

CARRIE BAUM TO APPEAR AT JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Carrie Baum of Toledo, OH will be demonstrating Bobbin Lace at the John Paulding Historical Society museum

As part of the Celebration of Arts & Artists of Paulding County, Carrie Baum of Toledo, OH will be demonstrating how to make Bobbin Lace on Tuesday, May 15th from 10:00
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PCHF AWARD HEALTHCARE SCHOLARSHIPS

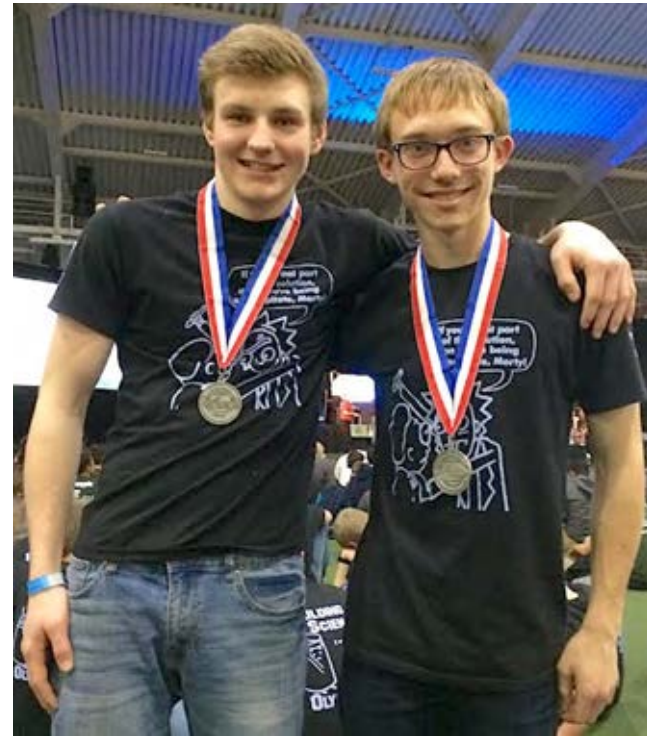


Receiving scholarships: L to R: Rachel Williamson, Antwerp High School; Abigail English, Paulding High School; Sara Sinn, Wayne Trace High School; The Honorable Tiffany Beckman, Scholarship Committee Chair

The Paulding County Hospital Foundation is proud to award \$1,000 Healthcare Scholarships to each of these three outstanding high school seniors, who will be attending

college in the fall to pursue a career in the medical/healthcare field. The Scholarships were presented to the students at the Hospital Foundation's
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STATE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TOURNAMENT



The Paulding HS Science Olympiad team competed at the State Science Olympiad tournament on Saturday, April 28th at OSU in Co-

lumbus. Only the top 40 teams in the state of Ohio qualified to participate at this competition. Charles Clapsaddle and Brian Matson are the State Silver Medalists in the event "Game On," which involved coding a computer game in less than an hour. Congratulations to the whole team for their endeavors.

HEALTHCARE WORKERS JOIN VB FOUNDATION VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers from the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer will visit the campuses of Dupont, Lutheran and St. Joseph hospitals May 2 to place between 150 and 300 pink ribbons per location in support of this year's "Turn the Town Pink" campaign.

Turn the Town Pink is an annual effort to raise awareness and funds to help combat breast cancer through research. Lutheran Health Network has participated as the primary Turn the Town Pink campaign

sponsor every year since 2008, a commitment it made after nearly a decade of sponsoring the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer Classic.

A ceremony to recognize the 2018 campaign will happen May 4 on the plaza at Indiana Michigan Power Center in downtown Fort Wayne. Breast cancer survivors, representatives from Lutheran Health Network including Lutheran Hospital CEO Paula Autry, foundation volunteers, and other special guests will participate. The public is invited to attend the brief event that begins at noon.
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ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL FIRST IN NORTHERN INDIANA TO RECEIVE ACC CARDIAC CATH LAB ACCREDITATION WITH PCI

The American College of Cardiology has recognized St. Joseph Hospital for its demonstrated expertise and commitment in treating patients who come to a cardiac cath lab for care, including diagnostic catheterizations and percutaneous coronary intervention procedures. St. Joe was awarded Cardiac Cath Lab Accreditation with
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Community Calendar

- May 3**
- Woodburn Liquors FREE TASTING, 6-8pm
 - FREE CommunityMeal @ St. Paul UMC, Payne, 5-6:30p
 - National Day of Prayer
- May 4**
- Historic Swinney Homestead Open House, Fort Wayne, 10a-4p
 - Shred Day event 3p - 5:30p, at 110 West High Street, Bryan, OH
 - Horsepower Holiday @ PC Fairgrounds begins (5/5-6)
- May 5**
- PCH Health Fair - Payne Vancrest of Payne
 - Antwerp Conservation Club .22 Rimfire Match 11a reg.
 - Taco Bar @ Oakwood Fire Dept., 4-7pm
 - Paulding FFA Alumni Plant Sale, 9-12pm
 - Livewires 4-H Pancake Breakfast @ GH VFW, 8-10a
 - Woodburn Lions Club Donuts @ Community Park, 7:30-11a
- May 6**
- Antwerp Cons. Club IDPA Pistol Match, Reg noon.
- May 7**
- Ann's Bright Beginnings - Summer Daycare and Preschool registration 6-7p
- May 8**
- Vote! - Primaries
- May 10**
- Opiod Forum @ PC OSU Extension Bldg, Paulding, 6-8:30pm
 - Old Crown Brass Band @ Snider HS, 7pm
- May 11**
- Paulding FFA Alumni Plant Sale, 10-4pm

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OBITUARIES



KENTWOOD, MI
Terry F. Foust, 63, of Kentwood, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday, April 25, 2018.

Terry was the beloved husband of Janet (Hand) Foust for 36 years. He was the father of Daniel (Amber) Foust, Jassmine (Andrew) Reyes, Jason Foust, and grandfather of Anderson Foust, Mariano Reyes, Quintin Reyes, Taylor Stiebling, Kiera Reyes, Landyn Reyes, and Jake Ryan.

Terry was born on May 31, 1954, to Orlando and Alice (Holtsberry) Foust in Paulding, Ohio. He was the brother of Anita (Ray) Friend, Cathy (John) Hess, and Steve (Elaine) Foust.

Terry attended Antwerp High School and then Defiance College, graduating summa cum laude with a business degree. He worked in the glass industry for over 35 years. Terry loved running, attending rock concerts with his friends, spending time at Lake Michigan with his wife, and playing with his grandchildren.

The family will have a private celebration of life at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Sierra Club.

HARLAN, IN
Norma Jean Hemrick, 79, died at her home early Sunday morning April 29, 2018.

Norma Jean was born May 31, 1938 the daughter of the late Norman and Audra (Fix) Rohrs. She graduated Valedictorian of Mark Center High School and was employed at Bryan Custom Molded Plastics, Bryan Ohio, for over 30 years.

Norma Jean was united in marriage to William Mickelson May 20, 1956 and died January 20, 1993. She later married Robert Hemrick on January 1, 1996 and she survives.

Norma Jean loved her family especially her 17 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. Her surviving family includes Michael (Nancy) Mickelson of Stryker, OH; Jon (Lori) Mickelson of Hicksville, OH; Linda (Les) Yoder of Spencerville, IN, Marlene

(Terry) Sparks of Hicksville, OH; Marilyn (Max) Zuber of Antwerp, OH; Sandra (Tom) Deady and Sharon (Terry) Colley both of Hicksville, OH and sisters, Kay Cook of Leo, IN and DeeLee (Gene) Andrews of Bryan, OH. A sister DeNel Rohrs has preceded her in death.

Visitation for Norma Jean will be at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville on Tuesday from 2:00-7:00. The funeral will be at the funeral home Wednesday at 1:00 with visitation one hour prior. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

Memorial donations may be made to the Huber Opera House or Youth For Christ.

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

JUNCTION CITY, OH

Forest Paul Hyme, age 4 of Junction City, passed away Friday, April 27, 2018. Arrangements are handled by Sheridan Funeral Home



PAULDING, OH
Cathy M. Wirts, age 63 died Saturday, April 28, 2018 at the Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Ft. Wayne.

She was born March 2, 1955 in Dearborn, Michigan the daughter of Carl and Margaret (Schwartz) Myers, who precede her in death. On May 13, 1974 she married Ronald G. Wirts, who survives in Paulding. She was a member of Paulding F.O.E #2405; and the BUN-KO Club. She was known for her cooking and baking. Her home was open to everyone especially during the holidays.

Cathy is also survived by a daughter Angie (Brent) Stoller, Paulding; son, Ronnie (Julie) Wirts, Paulding; a sister, Carla (Chuck) Sensabaugh, Antwerp; brothers, Steve (Linda) Myers, Van Wert, Jason (Julie) Myers, Hamler; grandchildren: Brock (Elle) Stoller, Bobby (Bryana) Stoller, Chase Stoller Jacob Stoller, Rya and RJ Wirts; five great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She is also preceded in death by a sister, Connie Sensabaugh; and two brothers, James and David Myers.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 AM Thursday,

May 3 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Pastor Mike Pennington officiating. She will be laid to rest in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be 2 - 8 PM Wednesday, May 2 at Den Herder Funeral Home. There will also be visitation on Thursday from 10 AM until time of services.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations made to Paulding F.O.E. #2405; Relay for Life; or St. Jude Children's Hospital, Memphis TN.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherder-fh.com

HICKSVILLE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 5/2 - 5/8

5/2 - 10:00 - 11:00 "The Music Man" Alan Seibert; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre

5/3 - 10:00 - 11:00 White Elephant Bingo; 12:00 NEW! "Spoon Toss!"; 12:00 Grocery Shop; 12:30 - 1:30 Corn Hole

5/4 - 10:00 Music with Jennifer; 11:45 May Birthday Celebration; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre

5/7 - 10:00 "The Price is Right"; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre

5/8 - 9:30 - 1:00 "For The Health Of It" Health Information Fair at the Defiance UAW Hall; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 5/2 - 5/8

5/2 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Blood Pressures by Ohio Living - NEW; 10:00 Crafts; 12:30 Kroger Shop; 5:00 - 8:00 Open Mic Night

5/3 - 9:30 Cards; 9:45 Blood Pressures; 10:00 Band Exercises; 10:00 Zumba; 12:30 Bingo with Brookview; 12:30 Meijer Shopping; 1:30 Alzheimer Support Group; 4:00 Yoga

5/4 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Tai Chi; 11:30 Birthday Lunch

5/7 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Zumba; 3:00 Yoga

5/8 - 9:30 - 1:00 For The Health Of It, Information Fair @ the UAW Hall; 4:00 Yoga

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR DINING CENTER MENU 5/2 - 5/8

5/2 - Cheeseburger, steak fries, baked beans, grape juice; Salad Bar in Café

5/3 - Chicken with gravy, green beans, scalloped potatoes, applesauce, garlic bread

5/4 - Swiss steak, Key West vegetables, mashed potatoes, Mandarin oranges, dinner roll, birthday cake; NCS= Angel food cake

5/7 - Swedish meatballs and noodles, Sicilian blend vegetables, broccoli, peaches,

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"We're very proud of our nursing students and the dedicated faculty that help to make it so successful," said Patti Altman, dean of nursing. "A 100% passage rate for both programs is an amazing accomplishment, and we are grateful for the dedication and contributions of NSCC students and faculty to make

this once again a reality."

Employers are reaching out to NSCC faculty and students even before graduation looking to fill job openings as soon as the students successfully complete their exams. Many of these health care facilities also provide additional opportunities for students with tuition assistance if they want to pursue the next level of their education.

"Our goal is to provide training that leads to career opportunities, which is why we work closely with local healthcare facilities," said Altman. "Our curriculum aligns with what area employers need and coursework easily transfers to other institutions for those students looking to pursue a bachelor's degree."

Nursing careers are hard work, but are also potentially lucrative, which makes the NSCC education worth the time and effort. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (www.bls.gov), the mean annual wage from May 2017 for a Registered Nurse is \$73,550, while the mean annual wage for a Licensed Practical Nurse is \$45,710.

Both the practical nursing and registered nursing programs are accepting applications at Northwest State's main campus in Archbold. For more information on nursing, or any of our 70 degree and certificate programs offered at NSCC, visit NorthwestState.edu or call NSCC Admissions at 419.267.1320.

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 5/8 - Hot shredded chicken sandwich, tater rounds, peas and onions, pears, M&M cookie; NCS=SF cookie; Join us at the UAW Hall for the Health Fair

DR. JOSEPH LECHNER TO RETIRE AFTER 39 YEARS OF SERVICE

A special chapel service was held Wednesday, April 25 at Mount Vernon Nazarene University honoring Dr. Joseph Lechner, Professor of Chemistry, and Department Chair of Chemistry and Physical Science. MVNU is grateful for his 39 years of service and he will be greatly missed.

Lechner shared about his journey to MVNU and how God has always directed his paths, even in times of uncertainty. He ensured students

that, as they exit this academic year, "God cares about every aspect of your professional life just as he does about your spiritual life," as he quoted Proverbs 3:5. "He wants to direct your paths

and he has promised to do just that if you'll let him."

"I want to share with you how God prepared me to become a faculty member here and how he eventually guided me to this place," Lechner

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said. "I cannot guarantee that God is going to speak to you exactly in the same way he spoke to me, he's far too creative to do that. Each of you is unique — God knows just how to best communicate with you so that you will hear and understand his voice," said Lechner.

Lechner graduated from Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, New York in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and went on to receive a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the State University of Iowa in 1977, where he was a teaching assistant from 1973 to 1976. Lechner also served as a research associate at Northwest University Dental School from January 1978 to August 1979, and from June to August in 1980. Lechner arrived at Mount Vernon Nazarene College in 1979. He is also an honorary alumnus of MVNU.

Rev. Joe Noonon, MVNU's Vice President for Student Life and University Chaplain, closed Wednesday's chapel service with words of appreciation.

"When I was a student, I remember hearing the urban legends about your intellectual prowess in acing tests and your reputation preceded you. Your intellectual rigor integrated with faith poured forth into the lives of students," said Noonon.

"Hundreds and hundreds of us could parade across this platform and say 'thank you' for the way in which you allowed God to prepare you, shape you, pour into you, so that you might invest significantly in the history of this university and in the lives of those given to you to instruct," said Noonon.

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.

RIGHT THINKING RIGHT LIVING

By: Doris Applegate

Years ago the children in the neighborhood kept calling each other "Rat Fink" as a put down such as "dumb, dumb", "egg head" or "klunker" (kid talk). This mother was tired of hearing "Rat Fink" and told her little boy to quit saying it because it wasn't nice. He then said, "What's wrong with 'Rat Fink'?" "A rat is an animal that God made and 'fink' you 'fink' with your head!" "As I was 'finking,' (I mean thinking) on this I realized how just two little letters made such a big difference in this boy's understanding.

Letters are so important in our lives especially in understanding God's word that instructs us in how we should live and talk. Do we really understand that we should "love the Lord with all thy might"? Just words but so important to our relation to God! These words in Deuteronomy 6:5 are a guide to a life of happiness. Other words in God's Holy word will provide our spirit, soul and body to be ready for the time when Jesus Christ returns for those who have heeded and obeyed these important words. Life or death hang on the response to letters and words!

From "Rat Fink" to the coming of Jesus Christ is quite a stretch, but perhaps we did learn something (Read the Bible). It all starts with our ABC's!

CUFFS & COLLARS

Field reports from ODNR Division of Wildlife Officers

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

During the 2017 Ohio Deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Adam Smith, assigned to Logan County, received information from the Turn In A Poacher (TIP) hotline that someone had shot and killed a deer from a vehicle with a muzzleloader. Officer Smith had the description of the suspect's vehicle and after an investigation he identified the suspect, who was charged with shooting deer from a roadway, hunting by the aid of a motor vehicle, and hunting without permission. The man paid approximately \$350 in fines and

court costs, and the deer and his muzzleloader were forfeited to the State of Ohio. The caller received a cash reward from the TIP program.

While following up on potential violations found while investigating the online game-check database, State Wildlife Officer Patrick Muldovan, assigned to Licking County, spoke with an individual about a deer the man had harvested earlier in the season. While speaking with the individual, it was discovered that the man had harvested an antlered deer prior to purchasing an either-sex deer permit. The man was issued two summonses, one for hunting without a valid deer permit and one for using a deer permit that was purchased after the deer had been harvested. The man appeared in court and paid \$475 in fines and court costs.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

In February 2018, State Wildlife Officer Reid Van Cleve, assigned to Ottawa County, was working the spring walleye run along the Sandusky River. During this time, there are a lot of walleye in the river and occasionally, an angler may snag one accidentally. If this occurs, the fish must be released immediately. Officer Van Cleve observed a fisherman reeling in a walleye that was snagged in the back by the dorsal fin. The fisherman removed the jig but instead of letting the fish go, placed the jig into the mouth of the walleye. The fisherman then retrieved a pair of needle nose pliers and removed the hook from the mouth and placed the walleye on a stringer and continued to fish. Officer Van Cleve contacted the fisherman and issued a citation for keeping a snagged fish. The man paid a \$140 fine.

