

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL LOOKS TO EXPAND IN ANTWERP



The Community Memorial Hospital based in Hicksville, Ohio is looking to expand its operations in Antwerp. CMH currently has an office across

from The Root Beer Stand known as the Antwerp Family Medical Center with Dr. Todd Wiley serving as head practitioner.



CMH recently acquired land.

Right now, it looks as if the facility has been out grown and is in very much need of an expansion.

The property previously known as River Street Market

and prior to that was Kam-meyer Market, has been purchased from Tommy Claire who bought the lot after the fire destroyed the building on

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CITY OF NEW HAVEN ROAD CLOSURE

Norland Lane between Moeller Road and Greenmoor Drive in New Haven will be closed Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. until Monday, February 19, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. This closure is for the Community Crossing Project.

OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING



On Friday, January 19, 2018, at 4:52 p.m., deputies were dispatched to 115 North First Street in the Village of Oakwood, Paulding County, for a suicidal man with a gun to his head.

Deputy Sheriff Jared Renollet arrived on scene approximately five minutes after being dispatched. Deputy Renollet encountered Ray J. Osborn, age 47, from Continental, Ohio in a truck with a female standing by the passenger door. Mr. Osborn exited the vehicle and had a pistol to his head. Deputy Renollet gave verbal commands to Mr. Osborn to drop his weapon. During the exchange of orders from Deputy Renollet and Mr. Osborn, Mr. Osborn pointed his weapon toward Deputy Renollet. Deputy Renollet fired three rounds from his duty weapon at Mr. Osborn. No bullets struck the suspect, but did strike the driver's window.

Mr. Osborn put his pistol inside his truck and walked toward the deputy. Noticing the suspect no longer had a weapon; Deputy Renollet holstered his duty weapon and deployed his Taser, as Mr. Osborn continued to not follow commands. Deputy Renollet and his back-up officer were then able to take Mr. Osborn

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VANCE ANNOUNCES PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONER BID



Republican Clint A. Vance filed his petition Wednesday, January 17th at the Paulding County Board of Elections to run for County Commissioner in the May 8th primary. This seat, currently being held by Mark Holtsberry, is set to expire on December 31st. The May primary will include Vance along with any other Republican candidate who meets the February 7th filing deadline.

"I feel now is the right time to run," said Vance, who just finished his four year term on the Paulding School board in 2017, while also serving two years on the Vantage Career Center Board of Education.

"The next generation of leaders are going to need to step up to the plate to help tackle key issues facing the county", Vance explained, while commending the Paulding Chamber of Commerce on their recent hire of

Mikayla Pieper as the new director. Not only will Vance bring a new perspective to the Board of Commissioners; his ability to work with and listen to multiple generations will only help with solving the drug issue, workforce development, and creating opportunities for youth retention.

Vance, who graduated from The Ohio State University in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, says "the experience and knowledge learned while down in Columbus was sec-

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LOCAL SQUADS TAKE PART IN PARKVIEW BASEBALL SERIES

FORT WAYNE - The Parkview Sports Medicine High School Baseball Series released its schedule recently with several local schools taking part in the series of games.

Heritage is the first local school on the docket as the Patriots tangle with South Adams on April 24 at 7:00

p.m.

On Thursday, April 26, Leo will battle New Haven in the 4:30 p.m. contest followed by Antwerp against Edgerton at 7:00 p.m.

Woodlan is the only other area team on the schedule as the Warriors play Southern Wells on Thursday, May 10, with a 4:30 p.m. start time.



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Community Calendar

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
- Nat. School Choice Week @ Promedica Defiance Hosp., 5pm
- Huber Youth Theater Workshop, 9a-12p
- The Fords @ Huber Opera House, 7pm

Tuesday, Jan 30

- Essential Oils 101 @ Cooper Comm. Library 6p.m.
- Make a T-shirt Quilt @ Paulding library, 7pm

Wednesday, Jan 31

- Deadline for Dog Tags

Saturday, Feb 3

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

Tuesday, Feb 6

- PC Spelling Bee @ Antwerp Local School

Saturday, Feb 10

- Dress of Your Dreams @ Huber, 10am - 3pm

Tuesday, Feb 13

- Reminscing Oakwood @ Cooper Community Library, 6-7pm

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OBITUARIES



HICKSVILLE, OH
Cathleen Joy Harris, 89, passed away Saturday, January 13, 2018, at Hickory Creek at Hicksville. Born in Paulding County, Ohio on April 11, 1928 to Orvel and Florence (Manson) Keck, Joy was a homemaker and had been active in many community organizations, including Milan Homemakers, Woodlan Band Parents, and the March of Dimes. She held many leadership positions in the local, county, and state levels of the PTA. She was a 30-year member of the DAR, had volunteered for several years at the Fort Wayne VA, and was also a past member of the Empress Chinchilla Breeder's Cooperative.

