

MILLER TAKES OVER AT ANTWERP RX



the small town business.

Mandy graduated from Paulding High School in 2004 and went to school at Ohio Northern, graduating in 2010 as a Pharmacist. After school she was hired at HeartLight Pharmacy in Lima, Ohio where she worked there as a Nuclear Pharmacist until two weeks ago, when she transitioned to Antwerp. Nuclear pharmacy is a specialty area of pharmacy practice dedicated to the compounding and dispensing of radioactive materials for use in nuclear medicine procedures. A specialty area of pharmacy practice is one that requires a concentration of knowledge in a once specific area.

Two years ago Mandy and Caleb moved to the Antwerp

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ESSENTIAL OILS 101 AT COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

It's that time of year when germs are flying around and everyone you know is feeling under the weather! Join Kari Spangler at Cooper Community Library on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., to learn tips and tricks about staying above the wellness line using essential oils. This

is an informational Essential Oils 101 class where you will learn what essential oils are, how to use them safely and effectively, as well as how to kick toxins to the curb. You will also be making a small spray bottle of plant-based

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WOLFRUM FILES PETITION FOR U.S. SEAT

VAN WERT — U.S. Fifth District Congressional candidate Todd Wolfrum, Van Wert, filed his petition Wednesday at the Lucas County Board of Elections to be on the May Primary ballot.

Wolfrum is seeking the seat of incumbent Bob Latta, (R, Bowling Green). Despite being in Washington for a decade, Wolfrum says Latta has failed to become a leader who speaks out for his constituents. Wolfrum has been canvassing the Fifth District since August, visiting more than 11,500 houses while walking more than 650 miles in 50 towns over 84 days. He hears the concerns of the residents and he wants to be a voice for them in Washington, something that Latta has not done.

"My opponent is like most politicians, he was voted into office then became a puppet for the lobbyists. He goes along with the establishment and even refused to support Trump when he became the Republican candidate for president," Wolfrum said. "I want to make an impact when I get to Washington and represent northwest Ohio, not hide behind legacy and the establishment."

During his door-to-door campaign, Wolfrum tells voters his views on taxes, health care and plan to join the Freedom Caucus. He identifies himself as a libertarian-leaning

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PC BOE CLOSED

Paulding Co. Board of Elections office will be closed Wednesday - Friday, January 10 - 12 due to attending a conference.

HEAD START IN HICKSVILLE GETS A PERMANENT HOME!



Head Start finally gets a building to call their own! In Hicksville, Ohio there is a restaurant that recently opened named Casa Grande that is across from Sailors gas station. Behind

the restaurant, and part of the same building, is the location for the new facility housing Hicksville Head Start! The address is 520 West High Street.

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SPORTS CARD SHOW

Saturday, January the 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Ramada Plaza Center and Travel Hotel (formally the Hotel Fort Wayne) located at 305 E Washington Center Rd (exit 312a off of I-69) in Fort Wayne, Indiana there will be a sports card and collectibles show. Dealers from the tri-state region will be in attendance with both sport and non-sport cards and collectibles. Featured will be vintage and new singles, hobby boxes and supplies . . . attendance is free and the public is invited to attend. Please feel free to bring your items in for appraisal. For more information please contact Brian Mayne at 260-824-4867 or mscards@icloud.com or on facebook at mcs.cards.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Rhett Noah Joseph Fogle was born to Brayton Fogle and Julia Balsler, Hicksville, OH. He weighed 7 lbs .2 oz and was 20.5 inches long.

Grandparents are Tammy Balsler and the late Dar Balsler, Antwerp, OH and Troy and Tina Fogle, Hicksville, OH.

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Community Calendar

Jan 5-Feb 9

• Artlink Exhibition Fort Wayne

Thursday, Jan 11

• Antwerp Conservation Club meeting, 7pm

Saturday, Jan 13

• Paulding KofC Free-Throw Cont. @ Paulding HS, 12pm
• Sports Cards Show, 10a-3p, Travel Hotel, Fort Wayne

January 16-18

• Fort Wayne Farm Show

Friday, Jan 19

• Military Appreciation Night @ Antwerp Girls BB 6pm
• TV Time @ The Huber, 7pm (1/20 also)

Saturday, Jan 20

• Taste of Convoy 2018, Edgewood Park Community Building 7p.m.

• Saturday Mornings at the Huber - Junior Theater Workshop: Intro to Theater and Dance Steps for Stage, 9a-12p, @ The Huber

Monday, Jan 22

• Cookbook Club @ Antwerp Library 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan 23

• Book signing by: Pastor Dwayne Richardson @ Antwerp Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan 27

• Concealed Carry Class; Wild Game/Meat Processing Demo @ Antwerp Conservation Club, 6:30pm

Tuesday, Jan 30

• Essential Oils 101 @ Cooper Comm. Library 6p.m.

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

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OBITUARIES

VAN WERT, OH
Marilyn J. Doner, 75, of Van Wert, Ohio passed away Sunday, January 07, 2018 at Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center. Arrangements handled by Alspach Gearhart



AUBURN, IN
Linda M Coughlin, 68 died Tuesday January 2, 2018 at Parkview Randalia in Fort Wayne.

She was born June 14, 1949 in Paulding Ohio to Francis E and Bonnie M (Mettert) Coughlin. They both survive in Antwerp, OH.

Linda was a 1967 graduate of Payne High School. She worked in the corporate office of Do It Best in Fort Wayne for 38 years before her retirement in 2006.

Surviving are her parents, Francis E and Bonnie M Coughlin of Antwerp, 5 siblings, Judy (David) McCalla of Dallas, TX, Deb (Dan) Corwin of Woodburn, IN, Jim (Beth) Coughlin of Antwerp, OH, Denny (Joanne) Coughlin of Antwerp, OH and Amy (Mitch) Wilhelm of Paulding, OH; a brother in Law, Kirk Lechleider of St. Joe; 16 nieces and nephews; Her Longtime Partner of 23 years, Elaine Verville of Auburn and her family Mark and Tonia Verville of VanWert, OH and their 4 children and Dan and Nicole Verville of Lakewood, CO and their 2 children.

She was preceded in death by a sister Christine Lechleider

A Memorial service will be 12 noon on Friday, January 12, 2018 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 Center Street, Auburn, IN. The family will receive friends for 2 hours prior to the service from 10 to 12 Friday at the funeral home. Burial will follow the service in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. Preferred memorials are to DeKalb County Humane Society. To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

ANTWERP, OH
Eugene F. O'Donnell, Sr. 80 of Antwerp, Ohio passed away Friday, January 5, 2018 at Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Home. Arr. by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

HICKSVILLE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 1/10 - 1/16

1/10 - 10:00 Coffee and conversation; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre

1/11 - 10:00 Aggravation; 12:30 - 1:30 Bingo

1/12 - 10:00 Corn Hole; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre

1/15 - Defiance County Senior Service is CLOSED in observance of Martin Luther King Day

1/16 - 10:00 Chair exercises; 12:00 Grocery shop; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre; Silly Sweater Day

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 1/10 - 1/16

1/10 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Crafts; 12:30 Kroger Shop

1/11 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Band Stretch; 10:00 Zumba; 12:30 Meijer Shop 4:00-Yoga with Sue

1/12 - 9:30 - Cards; 10:00 Tai Chi; 10:00 Crafts

1/15 - Defiance County Senior Services is CLOSED in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Day

1/16 - 9:45 Aldi shop; 10:00 Tai Chi; 10:00 Bible Study; 10:00 Cards; 4:00 Yoga

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 1/10 - 1/16

1/10 - Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, cottage cheese with peaches, banana crackers

1/11 - Chicken with gravy, tater tots, mixed vegetables, grape juice, dinner roll

1/12 - Meatloaf, au gratin potatoes, Sicilian blend vegetables, ambrosia salad, garlic bread, sugar cookie ncs= sf cookie

1/15 - Senior Services will be CLOSED in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Day

1/16 - BBQ pork sandwich, baked beans, Riviera blend vegetables, peach crisp

SEASONAL FLU HOSPITALIZATIONS TOP 2,000

It's not too late to get the flu vaccination. Plenty still available across Ohio

• The Ohio Department of Health continues to alert the public about the importance of flu vaccination as flu-associated hospitalizations continue to increase across the state as kids head back to school from winter break.

• Week 52 had 925 new flu-associated hospitalizations which increased from 554 during Week 51. That is compared to 157 at this same time last year.

• Ohio is now reporting 2,104 flu-associated hospitalizations for the 2017-18 flu season, compared to 369 at this same time last year.

• Ohio has not reported any flu-associated pediatric deaths so far for the 2017-18 flu season (adult flu-associated deaths are not required to be reported to public health agencies).

• The start of this year's flu season in Ohio appears to be similar to the start of the 2014-15 flu season when:

o There were 973 new flu-associated hospitalizations during Week 52 (almost 50 more than reported this year)

o There were 2,892 total flu-associated hospitalizations through Week 52 (almost 800 more than reported this year)

• The Ohio Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that everyone six months and older get a flu shot as soon as possible as vaccination is the best protection against seasonal flu viruses.

• It takes about two weeks after vaccination for protection against the flu to set in.

• The flu vaccine is never 100 percent effective, and some people who get vaccinated may still get the flu but their symptoms are likely to be less severe.

EATING WITH THE SEASON

By: **Angel Steiner**

Eating good foods is an essential part of keeping the physical body in healthy working order. The USDA developed first the Food Pyramid and most recently MyPlate in order to guide people to eat a well-balanced diet. Fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins are so very important for our bodies especially at this time of year when the germs seem to be running rampant.

A most effective way to get the most vitamins and minerals the body is seeking to overcome and battle these germs of the cold and flu season is to eat the foods that are in season. Each sea-

son sees various groupings of foods that contain nutrients that help boost the immune system. In the winter, there is less daylight and less heat in the northern hemisphere, which impairs people's ability to enjoy the outdoors where they have the opportunity to pump the blood and flush out toxins by sweating and drinking more water. This brings people indoors for longer periods of time where they sit more causing their physical activity to slow to a near halt on some days.

The following is a listing of the foods that are in season during the winter months.

Cold Climates will have these produce items in dry storage.

Cabbage: These Cruciferous vegetables are chock full of Vitamins C, K and folate, fiber, antioxidants, glucosinolates - a carcinogen fighter. Shred them up & make a coleslaw with a vinegar/oil dressing.

Brussel Sprouts: These are the little cousins of cabbages — same great benefits, same great taste.

Winter Squash: Some of the winter squashes include Acorn, butternut, kabocha, and delicata. These buttery fleshy gourds tout vitamin A, carotenoids and potassium. They are excellent baked in the oven.

Potatoes:

Don't be afraid of these starchy and satiating root vegetables. They are full of potassium, magnesium, folic acid, vitamin C, and even protein. Yes, they are high on the glycemic index, but most often potatoes get a bad wrap because we like to deep fry them in hot oil or smother them with butter and sour cream.

Onions: Onions have a strong pungent aroma, yes, but they also have lots of vitamin C and fiber and are also known to lower LDL.

Beets: Ah, beets — their bright magenta color is so very festive. They can be boiled, eaten raw, roasted. They also contribute to the health of the consumer by providing them with vitamins A, B, C as well as potassium and folate, as well as antioxidants called betalains and are a natural source of sugar.

Celeriac: This hard to find root vegetable has a very ugly outward appearance but is packed with fiber, vitamin c, and phosphorus.

Carrots: The root vegetable choice of Bugs Bunny. Carrots are an excellent source of beta carotene, vitamin A, cyanidins, and lutein.

Turnips and Rutabagas:

These pretty purple and white root veggies are often overlooked in the produce aisle because many are confused if they are a potato or a cruciferous vegetable. They

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

“Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the Lord God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.”
 —Amos 5:15 NIV

boast the same nutritional perks as other cruciferous veggies (namely cancer-fighting glucosinolates, vitamins C and K, folate, potassium, fiber, and calcium), so it is most beneficial to your soup pot or veggie tray to seek them out to add.

Parsnips:

These carrot-like root vegetables are full of fiber, potassium, vitamin C, and folate, and are a fine contribution to stews, soups or casseroles. There are also some great recipes that make parsnips into “mashed potatoes”.

Sweet Potatoes:

These sweet vegetables contain beta-carotene, antioxidants, vitamins A and C, and fiber. They are also low on the glycemic index which is good for those who monitor those levels.

Radacchio: These bitter leaves are loaded with vitamin C, magnesium, potassium, and vitamin K and add a nice crunch and flavor and many dishes.

Warm Climates are able to produce and harvest these tasty fruits and vegetables.

Citrus Fruits:

Oranges, lemons, limes, grapefruit — all of these fruits contain flavonoids and vitamin C. They are very acidic though and many people who are on blood pressure medication cannot eat grapefruit because of counteractions with their medication.

Pomegranates:

It may be a puzzle how to deseed these purple juicy fruits, but the effort is worth it as they are full of antioxidants and anti-inflammatory properties.

Dark, leafy Greens:

Kale and collards are just right for winter eating which is great for the body because they contain lots of vitamins A, C, K, and E, as well as iron, calcium, manganese, potassium, and phytochemicals and antioxidants.

Escarole: This green is less commonly known and is found in many mixed greens bags found in the refrigerated produce section at the supermarket. They are a little on the bitter end, but contain folic acid, fiber, and vitamins A and K.

Fennel: This root vegetable touts, feather green leaves on top, an onion-like bulb on the bottom, and a licorice taste when eaten. They also are full of vitamin C, potassium, magnesium, and copper as well as a compound called anethole found to reduce the risk of certain cancers.

Whether you are procuring a winter soup, stew, casserole or salad this season, remember to add some of these fruits and vegetables. They will help stabilize the immune system in order to make it through the cold and flu season.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE FUN



Gingerbread House day is a favorite for kids and teachers. The kindergarten students at Oakwood Elementary made some delicious creations!

KIWANIS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Become a member of Kiwanis and have an impact on your community

Paulding, OH: The Kiwanis chapter in Paulding is welcoming new members. To be a member of Kiwanis means you're impacting children around the world, and right here at home. This year the Paulding Kiwanis chapter helped influence children's health, sports, entertainment, and other organizations through their volunteer work and donations.

The chapter meets each week over lunch to discuss business, network, and invite guest speakers to come in and share more about their organization or cause. “Each week I look forward to lunch with my Kiwanis friends. It's a great place to network and become more educated on the issues, businesses, and organizations in the area” says Elizabeth Vance the chapter's president.

When you become a member of Kiwanis your business is represented, and you're contributing to an organization that's priority is children, the leaders of tomorrow. To become a member, reach out to Elizabeth Vance at First Federal Bank, Lisa McClure at the Paulding County Area Foundation, or Jim States at State Bank. Membership is open all year with no deadline.

HIGHWAY PATROL INVESTIGATING A FATAL CRASH

Edgerton - The Defiance Post of The Ohio State Highway Patrol is currently investigating a fatal crash which occurred on January 2, 2018, at approximately 3:39 pm on County Road D.50, west of County Road 7, approximately two miles northeast of the Village of Edgerton, in St. Joseph Township.

A 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer being driven by Christopher A. Jinkins, age 39, of Bryan, Ohio, was eastbound on County Road D.50 when he traveled off the left side of

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WONG 2018 PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE WINNER



Sarah Wong
Sarah Wong, a sixth grader at Paulding Middle School was the 2018 school spelling bee winner with the word **MALIGN**. Haley Manz was the runner up.

Sarah is the daughter of Terence and Luci Wong.

7:00 p.m. General admission tickets at the door or by calling the Huber at 419-542-9553.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING SPEAKER BRINGS MESSAGE OF AWARENESS

The definition of human trafficking is the action or practice of illegally transporting people from one country or area to another, typically for the purposes of forced labour or commercial sexual exploitation. Don't think human trafficking happens in your zip code? Think again. Come learn about what could be going on in your own backyard when Theresa Flores comes to the Niswonger Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m., presented by Dale & Sarah Burden.

Survivor and Author Theresa Flores travels the U.S. sharing her story of trafficking and being a sex slave while living in an upper-middle class suburb of Detroit, Michigan. At 15 years of age she was drugged, raped and tortured for two long years — kept in bondage, forced to pay back an impossible debt as a sex slave — all the while living at home, attempting to keep her family safe.

Theresa's organization, TraffickFree builds awareness about domestic sex trafficking and sexually exploited children in the U.S. Their purpose is to educate students, parents, professionals and motel owners/staff on the red flags of trafficking and how to identify a victim. They work in partnership with other organizations to rescue missing adolescents from becoming a human trafficking victim. They work in partnership with other organizations to rescue missing adolescents from becoming a human trafficking victim. Equally as important is to help survivors heal from the trauma of being trafficked and empowering them to become productive citizens. Learn more about Theresa and her plight to stop human trafficking by reading her best memoir, "The Slave Across the Street."

Along with Presenting Sponsors Dale & Sarah Burden, Supporting Sponsors for Theresa Flores include Walmart, Paulding Putnam Electric, and Midwest Electric. 17-18 Season Sponsors are Chuck & Karen Koch, StateWide Ford Lincoln, and Van Wert Federal Savings Bank.

On a related note, the month of January is Human Trafficking Awareness month. The Van Wert YWCA has many events, that like Theresa Flores Speaking Event, will educate and create awareness. A family friendly event, GLOW BOWL 2018, is planned on January 14 at Olympic Lanes in Van Wert from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. with proceeds going to support human trafficking victims and awareness. On January 28, a free screening of the documentary, "In Plain

Sight," will be shown at the Van Wert Cinema at 4:00 p.m. This one hour documentary chronicles the lives of six abolitionists who are working to provide rehabilitation centers for trafficking victims all over the United States.

For more information 419-238-6722 or 24/7 online at NPACVW.ORG.

The Niswonger Performing Arts Center is located at 10700 SR 118 S, Van Wert.

COMMUNITY MEETING AT HUBER SET FOR FEBRUARY 3

The Huber Opera House & Civic Center is embarking on a project to gather community input for future planning. A Capacity Building Grant from The Ohio Arts Council is funding the project to expand the programming at the Huber and strengthen the organizational structure of volunteers. Gathering information from community members is the first step in gathering ideas and suggestions for planning upcoming programs.

As a part of this project we would like to invite community members to participate in a meeting to be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018, at the Huber Opera House from 10:00 to noon. Lunch will be provided as a part of the meeting. Therefore, we need a count of how many meals to prepare and need a response by Jan. 22. If you are planning on attending the meeting, please email the Huber at huberoperahouse@outlook.com or call at 419-542-9553 to reserve a spot.

The meeting will consist of round table discussions on topics such as programming, events, fundraising, facility management, publicity, and volunteers at the Huber. The discussion points generated during the meeting will be summarized and a community survey created by the Huber program committee. This survey will then be distributed to the general public for input, which will provide a broader view of opinions and ideas to use for future planning.

DRESS OF YOUR DREAMS - FEBRUARY 10

Need a beautiful dress for prom this year, but short on cash? The Huber is sponsoring "A Dress of Your Dreams" Prom Dress Sale on Saturday, February 10 from 10:00 to 3:00 at the Huber. This event features a variety of dresses that have been donated for resale. All profits will benefit the Huber costume and props department.

The Huber is now accepting donated prom dresses for this event. So if you have dresses to donate, please deliver to the Huber office during office hours or call the office to set up a time to drop off during the evenings or weekends.

GIRL SCOUTS KICKS OFF NEXT CENTURY OF FEMALE ENTREPRENEURS WITH 2018 GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SEASON

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KB SUPER KIDS AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



The KB Super Kids love their Reading Buddies. Mrs. Shea's 6th graders read with Mrs. Miller's Super Kids every Monday afternoon. They had some holiday fun before break to put them in the Christmas spirit!

for them across the United States. After last year's 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts selling cookies, troops in the Toledo area are kicking off this season with the return of Girl Scout S'mores™, the most popular flavor to launch in the 101 years of Girl Scouts selling cookies. Consumers can now help fuel transformative leadership experiences and build the next generation of entrepreneurs in western Ohio with Girl Scout S'mores and classic favorites like Thin Mints® and Samoas®.