In early spring, Lake Erie Investigators Kevin Good and Kelsey Brockman conducted a patrol on Lake Erie after receiving complaints of anglers trolling too many rods. While on patrol, they observed four boats fishing with more rods than the number of people on board allowed. As the officers approached the boats, the anglers attempted to reel in the extra rods. Upon contact, the individuals on the boats admitted they knew there was a two rod per angler limit. Six citations were issued for fishing with too many rods, and each individual paid \$90 in fines and court costs through the Ottawa County Municipal Court.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

During the deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Craig Porter, assigned to Jef-

2018 ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL PROM: WELCOME TO THE ALPS



Pictured here is the 2018 Antwerp High School Prom Court. Front row: Prom Princess Kaylie Kapperman, and Prom Prince Kahne Moore. Back row: 2017 Queen and King, Klayre Manella and Hayden Spryn; Senior attendants Megaen Price and Noah Cline, Prom Queen Brooke Hatlevig, Prom King Brandon Laney, Junior attendants Iris Sorrell and Ashton Barnhouse, and Senior Attendants Taylor Provins and Brian Geyer. This year's theme was Welcome to the Alps. Grant's Reception Hall was decorated like a winter wonderland in a ski lodge placed deep in the European Alps.

erson County, received a call from a landowner who had observed an individual shoot a small doe and drag it to the edge of a woodlot without attaching a game tag to the animal. Officer Porter went to the farm, located the deer, and seized it as evidence. While on site, he contacted a few members of the hunting party who indicated they would speak to the individual responsible after he returned to camp in the evening. Later that night, Officer Porter met the suspect outside a local restaurant and issued him a summons for failing to attach a temporary game tag to the deer. He was convicted in court and paid \$330 in fines and court costs. The deer was forfeited to the ODNR Division of Wildlife.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

State Wildlife Officer Roy Rucker, assigned to Gallia County, received information concerning a subject who had killed a deer and checked it in as a landowner even though the deer was harvested on property the hunter does not own. Officer Rucker contacted the hunter and discovered that the deer had been killed on another person's property. In addition, the hunter did not have a valid hunting license or deer permit at the time of the harvest. The subject was issued two citations for the offenses and paid \$355 in fines and court costs.

In early April 2018, State Wildlife Officer Darin Abbott, assigned to Lawrence County, was on patrol at Wayne National Forest when he witnessed an open fire violation. When he stopped to contact the suspect, Officer Abbott observed drug paraphernalia in plain view. Officer Abbott searched the suspect's vehicle and located more drug paraphernalia, six knives, an axe, and a spray paint can that had recently been used to vandalize the roadway and parking area. The suspect was out on parole from prison and was arrested on parole violation per the probation officer's direction. Charges are pending in Ironton Municipal Court.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

Last spring turkey season, State Wildlife Officer Ryan Schock, assigned to Hamilton County, received a call from a Hamilton County park ranger who informed him of rifle shots that had been reported

near one of the county parks. Upon arrival, Officer Schock met with the park ranger and shortly thereafter, they contacted a nearby hunter. The man was turkey hunting and had decoys set at the edge of a woods. He stated that he was hunting turkey and had shot at a bird and missed. The hunter was illegally using a .22-250 rifle as his hunting implement. When Officer Schock asked for the hunter's license and turkey tag the man stated that he was hunting as a landowner and did not need a license or turkey tag. The Hamilton County park ranger had already learned that the hunter was not the landowner and did not have permission to be on the property. Officer Schock contacted the landowner who did not want to pursue charges due to the other violations the hunter was being cited for. Officer Schock seized the .22-250 rifle as evidence and cited the man for hunting without a license, hunting turkey without a turkey tag, and hunting turkey with a rifle. The man reached a plea agreement with the Hamilton County Municipal Court and paid a \$50 fine plus court costs.

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The placing of pink ribbons adorned with the names of honorees throughout the city is just one of multiple activities leading up to the 25th annual Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer Classic on June 4.

The fifth edition of the Three Rivers Running Company's Pink Ribbon Run will again take place on the Lutheran Hospital campus May 12. The 2018 Pink Ribbon Run is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. All proceeds from the four-mile run and two-mile walk will be given to the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer. This event is sponsored in part by Lutheran Health Network. Visit 3RiversRunning.com to learn more and register.

For additional information about Turn the Town Pink, The Classic, or any other foundation activities, contact Lynda Houk at 260-207-5283 or via email at lhok@verabradley.com.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To Whom It May Concern:

I've just been thinking about Mark Holtsberry, one of our Paulding County Commissioners. Mark has been doing an excellent job as Paulding County Commissioner.

Not only is he a home-owner and family man, he has owned his own

company, Decks -N- Places, for 20 years, so he is a local businessman and cares about Paulding County.

Mark was voted 4 terms (16 years) as Jackson Twp. Trustee before leaving to become commissioner. He knows about the roads, bridges, ditches, farmers' needs and what it takes to run a county. Being a commissioner you have to care about the entire county, not one community, and work with every board in the county. Mark has done this and will continue to do this.

He probably cares about this county, and the people who live here as much, if not more, than any elected official I know. When election time comes around people might tend to forget the effort he has put forth... DON'T! He's proven himself as being a good commissioner, so please, give him another term at least, because guys like Mark are working for you. He's a good Christian man, husband and dad. We need people like this in government. So when you go to the voting booth, give Mark yet another chance to prove himself.

We always have competition when running for office, but check out who's trying to make Paulding County a better place to live. Money for the job is secondary to doing a good job! Mark, you got my vote and I'm on your side! God Bless and keep on trucking!

Past PC Commissioner, Maurie Wannemacher

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am concerned about the Republican race for County Commissioner. I have known Clint Vance for over 10 years. I have had a property sale on farm land with him as well as working with him at Stoller Brothers and Sons Farms. I have found Clint Vance to be a very honest and respectful caring young man. He has farmed the Paulding area foundation properties for several years, even while attending Ohio State University. The time he spent on the Paulding school board and Vantage board as well as his farming experience gives him the type of experience he needs to be a very good Paulding County Commissioner. I listened to Mark Holtsberry when he was in Antwerp a few days ago and was very concerned about what I heard from him. There are 3 members of the Paulding Board of Country Commissioners I really believe that Clint's youth and agriculture degree would be huge asset to our county on that board. It is also a very good thing when the youth of our county are willing to return to this great county to live and work and be willing to participate in government offices.

-Charles West

TINORA FFA WINS 1ST ANNUAL PAULDING FFA TRAP SHOOT COMPETITION



Pictured here are members of the Tinora team with their trophy. Left to right: is Breanna Sabo, Tyler Woodbury, Ries Wachtman, Reagan Polasek, and Wyatt Miller

By: Reporter Sydney Reineck

The Paulding FFA held its 1st Annual Trap Shoot competition at the Paulding Fish and Game Club on Saturday April 21, 2018. The Paulding FFA just started their trap shooting program this year and they wanted to get other FFA chapters involved by hosting a competition. There were five schools in attendance which were Paulding, Tinora, Crestview, Parkway, and a team made up of different schools. Each team consisted of five members who each shot a round of 25 clay pigeons. Their scores were then added to make up their

team's total score. The highest scorer of the day was Ries Wachtman from Tinora. Ries hit 20 out of 25 pigeons. The highest scorer from Paulding was Owen Carnahan with a score of 19 out of 25. Tinora's team won the competition with a total score of 91. The Paulding FFA chapter plans to continue the trap shoot program and competition next year and, hopefully gaining more teams. The Paulding FFA would like to recognize the Paulding Fish and Game Club for hosting the event and The Awards Shop for donating the traveling trophy for the competition.

(Continued from Page 1) PCI based on rigorous onsite evaluation of the staff's ability to evaluate, diagnose and treat patients in this setting. Percutaneous coronary intervention is also known as coronary angioplasty. It is a non-surgical procedure that opens narrowed or blocked coronary arteries with a balloon to relieve symptoms of heart disease or reduce heart damage during or after a heart attack.

St. Joe is the first hospital in northern Indiana, and only the second in the state, to earn this accreditation. Additional information about ACC accredited facilities is available at: <https://cvquality.acc.org/accreditation/map>.

"The cardiac cath lab has long been a shining star of St. Joe because of our team's ability to provide some of the fastest door-to-balloon times for acute myocardial infarction in the city," said Louis Lopez, MD, cardiac cath lab medical director and chief of staff, St. Joseph Hospital. "This is just a single example of the quality and performance of the many hard-working individuals who have, in some cases, dedicated their entire careers to serving our patients. They deserve much credit."

Hospitals that have proven exceptional competency in treating patients who require cardiac catheterization have standardized their assessment process for patients before undergoing catheterization to ensure quality and patient safety. They ensure that care in the procedure room for sedation, infection control, radiation safety, universal protocol, and time out procedures is fully coordinated; and have mastered the appropriate transfer to a cath recovery unit to better monitor and track complications, enhance physician-to-patient communication, patient family communication, discharge instructions and follow-up information.

"St. Joseph Hospital has demonstrated its commitment to providing Fort Wayne with excellent heart care," said Phillip D. Levy, MD, FACC, chair of the ACC Accreditation Management Board. "ACC Accreditation Services is proud to award St. Joe with Cardiac Cath Lab Accreditation with PCI."

needs to be aware of their surroundings and other vehicles sharing the roadway. Motorists should keep in mind:

- Give motorcyclists a full lane of travel.
- Look for motorcyclists on the highway, at intersections and any time you are changing lanes.
- Allow plenty of space in front of the vehicle you are driving and do not follow a motorcycle too close.

For more information visit www.motorcycle.ohio.gov.

PATROL PLANS OVI SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT THIS WEEK

Van Wert - 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.

ANTWERP RIBFEST 2018

The annual Ribfest is fast approaching and the ACDC appreciates the hard working volunteers that run the event, Carrie Reeb and Laura Johnson.

Here's a little that will be going on that day!

Once again Community Memorial Hospital has signed on as a sponsor for the 5K!!

Race day is June 2, 2018 starts at 9:00 a.m. pre-registration online-

<https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Antwerp/RibfestRiverRun5K>

Pre-reg ends May 20; Shirts are guaranteed to all pre-registered. The shirts are going back to cotton t-shirts this year.

Race day sign in and registration 8-8:40 a.m. ; Run or walk. Strollers welcome

Race is manually timed and all times are posted following the event. The race starts and finishes at Veterans Memorial Riverside Park. 300 E. River Street. The course map can be found at <http://www.usatf.org/routes/view.asp?rld=560858>. Overall and age group awards presented on-site following the race. Any questions check out our Ribfest River Run 5k Facebook page or email us at antwerpribfest5k@gmail.com.

Downtown area will open at 11:00 a.m. on that Saturday. Serving up the ribs that day will be Shigs In Pit BBQ out of Fort Wayne, IN, Country Lane BBQ (last year's winner of best sauce and peoples choice) out of Perrysburg, OH, Cornerstone Kitchen (last year winner of judges choice) from Edgerton, OH, and Timmy's BBQ from Garrett, IN.

Other foods that will be available:

- Soft serve ice cream - Hicksville Fire Department
- Lemon shake ups, steamed corn, curly fries - Antwerp Boy Scouts
- Pulled pork and slushies - Antwerp Ball Association
- Brats, hot dogs, burgers - Antwerp Ladies Fire Aux
- Pop and water - ACDC
- Beer - VFW
- Rib vendors doing sides again this year: Cornerstone Kitchen-coleslaw; Timmy's-baked beans; Country Lane -chessy potatoes; Shigs - green chile mac and cheese.

WOODBURN SUMMER FEST PARADE "WET & WILD"

Sponsored by: the Woodburn Community Association

The Woodburn Community Association and the City of Woodburn would like to take this opportunity to invite you to participate in what we believe will be the most exciting parade we've done in years! We hope you will take the opportunity to participate in this event and join with us as we celebrate the city we call home. The parade is scheduled for Saturday, June 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Line up time is at 9:00 a.m.

The 2018 parade theme is "Wet & Wild", spotlighting one of the purposes of the festival, which is to raise money for a community splash pad in the park. You are cordially invited to participate in our parade and show off your entry to a large crowd on this special occasion. We know you'll have a blast as you create wonderful, imaginative entries & floats based on the "Wet & Wild" theme!

Judging will be based on the following criteria:

- Floats:
 - Workmanship - A. Originality 10 points max; B. Quality of Work 10 points max
 - Design - A. Originality 10 points max; B. Durability 10 points max; C. Animation 10 points max
 - General Effect - 10 points max
 - Identifiable Theme (Is the theme of the parade displayed and presented well?)- 30 points max
 - Costumes and Casting - 10 points max
 - Total Possible Points - 100 points
- Marching Units:
 - Overall Appearance - 10 points max;
 - Uniformity - 10 points

- max
- Costumes - 10 points max
- Total Possible Points - 30 points
- Prizes will be awarded in both categories: 1st \$100, 2nd \$50 & 3rd \$25
- Please visit www.WoodburnSummerFest.com to download the entry form and parade map. Got questions? Email us at WoodburnSummerFest@gmail.com

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Antwerp Conservation Club
SCHEDULE AND EVENT CHANGES

- May 5th, 22 rifle 40 shot NRA Silhouette Match, 11am sign up and practice, Match begins at noon
- May 6th, IDPA Pistol Match, Registration opens at Noon, Match starts at 1pm
- May 10th- Club Meeting at 7pm

All of our advertised events are open to the public.
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athlete, played for a number of ball clubs there for years.

Sometime in America, baseball was a way of life for a certain era, It really was America's past time. See Ya!

MAUMEE RIVER CRUISE

By: Stan Jordan

Here it is the last part of April and spring is slowly getting here. In my estimation, we just had one of the coldest winters that I can remember.

The month of February was one of the warmest Februarys on record, and it dragged around and winter held on into what should have been spring. April is one of the coldest on record. It won't be too long and the trees will be getting their leaves. Soon it will be time for you to take a cruise on the Scenic Maumee River and watch for the eagles nest, before the leaves come out. I recommend it.

Maumee Rentals LLC

Operating primarily from the landing at Riverside Veterans' Memorial Park to Maumee Rentals here in Antwerp (longer routes are available). Monday through Saturday. For more information call 419-506-1049; Louis Beregszazi - owner. See Ya!

HORSEPOWER HOLIDAY

By: Stan Jordan

Dan and Traci Bowers, owner of Advanced Chassis, will hold their annual Horsepower Holiday at the Paulding County Fairground on May 4th, 5th and 6th.

This is their annual event, but the last couple times it has rained by the inches, maybe this year will be nicer.

If you remember, this is where horsepower reins supreme, the bigger the engine the more noise and fun, and the better the pulling power.

There is all kind of lights, water, drains and parking for all types and size trucks, trailers and campers.

They also have activities for monster trucks, anything with an engine in it is welcome.

There is an adult type scavenger hunt. There is mud ball races of all types. This year they have plenty of rain shelter, two nights with live bands and Dan's pride and joy.....a burn out contest. See ya!

THESE BIG STONES



By: Stan Jordan

This is the picture of the huge stones up west by CR 424. If you look real close, it looks like they used some mortar then laid these stones in line to build the track up and make it level.

I wish there was someone to explain all of this to us, but that was the Wabash, Toledo and Western Railroad and was laid through the area between 1853 and 1860. It has changed owners and names a number of times.

That track is as straight as can be from Antwerp to Defiance. Just west of Antwerp it turns to the left a little and then is very straight into New Haven, and maybe that's where these big stones came from. About a half mile on west of this place, the rails make a left turn and make a bee line towards New Haven, but right here close, it is bridged over and just maybe some of those big stones were used in the construction of that cross over and they might be left overs. But that

little wall in the picture looks like it was laid up to make the track level and not wash away with erosion.

Now this is Monday the 23rd and we haven't had any rain for a while so I was able to make a trip on Rd 160, which is a mud road on the west end. Now that is the old canal road that the railroad crosses over when it heads for Woodburn or New Haven.

And after seeing that area, that is where the big stones were used in the making of that over pass. The south side abutments are made of that type of big boulders

So it is my assumption that after they finished the overpass they came on toward town and stopped beside the water tower and unloaded the rest of the boulders, but I think they used some to make that retaining wall and then unloaded the rest as sort of storage.

The canal is about ¼ mile to the south of this picture.

See ya!

2000 YEARS OF HISTORY COME ALIVE AT THE OLD FORT'S TIMELINE EVENT

Have you ever wanted to talk with Dr. Benjamin Franklin? Do you know what weapons the army in the medieval era used? What were the French Settlers like when they inhabited this area? Historical re-enactors representing times from the early Vikings through the WWII converge on Fort Wayne's Historic Old Fort. Demonstrations will be given on period cooking, gardening, military life, and much more spanning up to 2000 years.

The Fort will host area 4th and 5th grade pre-registered students on Friday for a day of interactive learning, and then be open to the public throughout the weekend: Saturday, May 5th from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 6th from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tours of the Old Fort will be offered throughout the weekend. Weekend admission: Freewill donation. For more information and a schedule of specific activities: 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.

THE COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY BRANCH OF THE PAULDING COUNTY CARNEGIE LIBRARY IS BOOMING WITH EVENTS IN MAY

Adult Coloring & Coffee is every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. is exercise by video "Move & Groove".

Saturday, May 5, from 10:30-12:30 is the Friends of the Library Vendor Boutique! Vendors will have chocolates, jewelry, and much more just in time for Mother's Day!

Sit & Stitch will be held May 7, at 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 8, is Mom & Me Canvas Button Art from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. This is a free event but supplies are limited so registration is required!

Also on Tuesday, May 8, at 6:00 p.m, join Kari Spangler for a Mother's Day DIY Workshop! After a mini essential oils presentation, you will get to make one Lavender Dead Sea Salt Scrub or a Stress Away perfume spritzer for FREE! This will be an evening all about Mom!

