

## PAULDING IS NOT EMPTY. IT'S FULL OF OPPORTUNITY!



Looking out over the square in Paulding, it's obvious that business struggles to fill the old building's surrounding the courthouse. Many owners don't want to spend the money it takes to restore their storefronts to the original Main Street look.

Main Street, a program run through Heritage Ohio sent a team of experts to

Paulding to walk the square and offer their expertise in downtown revitalization. The Main Street program has helped other communities like Paulding grow their downtown.

The rest of the night went really well. After the presentation, everyone went downstairs, got into groups and talked about all of the things that would be good to see happen in Paulding. Including a convenience store, brewery, coffee shop, more restaurants, a deli, walking signals, alley events, and more!

Jo Hamilton presented that many times when buildings do not have tenants, the owner will just put "For Rent" signs out front and have it all empty. But that is really not a great way to promote a build-

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## AHS REUNION SET FOR AUGUST 11, 2018

Every three years, since 2006, the Antwerp Community Development Committee (ACDC) has held a reunion for all persons who ever attended the Antwerp School. This year the reunion date is Saturday, August 11, This coincides with the Antwerp Day in Park, which is sponsored by the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce. On Saturday evening there will be a Buffet Dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Grant's Catering Hall in Antwerp. Following at 8:00 p.m. there will be a dance with The Wannabees Band providing the music.

There is a choice of reservations for dinner only, dance only or dinner and dance combination. Only 300 reservations will be available on a "first come first served basis", due to the size of the hall, so make your reservations as soon as possible. Reservation forms are available online at: <http://villageofantwerp.com/newsite/?p=1521>. Also, reservation forms can be picked up in Antwerp at the West Bend News during regular office hours. Reservation forms can be mailed to you by calling 419-258-1985 and leaving a message with your name and

## YOUTH FOR CHRIST RECEIVES DONATION



Pictured is: (from left to right) Len Schrock from Grabill & Woodburn Hardware, Claude Schrock from Grabill & Woodburn Hardware, Mike Steiner from Youth for Christ, and Jim Gerig from Grabill & Woodburn Hardware.

On Tuesday, January 9th, Grabill & Woodburn Hardware made a \$500 donation to Youth for Christ. "We appreciate and believe in the ministry work that Youth

for Christ does for this community. Strong kids and young adults will help build and make great communities" said Claude Schrock.

address.

Please pass this information on to all your classmates and friends. Spread the word by email and Facebook too. Questions call 419-258-1985, Tony Langham.

## REMINISCING OAKWOOD AT COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY BRANCH

The Cooper Community Library Branch, of the Paulding County Carnegie Library will be holding an evening of "Reminiscing Oakwood", hosted by Jeanne Calvert. Bring your memories and take part in reminiscing about the Oakwood Bobcats, businesses from the past and special memorabilia you may have.

This program will be held Tuesday, February 13, 2018, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Cooper Community Library, 206 North First Street in Oakwood. The discussion is free of charge and open to anyone who wishes to contribute, or just listen. Enter to WIN a copy of "Oakwood, Ohio Past and Present", written by Jeanne Calvert.

The Cooper Community Branch Library was the third branch to open in the Paulding County Carnegie Library system. The branch has be-

## Community Calendar

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 Convo 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  
• Northern Ohio First Tech Challenge Robotics Competition @ VW HS, 10:45am

**Sunday, Jan 21**

• Woodburn Lutheran School Open House, 12-3pm

**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.

**Wednesday, Jan 31**

• Deadline for Dog Tags

**Saturday, Feb 3**

• Talking & Tea, 6pm @ St. Jacobs Church, Payne

To add your event to the calendar email [info@westbendnews.net](mailto:info@westbendnews.net)  
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**STOLLER GUEST SPEAKER AT KIWANIS LUNCHEON**



**Caleb Stoller**

This week at Kiwanis, lunch was served and conversations started. Elizabeth Vance, chapter president announced the membership drive and encouraged members to bring guests. Caleb Stoller was the guest speaker, and introduced his business CMS Farm Drainage, LLC. He talked about a laser system that helps him lay farm tile down efficiently which sparked interest. He went through the entire process of tiling a field, from surveying the land to exporting

data onto the computer and then to farming machinery to properly lay the mapped-out tile. Members of Kiwanis learned about the benefits of tiling, and why it is so effective in yielding good crops. "I enjoyed Caleb's presentation because I knew what tiling was, but was unaware of the technology that went into it," says Mikayla Pieper Kiwanis member. There is always something new to be learned at Kiwanis. The next Kiwanis meeting is January 18th.

**STATEMENT OF UNDER SECRETARY GREG IBACH ON SECTION 199A TAX CODE FIX**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Greg Ibach today issued the following statement regarding efforts to address concerns with recent changes to Section 199A of the federal tax code. Some agriculture stakeholders have raised questions about potential market effects on cooperatives and independent grain-related businesses.

Ibach's statement is as follows: "The aim of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was to spur economic growth across the entire American economy, including in the agricultural sector. While the goal was to preserve benefits in Section 199A for cooperatives and their patrons, the unintended consequences of the current

language disadvantage the independent operators in the same industry. The federal tax code should not pick winners and losers in the marketplace. We applaud Congress for acknowledging and moving to correct the disparity, and our expectation is that a solution is forthcoming. USDA stands ready to assist in any way necessary."

**VILLAGE OF GROVER HILL PLACED IN FISCAL EMERGENCY**

Auditor of State Dave Yost today placed the Village of Grover Hill (Paulding County) in a state of fiscal emergency after a fiscal analysis revealed a fund deficit and treasury deficiencies.

An analysis performed by the Auditor's Local Government Services Section (LGS) determined that the village meets the criteria for a fiscal emergency due to a deficit in the Sewer Operating Fund

totaling \$122,916 and \$91,192 as of December 31, 2016 and September 30, 2017, respectively.

The analysis, requested by Mayor John Moon, also noted a sizeable deficit in the village's treasury balance. The deficit exceeded one-sixth of treasury receipts by \$126,226 and \$117,251 as of December 31, 2016 and September 30, 2017.

"A proactive approach is vital to a swift financial recovery," Auditor Yost said. "I encourage village officials to act sooner rather than later to tackle these financial shortcomings. As always, my office is available to help."

The village of 402 people will now come under the oversight of a financial planning and supervision commission. Within 120 days of its first meeting, the commission must develop a plan to eliminate the fiscal emergency conditions. The Auditor of State serves as the "financial supervisor" to the commission.

A village is placed in fiscal emergency if any one of the six conditions described in Section 118.03 of the Ohio Revised Code exists. The six conditions are:

Default on a debt obligation;

Failure to make payment of all payroll;

An increase in the minimum levy of the village which results in the reduction in the minimum levy of another subdivision;

Significant past due accounts payable;

Substantial deficit balances in village funds; and

A sizeable deficiency when the village's treasury balance is compared to the positive cash balances of the village's funds.

A full copy of this fiscal emergency declaration is available online.

**ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL CHOSSES KAREN FORDHAM AS CEO**

Arriving at what is arguably one of the most significant moments in its storied history of serving patients in and around the heart of the city, new Chief Executive Officer Karen Fordham stands to benefit from a wave of enthusiasm surrounding St Joseph Hospital's future. Her selection as CEO was announced throughout Lutheran Health Network today.

Fordham brings with her more than 20 years of leadership experience in healthcare operations, many of which were spent at hospitals in her home state of Michigan. For much of the past decade, that experience has included administrative roles with the Detroit Medical Center system. Her tenure with DM C included serving as president and CEO of Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, a 158 bed full-service, community teaching hospital approximately 40 miles northwest of downtown Detroit.

'Karen's background and tireless pursuit of positive change made her the right person at the right time to lead St. Joseph Hospital into the future,' said Mike Poore, regional president and CEO, Lutheran Health Network. 'Her ability to turn vision into action, which includes successfully managing more than \$100 million in construction projects during her

healthcare career, is just a small sample of what excites our board at St. Joe and me.'

Enhancing and enriching relationships with the medical staff has been a consistent point of emphasis for Fordham. Huron Valley-Sinai's success in that regard was evident in 2016 when 91 percent of more than 300 physicians surveyed gave the hospital an 8 or higher on a scale of 1-10 on the annual physician satisfaction survey.

While at DMC, Fordham was directly involved in the oversight of hospital operations, service line development, strategic planning, physician recruitment, process improvement and financial management. She also served as president and CEO of its Detroit Surgery Hospital; regional vice president of orthopedics and sports medicine; and regional vice president of imaging services.

