. As far as the soils found in Paulding County, we have Paulding, Roselms, Fulton, Latty, and Toledo soils which formed due to the clayey sediment left behind by the glacial lakes found primarily in the central and eastern sides of the county. For those in the western half of the county, Hoytville, Nappanee, and St. Clair soils make up the soil profile where action by the lake flattened out the slope and modified the till, which is material and sediment picked up by the action of glaciers, according to the Soil Survey.

Before we get too much further, let's get an understanding of where you can easily find information on

soils. The USDA has a tool called the Soil Survey that is available in print at our office or via the web at web-soilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov. Most are likely apt to use to web version now which allows you to enter your location into the map with soil information populated tailored to your location with soil types laid out on a nice map. Should you ever need assistance with this tool, be sure to stop in at the Paulding SWCD office and we will happily assist! The names given above described soil series, which are a group of soil types that developed from similar parent materials (rocks, minerals, organic matter) under comparable climatic and vegetation conditions.

One natural resource of many that are important to Paulding County would have to be our soils when thinking about the crops and livestock raised on this natural resource. The clay which makes up our soils was quite valuable to the early farmers in the area. According to the Soil Survey, clay was used in tile manufacturing when it came to drainage purposes but also as brick in building construction. Plastic tile and alternative building materials have since made the clay pits and kiln ovens a faded memory.

A question that seems to come up when development is being planned or when it comes to agricultural production is the limitations that come with the soil type. If there is one limitation that is to be highlighted given our clay soils, it would have to be for the potential for slippage. Not sure what that is? Soil slippage is essentially shallow landslide that involves loose material laying above unweathered bedrock. Put another way, it is a downslope movement of weathered material (such as soil), due to stressors that have accumulated beyond the ability of the material to resist collapsing, according to the US Forest Service.

Retired USDA Soil Scientist Frank Gibbs notes this is due to the high expansion clays found in Paulding County, especially near the Paulding-Putnam county line which he says form "Slickensides" on the "bowl shaped" faces in the cracks of the soil. Before we continue, it helps to define some additional terms. A soil aggregate consists of many fine soil particles held together in a cluster while a ped describes an individual soil aggregate. Frank Gibbs notes that the peds in our area are about the sizes of "washtubs" to a "car hood" which crack widely open during dry periods, as many farmers around Paulding County know. As a rain comes, water enters these cracks and "greases" the peds, thus creating the "slickenside" conditions according to Gibbs. He further notes these high expansion clays as one factor behind higher than normal road maintenance costs.

While this is a lot of information to take in all at once, hopefully it gives you a better idea of what makes

WAYNE TRACE GROVER HILL 2ND GRADERS CREATE BOOK



During the month of January, Mrs. Mead's and Mrs. Foster's 2nd grade reading classes from Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary worked on a writing project. They received a kit from Student Treasures and each student wrote a story about what

they would do on a Snow Day! The students learned to revise and edit their writing. The stories and illustrations were combined and sent back to the company to be published. The books arrived and the students were thrilled with the end result.

up the ground beneath your feet. As always, if you have any questions contact the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District.

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after finding restoration and redemption in Christ. And he is coming to Paulding. Strawberry and others will be speaking at Branch Christian Fellowship April 14 as part of the Epidemic of Hope conference tour in northwest Ohio. This is an event geared toward helping those caught in addictions and will take place from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

"I have a heart for people, especially those who are faced with conditions, situations or battles in their lives that often bring a deep sense of hopelessness to the soul," he said. "As many people know, much of my life has been filled with the battles that left me without hope. However, that is not the case today."

Darryl and his wife, Tracy, who together founded Strawberry Ministries, will present a powerful and cutting-edge event in response to Ohio's current opioid/drug crisis. The Strawberrys will be speaking for 45 to 60 minutes.

"We are VERY pleased to be bringing in Darryl Strawberry to our church," said Pastor Greg Cramer. "His story is a story of hope and redemption for everyone suffering from addiction. We welcome all who want to understand that they or their loved ones can find relief and strength to overcome."

In addition to Saturday's Paulding visit, the group will be visiting three schools on Friday followed by a satellite faith event conducted from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at New Life Christian Center in Celina.

Saturday evening after their Branch meeting, they travel to Van Wert where an appearance will be made at Trinity Friends

Church from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. for another faith event. The following day, Sunday, April 15, two more events will be conducted at Niswonger Performing Arts Center. A youth event runs from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. followed by the main event from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

For the main event the Strawberrys will be joined by Pastor Jerry O'Brein of Faith Harvest Fellowship and Harvest Recovery Ministries in Wooster, plus representatives from Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's outreach team and from Woodhaven Ohio, a drug and treatment center.

"We are excited to bring Darryl Strawberry and the Epidemic of Hope event to Northwest Ohio, especially Paulding County," said Pastor Paul Hamrick. "This is an on-come-early-to-get-a-good-seat-at-Branch-Christian-Fellowship."

The Epidemic of Hope promises to be a night of education, enlightenment, equipping and hope. Organizers encourage people to be a catalyst for change by attending one of the events scheduled over the upcoming weekend. It is sponsored by the Van Wert County Ministerial Association and area churches.

Branch Christian Fellowship is located at 109 N. Main St., Paulding which is the old Armory on the east side of the Courthouse Square.

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HOUSE STUPENDUM WINS TRIP TO CRAZY PINZ



House Stupendum girls: left to right - Katelyn Estle, Regan Akom, Claire McClure, Kiarra Hawn, and Sydney Price.

House Stupendum had the highest third quarter points and won the trip to Crazy Pinz. House Vico Vici Vic-tum has the overall current lead of points. Teachers, when we first started the House initiative, chose to work the points in the 2nd and 3rd nine weeks to have the incentive to be based on the points earned that quarter to give a chance of another House to win an incentive while maybe not being to overall point leader during that stretch. The first and fourth quarter are stand alone for total points.

Other events the students took part in at Crazy pinz - non stop bowling, putt-putt, arcade and a meal provided. These opportunities would not be possible without our sponsors. Our sponsors are The Herbert Orr Company, Marcos Pizza, Integrity Ford of Paulding, Insource, Paulding VFW, Paulding Eagles, The Klint Manz Family, Baughman Tile Company, State Bank and Trust, La-Farge, Dr. Michael M. Mott D.D.S., Paulding Putnam Electric, and Paulding Kiwanis.

Upcoming events are: April 27th House Compe-

titution Drive One for Your School - Integrity Ford of Paulding with the help of Rick Greear, will be having a test drive of a Ford vehicle which will raise funds for the school. A test drive can earn twenty dollars for the students of Paulding. An additional test drive of a featured Ford model can earn another ten dollars. We will have a competition between Houses and encourage the public to come and support students by test driving a vehicle. A short survey is filled out and the House that you test drive for can earn 2 points for the first test drive and for the second of the featured Ford model can earn another point. The House with the most points for the test drive will be provided an all you can eat Marcos pizza, subs, wings party while the points will get a House closer to the goal of winning the House Cup and securing the Cedar Point tickets. The Drive One for Your School will take place in the Emerald lot behind the school from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please consider supporting our students.

The Dominion Cup Challenge that was started last

year for Seniors of Paulding and Hicksville High Schools will be held at Hicksville this year on May 16th. This is an adventure for Seniors to try to secure the traveling trophy (The Dominion Cup) for their school and promotes positive sportsmanship and a chance for Seniors of both schools to get to know each other as they learn to work together for a common purpose. Due to the efforts of teachers of both schools the event last year went great and look forward to another positive experience for the schools and the Seniors who prepare to graduate High School. Marcos sponsored the event last year and will look to do again this year.

BULLDOGS GET PAST PATRIOTS

MONROEVILLE - New Haven broke a 4-4 tie with three runs in the top of the sixth inning to post a 7-4 win over host Heritage in non-league baseball action last week.

New Haven struck first with two runs in the top of the first before the Patriots answered with three of their own in the home half of the second for a 3-2 advantage.

After the Bulldogs picked up two more in the top of the third, Heritage plated a single run in the bottom of the third to tie the game at 4-4.

The Bulldogs then seized control of the contest with three runs in the top of the sixth to pull away for the 7-4 victory.

Angel Difederico led the way for the Bulldog offense with a double and run scored along with two runs batted in. Chris Scheid scored twice with Bryce Minnich, Tim Jordan, Nic Ammer and Justin Cummings also scoring. Minnich and Ammer also had singles for New Haven.

Minnich and Chase Geier each drove in a run as well for the Bulldogs.

Heritage got a double and a triple from Joel Deakins while Jarrett Kiess posted two singles. Bobby Lomow had a single and a triple for the Patriots. Parker Tracey chipped in a double for the red, white and blue as well. Walter Knapke and Nick Bosler had a single apiece for Heritage.

Lomow also scored twice and drove in a pair of runs for the Patriots.

EIGHT RUN FIRST PUSHES WARRIORS TO WIN

WOODBURN - The Woodlan Lady Warriors scored eight runs in the home half of the first inning and cruised from there to a 10-0 victory over Eastside in high school softball action.

After posting that eight run inning, the Warriors wrapped up the game with single runs in the fourth and fifth to seal the 10-0 win.

Alyson Wiesehan topped Woodlan's offense with three singles and a double while scoring twice and driving in a pair of runs. Clare Yagodinski had three singles for the Lady Warriors, picking up two runs batted in and scoring one.

Emma Baughman, Ronnie Hathaway and Taya Kitzmiller also had singles for Woodlan.

Baughman also got the win on the mound for the Warriors, striking out nine and walking three while tossing the five-inning no-hitter.

OHIO AGRICULTURAL LAW BLOG--AG ISSUES IN THE FEDERAL SPENDING BILL

Peggy Kirk Hall, Asst. Professor, Agricultural & Resource Law

Amidst a great deal of controversy, President Trump signed the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018" on March 23. The omnibus \$1.3 trillion spending package includes a number of provisions that affect agriculture, not all spending related. One glaring omission from the bill that agriculture wanted, however, was language allowing the EPA to withdraw the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule. Otherwise, the new law contains fixes and clarifications for several key legal issues agriculture has faced in the past year and funding for important agricultural programs.

Section 199A tax deduction revised

Sellers of grain who were hoping to capitalize on the IRC § 199A 20% gross sales deduction when selling grain to their cooperative will be disappointed that the spending bill has removed the deduction and that the removal is retroactive to January 1, 2018. Congress enacted new provisions that will address sales to cooperatives. According to my colleague and tax expert Kristine Tidgren at Iowa State, "the cooperative patron is subject to a new bifurcated calculation and a hybrid 199A deduction. Essentially, the fix gives the cooperative patron a deduction that blends the new 199A deduction with the old 199 DPAD deduction (all within the new 199A). Depending upon their individual situations, cooperative patrons may be advantaged, disadvantaged, or essentially treated the same by selling to a cooperative rather than selling to a non-cooperative." Read more of Kristine's analysis here.