The Cooper Community Branch Library was the third branch to open in the Paulding County Carnegie Library system. Opening in 2000 the branch has become the hub and heart of the community, sponsoring programs and events throughout the year. Follow us on Facebook for upcoming events @coopercommunitybranchlibrary or call 419-594-3337.

UPCOMING ODOT WORK

The following is highway construction scheduled to occur within Defiance, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert County.

DEFIANCE

There are no projects scheduled in Defiance County that are anticipated to significantly affect highway traffic during the week.

PAULDING

U.S. 30 between the Indiana state line and state Route 49 north is restricted to one lane in both directions through the work zone for a rehabilitation project which includes resurfacing and concrete joint repair. Work will continue through summer. Work is being performed by the Shelly Company, Findlay.

State Route 637 between Road 118 and Road 138, northwest of Melrose, closed April 18 for approximately 75 days for ditch relocation. The project also includes the relocation of a 72-inch pipe beneath county Road 126 to match the flow of the new ditch. Traffic will be detoured onto state Route 613 and state Route 66 back onto state Route 637. Work is being performed by VTF Excavation, Celina.

County Road 11 under U.S. 24, just east of the Indiana state line, will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for the repair of a retaining wall. Flaggers will maintain traffic. Work is being performed by Vernon Nagel, Inc., Napoleon.

PUTNAM

Berm repair will restrict traffic to one lane along the following routes. Work is being performed by the ODOT Putnam County maintenance garage.

State Route 115 between Kalida and state Route 15

U.S. 224 between Kalida and Glandorf

State Route 613 between the Paulding County line and state Route 15 and between Leipsic and the Hancock County line

State Route 634 between state Route 190 and U.S. 224

State Route 694 between state Route 114 and state Route 115

State Route 696 between the Allen County line and state Route 12

State Route 66 between county Road R and township Road R-23, south of Ottoville, is now open following a project to replace two culverts.

State Route 613 between township Road 15-C and state Route 108, west of Miller City, will close May 14 for approximately 10 days for the replacement of two culverts. Traffic will be detoured onto state Route 108 and state Route 15 back to state Route 613. Work is being performed by the ODOT Putnam County maintenance garage.

VAN WERT

State Route 66 over U.S. 30 closure, northwest of Delphos, for bridge repair has been postponed.

State Route 81 from Willshire to state Route 66 in Allen County will be reduced to one lane through the work zone at various locations for pavement repair. Work is expected to occur over the next two weeks. Work is being performed by the ODOT Van Wert County maintenance garage.

U.S. 30 between the Indiana state line and state Route 49 north will be restricted to

one lane in both directions through the work zone for a rehabilitation project that will include resurfacing and concrete joint repair. Work is being performed by the Shelly Company, Findlay.

U.S. 30 just west of Richey Road will be restricted to one lane in both directions through the work zones for bridge deck sealing. Work is expected to last for one week. Work is being performed by Global Outdoor Solutions, Cleveland.

State Route 697 just west of the city of Delphos is now open following a railroad repair project.

Van Wert-Decatur Road between U.S. 224 and Shannon Street, just west of Van Wert, will be reduced to one lane through the work zone for pavement milling and resurfacing. Work began April 25 and will continue for approximately two weeks. Work is being performed by the Shelly Company, Findlay.

FIRST DEFIANCE FINANCIAL CORP. ANNOUNCES 2018 FIRST QUARTER EARNINGS

DEFIANCE, Ohio (BUSINESS WIRE) – First Defiance Financial Corp. (NASDAQ: FDEF) announced that earnings for the first quarter of 2018 were \$11.7 million, or \$1.15 per diluted common share compared to \$5.1 million or \$0.54 per diluted common share for the first quarter of 2017. The first quarter 2017 results included approximately one month of operations from Commercial Savings Bank and had no impact from Corporate One Benefits Agency Inc. ("Corporate One"). In comparison, the first quarter 2018 results include a full quarter of operations from both Commercial Savings Bank and Corporate One. The acquisitions of Commercial Bancshares, Inc. and its banking subsidiary Commercial Savings Bank (collectively "CSB") and Corporate One were completed on February 24, 2017, and April 1, 2017, respectively.

The results for the first quarter 2018 also include a credit loan loss provision of \$1.1 million, which had an after tax benefit of \$865,000, or \$0.08 per diluted share, which more than offset expenses for OREO write-downs of \$544,000, with an after tax impact of \$430,000, or \$0.04 per diluted share and non-executive employee bonuses of \$300,000, which had an after tax impact of \$237,000, or \$0.02 per diluted share. The first quarter 2017 results included merger and conversion expenses related to the CSB transaction of \$3.6 million, which had an after tax impact of \$2.5 million, or \$0.27 per diluted share. In addition, the first quarter 2017 results reflected the impact of the purchase of a bank owned life insurance policy which included a tax-free value enhancement gain of \$1.5 million and the surrender of a bank owned life insurance policy which added \$1.7 million to income tax expense, which together reduced net income approximately \$200,000, or \$0.02 per diluted share.

"We are very pleased to reach the \$3.0 billion milestone in total assets at quarter-end," said Donald P. Hileman, President and Chief Executive Officer of First

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

- 1 – Emergency Financial Assistance – Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.
- 2 – Claims Assistance – Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

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

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

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

Defiance Financial Corp. "We have come a long way from a year ago by delivering on our acquisitions, executing our organic growth strategies, and improving our profitability metrics, which were further enhanced by the benefit from tax reform. We remain very positive that we can build upon this progress in 2018 and beyond."

Net interest income up compared to first quarter 2017

Net interest income of \$25.7 million in the first quarter of 2018 was up from \$21.6 million in the first quarter of 2017. The increase over the prior year's first quarter was attributable to a full quarter of added operations from the CSB merger, organic growth and net interest margin expansion. Net interest margin was 3.95% for the first quarter of 2018, up from 3.88% in the fourth quarter of 2017, and up from 3.81% in the first quarter of 2017. Yield on interest earning assets increased to 4.43% in the first quarter of 2018, up 21 basis points from 4.22% in the first quarter of 2017. The cost of interest-bearing liabilities increased 11 basis points in the first quarter of 2018 to 0.65% from 0.54% in the first quarter of 2017.

"Our net interest margin improved in the first quarter and continues to perform well in the rising interest rate environment," said Hileman. "While organic loan and deposit growth was seasonally down from last quarter, success in our growth strategies is evident with our 18.7% increase in net interest income from a year ago. We feel confident that this performance will continue as we are well positioned for future rate movements."

Non-interest income up from first quarter 2017

First Defiance's non-interest income in the first quarter of 2018 was \$10.7 million compared with \$10.5 million in the first quarter of 2017. The first quarter 2017 included a \$1.5 million enhancement value gain related to the purchase of bank owned life insurance. Excluding the 2017 enhancement value gain, non-interest income increased \$1.7 million primarily due to the inclusion of operations from the CSB and Corporate One mergers completed in 2017.

Mortgage banking income remained flat at \$1.7 million in the first quarters of 2018 and 2017. Gains from the sale of mortgage loans also remained consistent at \$1.1 million in the first quarters of 2018 and 2017. Mortgage loan servicing revenue was \$944,000 in the first quarter of 2018, up slightly from \$934,000 in the first quarter of 2017. First Defiance had a positive change in the valuation adjustment in mortgage servicing assets of \$37,000 in the first quarter of 2018 compared with a positive adjustment of \$33,000 in the first quarter of 2017.

For the first quarter 2018, service fees and other charges were \$3.1 million, up from \$2.8 million in the first quarter of 2017; and commissions from the sale of insurance products were \$4.3 million, up from \$3.5 million in the first quarter of 2017. The first quarter typically includes contingent revenues, bonuses paid by insurance carriers when the Company achieves certain loss ratios or growth targets. In the first quarter of 2018, First Defiance's insurance subsidiary, First Insurance Group, earned \$1.0 million of contingent income, compared to \$1.2 million during the first quarter of 2017. Trust income was \$552,000 in the first quarter of 2018, up from \$450,000 in the first quarter of 2017.

"Non-interest income continues to bolster our overall revenue growth with solid core growth in all of our major business lines with additional contributions from our acquisitions," said Hileman.

Non-interest expenses up from first quarter 2017

Total non-interest expense was \$23.3 million in the first quarter of 2018, up from \$23.1 million in the first quarter of 2017. The first quarter 2017 included expenses of \$3.6 million related to the CSB merger and conversion. Excluding the 2017 merger and conversion expenses, the increase in non-interest expenses was \$3.7 million, mostly due to the additional expenses from the operations of CSB and Corporate One mergers completed in 2017. Compensation and benefits decreased to \$13.2 million in the first quarter of 2018, compared to \$14.3 million in the first quarter of 2017. The decrease in compensation and benefits from a year ago is mainly due to the prior year period including \$2.8 million of merger costs to settle employment and benefit agreements, while the current year period includes a full quarter of personnel expenses for the acquired CSB and Corporate One locations. Data processing cost was \$2.1 million in the first quarter of 2018, up from \$1.9 million in the first quarter of 2017. Other non-interest expense of \$4.6 million in the first quarter of 2018 increased from \$4.0 million in the first quarter of 2017. Other expenses in the first quarter 2018 include OREO write-downs of \$544,000, while the first quarter 2017 included \$667,000 of CSB merger and conversion related costs.

Credit quality

Non-performing loans totaled \$27.9 million at March 31, 2018, a decrease from \$30.7 million at December 31, 2017, but an increase from \$15.1 million at March 31, 2017. The decrease from the prior quarter-end was due to the payoff of a large relationship previously downgraded in the second quarter of 2017. In addition, First Defiance had \$1.4 million of OREO at March 31, 2018, compared to \$705,000 at March 31, 2017. Accruing troubled debt restructured loans were \$13.7 million at March 31, 2018, compared with \$9.8 million at March 31, 2017.

The non-performing loan payoff resulted in a principal recovery of \$1.7 million. As a result, the first quarter 2018 performance reflected net loan recoveries of \$1.7 million and a credit provision for loan losses of \$1.1 million compared with net loan charge-offs of \$190,000 and a provision for loan loss expense of \$55,000 for the same period in 2017.

The allowance for loan loss as a percentage of total loans was 1.16% at March 31, 2018, compared with 1.15% at March 31, 2017. In addition, the CSB loans acquired in 2017 were recorded at fair value with purchase accounting adjustment discounting the loan balance instead of an allowance for loan losses. For the CSB loans acquired the discount recorded totaled \$3.7 million, or 1.9% of total CSB loans at March 31, 2018. "Overall asset quality metrics improved from last quarter, with all non-performing asset categories declining and all allowance coverage ratios improving," said Hileman. "Significant recoveries totaling \$2.0 million contributed to both higher earnings and strengthened reserves this quarter."

Total assets at \$3.02 billion

Total assets at March 31, 2018, were \$3.02 billion compared to \$2.99 billion at December 31, 2017, and \$2.93 billion at March 31, 2017. Net loans receivable (excluding loans held for sale) were \$2.33 billion at March 31, 2018, compared to \$2.32 billion at December 31, 2017, and \$2.21 billion at March 31, 2017. At March 31, 2018, net loans receivable grew \$118.8 million, or 5.4% from a year ago.

Also, at March 31, 2018, goodwill and other intangible assets totaled \$103.9 million compared to \$104.3 million at December 31, 2017, and \$97.1 million at March 31, 2017.

Total deposits at March 31, 2018, were \$2.49 billion compared with \$2.44 billion at December 31, 2017, and \$2.37 billion at March 31, 2017. At March 31, 2018, total deposits grew \$118.0 million, or 5.0% from a year ago.

Total stockholders' equity was \$379.2 million at March 31, 2018, compared to \$373.3 million at December 31, 2017, and \$354.2 million at March 31, 2017.

Dividend to be paid May 25

The Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.30 per common share payable May 25, 2018, to shareholders of record at the close of business on May 18, 2018. The dividend represents an annual dividend of 2.09 percent based on the First Defiance common stock closing price on April 13, 2018. First Defiance has approximately 10,182,649 common shares outstanding.

Chairman William J. Small Announces Planned Retirement

First Defiance Financial Corp. Chairman William J. Small announced that he will be retiring from the Board of Directors effective July 31, 2018. Mr. Small has served as Chairman since 1999 and

served as President and CEO of First Defiance and CEO of First Federal Bank from 1999 through 2013. John L. Bookmyer will succeed Mr. Small as Chairman. Mr. Bookmyer has been a member of the First Defiance Board since 2005 and currently serves as the Lead Independent Director.

First Defiance Financial Corp.

First Defiance Financial Corp. (NASDAQ:FDEF), headquartered in Defiance, Ohio, is the holding company for First Federal Bank of the Midwest and First Insurance Group. First Federal Bank operates 43 full-service branches and numerous ATM locations in northwest and central Ohio, southeast Michigan and northeast Indiana and a loan production office in Ann Arbor, Michigan. First Insurance Group, including its division Corporate One Benefits, is a full-service insurance agency with nine offices throughout northwest Ohio.

For more information, visit the company's website at www.fdef.com.

CHECK THE STATS: LATTA ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE, CONSISTENT REPRESENTATIVES

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) has been one of the most effective members of the House of Representatives in getting bills signed into law according to the website, GovTrack.us -- a site that tracks and posts information on Congress. According to data provided by the site's annual scorecards, only five current members of the House have had more legislation signed into law than Latta over the previous two Congresses. When removing Committee and Subcommittee Chairmen, Congressman Latta is tied for the most bills signed into law among House members in the 113th and 114th Congress.

The laws he authored ensure that Ohio families would have access to propane to heat their homes, businesses, and farms during the winter (H.R. 5705 - Propane Education and Research Enhancement Act), provide tools to protect Lake Erie from harmful algal blooms (H.R. 212 - Drinking Water Protection Act), and remove duplicative regulations on local car dealers (H.R. 724) -- among others.

In addition to highlighting Latta's effectiveness, the site also shows that Congressman Latta has not missed a vote in 1,283 votes, the longest current streak in the Ohio delegation and 4th longest in the U.S. House of Representatives.

GovTrack also ranked Latta as the most conservative member of the Ohio delegation in the 113th and 114th Congress according to their analysis of legislative behavior.

"My goal is to effectively represent my constituents in Northwest and West Central Ohio," said Latta. "That means showing up to work, standing up for conservative values, and passing bills into law that help the people in my district. The numbers speak for themselves. I am

ANTWERP JH TRACK DOES NOT DISAPPOINT!



Antwerp Jr. High track hosted their invitational on Friday evening and the girls and the boys ran and fielded there way to a Runner-up finish with 11 teams competing. It was a great night by all of our athletes that participated.

There were 8 individuals who scored in double figures for the Archers and they were Kennadi Recker with 19 1/2 points while winning the long jump. Leslie Pollack had 14 points and increased her discus record to 94' 5 inches claiming 1st place. Lydia Brewer also had 14 points and set a new school record in the shot put with a throw of 33' ft eclipsing the old record set in 1999 by Jean Wappes and her throw was 32' 4 inches. Aerial

Snyder also scored in double figures earning the team 11 1/2 points.

Leading the way for the boys was Gaige McMichael who had a fantastic night winning the pole vault, 110 hurdles and placing 3rd in the 200 hurdles, he scored 26 total points. Trevon Woodmore scored 18 1/2 points, while Stephon Walker had 18 points and Hayden Wagner 10 1/2 points.

Ayersville boys won with 129.5 points to Antwerp's 99 on the boys side and Girls final score was Wayne Trace 117 and Antwerp girls 113.

Great job to all of the athletes that competed and cheered on their teammates during competition.

proud of my strong, conservative record of getting things done."

While historic obstruction from Senate Democrats has left many pieces of legislation languishing in that body this Congress, Latta has successfully passed 3 pieces of legislation through the House -- the SELF DRIVE Act, the Advanced Nuclear Technology Development Act, and the Preventing Vehicular Terrorism Act. He also authored the Cyber Sense Act, which was passed by an Energy and Commerce (E&C) Subcommittee. His bill to combat the opioid crisis, the INFO Act, is expected to be voted on by the E&C Committee soon.

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LADY RAIDERS DOMINATE THE PLATE AT HOME



Lady Raider Maggie Crosby hits the ball to centerfield on a base hit at Thursdays game. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Lady Raider home field played host to the Hicks-ville Aces on Thursday, April 26th. Wayne Trace's bats were on fire as they scored in all of the innings they played. Hicksville's game play was not as crafty as they only scored in the 2nd, 4th & 6th. Final score saw a Raider victory: Wayne Trace 14, Hicks-ville 5

Score by Innings:
Hicksville - 0 2 0 2 0 1 0 = 5; 8H, 5E

Wayne Trace - 2 2 3 2 3 2 x = 14; 17H, 4E

Winning Pitcher - Maggie Crosby (7 innings, 8 hits, 5 runs, 4 earned runs, 2 strikeouts, 2 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Laney Balsler (4 innings, 11 hits, 9 runs, 4 earned runs, 1 strike-out, 1 walk)

Other Hicksville Pitcher - Micah Schroeder (2 innings, 6 hits, 5 runs, 3 earned runs, 2 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Hicksville Hitters - Micah Schroeder (single), Laney Balsler (single, home run), Sommer Reinhart (two home runs, two runs, three RBI's), Emily Sanders (single), Samantha Klima (double), Lena Bassett (single)

Wayne Trace Hitters - Emily Dyson (four singles, triple, four runs, two RBI's), Megan Moore (two singles, triple), Keagann Parrish (three singles), Brooke Sinn (single), Alex Fast (single), Maggie Crosby (two singles, four RBI), Kalin Gerber (single, triple)

MVNU AMONG 2018 'BEST AND MOST AFFORDABLE ONLINE COLLEGES' FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

Mount Vernon Nazarene University's Graduate and Professional Studies online Bachelor's in Public Administration was recently recognized among the 2018 Best and Most Affordable Online Colleges from SR Education Group, an education research publisher.