"I was pleased with her knowledge about St. Joe and its place in our community," said Judge Stanley Levine, vice chairman of the board of trustees of St Joseph Hospital. "What other CEO candidates might view as challenges, she sees as opportunities for growth and change."

Fordham received a bachelor's degree in science with minors in business, social work and criminal justice from Western Michigan University in 1998. She earned a master's in business administration from WMU in 2000.

Fordham's various achievements include being an Esteemed Women of Michigan honoree and her selection as a member of Crain's Detroit Business 40-Under-40 class - accolades she received in 2014. Her focus with community involvement often involves taking part in initiatives that inspire others.

Fordham's official start date is January 22.

**FIRST PEDIATRIC FLU DEATH REPORTED IN OHIO**

**New flu-associated hospitalizations rise sharply in Ohio, across U.S.**

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) is reporting the state's first pediatric flu death of the 2017-18 flu season, a 4-year-old boy from Montgomery County. ODH also is reporting 1,750 new confirmed flu-associated hospitalizations in Ohio during the first week of January, a significant increase over 925 reported during the last week of December. There have been 3,854 total flu-associated hospitalizations in Ohio since flu season began last October.

The 2017-18 flu season in Ohio and nationally is looking similar to what was seen during the 2014-15 flu season which at the time was the most severe flu season in recent years, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). CDC says that flu activity in the U.S. increased sharply during the first week of January, and is now categorized as widespread in 46 states. Flu activity traditionally begins to increase in October and can last as late as May, with cases typically peaking between December and February.

"Flu is difficult to predict," said ODH Medical Director Dr. Clint Koenig. "It's not possible to say precisely when this flu season will peak or end or how severe it will be.

That's why getting the flu vaccination is the safest and most effective way to prevent the flu for everyone 6 months and older. Flu vaccination also can reduce the severity of illness if you do get sick."

Flu vaccination prevents millions of illnesses and tens of thousands of flu-related hospitalizations each year. While the flu vaccine can vary in how well it works, people who still get sick may have milder symptoms.

So far, influenza A (H3N2) viruses have been the most common flu viruses circulating this season, according to CDC. H3N2-predominant flu seasons have been associated with more severe illness, especially among children and adults age 65 and older. Vaccine effectiveness against H3N2 viruses has been around 30 percent. Vaccine effectiveness against other circulating flu viruses has been about 60 percent for H1N1 viruses, and around 50 percent for influenza B viruses. A study also done on flu vaccination said that it can significantly reduce a child's risk of dying from influenza.

Symptoms of flu can include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Flu vaccination is available at most healthcare providers' offices, local health departments

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ing that can be leased. She then showed everyone how you can have a sign made that looks much better and says a lot more about the building such as, "This building is not empty! It's full of Opportunity!" Then proceed to explain all the good features the structure has to offer.

Business owners can't be afraid to bring in more business, thinking it's competition to their own. In the long run it will be better for the community, business, and consumers. They also need to realize that cleaning it up and restoring it will be beneficial in

The four Main Street experts were Frances Jo Hamilton (goes by Jo) who was the director, Pearl-Jean Mabe who was in charge of marketing, Frank Quinn in charge of design, and Joyce Barrett in charge of economic vitality.

Mikayla Pieper, Paulding Chamber director stated, "Thank you to everyone who attended the public meeting on Monday night. The Main Street team was so impressed with the turn out," Mikayla continued, "in fact, one team

and retail pharmacies. There are no flu vaccine shortages across Ohio.

Other effective ways to avoid getting or spreading the flu include: washing hands frequently or using alcohol-based hand sanitizer; covering coughs and sneezes with tissues, or coughing or sneezing into elbows; avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth; and staying home when sick.

CDC recommends that healthcare providers prescribe one of two antiviral drugs as a second line of defense as soon as possible to patients with confirmed or suspected influenza who are hospitalized, have severe illness, or may be at higher risk for flu complications.

"These antiviral medications can reduce the severity of the flu and prevent serious flu complications," Koenig said. "They work best when started within two days of getting sick."

More information about influenza and flu activity in Ohio is available at [www.flu.ohio.gov](http://www.flu.ohio.gov).

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member said it was the largest turnout he's seen for our size of community during his time with Main Street!"

The group also met with stakeholders for lunch on Monday and Tuesday morning. During this time, stakeholders got to ask a lot of questions, and in turn, the DART team asked a lot of questions as well. During their walk around downtown, the DART team mentioned that there aren't any gaps in the downtown, meaning none of the building have been taken down. They saw this as a great starting point, and saw the opportunity in a lot of the buildings around the square. The team will be back in Paulding in about 30-45 days with a more comprehensive plan. Until then, stakeholders were given things to research and were tasked with things to get the ball rolling.

There is a lot going on in Paulding right now and you have a chance to be a part of the solution! Downtown revitalization needs to be a community effort and telling from the turn out on Monday night, the people of Paulding are ready and excited for the changes to come!

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**THE PENTAGON AND I**

By: Stan Jordan

**Layout**

The Pentagon building spans 28.7 acres (116,000 m<sup>2</sup>), and includes an additional 5.1 acres (21,000 m<sup>2</sup>) as a central courtyard. Starting with the north side and moving clockwise, its five façades are the Mall Terrace Entrance façade, the River Terrace Entrance façade, the Concourse Entrance (or Metro Station) façade, the South Parking Entrance façade, and the Helipoint façade. On the north side of the building, the Mall Entrance, which also features a portico, leads out to a 600 ft (180 m) long terrace that is used for ceremonies. The River Entrance, which features a portico projecting out 20 ft (6.1 m), is located on the northeast side, overlooking the lagoon and facing Washington. A stepped terrace on the River Entrance leads down to the lagoon; and a landing dock was used until the late 1960s to ferry personnel between Bolling Air Force Base and the Pentagon. The main entrance for visitors is located on the southeast side, where the Pentagon Metro station and the bus station are located. There is also a concourse on the southeast side of the second floor of the building, which contains a mini-shopping mall. The Pentagon's south parking lot is located on the southwest side of the Pentagon, and the west side of the Pentagon faces Washington Boulevard. The concentric rings are designated from the center out as "A" through "E" (with in addition "F" and "G" in the basement). "E" Ring offices

are the only ones with outside views and are generally occupied by senior officials. Office numbers go clockwise around each of the rings, and have two parts: a near-est-corridor number (1 to 10) followed by a bay number (00 to 99), so office numbers range from 100 to 1099. These corridors radiate out from the central courtyard, with corridor 1 beginning with the Concourse's south end. Each numbered radial corridor intersects with the corresponding numbered group of offices (for example, corridor 5 divides the 500 series office block). There are a number of historical displays in the building, particularly in the "A" and "E" rings.

Floors in the Pentagon are lettered "B" for Basement and "M" for Mezzanine, both of which are below ground level. The concourse is located on the second floor at the Metro entrance. Above ground floors are numbered 1 to 5. Room numbers are given as the floor, concentric ring, and office number (which is in turn the nearest corridor number followed by the bay number). Thus, office 2B315 is on the second floor, B ring, and nearest to corridor 3 (between corridors 2 and 3). One way to get to this office would be to go to the second floor, get to the A (innermost) ring, go to and take corridor 3, and then turn left on ring B to get to bay 15.

It is possible for a person to walk between any two points in the Pentagon in less than seven minutes.

Just south of the Pentagon are Pentagon City and Crystal City, extensive shopping, business, and high-density residential districts in Arlington. Arlington National Cemetery is to the north. The Washington Metro Pentagon station is also located at the Pentagon, on the Blue and Yellow Lines. The Pentagon is surrounded by the relatively complex Pentagon road network.

The United States Postal Service has established six ZIP Codes for The Pentagon, to which the place

name "Washington, D.C." is assigned, even though The Pentagon is actually located in Virginia. The Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the four service branches each have their own designated ZIP Code.

**THIS TAX BREAK**

By: Stan Jordan

I hate taxes, you hate taxes, all of God's children hate taxes. I agree with tax reform, but I think the timing is wrong.

With me being around during WWII, I can see where maybe a lot of tax money will be needed.

At the very time the president was signing the tax bill, he was raising the national debt. That just don't fit. A lot of that tax money we won't be getting should be applied to the national debt.

Back during WWII, every person in the United States owed \$1400, now every person owes the government \$54,000.