CERCLA emissions reporting for livestock goes away

The spending bill incorporates provisions of the "Fair Agricultural Reporting Methods Act" proposed earlier by a bi-partisan group of Senators concerned about a

court ruling that subjected farms to air emissions reporting under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (explained in our previous post). The EPA had delayed the reporting requirement to May 1, 2018. The reporting mandate is removed under the new law, however, which states that air emissions from animal waste at a farm are not subject to CERCLA reporting requirements, nor are emissions from the application, handling or storage of registered pesticides. A "farm" is an area used to produce crops or livestock that have a total value of \$1,000 or more.

Electronic logging device rule further delayed

We've reported several times on the Electronic Logging Device (ELD) rule that would require commercial agricultural haulers to utilize electronic technology that automatically records hours-of-service data. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) issued several waivers that delayed the requirement. The new spending bill effectively voids the ELD rule until September 30, 2018, by prohibiting the FMCSA from using its funds during that time to implement, administer, or enforce provisions regarding the use of electronic logging devices by operators of commercial motor vehicles transporting livestock or insects.

County-level ACRE pilot program to be established

The spending bill directs USDA to create a 2018 pilot program for county-level agriculture risk coverage (ARC) payments for the 2017 crop year. Farm Service Agency offices in each State will have the opportunity to provide agricultural producers a supplemental payment to ensure that there are not significant yield calculation disparities between comparable counties in the State.

Rural broadband grant program funded

The law allocates \$600,000,000 for the USDA to conduct a new broadband loan and grant pilot program under the Rural Electrification Act. At least 90 percent of the households to be served by the project receiving a loan or grant under the pilot program must be in a rural area currently without sufficient access to broadband.

Conservation funding maintained

The spending bill maintains full funding levels for farm bill conservation pro-

grams and exempts farms participating in conservation programs from obtaining System for Award Management (SAM) and Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) numbers. The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative received \$300 million to carry out activities that would support the Initiative and the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, including grants for research, monitoring, outreach, and implementation.

Research funding increased

In stark contrast to significant cuts proposed by the White House, the spending bill contains the largest increase in research funding in over a decade. Research programs at the USDA would grow by \$33 million, to \$1.2 billion. The funding includes a \$25 million increase to a \$400 million budget for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) established by the 2008 Farm Bill, surprisingly still \$300 million shy of the 2008 Farm Bill's proposed funding level.

E&C MEMBERS INTRODUCE BIPARTISAN BILL TO REFORM & IMPROVE PROCESS FOR REGULATING OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICINES

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) has introduced bipartisan legislation with members of the Energy and Commerce Committee to reform the outdated over-the-counter (OTC) monograph system. The legislation, the Over-the-Counter Monograph Safety, Innovation, and Reform Act, modernizes the monograph framework and allows new, safe products to come to market more quickly while addressing safety issues and expanding consumer choice. This would allow the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to make scientific determinations for OTC ingredients through an administrative order process, which is much more efficient than the current rulemaking system. Introducing the legislation with Rep. Latta are Rep. Michael Burgess, M.D. (R-TX), Rep. Gene Green (D-TX), Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO), Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY), and Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI).

"Nearly every American uses over-the-counter products in some way," said Latta. "Whether it's treating allergies, helping with a cough, or seeking relief for a headache, consumers want medicine that is safe, reliable, and af-

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affordable. It's time to create a pathway for industry to enhance over-the-counter medicines and develop new, innovative products that will be a welcome addition to the current products so many Americans depend on today. By modernizing the decades-old monograph system and improving the way OTC drugs are approved, this bill will provide more certainty for manufacturers, ensure consumer confidence, and foster innovation. The legislation introduced today was the result of bipartisan collaboration and discussion, and it's a big win for the countless consumers that purchase over-the-counter products."

"As a physician and more recently as a congressman, I have witnessed much change in the health care industry over the last 40 years; however, the over-the-counter monograph system has not had a significant update since 1972," said Burgess. "With more than 300,000 over-the-counter products on the market, that is far too long to wait. The bill introduced today will ensure that American development remains at the helm of over-the-counter drug innovation. I am grateful to Congressman Latta for his leadership on this issue, and I look forward to bringing our over-the-counter monograph system into the 21st century."

"I'm pleased to work together with my colleagues on a very important bipartisan bill that will streamline and modernize FDA's Over-the-Counter (OTC) monograph system and create user fees to provide much needed resources to improve the oversight and approval of OTC products," said Green. "The monograph system will become more flexible, better reflect the top science we have, and be more responsive to public health concerns when they emerge. I believe it will also encourage innovation in OTC products by assuring sponsors of future applications that they will not be faced with unhelpful administrative burden or delay."

"I'm proud to have shepherded this legislation along from research to writing to this latest step," said DeGette. "It will modernize how the FDA reviews over-the-counter medicines, a process that has not been updated since the 1970s. The current system simply has not kept pace with science, innovation and growth in the OTC market. Most importantly, this bill takes commonsense steps that will help the FDA prevent and address safety issues rapidly and efficiently."

"Over-the-counter drugs provide an affordable way for Americans to seek medical treatment," said Guthrie. "Unfortunately, the current

FDA approval process for over-the-counter products is too slow, delaying important innovations that can help patients more quickly. The Over-the-Counter Monograph Safety, Innovation, and Reform Act will reform and modernize the antiquated monograph approval system and allow more innovative drug treatments to enter the market safely. I was proud to work with Representatives Latta, Burgess, Green, DeGette, and Dingell on this bill, and I am working with all of our colleagues on the Energy and Commerce Committee to move this bill as soon as possible."

"Americans rely on over-the-counter medicines to treat everything from colds to headaches," said Dingell. "As scientific research advances, we must ensure that the approval process for these products keeps pace with innovation. Unfortunately, the over-the-counter drug system hasn't been updated in decades, delaying innovative treatments and making it harder for FDA to do its job of keeping people safe. I'm pleased to introduce this bipartisan legislation with my colleagues to modernize this broken system so we can ensure that new, safe and reliable products get to those who need them."

The OTC monograph system was established in 1972 by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to review the safety and efficacy of the OTC medicine ingredients then on the market, including doses, formulations, and labeling. Any OTC that conforms to a monograph may be manufactured and sold without an individual product approval. In the 45 years since the system was created, the process has not been completed and movement on unfinished items has been slow. The system has become a hindrance that does not allow for advances in science and new information concerning the safety of an ingredient.

The draft legislation updates the monograph process by specifically adding a new section to the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to:

- Move away from the cumbersome current monograph finalization process to an administrative order procedure. Additional processes

will be in place to ensure recovery should issues arise.

- Create new pathways to innovation for monograph products benefiting consumers, where none currently exists.
- Ensure the new drug approval pathway and other nonprescription drugs otherwise lawfully marketed are not affected.
- Include by reference existing OTC Review Final Monographs and deem final Tentative Final Monographs by statute.

SOYBEAN TARIFFS EXPECTED TO HIT OHIO FARMERS HARD

Soybeans have now been added to the list of American products slated for tariffs in China, a move expected to hurt Ohio farmers in a state whose main crop and agricultural export is soybeans.

China is Ohio's most important soybean export market, so a tariff on American soybeans likely would drive down crop demand and the price Ohio farmers receive for the crop, said Ian Sheldon, an agricultural economist, who serves as the Andersons Chair in Agricultural Marketing, Trade and Policy with The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

"I knew it was coming," Sheldon said. "This is obviously going to hurt farmers."

In 2016, soybeans were Ohio's largest agricultural export, totaling \$1.4 million. Nearly half of what was exported (40 percent) went to China, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The demand for U.S. soybeans in China has been strong in recent years, fueled by the growing demand for meat in the Chinese diet and soybean meal to feed those livestock. Ohio is ranked sixth in the nation for soybean production.

It's unclear if or when China will follow through on the threat of 25 percent tariffs on American soybeans in China. But if the country does follow through, and American soybean prices in China go up, other countries could step up to supply more soybeans to China, and they could be sold cheaper without the tariffs. In the long term, that could cause the United States to permanently lose a significant share of the soybean market, Sheldon said.

"U.S. farmers may not be able to grab that market share back," he said.

Across the United States, about one in every three rows of soybeans grown is exported to China, said Ben Brown, who runs CFAES's farm management program, which provides farm policy and market information to Ohio farmers and others.

A 25 percent tariff on American soybeans in China would change that ratio to one out of every five soybeans rows grown going to China, Brown said.

"The soybeans that don't get sold to China are going to need a buyer somewhere," he said.

Typically, soybeans aren't planted until early May in Ohio, so farmers still may have time to change their mind about how much of the crop to plant. The tariff threat may change some of their planting decisions, but likely won't cause them to shift dramatically away from planting soybeans, said Barry Ward, an agricultural economist with CFAES.

"This is creating some uncertainty," Ward said. "(But) producers know that lots of things can change between now and harvest."

Soybeans are one of 106 U.S. products that China announced today (April 4) it will impose tariffs on. In addition to agriculture, the other two main areas targeted are aircraft and automobiles.

China's tariff threat is the latest move in an ongoing back and forth with China that began March 8 when President Donald Trump imposed 25 percent tariffs on imported steel and a 10 percent tariff on imported aluminum from most countries, including China.

If the Chinese impose the tariff on soybeans, as well as on other agricultural products that they have announced, including pork and wine, that could change farmers' opinion of Trump, which has been largely supportive, Sheldon said.

"This may be the straw that breaks the camel's back," he said. "I think farmers haven't walked away from the administration yet, but they might, in time."

LOANS NOW AVAILABLE FOR VANTAGE ADULT ED CDL TRAINING PROGRAM



Vantage OTC CDL Truck Driving instructor, Chuck Peters.

The demand for truck drivers is increasing rapidly. In the next few years, nearly 900,000 new drivers will be needed. Programs like the Vantage CDL class will be critical in trying to fill the need.

The 200-hour CDL Training program at Vantage is designed specifically to help prepare students to pass the Commercial Driver License (CDL) test and cover the topics they will need to succeed in the trucking industry as a professional truck driver. Students receive 50 hours of classroom instruction and 150 hours of hands-on training. As an added bonus, students who do not have their high school diploma will have the opportunity to obtain their high school diploma equivalency at the same time as the CDL class.

The Vantage CDL program "re-boot" is now under the direction of Jim Rosen, who has over 22 years of experience as a CDL training instructor. He is a former over-the-road truck driver for Schneider National Carriers and a veteran of the US Army. Jim has also served as the CDL Training Manager at Apollo Career Center.