During Girl Scout Cookie season, each G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)™ sets out with delicious cookies while also building entrepreneurial and business skills that are imperative for leadership and future success. Almost 1 million Girl Scouts participate in the cookie program each year, generating nearly \$800 million during the average season. And all of the net revenue raised—100 percent of it—stays within western Ohio. Councils use cookie earnings to power amazing experiences for girls through their programming, while girls and their troops decide how to invest in impactful community projects, personal enrichment opportunities, and more.

From helping at animal shelters and feeding the homeless to raising awareness about bullying, embarking on educational travel opportunities, and tons more, Girl Scouts are doing amazing things made possible by each and every cookie sale. However, girls' cookie earnings alone aren't enough to power the Girl Scout Movement—investing in girls is important year-round, not just during cookie season.

"For 101 years Girl Scouts have showcased their entrepreneurial spirit as key members of the world's largest girl-led business, gaining essential life skills and working as a team to accomplish common goals and solve problems, while building the confidence they need to shine as G.I.R.L.s, as young women, and as future leaders," said Roni Luckenbill, chief executive officer for Girl Scouts of Western Ohio. "In today's high-tech, fast-paced, e-commerce world, Digital Cookie is propelling girls to the next level, where they do and learn even more—all while giving cookie customers more ways to support them and their goals."

Last year, Girl Scouts of

Western Ohio debuted Girl Scout S'mores—a crunchy graham sandwich cookie with a chocolate and marshmallowy filling, embossed with designs honoring Girl Scouts' Outdoor badges—which are sure to be best-sellers again. This year, girls will go door-to-door and at booth as well as through the Digital Cookie® platform, an innovative and educational web-based addition to the cookie program that helps girls run and manage their Girl Scout Cookie businesses online. Now in its fourth year, the Digital Cookie platform continues to bring Girl Scout programming into the future by providing girls with invaluable business and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills that prepare them for 21st century leadership.

For more information, visit www.girlscoutcookies.org or use the official Girl Scout Cookie Finder app, free on iOS and Android devices. To join or volunteer, visit gsw.org/join.

PURDUE VARSITY GLEE CLUB COME TO FORT WAYNE

Purdue Varsity Glee Club will bring its musical variety and unparalleled showmanship back to the Fort Wayne area Friday, March 23 for a 7:00 p.m. concert at Woodlan High School. The Glee Club's versatile repertoire includes gospel, vocal jazz, swing, contemporary hits, romantic ballads, classical selections, barbershop, folk, opera choruses, country, novelty tunes and patriotic standards. Specialty groups and outstanding soloists further enhance their performance. They have served as ambassadors of the university with honor and dignity for nearly 125 years and have taken their special brand of music across the state, the country and to South Africa, Australia, China and many European countries. For information visit www.purdue.edu/pmo/calendar. There is no designated seating.

(Continued from Page 1) area, but she had been traveling third shift every night to Lima for her job. This will be much less stress by only having to go a few minutes from home.

Mandy has a lot of Pharmaceutical experience and that will be able to help the Paulding County community tremendously. Mandy (Donaldson) married Caleb Miller, also a PHS grad, in 2007 and they have 4 children—Brady 5; Deacon 2; and twins Whitney and Deana 1. Her mother is Betty Lane and her father was Dave Donaldson (deceased).

Mandy and Caleb enjoy the great outdoors! Riding motorcycles and camping are just a couple of their fun activities!

In time there will be new offerings to take place at the Antwerp Pharmacy such as immunizations right in the pharmacy. Another thing to be added to the already full featured pharmacy is Medication Therapy Management. Medication Therapy Management (MTM) is medical care provided by pharmacists whose aim is to optimize drug therapy and improve therapeutic outcomes for patients. Mandy realizes that this is an important component to patient care. One last thing she said may be added in the future is compounding. She herself has experience with this, but Antwerp Pharmacy does not. Very few pharmacies compound, but having that option could be good for some patient needs. She said, "We will continue to accept most insurance here." Insurance has been a problem in more recent years in the US and having a company that works with your insurance is always good news!

Miller stated that the Hardware will continue to be open and operate as usual.

Even though we will miss Mike and Belinda, it's great to have such a young and caring Pharmacist take over the stallwart business!

If you have any questions about your medication or the Pharmacy, be sure to stop in. Mandy and her staff are always helpful with a smile!

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Deadlines January 31, 2018

MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH MAKES DONATION TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRY



Pictured is Melinda Walters, Treasurer of Mt. Calvary with Caring and Sharing Representative, Karen Stetins.

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Antwerp recently donated \$1000 to the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry in Paulding. The Mt. Calvary donation will provide support to the food pantry's need for food to hygienic and paper supplies.

Food banks and food pantries like Caring & Sharing Food Pantry organize the collection of food donations and distribution to those in need. Caring & Sharing Food Pantry relies on volunteers and donations from people with big hearts that don't want anyone in need to go hungry.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
I need help in handling a very demanding person who is not even an authority over me.

It is never easy to be bossed around. Our flesh says, "Who do they think they are, and who do they think I am?" The fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) is the answer. Ask God for more:

- LOVE for that person - "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray

for them which despitefully use you and persecute you." (Matthew 5:44)

- JOY in the Person of Christ - "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice." (Philippians 4:4)

- PEACE in knowing that God will deal with them - "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." (Romans 12:19)

- GENTLENESS that will quench strife - "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient," (2

Timothy 2:24)

- GOODNESS - doing good which overcomes evil - "Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirsty, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:20-21)

- FAITH - knowing God will see you through - "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." (I Corinthians 10:13)

- MEEKNESS - the attitude which best lays the groundwork for their repentance - "In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will." (2 Timothy 2:25- 26)

- SELF-CONTROL - to keep you from being pulled into sin by their sin - "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." (1 Corinthians 9:27)

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

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

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL 2ND 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2017/18

GRADE 6: ALL A'S

Casey Agler, Devan Egnor, Adriannah Garms, Maci Kauser, Sarah Lewis, Carla Manz, Malia Manz, Tytus Manz, Esther Rocha, Lathan Schneider, Dillon Shough, Emma Townley, Sarah Wong

ALL A'S AND B'S

Drake Ankney, Conner Axson, Kynzi Bauer, Cyrah Bradford, Abigail Cutlip, Victoria Dunson, Marlee Eastman, Ava Foltz, Vanessa Garcia, Ronald Goodwin, Ila Gorrell, Aiden Herman, Mattie Hirschy, Meagan Hirschy, Alea Johnson, Eli Jones, Lillyann Lane, Bethanie Lindeman, Allyson Merriman, Salem Raens, Trinity Salazar, Jesse Shaffer, Christopher Smith, Riley Smith, Riley Stork, Bradyn Turner, Alawna Valle

GRADE 7: ALL A'S

Joseph Estle, Ethan Foltz, Ashlyn Goings, Carlea Kuckuck, Ashton Manz, Haley Manz, Jacob Martinez, Emily Mazariegos, Hayden Mullen, Benjamin Parks, Carmen Reno, Cassandra Weller

ALL A'S AND B'S

Katelyn Beckman, Ashleigh Densmore, Mason Doster, Quinten Doster, Ayanna Flores-Ruiz, Shelby Ford, Alex Hobart, Miranda Iler, Cameron Laker, Dawson Lamb, Hannah Leaman, Jacob Lipps, Gage Lloyd, Carter Manz, Nicholas Manz, Sheridan Matty, Emma McClure, Wyatt Pessefall, Olivia Porter, Braxton Ricker, Caydence Rue, Seth Salinas, Nash Saylor, Mason Schlatter, Charity Schnepf, Ean Seibert, Ariana Sheaks, Mikayla Shough, Sydney Trahin

GRADE 8: ALL A'S

Alivya Bakle, Gabriela Casper, Ella Cook, Erika Dobbelaere, Taelyn Etzler, Paige Jones, Jaylyn McCloud, Lily Roehrig, Claire Schweller, Caleb Thompson, Grady Vogel, Samuel Woods

ALL A'S AND B'S

Austin Adams, Samuel Adams, Rhees Andrews, Brooke-Lyn Ankney, Wyatt Beckman, Brody Fisher, Zachary Gorrell, Kalyn Goshia, Ember Helms-Keezer, Ethan Herman, Reid Johannis, Alexis Kashner, Kyle Kelly, Vanessa Krueger, Dylan Kuckuck, Kellsey Kupfersmith, Stephanie Ladd, Brianna Minck, Myla Mitchell, Mechial Mullins, Janae Pease, Alivia Perl, Carsen Perl, Austin Pessefall, Karli Phlipot, Samantha Proxmire, Kennedy Salinas, Noah Seibert, Cierra Singer, Hayley Stocker, Logan Tope, Serenity Trammell, Alex Tressler, Zoraya Valle, Leanne Warnimont

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BIBLE STUDY

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

A. Prophecy Isaiah 9:1-7: Prophecy in Isaiah 9:1-2.

- What is chapter 9 a prophecy of?

- What does the word gloom mean?

- Would this darkness and trouble last forever?

- Were the people of Zebulon and Naphtali walking in darkness?

- Where did Jesus begin His ministry Matthew 4:12-17?

- The people who walked in darkness saw what?

B. Fulfilled in Matthew 4:12-17.

1. What was the news Jesus heard about John?

2. Where did Jesus depart to?

3. Where did Jesus dwell?

4. Capernaum was in the land of _____ and _____?

5. Why was Galilee called land of the Gentiles? 2nd Kings 15:29

6. What is the subject of these O. T. and New Testament verses?

Answers to O. T. questions:

- Christ's Birth Isaiah 9:6;
- Partial or total darkness;
- No;
- Yes;
- Galilee of the Gentiles.
- A great light;
- John had been put in prison;
- Galilee;
- Capernaum by the sea;
- Zebulon and Naphtali;
- Pul king of Assyria captures Damascus 745-727 B. C.,

And this is the start of the northern kingdom becoming destroyed. We will study this through scripture verses in our class.

- Beginning of Jesus Galilean ministry. Matthew 4:16-17.

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MISS AUSTIN 5/6D:

Brooke Kilgore, Curtis Langsdorf, Brooklyn Schlatter, Elizabeth Dotterer*, Anastacia Adkins, Jocelynn Parrett, Ishara Mason, Kacy Hornish*, Marc Sheaks*

FIRST DEFIANCE FINANCIAL CORP. ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF TERRI BETTINGER, TK HERMAN AND MARK ROBISON TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

First Defiance Financial Corp. (NASDAQ: FDEF), the holding company for First Federal Bank of the Midwest and First Insurance Group, today announced that Terri Bettinger, TK Herman and Mark Robison were appointed to the Company's Board of Directors effective January 4, 2018.

"Each of our new board members possesses a deep understanding of how innovation leads to exceptional results and complements our desire to be a high-performing community bank," said William J. Small, Chairman of the Board of First Defiance. "Their extensive experience in leadership, community involvement and technology will be instrumental in First Defiance's momentum for growth in a competitive industry."

Bettinger mostly recently served as Chief Information Officer at Franklin County Data Center in Columbus, Ohio. She is highly accomplished and has had a successful career in leading the delivery of valuable technology solutions for Franklin County Data Center, Citigroup, JP Morgan Chase and other organizations. As a First Defiance Board Member, Bettinger will serve on the Audit, Compensation and Risk committees.

Herman currently serves as Co-Founder and President of Aptera. Based in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Aptera helps companies drive growth, increase revenue and gain efficiencies by leveraging the best aspects of agile development and digital sales/marketing. Aptera's excellence and proven track-record in delivering ROI for its clients has allowed it to grow into a 90-person company servicing clients across the country. As a First Defiance Board Member, Herman will serve on the Corporate Governance, Risk and Investment committees.

Robison currently serves as Chairman and President of Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company headquartered in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Under Robison's leadership, the company has increased its national footprint from 29 to 46 states and added more than 10,000 ministries to its customer base. In addition, Robison serves on the Board

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of Directors for Fort Wayne Rescue Mission Ministries. As a First Defiance Board Member, Robison will serve on the Audit and Corporate Governance committee and on the Board of First Insurance Group.

About 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, First Insurance Group and Corporate One Benefits. First Federal Bank operates 42 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 ten offices throughout northwest Ohio. For more information, visit the company's website at www.fdef.com.

MEETINGS FOR 4-H LEADERS FO TOMORROW

The Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H club had their first two meetings on September 21, 2017 and November 16, 2017 at the Youth Leadership Building, Paulding, Ohio. At the first meeting, they selected new officers. The officers for 2018 will be Haleigh Stoller, President; Claudia Sinn, Vice President; Bethany Klopfenstein, Secretary; Jacob Klopfenstein, Treasurer; Katie Anna Baumle, Health and Safety Officer; Carter Manz, Communications Officer; Kyla Hurd, Historian; Sammy Reinhard, Claire Miller, and Lynelle Schneider, Recreation Officers.

The second meeting had 39 members present. Katie Anna Baumle gave a health speech about drinking water. The club discussed plans to take Christmas lights down on the Paulding square. The club enjoyed a game of name bop provided by Lynelle Schneider. They will meet again on January 18, 2018.

MVNU TO HOST MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION BREAKFAST

Mount Vernon Nazarene University, in conjunction with Kenyon College and the Knox County community, will host the 15th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Breakfast on Monday, Jan. 15, from 9-11 a.m.,

in Foster Hall inside Ariel Arena on the MVNU campus. With the theme "Racial Reconciliation through the Lens of Dr. King's Legacy," the breakfast and program will feature speaker Rev. Scott Elliott, pastor of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Mount Vernon. This event is free and open to the public. The annual event is sponsored by The MLK Legacy Committee, Kenyon College, and MVNU.

The morning's program will also include breakfast, presentation of the 2018 Beulah Apostolic Award, the MLK Essay contest recipients, and First-Knox National Bank Book Award winners.

There will be special musical guests and community responses from MVNU President Dr. Henry W. Spaulding II, Kenyon College President Dr. Sean Decatur, Mount Vernon Mayor Richard K. Mavis, and Gambier Mayor Kachen Kimmel.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Lorie Shults at Kenyon College, 740-427-5846, or Jim Singletary at MVNU, 740-397-9000 ext. 4606. The reservation deadline is January 12.

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.

NHEG PLANS EVENT TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

Leaders announced that New Heights Educational Group's Resource and Literacy Center will hold a special event on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. to celebrate National School Choice Week.

This event will feature a discussion on educational choices and how you can improve education in our community. Families are invited to bring a dish and dessert to share, and to enjoy a board game and fellowship.

New Heights Educational Group's Resource and Literacy Center is an independent organization serving grades

pre-K-12 and adults.

NHEG is one of more than 20,000 schools and organizations participating in National School Choice Week (January 21-27, 2018). The goal of the Week is to shine a positive spotlight on all types of education options for children—from traditional public schools to public charter schools, magnet schools, private schools, online learning and homeschooling. The event will be held in Defiance, Ohio - Promedica Defiance Regional Hospital in Maumee and Auglaize Rooms

"We are thrilled to have NHEG participate in National School Choice Week by holding this special event," said Andrew Campanella, National School Choice Week president. "The Week provides an opportunity for families in communities across America to discover more about the education options available to children. We salute the students, teachers and staff at NHEG for their dedication to providing a quality education for children, and for their involvement in this nationwide celebration."

For more information about the event, visit <http://www.NewHeightsEducation.org>.

BROWN BETTYS & BUSTER BROWN 4-H CLUB MEETING

The Brown Bettys & Buster Brown 4-H Club held a meeting on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018 at the Oakwood Library. Pledges were led by: Kinlee Sherry, Taelyn Parrett, Allison Carnahan, and Kadence Thomas. Roll call was taken by members responding with their favorite activity done over Christmas break. Everyone was reminded that the deadline for fees and the online enrollment is January 5, 2018. Demonstrations were given by Brooke Kilgore, Katie Carnahan, Marley Parrett, Anna Clemens, Kadence Thomas, and Gannon Parrett. A game of elephant/rabbit/bandit was played during recreation. The date of the next meeting will be Thursday, February 1st, at 6:30pm at the Oakwood Library. The meeting was adjourned.

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL 2ND 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2017/18

SENIORS

4.0: Taylor Akom, Blake Anderson, Allison Ankney, Logan Bradford, Alexandra Brown, Jocelyn Camposano, Miah Coil, Madison Good, Brianna Gorrell, Stephanie Habern, Kaitlyn Harris, Jacee Harwell, Shawn Jackson, Audrey Manz, Brian Matson, Cade McGarvey, Emma McMaster, Abbigaile McMichael, Marcus Miller, Elizabeth Mobley, Caitlyn Myers, Daviah Pessefall, Kaylee Plummer, Cassidy Posey, Stephanie Powell, Devon Smith, Gabriella Stahl, Hannah Vance, Hunter Vogel, Jordan Weidenhamer

3.5-3.99: Ashley Bulka, Clay Dockery, Abigail English, Hallieann Hale, Kaylen Hale, Austin Howell, Kalen Kelly, Michael Kohart, Tristin LaFountain, Colton Lloyd, Jessica Logan, Logan Mudel, Courtney Mullen, Madison Parrett, Shane Roberts, Ryan Woodring

3.0-3.49: Isaac Andrews, Travis Coutts, Conner Erb,

ANTWERP JV WINS R49 TOURNAMENT



Antwerp JV traveled to Edon to play in the Route 49 Classic Tournament against Hicksville on Thursday, December 28, where the Archers defeated the Aces 41-28. Scoring for the Archers were Jacob Savina with 16, Austin Lichty with 9, Jake Eaken with 7, Ashton Barnhouse with 4, Austin Chirgwin with 3 and

Dylan Hines with 2. The JV Archer team returned on Friday to play in the championship game against Edgerton where they Archers defeated the Bulldogs 40-30 to bring home the hardware back to back years. Scoring for the Archers were Austin Lichty with 18 points, Jake Eaken with 8 points, Jacob Savina

and Brett Fulk with six points each and Ashton Barnhouse and Jordan Buerkle with 1 point each.

Making the All Tournament Team were junior Brett Fulk, sophomore Jacob Savina and freshman Austin Lichty.

JV moves to 5-1 on the season.