It is not good business to cut taxes and raise the national debt at the same time. Regardless of who spent that money or where it was spent, that bill has to be paid and taxes is what pays those bills. Whether you like taxes or not, we must pay our bills.

There is a lot of foolish rhetoric between North Korea and the United States that could break out in a war, I sure hope not, but it doesn't look very good. This would be a war with atomic weapons and everyone loses.

North Korea wants to drive a wedge between South Korea and the United States. The second atomic bomb sent by the North would land in South Korea and they don't want in this war. But they can't just stand by.

Well, back to the topic of tax money.

There was a young fellow who wanted to buy a new car. He figured it all up and decided that he could just afford one if he can get enough overtime at his job.

So he bought one and got the license, the insurance and all, and his head was just out of the water.

He loved his new car and drove it around a lot. He loved to drive his new car so well that he quit his job.

Don't that sound familiar? See ya!

**SOME ON THE EAGLES**

By: Stan Jordan

I just got off the phone, I was talking to Jim Hunt and he was telling me about some eagles he saw on Wednesday, January 3rd.

Jim and his wife, Clairhilda, were going north on SR 49 about at the Jim Donnell farm, a little north of CR 220. He said there were 4 eagles eating some road kill, which had been dragged about one hundred feet out into the field. Two adults and two young ones. We figured it was all one family, the parents teaching the young.

We figured it was one of our local eagle families, but maybe not, because flying a few miles doesn't matter much to an eagle. Jim thought they might be eating a dead coyote or something, it didn't look like a deer carcass.

I'm always glad to talk to you about our wildlife, just give me a call.

You folks over around

**THE M4A1 TANK**



By: Stan Jordan

The above picture is of the M4A1 tank being unloaded from an L.S.T. (landing ship tank) at Anzio in Italy in 1944 is sometimes called the Sherman, that was the name the English called it.

The big difference between the M3 and the M4 tank was the round movable turret and the moving canon from the right sponson to the turret.

This is the M4A1 which means it is an M4 with one change, probably a larger engine.

Notice, on the rear of the back deck is the camouflage net and the boys' B-bags, that holds all their earthly belongings. This tank weighs about

34 tons, and has between 400 and 700 horsepower engine, it's according to who made the engine.

Notice, here in the left front is a wooden box, probably extra 30 calibre ammo, 2 - 30 calibre machine guns on each tank.

The first time this type tank was used, was October of 1942 in North Africa. At that time it was better than anything the Germans had but that changed pretty quick.

A large number of this style tank was made at the Lima Automotive Works, they generally made locomotive engines.

This tank had a crew of five: the tank commander - a

sergeant, a driver and an assistant driver, a gunner and a loader, and a good supply of two types of ammo. Armor piercing and high explosive and some smoke rounds.

A lot of the M4A1 series was used by a number of countries, even in Korea and Vietnam. I think by the end of WWII, 54,000 of the M4 series were produced.

By the end of WWII the U.S. had taken their 90mm anti-aircraft gun and mounted it on a half track and they called it a tank destroyer, and it was, even though it came late.

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I was talking with Whitey McMichael and he sees some eagles pretty often down around Knoxsdale area.

See ya!

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ON MANAGING CONFLICTS WITH CANADA GEESE**

To biologists, Canada geese are an outstanding conservation success story. Once extirpated from the state as a breeding species, Ohio now supports a healthy, growing population. However, to a landowner they can be viewed as nuisances that create conflict.

Learn more about conflict management with Canada geese during a free public program on Monday February 5, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The program will take place at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife District One Headquarters, located at 1500 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

The seminar will be led by Division of Wildlife staff that specializes in dealing with goose conflicts. Topics to be covered will not only include conflict management but also Canada goose biology, ecology, and population trends.

This program is best suited for ages 16 and up. The program is free but pre-registration is required as seating is limited. ODNR, Division of Wildlife at (614) 644-3925 or email derek.klein@dnr.state.oh.us

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### BULLDOGS NIP DWENGER

FORT WAYNE - Zack Latham scored 17 points and Damario Robinson added ten as the New Haven Bulldogs slipped past Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger 56-54 last week in non-league high school boys basketball action.

The Bulldogs led 17-15 after one quarter and, after both teams scored 13 points in the second quarter, took a 30-28 halftime advantage.

New Haven added one point to the lead in the third period, outscoring the Saints 13-12 in the eight minutes of action, for a 43-40 margin going into the final quarter.

Donovynn Lewis chipped in nine points for the Bulldogs and Antone Washington bucketed seven. James Gardner had five markers while Bre-car Clark and Davi-on Harris posted four points each.

The Bulldogs visit Garrett on January 16 before traveling to Norwell on January 20.

### PATRIOTS WIN REMATCH OVER WARRIORS

MONROEVILLE - On December 16, the girls basketball teams from Woodlan and Heritage battled in Allen County Athletic Conference action with the Lady Warriors posting a 43-39 victory over the Patriots.

Last week, the same two squads opened up play in the ACAC tournament but this time it was host Heritage who held off the Warriors for a 36-33 victory.

The host Patriots scored the final seven points of the first quarter in taking a 9-5 advantage after one quarter of action before the Warriors answered in the second quarter.

Woodlan put together nine straight points in the period, eventually taking a 16-13 lead, before Heritage rallied to tie the game at 16-16 at the midway point.

Quarter number three, though, proved to be the difference.

Heritage outscored Woodlan 10-5 in the stanza, posting a 26-21 lead going into the fourth quarter and it would be too much for the Warriors to overcome.

The Warriors actually trailed 33-23 with just over three minutes remaining in the contest but would make

things interesting late.

Addison Bayman scored eight of her game high 15 points in the final three minutes but Woodlan would come up just short in falling to the Patriots by three points.

Lexia Holmes chipped in ten points for Woodlan with Gabby Joyce adding five and Taya Kitzmiller posting three.

Abby Sheehan led the way for Heritage with 11 points while Bree Dossen added ten markers.

Other scorers for Heritage were Nevaeh Feasby (five), Alivia Beard (four), Tori Richman (four) and Katie Graham (two).

### LUERS TOO MUCH FOR BULLDOGS

FORT WAYNE - Bishop Luers jumped in front after one quarter and the Knights posted a 68-30 win over New Haven in non-league girls basketball action last week.

Bishop Luers led 19-10 at the end of eight minutes of action and widened the margin in the second quarter.

The Lady Knights picked up 14 points in the period while limiting the Bulldogs to four in expanding the margin to 33-14 at the intermission.

Bishop Luers then out-pointed New Haven 13-11 in the third quarter to post a 46-25 advantage entering the fourth quarter.

New Haven was paced by Jourdan Hudson, who bucketed 14 points, while Sonecia Nard and Sukura Stubbs chipped in five markers apiece. Joanna Noorthoek recorded four points and Felicia Carney posted two as well for the Lady Bulldogs.

### MIDDLE QUARTERS LIFT PATRIOTS OVER WARRIORS

MONROEVILLE - Host Heritage outscored Woodlan 24-14 in the middle two quarters and made that difference stand up in a 53-44 victory in the opening round of the Allen County Athletic Conference tournament last week.

The two squads were tied at nine after eight minutes of action before Heritage took the lead for good in the second quarter.

The Patriots doubled up the Warriors in the period as Heritage scored ten points compared to Woodlan's five

### MUSIC AND MOVEMENT DAY AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



Oakwood Elementary students in grades 2-6 enjoyed a "Music and Movement" day in January. Mr. Kent Smelser's physical education classes and Mrs. Nancy Wehrkamp's music classes combined for

movement and dance activities using ribbons, a parachute, and a giant stretchy band, all accompanied by the music of Tchaikovsky and Rossini! (Most of these movement/learning props

were obtained through grants from the Cooper Family Foundation and have already been used by hundreds of students!)

in posting a 19-14 halftime advantage.

Quarter number three was similar as the Patriots picked up 14 points in the stanza while Woodlan scored nine with Heritage expanding the margin to 33-23 at the end of three periods.

Woodlan did win the fourth quarter, outscoring Heritage 21-20, but it wasn't

enough as the Patriots held on for the nine point victory.

Aaron Hahn paced the way for the Warriors with 17 points while Ah'lan Howard added nine markers. Micah Robbins (eight), Mitch Mendenhall (seven) and Matthew Elias (three) completed the list of Warrior scorers.