Surviving are her daughter, Rita M. Mace of Syracuse; sons, Roger D. (Diana) Harris of Grabbill, Robert L. Harris of Kansas City, MO. and Rex M. Harris of Arlington, TX; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; a sister, Justine Holtsberry of Paulding, OH.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Donald D. Harris; and two brothers, Ray Keck and Roy Keck.

Funeral Ceremony was 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road with calling one hour prior. Calling was also from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Interment in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials to Hickory Creek at Hicksville. To sign the online guest book, go to www.domccombandsons.com.

Good News doesn't just happen. It's made!
Send us your good news and let everyone know of the great things happening in your community

HICKSVILLE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 1/24 - 1/30

1/24 - 10:00 Coffee nad Conversation - Inspire me; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre; 1:00 - 2:30 CSFP Food Commodities Pick Up
1/25 - 10:00 Cards & Games; 12:30 - 1:30 Bingo
1/26 - 10:00 Corn Hole; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre
1/29 - 10:00 Chair exercises; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre
1/30 - 10:00 - 11:00 Bingo; 12:00 Grocery Shop; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 1/24 - 1/30

1/24 - 9:30 Chat with a Cop; 10:00 Cards; 10:00 Crafts; 12:30 Kroger Shop; 1:00 - 2:30 CSFP Food Commodities
1/25 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Band Stretch; 10:00 Zumba; 12:30 Meijer Shop; 12:30 Bingo with Allcaring; 4:00 Yoga
1/26 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Tai Chi; 10:00 Crafts
1/29 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Zumba; 12:30 Bingo with Senior Services; 3:00 Yoga with Sue
1/30 - 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 1/24 - 1/30

1/24 - Chicken noodle soup, roast beef on a pita, bread, waldorf salad, V-8 juice, crackers; Salad bar in Cafe
1/25 - Roast pork, Harvard beets, colesaw, Mandarin oranges, dinner roll
1/26 - Beef & noodles, Fiesta blend vegetables, fruit cocktail, Lima beans, wheat bread, sorbet
1/29 - Beef & cheese taco, refried beans, stewed tomatoes, mango cup
1/30 - Grilled chicken with gravy, mashed potato, Normandy blend, pears, cookie, NCS= Vanilla wafres

ODA ENCOURAGES OHIO-ANS TO RESPOND TO CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE NOW

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) urges Ohio farmers and producers who have not yet done so to respond to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Census of Agriculture. Responses are accepted in the mail and online through February 5.

"The data collected from the Census of Agriculture is critically important as decision makers at all levels work to help agriculture grow in our state and country," said ODA Director David T. Daniels. "Census data impacts nearly every Ohio farmer or producer through a variety of conservation and support programs. The census is important and I hope everyone involved in Ohio's food and agriculture industry does their part."

Census data is used to support rural infrastructure; farm service agency loan programs; natural resources conservation services programs and rural development funds. USDA has improved the online form making responding easier and more convenient than ever. Additionally, federal law requires that all responses are secure and confidential.

"The census is the only source of comprehensive and impartial agricultural data for not only every county in Ohio, but every county in the nation," said Daniels. "I understand some people might have pause sharing the information asked for, but please know the responses to the questions asked are confidential and the aggregated information is critical to shaping the future of agriculture for the next decade."

Taken every five years, the Census of Agriculture is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. Even the smallest plots of land with vegetables, fruit, livestock, equine or food animals are included.

To respond, visit census.usda.gov or mail in your questionnaire. Questions about the census should be directed to USDA at 866-294-8560.