Chuck Peters, one of the instructors for the program, noted that students who successfully complete the program and earn their CDL could make between \$50,000 to \$60,000 a year to start,

with more money possible after a few years of driving experience.

The cost of the CDL program is \$4,800, but Vantage has been awarded a grant from the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Fund that would pay much of the cost of the class for qualifying students.

The next daytime class is scheduled to begin June 4, 2018. Classes run five days a week for five weeks 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Night/Weekend classes begin May 7, 2018 and run Monday through Thursday 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. For enrollment requirements and financial aid information, please visit our website - vantagecareercenter.com or call Jim Rosen, CDL Training Manager at 419.238.5411 ext. 2007.

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COLUMBUS, Ohio - Emma McMaster, a Paulding High School Senior was awarded \$2,800 through the Louise Freeland Scholarship provided by Ohio's Electric Cooperatives.

Named in honor of a long-time employee of Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, the Louise Freeland Scholarships are awarded annually to the children of electric cooperative employees and trustees. A panel of independent judges reviewed the applications and interviewed the students before determining the winners. Only 4 students across the state of Ohio were selected.

McMaster, a senior at Paulding High School, is the daughter of Amy and John McMaster. Her father works for Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative as a lineman.

Ohio's Electric Cooperatives is a member-owned generation and transmission cooperative and statewide trade and services association serving the 25 electric distribution cooperatives operating in the state of Ohio, including Paulding Putnam

Electric Co-op.

The cooperatives' certified service territory covers nearly 40 percent of the land area in the state and encompasses 77 of Ohio's 88 counties. Electric cooperatives collectively serve more than 380,000 homes, farms, businesses, and industries in Ohio.

CUFFS & COLLARS

Field reports from ODNR Division of Wildlife Officers

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

State wildlife officers are often called upon by local law enforcement because of their specialized training and equipment, especially if there is an incident that involves locating a suspect in the outdoors. During the 2017 statewide deer gun weekend, State Wildlife Officer Jeff Tipton, assigned to Champlain County, and Natural Resources Officer Chris King were on patrol when they overheard radio traffic from Deputy Niven Jester who was attempting to locate a young man in the woods behind his house. Officers Tipton and King were close and offered to help locate the young man. When they arrived on scene, Deputy Jester informed the officers that the young man had a warrant for his arrest. Officer Tipton's four-wheel drive patrol vehicle was helpful to drive around soggy fields surrounding the woodlot to attempt to locate the man. After a brief search, the officers were able to take the young man into custody without incident.

During the waterfowl hunting season, State Wild-

life Officers Brad Kiger, assigned to Franklin County, and Matt Teders, assigned to Madison County, responded to a call about a person hunting along a river and was trespassing on a quarry and other private property in Franklin County. The officers contacted a subject who was walking along the river, heading toward his vehicle. The officers discovered a canoe that had been pulled up along the river's edge and covered with a camouflaged cloth. The hunter stated that the river was flowing too fast and he had to pull off at that spot for safety reasons. However, after further questioning, the officers discovered that the hunter had been trespassing all week along the river and the quarry property. During the contact the officers learned that the hunter had a warrant out of Delaware County for not having a life jacket. The subject was arrested, taken to Delaware County Jail for the warrant and issued a summons for hunting without permission. The hunter was required to pay \$188 in fines and court costs for the hunting without permission in Franklin County and \$323 in fines and court costs for the warrant and life jacket violation in Delaware County.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

In February 2018, state wildlife investigators from the Lake Erie Enforcement Unit conducted commercial fish inspections in the Cleveland area. Businesses that hold a wholesale fish permit or a transportation fish permit from the ODNR Division of Wildlife were inspected to insure permits were up to date.

Investigators also inspected freezers to ensure legal fish species and size requirements of fresh water fish were met, and checked businesses for the illegal sale of invasive species, such as big head and silver carp, which are required to be headless or eviscerated. Investigators conducted a total of 23 inspections and issued three warnings for not having a wholesale permit from the ODNR Division of Wildlife.

During the 2017 deer season, State Wildlife Officer Troy Reimund, assigned to Henry County, was reviewing the deer harvest database for clues of possible violations. Officer Reimund discovered a hunter who had checked in a deer as landowner harvested but owned a property without any suitable deer hunting habitat. Upon interviewing the suspect, it was determined that the deer was actually harvested on public land. Officer Reimund issued a summons but the defendant failed to appear in court, so a warrant was issued for his arrest. The defendant had to pay a \$500 bond to the court and was required to pay \$371 in fines and court costs. The defendant also will have to serve ten days in jail if he is convicted of another wildlife violation within the next two years.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

During the Ohio deer season, State Wildlife Officer Craig Porter, assigned to Jefferson County, and State Wildlife Officer Nick Turner, assigned to Harrison County, received multiple complaints about a group of six individuals who were engaged in nu-

merous illegal deer hunting activities. Over the course of two months, several witnesses came forward, resulting in numerous charges against the men including hunting without a license, hunting without deer permits, taking more than one antlered deer, deterring a state wildlife officer, possession of untagged deer parts, and hunting without permission. All six men were convicted in court and ordered to pay fines and court costs totaling more than \$2,500. Deer antlers and firearms seized during the investigation were forfeited to the ODNR Division of Wildlife. Furthermore, three of the men lost their hunting privileges for two years.

During deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Jason Warren, assigned to Ashtabula County, received a hunting without permission complaint from a landowner. He responded to the area and met with the complainant. Officer Warren was able to follow the suspect's footprints in the snow through woodlots, fields, a wetland, and across a set of railroad tracks to a residence. He contacted the suspect who thought the property was owned by a real estate company and believed that no one would care if he hunted the area. The man was issued a summons for hunting without permission and paid a \$245 fine in Ashtabula Municipal Court.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

In August 2017, State Wildlife Officer Brian Baker, assigned to Belmont County, received anonymous information concerning a timber theft on Egypt Valley Wild-

life Area. Officer Baker and State Wildlife Investigator Kirk Kiefer visited the wildlife area and found where red oak and wild black cherry trees had been cut from an area adjacent to private property. They found dozer tracks coming from the local roads and continuing onto the wildlife area where the dozer had been used to make roads to access the timber that was stolen. Officer Baker was able to get information about a suspect who had recently rented a dozer and sold timber. In September 2017, Officer Baker, State Wildlife Officer Wes Feldner, assigned to Monroe County, and Wildlife Officer Supervisor Bryan Postlethwait visited the area to locate the residual stumps, collect information about the timber that had been taken, and assess the amount of damage caused by the dozer. ODNR Division of Forestry assisted by taking measurements required for estimating the amount of timber removed. Officers were able to determine where the timber had been sold and received information from the lumber yard about how much the suspect had been paid. In October 2017, Officer Baker made contact with the suspect who admitted to cutting and removing trees that were located on state property. The suspect was charged with felony theft of state property, and the ODNR Division of Wildlife is seeking restitution of \$5771.40, three times the value of the timber.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

While working in Adams County during deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer

CITY OF WOODBURN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 319/18

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

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The new truck has been ordered through Bob Thomas Ford which was the initial low bid. The total cost was \$36,783.57, which was \$320 cheaper than originally quoted, due to an item considered twice in the estimate.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The mayor shared various project updates with relevant changes and pertinent information as needed. The mayor confirmed that all council members have completed a survey for the Stellar Community application which will be sent in the near future. The Board of Works approved the final components of the 2017 Community Crossings Grant at the meeting tonight and minor work will begin soon with major work to be done more than likely in July of 2018.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:

The meeting minutes were presented from the March 5th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Voirol

moved to accept the minutes from the meeting on March 5th as presented, second by Councilman Martin, all in favor except Councilman Watts who abstains. Warrants were presented. After inspection, Councilman Voirol moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Watts, all in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer presented the updated Employee Benefits Policy, 05-02-2018, for the Council to consider. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to replace the previous Employee Benefits Policy, 05-01-2018, with the updated version presented, second by Councilman Renner, all in favor. Citizens have called in regarding the trash cans downtown. In the past, a resident would take care of them but this is no longer able to take place. The superintendent explained his position and asked that the city replace the current style with a more functional alternative in order for the utility department to be able to take care of them. After discussion, it was determined to move forward as described and quickly.

COUNCILMEN'S REPORT:

Councilman Martin mentioned a striped lot by the plaza that is not defined well at this time. The superintendent will check into this situation. Councilman Martin asked for the city to consider paying an additional \$1,435 towards the donor plaque that is to go with the Woodburn Plaza. Councilman Watts moved to pay \$1,435 towards the donor plaque, second by Councilman Renner, all in favor. Councilman Voirol asked if the county or state would get

involved to monitor or regulate traffic flow on 101 from Maumee Center going north towards Old 24. There have been complaints about safety from the trucks blocking the view of the intersection.

AUDIENCE: A resident gave the council a rundown of upcoming work for the ball diamonds and thanked the City again for paying for the fence. An additional 5 teams from T-Ball through the older leagues have been established for the 2018 season since last year. A resident asked about the trash that is blowing out from Love's Travelstop and requested the city do something about it. The mayor will look into options and see if a solution can be determined.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

VANTAGE APRIL BOARD MEETING HELD

The Vantage Board of Education held the April Board meeting on Thursday, April 5, 2018 in the District Conference room. Board meeting, Minutes from the March 1, 2018 regular Board meeting were approved along with financial statements for the month of February, 2018.

Superintendent Rick Turner reported that deadlines have passed to apply for our Math, Community Relations, and OTC Director positions. We have 7 math applicants and the first round of interviews have been completed. We have 14 applicants for the OTC Director position and the first round of interviews are scheduled for next Monday. We have 31 applicants for the Community Relations position and the first round of interviews are scheduled to begin on Monday, April 16. We are also collecting applications from our students for summer tech help. We are also looking at student help for our maintenance department to work with our landscaping maintenance through the summer months. The May Board agenda will be fairly heavy with hiring of personnel for the summer and next school year.

Vantage High School Director Tony Unverferth's written report recognized Mary Ann Falk and Mike Knott spent dozens of hours over the past several months to ensure that the senior Mock Interview Day planned for March 1st would be a success. Between planning and organizing testing rooms and proctors for the ACT test administration with our Juniors (led by Mike), and scheduling rooms and interviewers for our Senior Mock Interview day (Mary Ann); these two did an excellent job ensuring a great learning experience for our students. We received a LOT of positive feedback from our students and our interviewers on the value of the day. Ohio Technical Center Director Pete Prichard update the board that Customized STNA training for Vancrest starts April 9, 2018. Monthly classes will be held at Vancrest. CDL instructors are currently training high school seniors for the Class A Commercial Drivers License. Jim Rosen has

worked with Ted Verhoff and the trade and industry instructors. In regard to high school students being trained for a CDL it appears that Vantage is leading the way. We are not aware of any other OTCs that are doing the same thing in Ohio at this time. Pete concluded his last report as the Ohio Technical Center Adult Education director by saying he was grateful that Kit Tyler is stepping in for the interim and for the opportunity that Vantage has given him.