"We are honored to have our Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration program ranked fourth for Best Online Colleges for Value and 10th for Most Affordable Online Colleges. Our goal is to make getting a college education as affordable and convenient as

possible, while maintaining a high level of academic quality," said Kevin Hughes, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies at MVNU.

"MVNU has 25 years of experience offering adult degree programs and we put what we have learned into every program we offer and we are excited to have this new program recognized for its quality and value. The Public Administration program consists of a combination of core courses that will cover the broader administration spectrum from business administration to non-for-profit administration, as well as classes that will drill down on public administration topics and prepare students for leadership in the field of public administration," said Hughes.

The ranking for Best Online College for Value is based on affordability and academic strength. After analyzing a selection of accredited online schools across the nation, the organization identified the strengths of academics and tuition rates. According to SR Education Group, "inclusion on this list shows high academic standards and a commitment to affordability, two key factors important to prospective students."

The ranking for Most Affordable Online Colleges demonstrates online colleges throughout the U.S. that provide affordable options for students. SR Education "manually researched the tuition of every college offering fully online degrees to determine and rank the most affordable choices."

DAYTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND OHSAA ANNOUNCE CLOSURE TO DUNBAR BASKETBALL INCIDENT

Dayton Public Schools superintendent Dr. Elizabeth Lolli and Ohio High School Athletic Association Executive Director Dr. Dan Ross have announced closure to the case involving Dunbar High School boys' basketball during the 2017-18 season.

In March, Dayton Public Schools filed a lawsuit to block the OHSAA's decision to remove Dunbar from the boys' basketball tournament for using an ineligible player, which stemmed from Dunbar not suspending junior varsity players who left the bench during a fight in January. The issue was whether one player, who later participated in a varsity tournament game, left the bench during the fight. The court sided with Dayton Public Schools, stating: "In reviewing the record upon which OHSAA based its decision, the Court finds that OHSAA's decision is not supported by reliable, probative and substantial evidence." The court further found "thus, as Coach Taylor testified, John Doe was already in the locker room hallway before the fight broke out." However, after the Court's ruling, new evidence came to light, showing that the student-athlete left the bench and went into the fight.

DAYTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS STATEMENT

"I would like to thank Dr. Ross and the OHSAA for working with us to find the truth in this situation," Lolli said. "It is concerning that individuals with information about the incident did not feel

comfortable coming forward before the court hearing. We owe an apology to Bishop Fenwick High School, Thurgood Marshall High School and the OHSAA. We have taken corrective measures to address the situation. We appreciate the OHSAA's cooperation and compassion during this situation. We know that removal of Dayton Public Schools' membership in the OHSAA was an option."

OHSAA STATEMENT
"I was a superintendent for a long time, so I understand what Dr. Lolli has been going through with this," Ross said. "Our staff was convinced by the evidence we had in making our original decision that the youngster came off the bench when the fight broke out. Once new evidence was obtained and shared with Dr. Lolli, she immediately knew that it was a very serious matter and wanted to work with the OHSAA to make the needed corrections. It has been a pleasure working with her and we trust that nothing like this will happen again at Dayton Public Schools."

DAYTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACTION

Dayton Public Schools began reviewing athletic department structure and procedures immediately after this incident occurred. The District is in the process of making decisions about the athletic department and will be implementing changes over the next several weeks. Dr. Ross has been kept apprised of these discussions. DPS is committed to making certain that its coaches and administrators know and follow OHSAA rules, properly investigate incidents, and impose appropriate consequences for rule violations.

OHSAA SANCTIONS

In addition, the OHSAA has handed down the following sanctions. Dunbar will not be permitted to participate in the 2019 boys' basketball tournament and Dayton Public Schools will reimburse the OHSAA's court costs, fees and expenses related to the March hearing. In addition, the OHSAA has extended the current probation period that all Dayton Public Schools are currently serving from a football incident in 2016. That probation is now extended through June 2020 for all DPS schools and through 2022 for Dunbar.

"For the last month, this has been an effort from both sides working together - the OHSAA and Dayton Public Schools," Ross said. "I commend Dr. Lolli for working hard to do the right thing here and get to the truth. She cares deeply for Dayton Public Schools and understands how important this is for DPS moving forward."

BULLDOG BASEBALL DROPS PAIR OF GAMES

New Haven hit the diamond twice last week with the Bulldogs coming up short to Leo and DeKalb.

Against Leo, the Bulldogs and Lions scored four runs each in the second but Leo responded with three runs each in the fourth and fifth to pull away for a 14-6 victory.

New Haven added two runs in the top of the sixth but the Lions ended any doubt with four runs in the home half of the sixth.

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ANTWERP DOWN EDGERTON AT PARKVIEW FIELD



At Parkview Field Antwerp's Keaton Altimus gets the outfit at second before throwing the ball to first. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Tincaps' home field at Parkview Field became the battle ground for varsity baseball action on Thursday night, April 26th. The first game was Leo vs. New Haven and the second was Antwerp vs. Edgerton. This low scoring game proved to be a victory for the Archers, as they left the Bulldogs down. Final

score: Antwerp 3 Edgerton 1
Winning Pitcher - Dylan Peters (7 IP, 5 Hits, 1 R, 0 ER, 5 Ks, 1 BB)
Offense - Jake Eaken (2 for 3 with 1 double, 1 scored run), Keaton Altimus (1 for 2 with 1 double, 1 RBI, and 1 BB)
Overall Record (6-6), Conference Record (3-2)

DiFederico all had two hits for the Bulldogs, who totaled 11 as a team. Chris Scheid, Angel DiFederico and Kade Keele chipped in one hit each. Keele suffered the loss for New Haven, tossing five innings with one strikeout.

In earlier action last week, visiting DeKalb scored six runs in the top of the eighth inning as the Barons went on to post an 11-4 victory over the Bulldogs.

Chris Scheid had a single and a double for New Haven with Bryce Minnich record-

ing a double. Angel DiFederico, Tim Jordan and Luke Watson all chipped in a single for the Bulldogs.

Scheid also scored twice for New Haven.

Jordan pitched six innings, giving up eight hits and two earned while striking out one and walking three. Chase Geier suffered the loss for New Haven, throwing one inning, allowing three hits and six earned runs with four walks.

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ACES TOPPLE RAIDERS



Wayne Trace's Eli Sinn hits a pop fly ball to the infield in this hit. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On Thursday, April 26th, varsity baseball action ramped up on the Raider field with the Hicksville Aces. Hicksville started the competition by scoring 4 runs in the 2nd inning. The Raiders made a comeback attempt in the 4th scoring 5 runs, but that was after the Aces clocked in 1 in the 3rd and 4 more in the 4th. Raiders claimed 2 more runs in the 5th but that wasn't enough to add another win to the Raider mound as they conceded the win to Hicksville. Final score: Hicksville 10, Wayne Trace 7.
 Score by Innings:
 Hicksville - 0 4 1 4 0 1 0 = 10; 11H, 4E
 Wayne Trace - 0 0 0 5 2 0 0 = 7; 7H, 6E

Winning Pitcher - Jake Greer (7 innings, 7 hits, 7 runs, 9 strikeouts, 4 walks)
 Losing Pitcher - Korbin Slade (2 innings, 7 hits, 5 runs, 1 strikeout, 4 walks)
 Other Wayne Trace Pitchers - Caleb Yenser, Grant Baumle
 Hicksville Hitters - Parker Thiel (two singles), Zac Brickel (double), Jake Greer (single), Eric Chapman (two singles), Blake Stairhime (single), Lukas Yoder (three singles), Ethan Wilhelm (single)
 Wayne Trace Hitters - Haydn Gillett (two singles), Caleb Schaefer (single), Reid Miller (single), Korbin Slade (double), Reece Thompson (single), Quinton Stabler (single)

13-inning high school softball marathon Monday night at the home of the Raiders where Wayne Trace rallied for a 2-1 victory.

After Woodlan scored one in the third and Wayne Trace answered with a single run in the fourth, neither team would score again until the home half of the 13th.

Alex Fast walked to start the Raider half of the 13th to bring Maggie Crosby to the plate.

Crosby then laid down a sacrifice bunt with Fast scrambling around the bases and scoring on a Woodlan throwing error for a 2-1 win.

Kayla Reidenbach drove in the Warrior run with a two-out single that plated Madi Koos to put Woodlan on top 1-0 in the third.

Wayne Trace answered in the fourth, getting a Crosby groundout that scored Brooke Sinn to even the game at 1-1.

Madilyn Brigner picked up the victory for Wayne Trace, throwing all 13 innings while giving up ten hits and a walk and striking out five.

Olivia Wilson took the loss for Woodlan, surrendering four hits and seven walks with eight strikeouts in 12-1/3 innings of action.

Kayla Reidenbach, Alyson Wiesehan and Hallie Mason all had two singles for the Lady Warriors with Samantha Koos adding a double. Madi Koos, Ronnie Hathaway and Clare Yagodinski each chipped in a single.

Brooke Sinn had a double for Wayne Trace while Megan Moore, Kalin Gerber and Madi Brigner recorded a single each.

the offense in the second inning, when Evan Brown singled on a 1-0 count, scoring one run.

In the bottom of the second inning, Woodlan Warriors Varsity tied things up at one when Christian Igney singled on a 0-2 count, scoring one run.

Adams Central pulled away for good with one run in the fourth inning. In the fourth an error scored one run for Adams Central.

Adams Central scored ten runs in the seventh inning. Adams Central batters contributing to the big inning included Jalen Hammond, Chase Peterson, Brown, Kyle Arnold, Logan Macklin, and Parker Bates, all driving in runs in the frame.

Kevin Brown led things off on the rubber for Adams Central. He lasted four and two-thirds innings, allowing two hits and one run while striking out seven.

Connor Waterman was on the mound for Woodlan Warriors Varsity. He surrendered five runs on eight hits over six innings, striking out three. Connor Sowers and Blake Fuller entered the game from the bullpen, throwing two-thirds of an inning and one-third of an inning respectively.

Waterman, Igney, and Aaron Nickell each collected one hit to lead Woodlan Warriors Varsity.

Adams Central scattered 15 hits in the game. Peterson, Bates, Brown, Gage Bustos, Brandon Bultemeler, and Brown all collected multiple hits for Adams Central. Peterson led Adams Central with three hits in five at bats. Adams Central was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Hammond had the most chances in the field with ten.

WOODLAN ROLLS PAST REDSKINS

FORT WAYNE - Woodlan made the trip to North Side on Friday afternoon for a high school softball contest and the Warriors pounded out 24 hits in rolling to a 24-2 win over the Legends.

Alyson Wiesehan led a balanced Warrior attack with a two doubles and three singles in the contest, scoring four times and driving in three more. Kayla Reidenbach and Madi Koos also had four hits each for Woodlan, with Reidenbach also adding four runs batted in.

Emma Baughman, Hallie Mason, Olivia Wilson and Taya Kitzmiller each had two hits as well for the Lady Warriors. Ronnie Hathaway, Clare Yagodinski and Samantha Koos posted a hit apiece for Woodlan.

Mason scored three times and picked up three runs batted in with Baughman, Hathaway, Yagodinski and Madi Koos all posted three runs as well. Wilson scored twice and drove in four runs for the Lady Warriors.

North Side actually led 2-1 after one inning of play but Woodlan took control with a ten-run second inning followed by a seven-run third that put the Warriors on top 18-2. Woodlan finished the game out with a six-run fifth.

Baughman picked up the win for Woodlan, striking out nine while allowing three hits.

LOCOS POST WIN OVER ARCHERS



Antwerp's Alyvia Devore gets the out at 3rd base at Monday's game. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Sarah Higbie had three singles and Katie Taylor added a pair of singles to lead the Montpelier Locomotives to a 5-2 win over Antwerp in non-league girls softball action Monday night.

Brooklyn Dye, Keiylee Bentley and Kennedy Caudill all had singles as well for the Locomotives, who improve to 5-3 on the season.

Higbie also picked up the win on the mound for Montpelier, giving up seven hits and striking out five in seven innings of work.

Alyssa Fuller suffered the loss for Antwerp, striking out five while allowing six hits, three runs and a walk in four innings. Carlie Hanes tossed the final three frames, fanning eight hitters while surrendering two hits and two runs.

Heaven Bruce posted two singles to lead the Lady Archer offense with Alyvia Devore adding a triple.

Hanes, Rachel Williamson, Brooke Hatlevig and Rebecca McCroskey posted a single each for Antwerp.

BIG FIFTH INNING SENDS WARRIORS PAST TIGERS

BLUFFTON - Matchup in a tight 2-0 game, the Woodlan Lady Warriors took control by scoring eight times in the top of the fifth to pull away for a 10-0 victory over Bluffton in Thursday night softball action.

The Warriors got an impressive pitching effort from Emma Baughman in the victory as the Warrior hurler gave up only two hits and struck out 11 in the complete

game, five-inning effort.

Ronnie Hathaway led the Lady Warrior offense with a single and a double and scored twice while Olivia Wilson also posted a pair of singles.

Alyson Wiesehan and Baughman added a double each for Woodlan with Taya Kitzmiller and Kayla Reidenbach recording a single each.

Wiesehan picked up three runs batted in while Clare Yagodinski and Hallie Mason drove in two runs apiece as well for the Warriors.

PANTHERS GET BIG NWC WIN OVER ADA

ADA - Paulding scored four times in the second and added five more in the fourth to pull away from Ada for a 13-2 victory in Northwest Conference softball action.

The Lady Bulldogs cut into the lead with a pair of runs in the fourth inning, trimming the deficit to 9-2.

However, Paulding quickly responded with four more in the visitors portion of the fifth to extend the margin to 13-2 and wrap up the game's scoring.

Audrey Manz topped the maroon and white offensive efforts with two singles and a double while Jalynn Parrett and Grace Tuttle added a single and a double each. Jen Stahl also had two singles for the Lady Panthers.

Asia Arellano also recorded a double for Paulding with Haylee Dominique and Megan Tope getting a single each.

Parrett also had five runs batted in for the Lady Panthers while Dominique drove in four runs. Tope, Gabbie Stallbaum, Tuttle and Malloory Taylor all scored twice for Paulding.

Manz threw the five-inning complete game effort for the Lady Panthers, limiting

the Bulldogs to four hits while striking out eight.

HANES LEADS ARCHERS PAST APACHES

SHERWOOD - Carlie Hanes tossed a complete game and struck out 11 Fairview hitters to pitch the Antwerp Archers past Fairview 6-4 in Green Meadows Conference softball action Tuesday afternoon.

Hanes also added a home run at the plate for the blue and white to help the Archers improve to 6-5 overall and 2-2 in the league.

Tiera Gomez posted three singles for Antwerp with Rachel Williamson and Brooke Hatlevig recording a pair of singles each as well.

Hanes gave up six hits in the contest but walked none in keeping the Archers on top.

Anna Ankney led the Fairview offense with a pair of singles.

Logan Smith suffered the loss for the black and gold, giving up ten hits while striking out two in 5-2/3 innings of work.

RAIDERS NIP WARRIORS IN 13 INNINGS

HAVILAND - Cross-state rivals Woodlan and Wayne Trace hooked up in a

PANTHERS BLANK ACES

PAULDING - Haylee Dominique kept visiting Hicksville off of the scoreboard and the Paulding offense pounded out 11 hits in a 10-0, six-inning, non-league softball win Friday night at the home of the Lady Panthers.

Dominique struck out eight Hicksville batters and limited the Lady Aces to four hits while walking only one to record the victory.

Audrey Manz and Megan Tope each posted a single and a double for the Panther offense with Asia Arellano also adding a double.

Jalynn Parrett, Ashlynn Rice and Dominique chipped in two singles apiece for Paulding. Dominique led the way with three runs batted in while Manz and Tope each picked up two and Parrett scored three times for Paulding. Kaela Lucas also scored twice for the maroon and white.

Kaitlyn Mallett ripped a double for Hicksville with Alexis Kerns, Emily Sanders and Lena Bassett all recorded singles.

Micah Schroeder suffered the loss for the Aces, giving up 11 hits and a walk while striking out for in 5-1/3 innings of work.

Paulding improves to 9-4 with the victory while Hicksville drops to 3-9.

WOODLAN WARRIORS VARSITY CAN'T HOLD UP AGAINST ADAMS CENTRAL

Woodlan Warriors Varsity had a tough time generating runs on Tuesday, dropping their game with Adams Central 15-2.

Adams Central fired up

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Trees are currently being cared for by students in the Greenhouse Management Class and Agricultural Education Teacher Staci Miller in the Paulding High School Agricultural Education program at the school greenhouse. Once the tree seedlings grow, the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District staff, Paulding FFA students, and students from Paulding Schools will place the tree seedlings for the first year around the school according to the project layout. Plans are to work our way around the Paulding campus in future years in an effort to promote and educate students on the importance of trees, the services they provide, and the importance of environmental conservation. Stay tuned as there are many more great things to come!

LADY WARRIORS RALLY LATE FOR WIN OVER JETS

WOODBURN - Woodlan rallied from an early 2-0 deficit with a pair of sixth inning runs to record a 4-2 victory over Adams Central in ACAC softball action Tuesday night. Tied at 2-2 and with two outs in the bottom of the sixth, Samantha Koos ignited the rally with a two-out walk.