OVERCOMING ISOLATION AND LONELINESS

If you've ever felt lonely, you're not alone. Researchers at the University of Chicago found that nearly half of older adults in America experience some degree of loneliness.

The University of Chicago study is part of Connect2Affect, a collaborative effort spearheaded by AARP Foundation to learn more about isolation and loneliness in older adults and to work toward practical solutions to re-connect older adults to their communities.

One thing the study highlighted that may seem surprising to many is that loneliness and isolation are not the same.

Loneliness and Isolation

Loneliness or subjective isolation denotes how people perceive their experience and whether they feel isolated.

Objective isolation involves quantifiable measurements, such as the size of the person's social network (and the frequency of engagement with it), availability of transportation, and ability to access resources and information.

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The Problem

Together, loneliness and isolation create a growing health epidemic. The health risks of prolonged isolation—in its broadest sense, including both objective isolation and loneliness—are equivalent to smoking 15 cigarettes a day. More than 8 million adults age 50 and older are affected by it.

Why Isolation Happens

Often, there are multiple causes, including poor physical and mental health, poorly designed communities, and major life events such as loss and retirement.

Socioeconomic status stands out as a differentiator between nonlonely and lonely individuals. Lonely older adults are significantly more likely to have an annual household income of less than \$25,000 and assets less than \$10,000, and are more likely overall to be in the lowest income group.

Marital status is another strong indicator of loneliness. Both married and unmarried older adults can be lonely—but the lonely are less likely to be married and more likely to be divorced, separated or widowed. Fourteen percent of married older adults and 30 percent of unmarried older adults fall into the lonely group. While married women are at a higher risk of loneliness than married men, unmarried women are at a lower risk of loneliness than unmarried men. In both cases, those with more support and less strain in their marital relationship are at lower risk of loneliness.

Some Answers

Fortunately, isolation can be overcome. Here are 12 ideas to try:

- Nurture and strengthen existing relationships. Ask people over for coffee, or invite them to join you for a trip to a museum or a movie.
- Schedule a time each day to call a friend or visit someone.
- Meet your neighbors— young or old.
- Use social media such as Facebook to stay in touch with long-distance friends, or write an old-fashioned letter.
- Stay physically active and include group exercise as a fun way to socialize while staying healthy.
- Take a class to learn something new and expand your circle of friends.
- Revisit an old hobby and connect with others who share your interests.
- Volunteer to deepen your sense of purpose and help others.
- Visit a senior or community center to find a wide range of activities and opportunities to meet people.
- Check out faith-based organizations. Many offer outreach to help isolated community members.
- Don't let being a non-driver keep you from staying active. Find out about your transportation options. Many communities have free or low-cost services, and ride-hailing apps are an affordable option for many.
- Get involved in a cause.

Learn More

For further advice about isolation, check out the Connect2Affect website at <http://connect2affect.org/>. The website includes a searchable directory of local resources to help people connect with their communities and a fast, easy self-assessment test to identify isolation risk. For information about AARP Foundation, visit www.aarp-

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."
—Matthew 7:7-8

foundation.org.
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OHIO SENIORS: PROTECT YOURSELF AND THOSE AROUND YOU FROM THE FLU

In response to news that flu activity in Ohio is now widespread, the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Aging urge older Ohioans and their families to be aware of seniors' elevated risk of complications from flu and take steps to prevent its spread.

"For many reasons, older adults are more likely than younger adults to experience the flu and its complications," said Dr. Clint Koenig, Medical Director of the Ohio Department of Health. "The flu can make existing health problems worse and can be particularly dangerous for the 80 percent of older Ohioans who have at least one chronic condition, such as diabetes or heart disease."

"Flu prevention is not just a personal health issue, it is a public health priority," said Beverley Laubert, Interim Director of the Department of Aging. "Older adults and those who spend time with them can do a lot to stave off flu and flu-related complications so that they can continue to grow, thrive and contribute."

Flu is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus. It can cause mild to severe illness and, in some cases, can lead to death. Flu viruses are spread from person to person by coughing and sneezing or through surfaces. Symptoms of the flu may come on quickly and may include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Tips to minimize your risk of getting and spreading the flu:

Get a flu shot. Even though we are already well into the flu season, there is still plenty of time to benefit from a flu shot.