In new business, the Board: Approved the Rothacker Lampe Bequest equipment list for 2018-2019.

Approved out of state travel for Theresa Mengerink to Las Vegas, Nevada, April 13, 2018 to April 16, 2018 for The Korean War Legacy Foundation Conference.

Approved an overnight stay for FCCLA State contestants in Columbus, Ohio from April 20-21, 2018. Approved an overnight stay for FCCLA State contestants in Columbus, Ohio from April 25-27, 2018. Approved an out of state field trip for Early Childhood to the Ft. Wayne Zoo with preschoolers on May 2, 2018 with May 3, 2018 being a rain day.

Approved an out of state field trip for Culinary Arts to the Ft. Wayne DeBrand with on May 4, 2018. Approved the supplemental contract with Kathleen Tyler as Adult Education Director, March 12, 2018 through June 30, 2018.

Approved the Vantage Teacher Organization Memorandum of Understanding Final reading of NEOLA new policy.8451A Operations - Bed Bugs

Resolution to approve supporting school safety and reducing violence in schools.

Approved the Sub-recipient Agreement Amendment #5 between Wood, Sandusky, Ottawa and Seneca (WSOS) Community Action Commission, Inc. and Vantage Career Center.

Resolution to waive the 45-day notice and approve the City of Van Wert residential Community

Reinvestment Area Agreement between VW Properties, LLC, 638 N. Cherry Street, Van Wert, Ohio and Vantage Career Center.

Resolution to approve the Satellite Agreement between Van Wert City Schools and Vantage Career Center for the 2018-2019 school year.

Approved the TIF agreement for payment in lieu of taxes from Cooper Farms, Inc., Monroe Township, for property improvements, at 25% for 15-years approximately \$630,000.00 with Vantage receiving \$238.59 annually.

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, May 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. In District Conference Room Regular May Board Meeting

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 3/19/18

This 19th day of March, 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 240751 through 240823 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST

• Tony Zartman -CORSA Renewal Meeting, Columbus, OH - March 23, 2018

• Roy Klopfenstein - Metalink Meeting, Defiance, OH - March 26, 2018

• Tony Zartman, Mark Holtsberry, Roy Klopfenstein, JFS, Defiance, OH - March 19, 2018

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE PAULDING COUNTY VISION BOARD

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have received a letter announcing the Latty Village Mayor appointing councilwoman Kathy Habern to serve on the Paulding County Vision Board, to-wit;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint Kathy Haben as a member of the Paulding County Vision Board, effective

this 19th day of March, 2018.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO DISTRICT #5 INTEGRATING COMMITTEE FOR ISSUE II

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the appointment of a representative to the District #5 Integrating Committee for Issue II for a three (3) year term extending from March 29, 2018, to March 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to appoint an alternate to act in the absence of the regular representative; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Paulding County Commissioners does hereby approve of the appointment of Tony Zartman as the representative and Mark Holtsberry as the alternate to the District #5 Integrating Committee for Issue II for a three (3) year term extending from March 29, 2018, to March 28, 2021.

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Gus Kiebel, assigned to Clermont County, contacted two hunters at a camp where a butchered deer was hanging. When Officer Kiebel contacted the hunters, they were grinding and packaging the meat. After some questioning, one hunter admitted that he had killed the deer but did not check it in because it was a small deer. He was issued a summons for failing to game check a deer and another summons for a different deer tagging violation that he had committed in Clermont County earlier in the season. The hunter paid a total of \$340 in fines and court costs.

USDA REOPENS ENROLLMENT FOR IMPROVED DAIRY SAFETY NET TOOL

Bipartisan Budget Act Makes Substantial Program Changes

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue is encouraging dairy producers to consider enrolling in the new and improved Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy), which will provide better protections for dairy producers from shifting milk and feed prices. With changes authorized under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) has set the enrollment period to run from April 9, 2018 to June 1, 2018.

"We recognize the financial hardships many of our nation's dairy producers are experiencing right now. Folks are losing their contracts and they are getting anxious about getting their bills paid

while they watch their milk check come in lower and lower each month. The Bipartisan Budget Act provided some much-needed incentives for dairy producers to make cost-effective decisions to strengthen their farms, mitigate risk, and conserve their natural resources," said Secretary Perdue. "This includes our support of America's dairy farms. We encourage dairy producers to review the provisions of the updated program, which Congress shaped with their feedback. Those changes are now in effect, and I'd ask any producers who are interested to contact their local USDA service centers."

About the Program:

The program protects dairy producers by paying them when the difference between the national all-milk price and the national average feed cost (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount elected by the producer.

Changes include:

Calculations of the margin period is monthly rather than bi-monthly.

Covered production is increased to 5 million pounds on the Tier 1 premium schedule, and premium rates for Tier 1 are substantially lowered.

An exemption from paying an administrative fee for limited resource, beginning, veteran, and disadvantaged producers. Dairy operators enrolled in the previous 2018 enrollment period that qualify for this exemption under the new provisions may request a refund.

Dairy operations must

make a new coverage election for 2018, even if you enrolled during the previous 2018 sign-up period. Coverage elections made for 2018 will be retroactive to January 1, 2018. All dairy operations desiring coverage must sign up during the enrollment period and submit an appropriate form (CCC-782) and dairy operations may still "opt out" by not submitting a form. All outstanding balances for 2017 and prior years must be paid in full before 2018 coverage is approved.

Dairy producers can participate in FSA's MPP-Dairy or the Risk Management Agency's Livestock Gross Margin Insurance Plan for Dairy Cattle (LGM-Dairy), but not both. During the 2018 enrollment period, only producers with an active LGM-Dairy policy who have targeted marketings insured in 2018 months will be allowed to enroll in MPP-Dairy by June 1, 2018; however, their coverage will start only after active target marketings conclude under LGM-Dairy.

USDA has a web tool to help producers determine the level of coverage under the MPP-Dairy that will provide them with the strongest safety net under a variety of conditions. The online resource, available at www.fsa.usda.gov/mpptool, allows dairy farmers to quickly and easily combine unique operation data and other key variables to calculate their coverage needs based on price projections. Producers can also review historical data or estimate future coverage based on data projections. The secure site can be accessed via computer, smartphone, tablet or any other platform.

USDA is mailing postcards advising dairy producers of the changes. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/dairy or contact your local USDA service center.

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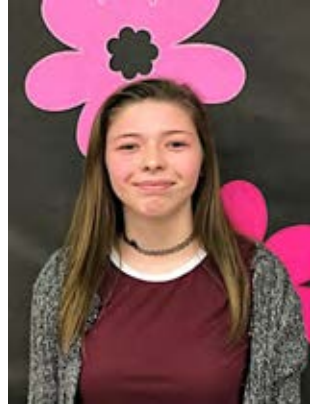
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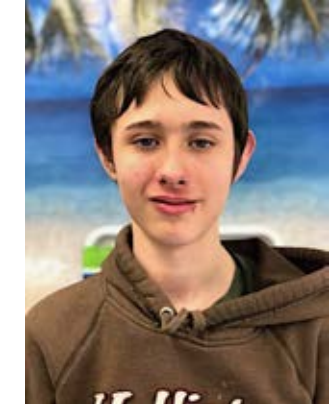
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the good work!!!

(Continued from Page 1) new outlook on the things by providing electricity for the very first time in their lives.

This is PPEC lineman John McMaster's second time making the journey. "Being part of Project Ohio means bringing opportunities to people who didn't have them before. The teachers in the schools will now have a laptop and projectors to open opportunities in education. This can open doors to their imagination beyond what they see and do in village life just because they now have electricity," stated McMaster.

Nearly 150 homes were given electricity thanks to the seventeen linemen and Ohio Electric Cooperative staff members. This was PPEC lineman Zak Kauser's first time participating. "My overall experience on the Project Ohio trip was great. I got to see firsthand how things are done differently in a developing country. Being able to go help a less fortunate area gives you a better understanding of life, and its heartwarming knowing you helped make their life easier."

Guatemala is one of the poorest countries in Latin

America with more than 75 percent Guatemalans living below the poverty line. CEO and President George Carter stated this is a life changing ordeal for those involved. "This project and all the International Projects, change lives, they don't just improve conditions they actually change lives. Just like the rural electrification projects in this county 80 years ago changed lives. This wouldn't be possible without the sacrifices of dedicated professionals like John and Zak."

During the mission, every home received a water filtration system and a single burner cooktop. Every child in the village received a new pair of shoes. The school in Las Tortugas received a laptop

computer, overhead projector and an all-in-one printer/copier/scanner. The school in San Jorge received a laptop computer, overhead projector, an all-in-one printer/copier/scanner and a sound system. All these items were donated by Ohio Electric Cooperative employees. These tools, combined with the electrification project, will allow the schools to greatly improve their educational outreach.

For more information on Project Ohio or to see a photo gallery of this humanitarian mission, visit PPEC's website at www.PPEC.coop.

Here is a link to the Photo Gallery: <https://ppec.coop/two-paulding-putnam-electric-linemen-go-on-humanitarian-mission>

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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

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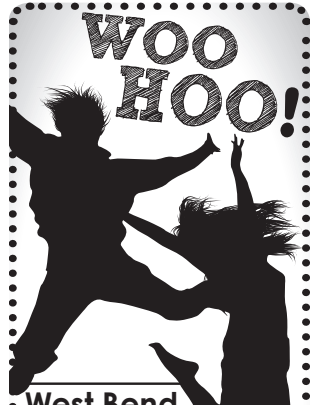
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Monroeville: Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General

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.

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PAULDING COUNTY:

FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Plaintiff,

vs.

BRIAN E. SMITH, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 17 167.