Alyson Wiesehan followed with a single to put runners at first and second to set up the Warriors' big hit.

Kayla Reidenbach then stepped up with a double to left field that plated both Koos and Wiesehan and put the Warriors on top 4-2, setting up the eventual final score.

After the Flying Jets scored a single run in both the first and second to grab the 2-0 advantage, the Lady Warriors cut the deficit in half in the third.

Reidenbach started the inning with a single before an Emma Baughman walk put runners on first and second.

Reidenbach advanced to third on a Ronnie Hathaway fly out to center field before scoring on a sacrifice bunt from Clare Yagodinski.

The Warriors then tied the game in the bottom of the fifth.

With two outs and Hathaway on second, Hallie Mason tripled to right field to score Hathaway and knot the game at 2-2.

Woodlan was led at the plate by Reidenbach, who posted a single and a double, and Wiesehan, who added two singles. Mason also had a triple for the Lady Warriors.

Baughman scattered four

hits and three walks on the mound to get the win for Woodlan, striking out five in the complete-game effort.

JETS PULL AWAY LATE FOR WIN OVER WARRIORS

WOODBURN - Adams Central scored ten runs in the seventh inning to seal a 15-2 victory over Woodlan in high school baseball action Tuesday night.

Both teams had scored a single run in the second inning before the Flying Jets took the lead for good by plating one run in the fourth. Adams Central then added three runs in the fifth to expand the lead to 5-1 before the big seventh inning.

Woodlan did get an additional run in the home half of the seventh.

Connor Waterman had a double for the Warriors with Christian Igney and Aaron Nickell both posting singles.

Waterman suffered the loss on the mound, tossing six innings and striking out three. Blake Fuller and Connor Sowers combined to pitch the seventh for the Warriors.

ORTIZ' SINGLE PUSHES BELLMONT PAST WOODLAN

DECATUR - Trevor Ortiz hit a bases-loaded single to score Michael Wetter and give the Belmont Braves a 5-4 victor over Woodlan Wednesday afternoon in ACAC baseball action.

With the game tied at 4-4, Wetter had started the bottom of the seventh with a single before Cameron Voglewede walked to put runners on first and second.

Colin Mills followed with a bunt single to load the bases before Ortiz's run-scoring single gave the Brave the victory.

Trevor Wallace and Luke Crilly each had a single for the lone two hits by the Warriors in the contest. Wallace also had a pair of runs batted in for Woodlan.

Connor Sowers started on the mound for the Warriors, pitching 5-1/3 innings while giving up nine hits and two walks with one strikeout. Blake Bontrager suffered the loss for Woodlan, tossing 2/3 of an inning with two strikeouts while allowing three hits and a pair of walks.

WITH EMMA ON THE MOUND, WOODLAN WARRIORS VARSITY SHUTS OUT BLUFFTON

Emma Baughman threw a shutout to lead Woodlan Warriors Varsity past Bluffton 10-0 on Thursday.

Woodlan Warriors Varsity secured the victory thanks to eight runs in the fifth inning. Woodlan Warriors Varsity batters contributing to the big inning included Taya Kitzmiller, Ronnie Hathaway, Clare Yagodinski, Hallie Mason, Olivia Wilson, and Alyson Wiesehan, all knocking in runs in the inning.

Woodlan Warriors Varsity tallied eight runs in the fifth inning. Kitzmiller, Hathaway, Yagodinski, Mason, Wilson, and Wiesehan powered the big inning with RBIs.

A single by Hannah Onuegbu in the second inning was a positive for Bluffton.

Baughman led things off on the rubber for Woodlan Warriors Varsity. She allowed

two hits and zero runs over five innings, striking out 11 and walking zero.

Kenja Moore got the start for Bluffton. She surrendered ten runs on eight hits over five innings, striking out four and walking one.

Woodlan Warriors Varsity tallied eight hits on the day. Wilson and Hathaway each racked up multiple hits for Woodlan Warriors Varsity. Hathaway and Wilson each managed two hits to lead Woodlan Warriors Varsity. Woodlan Warriors Varsity didn't commit a single error in the field. Mason had 12 chances in the field, the most on the team.

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SIXTH INNING RALLY LIFTS BLUFFTON PAST WOODLAN

BLUFFTON - Brandon Lockwood hit a run-scoring triple in the bottom of the sixth inning to score Mason Heller with the go-ahead run and lift the Bluffton Tigers past Woodlan 3-1 in high school baseball action Thursday night.

The Tigers added another when Eli Inskeep doubled to plate Lockwood, sealing the Tiger victory.

Woodlan had struck first in the contest, getting its only run in the top of the first.

Trevor Wallace drew a two-out walk before Cody Bratten singled, moving Wallace to third. After Blake Bontrager was hit by a pitch to load the bases, Blake Fuller reached on a Bluffton error that scored Wallace for a 1-0 Warrior advantage.

Inskeep then tied the game for Bluffton in the bottom of the second, hitting a run-scoring double that plated Everett Johnson to knot the game at 1-1.

The Warriors finished the night with nine hits, led by Trevor Wallace with a single and a double. Cody Bratten had a pair of singles as well for Woodlan.

Connor Waterman, Connor Sowers, Blake Fuller, Connor Knoblauch and Luke Crilly all recorded singles as well for the Warriors.

Blake Fuller took the loss on the mound for Woodlan, tossing 5-2/3 innings while giving up nine hits and a walk. Fuller struck out five Tiger hitters.

ARCHERS DOUBLE UP APACHES

SHERWOOD - Antwerp used a four run sixth inning and the Archers doubled up host Fairview 8-4 in Green Meadows Conference baseball action Tuesday afternoon.

After the Apaches struck first with a single run in the second, Antwerp took its first lead with two runs in the third for a 2-1 advantage.

Fairview answered by scoring a pair of runs in the bottom of the third to seize a 3-2 lead but the Archers would respond.

Two runs in the fifth and four more in the sixth put the blue and white on top 8-3 as Antwerp went on to seal the 8-4 victory.

Dylan Peters got the win for the Archers, pitching two innings in relief and striking

out three. Jacob Savina and Keaton Altimus also saw action on the hill for Antwerp.

Jacob Savina and Brett Fulk each had three singles to lead the way for the blue and white while Jake Eaken and Nathan Lee posted two singles each. Dylan Hines also recorded three runs batted in for Antwerp.

Cade Polter suffered the loss for Fairview, tossing 4-2/3 innings while giving up seven hits and three walks. Polter struck out a pair of Antwerp hitters as well.

Kevin Thomas chipped in a double for the Apache offense.

PANTHERS ROUT ADA IN NWC PLAY

ADA - In Northwest Conference baseball action on Monday, the Paulding Panthers scored a dozen runs in the second inning and never looked back in routing Ada 17-1.

The Bulldogs struck first, getting a single run in the first inning to take a 1-0 advantage.

Paulding answered by plating a dozen runners in the top of the second to grab a 12-1 lead at the end of two innings. The maroon and white then added two more runs in the top of the third before finishing off the scoring with three more in the fifth.

The Panthers finished the game with a dozen hits, led by Cade McGarvey with three hits while Westen Philipot and Blake McGarvey picked up two hits each.

Philipot and Carson Shull scored three times each for the maroon and white with Blake McGarvey and Evan Edwards scoring twice apiece.

Shull recorded the win for Paulding, tossing three innings and striking out six while giving up only two hits.

Blake McGarvey pitched the final two frames, walking one and fanning five.

PANTHERS HOLD OFF BULLDOGS FOR 5-4 VICTORY

EDGERTON - Paulding and Edgerton hooked up for a single non-league baseball game on Saturday with the visiting Panthers holding on to post a 5-4 win over the Bulldogs.

Paulding opened the scoring by plating three runs in the second but the Bulldogs quickly responded, getting two in the bottom half of the inning to pull within 3-2.

Both teams then scored a

single run in the third inning, leaving the Panthers on top 4-3, before the visitors added another run in the fifth to widen the lead to 5-3.

Edgerton then closed the scoring with one run in the sixth to set the final of 5-4.

Getting the win on the mound for the Panthers was Jaret Miller, who struck out two while allowing seven hits in seven innings of work.

Taking the loss for the Bulldogs was sophomore Jaron Cape, who gave up nine hits and three walks in seven innings of work.

Braydon Cape had a pair of singles to lead Edgerton at the plate while Clayton Flegal had a triple.

Nolan Swank, Logan Sack, Tyson Curry and Logan Showalter all added singles for the Bulldogs.

Miller also led the Panthers offensively, recording a double and two singles. Others posting hits for Paulding were Marcus Miller (two singles), Blake McGarvey (single), Westen Philipot (single) and Cole Heller (two singles).

ARCHERS BLANK EAGLES

Tim Taylor had two hits and two runs batted in while Keaton Altimus added two hits and three runs batted in to lead the Antwerp Archers to a 15-0 win over Fayette in non-league baseball action on Saturday.

Austin Lichty also drove in a pair of runs for the blue and white, who improve to 7-6 overall on the season.

Blake Schuette, Brett Fulk, Cole Seslar and Dylan Hines all added one hit each for the Archers.

Austin Lichty picked up the win for Antwerp, pitching four innings while allowing four hits and striking out five.

BULLDOGS TAKE FOURTH IN RELAYS

NEW HAVEN - The Bulldogs of New Haven hosted their annual New Haven Relays Friday night with the Bishop Dwenger girls and Concordia boys taking home team championships.

The Lady Saints captured the girls team title with 147 points followed by Van Wert (108-1/2), Leo (75) and New Haven (67). Woodlan was sixth with 57 points and Heritage finished eighth with 31.

Alarra Vanlandingham of New Haven won the 300 hurdles with a time of 51.68 seconds while the Bulldogs' Ashia Howard captured the high jump with a leap of 4-10.

Other top four finishers

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for the Lady Bulldogs were Vanlandingham (second, 100 hurdles), Avarcia Nard (third, 100 hurdles) and Gabrielle Bussard (third, discus).

Addison Bayman posted a fourth place finish in both the 400 dash and pole vault for the Lady Warriors. Sydney Klopfenstein took fourth in the 300 hurdles and Te'shyia McCarter was fourth in the 200 dash.

New Haven's 400 relay team finished second while Woodlan took third place.

On the boys side, Concordia won the championship with 112 points while South Side had 103 and Leo took third at 96-1/2. New Haven (72), Heritage (61-1/2) and Woodlan (61) placed fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively.

Heritage's Hannibal Hall won the 110 hurdles with a time of 15.68.

Woodlan's 400 relay team also picked up a first place finish after running a time of 43.77 seconds.

Bulldogs finishing in the top four included Donya Grady (fourth, 400 dash), James Gardner (second, high jump and long jump), Howard Chandler (fourth, high jump), Konner Bender (fourth, pole vault) and Colten Parker (fourth, shot put and third, discus).

Amarion Hicks (second, 200 dash), Jack Stuckey (third, pole vault) and Justin Durkes (fourth, long jump) recorded places in the top four for Woodlan.

LADY BULLDOGS DROP THREE STRAIGHT

NEW HAVEN - It was a rough week for the New Haven softball team as the Lady

Bulldogs dropped games to Leo, Fort Wayne Snider and DeKalb.

The Lady Bulldogs led most of the way against Snider, holding a 7-4 advantage into the top of the sixth inning. However, Snider rallied with 11 runs in the top of the sixth to pull away and post a 15-9 win.

Emily Cordray and Kirsten Braun both had two hits for New Haven with Ally Saalfrank, Taya Martinez, Jocelyn Andrews, Grace Bohde and Savannah Weekly added one hit each.

Chloe Bremer took the loss for New Haven, allowing eight hits, three walks and a dozen runs (five earned) in four innings.

Ally Saalfrank tossed the first three frames, giving up two hits, two walks and three runs (one earned) while striking out two.

Dekalb scored seven runs in the sixth inning and cruised to a 12-2 victory.

New Haven also fell to county rival Leo last week as the Lady Lions posted a 12-0 victory.

IHSAA RELEASES SOFTBALL TOURNEY MATCHUPS

The Indiana High School Athletic Association released its 2018 softball sectional tournament pairings on Sunday as local squads found out their tournament routes.

New Haven will take part in the Class 3A Sectional 22 hosted by Angola.

The Lady Bulldogs will battle the host Lady Hornets in a sectional semifinal while Concordia plays Bishop Luers in another sectional semifinal.

Those two winners will

then tangle with each other for the right to advance to the sectional championship. Bishop Dwenger and Garret meet in the other sectional semifinal.

Meanwhile, Woodlan is in the Class 2A Sectional 36 that will take place at Bluffton.

The host Tigers and Warriors meet in a sectional quarterfinal as does Canterbury and South Adams. Victors from those games then will square off in a sectional semifinal. Churubusco and Adams Central meet in the other sectional semifinal.

JH RAIDERS, ARCHERS WIN TRACK MEET

The Archer Jr. High track teams traveled to Hicksville on Monday night April 23rd to compete against the Aces, Wayne Trace and Edgerton. On the girls side it was two teams that separated themselves for the top spot between Wayne Trace and Antwerp. The Lady Raiders have a really nice team and defeated the Lady Archers by a score of 102 to 78 while Hicksville and Edgerton finished with 24 points apiece. The night and competition allowed the athletes to perform well and compete at a high level, both teams look to finish high at the GMC meet.

Other results:

100m Dash - 1 Stoller, WT, 13.41; 2 Greathouse, WT, 14.41; 3 Warner, EDG, 14.56

200m Dash - 1 Great-house, WT, 30.68; 2 Anderson, WT 30.72; 3 Wickerham, EDG, 31.44

400m Dash - 1 R Stoller, WT, 1:04.19; 2 Snyder, ANT, 1:06.80; 3 Warner, EDG, 1:08.04

800m Run - 1 S Sinn, WT, 2:40.09; 2 Snyder, ANT, 2:49.98; 3 Bailey, HV, 2:51.09

1600m Run - 1 Recker, ANT, 6:13.07; 2 Farr, ANT, 6:26.61; 3 Jewell, ANT, 6:29.33

100m Hurdles - 1 Crall, HV, 19.39; 2 Cooker, WT, 20.48; 3 Wells, HV, 20.58

200m Hurdles - 1 Shepherd, WT, 34.64; 2 Cooper, WT, 35.59; 3 Campbell, WT, 36.18

4x100 Relay - 1 Wayne Trace A, 57.56; 2 Antwerp A, 58.03; 3 Hicksville A, 58.36

4x200 Relay - 1 Wayne Trace A, 2:00.10; 2 Antwerp A, 2:06.36; 3 Edgerton A, 2:12.94

4x400 Relay - 1 Wayne Trace A, 4:42.27; 2 Edgerton A, 5:01.00; 3 Antwerp A, 5:01.32

High Jump - 1 R Stoller, WT, 4-10.00; 2 Shepherd, WT, 4-08.00; 3 McCrea, ANT, 4-06.00

Pole Vault - 1 Cooper, WT, 7-00.00; 2 Reyes, ANT, 6-06.00; 3 Taylor, HV, 6-00.00; 3 Shuman, HV, 6-00.00; 3 Reinhart, ANT, 6-00.00

Long Jump - 1 Altimus, ANT, 13-09.00; 2 Recker, ANT, 13-06.00; 3 Moore, WT, 13-04.50

Shot Put - 1 M Shepherd,

WT, 31-05.00; 2 Brewer, ANT, 31-01.00; 2 Pollock, ANT, 31-01.00; 4 Siebenaler, HV, 26-04.50

Discus - 1 Pollock, ANT, 87-06; 2 Brewer, ANT, 82-09; 3 Fulk, ANT, 72-00

On the boys side, three teams were in it until the end. At the conclusion the Archers guys were victorious with 75.5 points to Wayne Trace's 65, Hicksville's 61.5 and Edgerton's 29. This was a great test for the Archers and they passed it with flying colors. This meet allowed the Archers to be tested and find a way to step up their skills. These 3 teams will be looking to compete with Ayersville to claim a top spot at conference.

Other results:

100m Dash - 1 Boroff, WT, 12.83; 2 Woodmore, ANT, 12.99; 3 Wade, ANT, 13.12

200m Dash - 1 Woodmore, ANT, 26.15; 2 Bals-er, HV, 26.30; 3 Boroff, WT, 26.35

400m Dash - 1 Bals-er, HV, 1:02.78; 2 Phares, ANT, 1:03.98; 3 Herman, EDG, 1:04.99

800m Run - 1 Mendoza, HV, 2:31.66; 2 Herman, EDG, 2:32.51; 3 Dangler, WT, 2:35.08

1600m Run - 1 Mendoza, HV, 5:30.26; 2 Dangler, WT, 5:31.57; 3 Ankney, HV, 5:46.95

110m Hurdles - 1 McMichael, ANT, 18.70; 2 Parrish, WT, 20.41; 3 Walker, ANT, 20.56

200m Hurdles - 1 Timbrook, EDG, 31.01; 2 McMichael, ANT, 32.39; 3 Parrish, WT, 34.50

4x100 Relay - 1 Hicksville A, 53.62; 2 Antwerp A, 53.73; 3 Wayne Trace A, 58.71

4x200 Relay - 1 Hicksville A, 1:52.81; 2 Wayne Trace A, 2:04.01; 3 Edgerton A, 2:13.12

4x400 Relay - 1 Hicksville A, 1:52.81; 2 Wayne Trace A, 4:28.44; 3 Edgerton A, 2:13.12

High Jump - 1 Molitor, WT, 4-08.00; 2 Keysor, WT, 4-08.00; 3 Phares, ANT, 4-04.00

Pole Vault - 1 Walker, ANT, 9-00.00; 2 Recker, ANT, 8-00.00; 2 McMichael, ANT, 8-00.00

Long Jump - 1 Gilbert, HV, 14-11.50; 2 Wagner, ANT, 14-07.50; 3 Meyer, EDG, 14-01.00

Shot Put - 1 Congleton, HV, 38-11.50; 2 Landers, ANT, 36-10.50; 3 Huffine, WT, 34-07.00

Discus - 1 Congleton, HV, 100-02; 2 Landers, ANT, 95-08; 3 Huffine, WT, 94-06

PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC CO-OP EMPLOYEES LEND A HELPING HAND TO AUGLAIZE VILLAGE MUSEUM



On Saturday, April 21, 2017 employees from Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative (PPEC) spent the morning giving back to their community. Each year PPEC does a community service project, this follows one of the Cooperative Principles, "Concern for Community." This year they volunteered at the Auglaize Village Museum.