Ask about special high-dose vaccines specifically for older adults. There is plenty of vaccine available across the state.

Maintain good health habits. Get plenty of sleep, manage stress and be as physically active as is appropriate for you. Drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritional foods.

Wash your hands. Scrubbing with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds can kill most of the flu viruses your hands encounter. When you can't wash your hands, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with your hands.

Limit your contact. Avoid contact with people who may be ill with the flu, as well as surfaces they may have touched. Likewise, if you feel you may have the flu, limit the time you spend with others until you are fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of medicine. Call ahead to places like doctor's offices, nursing homes and senior centers to see if they have special visitation restrictions for those who have flu-like symptoms.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue away immediately and wash your hands. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow then wash any affected skin immediately.

If you get the flu, proper care can lessen symptoms and decrease the time you are ill and able to infect others. Stay at home and get plenty of rest. Drink plenty of liquids to replace fluids lost through fever and sweating. Talk to your medical provider about medicines you can take to manage your symptoms and how they may interact with other medicines you take.

Visit www.flu.ohio.gov for information and resources to help you fight the flu.

About ODA - The Ohio Department of Aging works to ensure that our elders are respected as vital members of

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Antwerp Conservation Club
SCHEDULE AND EVENT CHANGES

• January 27th - Wild Game Meat Processing Class at 6:30pm - Open to the Public- We will have several cuts of meat prepared different ways to sample
• Feb 4th - Still Shoot - registration opens at 11, Shoot starts at Noon - Money raised goes to our Scholarship Program

• 2018 memberships are available! \$25 Single, \$30 Family!
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Congratulations to Cody Gaham, a junior in the Criminal Justice program from Parkway. He took first place in the state-wide 2018 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Writing & Multimedia Contest sponsored by the Ohio Civil Rights Commission. Only one winner is selected to receive recognition from each grade level! Cody will be formally recognized and his essay showcased at an award ceremony in Columbus on Feb. 2nd.

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.

BIBLE STUDY

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ
Old Testament prophecy: Prophecy in Deuteronomy 18:15-22

- Who will God raise up from the midst of the Jewish people? This is the prophecy verse.
- Who would this Prophet be like?
- Where is there a similar verse like verse 16 found. Remember when the law was first given, check that chapter.
- Who will put words in this Prophet's mouth?
- Will this Prophet speak what God commands?
- What will happen to a prophet who presumes to speak for God?
- How were the people to

recognize a false prophet?

Prophecy fulfilled in New Testament Acts 3:22-26

• Who spoke to the fathers? This is the prophecy verse.

• What did he tell the people?

• What will happen to those who do not listen to this prophet?

• Who also foretold that prophet was coming?

• Who were these Jews sons of?

• Name a person God made a covenant with.

Answers to Old Testament questions:

- A Prophet (Jesus);
- Moses;
- Exodus chapter 20:18-20;

• God;

• Yes;

• He will be destroyed;

• If what the prophet said did not come to happen; the prophet spoke falsely;

Answers to New Testament questions:

- Moses;
- A prophet
- Utterly destroy them;
- All the prophets foretold of this prophet;

• The prophets;

• Abraham

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

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

*Dear Parson,
My son always wants to argue with me. How can I stop that?*

Arguing, contentions and strife are sin. "The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with." (Proverbs 17:14) "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory: but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." (Philippians 2:3) So – we made a rule in our home: Arguing is not allowed!

It takes at least two to argue. Decide you will not be one of them. Pride is the root cause. "Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom." (Proverbs 13:10) So stay humble and in control – "It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling." (Proverbs 20:3) Anger only stirs up more strife. "An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression." (Proverbs 29:22) "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged." (Colossians 3:21) "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." (Proverbs 15:1)

It should go like this: "Son,

I need your input." – "He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him." (Proverbs 18:13) "You may share everything you want if you do so in a respectful manner, but when you are done, you are done, unless I ask more questions." Then let him share without interruption. When he is finished, thank him and tell him after further checking and prayerful consideration you will let him know of your decision.