Cloey Fohner, Courtney Kupfersmith, Garret Salinas JUNIORS

4.0: Fletcher Cook, Haylee Dominique, Katelyn Estle, Hailey Harris, Eugene Hemenway, Macy Iler, Hunter Kesler, Tristan Kinder, Courtney Luderma, Heather Manz, Jaret Miller, Sydney Price, Kristen Razo, Allison Reineck, Joseph Reineck, Jennifer Stahl, Haleigh Stallbaum, Mallory Taylor, Briana Townley, Jessica Weller

3.5-3.99: Asia Arellano, Pia Bornholdt, Charles Clapsaddle, Luke Dunakin, Sierra Halter, Katelyn Hartzell, Casey Holman, Emma Horstman, Abigail Leaman, Bailey Manz, Ethan Matty, Leah Nusbaum, Mary Panico, Nicholas Pfister, Ingerid Risvik, Lonna Saylor, Brandon Scott, Zoe Shepherd, Carson Shull, Kalyn Strahley, Megan Tope, Victoria Valle, Dylan Vogel, Addison Wesley

3.0-3.49: Cory Adams, Jacob Eblin, Adrienne Hamm, Ty Plotts, Chelsi Spears

SOPHOMORES

4.0: Yasmine Castillo, Julianna Fife, Zoe Kochel, Sidney Kohart, Colin Lilly, Kaela Lucas, Montserrat Martinez, Sydney McCullough, Jordan Mudel, Riley Noffsinger, Savannah Shepherd, Olivia Stallard, Katelyn Strayer, Jaden Verfaillie

3.5-3.99: Reagan Akom, Gracie Burtch, Owen Carnahan, Shyanna Carpenter, Jacob Deisler, Seth Dyingner, Evan Edwards, Kolson Egnor, Megan Garrity, Kiara Hawn, Cole Mabis, Claire McClure, Julia McMaster, Jordyn Merriman, Kayla Mullins, Joel Schneider, Matthew Schroeder, Tyler Snipes, Kaylie Tressler, Samantha Wagner, Mackenzie Weible

3.0-3.49: Faith Bauer, Darrick Bowersox, Mason Dailey, Maria Garcia, Wyatt Hale, Robert Hobart, Brandon Jackson, McCailey Johanns, Alexandria Smith, Robert Trammell

FRESHMEN

4.0: Molly Adams, Payton Beckman, Kaeli Bustos, Jonathan Clapsaddle, Megan Dearth, Leigha Egnor, Sadie Estle, Adela Foltz, Quintin Gonzales, Megan Harpel,

Isabelle Heitman, Hunter Kauser, Caleb Manz, Elyse Manz, Maggie Manz, Baylee March, Luke McCullough, Jalynn Parrett, Gillian Porter, Quincy Porter, Deyton Price, Sydney Reineck, Faith Rose, Lynelle Schneider, Kaitlyn Shaffer, Gabrielle Stallbaum, Jasmine Wong, Selena Yates

3.5-3.99: Daniel Aguilar, Donnique Carter-Dickey, Kaylyn Cox, Marissa Dobbelaere-Rosalez, Fernando Garcia, Chastity Gribble, Halley Hartzell, Brendan Hornish, Morgan Iler, Robert Keeterle, Alexis Lamond, Adrian Manz, Blake McGarvey, Morgan Mobley, Isaac Smalley, Rebecca Starner, Ben Weible, Hailey Weidenhamer

3.0-3.49: Dylan Daniels, Hunter Dobbelaere, Kyle Harris, Ethan Hill, Colton Howell, Hailee Huner, Mackenzie Lehman, Gunner Phlipot, Marquise Seibert, Courtney Smith, Hannah Vanscorder

(Continued from Page 1) fiscal conservative who would relentlessly seek ways to cut spending and curtail the creep of government, if elected. Like most Americans, he wants the Washington Swamp drained of leaders who fail to represent the true values of their constituents.

Wolfrum plans to continue his walking campaigning and looks forward to other speaking engagements, where he can come to better understand the residents of the Fifth District. He can be contacted at tdwoflfrum@gmail.com.

Wolfrum is a lifelong resident of Northwest Ohio. He is serving his second term as Van Wert County Commissioner. He is also a practicing attorney, business owner and author. He is a graduate of Lincolnview High School, Bluffton College (now Bluffton University) and the University of Toledo College of Law and currently resides with his wife and sons in rural Van Wert County.

Antwerp Conservation Club
SCHEDULE AND EVENT CHANGES

ANTWERP CONSERVATION CLUB

- Jan 11th - Club Meeting at 7pm
- Jan 27th - Concealed Carry Class. Contact McDougall Firearms for more info
- Jan 27th - Wild Game- Meat processing Demonstration at 6:30pm, for more information contact Gary Mabis at garymabis@gmail.com
- 2018 memberships are available! \$25 Single, \$30 Family!
- 2017 memberships ended December 31st.
- Club house rental is available by contacting Mike Knight at mcknight269@gmail.com

All of our advertised events are open to the public.

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THE PENTAGON AND I

By: Stan Jordan
Protests

The Pentagon became a focal point for protests against the Vietnam War during the late 1960s. A group of 2,500 women, organized by Women Strike for Peace, demonstrated outside of Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara's office at the Pentagon on February 15, 1967. In May 1967, a group of 20 demonstrators held a sit-in outside the Joint Chiefs of Staff's office, which lasted four days before they were arrested. In one of the better known incidents, on October 21, 1967, some 35,000 anti-war protesters organized by the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, gathered for a demonstration at the Defense Department (the "March on the Pentagon"), where they were confronted by some 2,500 armed soldiers. During the protest, a famous picture was taken, where George Harris placed carnations into the soldiers' gun barrels. The march concluded with an attempt to "exorcise" the building.

On May 19, 1972, the American radicals known as the Weather Underground Organization successfully planted and detonated a bomb in a fourth-floor women's restroom in the Pentagon. They announced it was in retaliation for the Nixon administration's bombing attacks on Hanoi during the final stages of the Vietnam War.[38]

On March 17, 2007, 4,000 to 15,000 people (estimates vary significantly) protested against the Iraq War. The protesters marched from

the Lincoln Memorial, down Washington Boulevard to the Pentagon's north parking lot.

Renovation
From 1998 to 2011, the Pentagon underwent a major renovation, known as the Pentagon Renovation Program. This program, completed in June 2011, involved the complete gutting and reconstruction of the entire building in phases to bring the building up to modern standards, removing asbestos, improving security, providing greater efficiency for Pentagon tenants, and sealing of all office windows.

As originally built, most Pentagon office space consisted of open bays which spanned an entire ring. These offices used cross-ventilation from operable windows instead of air conditioning for cooling. Gradually, bays were subdivided into private offices with many using window air conditioning units. With renovations now complete, the new space includes a return to open office bays, a new Universal Space Plan of standardized office furniture and partitions developed by Studios Architecture.

September 11 attacks

On September 11, 2001, the 60th anniversary of the Pentagon's groundbreaking, a team of five al-Qaeda affiliated hijackers took control of American Airlines Flight 77, en route from Washington Dulles International Airport to Los Angeles International Airport, and deliberately crashed the Boeing 757 airliner into the western side of the Pentagon at 9:37 am EDT as part of the September 11 attacks. All 59 civilians and the 5 terrorists on the airliner were killed, as were 70 civilians and 55 military personnel who were in the building. The impact of the plane severely damaged the outer ring of one wing of the building and caused its partial collapse. At the time of the attacks, the Pentagon was under renovation and many offices were unoccupied, resulting in fewer casualties. Only 800 of 4,500 people who would have been in the area were there because of the work. Furthermore, the area hit, on the side of the Heliport facade, was the section best prepared for such an attack. The renovation there, improvements which resulted from the Oklahoma City bombing, had nearly been completed.

It was the only area of the Pentagon with a sprinkler system, and it had been reconstructed with a web of

steel columns and bars to withstand bomb blasts. The steel reinforcement, bolted together to form a continuous structure through all of the Pentagon's five floors, kept that section of the building from collapsing for 30 minutes—enough time for hundreds of people to crawl out to safety. The area struck by the plane also had blast-resistant windows—2 inches thick and 2,500 pounds each—that stayed intact during the crash and fire. It had fire doors that opened automatically and newly built exits that allowed people to get out.

Contractors already involved with the renovation were given the added task of rebuilding the sections damaged in the attacks. This additional project was named the "Phoenix Project," and was charged with having the outermost offices of the damaged section occupied by September 11, 2002.

When the damaged section of the Pentagon was repaired, a small indoor memorial and chapel were included, located at the point of impact. For the fifth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks, a memorial of 184 beams of light shone up from the center courtyard of the Pentagon, one light for each victim of the attack. In addition, an American flag is hung each year on the side of the Pentagon damaged in the attacks, and the side of the building is illuminated at night with blue lights. After the attacks, plans were developed for an outdoor memorial, with construction underway in 2006. This Pentagon Memorial consists of a park on 2 acres (8,100 m²) of land, containing 184 benches, one dedicated to each victim. The benches are aligned along the line of Flight 77 according to the victims' ages, from 3 to 71. The park opened to the public on September 11, 2008.



I HATE WINTER

By: Stan Jordan

Yesterday morning was 7 degrees below zero. This morning was 2 below zero. This is December 28th and I understand this weekend it will be 9 degrees below zero. I hate winter!

It hasn't always been like that. When I was a mailman, neither the weather nor the road conditions didn't bother me. I went about 70 miles with a couple hundred starts and stops but I always liked it. I guess when you're young, that makes a difference.

Snow on the roads never bothered me, but now I hate winter and cold and snow. Everyone has their own dislikes and mine is, I hate winter. We had that beautiful fall weather and the summer was not that hot either and the spring was wet, but nice and warm.

I hate snow. I can tolerate it, but I don't like it. Snow brings ice and danger and sometimes ruins some well made plans.

Yes, okay, I've settled down a bit. Some places off in the east got about a hundred

inches of snow in a few hours. Yes, I know we here in the tri-state area have better winters than other areas, but I have the right to complain and I will. As soon as it warms up, I'll be alright.
See ya!

NEWS ON THE EAGLES

By: Stan Jordan

The last few days, and over the holidays, I talked with a number of folks about the eagles here in the tri-state area.

I had an occasion to talk with Terri McCabe the other day and she was telling me about a new eagle's nest that we can see because the leaves are all gone now.

You go east on the River Road or C.R. 192 all the way over into Crane Twp, past Bethel Church down to where C.R. 192 bangs into C.R. 230. You turn to the right and go a little distance and look off to the south across the Maumee River and you can see the big new eagle's nest.

So if you start counting the nests back of Steve Derck's house as number one and go east on the Maumee to the north end of Rd 51, that nest is number two; then on down to around Dead Man's Curve to Barb Butzin's, that is nest number three. Then on east on C.R. 192 to Terri McCabe's new sitting and that is number four and then on down till you come to the road called Mark Center Road and off to the right in the waste land is number five and we are still a mile or so from the Cecil bridge.

See ya!

PROGRESS IN 2017 IN ANTWERP

By: Stan Jordan

The Main Street railroad crossing was repaired and made less bumpy.

Pickle ball is getting pretty big down at the tennis court.

Tim Copsey is very busy at the MAC Gym with all kinds of sports contests.

Ground was broken for the building of the Paulding County Hospital Regional Health Center. It will be finished sometime this year.

Solar power panels were installed at the Antwerp High School.

The new broadcast booth at the football field was finished.

Two new houses were started in Oley's addition.

The West Bend News added a new supply room and re-decorated.

We renamed the park, it is now Riverside Veterans Memorial Park to honor all of our veterans.

A new house for Habitat For Humanity, at 204 Weber Street, was finished.

The flower shop is now owned and operated by Denise Coleman.

The restrooms at the park were repaired by the Rotary Club.

The city police obtained a new Ford Interceptor.

The Root Beer Stand changed hands and now has extended hours.

The Antwerp Exchange Bank has demolished the old Loves Market on Rd 37 in Harlan. This will be a full service bank, a branch of Antwerp Exchange Bank.

The bowling alley sold and there will be a new business there.

See ya!

ANTWERP WRESTLERS COMPETE AT HOME

The Antwerp Junior High wrestling team recently competed at home in the Antwerp Invitational on January 6, 2018. Of the 5 wrestlers competing, 4 of them were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes. Finishing 4th on the day with 1 pin was 8th grader Brady Hatlevig at 142 pounds. Earning 3rd place finishes for the tournament were 7th grader Eli Reinhart at 92 pounds and 8th grader Caleb Wilson at 150 pounds. Narrowly missing a 1st place finish was 8th grader Trayce Lengacher at 98 pounds. Lengacher was able to record 2 pins on his way to a 2nd place finish. Congratulations to all of the Archer wrestlers for the hard work so far this season and be sure to catch them at the Pilot Invitational next weekend at Ayersville. Good luck and Go Archers!!

The Antwerp wrestling coaches would also like to remind any child in kindergarten through 6th grade that we have started our wrestling club. Practices for the wrestling club will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. to approximately 6:30 p.m. at the wrestling club located at 204 Archer Drive right next to the Manor House. Hope to see you there!

MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT AT ANTWERP

On January 19th it is Military Appreciation Night at the home girls game vs Hicksville. All Military personal are admitted free and will be honored before the national anthem. JV start is 6:00. Everyone is encouraged to wear Red, White and Blue.

Athletic Booster Nights at Antwerp

January 19th - Girls will host Hicksville

January 26 - Boys will host Tinora

All Antwerp students are admitted free.

CHILDREN OF TRAUMA COMING TO VANTAGE VOCATIONAL

Children of Trauma, a Starr Global Learning Network Training will be presented at Vantage Vocational on Saturday January 13th from 9:00 a.m. -3:30 p.m. at 818 North Franklin St. in Van Wert. This program is presented to our area by trainers, Danielle Ratcliff & Heather Gibson. The program regularly cost \$5,000.00 to bring to our area but by the blessing of a grant. The cost is free to participate.

Many people today are stuck with tragic trauma experiences that has held them in fear, anxiety, and depression from their past experiences. Childhood trauma is a major contributor to those dealing with addiction issues. Trauma informed training

assists us with to empower others to move from the trauma of their past, so they can embrace the promises the Lord has for them. This workshop is open to those who desire information and training to enable those in their circle of friends and family, to begin the road to recovery and healing.

This is a part of the mission of Hope Chapel, to bring positive, life transforming, and Kingdom building, programs to our area to unite believers & churches to more effectively bring healing to those with broken lives. There are limited spaces available, please contact Pastor Paul Hamrick, for more information or to pre-register at 419-771-9378. Registration closes on Thursday January 11.

WARRIORS SPLIT PAIR OF GAMES

WOODBURN - The Woodlan Warriors improved to 3-4 overall on the season but 2-0 in the Allen County Athletic Conference with a 52-51 win over Bluffton Saturday night at the home of the Tigers.

The Warriors did so using a huge rally in the final quarter, overcoming a 37-25 deficit entering the period by scoring 27 points in the final eight minutes of action.

Woodlan held a slim advantage of 16-15 following the opening stanza before the host Tigers rallied to post a 23-21 lead at the intermission.

Bluffton tried to take control in the third quarter, outscoring the visiting Warriors 14-4 to extend the margin to 37-25 at the end of three periods.

However, Woodlan came storming back in the fourth quarter by outscoring Bluffton 27-14 to rally for the one-point victory.

Ah'lan Howard and Aaron Hahn scored 16 points each to lead the way for the Warriors. Micah Robbins added eight markers for Woodlan. Evan Baumgartner had 13 points for Bluffton, which is now 4-6 in all games and 1-2 in the league.

Johnathan Irwin chipped in a dozen for the Tigers followed by Gavin King (eight), Max Corle (seven), Rylie Johnston (six) and Everett Johnson (five).

In other action last week, the Warriors were unable to overcome a poor third quarter against Churubusco as the visiting Eagles held on for a 73-64 victory.

Woodlan took a 13-10 lead after eight minutes of action and posted a 30-29 halftime advantage. However, Churubusco outscored the Warriors 24-9 in the third quarter to grab a 53-39 lead.

Quarter number four did see Woodlan put up 24 points but it wasn't enough as the Eagles posted the nine point win.

Hahn topped the Warrior efforts with 19 with Trevor Wiedenhoef adding a dozen. Other scorers included How-

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ard (nine), Mitch Mendenhall (six), Ben Reidy (five), Matt Elias (five), Robbins (four) and Lucas Bertsche (four).

BULLDOGS PICK UP PAIR OF ROAD VICTORIES

The New Haven boys basketball team picked up a pair of quality road victories last week as the Bulldogs won at Fort Wayne Snider on Tuesday before winning at DeKalb Saturday.

In the week's opener, New Haven outscored the Panthers 46-31 in the middle two quarters to open up the game and cruise to a 77-61 victory.

Snider actually led 15-14 at the end of eight minutes of action but it was all Bulldogs from that point on.

New Haven outscored the Panthers 21-16 in the second stanza to take a 35-31 lead at the break. The Bulldogs then followed that up by adding 25 third quarter points compared to Snider's 15 in expanding the margin to a 60-46 advantage entering the final stanza.

Zach Latham led the way for New Haven with 20 points in the contest while Donovan Lewis added 17 markers.

Brecar Clark and Antwone Washington also hit double digits for the Bulldogs, pitching in 15 and 11 points, respectively.

Against DeKalb, Damarrio Robinson scored nine of his 11 points in the fourth quarter to lead a late Bulldog comeback as New Haven rallied for a 48-46 victory.

The Bulldogs overcame a two-point deficit with 20 seconds remaining in regulation to get the victory and improve to 7-4 overall and 2-0 in the Northeast Eight Conference.

ARCHERS GATHER 2ND WIN OF THE WEEK

The Archers hosted Liberty Center for Boys Basketball on Saturday, January 6. The game started with Antwerp taking a very strong early lead, holding off the Tigers to scoring only 3. Jake Ryan was in the spotlight for 6 of those points while Luke Brewer, Cole Seslar and Ty Rebber all had two points. In the second quarter Black Schuette and Brayton Stuckey both made their appearance on the score board. By halftime Liberty Center got their game together and outscored Antwerp by 3 points and the half ended at 25-19.

The second half started and The Tigers were bouncing around again. From the high score they had for the second, dropping back down to 4 points for the third quarter. Jayvin Landers posted 6 points for his emergence. Antwerp stayed consistent in the low teens and piled up 14 points for the third. Luke Brewer had a great night picking up 5 2-point field goals and 1 3-pointer and 1 foul shot.

In the fourth quarter Kea-

ton Altimus was back on the court. Keaton had previously been out from an injury in football. He's now back and scored a 3 point basket! The game ended 51-32 and the Archers took the win.

Score by quarter:

Antwerp: 12 13 14 12 = 51

Liberty Center: 3 16 4 9 = 32

Antwerp — Keaton Altimus 3; Jayvin Landers 6; Cole Seslar 8; Luke Brewer 14; Blake Schuette 5; Brayton Stuckey 2; Jake Ryan 7; Ty Rebber 6.

Liberty Center — C Sanenberg 3; A. Like 3; C. Burdue 17; J. Krugh 9.

RAIDERS DEFEAT ARLINGTON

The boys basketball team of Wayne Trace took on Arlington at the Palace on Saturday, January 6. The second half clearly favored the home team and the Raiders won 65-52.

The first quarter was close at 17-15 and the home team fell behind in the second at 14 and 18. The half ended 31-33.

In the third quarter the Raiders outscored the guests by 12 and 3 in the fourth making the game finish at 65-52.

Nobody scored like Nate Gerber did! He posted 32 points, taking a very strong leadership roll in the game. He added 8 3-pointers in this match. and 4 2-pointers. Arlington had a couple good scorers too - Jaret Vermilion and Caleb Price.

Wayne Trace will be playing at Edgerton on January 11.

FRESHMEN AND JV HELP TO COMPLETE ARCHER SWEEP OF RAIDERS

Antwerp Freshman boys defeated Wayne Trace Thursday evening with a score of 38-29. The score after the first quarter was 13-6, Archers. The Raiders outscored the Archers 11-4 in the second quarter making the score 17-17 at the half. In the 3rd quarter Antwerp only scored three while Wayne Trace scored nine to finished the third quarter giving the Raiders the advantage with a score of 26-20. Antwerp took over in the fourth and dominated the boards scoring 18 points and holding the Raiders to just 3 points and giving the Archers the victory. Scoring for the Archers were Austin Lichty with 16, was Owen Sheedy with 10, Justin Shaffer, Dylan Hines and Jordan Buerkle finished with 3 points each, Hunter Grant with 2 and Ryan VanVlerah with 1.

Antwerp JV defeated Wayne Trace to take game two of three on the day. It was a slow start for both the Archers and Raiders with a score of 4-0, Raiders, after one. At the half the score was all tied up 8-8. The Archers out scored the Raiders 11-9 in the third to bring the score after three to 19-17, Archers.

Once again the fourth quarter seemed to be the quarter for the Archers scoring 22 points and holding the Raiders to just 7, bringing the final score of this JV matchup to 41-24.