If you're not familiar with the museum, it's something quite special. The recreated village is a restoration project of the Defiance County Historical Society. Begun in June 1966, it is an attempt, not only to restore a village with buildings typical of rural northwest Ohio in the early part of the nineteenth century, but also to provide a setting where the visitor becomes uniquely involved in the recreation of history.

PPEC employee Judy Wygant is on the committee that led the project, "I've always enjoyed taking my daughter to the Haunted Lantern Tour that

was held at the village during the month of October. It was clear that it took a lot of work to get the event accomplished. I knew that this had been done solely by volunteers putting in a lot of work hours. When it came time for us to talk about helping our community, I thought these folks would appreciate it and they certainly did."

The employees working together were able to get several things accomplished. They helped replace part of the flooring in the church, rebuilt the outside bread oven, updated some poles and lines for the camping area, and deep cleaned several buildings.

Peter Niagu is also on the community service project committee and says Auglaize Village has many great attractions, "For me personally, it is a really special place, I've always been very interested in our history and things of the past. So, for PPEC to participate in keeping the Museum going for years to come, it means a lot to me."

(Continued from Page 1) Annual Member Banquet on April 23rd. The event was held at the Paulding Eagles banquet room, and included recognition of Lifetime and current members, as well as recognizing the Foundation's fund-raising

efforts to benefit the Women's Imaging Center and mammography upgrades at the Paulding County Hospital. The group also celebrated Paulding County Hospital's new Antwerp Regional Health Center, which opened on March 22nd.

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Bryan: Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center, Walmart
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Edgerton: Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Utilities Office, Napa
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uation at Westwood; Anger
management; Restitution if
requested; Thinking For A
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Dan L. Egler, Oakwood,
OH; Failure to control;
Guilty; Case was waived by
defendant

Laura E. Gruneisen, Syl-
vania, OH; Failure to yield
to emergency vehicle; Guilty;
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ant

Jason L. Banks, Payne,
OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty;
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ant

Max A. Sierer, Defiance,
OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty;
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ant

Christopher L. Smith,
Paulding, OH; Confine of
dog; Pled no contest, found
guilty; Defendant to pay all
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Christopher L. Smith,

Paulding, OH; Confine of
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Kyle R. Johnson, Clarks
Hill, IN; Overheight; Guilty;
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ant

Monico D. Moreno III,
Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/pass;
Guilty; Case was waived by
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Ethan A. Webster, Scott,
OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty;
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ant

Jordan T. Harris, Cecil,
OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty;
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Teresa L. Osborn, Paul-
ding, OH; Seat belt/drive;
Guilty; Case was waived by
defendant

Brent L. Kauser, Paul-
ding, OH; Seat belt/drive;
Guilty; Case was waived by
defendant

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

Lawrence W. Smith, East-
lake, OH; Seat belt/drive;
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Emily E. Molitor, Payne,
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Shaquetta Lashy Gray,
Cleveland, OH; Driving with-
out a license; Pled no contest,
found guilty; Pay all fines and
costs today

Kheiston J. Harvey, Ko-
komo, IN; Possession; Guilty;
Defendant to pay all fines and
costs; Maintain general good
behavior

Kheiston J. Harvey, Koko-
mo, IN; Paraphernalia; Case
dismissed per state; Costs to
defendant

Kheiston J. Harvey, Ko-
komo, IN; O.V.I./Under inf;
Guilty; Fines and costs to be
taken from bond

Kheiston J. Harvey, Koko-
mo, IN; Seat belt/drive; Count
C dismissed at states request

Timothy L. Stokes, Oak-
wood, OH; Take deer unlaw-
fully; Guilty; Defendant to
pay all fines and costs today;
Shall maintain general good
behavior

John F. Jefferson III, Indi-
anapolis, IN; DUS-Non FRA;
Count A dismissed at the

states request; Defendant's
costs

Clarence W. Ellis, Thomp-
son, OH; Seat belt/drive;
Guilty; Case was waived by
defendant

Gary W. Reece, San Jose,
IL; Failure to control; Guilty;
Case was waived by defend-
ant

Marvin A. Osei, Toledo,
OH; F.R.A. suspension; Pled
no guilty, found guilty; Pay
or collection 5/25/18; Proof of
insurance provided

Levi C. Priest, Grover
Hill, OH; Failure to control;
Guilty; Case was waived by
defendant

Ashley M. Thacker, Latty,
OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty;
Case was waived by defend-
ant

Amy L. Kirkland, Defi-
ance, OH; Seat belt/drive;
Guilty; Pay or collection
8/31/18; Defendant shall pay
\$25.00 per month commenc-
ing 5/25/18

Raymon C. Matthews,
Payne, OH; Child restraint;
Guilty; Case was waived by
defendant

Kelly L. Craig, Antwerp,
OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty;
Case was waived by defend-
ant

Jacob L. Wreede, Wau-
seon, OH; Seat belt/drive;
Guilty; Case was waived by
defendant

Cherie T. Gaines, Farm-
ington Hill, MI; Seat belt/
drive; Guilty; Case was
waived by defendant

David E. Davis III, Mau-
mee, OH; Traffic device/sign;
Guilty; Case was waived by
defendant

Emily J. Dautovic, Solon,
OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty;
Case was waived by defend-
ant

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

AUGLAIZE TWP

4/23/18 Bishop Jeremy &
Bishop Teresa to Bishop Jer-
emy & Bishop Teresa; 18790
Rd 1027 Defiance Oh 43512;
0.4178 acres; Lot 39 Auglaize
Hills Dev#2 Auglaize Twp
S-19 Easement Ref V 582 P
2634

4/23/28 Stahl Kevin Jay
Stahl Michelle Enriquez to
Stahl Kevin Jay Stahl Mi-
chelle Enriquez; 18998 Rd
1027 Defiance Oh 43512;
0.4178 acres; Lot 38 Auglaize
Hills Dev#2 Auglaize Twp
S-19 Easement Ref V 582 P
2634

4/24/18 Jpmorgan Chase
Bank National Association to
Secretary Of Veterans Af-
fairs; 19851 Rd 1048 Defiance
Oh 43512; 0.1722 acres; Lot
24 4-3-19 Auglaize Country
Club Rsauglaize Twp

4/24/18 Andrews Edward
L Andrews Julie R to An-
drews Julie R; Rd 166; 40
acres; Se1/4 Se1/4 Auglaize
Twp S-36

BENTON TWP

4/26/18 Davila Patricia to
Moore Shandonn J; 3519 Rd
48 Payne Oh 45880; 2.033
acres; Pt W1/2Se1/4 Benton
Twp S-16

BLUE CREEK TWP

4/26/18 Danberry Colton
& Danberry Roberta to Dan-
berry Colton D; 9466 Rd
82 Paulding Oh 45879; 1.52
acres; Pt E1/2 Nw1/4 Blue
Creek Twp S-4

4/25/18 Moyer Lloyd H
Moyer Karen S to Moyer
Lloyd H; Rd 77; 0.66 acres; Pt
Ept Se1/4 Blue Creek Twp
S-29

BROWN TWP

4/24/18 Dobbelaere Mi-
chael P Etal to Dobbelaere
Mark A Le; Perry Rear St;
0.1722 acres; Lot 183 O.p.

Melrose Vill

4/24/18 Dobbelaere Mi-
chael P Etal to Dobbelaere
Mark A Le; Perry Rear St;
0.1722 acres; Lot 184 O.p.
Melrose Vill

4/24/18 Dobbelaere Mi-
chael P Etal to Dobbelaere
Mark A Le; 421 Perry Rear
St; 0.1722 acres; Lot 185 O.p.
Melrose Vill

4/23/18 Branham Kennith
to Seibert Justin E Seibert
Michelle; 110 Sixth Ave; 0.4
acres; Lot 65 & Lot 66 10-
015772-00-00 O.p.

CARRYALL TWP

4/25/18 S&L Schrenk
Family Llc I to Walker Kev-
in Martin; 6251 Rd 180 An-
twerp Oh 45813; 0.356 acres;
Lot 14 Proxmire Allot Carry-
all Twp Sec 25

4/25/18 S&L Schrenk
Family Llc I to Walker Kev-
in Martin; 6251 Rd 180 An-
twerp Oh 45813; 0.356 acres;
Lot 15 Proxmire Allot Carry-
all Twp Sec 25

4/24/18 Hertel James M
to Reyes Jassmine Reyes
Andrew; 114 Diamond St;
0.5959 acres; Lot 14 Antwerp
Villagewabash & Erie Canal
Addphase Ii

4/24/18 Hertel James M
to Reyes Jassmine Reyes
Andrew; 116 Diamond St;
0.6911 acres; Lot 15 Antwerp
Villagewabash & Erie Canal
Addphase Ii

4/24/18 Hertel James M
to Reyes Jassmine Reyes An-
drew; 118 Diamond St; 0.506
acres; Lot 16 Antwerp Vil-
lagewabash & Erie Canal Ad-
dphase Ii

LATTY TWP

4/23/18 Treece Ronald R
Treece Karla J to Treece Ron-
ald R Trustee Treece Karla J
Trustee; 17985 Rd 60 Grover
Hill Oh 45849; 3.729 acres; Pt
Se1/4 Se1/4 Latty Twp S-11

PAULDING TWP

4/25/18 Burtch David M Et
Al to Havert Joshua J Havert
Destiny D; 722 N Dix St;
0.112 acres; Lot 50 40 Ft Ns
Noneman 2Nd Add Paulding
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4/25/18 Burtch David M Et
Al to Havert Joshua J Havert
Destiny D; N Dix St; 0.1008
acres; Lot 51 Less 24 Ft N S
Noneman 2Nd Add Paulding
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THE NEW HEIGHTS EDUCATIONAL GROUP (NHEG) 2018 RECOGNITION DAY

NHEG is planning its
next Recognition Day event.
We invite the public to come
out on Saturday June 2, 2018
from 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
for this special event. During
the event, volunteers, stu-
dents, teachers/tutors and
partnerships/affiliates will
receive recognition for their

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

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER,
Plaintiff,
vs.

Bethlehem Temple, et.al.
Defendants,

Case No. Cl-18-064
Judge Tiffany Reighter-Beckman

TO: Bethlehem Temple
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 818 E.
Jackson Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879

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 prop-
erty owned by Bethlehem Temple to pay
delinquent real estate taxes owed by you.

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

Lot Number Five in Dix's Second
Addition to the Village of Paulding,
Paulding County, Ohio. Parcel ID
No. 30-07S-052-00 Property Ad-

commitment, hard work and
accomplishments. Students
can choose to share a talent
or display. If you have a stu-
dent that would like to per-
form or share their hard work
and accomplishments, please
contact us to be added to the
program. Families from all
school backgrounds are wel-
come. Updates can be found
on our site blog: [https://www.
NewHeightsEducation.org/
NHEG-blog/](https://www.NewHeightsEducation.org/NHEG-blog/)

Contact us by phone
at 419-786-0247 or by email
at NewHeightsEducation@
yahoo.com.

The event will be held in
the meeting rooms at the
following address: ProMed-
ica Defiance Regional Hos-
pital (Auglaize, Maumee,
Tiffin Meeting Rooms, 1200
Ralston Ave, Defiance, Ohio.

INFORMATIONAL SEMINAR TO FOCUS ON OHIO'S POLLINATORS

Pollinating insects are
making up for lost time in
Ohio as a late spring wakes
up nectar-filled wildflowers
along byways, in fields and
prairies, and residential back-
yards.

To better help Ohioans
understand plant pollination,
and "how bees do it," along
with other pollinators, the
Ohio DNR Division of Wild-
life is hosting a free informa-
tional seminar May 8 at the
DOW District Two office in
Findlay, Ohio, 952 Lima St.,
from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Preregistration is required
by May 7 by calling Meredith
Gilbert at 419-429-8359 or
e-mailing [meredith.gilbert@
dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:meredith.gilbert@dnr.state.oh.us).

In addition, Marci
Lininger and Mike Retterer of
the grass-roots Ohio Pollina-
tor Habitat Initiative (OPHI)
will join other speakers at a
native plant symposium April
28 at the Procter Center in
London, Ohio, starting at 10
a.m.

Lininger, strategic projects
coordinator for OPHI, and

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Annual Reports for
the VILLAGE OF CECIL
for the year 2017 have
been completed and may
be review by appointment
with Carlene Turner, Clerk
- Treasurer. Please call
419-399-0520 to schedule
an appointment.

CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

The Monthly meetings for
the VILLAGE OF CECIL
have been changed to the
3rd Monday of each month
at 7pm in the Cecil Firehouse
Community Room.

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-01** on April 16, 2018, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO LEVY A TAX THAT IS A RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF POLICE PROTECTION, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY (R.C. §§ 5705.03, 5705.19(J), 5705.191, 5705.192, and 5705.25)." This Resolution declares the necessity of levying a tax that is a renewal of an existing levy for police protection, which renewal levy is outside the ten-mill limitation so approval must be certified to the County Auditor and a request made of the County Auditor to certify to Council the total current tax valuation of the Village and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by two-mills.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-02** on April 16, 2018, entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT (WSRLA) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER FACILITIES, DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Resolution authorizes the administrator to apply for and enter into a water supply revolving loan agreement to upgrade the existing water facilities by developing an asset management plan as required by Senate Bill 2 and designate the water fund as the dedicated source of repayment.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-08** on April 16, 2018, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FUNDS FOR SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the administrator to submit an application and enter into an agreement to obtain transportation alternatives program funds for the South Erie Street sidewalk construction project.

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

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ding, Ohio 2018 APR -6 PM 3: 30
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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., Paul-
ding, 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
419-399-8270

APPRECIATION FOR MRS. AMSTUTZ



Pictured above are: (l to r) Kamrron Rupert-Crestview, Kirsten Lane-Paulding, Kendrick Robinson-Antwerp, Blake Grenzebach-Van Wert, Derrick Miller-Antwerp, Jonathan Font-Wayne Trace, Makenna Tice-Crestview, Skyler Imler-Van Wert, Christian Case-Crestview, Dalton Lee-Wayne Trace, Mrs. Amstutz, Kaleb Flory-Van Wert, Ciarra Owens, Paulding, Jordan Diltz-Van Wert, and Haden Dunakin-Paulding.

The students at SYNERGY Learning Center showed their appreciation toward Mrs. Amstutz for all she does for the students and staff.

Retterer, OPHI state coordinator, and a wildlife biologist with Pheasants Forever, will discuss best management practices for selecting, prepping, and establishing pollinator habitat as well as seed selection.

Keynote speaker Douglas Tallamy will discuss how to create habitats and support pollinating insects. Tallamy is a professor of entomology and wildlife ecology at the University of Delaware and author of "Bringing Nature Home: How Native plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens." The New York Times called "Bringing Nature Home," "A fascinating study of the trees, shrubs, and vines that feed the insects, birds, and other animals in the suburban garden."

Michael Goldman of the Grange Insurance Audubon Center will share how to select the right plant to attract birds and Julie Cummings will share how farmers can make a difference in estab-

lishing pollination habitats. Cummings will also have native plant plugs for sale from the Madison County Soil and Water District.

Gilbert said the DOW pollinator seminar will mainly focus on butterflies and bees, "but the general principles can be expanded out for many other types of pollinators and wildlife."

Other topics covered by the DOW seminar will cover why pollinators are important and threats they face in nature and from humans, the life history and information about the declining Monarch butterfly, which needs milkweed plant to survive and to thrive and how to create a backyard habitat for pollinators with an emphasis on site preparation and choosing the right plant to attract pollinators.

"Meredith is a wonderful educator and ODNR DOW is a partner with OPHI and a great supporter of pollinator-habitat restoration in Ohio," wrote Lininger in an e-mail. "I highly recommend the event for anyone who would like to know more about the importance of pollinators."

"We may work for different

agencies," said Emilee Hardesty, a DOW private lands biologist, "but we all have the same mission: to enhance or create habitat on the ground for birds or pollinators."

Pollination of plants by bees and other insects are valued at an estimated \$3 billion in the United States, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

AnnMarie Krmpotich, USFWS National Monarch butterfly conservation coordinator, works with federal, state, and nongovernmental organizations such as rights-of-way groups to get more habitat for Monarch butterflies, whose life cycle begins with the milkweed plant. Monarchs lay their eggs in milkweed plants and Monarch caterpillars feed on the milkweed plant, which contains a toxin that some avian predators find distasteful and avoid feeding on the caterpillars.

In addition to milkweed, Krmpotich said Monarchs like nectar of New England asters, purple cone flower, and goldenrod.