Alec Burton bucketed 19 points to top the Patriots and

Abram Beard chipped in 11 for Heritage.

Cameron Mitchell (nine), Walter Knapke (seven), La-Mar Hudson Jr. (five) and Jarrett Kiess (two) were the other scorers for Heritage.

The two squads will have a rematch on Friday as Heritage makes the trip to Woodlan in ACAC regular season play.

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# RAIDERS WHIP WILDCATS



Wayne Trace Senior Eli Sinn launches the ball from the cheap seats as he adds 3 more points to the team score! More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Delphos Jefferson Wildcats travelled to Wayne Trace on Saturday night, January 13. The games Friday night were cancelled, but the weather was much better for this match. The game started strong and clearly in the DJ favor as they were able to hit 3 pointer after 3 pointer. As in previous games though, the Wildcats quickly tired out and the Raiders were able to make headway in the second quarter and by halftime the difference was narrowed entirely with a score of 24-26.

Eli Sinn hit three 3-pointers and helped turn the team around in the first half. Nate Gerber also was hitting the three pointers left and right! Nate was also able to pickup a couple steals.

Jake Kuhn was also looking impressive this night. He was able to pickup points under the basket. Both teams' height were helpful and Wayne Trace was able to use that better the entire game rather than just the first quarter.

After the comeback in the second quarter, the Raid-

ers continued in their triumphant march with Nate Gerber leading the way. The home team posted an impressive 27 points in third and pretty much sealed the win for the Raiders.

During the fourth quarter, both teams were similar in scoring and the game finished at 68-54 and Wayne Trace defeated the Wildcats!

The Raiders are now 9-2. The next game for Wayne Trace is a conference match on January 18 against Fairview at home.

Score by Quarter:  
Wayne Trace: 11 13 27 17 = 68

Delphos Jefferson: 20 6 13 15 = 54

Scorers of the Game:  
Wayne Trace - Eli Sinn 15; Reid Miller 2; Josh Kuhn 8; Nate Gerber 22; Trae Sinn 2; Jake Kuhn 19

Delphos Jefferson - Brenen Auer 10; Davion Tyson 2; Tyler Bratton 6; Trey Gossman 6; Hunter Mericle 4; Alex Rode 30; Doug Long 6;

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# WAYNE TRACE JH WRESTLING RESULTS

Last year the Wayne Trace Junior High wrestling team finished their season undefeated, only the second time in history. This year, with a fourteen man squad, there are only four boys returning to the team. "We have ten new members of the wrestling team this year, only a few of them wrestled at the biddy level, all others this is a new experience for them. The team works hard and we are improving every day, we still have a lot of work to do, hoping to get a few of the boys their first win. It's exciting to see the boys improve, I hope all of them continue wrestling on to the high school level." Coach Rob Long explained.

December 2nd, Wayne Trace hosted their annual tournament, WT fell short of placing as a team. Individually, WT had two Champions: Jarrett Hornish and Hunter Long. Both Kameron Shellenberger and Brayson Parrish ended the day placing 4th.

December 9th, WT traveled to Allen East, again coming points away from placing as a team. Individually, WT had two Champions: Hunter Long and Ty Tinlin. Jarrett Hornish ended his day placing 2nd.

January 6th, WT competed in Antwerp and finished 3rd out of 13 teams. Individually, WT had three Champions: Jarrett Hornish, Jared Pierce, and Hunter Long. Placing 2nd was Brayson Parrish. Placing 3rd for the Raiders were both Kameron Shellenberger and Ty Tinlin. Placing 4th: Arin James and Kaden Woolbright. Jacob Banks and Jeff Huckabaa finished the day placing 6th.

January 13th, WT traveled to Ayersville. WT placed 2nd out of 13 teams, the best they have finished so far this year. Champions: Jared Pierce, Hunter Long and Ty Tinlin. Placing 2nd: Jarrett Hornish and Brayson Parrish. Kameron Shellenberger placed 3rd, while Arin James finished the day 4th.

Saturday, January 20th, the Raiders will travel to Wauseon to compete with 22 teams. Good Luck Raiders!

# ANTWERP WRESTLERS HAVE ANOTHER SPECTACULAR WEEKEND

Both the junior high and high school wrestling squads for Antwerp competed over the weekend, with both squads having great days on the mats.

The junior high Archers were at Ayersville in the Pilot Invitational. Of the 5 wrestlers competing, 4 of them were able to place in the top 3 of their respective weight classes. Finishing 3rd on the day were 8th grader Trayce Provines in 98-pound weight class, 7th grader Aiden Provines in the 110-pound class, and 8th grader Caleb Wilson in the 150-pound weight class. The junior high squad crowned 1 champion Saturday as well. 7th grader Eli Reinhart earned 1st place in the 92-pound weight class, amassing 2 pins on the day and avenging an earlier season loss in the process.

Meanwhile, the high

school wrestlers went over to the Woodlan Invitational with all 3 wrestlers placing in the top 4 of their respective weight classes, including 2 champions. Earning a 4th place finish was junior Tanner Wentland at 138 pounds. Wrestling their way to perfect records not only on the day but for the entire season were junior Aidan McAlexander at 106 pounds and sophomore Randall Mills in the 113-pound class. McAlexander earned 2 pins and 1 technical fall to earn his 4th individual championship and remain undefeated at 11-0 on the season. Mills was also impressive earning 2 pins to earn his 4th title of the season, thus improving his record to 12-0. Congratulations to all of the Antwerp wrestlers for their accomplishments so far this season and we wish you luck as you make the push toward the end of your respective seasons. Antwerp may not have quantity right now when it comes to wrestling, but they surely have the quality. Good luck and GO ARCHERS!!!

# GREEN MEADOWS CONFERENCE EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT DRAW

Opening round contests are scheduled for Saturday, January 20, at Wayne Trace:

10:00 a.m. - Hicksville (4-7) vs. Antwerp (6-6)

11:15 a.m. - Holgate (9-3) vs. Tinora (8-3)

12:30 p.m. - Wayne Trace (10-3) vs. Fairview (2-9)

1:45 p.m. - Edgerton (0-13) vs. Ayersville (4-8)

Seeds - 1. Wayne Trace, 2. Holgate

Semifinals are scheduled for Monday, January 22 (5:45 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)

Consolation and championship are Saturday, January 27 (10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.)

# PANTHERS POUNCE APACHE PREY

Fletcher Cook scored 20 points and Ethan Rhonehouse added 17 markers as the Paulding boys basketball team held off host Fairview 77-68 Saturday night in non-league action.

The visiting Panthers also got 13 points from Carson Shull in improving to 4-6 on the season. Fairview drops to 4-7 overall on the year.

Jaret Miller also reached double digits for the maroon and white, totaling 11 markers.

Other scorers for the Panthers were Logan Bradford (nine), Bailey Manz (three), Marcus Miller (three) and Blake Dobbelaere (one).

The Panthers lead 21-14 after eight minutes of action before Fairview pulled within 40-39 at the intermission. Paulding then still held a one-point lead at 56-55 going into the fourth quarter.

Shamar Midgett led a trio of Fairview players who reached double digits.

Midgett paced the black and gold with 14 points while Cole Crites added 13 points and Cade Polter pitched in 10 markers.

Caleb Frank 8, Keenan Jackson 7, Luke Timbrook 6, Russ Zeedyk 6, Cade Ripke 3 and Chayse Singer 1, all found the scoring column for the Apaches.

The Panthers took advan-

# PILOTS QUICK START STOPS ARCHERS



Antwerp's Jake Ryan scores on a layup after picking up a loose ball. More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - After posting a big Green Meadows Conference win last week, the Antwerp boys basketball team returned to conference play Thursday night as the Archers hosted Ayersville.

The visiting Pilots jumped in front early and never looked back as Ayersville recorded a 52-39 victory over the Archers.

Ayersville led 11-4 at the end of eight minutes of action and the Pilots expanded the lead to 23-13 at the break, outscoring the blue and white 12-9 in the second quarter.

Quarter number three saw the host Archers add 13 points compared to 8 for Ayersville as Antwerp trimmed the deficit to 31-26 at the end of three periods.

However, the Pilots hit 10 free throws in the final 8 minutes of action and scored 21 points in all to pull away for the 52-39 victory.

Ethan Schlachter led a trio of Ayersville players in double figures with 18 points while Christian Zachrich and Kyle Nicely both recorded 10 markers.

tage of some hot shooting as Paulding hit 24 of 43 shots from the field, 56% compared to Fairview's 23 of 54 43%.