Scoring for the Archers were Austin Lichty with 17, Jacob Savina with 12, Jake Eaken with 5, Keaton Altimus with 4 and Blake Schuette with 3.

ARCHERS SHOOT DOWN THE RAMS

Basketball fired back up in The Range at Antwerp on January 4th after a three week hiatus. The 8th grade boys played the Tinora Rams in a GMC battle.

The hungry Archers only led by 2 points after the first quarter, and then controlled the rest of the game to trump the young Rams 44-18.

Leading the way for the Archers was Luke Krouse with 17 tallies, Hunter Sproles-7, Luke McDorman and Kaden Recker each with 5, Jagger Landers with 4 and rounding out the score book each with 2 points were Kaden Phares, Kaden Miller and Mason Steel.

The Archer Jr High Boys will next face the Fairview Apaches January 8th in Antwerp at 5:00 p.m.

CUFFS & COLLARS

Field reports from ODNR Division of Wildlife Officers

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

During the opening weekend of the early goose and teal season, State Wildlife Officers Adam Smith, assigned to Logan County, and Jeff Tipton, assigned to Champaign County, were patrolling Indian Lake by boat when they came upon a group of hunters in a blind. The officers contacted the group and asked to see their licenses and stamps, then asked to check the hunters' guns to see if they had plugs. Before they checked the guns, the officers asked the hunters to point their guns in a safe direction and unload them. One of the hunters turned his back to the officers when he unloaded his gun, which seemed suspicious to both officers. When the hunter's gun was checked, the officers determined the gun was capable of holding more than three shells. The hunter was issued a summons for hunting waterfowl with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shotgun shells.

In November 2017, State Wildlife Officer Maurice Irish, assigned to Delaware County, received a call from a landowner after a gut pile was discovered on the landowner's property. The landowner told Officer Irish that no one had asked permission to hunt on the property. Officer Irish surveyed the area and discovered a crossbow bolt sticking out of the ground near the gut pile. A blood trail was tracked back to a tree stand near the property line. When checking the area during the statewide deer gun season, Officer Irish located a man hunting near the complainant's property. During Officer Irish's conversation with the hunter, the man originally stated he killed a large 8-point buck in early November, but in a different part of the county. After further discussion, the man admitted to pursuing the large buck onto the complainant's property where he did not have permission to hunt

GINGERBREAD FUN AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



Mrs. Laboe and Mrs. Miller teamed up for some more gingerbread fun! They spent a week reading and analyzing different gingerbread stories. Then they finished up the week by decorating gingerbread cookies of our own. Pictured here is Eliza Rodgers.

and was cited for the violation. He appeared in Delaware Municipal Court where he paid a hefty fine and court costs.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

State Wildlife Officer Brad Buening, assigned to Van Wert County, was checking an angler at Schoonover Lake in Allen County who seemed overly nervous. The individual was found to be fishing without a license, and Officer Buening also discovered the angler was using a fake ID to avoid getting a ticket. Officer Buening requested a second form of ID and the individual reluctantly provided his driver's license. When Officer Buening searched the individual's information on the computer database, an active warrant came up. Officer Buening attempted to put the angler under arrest, but the individual ran. After further investigation and pursuit, Officer Buening located and arrested the individual. He was summoned to the Lima Municipal Court on charges of resisting arrest, obstructing official business, deterring a wildlife officer, and fishing without a license.

During the 2017 statewide deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Anthony Lemle, assigned to Williams County, was checking a group of deer hunters after they had just completed a deer drive, when he overheard one of the hunters telling another member of the hunting party how he had killed a deer on that same property on opening day of the gun season. A check of the hunter's harvest record showed that he had killed a deer on opening day, but that he had reported the deer as harvested in Lucas County. A subsequent interview with the hunter revealed that the deer had been killed in Williams County but reported harvested in Lucas County. The hunter was issued a citation for providing false information to a check station. He was found guilty in Bryan Municipal Court and paid \$125 in fines and court costs.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

During last year's statewide deer archery season, State Wildlife Officer Craig Porter, assigned to Jefferson County, received information from the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources and the Pennsylvania Game Commission regarding a resident of West Virginia who had been convicted of numerous wildlife violations in both states and had his hunting privileges revoked. As a member of the Interstate Wildlife Violators Compact, the man's hunting

privileges had been suspended in Ohio as well. Several weeks later, Officer Porter was contacted by West Virginia Department of Natural Resources' Officer Steve Haines stating that he believed the subject was going to hunt in Ohio that evening. Later that afternoon, Officer Porter met with State Wildlife Officer Nick Turner, assigned to Harrison County, and they were able to locate the subject's truck. Shortly after dark, the man arrived back at his truck, dressed in full camo and carrying a compound bow. The officers identified themselves, determined that the man had been deer hunting, and checked his hunting license and deer permit. The officers discovered that the man had claimed residency in Ohio. The man was issued two summonses: hunting under revocation and hunting without a valid license. In addition, the compound bow was seized as evidence. The man was later convicted in court and paid \$485 in fines and court costs. His hunting privileges were revoked for an additional two years and the \$1,200 bow was forfeited to the ODNR Division of Wildlife.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

During the statewide deer gun season, State Wildlife Officers Chris Dodge, assigned to Hocking County, and Mark Basinger, assigned to Stark County, received anonymous information through the Turn-In-a-Poacher (TIP) hotline. The caller stated that an Athens County resident had shot a seven-point buck around 11 p.m. the previous evening. When the officers arrived at the residence, the suspect was butchering his deer outside. The officers also observed a second deer being butchered, a button buck harvested by another hunter. When questioned about the seven-point buck, the suspect eventually admitted that he had shot the deer from an upstairs window of his home the previous evening, after legal shooting hours. The person who had harvested the button buck failed to tag his deer and failed to check in the deer before butchering the animal.

Each suspect was issued two summonses. The seven-point buck and a 12-gauge shotgun were seized as evidence. The person who killed the seven-point buck pleaded guilty in Athens Municipal Court and was ordered to pay \$399 in fines and court costs. The second suspect who killed the button buck failed to appear in court or pay his fines and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

While on patrol in Butler County during the statewide deer gun season, District Wildlife Law Enforcement Supervisor Michele Welsh and State Wildlife Officer Aaron Ireland, assigned to Butler County, encountered a hunter in the field who was standing near a fresh deer carcass. The officers introduced themselves and conducted a hunting license compliance check. During the course of their conversation with the man, the officers discovered that the suspect had actually shot two deer and was in the process of making arrangements to get both deer transported back to his residence. By the time the officers had contacted him, the hunter had already moved one deer from where it had initially fallen, and he was preparing to field dress the other deer. Neither deer had been temporarily tagged with a game tag, as required by Ohio law. Officer Ireland issued the man a summons for failing to attach a game tag to his deer where it fell. The man paid \$140 in fines and court costs.

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CLOSE GAME FOR ANTWERP/ WOODLAN GIRLS



Hanna Albertson, Woodlan Sophomore, jumps, shoots and scores for the home team while being blocked by Kortney Smith. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Lady Warriors hosted Antwerp for the girls basketball game on Tuesday, January 2. The game started in favor of the Archers and ended up there also, but not by much when the game finished at 34-39. Antwerp led at every stop after posting a 13-7 advantage following eight minutes of action and 25-20 at halftime.

Antwerp's Rachel Williamson state collecting points early in the first quarter with a 3 point basket. Heather Oberlin also made a nice name for herself as she posted 5 in the first. The Lady Warriors wrote about half the points of the guest team, and it was sophomore Taya Kitzmiller who got things rolling with 2 - 3 point baskets. The quarter ended 7-13 with Antwerp having the lead.

The second quarter was much better for the home team as they had one point more than Antwerp. Addison Bayman and Hanna Albertson both had a great quarter. Antwerp's Williamson

and Oberlin both were back on the score board. The half ended with Antwerp still in the lead 20-25.

The third and fourth quarters both were similar. The Lady Warriors had 2 points over in the third and 2 points under in the fourth. If it wasn't for the deficit from the first still hanging on, Woodlan could have taken the game. The final score was 34-39 and Antwerp won the game.

Score by Quarter:

Woodlan: 7 13 9 5 = 34

Antwerp: 13 12 7 7 = 39

Scorers of the Game:

Woodlan — Shoey Kooos 2; Addison Bayman 15; Taya Kitzmiller 7; Hanna Albertson 5; Lexia Holmes 1; Gabby Joyce 4.

Antwerp — Kortney Smith 3; Rachel Williamson 13; Chelsea Johanns 5; Amanda Roberts 2; Karsyn Brumett 3; Heather Oberlin 13.

More pictures at westbendnews.net

MVNU ALUMNUS KEEPS BUSINESS SIMPLE

MVNU alumnus Michael Grenier ('13) was recently featured in a segment of WOSU's "Broad and High" with his company, Keep It Simple Socks, a vibrant local sock business. With a plethora of designs and themes, customers can order one pair of socks or sign up for a monthly subscription and get new flashy footwear delivered to their doorstep with one click.

"We had the idea for Keep It Simple Socks in January of 2016 when a friend of mine, Zach Roys, made an off-hand joke about 'keep it simple socks' instead of the classic saying 'keep it simple stupid,'" Grenier said. "Three months later, I was having dinner with a friend and brought up the sock company

idea. After psyching ourselves out and brainstorming for about three hours, we decided to begin market research around the sock business. After bringing my roommate, Paul (Hopler), on board the next week, we filed and were approved for our limited liability company at the end of April."

"It took many months of manufacturing, web design, market research, stocking supplies, pre-launch marketing, purchasing customs bonds, hiring shipping forwards, but we finally launched the website in November of 2016. We've been growing consistently ever since," Grenier said.

Grenier's company has taken off in the Columbus market and online. He recently stopped back at MVNU to discuss his growing com-

pany with marketing classes during the fall semester.

"My experience at MVNU helped prepare me for launching my own company in several ways," Grenier said. "First, during my time at MVNU, I learned consistency and perseverance. College can be very difficult, and I learned to get through it by being consistent with going to classes, doing my homework, and putting effort in to my schoolwork.

"I also learned to persevere when classes were hard and the workload was piling up. I worked outside of school for three out of my four years, so it was definitely a challenge to balance 30-hour work weeks with 16-credit hour semesters. I would say being in those types of situations during college really helped prepare me for the difficulty in starting my own business," Grenier said.

"To this day, I still keep in contact with many professors and administrators from MVNU. I'm very thankful to have that continued support-filled network."

For more information on Keep It Simple Socks, visit keepsimplesocks.com. To watch the WOSU feature on Grenier, visit <http://www.pbs.org/video/keep-it-simple-socks-7adjd2>.

AT&AEM CENTER AND THE ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGIES SOLUTIONS LAB

The Assistive Technology and Accessible Educational Materials (AT&AEM) Center, powered by OCALI, is one of OCALI's newest centers. The AT&AEM Center is a centralized, responsive resource center that empowers individuals with disabilities by providing accessible educational materials, access to assistive technologies, and highly specialized technical assistance and professional development support. Working collaboratively with the 16 state support teams, the Center advances best practices in the field to help educators, family members, and individuals with disabilities enjoy increased independence and accessibility. If you'd like to learn more about the AT&AEM Center at #OETC18, visit booth 1035 or ataem.org. This year, Mike Marotta, a leader in the field of assistive technology, is one of the Center's featured speakers, and he'll also be presenting several sessions in the Accessible Technologies Solutions Lab. Bring your devices and join us for cutting-edge topics such as apps for students struggling with reading, writing or executive functions; wearable technologies and the Internet of Things latest trends; Google Suite and Google Apps for education; and more!

February 14 8:00-9:00 Google Keeps Students Organized

February 14 11:00-1:00 Technology for Voice and Choice: UDL and Multiple Literacies

February 14 11:00-12:00 The Future is Now! Technology for ALL

February 14 1:00-2:00 Creating and Presenting an Accessible Slide Presentation

February 14 2:15-4:15

Google Tools for Struggling Students

February 15 8:00-9:00 Free Tools to Support the Five-Step Writing Process for All

February 15 11:00-12:00 Digital Storytelling: Unleashing the Power of Expression for All Learners

February 15 1:00-3:00 Reading/Writing Supports to Access Close Reading, Annotation, and Written Response

MINUTES FOR WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON DECEMBER 18TH, 2017

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls, Chief Duhamell as well as Councilmen Watts, Voirol, Gerig, Renner, and Martin were in attendance.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

The Woodburn Police Department had 142 incidents in November. All members of the regular police department and reserve department have completed their required hours of training in 2017 as required by the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board. The 2017 Santa Toy Patrol was an enormous success and the police chief wants to acknowledge all who helped make it possible.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The superintendent talked about work that needed done on Carl Street for the storm sewer. The south well is about two weeks out from the custom part arriving. It is still usable but will only be used if needed prior to being fixed. Easements are being finalized regarding the sewer project down 101.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The SRF loan closing for the mechanical plant has been finalized as of December 15th. The mayor is investigating into the potential for solar power for powering, at least in part, the new mechanical plant. The mayor also mentioned that work for the upcoming community crossings grant will be taken out to bid in the near future. The mayor asked the superintendent to follow up on getting the state to put up signs for residents at Phoenix Manor who have difficulty with their vision.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:

The meeting minutes were presented from the December 4th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to accept the minutes from the meeting on December 4th as presented, second by Councilman Martin, all in favor except Councilman Renner who abstains. Motion carries. Warrants were presented. After inspection, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Councilman Voirol moved to read Ord 17-1361 (Local Road and Bridge Matching Fund) by title only, second by Councilman Watts, all in favor. Councilman Voirol moved to accept the first reading of Ord 17-1361, second by Councilman Renner, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to suspend the rules and waive the second reading of Ord 17-1361, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to adopt Ord 17-1361 as presented, second by Councilman Renner, all in favor. Ordinance 17-1361 is ratified as presented. Councilman Voirol moved to read Ord 17-1362 (Monitor Backflow) by title only, second by Councilman Watts, all in favor. Councilman Voirol moved to accept the first reading of Ord 17-1362, second by Councilman Renner, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to suspend the rules and waive the second reading of Ord 17-1362, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to adopt Ord 17-1362 as presented, second by Councilman Renner, all in favor. Ordinance 17-1362 is ratified as presented. The clerk-treasurer asked if any council member had questions or thoughts on the proposed policies. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to approve Policy 01-01-2017 (Motor Vehicle Driving), Policy 02-01-2017 (Training and Travel), Policy 03-01-2017 (Discipline Action), Policy 04-01-2017 (Technology Use), and Policy 05-01-2017 (Employee Benefits) as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. These approved policies will constitute the beginning of the city's employee handbook. The clerk-treasurer handed out revised nepotism policies for 2017, as well as a State Board of Accounts' conflict of interest form for 2017 and the city's 457 retirement form for 2018. The clerk-treasurer handed out proposed meeting dates and times for 2018. After discussion, it was determined to proceed as proposed. The clerk-treasurer asked for the council to approve for 2017, transfers from sewer operating to sewer depreciation in the amount of \$185,000 and from water operating to water depreciation in the amount of \$150,000. After discussion, Councilman Renner moved as proposed, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. The clerk-treasurer brought a request from a local business for an adjustment to their water bill due to a leak that did not go down the drain. The superintendent explained the situation to the council. After discussion, Councilman Renner moved to adjust their water bill for all months affected from the leak, second by Councilman Martin, all in favor.

COUNCILMEN'S REPORT:

Councilman Martin stated that the \$5,000 contribution for New Allen Alliance to have Kristi Sturtz work one project at a time with the city, waives our fee of the annual membership.

AUDIENCE:

A resident spoke about the Allen County Regional Sewer District meeting in December and vocalized his appreciation to the council for their support and consideration throughout the planning process of the mechanical plant.

Councilman Renner moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

ARCHERS COME UP JUST SHORT TO RAIDERS



Antwerp senior Hope Smith drove in to score a layup. More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - Two Paulding County rivals squared off Friday night in Green Meadows Conference girls basketball action with visiting Wayne Trace holding on for a 42-38 victory over host Antwerp.

Wayne Trace sealed the game at the free throw line, getting a pair of free throws each from Sadie Sinn and Gracie Gudakunst with less than 24 seconds remaining to

wrap up the victory.

Antwerp battled with the Raiders all night long, taking a couple of early leads but never being able to get over the hump late in the contest. The Archers tied the game at 27-27 and pulled within one at 33-32 but the Raiders would hold on for the victory.

Wayne Trace improved to 7-2 overall while Antwerp dropped to 5-5 in all games. It was the league opener for



Wayne Trace's Kaylee Shepherd attempts a basket but blocked by Antwerp's Heather Oberlin. More pictures at westbendnews.net

both schools.

The Raiders were led by Claire Sinn with 12 points while sister Brooke Sinn added ten.

Gracie Gudakunst and Sadie Sinn chipped in eight and six points, respectively, followed by Chelsea Sinn (three), Lily Sinn (two) and Kaylee Shepherd (one).

Heather Oberlin was the lone Archer to reach double figures with 16 points and Rachel Williamson posted

nine.

Hope Smith recorded six while Karsyn Brumett added five and Chelsea Johanns chipped in two points for Antwerp.

In the junior varsity game, Kenadie Daeger scored nine points to lead Wayne Trace to a 26-point win over the Archers.

Katrina Stoller and Sara Edwards both chipped in six points for the Raiders, who are now 5-4 on the year.

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HUSTED DECLARES JANUARY AS "YOU'RE HIRED" MONTH

Secretary of State Jon Husted has announced January as "You're Hired" Month. Throughout the month, Ohio Business Profile will highlight businesses and organizations with workforce development programs.

"Over the past few years, I've traveled across Ohio visiting businesses that are driving the future of our economy," Secretary Husted said. "They aren't waiting for someone else to provide them with talent. They are actively training and developing the skills their employees need in order to compete and win."

Companies profiled this month include:

APT Manufacturing Solutions (Hicksville, Ohio) started in 1996 and currently employs 130 people. Some of their services include contract machining, robotic machinery and packaging machinery.

Automatic Feed Co. & Laser Coil (Napoleon, Ohio) designs and manufactures coil handling and press feeding automation solutions. Located in Northwest Ohio, their facility also serves as the technology learning center whose purpose is to promote manufacturing in the area.

Henny Penny (Eaton, Ohio) offers a wide range of premium equipment designed for easy operation, low maintenance and delivering delicious food. They place great value on learning and growing at individual, team and corporate levels.

Suburban Manufacturing Co. (Eastlake, Ohio) is en-

gineered to solve customers' problems through innovative manufacturing techniques. With 55 employees, they are committed to the training and education of their team members and consider this the backbone of their company.

From 2010 to 2016, Ohio saw a 30.8 percent increase in the number of newly-registered businesses. With December numbers still outstanding, 2017 marked the eighth-consecutive record-breaking year for new businesses in the state.

Since taking office in 2011, Secretary Husted has made it a priority to offer better services to Ohio entrepreneurs and businesses at a lower cost. In 2013, he launched Ohio Business Central, which allows businesses to be created online with a significantly quicker turnaround time. This efficiency allowed the state to cut the fees associated with starting a new business by 21 percent in 2015. That same year, Secretary Husted began a partnership with Google's "Let's Put Our Cities on the Map" program making it easy for new businesses to access free tools to help them get off the ground.

Ohio Business Profile was launched in 2011 to highlight Ohio companies that create transformative products, offer outstanding service, contribute to their local communities and employ Ohioans. Each month, a handful of diverse businesses linked together by a common theme are featured on the Secretary of State's website. Ohioans are encouraged to submit companies they feel are deserving of recognition in future months.