The leading NGO for Monarch conservation, according to Krmpotich, is the Monarch Joint Venture, which, since 2009, has brought together over 70 partners from across the nation to implement science-based conservation actions in the form of education, habitat, and research.

"In just the 13 years from 1999 to 2012, it is estimated there was a 64 percent decline in overall milkweed in the Midwest, most of which was from croplands," according to a 2014 petition to federally protect the Monarch butterfly.

Monarchs are in such steep decline that the petition seeking protection for Monarchs was submitted to the U.S. Department of Interior to list the Monarch under the federal Endangered Species Act. A decision is due in June 2019.

The OPHI was started, in large part, as a result of that petition, Lininger said. Since its founding, OPHI partners with 75 federal, state, and local groups to help restore and maintain Monarch butterfly habitat in the Buckeye State.

"We get the last generation (of the Monarch)" that completes its multigenerational migration to the Upper Midwest and southern Canada af-

ter overwintering in Mexico. The annual fall Monarch migration consists of navigating up to 3,000 miles to and from Central Mexico and coastal California, overwintering for five months and then returning to the United States and Canada in the Spring.

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY AWARDS MAJOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CLASS OF 2022

Jessalyn Adkins, a senior at Central Local (Fairview), is the recipient of a major scholarship to attend Heidelberg University.

Adkins, the daughter of James and Kristie Adkins of Defiance, Ohio, has received the Fellows Scholarship of \$16,500 a year for four years. The award was announced following Heidelberg's annual scholarship competition earlier this academic year.

Students who rank near the top of their high school class are invited to participate in the university's annual scholarship competition. The program recognizes students based on high school grade-point average and ACT or SAT test scores. In addition to weighing a student's academic credentials, the competition also looks at leadership skills and community service through a personal interview, a portfolio and an essay.

Founded in 1850, Heidelberg offers 31 majors, 32 minors and nine pre-professional programs, awarding the bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, bachelor of music degrees, as well as master's degrees in education, counseling, business administration and music. Heidelberg has been consistently ranked by U.S. News & World Report as a top college in the Midwest. For more information visit the web site at www.heidelberg.edu.

STATE REP. RIEDEL ANNOUNCES DISTRICT WINNER OF 2018 OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

State Representative Craig S. Riedel (R-Defiance) announced Amelia Miller as the 82nd House District winner of the 2018 Ohio House of Representatives Student Art Exhibition.

Miller is in the 12th grade and taught by Lisa Girlie at Antwerp Local High School.

"This is a very nice honor for Amelia that acknowledges her artistic abilities and talents," Rep. Riedel stated. "All of us, especially the Antwerp community, are very proud of her."

The exhibition is open to the public at the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts in the lower level Statehouse connector through the end of this year.

The Ohio House of Representatives, Ohio Arts Council, and Ohio Art Education Association joined together for the third annual student exhibition, which showcases high school artwork from all 99 Ohio House districts. The exhibition recognizes the talents, creativity, and innovation of students who receive high quality arts education instruction as part of their academic experience in school and represents art by some of Ohio's finest high school artists.

THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

LATTA-AUTHORED BILL TO COMBAT THE OPIOID CRISIS PASSED BY E&C SUBCOMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Legislation authored by Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) to combat the opioid crisis, H.R. 4284, the INFO Act, was passed yesterday by the Energy and Commerce (E&C) Subcommittee on Health. The bill helps state and local governments, advocates, health care providers, and law enforcement by collecting and aggregating data and information relating to the crisis and making it available in one location. The Subcommittee approved the INFO Act along with nearly sixty other pieces of legislation to address the opioid crisis.

"In one year, the opioid epidemic claimed more lives than the entire Vietnam War," said Latta. "Ohio has been one of the hardest hit states, and I continue to hear from local governments, advocates, and health care providers that are having difficulty finding grant information or data that could make a real difference in their communities. The INFO Act will help those on the front lines of this crisis. In addition, the nearly sixty bills passed by the Subcommittee today will

offer tangible solutions to preventing opioid abuse and helping those suffering from addiction."

LATTA INTRODUCES PRO-LIFE LEGISLATION TO PROHIBIT THE DISPOSAL OF FETAL BODY PARTS IN LANDFILLS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) has introduced pro-life legislation, the Protecting the Dignity of Unborn Children Act, which would prohibit the disposal of fetal remains in a landfill or navigable waters and impose strict penalties on violators. Under this bill, remains that were disposed of in these areas would be subjected up to three years in prison, a fine, or both.

"It is truly horrific that some abortion providers dispose of baby body parts by dumping them in landfills," said Congressman Latta. "There should be no excuse for showing this lack of dignity to these innocent babies, and it's time to make clear that this is wrong. I will continue my work to protect life, and that means having laws on the books that ensures the unborn are treated with respect."

While some states have laws banning the practice of dumping fetal remains in landfills, there is no federal law prohibiting the practice.

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Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. in Paulding, Ohio has an opening for a part-time storekeeper/building maintenance. Responsibilities include, but not limited to, monitor inventory, receiving, stocking, storing, issuing of materials, lifting up to 50-75 lbs. daily, operating a forklift and general building maintenance. This position is approximately 20 hours per week. Please visit our website at ppec.coop for more information. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume and three references postmarked by May 4, 2018 to: Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Attn: HR PPEC Storekeeper
401 McDonald Pike
Paulding, OH 45879

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Disabilities/Veterans

VILLAGE SOLICITOR

The Village of Paulding, Ohio, is taking applications for a Village Solicitor.

Applications are available for pickup at the Village Utilities Office, or by emailing a request to pldgvil@paulding-net.com. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. To apply, please submit application and resume to: 116 S. Main St., Paulding, Ohio 45879, or by e-mail to the above mentioned address.

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RELAXING WITH NATURE



Nature offers many benefits to allow your body to relax. The Black Swamp Nature Center is Paulding is one place you can go and enjoy the outdoors.

By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist Paulding SWCD

It is a common fact of life in our modern society that we are always on the go. Meetings, children in sports, family responsibilities, or work responsibilities seem to dominate our lives and give us plenty of stress. Technology is everywhere as just about everyone has a smartphone, tablet, computer, or some other electronic device that seems to grab our attention more than anything. Is there something that can be done to unplug and destress from this on the go lifestyle? Does it cost anything? The solution to unplugging and reducing your stress is quite simple actually: Get Outdoors!

Getting outdoors does more good for your mind and body than you would likely imagine. The sound of birds chirping, wind rustling the leaves, the chitter of a squirrel can be quite pleasing to hear and truly allow the mind to unwind from our mobile lifestyles. According to physician Jay Lee, getting outdoors and being physically active is a good thing to help keep limber while relieving chronic pain and stiffness. Going outdoors also means that we must unplug from many of our electronic devices which allows us to clear the mind to focus on ourselves and enjoying the surroundings so that we are not focused on what we may be doing with our electronics.

Sick of being stuck inside all winter? Enjoying a day outdoors in nature is a great way to break that cabin fever! As many of us know, being stuck inside all winter is a great way to pick up the flu or any other sickness. Fresh air is always to be found in the outdoors! Visiting a park,

prairie garden, or maybe the Black Swamp Nature Center can aid in your mental well-being as well. According to Dr. Irina Wen, at New York University, spending time outdoors can help reduce cognitive fatigue and stress while also helping with depression and anxiety.

The beautiful scenes that are found in nature help to distract us from any stress and pain we might be experiencing, allowing us to place the focus on ourselves. An article by the University of Minnesota notes that humans are genetically programmed to place our attention on finding trees, plants, water, and other elements of nature, which allows for our minds to be focused on something else. It is a natural human behavior to find immense fascination with nature which allows us to place our focus on nature, allow our minds to take a break, and come back recharged and ready for new tasks.

While I am sure it already goes without saying, the benefits of getting outdoors are just simply countless. Many experts have described spending time in a forested area to achieve wellness rewards as "forest bathing". The magazine Environmental Health & Preventive Medicine conducted a study in 2010 where they determined that those who went for a walk in the woods had lower blood pressure and low levels of cortisol, a hormone associated with stress, compared to those who walked down a busy city sidewalk. The calm and serene environment of a leisurely stroll through the woods backs this data up very well.

Natural sunlight also provides prime exposure to much needed vitamin D. Vitamin D that can be ob-

tained from spending some time outdoors helps the body increase its absorption of calcium which helps when it comes to bone and dental health. It also this vitamin that allows your blood pressure to be lowered as it improves the flow of blood by relaxing your blood vessels, according to MentalFloss. Have trouble sleeping? Natural sunlight can also help when it comes to feeling rested by controlling the production of melatonin. According to MentalFloss, this hormone controls the body's internal clock and is affected by light in that melatonin production is halted during the day.

How do you prepare for a journey outdoors? Always make sure you have the right footwear ready. With the amount of walking to be undertaken, be sure to wear comfortable shoes or boots that will make the most of your walking adventure. Be sure to also take plenty of water with you so that you can stay hydrated during your journey. Lastly, be sure to dress for the weather and be sure to put on the sunscreen!

Where can you get outdoors? The Black Swamp Nature Center (BSNC) consists of 51 acres in total with 24 acres of woodland, 14 acres of wetlands, and 6 acres of meadow. Avid fishermen certainly enjoy the boat launch located in the BSNC which allows easy access to Flat Rock Creek while walkers and joggers find enjoyment from walking trails circling around the banks of the former beet factory ponds. Each trail offers a nice and relaxing trek through nature where you will see many beautiful plants along with many species of wildlife enjoying the area just as much as you are. The BSNC is perfectly safe for all to enjoy and is perfect for your own personal enjoyment or for the enjoyment of your nature group.

Be sure to encourage your wellness group to also come out and enjoy the trails with a relaxing walk. Maps of the BSNC are available in the Paulding SWCD Office or on our website www.pauldingswcd.org under "Black Swamp Nature Center". Get outdoors and enjoy nature, there is so much to explore!

OHIO PREP SPORTSWRITERS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2017 AWARD WINNERS

The Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association held its annual state meeting Tuesday at the OHSAA office, which included a Q&A session with OHSAA Executive Director Dr. Dan Ross. OPSWA members in attendance also discussed several topics and announced the 2017 writing and photography contest award winners (see below).

Earning "Sportswriter of the Year" honors in their respective divisions were Jon Spencer from the Mansfield News Journal (Div. 1), Mark Hazelwood from the Sandusky Register (Div. 2), Rob McCurdy from the Marion Star (Div. 3) and Todd Stumpf from the Medina Post (Div. 4). The contest, which received 522 entries from 58 contestants, consisted of articles and photos from the 2017 calendar year.

The OPSWA membership roster now stands at 171 writers and photographers

around the state, which marks the most in its 45-year history. OPSWA members serve as judges in the contest.

Founded in 1972, the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association works to support and enhance the coverage of high school sports in Ohio and to recognize superior writing among sports journalists. In 2010, the OPSWA partnered with the Ohio High School Athletic Association to create a website, establish electronic communications and increase its membership and recognition.

The OPSWA website is located at <http://www.ohsaa.org/news/OPSWA> and includes the membership directory, officers information, hall of fame inductees and other updates.

Certificates were handed out to contest placers, while the Writers of the Year each received an inscribed plaque with pen. The contest was judged by 38 OPSWA members from around the state.

2017 OPSWA SPORTSWRITERS OF THE YEAR

- DIVISION 1 - Jon Spencer, Mansfield News Journal
- DIVISION 2 - Mark Hazelwood, Sandusky Register
- DIVISION 3 - Rob McCurdy, Marion Star
- DIVISION 4 - Todd Stumpf, Medina Post

2017 OPSWA Writing Contest, Division and Category Results

The four divisions were based on circulation size.

Point Totals for Writer of the Year: 1st Place = 6 points, 2nd = 4 points, 3rd = 3 points, 4th = 2 points, 5th = 1 point. Categories receiving less than 20 entries awarded three places, categories receiving 20-39 entries awarded four places and categories receiving 40 or more entries were awarded five places.

DIVISION 1: Division 1, Investigative/Enterprise (9 entries)

1. Is Lacrosse Hurting Track? - Joe Scalzo, Canton Repository
2. Rosters Don't Always Measure Up - Joe Scalzo, Canton Repository
3. Area Schools Offer Perspective on Competitive Balance - Mike Dyer, WCPO.com

Division 1, News (19 entries)

1. Beard Tapped for Greater Cleveland Induction - Chris Lillstrung, Willoughby News Herald
2. Wesson's Dedication to Improve Reaps Reward - Steve Blackledge, Columbus Dispatch
- Tie-3. Ohio State Offers Lexington's Stover - Curt Conrad, Richland Source

Tie-3. Dwindling Officials a Growing Concern - Steve Blackledge, Columbus Dispatch

1. Lexington Star Dedicates Success to Late Father - Jon Spencer, Mansfield News Journal
2. Lexington Cross Country Coach Uses Experience as Inspiration - Curt Conrad, Richland Source
3. Kirtland's Aquila: "Mom Has the Best Seat in the House." - John Kampf, Willoughby News Herald
4. Perry Lineman Wants State Title for Cancer-Stricken Father - John Kampf, Willoughby News Herald

Division 1, Column (17 entries)

1. Coaching in the Hall -

ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS LEARN ABOUT THE LETTER V



Shown here with Mrs. Cheri Collins are: Indi Smith, Logan McKee, Amelia Hearne, Blaze Bassler and Damien Selzer.

Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers made volcanoes outside on letter 'V' day. We all made our very own volcano, then we mixed colors to see what magical things could happen, then we put all our cups together to make

one giant volcano! It was an exploding good time! Check out the front page of the West Bend News for registration for summer and next fall's preschool! It is happening NEXT MONDAY! You don't want to miss out!

Jon Spencer, Mansfield News Journal

Tie-2. One-of-a-kind Bob Games Will Go On, But Twinkle Is Gone - Jon Spencer, Mansfield News Journal

Tie-2. With Game On the Line, Polar Bears Deliver a State Title - Joe Scalzo, Canton Repository

Division 1, Game Story (22 entries)

1. Wade E. Miller Gymnasium's Final Game Celebrates History - Mike Dyer, WCPO.com

2. Chardon Player with Cerebral Palsy Scores a Touchdown - John Kampf, Willoughby News Herald

3. Blue Smith's Late Hail Mary Reception Lifts Wayne Past - Eric Frantz, Dayton Daily News

Tie-4. New King of the Gene Pool - Jon Spencer, Mansfield News Journal

Tie-4. Determined South Wins First City Title Since '80 - Steve Blackledge, Columbus Dispatch

Division 1 Writer of the Year - Jon Spencer, Mansfield News Journal (Fourth award all-time)

(Two first place finishes, one second place finish and one fourth place finish)

Jon Spencer, Mansfield News Journal - 16.5

Joe Scalzo, Canton Repository - 13.5

John Kampf, Willoughby News Herald - 9

Mike Dyer, WCPO.com - 9

DIVISION 2: Division 2, Investigative/Enterprise (6 entries)

1. Soul Searching: High School Wrestling at a Crossroads - Mark Hazelwood, Sandusky Register

2. An Appeal to Play: Hamilton's Thomas Gets to Chase Dreams - Rick Cassano, Hamilton Journal News

3. Competitive Balance is at Least a Start - Jamie Baker, Findlay Courier

Division 2, Investigative/Enterprise (25 entries)

1. 'Zar' of the Mat Officials to Retire After State Tourney -

Aaron Dorksen, Wooster Daily Record

2. Vlasi Pappas' Catch Goes Viral, is No. 1 on "SportsCenter" - Jon Behm, Lorain Morning Journal

3. OHSAA Changes Playoffs to Friday Nights, Coaches Agree - Jon Behm, Lorain Morning Journal

4. Don Simpson Named New Varsity Coach at Middletown - Rick Cassano, Hamilton Journal News

Division 2, Feature (25 entries)

1. Remembering Badin's 28-0 Boy's Basketball Season of 1987-88 - Rick Cassano, Hamilton Journal News

2. Edlewood's Pletz Kicks His Way to Football, Soccer Success - Rick Cassano, Hamilton Journal News

Tie-3. Humbling Career - Mark Hazelwood, Sandusky Register

Tie-3. A Very Tall Tale for 6-foot-10 Rittman Football Player - Aaron Dorksen, Wooster Daily Record

Division 2, Column (13 entries)

1. Keep Playing - Mark Hazelwood, Sandusky Register

2. Friend To All - Mark Hazelwood, Sandusky Register

Tie-3. Practice Makes Fun - Mark Hazelwood, Sandusky Register

Tie-3. Spragg Was All About Promoting Golf - Dave Hanneman, Findlay Courier

Division 2, Game Story (34 entries)

1. Final Shot Won't Fall for L-B - Scott Cottos, Findlay Courier

2. O-G's Beemer Falls in Battle of Unbeatens - Jamie Baker, Findlay Courier

3. Still Perfect - Mark Hazelwood, Sandusky Register

Division 2 Writer of the Year - Mark Hazelwood, Sandusky Register (Fourth award all-time)

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At the end of April, kindergarten students at Antwerp Elementary went on a tour in downtown Antwerp. The first stop on the tour was Subway, where students became "sandwich artists" and made their own subs. After

that, they toured the Antwerp Exchange Bank and post office.

Subway visited their classrooms earlier that week and taught students about eating at least 5 servings of fruits and vegetables each day.