Paulding also won the battle of the boards in the con-

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test, 25-19, with both teams committing a dozen turnovers.

The Panther junior varsity was also victorious by a 41-17 margin.

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# ARCHERS ROLL PAST EAGLES



Antwerp's Tiera Gomez shoots for 3 points and scores! More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - The Lady Archers of Antwerp hosted North Central Saturday evening and it was all Archers as the blue and white rolled to a 49-21 victory.

Antwerp seized control of the game in the first quarter, putting up 25 points in the opening eight minutes of action in recording a 25-2 lead after one period.

The Archers added ten second quarter points compared to seven for the Eagles with Antwerp taking a 35-9 halftime advantage. Antwerp was on top 43-16 entering the final period.

Rachel Williamson led the way for the Lady Archers with 23 points with Hope Smith

chipping in 14 markers.

Heather Oberlin added six for Antwerp followed by Tiera Gomez 3, Ashley Miller 2 and Kortney Smith 1.

North Central was paced by Sidney McKarns with 7 points while Lindsay Brown added 4 markers.

Other scorers for the Lady Eagles were Payton Taylor 3, Kayleigh Siebeneck 2, Madysen Bonney 2, Erin Ryan 2 and Taylor Fenicle 1.

Antwerp hosts Hicksville in Green Meadows Conference action Friday evening and the Lady Archers will welcome in Continental on Tuesday, January 23.

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the highest podium placer capturing a runner up finish. Tyler Bauer and Gabe Sutton would both finish in third on the day. However, the biggest surprise would be Nate Showalter. N. Showalter would upset the number one seeded wrestler and go on to finish with his first ever podium finish in third place.

Wayne Trace would have two heavy weights competing on the day and both would finish on the podium. Jacob Graham would finish in third and Noah Reel would finish in fifth place.

Kameron Bevis would wrestle in his first tournament action of the year and place fourth for the Raiders. Bevis would also notch his first pins of the season.

Jess Munger, Wyatt Stabler, and Eli Moore would round out the remainder of the podium finishers. All three wrestlers would garner sixth place honors.

"We needed to refocus our efforts. I wanted the team to get back to the basics and we drilled on that all week. Nothing fancy or flashy, just aggressive wrestling. All of them looked much better this weekend, and with the inexperience, we have on this team, that means the work paid off in practice this week. With a young team you always need improvement, but we improved a lot over our performance last weekend," finished Coach Clemens.

## WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING CLUB COMPETES AT AYERSVILLE

The Wayne Trace wrestling club competed in the Ayersville tournament this past weekend. Placing for the raiders were:

First: Graiden Troth and Tatum Sheets, Second: Cameron Sutton, Grayson Sutton, and Connor Blankinship. Fourth: Grady Helms. The Club will compete again next Weekend at the Archbold Tournament.

## RAIDERS TAME BULLDOGS

On Thursday, January 11th, the Wayne Trace Raiders travelled to Bulldog country to take on Edgerton in a game of basketball. Wayne Trace has had a fairly positive season thus far, but every

game can make a difference. In their usual fashion, the Raiders took an early lead. They put up 11 points to the basket. The Bulldogs managed to remain nipping at their heels, adding 6 points to the board. The second quarter was a similar story, with the Wayne Trace team scoring 13 points, and Edgerton putting up 9. The score at halftime was 24-15.

Not losing any steam, the Raiders came back from the halftime break ready to roll. They put up another 16 points in the 3rd quarter. The Bulldogs were still playing catch-up, however, and only added 11 points to their score. The fourth quarter sealed the deal. Wayne Trace put up an additional 13 points, only allowing Edgerton to gain 8 points. The Wayne Trace Raiders took home a victory over the Edgerton Bulldogs with a final score of 54-34.

Score by quarter:  
Wayne Trace - 11, 13, 16, 13 = 53

Edgerton - 6, 9, 11, 8 = 34  
A few of the top scorers for Wayne Trace: Nate Gerber 16, Eli Sinn 10, Reid Miller 7, Josh Kuhn 7, Jake Kuhn 7.

A few of the top scorers for Edgerton: Logan Sack 14, Brydon Cape 7, Logan Showalter 6, Clayton Flegal 5, Colin Gary 2

Congratulations to both Teams.

Wayne Trace is now 8-2 overall and 1-1 in GMC; Edgerton 3-7 overall and 0-2 in GMC.

In JV action, the Wayne Trace Raiders beat Edgerton 31-16.

## RAIDERS MASSACRE LIMA SHAWNEE

On January 8th, the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders played a game of basketball against the Lima Shawnee team. The Lady Raiders took the lead in the first quarter over the Lady Indians, 16-10. After that, Wayne Trace continued to hold the upper hand for the remainder of the game, ending the 1st half leading by 12. The final score of the evening being, 56-34, awarded Lady Raiders a victory.

Girls Basketball - Wayne Trace 56, Lima Shawnee 34

Score by Quarters:  
Wayne Trace - 16 13 17 10 = 56  
Lima Shawnee - 10 7 8 9 = 34

Scorers of the Game:  
Wayne Trace - Claire Sinn 4-5-0-23, Miriam Sinn 1-0-0-2, Sadie Sinn 5-0-2-12, Kaylee Shepherd 3-0-0-6, Gracie Gudakunst 0-2-2-8, Lily Sinn 0-0-1-1, Brooke Sinn 2-0-0-4, Totals 15-7-5-56.

Lima Shawnee - Alissa Stahler 5-1-0-13, Tessa Jordan 2-0-1-5, Kerri Roberson 0-1-0-3, Trinity Gearing 0-0-3-3, Eliyana Floyd 1-2-0-8, Ijah Austin 1-0-0-2, Totals 9-4-4-34.

Wayne Trace improves to 8-2 while Lima Shawnee falls to 7-6.

Junior Varsity Score - Wayne Trace 47, Lima Shawnee 31

## ANTWERP FRESHMAN AND JV VS LIBERTY CENTER

Saturday, January 6, Antwerp Boys basketball hosted Liberty Center at home where Freshman won and JV lost for only the second time this year.

JV final score was 38-43, moving to 6-2 on the season.

Scoring for the Archers were Austin Lichty with 12, Keaton Altimus with 8, Jake Eaken with 6, Austin Chirgwin with 4, Jacob Savina, Divine East and Boston Dunderman with 2 each and Brett Fulk and Blake Schuette with 1 each.

The Freshman won with a score of 49-34. They move to 6-0 on the season. Scoring for the Archers were Austin Lichty and Owen Sheedy with 13 each, Jordan Buerkle with 8, Dylan Hines with 6, Eric Thornell with 5 and Hunter Grant with 4.

After what seemed like an eternity, the Antwerp 8th grade boys got to take the court in Aces territory on January 11th. It felt like an early spring outside, and it was even hotter in the gym. The young lads from Antwerp were hungry and the Hicksville group was forced to deal with it.

Antwerp led at each break. They were up 28-4 at halftime and the final score read 54-8. "We put together one heck of a ballgame defensively against a solid Hicksville team, said Coach Landers. That led to offensive opportunities for us."

Leading the way for the Archers in the score book were Luke Krouse with 17, Jagger Landers-12, Hunter Sproles-8, Luke McDorman-5, Tucker Franklin & Mason Steel each with 3, and Kaden Phares, Kaden Miller & Kaden Recker each with 2 points to complete the 54 points.

The Antwerp Jr High Boys will entertain the Edgerton Bulldogs Tuesday January 16th at home at 5:00.

## LADY PANTHERS COME UP SHORT AGAINST BLUE JAYS, MUSTANGS

The Paulding girls basketball team competed in both games last week but came up short in losses to Delphos St. John's and Allen East.

On Tuesday, Delphos St. John's led at every stop as the Blue Jays recorded a 60-40 victory over the Panthers.

The Blue Jays held a slim 13-10 advantage after eight minutes of action and still led by three at halftime with a 25-22 lead.

However, Delphos St. John's broke the game open in the third quarter by scoring 18 points compared to Paulding's 11 in pushing the margin to 43-33.

The Lady Panthers were led by Briana Townley with a dozen points and Cassidy Posey recorded ten. Audrey Manz (eight), Sadie Estle (five), Kaylen Hale (three) and Jalynn Parrett (two) picked up the other Paulding points.

Townley had eight rebounds for Paulding while Posey picked up seven boards. Manz and Sydney McCullough each grabbed five rebounds for the maroon and white as well.