FANS GET THEIR MONEY'S WORTH AT THE RAIDER-ARCHER GAME



After scoring the previous two shots to tie the game, Antwerp's Jayvin Landers, under intense pressure from the crowd, attempts the third and scores, taking the Archers from behind to take the lead. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On Thursday, January 4 the Archers travelled to the Palace to compete against Wayne Trace, last year's conference champs, in the first game of the GMC conference and boys basketball. Coach Jim Linder was concerned that his team might be rusty, they hadn't played in 14 days because of Christmas break and the game was postponed with Woodlan due to a gas leak.

This game was close throughout the match and probably didn't differ by more than seven points the entire game. The Archers took a lead early in the game, but soon lost it to the Raiders and after

half time the Raiders left Antwerp behind. Ty Rebber was on fire on this night with 14 points racked up. He didn't start until 2nd quarter but he made it count!

This game was very close even at half at 19-20. Not a high scoring match for sure but it was sure aggressive! Raiders spread their points across the players fairly evenly.

It was not till the fourth quarter when everything changed. Antwerp was behind by five points but in the last minute several fouls on the Raiders put Antwerp in a position to score a couple of points on turnovers. Right at



Josh Kuhn drives into the key to score for Wayne Trace just as Antwerp's Ty Rebber attempts to block. More pictures at westbendnews.net

the last second, Jayvin Landers was fouled and with less than a second he was able to score three points in a row from free-throw line sending Antwerp into the lead. The Raiders worked hard and came up with a plan to get the ball down but they ended up losing it on an overthrow to Nate Gerber. Antwerp got the ball back but slipped out of their hands. Wayne Trace's Reid Miller picked up the ball and threw it to the backboard, but was not able to score. Antwerp picked up the first GMC game of the year and left last year's conference winners

with a loss. Score by quarter: Wayne Trace: 8 12 18 7 = 45 Antwerp: 10 9 10 17 = 46 Wayne Trace — Eli Sinn 8; Reid Miller 6; Josh Kuhn 8; Nate Gerber 9; Josiah Linder 3; Adam Stoller 2; Jake Kuhn 9. Antwerp — Jayvin Landers 14; Cole Seslar 10; Luke Brewer 6; Jake Ryan 2; Ty Rebber 14.

After the weekend Antwerp is 5-3 and Wayne Trace is 7-2. More pictures of Westbendnews.net

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 12/6/17

This 6th day of December, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS
Warrants documented as 238203 through 238284 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST
Roy Klopfenstein, CCAO Winter Conference, Columbus, OH - December 10 - 12, 2017

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE PAULDING STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (CDBG 2016) AS COMPLETED AND APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER AND THE APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT

WHEREAS, Perry, Cherry, Emerald, and Various Streets improvement project (CDBG 2016) has been completed by Gerken Paving, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, change order document #00516 has been submitted for approval and the application for final payment has been submitted; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby accept the Perry, Cherry, Emerald, and Various Streets improvement project (CDBG 2016) as completed; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve change order document #00516 and the application for final payment.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 009)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2017 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Engineering-Gas Tax Fund (Fund 009), to-wit; 009-001-00017/Engineer-Gas Tax/Materials AMOUNT: \$15,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 009)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2017 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Engineer-Gas Tax Fund (Fund 009), to-wit; 009-001-00007/Engineer-Gas Tax/Materials AMOUNT: \$20,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 079)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2017 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the EMA Fund (Fund 079), to-wit; 079-001-00011/EMA/Other Expenses AMOUNT: \$10,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-002)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby

modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit; FROM: 001-002-00005/General Fund/County Auditor/Contract Services TO: 001-002-00008/General Fund/County Auditor/Other Expenses AMOUNT: \$2,103.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-016)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit; FROM: 001-030-00002/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/Retirement TO: 001-016-00002/General Fund/Commissioners' Building and Grounds/Capital Project AMOUNT: \$9,913.80

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-016)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit; FROM: 001-030-00002/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/Retirement TO: 001-016-00006/General Fund/Commissioners' Building and Grounds/Utilities, Phone AMOUNT: \$12,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-017)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit; FROM: 001-017-00016/General Fund/Sheriff/Workers' Comp TO: 001-017-00024/General Fund/Sheriff/Insurance, Employees, Sheriff AMOUNT: \$1,163.65

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-022)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Certificate of Title Fund (Fund 032); to-wit; FROM: 032-001-00004/Certificate of Title/Contract Services TO: 032-001-00001/Certificate of Title/Salaries AMOUNT: \$7,811.27

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 032)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Certificate of Title Fund (Fund 032); to-wit; FROM: 032-001-00004/Certificate of Title/Contract Services TO: 032-001-00001/Certificate of Title/Salaries AMOUNT: \$12,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 032)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Certificate of Title Fund (Fund 032); to-wit; FROM: 032-001-00011/Certificate of

Title/Workers' Compensation TO: 032-001-00008/Certificate of Title/Insurance AMOUNT: \$292.08

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 046)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Felony Delinquent Care and Custody Fund (Fund 046); to-wit; FROM: 046-001-00001/Felony Delinquent Care and Custody/Salaries TO: 046-001-00005/Felony Delinquent Care and Custody/Insurance AMOUNT: \$790.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 065)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the CSEA Fund (Fund 065); to-wit; FROM: 065-001-00014/CSEA/Health Insurance TO: 065-001-00011/CSEA/Other Expenses AMOUNT: \$1,657.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 079)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the EMA Fund (Fund 079); to-wit; FROM: 079-001-00009/EMA/Workers' Compensation TO: 079-001-00016/EMA/Insurance AMOUNT: \$2.04

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF THE 2018 GENERAL FUND ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners hereby approve the 2018 General Fund Annual Appropriations as recorded in Journal 55, Pages 265 through 272, to provide for current expenses and other expenditures of said County during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018. The same are hereby set aside and appropriated for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made for and during said fiscal year.

Meeting Notes of Appointments
Craig Knapke, Access Engineering Solutions - Mr. Knapke met with the Commissioners to finalize the Paulding Village Street Project (CDBG 2016). (see resolution above)

Deb Guilford, PCBDD - Ms. Guilford presented an update of the activities at the PCBDD. She was pleased with the passing of the levy and credited the Board's diligence in campaigning. Ms. Guilford noted she had made numerous public

presentations supporting the levy. In new business, Ms. Guilford noted they have replaced one SSA staff member and have hired an employee who will assist with clients with connections and employment opportunities. She reported the biggest obstacle for clients waiting for services is locating providers, especially for those who require self care assistance. The state is currently working on changing the criteria for waiting list and Ms. Guilford is closely monitoring their progress. The swearing in of new board members will be at the January 18 meeting. Ms. Guilford encouraged the Commissioners to attend the PCBDD meetings, held on the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at the Parc Lane Training Center. Ms. Guilford also announced the Special Olympics teams are using the Nazarene Church gymnasium for practicing to have a better feel for a full sized floor.

Travis McGarvey, County Engineer - Mr. McGarvey reported a good working relationship with the Trishe/Starwood wind farm company. He noted there were some drainage issues that were quickly resolved. Mr. McGarvey also updated the Commissioners on the First Responders' Training Facility and the work his office has been doing to prepare the site. He then provided an update on OPWC bridge work that will be done in 2018, being the bridge on Co. Rd 82 east of Co. Rd. 87 and the bridge on Co. Rd. 191 and the hatchery road. These two bridges will be done using OPWC funding. Mr. McGarvey then presented an LPC-ODOT-Let Project Agreement, giving consent to replace the bridge over Hagerman Creek as part of the Ohio Bridge Partnership Program, Phase 3.

Ed Bohn, EMA = Mr. Bohn updated the Commissioners on a couple of grants that have been awarded; additional funding from EMPG, and a grant for haz-mat and propane training, which will allow additional classes for first responders in 2018. Mr. Bohn presented for signatures the grant application which would fund a new 4,000 square foot EMA facility. Mr. Bohn also reported the MARCS radio grant was submitted on Monday. He reminded the Commissioners Christmas for Kids will conclude next Friday. First Responder Training Facility drawings were provided to the Commissioners.

Jason Landers, Paulding County Sheriff; Thomas Riggerbach, Van Wert County Sheriff - Mr. Riggerbach and Mr. Landers met with the Commissioners to discuss the Dog Warden operation. Currently, Van Wert County has a privately-owned Humane Shelter. They contract with the Shelter to house the dogs the Dog Warden picks up. Sheriff Riggerbach asked questions about how

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WAYNE TRACE/PAYNE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS COLLECT ITEMS FOR VAN WERT HUMANE SOCIETY



Every year at Christmas instead of having a gift exchange, the 5th and 6th grade students at Wayne Trace

Payne Elementary collect items to give back to their community. This year, the students collected items for

the Van Wert Humane Society. The items were delivered to the Humane Society over Christmas break.

AUDITOR'S PUBLIC INTEGRITY TEAM AT CENTER OF PROBES IN MAHONING VALLEY AND ACROSS OHIO

The 101-count indictment of Youngstown-area businessman Dominic Marchionda and 56-count indictment of former Niles Mayor Ralph E. Infante have more in common than major criminal cases against prominent people: Both cases were investigated by a little-known, two-year-old team inside the Auditor of State's office.

On Oct. 2, an investigation by the Public Integrity Assurance Team led to the 101-count indictment of developer Marchionda for charges ranging from engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity to money laundering and aggravated theft. More indictments are expected in the case, according to Auditor Dave Yost.

In November, 2016, PIAT led the investigation that culminated in the 56-count indictment of the former Niles mayor on charges ranging from engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity to money laundering and tampering with records.

Since being formed by Auditor Yost in early 2015, PIAT's work has led to 46 criminal convictions - including some of the highest-profile government fraud investigations in Ohio. That total does not include cases like Marchionda and Infante, which have yet to go to trial. Since Yost took office in January of 2011, there have been 137 convictions as a result of the work of his office.

approach to these cases because we had investigators thinking differently than auditors and auditors thinking differently than attorneys," Yost said in explaining why he put the team together. "The creation of this team combined experts from all three fields under one command with one plan of work and one common goal: To do justice."

The team has 26 members: 10 criminal investigators, nine forensic auditors, two attorneys, four managers and a clerk. They work together to handle cases from the time they come in as a complaint until they are ultimately prosecuted in court.

"As people have begun to become aware of the Public Integrity team, and the quality of work it does, the demand has increased significantly," Yost said. "The fact is that prior to the creation of this team, there wasn't any state authority with statewide jurisdiction that had public corruption as its primary mission."

PIAT's success and professionalism has won it wide respect among law enforcement, and the team has worked with officials at the federal, state and local levels. PIAT sometimes plays a role in prosecuting cases, even when the team wasn't involved in the investigations: It is not uncommon for local prosecutors to contact the Auditor's office asking for a PIAT attorney to handle special prosecutor duties.

The work of PIAT has grabbed the attention of other states as well who have inquired about creating sim-

ilar teams.

Among PIAT's recent significant cases:

- Village of Mount Sterling: Four officials were convicted for stealing from the small Madison County community, with losses in excess of \$728,000 <http://ohioauditor.gov/news/pressreleases/Details/3649>

- Mahoning County: Youngstown-area developer indicted on more than 100 counts

<https://ohioauditor.gov/news/pressreleases/Details/3696>

Public Integrity Team executes search warrants in Mahoning County

<http://ohioauditor.gov/news/pressreleases/Details/3584>

- City of Niles: Former Mayor Ralph Infante indicted on 56 counts

<https://ohioauditor.gov/news/pressreleases/Details/3297>

- STAR Community Justice Center: Employees forged receipts, stole property and illegally spent thousands of tax dollars on liquor, hotels and a strip club

<http://ohioauditor.gov/news/pressreleases/Details/3455>

- Franklin County Court of Appeals: Judge Tim Horton was convicted for improper use of campaign funds; AOS recommended felony theft-in-office charges

<http://www.dispatch.com/news/20170310/ags-office-negotiated-to-lesser-charges-against-judge-tim-horton>

- Perrysburg Schools and Bowling Green Athletic Boosters: Perrysburg schools employee stole a combined \$661,700 from Perrysburg and the Bowling Green Boosters <https://ohioauditor.gov/news/pressreleases/Details/2883>

"Auditor Yost had quite the vision in creating the unit," said Mark Porter, who joined the team as its director in April 2017. "I've been impressed by the diversity of the team and the collective commitment to the mission.

It's an impressive group."

PIAT has four key leaders:

- Mark Porter is the director of the Public Integrity team. Porter served in the Secret Service for 26 years. During his tenure, he was detailed to the National Security Council, Executive Office of the President, and Central Intelligence Agency.

Porter began his Secret Service career in 1991 as a special agent assigned to the Columbus Field Office. He has since served in numerous assignments which include Director of Intelligence; Special Agent in Charge-Cincinnati Division; Director, Combating Terrorism Directorate, National Security Council; Deputy Special Agent in Charge-Intelligence Division, Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge-Los Angeles Division and Staff Assistant to the Secretary of Homeland Security.

Porter has served within the Executive Office of the President on two occasions. In his second assignment from 2007 - 2009, he was detailed to the National Security Council and served as director for the Combating Terrorism Directorate. During this assignment, he was charged with direct accountability for tracking and monitoring threats to the homeland, U.S. interests abroad, U.S. citizens and facilities, and any threats directed toward U.S. allies.

Upon his retirement from the Secret Service, Porter was a Senior Executive Service member of the U.S. Government serving as the director of the United States Secret Service Intelligence Division. He had direct oversight of the Operations, Risk Management, National Threat Assessment Center and Counterterrorism branches providing guidance and coordination for all protective intelligence investigations and advances.

- Robert Smith is deputy legal counsel to Auditor Yost and is one of two lawyers on the team. Smith is frequently called upon to serve as special prosecutor in cases investigated by PIAT. He also is asked to serve as special counsel on other cases where there may be a perception of a conflict between the prosecutor's office and the individual charged with a crime.

Smith previously served as director of the Fraud and Enforcement Division for the Ohio Department of Insurance, working for the department from 2002 to 2009. He assisted in investigations of fraud committed by consumers, healthcare providers and insurance agents.

MERAZ SISTERS PLACE FIRST AND SECOND IN SPELLING BEE AT GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY



Left Anna - Right Libby

Libby Meraz and her sister Anna Meraz are both amazing spellers. Sixth grade student, Libby Meraz won the Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary Spelling Bee and Anna Meraz was the run-

ner-up. Both are children of Saul and Lucinda Meraz. The winning word spelled correctly was "incessant." Libby Meraz will compete in the Paulding County Spelling Bee on February 6.

He previously worked 14 years as chief trial counsel for the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Organized Crime Investigations Commission. In that position, he directed investigations into a wide variety of cases under Ohio's Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) statute. Smith also worked for the Franklin County prosecutor's office for 10 years, with more than half of the time spent as head of the economic crime unit.

- Randall Turner is the deputy director of the Public Integrity Assurance Team. He manages the forensic auditors in PIAT and advises them on open fraud cases. Turner has been with the Auditor's office since 1999. Before joining PIAT, Turner served as the assistant chief auditor of the Central Region of the Auditor's office, where he managed financial audits of local governments such as school districts, cities, counties, townships and villages.

- Michael Spiert is chief of Special Investigation for the Auditor. Spiert is a 2001 graduate of the FBI National Academy. He served at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for 31 years, working in the Corrections, Patrol and Investigative bureaus. He retired as lieutenant commander of the Franklin

County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit. Spiert served as an investigator with the Delaware County Prosecutor's Office for five years and was appointed as Chief of Investigations of the Ohio Auditor of State's Special Investigations in January 2011.

"The kind of cases PIAT handles tend to be very complicated and take a long time to investigate," Yost said. "The experience and skill level of those on the Public Integrity unit allows us to investigate significant corruption, and Ohioans should be pleased with the results."

Porter stressed that he wants PIAT to continue working with other law enforcement agencies to leverage resources, learn new approaches from peers.

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our Dog Warden/Dog Kennel operates. Commissioner Zartman provided a brief history of how the Dog Warden position and the Paulding County Dog Kennel has evolved. He noted the Dog Kennel was difficult to manage prior to the Sheriff assuming the supervision. He added that having a Sheriff Deputy assigned as Dog Warden, the general public appears to have more respect for the position. Sheriff Landers interjected, explaining how the current arrangement works. He noted the Dog Warden has a good rapport with consumers, fellow deputies, the court system, and local veterinarians. Friends of the Dog Kennel (a non-profit support organization) works closely with the Dog Warden, offering a lot of assistance with the adoption process. Sheriff Rigenbach also asked about dog tags, commenting Van Wert County is looking at reviewing their prices.

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SPECIAL MEETING COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP 12/27/17

The special meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 7:45 a.m. By Mayor Ray DeLong. Council persons present: Keith West, Rudie Reeb, Kenneth Reinhart, Larry Ryan, Steve Derck and Council President Jan Reeb.

Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty and Village Administrator Sara Keeran.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2017-31: an ordinance establishing compensation for the Village of Antwerp, Ohio for the calendar year 2018, and declaring the same an emergency

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Jan Reeb, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2017-31. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by West, seconded by Rudie Reeb, to accept ordinance no. 2017-31. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2017-33: an ordinance authorizing the fis-

cal officer of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio to amend appropriations and declaring it an emergency.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Derck, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2017-33. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by West, seconded by Reinhart, to accept ordinance no. 2017-33. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2017-34: an ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018, and declaring the same an emergency

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Jan Reeb, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2017-34. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Derck, to accept ordinance no. 2017-34. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by West, seconded by Reinhart, to adjourn the meeting. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 a.m.

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Isabella Jackson-Antwerp, under the direction of Mrs. Michele Bird, work on learning the Scientific Method. Keep up the good work!!!

6 IN 10 OHIO ADULTS FAVOR RAISING MINIMUM AGE TO BUY TOBACCO TO 21; HALF SUPPORT INCREASING TAX ON CIGARETTES

According to the 2017 Ohio Health Issues Poll (OHIP), sponsored by Interact for Health, nearly six

in 10 Ohio adults (58 percent) reported that they favored legislation to raise the minimum legal age to buy tobacco products from 18 to 21. This is slightly more than in 2016, when 53 percent of adults favored such a law. "Raising the minimum legal age to buy tobacco products is likely to delay young adults from starting

to smoke and, in the long run, reduce smoking-related health problems," explains O'dell Moreno Owens, M.D., M.P.H., President/CEO, Interact for Health.

A majority of both Democrats and Republicans and just less than half of Independents favored raising the minimum legal age to buy tobacco to 21. Support for this policy varied by smoking status. Six in 10 adults who had never smoked (60 percent) and who used to smoke (61 percent) favored raising the minimum legal age. That compares with about half of adults who were current smokers (50 percent).

Half of Ohio adults support increasing tax on cigarettes

OHIP also asked Ohio adults if they favored or opposed a 65 cent per pack tax increase in the cost of cigarettes, a proposal under consideration at the time of the poll. More than half of Ohio adults (53 percent) favored a tax increase. About six in 10 Democrats (58 percent) and Republicans (60 percent) and four in 10 Independents (40 percent) favored this increase.

2 in 10 Ohio adults are current smokers, higher than nation

In 2017, 22 percent of Ohio adults reported being current smokers, the same as in 2016. An additional 23 percent were former smokers. This is higher than the 17 percent of adults nationwide who are current smokers, and much higher than the Healthy People 2020 goal of 12 percent.

More information about Ohioans' views on tobacco policies, and other topics, is available at www.interactforhealth.org/ohio-health-issues-poll.

About the Ohio Health Issues Poll

The 2017 Ohio Health Issues Poll (OHIP) is funded by Interact for Health. OHIP was conducted June 18 to July 30, 2017, by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati. A random sample of 836 adults from throughout Ohio was interviewed by telephone. This included 430 landline telephone interviews and 406 cell phone interviews. In 95 of 100 cases, statewide estimates will be accurate to ± 3.4%. There are other sources of variation inherent in public opinion studies, such as non-response, question wording, or context effects that can introduce error or bias. For more information about the Ohio Health Issues Poll, please visit www.interactforhealth.org/ohio-health-issues-poll.