(Two first place finishes, one second place finish and three third place finish)

Mark Hazelwood, Sandusky Register - 23
Rick Cassano, Hamilton Journal News - 18
Aaron Dorksens, Wooster Daily Record - 8.5
John Behm, Lorain Morning Journal - 7
Jamie Baker, Findlay Courier - 7

Snyder, Newark Advocate
4. Robert Wright's Impact Still Felt - Tom Nader, Kent-Ravenna Record-Courier

Division 3, Game Story (60 entries)

Place - Title - Writer
1. Ostheimer Leaves It All on the Track and Then Some - Jake Furr, Norwalk Register
Tie-2. Goose Gets Loose - Albert Grindle, Medina Gazette

Tie-2. Panthers Advance on Miracle Finish - Derrick Webb, Chillicothe Gazette

Tie-2. Big Drama in Districts - Rob McCurdy, Marion Star
Tie-5. Stuff Legends Are Made Of - Albert Grindle, Medina Gazette

Tie-5. Down to the Wire - Aaron Gross, Defiance Crescent-News

Tie-5. Two Walk-Off Wins in One - Rick Noland, Medina Gazette

Division 3 Writer of the Year - Rob McCurdy, Marion Star (Second Consecutive Year)

(Four first place finishes and one third place finish)

Rob McCurdy, Marion Star - 16.03
Jake Furr, Norwalk Reflector - 13.03
Derrick Webb, Chillicothe Gazette - 12.33
Kurt Snyder, Newark Advocate - 10.2
Dave Weidig, Newark Advocate - 7.2

Division 4: Division 4, Investigative/Enterprise (7 entries)

1. Beating Cancer, Winning at Life - Todd Stumpf, Medina Post Newspapers
2. Pitching Rules Met With Trepidation - Todd Stumpf, Medina Post Newspapers

Tie-3. Soccer: Crew Move Could Have Ripple Effect - Jarrod Ulrey, This Week Community Newspapers
Tie-3. Boy's Volleyball: Sport Aiming to Gain Inclusion from OHSAA - Jarrod Ulrey, This Week Community Newspapers

Division 4, News (7 entries)

1. Humble Beginnings; Humbler Endings/Wadsworth's Baughman - Todd Stumpf, Medina Post Newspapers
Tie-2. Colts Limas Sets County Record - Todd Stumpf, Medina Post Newspapers

Tie-2. Reds Select Orange's Tyler Brown - Scott Hennen, This Week Newspapers

4. Collins Dismissed as Boys Coach - Todd Stumpf, Medina Post Newspapers

Division 4, Feature (29 en-

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tries)

1. Girls Golf Team's Grace Overcomes Health Hurdle - Jarrod Ulrey, This Week Community Newspapers

2. Baseball: 'Frenchy' Loves Pitching In - Frank DiRenna, This Week Newspapers

3. 'Supergirl' Fights Back Against Cancer - Frank DiRenna, This Week Newspapers

4. The Architect - Jarrod Ulrey, This Week Newspapers
Division 4, Column (8 entries)

1. Super Teams Super Ticked About Tourney - Todd Stumpf, Medina Post Newspapers

Tie-3. Richards Concerned About Scoreboard, Not Book - Todd Stumpf, Medina Post Newspapers

Tie-3. Possible Shakeup Looming for OCC - Scott Hennen, This Week Newspapers

Tie-3. Commentary: Foundation for Tigers Title Run Built Long Ago - Jarrod Ulrey, Pickerington Times-Sun
Division 4, Game Story (27 entries)

1. The Sweet Taste of State - Todd Stumpf, Medina Post Newspapers

2. Brunswick Girls, Tough as Nails - Todd Stumpf, Medina Post Newspapers

3. Orange Wins District Baseball Title - Scott Hennen, This Week Newspapers

4. DiSabato Edged in State Wrestling Final - Frank DiRenna, This Week Newspapers

Division 4 Writer of the Year - Todd Stumpf, Medina Post Newspapers (Fourth year in a row and sixth win in eight years of contest)

(Four first place finishes, four second place finishes, one third place finish and one fourth place finish)

Todd Stumpf, Medina Post Newspapers - 42.5

Jarrod Ulrey, This Week Community Newspapers - 14
Frank DiRenna, This Week Community Newspapers - 9
Scott Hennen, This Week Community Newspapers - 6.5

2017 OPSWA Photography Contest (Judging Completed April 17, 2018)

Category - Game Action (36 entries)

1. Wild Ride to the Championships, Jilly Burns, Sandusky Register

2. Unexpected Defeat, Erin McLaughlin, Sandusky Register

3. Take a Seat, Jay Gehres, London Madison Press

4. Keep Your Head in the Game, Richard Russell, Norwalk Reflector

5. In the Spotlight, Jilly Burns, Sandusky Register
Category - Portrait (9 entries)

1. Ready to Rock, Jessica Grimm, Chillicothe Gazette

2. Football Starters, Jilly Burns, Sandusky Register

3. Eyeing Greater Success, Jon Behm, Lorain Morning Journal

LADY RAMS TOWER OVER RAIDERS

Tuesday was a dismal day for the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders as they met on the mound against the Tinora Lady Rams. The Rams dominated this match up only allowing the Raiders to score 1 run. This game ended after the top of the 5th as Tinora invoked the 10 run rule. Fi-

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK 4/30 - 5/5 2018



Pictured is "Kirk Baker, Children's Storyteller, at the Paulding County Carnegie Library, Preschool Storytime"

The Paulding County Carnegie Library Youth Services are planning for National Children's Book Week. April 30-May 5, 2018.

The Children's Room will have activities and a drawing for books to celebrate Children's Book Week. Preschool Story Times are Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

For more information about upcoming events contact the Children's Room at the Main Branch Library in Paulding at 419-399-2032.

Library Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 - 8:00; Friday 9:00 - 6:00 and Saturday 9:00 - 1:00.

nal score: Tinora 14, Wayne Trace 1

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

Tinora - 1 0 8 5 x = 14; 14H, 3E

Winning Pitcher - Ashton Helmke (5 innings, 1 hit, 1 run, 0 earned runs, 3 strikeouts, 2 walks)

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

Other Wayne Trace Pitcher - Madilyn Brigner (1-2/3 innings, 8 hits, 6 runs, 6 earned runs, 1 strikeout, 1 walk)

Wayne Trace Hitters - Brooke Sinn (single, run)

Tinora Hitters - Quinn Slattman (two doubles, home run, three runs, five runs batted in), Lyndsay Clemens (single, double, two runs, two runs batted in), Sydney Greiser (three singles, run, run batted in), Ashton Helmke (single, run, run batted in), Hanna Horn (single, run, run batted in), Erica Reike (single), Lexi Miles (two singles, two runs, three runs batted in), Taylor Riley (single, two runs)

CLOSE WIN FOR RAIDERS

Varsity baseball match up, Wayne Trace Raiders and Ottoville Big Green took place on Wednesday, April 25th. This game started slow with no runs in the 1st inning. The 2nd inning ramped up a notch with the Big Green chalking a run to the scoreboard. The 3rd inning was the game changer as Wayne Trace drew in 3 runs, but Ottoville only earned 1. The Big Green tried to level the playing field in the 6th, but the Raiders' Ca-

Sudoku solution from page 13

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 2, 5, 8, 6, 7, 1, 9, 4, 3 in the first row and other numbers in subsequent rows.

leb Schaefer scored on a balk with one out to lift the Raiders to the victory. Final score: Wayne Trace 4, Ottoville 3

Score by Innings: Ottoville - 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 = 3; 5H, 0E

Wayne Trace - 0 0 3 0 0 1 = 4; 7H, 2E

Winning Pitcher - Grant Baumele (1 inning, 0 hits, 0 runs, 1 strikeout, 1 walk)

Other Wayne Trace Pitcher - Haydn Gillett (6 innings, 5 hits, 3 runs, 1 strikeout, 1 walk)

Losing Pitcher - Trae Schlagbaum (2 innings, 1 hit, 1 run, 2 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Other Ottoville Pitcher - Nick Moorman

Ottoville Hitters - Cooper Hanneman (double), Andy Schimmoeller (single), Josh Thorbahn (single), Zane Martin (single), Clayton Schnipke (single)

Wayne Trace Hitters - Korbin Slade (two doubles, single), Grant Baumele (single), Eli Sinn (single), Reid Miller (single), Haydn Gillett (single)

PANTHERS ROLL PAST PIRATES

CONTINENTAL - The Paulding Lady Panthers scored 20 consecutive runs and rolled to a 26-2 win over host Continental in non-league softball action Thursday afternoon.

With the game tied at 1-1 after one inning, the maroon and white scored six times in the second before adding four in the third for an 11-1 advantage.

However, Paulding put the game away with a ten-run fourth inning that expanded the margin to 21-1 before settling on the 26-2 victory.

Asia Arellano had four singles, five runs scored and five runs batted in to lead the Lady Panthers. Haylee Dominique added three singles with Jalyynn Parrett posting two singles and a triple for Paulding.

Parrett added five runs scored with Dominique scoring three times while driving in six runs. Audrey Manz also picked up four runs batted in for the maroon and white along with posting a single and a triple.

Leigha Egnor also recorded two singles with Megan Tope and Gabbie Stallbaum recording a single each.

Audrey Manz picked up the win for Paulding, allowing five hits, two runs and a walk while striking out seven in a five-inning complete game.

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THIS WEEK AT KIWANIS



Pictured is Michael Schweinsberg on the left and Matt Miller on the right.

This week Kiwanis member Matt Miller introduced Michael Schweinsberg with the OSU Extension office. Michael talked about the new program he has initiated called Generation Rx. He goes into the schools and talks with middle schoolers about prescription drug abuse and the awful effects. Many times, prescription pain meds are abused which can often lead to the use of heroin for a more extreme high. In fact, more people died of overdose than in car accidents last year alone. 1 in 7 kids have abused prescription drugs. Michael uses that statistic to bring awareness to adults, but when talking to kids he says, "1 in 7 kids abuse prescription drugs, but that means 6 kids aren't." Currently the program is being run off a grant that is quickly dwindling, so if any organization would like to support the Generation RX program, or be trained to present the program yourself, Michael is looking for funding help, as well as to raise awareness to the devastating epidemic. Prescription drug abuse is a real threat and can lead to the use of other drugs. Michael suggested locking up your prescription pain killers, storing them in a high

place, and educating your children about the dangers of prescription drug abuse. The Sheriff's department accepts prescription drugs and incinerates them the proper way. Michael has a passion for helping children and wants to raise awareness county wide. Kiwanis members thank him for his dedication to our future.

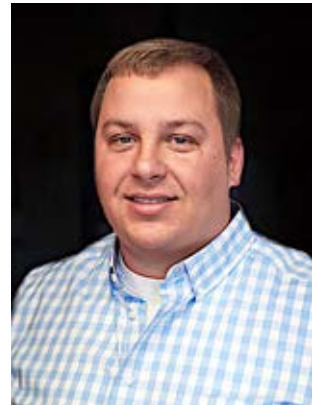
BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mark and Megan Parisot welcomed Waylon Michael Parisot on April 28th, 2018 at 12:31 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs 1.7 oz and was 21 inches long. Waylon has two siblings, Owen and Sawyer. Grandparents are Annette & Dave Parisot; Randy Slattman and Brenda Cantrell.

KNIGHTS CONCEDE NARROW WIN TO RAIDERS

On April 27th, Wayne Trace and Crestview met up on the mound for varsity baseball action. The stalemate that was the first two innings of this match up was silenced as Wayne Trace came to bat in the 3rd adding 1 run to the scoreboard. It was the Knights turn in the 4th as they cranked in 3 runs. Final tally gave the victory to Wayne Trace:

VANCE MAKES FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PRIORITIES IN COMMIS-SIONER RACE



Paulding, OH: In a few days, Paulding County voters will be going to the polls to decide who will represent the Republican Party this fall in the general election for County Commissioner. Clint A. Vance, 27 and currently residing in the Village of Paulding is trying to beat out Mark Holtsberry for the seat commencing January 1, 2019.

"The response has been very positive so far," stated Vance while noting that attending township, village council, and school board meetings is important for him to be successful. "I have really enjoyed meeting the elected officials and getting a chance to watch how each entity conducted business while also discussing important issues that they are facing," said Vance. He continues, "As a County Commissioner, I will continue to visit local entities to allow them to share concerns and update them on county business. Developing and maintaining these relationships can only improve government for our county and allows me to become a better leader." Vance explained, "These folks are the experts in their area of the county and I look forward to serving alongside them."

If you wish to support Clint and are registered as a Democrat or Independent, when you check in to

Wayne Trace 7, Crestview 6
Score by Innings:
Crestview - 0 0 0 3 0 0 3 = 6; 8H, 4E
Wayne Trace - 0 0 1 0 1 2 3 = 7; 11H, 2E
Winning Pitcher - Braden Zuber (3-1/3 innings, 4 hits, 3 runs, 4 strikeouts, 2 walks)
Other Wayne Trace Pitcher

vote early or at your polling location on Tuesday May 8th, tell the poll worker you would like a Republican ballot. Ohio is an open primary state and there are no democrat candidates for County Commissioner in this election.

Here is a look at Clint's candidate profile:

Education: 2009 graduate of Paulding High School; Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from The Ohio State University 2013

Occupation: Farmer and Parttime Charter Bus Driver Party: Republican

Reason for Seeking Office: I believe Paulding County is at a critical point where good, quality, young leadership is needed. One can't sit idle while others make decisions; this county has way to much potential for that and we cannot afford to let great opportunities develop somewhere else. My experiences prove that I am willing to listen to all the voters, while being bold enough to represent what is best for the county; even when it's not popular to do so. I will be an active participant at township/village meetings, along with community events. I will also help promote and support all county agencies. I have great respect for where our county has been, and I hope the voters trust me to be a steward for where our county is going.

Top Three Goals: 1) Be visible throughout the entire county - expect to see me at events and meetings. I will also use social media to stay connected with constituents. 2) Be a progrowth leader - assisting and supporting the economic development director to help attract and retain businesses in Paulding County. I am also in favor of new/improved infrastructure. 3) Maintain good financial standing - being discipline and using a conservative approach, I will work alongside the other elected officials to achieve this goal.

- Noah Toppe
Losing Pitcher - Griffin Painter (2-1/3 innings, 5 hits, 5 runs, 3 strikeouts)
Other Crestview Pitcher - Riley Saylor
Crestview Hitters - Brant Richardson (two singles), Derek Stout (home run), Caden Hurless (double), Griffin Painter (single), Riley Saylor (single), Dylan Hicks (single), Brett Schumm (single)
Wayne Trace Hitters - Haydn Gillett (four singles), Eli Sinn (three singles), Quinton Stabler (single), Braden

SCARBOROUGH REMINDS PEOPLE OF THE HISTORY OF PAULDING COUNTY



Pictured Left to right: Micheal Schweinsberg, Sarah Nogle, Gene Scarbrough, Katie Gorrell

The OSU extension building and Paulding County BOE located at the fairgrounds has a unique set of mural paintings inside that Gene Scarbrough would like to recommend people to visit. From left to right you'll see the beginning of Paulding County to the modern era in a picture book history form.

From the very beginning, you can observe the Native Americans along with the pioneers who met them here.

The journey starts around 1801 and continues as we see companies, churches and houses formed.

Gene would like to make sure that everybody realizes that we should not be covering up the history and Paulding County BOE should make sure that it is passed on to all generations.

Scarborough, 93, painted the scenes in 1981 under the request and fundraising efforts of the county. It measures 60 feet long and 14 feet high. It was the County Ag Agent, David Jones, who asked Gene if he could do this and he willingly agreed.

Gene painted friends,

family right into the pictures. His Grandfather Ed sits on a tractor, Paul Copsy with the cows, Burt Davis is a blacksmith, and Woodrow Gudakunst is flying his plane. You'll see companies such as the REA (now Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative), Baughman Tile Gorrell Bros Auction Truck, Kauser Trucking, and Cooper Farms' turkeys. The Church is Mount Zion in Washington Township.

He served in the Navy in the South Pacific and also was an artist for the Navy. He says he never worked a day in his life because he enjoys what he does. Gene is an active old timer. He still runs, draws and even skips rope. Gene also is a motivational speaker and reminds everybody that "Everyday is Saturday". One of his favorite hobbies is still drawing. He helps out at parties doing caricatures.

Stop in one of these days to the OSU Extension building and see the history of Paulding County and the fine painting work by Grover Hill resident, Gene Scarbrough.

Zuber (single), Drew Forrer (single), Korbin Slade (single)

LADY TIGERS FALL TO RAIDES

On 4/27, Wayne Trace played Holgate in varsity softball play. The Lady Tigers began the game with the first run. That was all she wrote after the 2nd inning. The Lady Raiders fired off 3 runs in the 2nd, adding 2 more in the 3rd and another 3 in the 5th. This edge was enough to award Wayne Trace with the win for the evening. Final score: Wayne Trace 8, Holgate 2

Score by Innings:
Wayne Trace - 0 3 2 0 3 0 0 = 8; 11H, 2E
Holgate - 1 1 0 0 0 0 = 2;

4H, 2E
Winning Pitcher - Maggie Crosby (7 innings, 4 hits, 2 runs, 1 earned run, 4 strikeouts, 2 walks)
Losing Pitcher - Bailey Plott (7 innings, 11 hits, 8 runs, 6 earned runs, 2 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Wayne Trace Hitters - Olivia Egnor (single, double), Alex Fast (triple, home run, two runs, five runs batted in), Maggie Crosby (two singles, two runs batted in), Keagan Parrish (double, two runs), Anne Eklund (single), Kalin Gerber (single), Megan Moore (single), Brooke Sinn (single, two runs)
Holgate Hitters - Kirsten Hoffman (two singles), Kacey Theisen (single), Madison Honenberger (single)

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