McCullough also dished out three assists and recorded three steals.

In Northwest Conference action, the Panthers led 13-9 after one quarter and widened the margin to 31-21 at halftime. Paulding took a 43-28 advantage into the fourth period but Allen East rallied, outscoring the Panthers 26-8 in the final eight minutes to rally for a 54-51 victory.

Briana Townley had 18 points to pace the Panthers in the contest with Audrey Manz adding 15 points. Cassidy Posey chipped in eight markers followed by Sydney McCullough (seven), Kaylen Hale (two) and Sadie Estle (one).

Ally Richardson led the Mustangs with 18 points and Kate Newland pitched in ten for Allen East.

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## RAIDER WRESTLERS IMPROVE

"After a somewhat disappointing showing in Defiance last week at the Tri State Border Wars tournament, it was imperative that we improve as a team," stated Clemens. The Raider's Hunter Showalter and Tyler Bauer were the only wrestlers to reach the podium in the 43-team tourney last weekend.

Missing three wrestlers from the lineup, the Raiders

were able to improve at the Troy Invitational placing 10 individual wrestlers and capturing fourth place as a team. They were able to add valuable bonus points by capturing 24 pins to help offset the missing wrestlers.

All wrestlers would finish a match with a pin, led by Hunter Showalter's four pins. Gabe Sutton, Kameron Bevis, Nate Showalter, and Noah Reel would all notch three wins with pins on the day.

H. Showalter would be

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**SLIGHT RESIDENTIAL RATE ADJUSTMENT TO HAPPEN MARCH 2018 FOR PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC MEMBERS**

Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative (PPEC) residential members will see a slight increase of around \$3 a month beginning in March 2018. The electric co-op hasn't had an increase in over 4 years, but recently underwent a cost of service study which indicated the small increase was necessary.

"The PPEC trustees, and employees work hard to deliver electric power that is reliable, safe and cost-competitive with our neighboring utilities. Be assured that we are working to keep your rates competitive, while still working to replace aging facilities, increase efficiency and improve our service reliability. This slight rate adjustment will assist in those efforts," stated George Carter, President and CEO of PPEC.

Over the last several years, PPEC has invested in rebuilding its electric plant by rebuilding substations, replacing old wires and in-

creasing maintenance and tree cutting. This is all in an effort to minimize customer outage time.

Carter added, "To me an electric company has just one main measurement - is the power on, do I have good service reliability? If your power isn't on, then little else matters! We don't take this rate adjustment lightly and have done everything possible to minimize its impact on you, our member-owners, but our main objective is to keep the lights on and, in order, to do that we must invest in our infrastructure."

Commercial and industrial rates will also see an adjustment. The monthly bill will vary depending on the usage and demand charge.

For members wanting more info on the rate adjustment, you can find all the information posted at [www.PPEC.coop](http://www.PPEC.coop). Members can also work at conserving energy to shave off the extra \$3 they will incur beginning in March. You may also contact us via phone at 1-800-686-2357. For a list of rates and changes, please visit our website at [www.PPEC.coop](http://www.PPEC.coop).

**WHAT IS A SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT?**



**By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist**

How much do you know about the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) or SWCD's in general? Do you know the services we offer or our mission? After reading the articles that we publish, it only makes sense to give a little background on who we are and what we do to serve the residents of Paulding County.

Let's start with some basic facts of how SWCD's came to be. Every County in Ohio has a Soil and Water Conservation District, which is a political subdivision of the State of Ohio. In response to conservation concerns raised because of the 1930's dust-bowl, SWCD's were formed in the late 1940's to complement a federal government agency, the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Both local and federal agencies worked together to encourage farmers and landowners to employ practices on the land for the conservation of soil and wa-

ter resources. Today, SWCD's share the common goal of conservation of natural resources on urban and rural lands.

Each SWCD is governed by a five-member board of supervisors which is comprised of landowners in Paulding County that meet monthly to conduct business of the district. This board has the responsibility of the development and implementation of all short and long-term goals for the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) including the protection and conservation of the natural resources of Paulding County and Ohio. Supervisors serve terms of three years and at least one supervisor is up for election each year. Elections take place at the annual meeting of the Paulding SWCD which is typically held in November.

Our office works closely in cooperation with the Paulding County Commissioners who provide support to the Paulding SWCD in our conservation mission. We work with rural homeowners, homeowners living in town, and producers just to name a few. Current staff for the Paulding SWCD include: District Program Administrator Deb Hubbard, District Technician Daniel Foust, Education Specialist Patrick Troyer, and Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB) Nutrient Specialist Manuel Lay. The Ditch Maintenance Department comprises of Supervisor Ryan Mapes and Technician Sam Smith.

All local government grants from the Paulding County Commissioners or local villages/townships are matched by the State of Ohio nearly dollar to dollar to support SWCD operations, conservation programs, and resource management initiatives. SWCD's work closely with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and are now under Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) Division of Soil and Water Conservation. With these resources, the SWCD is a vehicle for bringing local governments and residents together to address natural resource conservation challenges in urban and rural settings.

The Paulding SWCD seeks to serve the residents of Paulding County in the areas of technical assistance, conservation education, manure management, equipment rental, and serving as local eyes and ears "boots on the ground". In terms of education, we offer school programs, adult programs, tree/fish sales, education models for teachers, conferences such as the Black Swamp Educator's Extravaganza or Woodland & Wildlife Festi-

val (held with other SWCD's), 5th Grade Field Day, as well as newspaper articles to name a few. Our technical programs include cost share programs for nutrient placement, cover crops, or soil testing. The technician also assists with drainage projects, manure storage structures, heavy use pads, equipment rental, and much more. Our Nutrient Management Specialist serves as a resource to producers and homeowners who have questions or concerns on manure management, hauling, stockpiling, and application.

All Soil & Water Conservation Districts have their one characteristic that make them unique meaning no one district is the same from another, even in neighboring counties. Several things add to the uniqueness of our office such as maintaining the Black Swamp Nature Center building and park and housing the Ditch Maintenance Department. The SWCD and Ditch Maintenance Department work closely with one another when it comes to drainage projects, surveying, and much more.

The Paulding SWCD is entrusted with the maintenance and upkeep of the Black Swamp Nature Center for the enjoyment of the public. Our office is continually making improvements to the trails keeping the clear for you to enjoy a nice walk, working with groups such as the Boy Scouts to provide picnic tables and benches to rest on, and installing mulch or stone on the trails as well. If you have not ventured out to the nature center yet, be sure to take some time and do so! Need some space for your next event, the Black Swamp Nature Center is available for rent, contact us for details!

Would you like to know more about us? Head on over to our website [www.pauldingswcd.org](http://www.pauldingswcd.org), visit us at 900 Fairground Drive in Paulding, visit our Facebook page, or give us a call at 419-399-4771. We look forward to speaking with you and working with you!

**USDA ANNOUNCES PROPOSED RULE TO AMEND EGG PRODUCTS INSPECTION REGULATIONS**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced a critical step forward in making egg products safer for Americans to eat. FSIS is proposing to amend the egg products inspection regulations by requiring official plants that process egg products to develop Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) systems and Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures (Sanitation SOPs) and to meet other sanitation requirements consistent with the meat and poultry regulations. FSIS is proposing that official plants will be required to produce egg products in such a way that the finished product is free of detectable pathogens. The regulatory amendment also uses agency's resources more efficiently and removes unnecessary regulatory obstacles to innovation.

FSIS is proposing to eliminate those current regulatory provisions not consistent with that of the meat and poultry regulations. The proposed rule aims to modernize food safety inspection sys-

**SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

General Code, Section 11681  
Revised Code, Section 2329.26

**THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:**

**FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**JASON T. MacDONALD, ET AL., Defendants,**

Case No. CI 17 104.

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 8th day of February, 2018 at 10:10, the real estate located at:

**13153 Road 126,  
Paulding, Ohio 45879  
Parcel Number: 20-18B-016-00**

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

Said premises appraised at Fifty-seven Thousand and No/100 (\$57,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second sale will be held on the 15th day of February, 2018 at 10:10. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING - PAULDING COUNTY  
PY 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM  
PY 2018 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME)  
PY18 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
OHIO HOUSING TRUST FUND (OHTF)**

Paulding County intends to apply to the Ohio Department Services Agency (ODSA) for funding under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. CDBG & HOME are federally funded programs administered by ODSA, Office of Community Development (OCD). The ODSA also administers the state funded Ohio Housing Trust Fund (OHTF). The County may be eligible for approximately \$4 million of program year 2017 CDBG/HOME/OHTF funding, providing the County meets applicable program requirements. The programs available to Paulding County are outlined in the State of Ohio Consolidated Plan and will be presented at the Public Hearing.