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DOE-C-DOE CLUB MEETING



Pictured are the Doe-C-DoE 4-H Club's officers. (listed from left to right) Brooke Molitor, Jared Sukup, Josh Sukup, Eli Molitor, Jessica Thornell, and Jordon McDorman.

On January 7th, the club held a meeting at the Antwerp United Methodist Church at 3:00 p.m. Their next meeting

will take place at the Antwerp United Methodist Church on February the 4th at 3:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in join-

ing, contact 4-H adviser Gabe Oberlin at gabrieloberlin@gmail.com

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SECRETARY HUSTED: A SINGLE VOTE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

141 elections have been decided by just one vote or tied in past five years

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that 29 local elections were decided by a single vote or tied during the 2017 General Election held on November 7. This included 25 local races and four local issues.

"When we say 'one vote matters,' it's not just a saying - it has proven true 141 times in Ohio over the last five years," Secretary Husted said. "Last November's election was another reminder why eligible voters need to be active participants in the democratic process."

Issues and ballot questions require a majority vote in order to pass, so in the case of tie votes, the matter fails. In races determining local offices such as city council

or township trustee, in the case of tie votes, winners are determined by lot. All of the races that resulted in a tie in the 2017 General Election were decided by either a coin toss or name draw.

Ahead of the 2015 General Election, Secretary Husted announced a new, statewide initiative giving every voter access to an online voter toolkit where they could view a sample of the ballot they would receive on Election Day or in the mail as an absentee ballot. This allows voters to know the choices that will be in front of them when they cast their ballot so they won't find any surprises in the voting booth. The online voter toolkit also gives voters the ability to track their absentee ballot, find their polling location and check their voter registration.

Additionally, Ohio's first online voter registration system went live on January 1, 2017. The 2017 primary and general elections were the first to occur following the launch of online registration. To date, more than 8,300 Ohioans have registered to vote online and more than 492,000 Ohio voters have updated their information via the internet.

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READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

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

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

Cecil: Maramart, Vagabond

Charloe: Charloe Store

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

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

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

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

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

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

Melrose: Morning Star Convenience Store

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

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

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

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

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

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

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Walmart (Maysville Rd.),

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

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

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

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

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

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

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THINK SPRING WITH THE PAULDING SWCD TREES



By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist

It's that time of the year again for the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District Spring Tree Sale! This year includes the return of many of your favorite tree species along with several new species that are carefully selected native tree species that are well suited for our area. Our annual event is running now through March 16th, 2018 and features a return of many

favorites with the introduction of some new species and new products besides trees. Below are some of the species making a return to this year's sale, complete listings can be found in our sale guide:

- American Arborvitae
- Eastern Red Cedar
- Colorado Blue Spruce
- Norway Spruce
- Eastern White Pine
- Sugar Maple
- Red Maple

- Silver Maple
- White Flowering Dogwood
- Tulip Poplar
- Red Bud
- Common Lilac
- Dwarf Red Raspberry
- Domestic Apple
- Ohio Buckeye

New this year, the Paulding SWCD is offering Spicebush, Yellow Birch, and Common Persimmon to our tree offerings. Trees are available either as liners or seedlings. Liners will be about 2-3' tall while seedlings will be about 6" to 18". Quantities are limited, so be sure to get your order in as soon as possible! The Paulding SWCD can work one on one with landowners to help determine the trees that best fit for your own unique soil types based on the location of the property.

For 2018, we are selling more than just trees! New this year, we will be offering wildflower seed packets, tree tubes, and weed mats. The wildflower seed packets are a nice addition to our annual tree sale to help promote planting of native species that benefit the homeowner for aesthetics but also the animals and pollinators we are trying to protect. Seed packets are being offered in one-ounce packages that can cover an area of 270 to 390 square feet, depending on the species seed size in each mix. As part of the wildflower offering, we are selling three mixes which include: Annual & Perennial Wildflower Mix, Annual Wildflower Mix, and Butterfly/Hummingbird Mix. The Annual & Perennial Wildflower mix is showy the second year and beyond, changing color and texture as

it matures. This mix includes species such as Corn Flower (Bachelor's Button), Cosmos, Purple Coneflower, Blanket flower, Scarecrow, Lanceleaf Coreopsis, Oxeye Daisy; just to name a few. The Annual Wildflower Mix is showy the first year if planted before mid-June and with proper management, this mix will be showy the second year. Included in this mix are species such as: Sulphur Cosmos, Cosmos, Rocket Larkspur, Bachelor's Button, Cornflower, Scarlet Flax, Painted Daisy; among many others.

Last in the wildflower selection is the Butterfly & Hummingbird Mix. This mix is designed specifically to attract hummingbirds, butterflies, and other native pollinators. Included in this mix are species such as: Little Bluestem, Riverbank Wildrye, Bachelor's Button, Rocket Larkspur, Purple Coneflower, Bigleaf Lupine; among many others. Our sales guide has a complete listing of all species included in each mix along with seeding rates and planting recommendations.

Another new offering for this year's sale are tree tubes and weed mats. Tree tubes are a good investment to consider for your trees, especially if you have young trees that you are attempting to establish and protect from wildlife who can damage them. As more people start living in areas where animals are found, encounters are simply bound to happen. The tree tubes are made from 100% recycled polyethylene (milk jug plastic) which are UV stabilized for five to seven years which means that the tubes will allow light to pass through.

Tubes have a cuffed top and bottom which help to protect the tree as it grows out of the tube while also providing stability. Tree tubes will be available in sizes ranging from 24" to 72" in packs of either 10 or 25.

Weed mats is another new offering as part of our 2018 sale. Weed mats are used at the base of trees to help kill weeds and retain moisture. The weed mats that are part of our sale are designed to hold ground moisture for 3-6 weeks longer than other weed mats which are porous. Moisture is a critical thing to have for any young seedling. Weed mats come in 24"x 24" or 36"x 36" in bundles of either 10 or 25.

Order forms for the 2018 Tree Sale will be due by March 16th, 2018 at 4:00pm. Orders can be picked up on April 4th from 12:00pm-4:00pm and April 5th from 8:00am-12:00pm at the Black Swamp Nature Center, 753 Fairground Drive in Paulding. If you would like an order form or a sales guide of all trees/plants available, you may stop in our office (900 Fairground Drive), call 419-399-4771, visit our website at www.pauldingswcd.org, or "Like Us" on Facebook at Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District. Included in this guide you will find helpful information that will aid in your selection of trees, shrubs, wildflower seed, and tree tubes/weed mats. At the end of this guide, you will find an order form to mark down your selections. Tree quantities are limited so be sure to get your order in to reserve your species!

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

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:
LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,
vs.
LAURA SCHOENHERR, ET AL Defendants.

Case No. CI 16 170
Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:
421 East Orchard Street, Payne, Ohio Parcel Number: 19-065-013-00
A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse.

Total amount of judgment is Six Thousand Three Hundred Fifteen and 92/100 (\$6,315.92) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

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

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:20 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the 18th day of January, 2018, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the First day of February, 2018 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.

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

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

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

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-008)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2017 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following, to-wit; 001-008-00006/General Fund/Court of Common Pleas/Attorney Fees AMOUNT: \$10,700.45

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-002)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit; FROM: 001-002-00006/General Fund/Auditor/Travel TO: 001-002-00003/General Fund/Auditor/Supplies AMOUNT: \$110.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-008)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit; FROM: 001-008-00002/General Fund/Court of Common Pleas/Payroll-Employees TO: 001-008-00004/General Fund/Court of Common Pleas/Equipment AMOUNT: \$6,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-008)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit; FROM: 001-008-00009/General Fund/Court of Common Pleas/Transcripts TO: 001-008-00004/General Fund/Court of Common Pleas/Equipment AMOUNT: \$1,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-010)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit; FROM: 001-008-00009/General Fund/Court of Common Pleas/Transcripts TO: 001-008-00004/General Fund/Court of Common Pleas/Equipment AMOUNT: \$1,000.00

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on December 18, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school lecture room. The following members were present: Mr. Pat Baumle, Mrs. Lisa McClure, Mr. Duane Sinn, Mrs. Kori Stoller; Absent: Mr. Dick Swary. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mike Myers. Roll Call was taken by Treasurer, Lori Davis.

Correspondence, Recognition of Guests, Hearing of the Public

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

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

Guests: Mr. Perry Sinn's family; Mrs. Tina Mead, Instructor; Mrs. Christen Bauer, Instructor; Miss Kristen Schlatter, Instructor

Board President, Pat Baumle presented a plaque to the Perry Sinn family in Perry's honor.

Mrs. Christen Bauer and Miss Kristen Schlatter gave a presentation on universal learning.

Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer Lori Davis reviewed the 20 mill floor and the transfer that is on the agenda.

Consent Agenda Items:

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

Motion by: Mrs. Lisa McClure Seconded by: Mrs. Kori Stoller

A. to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2017 board meeting;

B. to approve the investment report and payment of bills for November 2017 as presented by the Treasurer;

C. to approve the cash reconciliation for November 2017;

D. to approve the transfer of \$300,000. from the general fund 001 to the permanent improvement fund 003. This represents a transfer of income tax monies received so far in FY18;

E. to establish January 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the High School Lecture Room as the date, time, and place of the 2018 Organizational meeting and to appoint Pat Baumle as President Pro-Tem until such time that a president of the Board is elected that evening, once all the officers have been elected and sworn in, the regular meeting will proceed, with the newly elected president presiding. (Note: The organizational meeting must take place within the first 15 days of January).

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

Roll call vote: Mrs. McClure, Mrs. Stoller, Mr. Baumle, and Mr. Sinn, aye. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Vantage Report - Pat Baumle updated the board on activities going on at Vantage. The December meeting was Vantage's Christmas dinner.

Report of the Building Principals Committee Reports - No committee reports

Superintendent's Report

A. Curriculum Discussion continues with Ashton Duer as we look to upgrade the remaining computers that were not included in last year's update. Ashton is working closely with our administrative team and staff members to gauge the various needs before we look to recommend a purchase.

Professional Development for 2018-2019: We have begun discussions about what the PD schedule may look like for next year. At this time, we plan to use a similar model as the 2017-2018 school year with two full day in-services and about seven two-hour-delay in-services. You will note these dates on the proposed calendar. We are working closely with other local superintendents to determine if one of our full in-service days may be able to be utilized for cross district training with other WBESC schools.

B. Personnel I have invited Annette Sinn and my family members she would like to attend our meeting as we will honor Perry's service as a Board member. I have also included a resolution to recognize his service in Olwin item A.

Ann Olwin has submitted her resignation for the purpose of retirement effective January 1, 2018 in consent item B.

We have one additional volunteer coach to approve this month (outside the consent item A).

C. Buildings and Grounds I am asking for your formal approval of the masonry work we have discussed at the WTHS/JH and WTGHE buildings (consent items C & D).

We continue to examine solutions for the high water issues we have experienced here at the junior/senior high facility. At this time we are waiting on further information from the groups we are working with. This information will allow us to determine the best plan moving forward.

Attached you will find documentation from our meeting with Sun Management in regard to solar and also a brief summary of our meeting with Gardiner in regard to our lighting in the district. Please take a look at these documents as I would like to discuss these and will attempt to answer any questions you may have at our meeting.

D. Events Christmas Concerts: Congratulations to our staff and students for several nice events at all three buildings (consent item F).

Senior Citizen Luncheon: Many thanks to everyone who made this another nice event (consent item G).

Congratulations to our JH/HS spelling bee (consent item H) and geography bee (consent item I) winners this year. The elementary spelling bees are coming up soon.

NHS and NTHS Inductees: We extend congratulations to this year's inductees and thanks to the advisor for a nice ceremony (consent item J).

E. Operations Enrollment currently stands at 1001 students in grades PK-12.

Consent item E represents the formal approval for the purchase of our bus for this school year.

Consent item K represents the Board's support of Ohio Senate Bill 216, which has commonly been referred to as the deregulation bill.

I have included a resolution to approve working with Allen County/Western Buckeye ESC to meet the requirement for our district Business Advisory Council (Consent item L).

We have currently missed 15.42 hours at the elementary buildings and

13.38 hours at the junior senior high due to weather-related calamity hours. Per the negotiated agreement with the association we have missed just 1 full day of school. At this time a year ago, we had missed just over 21 hours.

Appoint a Board Member as President Pro Tem for the January 2018 Organizational meeting (Treasurer's consent item E).

I. Consent Agenda Items One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following consent agenda items:

Motion by: Mr. Duane Sinn Seconded by: Mrs. Lisa McClure

A. to commend Perry Sinn for his 12 years of service to the Wayne Trace Local Board of Education;

B. to accept the resignation of Ann Olwin as Executive Secretary to the Superintendent effective January 1, 2018 for the purpose of retirement;

C. to approve the masonry work to be completed in the Summer of 2018 at the Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High building as quoted by Trisco Systems at \$46,226;

D. to approve the masonry work to be completed in the Summer of 2018 at the Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary building as quoted by Trisco Systems at \$22,944;

E. to approve the purchase of a Blue-Bird 72 passenger bus from Cardinal Bus Sales and Service at the price of \$76,900 through the group purchasing cooperative Southwestern EPC;

F. to commend music teachers Miss Sharon Spinner, Mrs. Ann Wieland, Mr. Kaleb O'Donnell, and Mrs. Joni Wenninger for coordinating and directing outstanding Christmas programs at their respective buildings;

G. to commend Mrs. Karen Wagonrod for coordinating this year's Senior Citizens Luncheon. Also, to commend Mrs. Susie Johnson; Mrs. Linda Bradtmueller and JH/HS cafeteria staff; Miss Sharon Spinner, Mrs. Joni Wenninger, the music department; and NHS and FFA students for their important roles in making this a nice event;

H. to commend junior high student Faith Meraz for winning this year's JH spelling bee;

I. to commend junior high student Mallory Moore for winning this year's JH geography bee;

J. to commend the newest members of the Wayne Trace National Honor Society and Vantage Career Center National Technical Honor Society. New NHS members include: Grant Baumle, Madison Coyne, Sara Edwards, Anne Eklund, Noah Hasch, Alli Hefner, Bryce Hofmann, Clark Laukhuf, Gryan Laukhuf, Austin Reed, Rachel Ringle, Julianne Rinn, Kaylee Shepherd, Trae Sinn, Sadie Sinn, Ellie Stoller, Matthew Stouffer, and Reece Thompson. New NTHS members include: Joey DeBoer and Garrett Milance. Thanks also to NHS advisors Miss Joni Klopfenstein and Mrs. Heather Hatcher for coordinating a nice NHS induction ceremony;

K. be it resolved that the Wayne Trace Board of Education supports Ohio Senate Bill 216 as a start to increasing efficiency and effectiveness in the state system of education (see attachment);

L. to approve a partnership with

Allen County/Western Buckeye Educational Service Center which will allow compliance with R.C. 3313.82 Business Advisory Council (see attachment).

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

Roll call vote: Mr. Sinn, Mrs. McClure, Mr. Baumle, and Mrs. Stoller, aye. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Resolution outside of the consent items

Motion by: Mrs. Lisa McClure Seconded by: Mrs. Kori Stoller

A. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to approve Jack Baumle as a volunteer softball coach for the 2017 - 2018 school year.

Roll call vote: Mrs. McClure, Mrs. Stoller, Mr. Sinn, aye. Abstain: Mr. Baumle Nay, none. Motion passed.

New Business - No new business

Adjournment Motion by: Mr. Duane Sinn Seconded by: Mrs. Lisa McClure

Motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned

The next Board meeting will be held January 8, 2018 in the high school lecture room.

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 12/20/17

This 20th day of December, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Roy Klopfenstein, Tony Zartman, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

Warrants documented as 238641 through 238730 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

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

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on December 18, 2017, Warrants numbered 238530 through 238636 in the amount of \$7,462.17; and

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

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

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2017-31 on December 27, 2017, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018, AND DECLARING THE SAME IN AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance establishes the compensation rates for Village officials and employees effective January 1, 2018.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2017-33 on December 27, 2017, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Fiscal Officer to amend appropriation amounts for 2017.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed RESOLUTION NO. 2017-34 on December 27, 2017, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance makes appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures for fiscal year ending December 31, 2018, for the funds and sums as set forth in said Ordinance.

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

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

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO
In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:
LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,
vs.
CHAD N. ROTH, ET AL., Defendants.

Case No. CI 17 110
Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

200 North Maple Street, Grover Hill, Ohio 45849
Parcel Number: 26-06S-028-00; 26-06S-029-00; and, 26-06S-030-00

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

Total amount of judgment is Seven Thousand One Hundred Sixty-five and 54/100 (\$7,165.54) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

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

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:25 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the First day of February, 2018, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the 15th day of February, 2018 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.

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

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Sheriff Jason K. Landers
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WAYNE TRACE/PAYNE ELEMENTARY DODGEBALL GAME



The annual staff versus 6th grade dodgeball games were held before Christmas break at Wayne Trace Payne Elementary.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

David T. Mims, Galveston, IN; Possession; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Leanna M. Fetzer, Van Wert, OH; Display plates; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

Kyle J. Kauser, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Erick J. Bruck, Milan, MI; A.C.D.; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Wodrow M. Mays, Paulding, OH; Improper firearm; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing in open court; Case shall be bound over

Kenny J. Gill, Paulding, OH; Criminal trespassing; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall have no contact

with victim or victim's property; Shall maintain general good behavior

Aaron S. McMillan, Scott, OH; Confine of dog; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Donna L. Bond, Cecil, OH; Confine of dog; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Codi J. Bird, Continental, OH; O.V.I./blood(high); At the state's request Count A dismissed at defendant's costs

Codi J. Bird, Continental, OH; O.V.I./under inv; Guilty; May attend the DIP Program in lieu of 3 days jail; Complete by 3/30/18; Pay all fines and costs today; 27 jail days reserved

Jeremy J. Sharp, Oakwood, OH; Failure to reinstate; Guilty; Has a pay or collection date 12/21/18; Provide letter from doctor stating medical condition/driving status

Jason S. Gonzales, Archbold, OH; Drive/FRA suspension; Upon motion of the state Count B dismissed with-

out prejudice; Costs waived
Jason S. Gonzales, Archbold, OH; Marked lanes; Upon motion of the state Count C dismissed without prejudice; Costs waived

Joseph L. Schilt, Oakwood, OH; Hit skip pri pr; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 4/27/18; Restitution to be paid by 2/9/18; 87 jail days reserved

Christina L. Saylor, Fort Wayne, IN; O.V.I./under inf; Count A dismissed without prejudice at state's request

Hunter M. Strickland, Antwerp, OH; O.V.I./breath(low); Guilty; May attend the DIP Program in lieu of three days jail; Complete by 3/30/18; Proof of insurance provided pay today; Community Control Two; 20 hrs of community service; Third Millenium; Secure a valid driver's license; 87 jail days reserved

Felipe Garcia Jr., Cecil, OH; No tail lights; Guilty; Pay or collection date 2/23/18

Colton R. Bidlack, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was dismissed by defendant

Hasan A. Al Shanini, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was dismissed by defendant

MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-017)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit; FROM: 001-010-00001/General Fund/Juvenile Court/Salaries TO: 001-010-00006/General Fund/Juvenile Court/Child Support AMOUNT: \$50.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-015)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit; FROM: 001-015-00005/General Fund/Board of Election/Contracts TO: 001-015-00004/General Fund/Board of Election/Equipment AMOUNT: \$1,550.00 IN THE

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 010)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Soil Conservation-Soil & Water Fund (Fund 010); to-wit; FROM: 010-001-00006/Soil Conservation-Soil & Water/Travel & Expense TO: 010-001-00002/Soil Conservation-Soil & Water/Supplies AMOUNT: \$459.51

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 010)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Soil Conservation-Soil & Water Fund (Fund 010); to-wit; FROM: 010-001-00008/Soil Conservation-Soil & Water/Travel & Expense TO: 010-001-00011/Soil Conservation-Soil & Water/Insurance AMOUNT: \$1,037.28 IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH VERN KILLION

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

Meeting Notes of Appointments
(Mr. Clint Vance observed session today)

Joe Burkard, County Prosecutor; Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - The fair board lease was reviewed. Mr. Burkard will provide Exhibit A to accompany the lease before it is signed. The county travel policy was discussed. Clarifications will be made for the travel policy meeting scheduled for today.