If he continues to be argumentative, you either walk away or send him out of your presence. "Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease." (Proverbs 22:10)

If it is not a matter of right or wrong and of no real significance, flip a coin. "The lot causeth contention to cease, and parteth between the mighty." (Proverbs 18:18)

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

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

EIGHTH GRADE

4.0-3.75 (with no grade less than a B-)

*Mia Altimus, *Lydia Brewer, *Nathan Dunstan, *Kate Farr, *Summer Franklin, *Brenna Fulk, *Jaidis Getrost, Nicholas Jones, Luke Krouse, Jagger Landers, *Emerson Litzenberg, *Luke McDorman, *Gaige McMichael, *Faith Nestleroad, Megan O'Donnell, Jared Phillips, Leslie Pollock, Kaden Recker, *Kennadi Recker, *Allison Reinhart, *Kiera Reyes, *Grace Schuette, *Emma Shuherk, *Carson Stoller, *Kennedy Trabel, *Trinity Wieland, Ilse Zijlstra

3.5-3.749 (with no grade less than a C+)

Reece Buerkle, Astiana Coppes, Arizona Fackler, Hailey Grant, Brady Hatlevig, Mark Jordan, Morgan Kniceley, Alexandra Lehman, Zachary Lockhart, Cade Lothamer, Shaelin McCrea, Samantha Rigsby

3.49-3.0 (with no grade less than a C)

Olivia Campbell, Chase Clark, Tucker Franklin, Landon Lee, Trayce Lengacher, Jonathon Meyer, Xander Pedraza, Lauren Schuller, Madison Smith, Hunter Sproles, Mason Steel, Austin Wade, Naomi Yanez

SEVENTH GRADE

4.0-3.67 (with no grade less than a B-)

Zachery Devall, Katryna Fish, *Shaylee Garrett, Isabelle Graham, Hayleigh Jewell, Lydia Krouse, Makenna Lawson, Kyliegh Logan, Madelyn O'Donnell, *Rayni Rister,

A MESSAGE FROM POTACC



Who in the world is POTACC? Another name used for the President of the United States is POTUS. I thought I would have a little fun this week. As of January 1, 2018, I became the new President of the Antwerp Conservation Club (POTACC). Many members have congratulated me on my new position as president. Some have greeted me by playing "Hail to the chief". It's all in fun and I appreciate them for thinking so highly of me.

As the new president, my first order of business is setting the agenda and dates for the upcoming year. 2018 is going to be a much busier than 2017. We are adding some new events, continuing some past events and adding more of our latest new events held at the end of 2017.

On January 27, 2018, we are holding a training class on the safe handling and processing of wild game meats. This class will start at 6:30 pm. We will be serving different cuts of meat prepared in multiple ways. This is a FREE class open to the public. All ages are encouraged to participate.

One of the major new additions is our club being the host club for the Paulding County 4-H Shooting Sports club. Area youth will be utilizing our facilities to hold meetings, practices and competitions. This opportunity

Ethan Sanders, Aerial Snyder, Autumn Zuber

3.669-3.33 (with no grade less than a C+)

Taylor Carr, Gavin Clevinger, Ross Lee, Ethan Lichty, Parker Moore, Ratana Owen, Keersten Peters, Michael Reed, Elijah Reinhart, Hope Roebel, Laura Wolf

3.32-3.0 (with no grade less than a C)

Madison Berenyi, Owen Brinneman, Jerry Davis, Devon Elston, Eric Gonzalez, Brooke Hounshell, Lucas McCartney, Lance McKeever, Levi Miller, Melanie Mills, Kearstyn Pierce, Lyndin Poor, Makenna Smith, Jillian Treece

SIXTH GRADE

4.0-3.67 (with no grade less than a B-)

Carson Altimus, Landon Brewer, *Myranda Brooks, Nathan Dzib, Camden Fuller, *Haley Hammer, *Cohen Hitzeman, *Addyson Hornmann, *Sara Lawhorn, Reid Lichty, Isabelle Litzenberg, Falynn McAlexander, *Aewyn McMichael, *Brooke Molitor, *Hannah Molitor, Macy Nutter, *Emma Saul, *Samantha Sheedy, *Kahlea Shook, *Leila Spyker, *Lucy Wales

3.669-3.33 (with no grade less than a C+)

Isabella Meyer, Taylor Morales, Caydence Shull, Xander Smith, Zane Wolf

3.32-3.0 (with no grade less than a C)