This first of two public hearings will be held on **Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Paulding County Commissioners Office located at 115 North Williams Street Paulding, Ohio 45879. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide citizens with pertinent information about the programs available and program requirements. A broad range of activities can be funded through the programs, including: housing rehabilitation, home ownership assistance, economic development, downtown revitalization, water and sewer facilities, flood and drainage facilities, streets and sidewalks, senior centers, parks, and demolition of unsafe structures. Projects must be designed to primarily benefit low-to-moderate income persons, aid in the prevention of slums or blight, or meet an urgent need in the community.

The following CDBG/HOME/OHTF programs were available to Paulding in PY 2017. It is anticipated similar funding may be available in PY 2018, pending all application requirements are met:

| PROGRAM   | FUNDS                    |
|---|--------------------------|
| *Community Development Block Grant Program  |                          |
| - Allocation Program  | \$150,000                |
| - Community Development Critical Infrastructure   | \$300,000                |
| *Community Development Block Grant Competitive Setasides Program  |                          |
| - Downtown Revitalization Program   | \$300,000                |
| - Neighborhood Revitalization Program   | \$500,000                |
| *Economic Development Program   |                          |
| - Loan Program  | \$500,000 max/project    |
| - Public Infrastructure Grants  | \$500,000                |
| - Residential Public Infrastructure Grant Program (RPIG)  | \$600,000/\$100,000 min. |
| *Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP)   | \$1,300,000              |
| - with Defiance County, Paulding County, and the City of Defiance through Maumee Valley South CHIP Consortium |                          |
| *Homeless & Supportive Housing Programs   |                          |
| - Housing Development Assistance Program (HDAP)   | \$4,000,000 statewide    |
| - Homeless Assistance Grant Program   | \$100,000                |
| - Housing Assistance Grant Program  | \$500,000                |
| *Targets of Opportunity Program   | \$1,000,000 statewide    |
| *New Horizons Fair Housing Assistance Program   | \$50,000                 |
| *General Program Income   | \$200,000                |

The primary focus of this First Public Hearing is to give an overview of the above-listed programs. A second public hearing will be held at a future announced date prior to the submittal by the County of specific grant applications. Citizens are encouraged to attend this meeting on **Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** to provide input on the County program.

If a participant will need auxiliary aids (interpreter, Braille or taped material, listening device, other) due to a disability, please contact Maumee Valley Planning Organization prior to **Wednesday, January 31st** at 419-784-3882 in order to insure that your needs will be accommodated. The Paulding County Community Office Annex is handicapped accessible.





Oakwood Elementary held their annual Spelling Bee on Friday, January 5th. After several rounds of competition, Jamy Hunt correctly spelled "barrette" to be this year's Spelling Bee Champion! She will com-

pete in the Paulding County Spelling Bee at Antwerp on February 6th. Royce Cooper and Victoria Quiroz are the Spelling Bee Runners Up! Congratulations Jamy, Royce, and Victoria!

**HOW DOES WINTER AFFECT WILDLIFE?**

As winter begins drifting into the Ohio Valley, people are pulling on parkas, adding extra blankets to their beds, and building cozy fires to keep away the cold. But what about wildlife? How do they survive the cold months of winter? Over time, wildlife have adapted and learned to cope with the climatic changes they face in their habitats. Some animals hibernate and some migrate, while others stay put, growing thick coats

and consuming extra food to keep them warm according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

Hibernation is one of the most intriguing methods animals use to survive cold weather. When an animal hibernates, its heart rate, body temperature and other life processes slow down, putting them into a kind of a "deep sleep."

Groundhogs, also known as woodchucks, are one of Ohio's true hibernators, said Geoff Westerfield, wildlife biologist with the ODNR Division of Wildlife.

"Groundhogs hibernate nearly the entire winter," Westerfield said. "They won't reemerge until the first few weeks of February, when some signs of spring begin to show."

During a groundhog's hibernation - which lasts an average of five months - its body temperature lowers by almost half and its heart slows down from 160 to four beats per minute.

When outside temperatures drop dangerously low, skunks, raccoons, chipmunks, and opossums are known to go into a temporary hibernation. During those frigid periods, they seek shelter in trees, logs, beneath rocks or underground where they "hole up" and sleep for about five days until the weather breaks.

Many migrating birds fly thousands of miles away from Ohio, seeking warmer climates and nutrient-rich habitats. Other flying creatures - such as the Indiana and little brown bat - not only migrate, they hibernate too. Roosting inside dark, comfy caves, these bats often ride out winter in southern Ohio or just south of the Buckeye State border.

Frogs, snakes, turtles and most other cold-blooded animals crawl into holes or burrows where they remain inactive all winter. Some snakes gather family-style in the same den and weave together in a "ball" to help insulate themselves.

Whether hibernating or staying active, body fat is an important factor in an animal's winter survival. In the fall, birds and mammals eat extra food so that when supplies are scarce, their bodies can draw energy from fat reserves.

Watching wildlife scurrying along the ice and snow can tug at the human heart strings. Many people think feeding these wild creatures is humane, but wildlife experts urge well-meaning people to think about their actions before feeding any wildlife.

"Feeding wildlife should be conducted in a manner where wild animals will not make a direct connection between food and humans. Clean, well-maintained bird feeders are a good example of how to enjoy the presence of wildlife, but also how to avoid that direct connection. Once a wild animal loses its natural fear of humans, it can become habituated which is bad for the animal as well as for people," Westerfield said. He also explained that the unnatural gathering of many species to one food source can promote the spread of disease and often the foods provided do not meet the nutritional needs the animals require. For example, feeding bread to ducks

and geese is terrible for their digestion and can potentially be fatal for them.

Animals will also switch their diets based on the foods available to them. For non-migratory birds such as cardinals and some robins, with their warm season diet of insects, worms and other invertebrates no longer available, they switch to a winter diet of seeds and fruit. Westerfield suggests an alternative to placing food outside for wildlife and instead being mindful of what is planted on a landowner's property. Incorporating a variety of plants, shrubs, and trees can provide a assortment of food resources for wildlife including species that provide food into the winter months. Crabapples, wild berries, and other plants that produce seeds late in fall are great choices. It is also important to provide wildlife with shelter. Native species of evergreen trees and shrubs give animals protection from wind and rain and these plant species can sustain in Ohio's climate.

If you own a larger parcel of land in the country, brush piles and thick patches of briars provide excellent winter cover for songbirds, cottontail rabbits, and other small animals. Planting food patches of corn, sorghum and millet give numerous wild animals a good source of energy to maintain their body heat in cold weather conditions.

Come spring time, don't expect the deer you fed all winter to find greener pastures. By then, they will have become accustomed to the free meal and think it's perfectly acceptable munching on your garden of delicate spring flowers and tender vegetables.

Beware of feeding Canada geese in your yard or local park. They might decide to take up permanent residence, making a mess of the grass next summer.

Furthermore, don't forget about the importance of fresh, clean water for wildlife to consume and in which birds can bathe. A simple, heated bird bath can provide an excellent source of water that is otherwise tough for wild creatures to find in frigid temperatures.

For more information on wildlife in Ohio, visit wildohio.gov

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**THE WEST BEND NEWS**  
**Sudoku Puzzle**

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

**HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES FALL SEMESTER DEAN'S LIST**

Heidelberg University has announced the names of 369 students named to the fall semester dean's list.

**Defiance, Ohio**  
 Madison Flory, sophomore, Biology and Music  
 Ethan Gallant, freshman, Music  
 Rachel Gerken, freshman, Education

According to Provost Dr. Beth Schwartz, to be named

to the dean's list, students must be enrolled fulltime and meet academic criteria set forth by the university.

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

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1  
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO  
In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER  
PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
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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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 Court-house.