Judge Beckman, Common Pleas Court - Judge Beckman discussed recent updates on security equipment. It was noted that the Commissioners' general fund pays IT labor fees; however, any equipment or software is to be paid from that specific office's general fund budget.

IT work done to maintain or upgrade Courthouse security equipment requires pre-approval. Judge Beckman reported court is very busy with drug-related cases. Some Felony 5 offenders are now locally incarcerated, making scheduling more of a challenge on the local level. Judge Beckman noted the necessity of having a part time pre-trial supervisor. Ms. Beckman also reported a 78% success for those who have completed drug court.

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer, and Ann Pease, Clerk of Courts - The Investment Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. Ms. Wannemacher distributed reports for the committee's review. Investments totaled \$14,381,952.91 as of December 11. Ms. Wannemacher explained total investments are about 1/3 in local banks, 1/3 in the US Bank (Redtree), and 1/3 in 5th/3rd Bank. The Investment Inventory 2017 report was also reviewed. Sales tax collected in 2017 totaled \$2,157,337.23, which is up from 2016 by almost 4%. Ms. Wannemacher noted the Budget Commission estimates a 3% increase in sales tax for 2018. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - Ms. Fickel reported the 2018 dog tags are on sale until January 31, 2018. She has placed ads in the local newspapers, along with an application in one of the newspapers. Ms. Fickel reported sales tax for 2017 of \$2,157,337.23 was up almost 4% compared to the total for 2016. General Fund receipts for November of \$298,350.61 were up \$14,011.75 from October; however, down by 10% when compared to November, 2016. General Fund expenses for November of \$367,739.70 were down from October by \$47,175.10; and, down by 12.5% when compared to November, 2016. Real Estate and Mobile Home Conveyance Fees of \$12,161.40 were up from October by \$3,201.50; however down by 56% from November, 2016.

Travel Policy Committee - In attendance were: Travis McGarvey, Lou Ann Wannemacher, Claudia Fickel, Cindy Peters, Judge Wehrkamp. An updated travel policy was reviewed, with updates and changes underlined.

THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

Carmel, IN; Marked Lanes; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kenneth D. Potter, Cloverdale, OH; Hit skip; Upon motion of the state Count A is dismissed without prejudice; Costs waived

Kenneth D. Potter, Cloverdale, OH; Drive/FRA suspension; Upon motion of the state Count B dismissed without prejudice; Costs waived

Kenneth D. Potter, Cloverdale, OH; Fictitious registration; Upon motion of the state Count C dismissed without prejudice; Costs waived

Kenneth D. Potter, Cloverdale, OH; Fail control; Upon motion of the state Count D dismissed without prejudice; Costs waived

Bethelaine Lee, Lorain, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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Sabrina E. Torres, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dillon M. Kinnaley, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Raymond L. Stone, Hicksville, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Seth M. Wilson, Detroit, MI; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Barry W. Etzler, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

William R. Smith, Defiance, OH; Following close; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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SNOWMEN ON DISPLAY AT ANTWERP BRANCH LIBRARY



Antwerp Branch Library Patron Mary Meyer-Boesch has her snowmen on display for the month of January. Drop in where it's warm and take a look.

ODOT WINTER OPERATIONS UPDATE INFORMATION CURRENT AS OF 1/5/18

The following is an update regarding snow and ice operations on state highways within Defiance, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert.

DEFIANCE

The Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 includes the counties of Allen, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert and Wyandot.

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PAULDING

The following is an update regarding snow and ice operations on state highways within Paulding County from November to the present. This report is issued periodical-

ly during the winter months and as necessary following snow and ice events.

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PUTNAM

The following is an update regarding snow and ice operations on state highways within Putnam County from November to the present. This report is issued periodically during the winter months and as necessary following snow and ice events.

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and Wyandot.

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VAN WERT

The following is an update regarding snow and ice operations on state highways within Van Wert County from November to the present. This report is issued periodically during the winter months and as necessary following snow and ice events.

The Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 includes the counties of Allen, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert and Wyandot.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

AUGLAIZE TWP

1/2/18 T3 Properties LLC to Keezer Carl A Keezer Patricia A; 18264 Rd 111 Paulding Oh 45879; 3.002 acres; Pt Ne1/4 Nw1/4 Auglaize Twp S-36

BROWN TWP

1/3/18 Rhees Property Management LLC to A to J Properties LLC; Hake St; .06 acres; Lot 16 Pt Of E Cen 35X75 Outlots S-27 Oakwood Vill

1/3/18 Rhees Property Management LLC to A to J Properties LLC; 110 N High St; .55 acres; Lot16 Pt Necor 75X321 3/4Outlots S-27 Oakwood Vill

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1/4/18 Kuhlman Marla

Smith Add Antwerp Vill
1/2/18 Milford Mike Hicksville Joint Township Hospital District to Milford Mike Hicksville Joint Township Hospital District; E River St; .2376 acres; Lot 14 S10'&Lot 15 85'Ws Smith Add Antwerp Vill

CARRYALL TWP

1/2/18 Haller Robert J Haller Diane S to Haller Robert J Le Haller Diane S Le; 4791 Rd 204 Antwerp Oh 45813; 2.19 acres; Pt E1/2 Se1/4 Se1/4 Carryall Twp S-15

1/3/18 Mcdaniels Jeffrey Mcdaniels Kelly to Eicher Matthew R Eicher Kara E; 214 S Main St; .0682 acres; Lot 6 S1/2 Block A Antwerp Vill

1/2/18 TC Research Ltd to Milford Mike Hicksville Joint Township Hospital District; Rd 424; .18 acres; Lot 7 Block B Antwerp Vill

1/2/18 TC Research Ltd to Milford Mike Hicksville Joint Township Hospital District; 106 E E River; .1826 acres; Lot 6 Block B Antwerp Vill

1/2/18 TC Research Ltd to Milford Mike Hicksville Joint Township Hospital District; E River St; .0358 acres; Lot 18 Pt 13'4" Es Smith Add Antwerp Vill

1/2/18 TC Research Ltd to Milford Mike Hicksville Joint Township Hospital District; E River St; .1488 acres; Lot 17 Smith Add Antwerp Vill

1/2/18 TC Research Ltd to Milford Mike Hicksville Joint Township Hospital District; E River St; .1488 acres; Lot 16 Smith Add Antwerp Vill

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1/2/18 TC Research Ltd to Milford Mike Hicksville Joint Township Hospital District; Oswalt St; .1377 acres; Lot 14 Less S 10' Smith Add Antwerp Vill

1/2/18 TC Research Ltd to Milford Mike Hicksville Joint Township Hospital District; Oswalt St; .1722 acres; Lot 11 Smith Add Antwerp Vill

1/2/18 TC Research Ltd to Milford Mike Hicksville Joint Township Hospital District; Oswalt St; .1722 acres; Lot 10

Smith Add Antwerp Vill
1/2/18 Milford Mike Hicksville Joint Township Hospital District to Milford Mike Hicksville Joint Township Hospital District; E River St; .2376 acres; Lot 14 S10'&Lot 15 85'Ws Smith Add Antwerp Vill

CRANE TWP

1/3/18 Meyer Michael A Meyer Kathy R to Meyer Michael A; 11031 Rd 216 Cecil Oh 45821; 4.5 Acres; Pt Nw1/4 S Of Rr Outlots S-14 Cecil Vill

1/4/18 Sukup Joseph N Trustee Sukup Ellen M Trustee to Reinhart Christopher R Reinhart Anne M; Rd 180; 4.277 acres; Pt S1/2 Sw1/4 Se1/4 Crane Twp Sec 21

1/4/18 Sukup Joseph N Trustee Sukup Ellen M Trustee to Reinhart Christopher R Reinhart Anne M; Rd 180; 3.383 acres; Pt S 1/2 Sw 1/4 Se 1/4 Crane Twp Sec 21

1/4/18 Sukup Joseph N Trustee Sukup Ellen M Trustee to Reinhart Christopher R Reinhart Anne M; 9601 Rd 180 Paulding Oh 45879; 1.756 acres; Pt N 1/2 Nw 1/4 Ne 1/4 Crane Twp Sec 28

1/4/18 Sukup Joseph N Trustee Sukup Ellen M Trustee to Reinhart Christopher R Reinhart Anne M; Rd 180; .723 acres; Pt N1/2 Nw 1/4 Ne1/4 Crane Twp Sec 28

PAULDING TWP

1/4/18 Myers Keith E & Myers Pamela J to Doctor Stormy Doctor Jessica; 121 W Caroline St; .1 acres; Lot 123 W 1/2 O.p. Paulding Vill

1/4/18 Myers Keith E & Myers Pamela J to Doctor Stormy Doctor Jessica; W Caroline St; .1 acres; Lot 134 W 1/2 O.p. Paulding Vill

WASHINGTON TWP

1/4/18 Scherer Henry Eugene, Le to Scherer Henry Eugene, Le; 4193 Rd 165 Grover Hill Oh 45849; 20.551 acres; S1/2 Se1/4 Washington Twp Sec 18

1/4/18 Scherer Henry Eugene, Le to Scherer Henry Eugene, Le; 165 Rd Rear; 20 acres; Pt Nw1/4 Se1/4 Washington Twp Sec 18

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

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

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

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

vs. KAY GROSE, ET AL., Defendants.

Case No. CI 17 154
Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

Dale Street, Latty, Ohio
Parcel Number: 29-07S-040-00

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

Total amount of judgment is One Thousand One Hundred Nineteen and 39/100 (\$1,119.39) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

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

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:30 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the First day of February, 2018, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the 15th day of February, 2018 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 11/29/17

This 29th day of November, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Zartman, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk; Absent: Roy Klopfenstein

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Warrants documented as 238010 through 238079 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST:

Mark Holtsberry, Area Office on Aging Directors' Meeting, Toledo - November 30, 2017

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

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on November 20, 2017, Warrants numbered 237723 through 237852 in the amount of \$27,956.90; and

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

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

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

mitted by the Auditor; and

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

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-015):

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-015-00003/General Fund/Board of Elections/Supplies

TO: 001-015-00004/General Fund/Board of Elections/Equipment

AMOUNT: \$129.99

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-015):

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-015-00003/General Fund/Board of Elections/Supplies

TO: 001-015-00007/General Fund/Board of Elections/Other Expenses

AMOUNT: \$142.85

IN THE MATTER OF SELECTING A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION FOR REQUIRED LEGAL PUBLICATIONS:

WHEREAS, whenever a political subdivision of the state is required by law to make any legal publication in a newspaper, the newspaper shall be one of general circulation; and

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney has deemed that both the West Bend News and the Paulding County Progress meet the criteria for a newspaper of general circulation; and

WHEREAS, upon receiving quotes from both newspapers and following the general practice of accepting the lowest bid, it was recommended to accept the bid from the West Bend News; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby agree to utilize the West Bend News, P O Box 1008, 101 North Main Street, An-

twerp OH 45813 as their newspaper of general circulation for the calendar year 2018.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Rick King - Mr. King met with the Commissioners to voice his concerns relating to the ditch on St Rt 111. According to Mr. King, the state built the ditch back in the 1970s. It is 100% in the state's right of way. The ditch was not put on maintenance and now needs some major improvements. The ditch was last cleaned out in the 1980s. Mr. King commented the state will allow the residents to clean the ditch; however, they want to be paid for the dirt that is removed from the ditch He noted there are steel culverts and tanks in the ditch that are now rusting out and caving in at some points. Because the ditch is state-owned, the Commissioners have no jurisdiction or authority over it. Commissioner Zartman directed Mr. King to the County Prosecutor for an opinion as to where the authority lies.

Marsha Yeutter, PC Senior Center - Ms. Yeutter presented her completed budget for 2018. She then discussed the Senior Center's need for a dietician. Dietary Solutions will provide a dietician one day per quarter for up to four hours. Ms. Yeutter had a prepared agreement for the Commissioners' review. The agreement will be scanned to the Prosecutor for his approval as to form. Ms. Yeutter has also been working with the JFS director on transportation services for residents 60 years and older. She also noted she has some kitchen equipment that is no longer useful at the Senior Center. She will provide the details so a resolution can be done, authorizing her to discard/sell the equipment.

Michael Wehrkamp, Probate/Juvenile Court - Judge Wehrkamp presented his budget for the Commissioners' review.

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 12/13/17

This 13th day of December, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Warrants documented as 238322 through 238520 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Au-

ditor for payment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Zartman to go into executive session at 10:10 a.m. with the Paulding County Sheriff to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtsberry. All members voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 196)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Paulding County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Wellness Grant Fund (Fund 196); to-wit: FROM: Pay-in #116367 TO:196-001-00006/Wellness Grant/Incentives A M O U N T : \$2,400.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-004)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit; FROM: 001-004-00008/General Fund/County Prosecutor/Workers' Comp TO: 001-004-00003/General Fund/County Prosecutor/Supplies AMOUNT: \$1,761.78

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-004)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit; FROM: 001-004-00008/General Fund/County Prosecutor/Workers' Comp TO: 001-004-00007/General Fund/County Prosecutor/PERS AMOUNT: \$252.08

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-013)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Wireless 911 Fund (Fund 170); to-wit; FROM: 170-

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USDA ANNOUNCES CATTLE-MEN'S BEEF PROMOTION AND RESEARCH BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue today announced the appointment of 27 members to the Cattle-men's Beef Promotion and Research Board. Twenty-five of the appointees will serve three-year terms. Two appointees will serve the remaining one-year portion of vacant positions.

- Bruce T. Jackson, Lockesburg, Ark.
- J. Kent Bamford, Haxton, Colo.
- Cliff W. Coddington, Bradenton, Fla.
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- Trista Brown Priest, Santa, Kan.
- Ryan Miller, Bardstown, Ky.
- Leon James, Hurdland, Mo.
- Turk Stovall, Billings, Mont.
- Katie Cooper, Willow Creek, Mont.
- Bill Baldwin, Mitchell, Neb.
- Jim Eschliman, Ericson, Neb.
- Raymond Erbele, Street-er, N.D.
- Blayne Arthur, Stillwater, Okla.
- Jimmy Taylor, Cheyenne, Okla.
- Dick McElhaney, Hook-stown, Pa.
- Bill Slovek, Philip, S.D.
- Jackie White Means, Van Horn, Texas
- Jason Peeler, Floresville, Texas

Michael Wayne White, Vernon, Texas
Sean P. Jones, Massey, Md., Mid-Atlantic Unit
Rob Von Der Lieth, Cop-peropolis, Calif., Southwest Unit
Laurie Bryant, Burke, Va., Importer
Rob Williams, Chase, Md., Importer
Jeffrey Isenmann, Roch-ester Hills, Mich., Importer
Nicholas Brander, Wil-mette, Ill., Importer (1-year term)

Steven Hobbs, Larkspur, Colo., Importer (1-year term)
"The Cattlemen's Beef Board works to build demand for beef by helping to maintain and expand markets through their research, promotion, and information sharing efforts," said Perdue. "Their work represents all segments of the beef industry and I know that the agricultural sector will be well served by them."

The Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board is composed of 99 members, all of whom are beef producers or importers of cattle, beef or beef products. The board is authorized by the Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985.

Since 1966, Congress has authorized the establishment of 22 industry-funded research and promotion boards. They empower farmers and ranchers to leverage their own resources to develop new markets, strengthen existing markets, and conduct important research and promotion activities. USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service provides oversight, paid for by industry assess-

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ments, which ensures fiscal accountability and program integrity for participating stakeholders.

A list of board members is available on the AMS Cattle-

men's Beef Board webpage. More information can also be found on the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board's website.

USDA RECOGNIZES FY 2017 PRESIDENTIAL RANK AWARDS WINNERS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recognized three of its talented employees for being honored as FY 2017 Presidential Rank Awards winners. Jere L. Dick of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) received a Distinguished Rank award, and both Cyril G. Gay and Jerry L. Hatfield of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) received a Meritorious Professional award.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue applauded these winners and their service in the department with the following statement:

"It's truly an honor to work alongside such dedicated civil servants, and I'm excited to see their excellent work recognized. USDA employees all across the country work hard every day to provide the best possible help to the people we serve. It's our shared goal to be the most effective, efficient, customer-focused federal department, and I'm thankful for people like Jere, Cyril, and Jerry who are helping us reach that goal."

Distinguished Rank award winner Dr. Jere Dick serves as Associate Administrator of APHIS and received this award for, among many things, his role in response efforts to the 2015 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza virus in poultry, as well as his work in developing USDA's new feral swine control program. Dr. Cyril Gay, who has led the USDA-ARS Animal Health National Program for 15 years, received the Meritorious Professional award in part for his international recognition as a leading authority in vaccinology and biodefense research. Jerry

Sudoku solution
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3	2	1	8	9	7	4	5	6
9	4	5	3	2	8	6	7	1
6	3	7	9	1	5	8	2	4
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Hatfield, Director of ARS' National Laboratory for Agriculture and the Environment in Ames, Iowa, received the Meritorious Professional award for his extensive research on agriculture's influence on environmental quality. Hatfield leads the agriculture sector for the National Climate Assessment, part of the Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

According to the Office of Personnel Management, The Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 established the Presidential Rank Awards Program to recognize a select group of career members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) for exceptional performance over an extended period of time. Later, the Rank Award statute was amended to extend eligibility to senior career employees with a sustained record of exceptional professional, technical, and/or scientific achievement recognized on a national or international level.

Two categories of Presidential Rank Award are available: distinguished and meritorious. Distinguished Rank recipients are recognized for sustained extraordinary accomplishment. Only one percent of the career SES or SL/ST may receive this rank. Meritorious Rank recipients are recognized for sustained accomplishment.

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH LUCAS COUNTY CORONER TO PROVIDE AUTOPSY SERVICES FOR PAULDING COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Lucas County Coroner provides forensic autopsy services to Paulding County as requested by the Paulding County Coroner;

WHEREAS, funds generated from autopsy services are restricted to equipment and supplies for the Lucas County Coroner's Laboratory; and

WHEREAS, ORC 313.16 allows for laboratory examinations by a Coroner of another County; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize the renewal of the Agreement with Lucas County for autopsy services for the calendar year 2018 at the rate of \$1,450.00 per autopsy for the forensic autopsy and routine toxicology, with non-routine tests and procedures being billed separately and according to costs incurred; that Paulding County will reimburse Lucas County for any travel necessary to provide testimony as required by law, at the current IRS standard mileage business rate; that Paulding County be responsible to transporting the body to and from the Lucas County Facility; and that the Paulding County Coroner's office will be charged \$25.00 for a regular

body bag; and \$65.00 for an extra large heavy-duty body bag should a body not be in a body bag when received at the Lucas County facility; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effective for a period of twelve (12) months effective January 1, 2018, and terminating December 31, 2018, understanding that either party may terminate this Agreement by giving thirty (30) days written notice of their intent to terminate Agreement.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Paulding County has been awarded CDBG funds from the State of Ohio, Development Services Agency to finance eligible activities that may generate Program income; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners do hereby enter into an Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement with the State of Ohio, Development Services Agency beginning January 1, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2020.