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 19th day of April, 2018 at 10:05, the real estate located at:

311 Van Wert Street, Latty, Ohio 45855
Parcel Number: 29-06S-019-00 and 29-06S-020-00

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

Said premises appraised at Forty-eight Thousand and No/100 (\$48,000.00) 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 26th day of April, 2018 at 10:05. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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

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

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

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

The successful bidder will have 30 days from the sale date to obtain an examination of title at their expense, if so desired. Should such examination disclose the title to be unmarketable 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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Paulding County, Ohio
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Ellen L. Fornash, Attorney for Plaintiff

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MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH AT PAYNE ELEMENTARY



Front Row: Kamden Rager, Kahne Mansfield, Ella Crosby, Reece Morehead, Kaedance Shaffer; Back Row: Mya Endicott, Amber Stoller, Brenna Thomas, Bethany Miller, Braden Miller; Not Pictured: Keegan Rager

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Judy A. Ranes, Antwerp, OH; Failure to Control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

James E. Sears Jr., Jackson, TN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jordan R. Collins, Fremont, OH; Failure to yield to emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Matthew A. Naylor, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Rebecca L. Morgan, Columbus, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Derek T. Short, Stryker, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Wally T. Owens, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Carolyn J. Wilson, Payne, OH; Criminal damaging; Case shall be dismissed per state; Without prejudice; Costs waived

Abdullahi A. Hussein, Bloomington, MN; Seat belt/

drive; Guilty; Pay or collection date 3/30/18

Alexander R. Ixcot-Lopez, Defiance, OH; O.V.I./Under influence; Guilty; May attend the DIP Program in lieu of jail; Complete by 6/29/18; Pay or collection date 6/29/18; 87 jail days reserved

Alexander R. Ixcot-Lopez, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Count C dismissed at state's request

Alexander R. Ixcot-Lopez, Defiance, OH; No operator license; Count D dismissed at state's request

Mindy L. Vargo, Oakwood, OH; Driving under suspension; Guilty; Pay or collection date 12/21/18; Defendant shall pay \$25.00 per month commencing 4/27/18

Nicholas A. Rasey, Antwerp, OH; Failure to Control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Bridget D. Keezer, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Austin Ray M. Wendt, Antwerp, OH; O.V.I./UA.08 breath; Guilty; May attend the DIP Program in lieu of jail; Proof of financial responsibility provided; ALS vacated; Pay fines and costs today; Restitution to the victim; Community Control Two; 20 hours community service; Report to probation today

Austin Ray M. Wendt, Antwerp, OH; Marked lanes; Count B dismissed at state's request

Julie A. McComb, Fort Wayne, IN; Failure to Con-

trol; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Megan Draper, Payne, OH; Marked Lanes; Guilty; Pay or collection date 4/27/18

Janne K. McGown, Fort Wayne, IN; Driving under suspension; Count A dismissed at the state's request

Janne K. McGown, Fort Wayne, IN; Child restraint; Guilty; Pay or collection date 4/27/18

Jesse A. Woods, Defiance, OH; Failure to yield emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brandi L. Kline, Paulding, OH; Drive/fra susp; Case dismissed at the state's request; Costs to the defendant

Sarah D. Neace, Hicksville, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Loralie L. Partin, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kara D. Heisman, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Taurean J. Sims, Detroit, MI; Highway use tax; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Matthew J. Amstett, Pleasant Ridge, MI; Marked lanes; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Christopher Klewer, Grover Hill, OH; Confine of dog; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Gregory G. Griffiths, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

AUGLAIZE TWP
4/2/18 Gross Douglas D Gross Catherine J to Gross Douglas D; 18483 Sr 111 Paulding Oh 45879; 6 acres; Pt E1/2 Sw1/4 Auglaize Twp S-24

BLUE CREEK TWP
4/3/18 Hurd Shawn to Hurd Shawn Hurd Katie; 302 North St; 0.1653 acres; Lot 185 O.p. Haviland Vill

4/3/18 Hurd Shawn to Hurd Shawn Hurd Katie; North St; 0.1653 acres; Lot 186 O.p. Haviland Vill

4/3/18 Doster John Arthur to Mcguire Roby; Sheridan St; 0.2 acres; Lot 38 O.p. Scott Vill

4/3/18 Doster John Arthur to Mcguire Roby; 1066 Sheridan St; 0.2 acres; Lot 31 O.p. Scott Vill

4/5/18 Parker Renna Trustee to Parker Renna Et Al; Rd 95; 66.833 acres; N1/2Nend-s200aw1/2 Blue Creek Twp S-23

4/5/18 Parker Renna Trustee to Parker Renna Et Al; Sr 114; 33.165 acres; E 1/2 S 66.33 A Of W1/2 Blue Creek Twp S-23

BROWN TWP
4/2/18 Reno Regina M to Reno Angel; 310 Church St; 0.1722 acres; Lot 179 & S1/2 Vac Alley O.p. Melrose Vill

4/2/18 Reno Regina M to Reno Angel; 310 Church St; 0.1722 acres; Lot 178 & S1/2 Vac Alley O.p. Melrose Vill

4/2/18 Reno Regina M to Reno Angel; 310 Church St; 0.1722 acres; Lot 177 & S1/2

Vac Alley O.p. Melrose Vill 4/5/18 Shaffer Allen L to Shaffer Allen L Le Shaffer Mary L Le; Rd 177; 52.25 acres; W1/2Sw1/4Eof-r&Ptsw1/4Wofrbrown Twp S-33

4/5/18 Shaffer Allen L to Shaffer Allen L Le Shaffer Mary L Le; State St; 11.38 acres; Ptnw1/4Sw1/4Btwn-rd&Riv Outlots S-33 Melrose Vill

4/5/18 Shaffer Allen L to Shaffer Allen L Le Shaffer Mary L Le; 7256 Rd 177 Oakwood Oh 45873; 8.617 acres; Pt W1/2Sw1/4 S-33 Outlots Melrose Vill

CRANE TWP
4/5/18 Goins Nathan Goins Jasmine to Zeedyk Justin C; 11766 Rd 230 Cecil Oh 45821; 1.1 acres; Pt E 1/2 Se 1/4 Crane Twp Sec 2

JACKSON TWP
4/4/18 Creative Home Buying Solutions Inc to Grubb Robert; 303 Klingler Rd; 0.49 acres; Pt Of Pcl 2 Outlots Paulding Vill-Jackson Twp

PAULDING TWP
4/2/18 Burkley Robert L Burkley Rita A to Burkley Robert L Le Burkley Rita A Le; 9436 Rd 61 Payne Oh 45880; 2 acres; Pt Nw1/4Sw1/4 S-19 Paulding Twp

4/2/18 Mohley Bruce E & Mohley Sandra R to Florence Jessica B; 208 S Summit St; 0.2321 acres; Lot 80 Ne1/4 Less 66Ft Nsdix 1St Add Paulding Vil

4/3/18 Bissell James G Bissell Patricia J to Bissell James G Bissell Patricia J; 766 Wo-

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, Plaintiff, vs. Mary Case Miller, et.al. Defendants,

Case No. CI-18-036
Judge Tiffany Reighter-Beckman

TO: Mary Case Miller and Unknown Spouse of Mary Case Miller

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 717 E. Broadway Street, Toledo, Ohio 43605

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 Mary Case Miller and Unknown Spouse of Mary Case Miller to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed by you.

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

Situated in the Township of Washington, in the County of Paulding, and the State of Ohio; to wit:

The west one-half (1/2) of the Southwest quarter (1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) in Section Twenty-two (22), Town One (1) North, Range Four (4) East, less and excepting therefrom the following tracts of lands; so much of the said West one-half (1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section Twenty-two (22) as lies South of Dog Creek being approximately one-half (1/2) acre of land; and also less and excepting therefrom the following: Beginning at a point thirty-five (35) feet East of the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of said Section twenty-two (22); thence due South thirty (30) feet; thence due West thirty-five (35) feet to a half section line running North and South through said Section Twenty-two (22), thence North along said half Section line thirty (30) feet; thence East thirty-five (35) feet to the place of beginning. EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING: The West one-half (1/2) of the Southwest quarter (1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 22, Town One (1) North, Range Four (4) East, Washington Township, Paulding County, Ohio, less and except the following described parcel: Commencing at an existing iron pipe at the Southwest corner of the

Northeast quarter (1/4) of Section 22; and thence North 89°16'10" East, along the South line of the Northeast Quarter (1/4), four hundred twenty and 20/100 (420.20) feet to a point on the centerline of Dog Creek for the TRUE PLACE OF BEGINNING. THENCE continuing North 89°16'10" East, along the foresaid South line, two hundred thirty-three and 85/100 (233.85) feet to a point; thence North 00°16'46" East, along the east line of the west one-half (1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 22, one hundred eleven and 43/100 (111.43) feet to a point on the centerline of Dog Creek; thence South 70°55'42" West, along the aforesaid centerline, one hundred sixty-one and 68/100 (161.68) feet to a point; and Thence South 52°56'43" West, along the aforesaid centerline, one hundred two and 20/100 (102.20) feet to the place of beginning. Containing 0.358 acre, more or less, and subject to all easements and rights of ways granted to the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District. Bearings are based on an assumed meridian to denote angles only. This description is based on a survey by Don N. Friemoth, Registered Professional Surveyor No. 04981. Containing 19.642 acres pursuant to the Paulding County Auditor's Records

Parcel ID No. 31-22S-008-02
Property Address: 3702 Rd. 193, Grover Hill, Ohio 45849

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: Deputy

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph R. Burkard, (#0059106)
Paulding County, Ohio
Prosecuting Attorney
120 S. Walnut Street
Paulding, Ohio 45879
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AUCTIONEERS NOTE: This Building Lot has just been surveyed, all corners are marked. Being Lot 18 of Block "C" Outlots in the Village of Antwerp, Ohio Also Being Part of the SW1/4 of Section 27, Carryall Township, Paulding County, Ohio. This is a nice Building Lot with water and sewer available to lot. Buyer to receive possession of said property at closing. Come walk over the property, 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 Pontiac Title Company, 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, and other Auction Information. Ask for Maurice Wannemacher

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GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Front Row: Braxton Merriman, Ryann Jay, Addison Stoller, Kyle Stoller, Brady Miller, Elana Bidlack, Whitney Hale and Aubrie Longstreth. Back L-R Ashlyn Manz, Faith Jacobs, Londyn Greear, Brayden Sinn, Khloe Bidlack, Brooklynn Reader and Katelynn Hurd.

USDA EXPANDS FOCUS ON PROGRAM INTEGRITY ACROSS ALL NUTRITION PROGRAMS

As part of Agriculture Secretary Perdue's strategic goal of ensuring that our programs are delivered efficiently, effectively and with integrity, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) announced an enhanced focus on program integrity today, that will include renewed attention on transparency, payment accuracy, fraud and waste prevention, and improved quality control.

"Where protection of taxpayer dollars is concerned - the job is never done," said Acting Deputy Under Secretary for USDA Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, Brandon Lipps. "Today we are renewing our commitment to ensuring that our nutrition programs are run as effectively and efficiently as possible; increasing program integrity while maintaining the nutrition safety net for those truly in need."

To kick-off this renewed commitment, Acting Deputy Under Secretary Lipps announced his intention to create a new position of Chief Integrity Officer to manage oversight, improvements, and overall integrity strategy. This

position will be located in the Office of the Administrator at FNS and will be tasked with overseeing integrity initiatives in all 15 federal feeding programs administered by FNS.