Alexander Buerkle, Syris Gale, Caleb Laker, Maegan Pendergrast, Connor Shippe, Benjamin Savina

is available to all area youth that meet the requirements to join 4-H. To learn more about this, contact the Paulding County 4-H office at Schweinsberg.5@osu.edu

This year we are offering two \$400 scholarships. These are available to area seniors attending local high schools (Antwerp, Fairview, Hicksville, Paulding, Wayne Trace and Woodland) and heading to college. Applications will be available at our website and your guidance offices soon or by contacting me at garyamabis@gmail.com. They must be completed and mailed to the Antwerp Conservation Club by April 15th. We are holding Still Shoots for next few months on the first Sunday of the month at noon to help raise money to support our scholarship program.

I could go on about all our upcoming events for 2018, but that would be a very long article. Keep an eye out for more messages from POTACC. Watch for our ads in the West Bend News. Check out our website antwerpconservationclub.com and our Facebook page to see the latest news and listing of events. One more note, all of our advertised events are open to the public and to all ages. Come out and check out all the things we are doing.

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the premises.

Community Memorial Hospital is planning to build a new structure that can easily house 3 to 4 practicing doctors plus staff. The parking space alone will be a great improvement over the current location as it is very tight right now—inside and out!

The hospital estimates this to be about a \$2 million project.

This new facility will be able to serve the community in a much better way. The timeline is not completed, but optimally it would break ground by the end of the year, but realistically it may be a little longer. CEO Michelle Waggoner was very pleased to announce this new expansion for the Antwerp campus.

The question that has been on everyone's mind has been, "What about Dr. Gray?". With Dr. Gray's contract, he can now practice in northwest Ohio and Antwerp again, but he will not be at this future facility. Dr. Gray plans to return soon to Ohio and is able to practice in Antwerp and the local area once again, but it is doubtful that he will be at this future facility. If all goes well, he will return back to the building he owns on Buffalo Street once Paulding Hospital vacates the premises when their new facility becomes occupied on South Erie Street, which is nearing completion.

As these expansions move forward, Antwerp and the area will be well served with excellent health care!

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THE PENTAGON AND I

By: Stan Jordan
SECURITY

The Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFPA) is the United States government agency composed of sworn federal police officers, the United States Pentagon Police and civilian CBRN technicians, and non-sworn civilian anti-terrorism investigative and physical security personnel, and is responsible for the protection of the Pentagon. The Department of Defense created the PFPA after the September 11, 2001 attacks. The new agency absorbed the Defense Protective Service (DPS) and assumed its role of providing basic law enforcement and security for the Pentagon and Department of Defense sites in the 280 acre (1.1 km²) "Pentagon Reservation" and greater National Capital Region (NCR). PFPA was also charged with providing force protection against the full spectrum of potential threats through robust prevention, preparedness, detection, and response measures. The United States Pentagon Police is the primary federal law enforcement arm of the Pentagon Force Protection Agency.

HALL OF HEROES

Retired U.S. Army major Ed Freeman is inducted into the Hall of Heroes in July 2001, following his receipt of the Medal of Honor for his service in the Vietnam War. The Hall of Heroes original location was in the A Ring, on the second floor.

Located on the Pentagon's main concourse is the Hall of Heroes, a room dedicated to the more than 3,460 recipients of the Medal of Honor, the United States' highest military decoration. There are three different versions of the Medal of Honor: the Army version, the Sea Service version (Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard), and the Air Force version. All three versions are displayed in the Hall of Heroes. Along the walls of the room are the names of each recipient. An

asterisk next to some of the names denotes service members who received two Medals of Honor for two separate acts of bravery. Dots next to other names denote Marines who were under the command of the Army during World War I and received both the Army and Sea Service versions of the Medal of Honor for a single act of bravery. The Hall of Heroes was opened during a Medal of Honor awards ceremony on May 14, 1968. President Lyndon Johnson officiated the ceremony and awarded the Medal of Honor to four servicemen: Specialist 5 Charles C. Hagemeister, U.S. Army; Sergeant Richard A. Pittman, U.S. Marine Corps; Boatswain's Mate 1st Class James E. Williams, U.S. Navy and Captain Gerald O. Young, U.S. Air Force. It was the first time that all four services were represented in a Medal of Honor Ceremony. The medals were awarded in the Pentagon's center courtyard. Upon the ceremony's conclusion, President Johnson ascended a staircase to his rear and cut a red ribbon in front of a door at the top of the stairs providing entrance to the Hall of Heroes. At the time of the dedication, the Hall of Heroes was located on the Pentagon's second floor, A Ring, overlooking the courtyard. As part of the Pentagon's renovation, the Hall of Heroes was moved to its current location on the main concourse.