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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### LATTA ANNOUNCES MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) has announced his nominations from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District for consideration for acceptance into the United States Air Force, Merchant Marine, Military, and Naval Academies as part of the Class of 2022:  
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Daniel Walton, Perrysburg, Perrysburg High School  
Stone Zimmerman, Haskins, Otsego High School  
U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland  
Luke Beach, Haskins, Otsego High School  
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Ian Donahue, Sylvania, Northview High School  
Michael Dudash, Findlay, Findlay High School  
Annika Gerlach, Nevada, Bucyrus Wynford High School, Naval Academy Preparatory School  
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# PAULDING FFA AG COMMUNICATION TEAM IS HEADED TO STATE



Pictured L to R The Agriculture Communication team made up of Sydney Reineck, Shannon Hale, Kalyn Strahley and Jennifer Stahl.

Last week, the Paulding FFA Agriculture Communication team competed at the district level contest at Mohawk. The team is made up of freshman Sydney Reineck, Sophomore Shannon Hale and Juniors Kalyn Strahley and Jennifer Stahl. The Ag communication contest is made up of many different parts. Each student had to take the state online test covering their knowledge of APA stylebook and editing marks. The team placed 4th in the state out of 22 teams on

the test. Top finishers for the team on the test were Kalyn Strahley placing 3rd and Sydney Reineck placing 10th. The team had to create a presentation and media plan about an agriculture producer. The team choose to highlight women in agriculture for their topic this year. The team created a 15 page media plan on how they would promote and market an open house focusing on women in agriculture. During the contest the team took another test to find errors in an article and make

needed corrections. Also they presented their women in agriculture slideshow and media plan and answered a variety of different questions about their topic. They team placed 1st in the district contest at Mohawk. The team will advance onto the state contest on February 10th in Columbus. Great job to this group of FFA members on their hard work and dedication to advance onto the State contest. The Paulding FFA is very proud of this accomplishment.

## NEW HAVEN COUNCIL PRESIDENT STEVE MCMICHAEL TO HOST OPEN HOUSE SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT ON CITY IMPROVEMENTS

New Haven, Indiana - City Council President and Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board, Steve McMichael, will host an Open House event called "I Love New Haven" at the New Haven Community Center located at 7500 S.R. 930 East in Fort Wayne (behind McDonald's). McMichael is seeking input from residents on making improvements throughout the city.

The first project will be improving Christmas decorations for the downtown area and how to fund this project. This kickoff meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the New Haven Community Center.

Steve McMichael said, "The Chamber of Commerce and local business district is proud to support the New Haven Community Center. These types of projects benefit the entire community and now we are asking residents to offer their ideas, comments and suggestions on ways to make our wonderful city even better." McMichael also said, "There are ways for residents to get involved, and gathering input is the best way to make things happen."

Mayor McDonald said, "I am pleased the public was able to support the Community Center that has become a gathering place for residents. New Haven has a reason to be proud - this newly renovated facility is the new crown jewel in New Haven and offers a new kindred spirit. With all the Community Center now has to offer our citizens, this public input meeting is another way for residents to get

involved."

For more information, contact Steve McMichael at (260) 602-6606 or Deb-Anne Smith at the New Haven Mayor's Office at 748-7072.

## 13th ANNUAL CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA

Chocolate lovers take note! The much anticipated annual event is scheduled for March 13 and March 15 and tickets are now available at the Cooper Community Library, branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library, in Oakwood. Denim & Diamonds is the theme chosen for this year and there are just a few changes in the works. One difference will be table décor. This year each member of the Event Planners will be doing a centerpiece. There have been elaborate hall decorations in the past, but this year the focus will be on each of the tables and the presentation.

There will still be a minimum of thirty chocolate servings offered, drinks, prizes, and lots of fun!

All proceeds help to maintain the branch library in Oakwood. Call 419 594-3337 to reserve.

## USDA ANNOUNCES NATIONAL PEANUT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue appointed five members and six alternates to serve on the National Peanut Board. The appointees will serve three-year terms beginning January 1, 2018, and ending December 31, 2020. One appointee will serve the remaining one-year portion of a vacancy.

**Newly appointed members are:**

Tom Corcoran, Eufaula, Ala.; William T. Carte, Live Oak, FL; Paul Rogers, Wake-

field, VA.

**Newly appointed alternates are:**

Thomas Adams, Newville, Ala.; Jeremy Rolling, Westville, FL; Westley B. Drake, Newsoms, VA; Jeff Roper, Lubbock, TX (1-year term)

**Reappointed members are:**

Joe H. Morgan, Hattiesburg, MS; Dan Ward, Clarkton, NC

**Reappointed alternates are:**

Lonnie Fortner, Port Gibson, MS; Raymond P. Garner Jr., Roanoke Rapids, NC

"Research and consumer education are keys to growing the \$1 billion peanut industry in America," said Perdue. "Both the new and continuing members of the board bring great insight to this work from their many years of experience helping America's 7,000 peanut-farming families improve production practices and continue to produce the world's highest-quality peanut product for

people around the globe."

The board is composed of 12 producer members and their alternates. Eleven members and alternates are from the primary peanut producing states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia. An at-large member and alternate represent the minor peanut producing states.

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

More information about the National Peanut Board, including a roster of members, is available on the National Peanut Board page of the AMS website and at the National Peanut Board website.

## FRIENDS OF THE PAULDING CHAMBER INVITE PUBLIC TO DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION EVENT

**What's new in Paulding? A lot.**

The Friends of the Paulding Chamber organization has been working with Heritage Ohio, the non-profit organization, which is a designated partner of the national Main Street program, to look into ways the village can revitalize its downtown area.

While awaiting the recommendations of the committee that visited Paulding in early January, the chamber hopes to ride the wave of excitement generated by the well-attended public meeting held during the Main Street group's official visit by hosting a Friday 2 Friday event at the Paulding Eagles Lodge, 206 West Perry Street, on Friday, February 9 at 6 p.m.

Besides providing food and fellowship, the chamber hopes to accomplish several goals at this event. One is to come up with a "Doing Business As" name for the group that not only focuses

on downtown revitalization, but also encompasses the other events sponsored by the Friends of the Chamber including the Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival, John Paulding Days, the Summer Concert Series in the Herb Monroe Community Park, the Merry and Bright Christmas Celebration, as well as the Shop the Square and Friday 2 Friday events.

Name ideas can be submitted in three ways: by email to pauldingchamber@gmail.com; by mail to the Paulding Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 237, Paulding, OH 45879; or in person at 220 North Main Street in the lower level of the State Bank. The chosen name will be announced at the Eagles on February 9. Submissions are due by Friday, February 2. A prize will be awarded to the winner.

Another goal of the February 9 event is to kick-off a membership drive for the group and to inform the public about other ways to help with the revitalization efforts.

Chamber of Commerce Director Mikayla Pieper stresses that there are many ways to give back to the community and not all of them are financial. "Anyone can give just an hour of their time to help spruce up a building downtown, or to volunteer at an event. Downtown revitalization needs to be a community effort, because we will all benefit from a vibrant downtown," says Pieper. "Get involved in the solution, and later you can look back and say you had a hand in helping our downtown become alive again."

Dave Burtch, the chairman of the downtown revitalization committee adds, "For revitalization to work most effectively, this needs to be a community wide grass roots effort. We can't wait for someone else to fix things. The community needs to take ownership and everyone pitch in, not only contributing our time, but also by supporting our existing local vendors—shop Paulding!"

## WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL OFFERS FULL-DAY PRESCHOOL OPTIONS

Big and exciting changes are being made to the preschool program at Woodburn Lutheran School! WLS will offer full-day options for preschool students in the 2018-2019 school year. The basic structure of the preschool classes will remain but parents will have the added option for their child to stay through the end of the regular school day to attend an afternoon enrichment program on days when the selected preschool class is in session. Please contact WLS for more information about our preschool program.

Woodburn Lutheran School is now enrolling students in preschool through 8th grade for the 2018-2019 school year. Please contact our enrollment manager at 260-632-5493 or [stephanie.graber@wlsedu.org](mailto:stephanie.graber@wlsedu.org) to schedule a tour or to find out more about Woodburn Lutheran School.

## PSWCD SET THEIR MEETINGS

The Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors have set their regular monthly meetings for the 2nd Wednesday of each month to start at 8:00 a.m., to be held at the Soil & Water Conservation District office in Parc Lane Center at 900 Fairground Drive, unless otherwise noted. Changes to the schedule or Special meetings will be posted 24 hours in advance at the County Court House door, at the office of the Paulding SWCD, on the official Facebook page, and the website [www.pauldingswcd.org](http://www.pauldingswcd.org). Please contact the SWCD office at 419-399-4771 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) for meeting information.

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