In addition, FNS has initiated an independent, third-party review of its integrity efforts across the agency's nutrition programs. This comprehensive review will support the identification of improvements to the process currently in place, as well as explore the implementation of promising practices across government and the private sector.

"Integrity is essential to meeting the mission of all FNS nutrition programs, now and into the future. We will continue to improve operations and outcomes in close collaboration with its state and local partners to combat waste, fraud, and abuse and best serve our participants and American taxpayers," said Lipps.

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.

THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, Plaintiff,

vs.

Traci M. Poling, et.al. Defendants,

Case No. CI-18-038
Judge Tiffany Reighter-Beckman

TO: Traci M. Poling and Unknown Spouse of Traci M. Poling

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 1035 Wesley Ave., Bryan, Ohio 43506

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 Traci M. Poling and Unknown Spouse of Traci M. Poling to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed by you.

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

Situated in the Village of Grover Hill, County of Paulding and State of Ohio, to-wit: The Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Lot Number Ten (10) in Kinkade's First Addition to

the Village of Grover Hill, Ohio. (Note: Said NW 1/4 of said Lot being 66' by 132')

Parcel ID No. 26-03S-030-00
Property Address: 103 S. Jefferson Street, Grover Hill, Ohio

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

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

By: *Karyn Miller*
Deputy

Respectfully submitted,

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PAULDING FFA PETTING ZOO A HUGE SUCCESS!



Pictured is FFA member Owen Carnahan holding a baby rabbit while Charlie Fohner pets the rabbit.

By: Emma Horstman, Paulding FFA Reporter

Last Friday, the Paulding FFA Chapter held their annual petting zoo with over 600 students and staff attending. FFA members volunteered to bring in their animals for students and staff to enjoy. The elementary students truly enjoy this day because they get to pet and interact with

livestock they may have never seen up close before. The members brought in dogs, chickens, sheep, pigs, goats, a donkey, cows, and even a day old calf. This day was a wonderful opportunity to educate the youth about agriculture and livestock grown in Paulding County. The FFA members also put together a photo booth where students could

dress up like a farm animal and get their photo taken. Along with the photo booth students were given a bag of popcorn and learned that Van Wert County ranks number one in popcorn production in the state of Ohio along with other popcorn facts. The petting zoo was a huge success and the Paulding FFA Chapter cannot wait until next year! Our FFA chapter loves to educate and interact with younger students about agriculture and FFA!

SECRETARY PERDUE CELEBRATES NATIONAL AG DAY

(Washington, D.C., March 20, 2018) – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue issued the following statement regarding National Agriculture Day and President Donald J. Trump’s Proclamation recognizing the importance of America’s farmers, ranchers, foresters, and producers: “For the past 45 years,

National Ag Day has played a key role in helping people understand where their food and fiber comes from and how important agriculture is to our national economy,” said Secretary Perdue. “Our farmers, ranchers, foresters, and producers in America are feeding and clothing the world – and it’s important to never forget that. I am thrilled that we have a day, really a whole week, where we can celebrate the bounty of the American harvest.”

BOB LATTA ENDORSED BY THE NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE

BOWLING GREEN, OH – U.S. Representative Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) has received an endorsement for his re-election in Ohio’s 5th Congressional District from the National Right to Life Committee. A letter from the leadership of National Right to Life commended Latta for his 100 percent pro-life voting

record in the 115th Congress and his steadfast commitment to protecting the innocent.

“I’ve never been afraid to stand up for the most innocent in our society,” said Latta. “I’m proud of my 100% pro-life voting record and my legislative efforts to protect the unborn. I humbly accept the endorsement of the National Right to Life Committee and will continue to stand for life in Washington.”

In a letter from the National Right to Life leadership, the organization said to Latta, “National Right to Life is pleased to endorse you for re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives, to represent the 5th Congressional District. We strongly commend you for maintaining a perfect 100 percent pro-life voting record throughout your years of service in Congress.”

The letter continues, “All voters who are concerned with the right to life and with the protection of the most

vulnerable members of the human family should vote to return you to Congress, so that you can continue to work to advance vital pro-life public policies.”

Latta was highlighted by the organization for his support of the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, which would establish a permanent ban against funding abortions with taxpayer money. The letter also mentions his vote in favor of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which protects unborn children that can feel pain -- at 20 weeks -- from abortion. Latta has also repeatedly voted to block funding from Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider.

LATTA ANNOUNCES STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO U.S. MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) congratulated

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 3/12/18

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on March 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wayne Trace High School Lecture Room.

The following members were present: Mr. Pat Baumle, Mrs. Lisa McClure, Mr. Duane Sinn, Mrs. Kori Stoller, Mr. Dick Swary.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by student, Owen Brigner.

Roll Call was taken by Treasurer, Lori Davis.

Correspondence, Recognition of Guests, Hearing of the Public.

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

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

Guests: Owen Brigner, Student; Lucy Stoller, Student; Joe Burkhard, Prosecuting Attorney.

Owen Brigner and Lucy Stoller updated the board on the choir trip to New York City. The trip will depart March 21, 2018 and return on March 25, 2018. The choir group is scheduled to tour many facilities as well as perform at the St. John Divine Cathedral. The choir expressed their Thanks for allowing the group to take the trip.

Mr. Joe Burkhard discussed a TIF that would be between the board and Van Erk Dairy. The TIF would be for 30 years 100% with compensation agreements to the Township, Wayne Trace, and Vantage. The monies abated would be used for road improvements.

6:43 p.m. Executive Session; Motion by: Mr. Baumle. Seconded by: Mr. Swary.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) and Section 121.22(G)(4) a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of considering the employment of an employee of the School District and to review negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees concerning compensation and other terms and conditions of employment.

Roll call vote: Mr. Baumle, Mr.

Swary, Mrs. McClure, Mrs. Stoller, and Mr. Sinn, aye. Nay, none.

Board in executive session.

7:24 p.m. Regular session called back to order.

Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer, Lori Davis informed the board that the cafeteria review went very well. The Auditor of State’s office is finished with the audit and the board should be receiving a draft copy by the end of March. Discussion was done on whether to have a post audit meeting or to waive it with the auditor’s office. It was decided to waive the meeting and then discuss the audit report at the next available board meeting after it is finalized.

Consent Agenda Items:

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

Motion by: Mrs. McClure; Seconded by: Mrs. Stoller

- to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018 board meeting;
to approve the investment report and payment of bills for February 2018 as presented by the Treasurer;
to approve the cash reconciliation for February 2018;
to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.

4.00 Mills Inside Operating

23.70 Mills Outside Operating

7.0 Mills 2000 OSFC Construction and Renovation Bond

.50 Mills 2000 Local Funded Initiative Bond

.50 Mills OSFC Construction Maintenance

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

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

Vantage Report – Mr. Pat Baumle informed the board that Vantage is having some staffing changes due to resignations. The All Boards Dinner is April 5, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Report of the Building Principals Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Winans read a public statement about safety and security in the Wayne Trace Local School District.

“I want to begin by stating that school safety is something that is currently on the minds of all who are involved in our daily operations at each of our campuses.

In light of the recent events taking place across the country we will continue to examine our safety policies and procedures to make certain they are up to date so that we can continue to provide a safe environment for our students to learn and staff to operate in.

Please note, we will continue to run drills throughout the year to train both staff and students in proper procedures. In the event of an actual emergency we will utilize our procedures to make certain we keep students and staff safe. Should we need to notify our public of any situations we will do so through the utilization of various media outlets including our instant alert system, social media, website and news outlets. If parents or students have questions in regard to safety procedures we welcome them to contact our building principals.”

- Curriculum
Testing Season: The 2017-2018 state-mandated tests will be administered mid-March through the beginning of May.
Our guests at this meeting will be Sharon Spinner and students from the choir who will be attending the trip to New York March 21-25.
Personnel
Consent items A thru C represent resignations from our teaching staff and one supplemental.
Recommendations for administrative contracts which are up are listed under consent item D.
Consent item E represents the recommended reduction of a position based on enrollment.
Consent items F & G represent the recommended transfer of employees (one based on enrollment and one based on employee preference).

Per the negotiated agreement when our track team numbers reach 50+ an additional paid coach will be added. Consent item H represents my recommendation.

At this point, we currently are working to fill our open junior/senior high principal position, a third grade position at WTPE, an English instructor for the high school and the head cook position at the junior/senior high.

Buildings and Grounds
We are continuing to work with a company through EPC to get final breakdowns on the quotes for the track repairs that are needed. I should have those to share with you within a week.

With Spring right around the corner and I am working with the company who applied our lawn fertilizer and chemicals last year to finalize quotes on what the cost would be to have our campuses treated. These applications would include both elementary campuses, jr/sr high campus, and athletic fields.

I have worked with our legal counsel to draft an agreement between the Payne Ball Association and the Board of Education for the use of the Wayne Trace Payne Ballpark. To my knowledge we have not previously had an agreement with them, but it was suggested by our legal counsel.

Events
Fiddler on the Roof will be performed on March 15 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. and on March 18 at 2:30 p.m.

Vantage All-Boards Dinner: April 5 at 5:30 p.m., program begins at 6:00 p.m.

The Annual National Honor Society “Glow in the Dark 5K” – April 14 at 8:00 p.m.

Several extra-curricular deserve recognition for outstanding accomplishments. This recognition can be found in consent items L-N.

Operations
Consent item I is our recommendation for purchasing the imaging system to run our technology in the district for the next four years.

Consent item J represents the additional laptops needed to outfit grades 9 – 12 with updated models.

We reduced the number of Chromebooks to be purchased in consent item K as we are looking to only continue to utilize laptops for one more year in the junior high.

Enrollment: 1004 students, which has remained consistent for the past three months despite movement of students in and out of the district.

Consent item O represents the approval needed by the Board for the recent trip to the district wrestling tournament.

The open enrollment period begins April 1 (consent item P). We plan to continue with the same guidelines and procedures as previous years.