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners do hereby enter into a lease agreement with Mr. Earl Baldwin, of 11535 Rd. 230, Cecil, Ohio, for the leasing of one barn located at 12990, Rd. 192, Cecil, Ohio, a copy of said lease is on file in the Commissioners' Office; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the lease shall begin the December 1, 2017 and terminate on December 31, 2018.

IN THE MATTER OF DISTRIBUTION OF EDP RENEWABLES' TIMBER ROAD II WIND FARM (BENTON TOWNSHIP) PILOT (PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES) FOR 2017, PAYABLE IN 2018

WHEREAS, Paulding County will soon be receiving revenue generated by EDP Renewables' Timber Road II Wind Farm located in Benton Township for tax year 2017, payable in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section §5727.75 sets forth the framework for the receipt of the revenue to be generated by the wind turbines, stating:

"The County Treasurer shall allocate the payment on the basis of the project's physical location"; and

WHEREAS, it is the Paulding County Prosecutor's opinion, dated September 25, 2012, that the Paulding County Board of Commissioners have the authority by resolution to determine how the revenue to be generated by the wind turbines is to be distributed; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Paulding County Board of Commissioners, in consideration of the current levies in place for county entities, do hereby resolve to distribute the 2017 PILOT, payable in 2018, for the Blue Creek Wind Farm in Paulding County, Blue Creek Township,

physical location"; and

WHEREAS, it is the Paulding County Prosecutor's opinion, dated September 25, 2012, that the Paulding County Board of Commissioners have the authority by resolution to determine how the revenue to be generated by the wind turbines is to be distributed; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Paulding County Board of Commissioners, in consideration of the current levies in place for county entities, do hereby resolve to distribute the 2017 PILOT, payable in 2018, for the Timber Road II Wind Farm in Paulding County, Benton Township, be distributed as follows: NAME Paulding County General Fund, % of total rate 3.2, Millage Rate 5.9453%; NAME Paulding County Health Department, % of total rate .8, Millage Rate 1.4863%; NAME Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities, % of total rate 4.3, Millage Rate 7.9890%; NAME Paulding County Senior Center, % of total rate .5, Millage Rate .9289%; NAME Paulding County 911, % of total rate 1.074, Millage Rate 1.9954%; NAME Paulding County Hospital Bond, % of total rate .25, Millage Rate .4645%; NAME Paulding County Jail Bond, % of total rate .20, Millage Rate .3716%; NAME Paulding County Jail Operation, % of total rate 1.35, Millage Rate 2.5082%; NAME Paulding County Carnegie Library, % of total rate 1.5, Millage Rate 2.7868%; NAME Paulding County OSU Extension % of total rate .25, Millage Rate .4645%; NAME Tri-County Mental Health, % of total rate 1.00, Millage Rate 1.8579%; NAME Benton Township, % of total rate 5.5, Millage Rate 10.2185%; NAME Vantage Career Center, % of total rate 4.5, Millage Rate 8.3606%; NAME Wayne Trace Local School District, % of total rate 29.4, Millage Rate 54.6225% and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that said distribution of the PILOT for said Timber Road II Wind Farm be reviewed annually.

IN THE MATTER OF DISTRIBUTION OF IBERDROLA'S BLUE CREEK WIND FARM (BLUE CREEK TOWNSHIP) PILOT (PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES) FOR 2017, PAYABLE IN 2018

WHEREAS, Paulding County will soon be receiving revenue generated by Iberdrola's Blue Creek Wind Farm located in Blue Creek Township for tax year 2017, payable in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section §5727.75 sets forth the framework for the receipt of the revenue to be generated by the wind turbines, stating:

"The County Treasurer shall allocate the payment on the basis of the project's physical location"; and

WHEREAS, it is the Paulding County Prosecutor's opinion, dated September 25, 2012, that the Paulding County Board of Commissioners have the authority by resolution to determine how the revenue to be generated by the wind turbines is to be distributed; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Paulding County Board of Commissioners, in consideration of the current levies in place for county entities, do hereby resolve to distribute the 2017 PILOT, payable in 2018, for the Blue Creek Wind Farm in Paulding County, Blue Creek Township,

be distributed as follows: NAME Paulding County General Fund, Millage Rate 3.2, % of total rate 5.9786%; NAME Paulding County Health Department, Millage Rate .8, % of total rate 1.4946%; NAME Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Millage Rate 4.3, % of total rate 8.0338%; NAME Paulding County Senior Center, Millage Rate .5, % of total rate .9342%; NAME Paulding County 911, Millage Rate 1.074, % of total rate 2.0066%; NAME Paulding County Hospital Bond, Millage Rate .25, % of total rate .4671%; NAME Paulding County Jail Bond, Millage Rate .20, % of total rate .3737%; NAME Paulding County Jail Operating, Millage Rate 1.35, % of total rate 2.5222%; NAME Paulding County Carnegie Library, Millage Rate 1.5, % of total rate 2.8025%; NAME Paulding County OSU Extension, Millage Rate .25, % of total rate .4671%; NAME Tri-County Mental Health, Millage Rate 1.00, % of total rate 1.8683%; NAME Blue Creek Township, Millage Rate 5.2, % of total rate 9.7153%; NAME Vantage Career Center, Millage Rate 4.5, % of total rate 8.4074%; NAME Wayne Trace Local School District, Millage Rate 29.4, % of total rate 54.9286% and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that said distribution of the PILOT for said Blue Creek Wind Farm be reviewed annually.

IN THE MATTER OF DISTRIBUTION OF IBERDROLA'S BLUE CREEK WIND FARM (LATTY TOWNSHIP) PILOT (PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES) FOR 2017, PAYABLE IN 2018

WHEREAS, Paulding County will soon be receiving revenue generated by Iberdrola's Blue Creek Wind Farm located in Latty Township for tax year 2017, payable in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section §5727.75 sets forth the framework for the receipt of the revenue to be generated by the wind turbines, stating:

"The County Treasurer shall allocate the payment on the basis of the project's physical location"; and

WHEREAS, it is the Paulding County Prosecutor's opinion, dated September 25, 2012, that the Paulding County Board of Commissioners have the authority by resolution to determine how the revenue to be generated by the wind turbines is to be distributed; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Paulding County Board of Commissioners, in consideration of the current levies in place for county entities, do hereby resolve to distribute the 2017 PILOT, payable in 2018, for the Blue Creek Wind Farm in Paulding County, Latty Township, be distributed as follows: NAME Paulding County General Fund, Millage Rate .8, % of total rate 1.5275%; NAME Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Millage Rate 4.3, % of total rate 8.2102%; NAME Paulding County Senior Center, Millage Rate .5, % of total rate 9.547%; NAME Paulding County 911, Millage Rate 1.074, % of total rate 2.0506%; NAME Paulding County Hospital Bond, Millage Rate .25, % of total rate .4773%; NAME Paulding County Jail Bond, Millage Rate .20, % of total rate .3737%; NAME Paulding County Jail Operating, Millage Rate 1.35, % of total rate 2.5776%; NAME

Paulding County Carnegie Library, Millage Rate 1.5, % of total rate 2.8640%; NAME Paulding County OSU Extension, Millage Rate .25, % of total rate .4773%; NAME Tri-County Mental Health, Millage Rate 1.00, % of total rate 1.9094%; NAME Latty Township, Millage Rate 4.05, % of total rate 7.7328%; NAME Vantage Career Center, Millage Rate .5, % of total rate 8.5921%; NAME Wayne Trace Local School District, Millage Rate 29.4, % of total rate 56.1347% and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that said distribution of the PILOT for said Blue Creek Wind Farm be reviewed annually.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF THE 2018 SPECIAL FUND ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners hereby approve the 2018 Annual Appropriations for Special Funds as recorded in Journal 55, Pages 289 through 307, to provide for current expenses and other expenditures of said County during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018. The same are hereby set aside and appropriated for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made for and during said fiscal year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Zartman to go into executive session at 10:10 a.m. with the Paulding County

Sheriff to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtzberry. All members voting yeay.

At 10:26 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

Meeting Notes of Appointments

Jason Landers, Paulding County Sheriff - Sheriff Landers and the Commissioners reviewed his projected budget for the rest of 2017. Mr. Landers will be closely monitoring Fund 149 beginning in 2018 and for the duration of the levy.

The Sheriff was pleased to announce the jail administrator has recently earned certification. Mr. Landers questioned the maintenance agreement for the communications tower at the fair ground. He noted that while the E-911 fund has been paying for the maintenance, the Sheriff's Office uses the tower very little. Sheriff Landers reported he has applied for the law enforcement MARCS radio grant. He added MARCS portables (along with programming) have been made available to his office.

Jerry Zielke, Paulding County Economic Development - Mr. Zielke reported 300 additional/new jobs were introduced in Paulding County in 2017. He then provided updates on various county businesses.

LEGAL NOTICE FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE COUNTY OF COMMON, OHIO
FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.
Brian E. Smith, et al Defendant(s),
Case No. CI 17 167
Judge Tiffany E. Beckman

The Court finds that the service of summons cannot be made other than by publication on Defendants: Brian E. Smith, Stacey M. Henderson aka Stacey Marie Henderson aka Stacey Marie Smith aka Stacey M. Smith, Unknown Spouse, if any, of Brian E. Smith, whose last known place of residence are: Addresses Unknown, Each of you will take notice that on November 9, 2017, Plaintiff filed a Complaint for Foreclosure in the Paulding County Court of Common Pleas, being CI 17 167 alleging that there is due to Plaintiff the sum of \$50,468.73 plus interest at 3.875 per annum from February 1, 2017, plus late charges, pre-payment penalties, title charges, court costs and expenses as applicable to the terms of the Promissory Note secured by a mortgage on the real property, which has a street address of 311 Van Wert Street, Latty, Ohio 45855 being permanent parcel number 29-06S-019-00; 29-06S020-00.

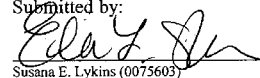
Plaintiff further alleges that by reason of a default in payment of said Promissory Note,

the conditions of said Mortgage have been broken and the same has become absolute.

Plaintiff prays that the Defendant(s) named above be required to answer and assert any interest in said property of be forever barred from asserting any interest therein, for foreclosure of said mortgage, marshalling of liens, and the sale of said real property, and the proceeds of said sale be applied according to law.

Said Defendant(s) are required to file an Answer within twenty-eight (28) days after last publication which shall be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, or they might be denied a hearing in this case.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
ANTWERP WATER BILLS JUST MAILED HAVE ERRORS, NEW BILLS TO BE MAILED
Please note that the just mailed Antwerp water & sewer bills have a computer error and most if not all bills don't show the usage the bill was computed on and also dates are incorrect. New bills will be mailed, if you have questions you can call the Village Administrator at 419-258-2371 or the Village Utility Billing Clerk at 419-258-7075.

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OLDER OHIOANS ARE AT INCREASED RISK FOR COMPLICATIONS FROM CONTINUED COLD TEMPERATURES

Forecasters are predicting continued frigid temperatures and very cold wind chills across Ohio. Current temperatures are well below average for this time of year, with single-digit lows and negative wind-chill readings.

“Older adults are at increased risk for complications from conditions including snow, ice, bitter cold and more. Factors like age-related changes and medication side effects can intensify the impact,” said Beverley Laubert, Interim Director of the department. “Extremely cold temperatures equal severe weather, and we ask all Ohioans to check on older loved ones, neighbors and friends during this and other severe weather.”

Check on your neighbors

• Before, during and after severe winter conditions, check in on older loved ones, friends and neighbors to ensure that they are okay and have the resources they need to remain safe and healthy.

• Do they need medical attention? Have they fallen? Are they staying warm enough? Are they taking their medicines as prescribed?

• Do they have safe food and water? Are they eating and drinking regularly?

• Is the temperature in their home comfortable? Do they have safe means to heat the home if temperatures continue to fall?

• Whom will they call if they need help? Do they have access to a phone that will work without power or landline service?

• Be aware that confusion, disorientation and irritability can be symptoms of conditions such as dehydration, stress and fatigue. If someone appears ill or is injured, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Be prepared

• All Ohioans should have a winter preparedness plan that enables them to remain in place for three days if they become unable to leave their homes due to weather conditions. Each household should have an emergency kit that contains, at a minimum, a battery operated radio, flash-

light, extra batteries, a loud whistle or bell, food you can open and prepare easily, water (one gallon per person per day), extra blankets and a first aid kit.

• Older adults may have a few additional considerations:

• A backup supply of daily medicines and the means to store them properly;

• Ready access to medical equipment and assistive devices (e.g., canes, walkers, wheelchairs, lifts, oxygen tanks, etc.) as well as spare batteries and non-powered options;

• A safe place to go if it becomes unsafe to stay in your home (e.g., public shelter, friend's or neighbor's house) and a plan for getting there; and

• Instructions for rescue personnel to help you relocate safely and quickly in an emergency.

• Your preparation should also include a plan for safely keeping the temperature in your home comfortable. Use only space heaters that have been tested and certified to the latest safety standards, and do not leave a space heater unattended. Never use a kitchen stove or any other appliance not designed to heat your home for that purpose.

Wintry precipitation, such as snow and freezing rain, also increases the risk of a potentially life-changing fall for older Ohioans. If you must go out in wintry conditions, wear boots or shoes that fit properly and have good traction. Bundle up to stay warm, but make sure you can see and move freely. Slow down and give yourself extra time to get where you're going. Try to walk only on surfaces that have been cleared and treated for ice and snow. Use handrails whenever possible. When in doubt, ask for help.

Find help in your community

• The Department of Aging works with the state's 12 area agencies on aging to make sure that each community has a plan for assisting older adults during weather emergencies. Your area agency can also help you identify resources, such as energy assistance, chore service and minor home repairs that can help you stay warm and safe this winter. Call 1-866-243-5678 to be connected to the

agency serving your community.

• More emergency preparedness advice and resources are available on the department's website: www.aging.ohio.gov/safeathome

• Follow the Ohio Department of Aging on Facebook and Twitter for more winter safety information and resources all winter long.

• The Department of Aging is a proud member of the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness, along with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. Visit www.ready.ohio.gov for information on winter safety and severe weather preparedness.

About ODA - The Ohio Department of Aging works to ensure that our elders are respected as vital members of society who continue to grow, thrive and contribute. We collaborate with state agencies and community partners, including area agencies on aging, to help integrate aging needs into local plans and ensure that aging Ohioans have access to a wide array of high-quality services and supports that are person-centered in policy and practice. Our programs include the PASSPORT Medicaid waiver, caregiver support, the long-term care ombudsman program, the Golden Buckeye Card and more. Visit www.aging.ohio.gov.

SATURDAYS AT THE HUBER

FREE Theater Workshops for Youth

Theater Workshops will be held at the Huber on Saturday mornings from January 20 through February 24 to address many of the backstage and tech roles that support a musical production. Youth ages 12-18 are encouraged to get involved with the behind the scenes preparation for the Summer Youth Theater Production of Lion King, Jr. by creating costumes, masks, and props, designing the set and backdrop, or become trained to use the Huber new lighting and sound system. And if they want to be on stage, there is even a workshop on how to have a great audition to land the perfect part.

These workshops are a part of a grant from the Ohio Arts Council to take

the Youth Theater Program at the Huber to the next level. The purpose of this grant is to provide hands-on and in-depth involvement of area youth in all aspects of creating and producing this year's summer show, Lion King, Jr. The workshops will be led by some talented local artists such as Julie Hall, Josh Stairhime, Marilyn Guilford, Dave Snyder, and Jeff Crabill. Their years of experience in the theater will be passed along to the next generation at the workshops designed to prepare the costumes, props, and set design for this summer's youth production. Workshops offered are: Introduction to Theater & Dance Steps for Stage, Auditions Without Fear, Backdrop Creation, Set Design & Planning, Introduction to the Lighting System, Introduction to the Sound System, Costume Design & Construction, and Props & Costume Accessories Design & Construction. In this way, the Huber is expanding and building on the successful summer shows from the past two years as well as providing educational workshops to get kids involved in the backstage aspects of theater.

To enroll in these FREE workshops, complete the registration form (available on the Huber website at huberoperahouse.org) and return it to the Huber Opera House in Hicksville at least two weeks prior to the date of the workshops you want to attend. Dates and descriptions of each workshop are listed on the registration form. You may sign up for one workshop each week. You can email your registration form to huberoperahouse@outlook.com or mail it to Huber Opera House, 157 E. High St., Hicksville, OH 43526

USDA EXPANDS FLEXIBILITY, ENCOURAGES PROGRAM INTEGRATION IN SNAP ADMINISTRATION

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) issued national program guidance that gives Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) state operators new flexibility to make their operations more efficient while improving customer service.

SNAP is unique among federal programs in that the law requires state civil servants (“merit system personnel”) to certify applicant households for benefits. The new guidance clarifies that while certification decisions must be made by state employees, FNS is expanding the possible use of contracted private-sector staff to provide basic case-specific information. Previous FNS guidance restricted state contractor staff to a much more limited set of activities.

The new policy maximizes flexibility within the law

HABITAT TURNS KEYS OVER TO SHOLL FAMILY



Autumn Sholl, Dane Sholl, Tavin Sholl, receive the keys to the house from Laurie Lucas.

Back in June, the West Bend News reported a foundation was started for the Sholl home in the Antwerp Community. Paulding County Habitat for Humanity regularly chooses a family to build a house for and this year it happened to be a family in Antwerp. This is the second time Antwerp has been chosen for a house. Habitat for Humanity has built nine homes in Paulding County since it was started many years ago.

The Sholl family has been living in Antwerp for quite a while now and sought the help of Habitat and their resources. In January of this year the house was finished and they gave the keys in a ceremony that included mayor Ray DeLong of Antwerp, Mark Holtsberry - Paulding County Commissioner, and Craig Riedel - the State representative.

The ceremony started with Habitat President Laurie Lucas' welcoming every-

one and presiding over the event. After reading Psalm 124:8 and 127:1 Jan Commers gave the Litany of Dedication. Pastor Del Bonar, Payne and Paulding UMC Pastor, gave the prayer for Blessing of the Dwelling and Al Leininger presented the family Bible. Remarks by Government officials followed and everyone realized how important organizations such as Habitat for Humanity are for a community, pulling together in the name of Jesus to build a family a home.

There were quite a few volunteers but two were announced but heading it up and that was Darhl Fuller and Jerry Riggenbach who put in so much work in such a short time. Autumn Sholl and her twin sons also worked very hard to make the house their home. She put in many hours of painting, finishing and other work that needed done.

Pastor Del Bonar gave the benediction and everyone was then invited to participate in the consumption of cookies and water!

related to the SNAP certification process, while holding states accountable for ensuring eligible people have access to food benefits as they move toward self-sufficiency. This change will allow states to eliminate silos and align service delivery across programs, improve the use of technology, and spur innovation. USDA recently approved requests from Michigan followed by Louisiana, and this guidance reflects the Department's interest in considering other similar state requests.

“State human service agencies are implementing innovative strategies to streamline access to multiple programs, improve efficiency, and provide great customer service. This flexibility is a positive step toward enhancing customer service and being good stewards of taxpayer dollars,” said Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue. “I encourage all states with an interest in this new flexibility to consider this change in policy, especially states looking for better ways to align their operations across multiple programs.”

“Making government more efficient, effective and accountable is a cornerstone to serving the people of Michigan better,” said Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder. “President Trump's Cabinet has been very good about talking with governors on how the two levels of government can work together more to the benefit of our residents. I'm pleased that Secretary Perdue has approved our request and encourage other states to take innovative ideas to federal departments for consideration.”

FNS administers 15 nutrition assistance programs, including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, the Summer Food Service Program, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which together comprise America's nutrition safety net. For more information on FNS assistance visit fns.usda.gov.

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