Consent Agenda Items

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

Motion by: Mr. Swary; Seconded by: Mrs. McClure

to accept the resignation of Lyn Bell as a teacher, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year;

to accept the resignation of Laura Steffen as a teacher, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year;

to accept the resignation of Alayna Wannemacher as 50% Cheerleading Coach;

upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to offer administrative contracts for the following employees:

Ashton Duer: Three year contract as District Technology Coordinator – August 1, 2018-July 31, 2021

Sarah Sennebogen: Two year contract as Executive Secretary to the Superintendent – August 1, 2018-July 31, 2020;

upon the recommendation of the

Superintendent and the Wayne Trace Young Kindergarten position to reduce the Wayne Trace Elementary due to enrollment changes;

upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Wayne Trace Payne Elementary principal to transfer Katie Perkins to the First Grade Teacher position at Wayne Trace Payne Elementary that is open due to enrollment changes;

upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High principal, and Wayne Trace Assistant Junior/Senior High principal to transfer Linda Bradtmueller from her current cook position into the open head cashier position within the junior/senior high school cafeteria;

upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High principal, and Athletic Director to offer Anita Branch a supplemental position as an additional track and field coach due to team numbers exceeding fifty members;

upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the District Technology Coordinator to approve the purchase of a district imaging system (KACE) which will run through the April of 2022 at a cost of \$30,126.72;

upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the District Technology Coordinator to approve the purchase of 50 Dell Latitude 7480 notebook computers at a cost of \$36,200;

upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the District Technology Coordinator to approve the purchase of 400 Dell Chromebook 3180 at a cost of \$106,000;

to commend Coach Bethany DeJarnett, the assistant coaches, and the varsity girls basketball players for capturing the GMC championship, sectional title, and district title;

to commend Coach Jim Linder, the assistant coaches, and the varsity boys basketball players for capturing the GMC championship and a sectional title;

to commend Faith Meraz for finishing runner-up in the Regional Spelling Bee which was held at Indiana Purdue University Fort Wayne campus on March 3;

upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS principal, and Athletic Director, to approve overnight trips for the high school wrestling team on March 2 to attend the district wrestling meet in Troy, Ohio;

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

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

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

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

vs. DAVID VALENTINE, ET AL., Defendants.

Case No. CI 18 017

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

200 East First Street, Grover Hill, Ohio Parcel Number: 26-02S-008-00

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

Total amount of judgment is Seven Thousand Forty-four and 61/100 (\$7,044.61) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

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

judgment;

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:05 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the 17th day of May, 2018, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the 24th day of May, 2018 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.

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

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

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

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

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, Plaintiff,

vs. John P. Woodcox, et.al. Defendants,

Case No. CI-18-056 Judge Tiffany Reighter-Beckman TO: Beneficial Ohio, Inc. LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 108 W. High Street, Bryan, Ohio

Please take notice that a complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against John P. Woodcox, et.al. seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by John P. Woodcox and Carla Woodcox to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed by John P. Woodcox and Carla Woodcox. Defendant, Beneficial Ohio, Inc. has been named as a lien holder to the property.

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

Situated in the Village of Antwerp, County of Paulding, and State of Ohio, to-wit: Lot Number Eighty-four (84) in the Original Plat of the

Village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio. Parcel ID 26-02S-023-00

Property Address: 201 E. Canal Street, Antwerp, Ohio 45813

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

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

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

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

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, Plaintiff,

vs. James A. Woodring, et.al. Defendants,

Case No. CI-18-057 Judge Tiffany Reighter-Beckman TO: James A. Woodring, Unknown Spouse of James A. Woodring LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 207 Aug-laize Street, Oakwood, Ohio 45873

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 James A. Woodring and Unknown Spouse of James A. Woodring to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed by you.

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

In lot Number Eleven (11) in Harmon’s Addition to the Village of Oakwood, Paulding County, Ohio.

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ulated students from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District on their acceptance to one of the U.S. Military Service Academies at an event on Saturday at the Toledo Air National Guard Base in Swanton. All of the students were nominated by Congressman Latta and have received offers of appointment for the Class of 2022 at their respective academies. While the Congressman's office nominates students, the respective service academies make the acceptance decisions.

"These exceptionally talented students have made the decision to serve their country by attending our fine military service academies," said Latta. "Acceptance at the academies is tough, and their task will get even tougher as they face rigorous academic course loads, military training, and physical fitness standards. I have the utmost confidence that these young men and women will meet these challenges and exceed them.

I look forward to seeing their progress as they grow into the next generation of leaders."

The following students were recognized:

- U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Jenna Kill, Sylvania, Northview High School
- McKenzie Mercer, Cynnet, Elmwood High School
- Cole Ragan, Whitehouse, Anthony Wayne High School
- David Mulligan, Sylvania, Northview High School
- Austin Stoner, Toledo, Whitmer High School
- U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York
- Thomas Hilt, Whitehouse, Anthony Wayne High School
- Daniel Walton, Perrysburg, Perrysburg High School
- U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland
- Ian Donahue, Sylvania, Northview High School
- Cameron Smith, Maumee, Anthony Wayne High School

ING "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 March 12, 2018, Warrants number 240585 through 240632 in the amount of \$2212.13; and

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

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

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

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

TRAVEL REQUEST

Claudia Fickel - District Meeting, Mt. Gilead, OH - March 23, 2018

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein to go into executive session at 8:20 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtsberry. All members voting yea.

At 8:30 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

IN THE MATTER OF CONFIRMING THE MEMBERS OF THE PAULDING COUNTY VISION BOARD

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have evaluated Zoe McMaster to serve on the Paulding County

Vision Board along with adding Aaron Timm as a member at large, to-wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint Zoe McMaster as a member and Aaron Timm as a member at large of the Paulding County Vision Board, effective this 14th day of March, 2018.

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO A PRODUCTION AGREEMENT WITH SMARTBILL, LTD.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby enter into a production agreement with Smart-Bill, Ltd., an Ohio corporation and the Paulding County Treasurer, to provide services to Paulding County for a period of one year.

IN THE MATTER OF A REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTION POLICY

WHEREAS, the Antwerp Exchange Bank will collect real estate taxes for the convenience of their customers within their facility for the Paulding County Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Treasurer will open and maintain a checking account with the Antwerp Exchange Bank for the collection of funds at tax time, now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby accept the Real Estate Tax Collection Policy between Antwerp Exchange Bank and the Paulding County Treasurer, to collect real estate taxes.

Meeting Notes of Appointments

Jason Landers, Sheriff - Sheriff Landers met with the Commissioners to present the jail report prepared by Caption Leatherman for the month ending February 28, 2018. There were 44 male inmates serving 582 days and 19 female inmates serving 263 days in the month of February for a total of 845 days served. Total inmates held were 63. The average inmates held per day was 30.2 with 20.7 being male and 9.4 female. The average inmates stay per day was 13.4 with 13.2 being male and 13.8 female. Total meals served for February was 2409. Judge Beckman is working with TCAP funds to help Sheriff's office obtain a body scanner. Sheriff Landers commented that medical expenses are outrageous. Sheriff also informed the Commissioners that his office is seeking vendors to take over commissary in the jail. The return on the investment will be worth the switch. The profit that comes from the commissary can be

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used to purchase body cameras and will allow the correction's officers to do their intended job in the jail. Sheriff informed the Commissioners that if there is an opportunity to buy the interceptor car from JFS, he is interested.
 • Jerry Zielke - Economic Development - Mr. Zielke reminded the Commissioners of the open house next week for the Paulding County Hospital - Antwerp Clinic. Traffic on US 24 seems to be more intense. Mr. Zielke was at a hotel conference in Minneapolis earlier in the week. Larry Manz doing a great job taking over board president position.
 • Craig Mescher, Access Engineering and Grover Hill Mayor Moon - Mayor Moon presented the official certificate of estimated resources for Grover Hill village along with expenses and projected revenue on the Grover Hill sewer system. The Commissioners indicated that the information wasn't one hundred percent complete of what they were looking for. The Sewer system estimation and 2017 estimated resources were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mayor Moon indicated that if you look at the 2017 estimated resources, in 2018, in the general fund, they have \$53,000; in the fire, they have \$92,000; in the village streets they have \$22,446; under highway, they have \$14,342; EMS, \$69,000 and sewer debt, \$61,291. Mr. Mescher, along with Mayor Moon figured out, was in 2004, the village put in a sludge press. Since 2005, they've been accumulating this debt in the sewer system. In the past 10 years, they are a negative cumulative surplus of (\$188,000). They don't owe anyone that money, they owe it to the funds that they are taking it from. Grover Hill currently has no bad debt in the sewer fund. In the next 4 years, until 2021, they have \$76,000. The village is talking about raising the rates the first of May and will continue until they raise again to \$60/mo. The Commissioners ask the following questions: What is the estimated revenue? Revenue is basically, when you look at the general fund, it's going to be other sources (LGF). You must have some millage on properties for general fund. This last year, Mayor, do you know what your expenses out of general was? \$56,073.20. Mr. Mescher stated that they don't know how much of that is sewer. The general fund includes, \$19,000 paid out for tanks, pumps, motors and guide bars, all for the sewer system. This was done, we got partial reimbursement from the insurance company from the electrical storm. Projected expenses in 2016, receipts were \$56073.20; general balance - \$52,185.06 end of 2017. Commissioner Zartman indicated to Mayor Moon that the Commissioners are concerned, we understand your desire to make the community a better place to reside, live and buy a home and be able to make sewer payments. With limited resources, we need to make sure that you can absorb the debt. Commissioner Klopfenstein mimed their concerns, if there is ever a default, who is liable. I'm very cautious of who assumes the debt if something were to happen. I would echo Tony's concerns. We want people moving into our villages that can contribute. Commissioner Zartman contributed that three years down the road, the debt inquired with it, is strapping the funds. I don't want to see this impair the activities that you're already doing. Expenses accounts for all of your revenue. I don't know where you're going to make cuts. I understand projections, but they are only projections. Commissioner Mark Holtsberry asked how old the sewer system is and if there are repairs that need to be made? Mr. Mescher noted that the general fund would get better because the money

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Truly Divine Bread Company presents...Coffee with Craig.

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Sudoku solution from page 13

6	4	9	7	2	1	8	3	5
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8	1	7	5	9	3	6	2	4
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4	1	6	9	3	2	5	7	8
2	8	7	1	4	5	3	6	9
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donate online at Associated-Churches.org/Donate. For those who don't have time to shop, donations can be made by shopping Target's "Baskets4Babies" Baby Registry and having items directly donated to Associated Churches.

Needed items include baby wash, baby lotion, diapers (sizes 3-6), diaper cream, car seats, high chairs, new clothes (n-3T), wipes, cribs, crib mattresses, crib sheets, bottles

and washcloths.

The mission of A Baby's Closet is to increase public awareness of responsible parental care by encouraging education, health and safety. Parents earn donated baby items by attending prenatal care classes, receiving baby immunizations, and participating in the infant safe sleep program. Your gift stays local, serving families in Allen County that need your help. Learn more about A Baby's Closet by visiting A Baby's Closet.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, is requesting a proposal for mowing the lots at the Eaton Cemetery, 5 Span Park, the old county hospital cemetery, 303 West Harrison Street, Extension Hall and (6) Auglaize River Sewer Pump Stations during April - October, 2018. All inquiries must have a certificate of liability included with their bids. Specifications for county lots may be picked up in the Commissioners' office in the basement of the courthouse, Room B-1, Paulding. The proposal shall be marked "Mowing Proposal for the 2018 Mowing Season" and addressed to the Clerk of the Board. The proposal must be received at the office of the Board of County Commissioners not later than 9:30 a.m. on the 25th day of April, 2018. The Board of County Commissioners' office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals. Should you have any questions, please contact the Paulding County Commissioners' Office at 419-399-8215.

CINDY PETERS, CLERK BY ORDER BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO TONY ZARTMAN, ROY KLOPFENSTEIN, MARK HOLTSBERRY

LEGAL NOTICE

2018 Paulding County Chip Seal Project

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding, Ohio, at its office in the Court House, 115 N. Williams Street, Rm. B-1, Paulding, Ohio, until **11:00 A.M., D.S.T. on April 18, 2018**

PROPOSAL: Chip sealing various County and Township roads within Paulding County, Ohio.

Engineer's Estimate = \$338,371.75

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal, a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed as listed above.

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will, to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123, the Governor's Executive Order of 1972, and Governor's Executive Order 84-9 shall be required.

All contractors shall follow all applicable Federal and State OSHA regulations. The contractor shall also hold the County Engineer harmless for any violations or fines received while engaged in this project.

All contractors must provide current Certificate of Liability Insurance Coverage for \$1,000,000 along with a current Certificate of Worker's Compensation Coverage, before they can be hired to perform any type of work for the Paulding County.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Paulding County, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Department of Industrial Relations.

All materials shall conform to the 2013 revision of the State of Ohio Department of Transportation Construction and Material Specifications.

"DOMESTIC STEEL USE REQUIREMENTS AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 153.011 OF THE REVISED CODE APPLY TO THIS PROJECT. COPIES OF SECTION 153.011 OF THE REVISED CODE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ANY OF THE OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES."

Prevailing Wage. Recipient shall comply, and shall require that all Contractors and subcontractors working on the Project comply, with the prevailing wage requirements contained in Sections 4115.03 to 4115.16 of the Revised Code.

Sealed bids shall be in writing and in accordance with specifications furnished by Paulding County and on file in the Offices of the Paulding County Engineer and Commissioners.

Bids are to be sealed and addressed to the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, and bids on the above named items to be marked:

PROPOSAL: "2018 PAULDING COUNTY CHIP SEAL PROJECT"

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids received.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO Cynthia Peters Clerk, Board of Commissioners

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

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

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

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

vs.

LORENZA D. WILSON AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, ADMINISTRATORS, EXECUTORS OR ASSIGNS OF LORENZA D. WILSON, ET AL., Defendants.

Case No. CI 18 016

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows: Fourth Avenue, Cecil, Ohio 45821

Parcel Number: 15-04S-031-00 and 15-04S-032-00

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

Total amount of judgment is Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-eight and 62/100 (\$12,458.62) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

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

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:00 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the 17th day of May, 2018, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the 24th day of May, 2018 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.

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

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

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

is not taking out of the general fund, it'll be taken out of the sewer fund. (Projected #'s only) This whole thing started 14 years ago, when Grover Hill bought the press. Commissioner Zartman asked if the benefits are going to offset the potential risk? Mr. Mescher commented that if the village is going to repair the catch basin, if they can get something in place. If you can't leverage and bring grant dollars in, how will you ever get anything done? Commissioner Mark Holtsberry inquired if upgrades are going to need to be made, quickly? A year or two down the road? Mayor Moon responded that Roberta and Mary Beth Coleman have agreed that it's a failed system. What Grover Hill put in, won't work. They will forgive the failed technology, up to and including what we have put in. Plastic-run it to the house, outlets and everything will be taken care of. The EPA has agreed upon it and they have to get their funding. The concrete has failed. In 1988, they put in 182 tanks at the houses. Total bid estimate is 637 and 114, OPWC loan is \$108,500. Commissioner Zartman shared that the Whimberly building on the corner will not be able to run through the NIP grant due to being commercial. The Land bank will probably still acquire that property and clean it up somehow. We are going to need some time to come to an agreement. Allow us to have some time to discuss among ourselves. I don't want to strap the village. We need to have a comfort zone before we pass a resolution for the funding.

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NATIONAL BOOKMOBILE DAY ACTIVITIES



Bookmobile Manager, Kathy Heffley, presents a storytime to young patrons on the Bookmobile.

The Paulding County Carnegie Library (PCCL) Bookmobile will be celebrating National Bookmobile Day at all stops on Tuesday, April 10th and on Wednesday, April 11th. National Bookmobile Day is a nationwide celebration of mobile libraries held on the Wednesday of National Library Week. The theme for this special celebration on the county Bookmobile will be "Join Us for the Bookworm Party". Games, snacks and a drawing for prizes will be highlights of these days. The Bookmobile has been serving the unreached population of Paulding County for seven years. Traveling over 400 square miles in a week's time,

our mobile library brings library materials, storytimes, and fun events to families who may not be able to travel to a brick and mortar library location. In 2017, over 4,800 patrons borrowed more than 37,000 items from the Bookmobile. Over 400 adults attended 90 programs and over 1,800 children attended 280 programs. The PCCL has utilized bookmobiles (contracted through the State Library of Ohio) in the 1960s through the early 1990s to bring library service to Paulding County. For more information contact Susan Pieper at 419-399-2032.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

A son, Tony J. Axel Dunno, was born to Emily Miller and James Dunno, Paulding, OH on April 1, 2018 at 1:06 p.m. weighing 8 lbs and 19.9 inches long. Siblings are: Izaya, Kinley and Brilynn Dunno. Grandparents are Brian Miller, John Dunno, Jennifer Mobley, Tim and Rhonda Tyner, Harold and Estella Driver and Lynette and Bob Willitzer. Great grandparent: Tony Miller.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY WITH US BY MAKING A REUSABLE T-SHIRT BOOK BAG!

The Cooper Community Library, a branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library, will be making reusable T-shirt book bags in the Cooper Community Room on Monday, April 23, at 5:00 p.m. This a free program but space is limited and registration is required. No sewing skills are needed; however, children should be able to cut

straight lines or have an adult present to assist. T-shirts will be provided but selection of certain colors is limited. Or bring one from home! Happy Earth Day!

Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on April 22. Worldwide, various events are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First celebrated in 1970, Earth Day events in more than 193 countries are now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network.

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

USDA ISSUES FINAL DECISION ON CALIFORNIA FEDERAL MILK MARKETING ORDER

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) published in the Federal Register a final decision to establish a Federal Milk Marketing Order (FMMO) for California. The proposed FMMO would incorporate the entire state of California. The final decision is based on the evidentiary record of a public hearing held in Clovis, Calif., from September to November 2015. A recommended decision regarding the proposed program was published Feb. 14, 2017.

USDA will conduct a referendum among dairy producers to determine whether they support the proposed FMMO. The referendum will be held from April 2, 2018 through May 5, 2018. USDA will mail ballot materials to all known eligible dairy producers supplying milk to the proposed marketing area. The FMMO would become effective if approved by two-thirds of the voting producers, or by producers of two-thirds of the milk represented in the vot-

ing process. FMMOs are legal instruments that regulate the sale of milk between dairy farmers and the first buyer. Where appropriate, the proposed California FMMO adopts the uniform order provisions contained in the 10 current FMMOs in the national system. These uniform provisions include, but are not limited to, dairy product classification, end-product price formulas, and the producer-handler definition. The proposed order would recognize the unique market structure of the California dairy industry through tailored, performance-based standards to determine eligibility for pool participation. The proposed order provides for the recognition of producer quota as administered by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA).

California represents over 18 percent of all U.S. milk production and is currently regulated by a state milk marketing order administered by CDFA. Along with issuing this final decision, USDA conducted a Regulatory Economic Impact Analysis to determine the potential impact of regulating California milk handlers under a FMMO on the milk supply, product demand and prices, and milk allocation in California and throughout the United States. The entire hearing record, including the Regulatory Economic Impact Analysis, is available at www.ams.usda.gov/caorder. Today's Federal Register notice is available at www.regulations.gov.

USDA will hold a public meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, in Clovis, Calif., to answer questions related to how the proposed California FMMO would operate and how eligible dairy producers can participate in the referendum. Interested parties will have the opportunity to attend in person or watch the meeting live via webcast. Meeting details, as well as information regarding the producer referendum, are available on the AMS website at www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/moa/dairy/ca.

LATTA TOURS CHERRY STREET MISSION'S LIFE REVITALIZATION CENTER

BOWLING GREEN, OH - Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) toured Cherry Street Mission's Life Revitalization Center in Toledo to get an up-close look at the work being done to serve the region. The Life Revitalization Center occupies what used to be Macomber High School and recent renovations have allowed for more job training, education programs, and additional services to help the local community. On the tour, Latta heard about the center's Call Center Customer Service Training Program, the only one of its kind in the country. "The Life Revitalization Center is making a real difference in so many people's lives," said Latta. "This facility - along with Cherry Street Mission's team - is an asset to the region as it puts job training, education programs, and other needed services in one location. They continue to find new ways to serve

THIS WEEK AT KIWANIS



Paulding, OH: This week at Kiwanis, Elizabeth Vance, Kiwanis president introduced the guest speaker Brad Sisson. Sisson is the Executive Director of Youth for Christ in Defiance which services Paulding as well. Sisson discussed the upcoming Youth for Christ Camp (YFC camp). Camp lasts for 6 days where kids are removed from their fast paced, and often time distracting environment and placed into an environment with no phones, and nothing to distract them from the

message. At YFC camp kids see and then are explained the gospel. All meals are served family style at camp, and there are many bonding activities that all have an underlying meaning relating to the gospel. This year 94 students and 18 leaders are attending camp. 78 of the kids coming from Paulding and Wayne Trace. Sisson was very passionate about helping young adults find God and learn about the gospel. As always Kiwanis members will meet Thursday over lunch.

the community with the use of classrooms, the gym, and shop areas to prepare people for the workforce. Along with the work they are already doing, it was exciting to see the new programs that are currently taking shape."

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Sara Slane and Damien Smith of Antwerp, would like to announce the birth of their daughter Mackenzi Grace Smith. Mackenzi was born April 4th, 2018 at 8:09

a.m. at Community Memorial Hospital with the assistance of Dr. Duane Johnson. She is 7 pounds 6.4 ounces and 18.7 inches in length. Mackenzi will be welcomed home by siblings Markailah, Ethan, Arianna, and Coralyn. Mackenzi's grandparents include Richard and Cindy Slane (West Unity), Larry and Diane Smith (Antwerp), Pat and Sue Moller (Antwerp), and Great Grandparents Floyd and Darlene Slane (Paulding).

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