The Hall of Heroes is also used for promotions, retirements, and other types of award ceremonies.

SERVICES

The Pentagon has over 20 of its own fast food operations, including Subway, McDonald's, Dunkin' Donuts, Panda Express, Starbucks and Sbarro, among others. A multibranded KFC, Pizza Hut, and Taco Bell restaurant opened in 2003, when renovations to the food court were completed. Food services are managed by the Navy Exchange. The Center Courtyard Cafe reopened in the spring of 2008, replacing the "Ground Zero Cafe" snack bar that was previously there.

The Pentagon Athletic Center (PAC), a fitness center for military and civilian staff, opened in 2004 adjacent to the north side of the Pentagon, replacing the Pentagon Officers Athletic Club (POAC) which had operated for 55 years in a structure between Route 110 and the parade grounds. Each year, the Pentagon grounds are a major focus for hosting the

Marine Corps Marathon and the Army Ten-Miler running events.

There is a Meditation and Prayer Room in the Pentagon, which was dedicated on December 14, 1970, by Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird. On September 11, 2002 the Pentagon Memorial Chapel was dedicated.

In conjunction with the 1976 American Bicentennial, the Pentagon began offering guided tours to the general public. Tours were suspended after the September 11, 2001 attacks, but are currently available to the general public with reservations 14-90 days in advance.

THE COMMON MAN

By: Stan Jordan

The other day a friend asked me about William Jennings Bryan called "The Common Man."

Well, after reading about his life, there is a couple of reasons why he would be called "the common man." He was born in Salem (in Marion County), Illinois in March of 1880 and died in July of 1925 in Dayton (Rhea County), Tennessee. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, in Arlington, Virginia.

US Congressman. His career is associated with the "common man", including currency reform and traditional American religion. An 1883 graduate of Chicago's Union College of Law, he would represent Nebraska in the House of Representatives from 1891 to 1895. He ran for President in 1896 on a platform calling for free coinage of silver. This position would be best elucidated at that year's Democratic National Convention, where Bryan would deliver a well-received speech including the admonition: "You will not crucify mankind on a Cross of Gold!" This speech, among others, established Bryan as and outstanding orator. Though he would win the Democratic nomination in 1896, 1900, and 1908, he lost the general elections to Republicans William McKinley and William Howard Taft. When war broke out with Spain in 1898, he raised the Third Regiment of the Nebraska Volunteer Infantry and, while he saw no overseas duty, he was commissioned a Colonel. He was appointed Secretary of State by President Woodrow Wilson in 1913, but resigned in 1915 because of Wilson's increasing antagonism against Germany during World War I. He continued his career as an activist in the Democratic party and the Presbyterian Church. In 1925, Bryan served as associate prosecutor in what came to be known as the "Scopes Monkey Trial" in Dayton, Tennessee. In this case, Bryan argued that John Scopes had violated state law by teaching evolution. Though the prosecution prevailed, defense attorney Clarence Darrow would score a public relations victory for the evolutionist side by calling Bryan as a witness for his biblical knowledge, then pointing out various physical impossibilities associated with what the Bible held to be fact. Bryan would die five days after the trial's conclusion, never being able to deliver the closing statement he had prepared for the case.

You see he was very active

in church and everyday life and had great faith in common people. He also founded a weekly magazine called, "The Commoner" and he also worked for a newspaper in Omaha.

See ya!



RECOGNITION

By: Stan Jordan

The other day, over on channel 21, I saw where a local law firm would give a 10% discount to any United States veteran or some of the local first responders if they need some legal help.

I think that is a fine idea and it was long in coming. I have long since used this column to give thanks and praise to our first responders.

Here in the Tri-state area we have a number of small communities and they all have very good first responders and I'd like to see these people receive the recognition due to them, like maybe a big day once a year so we could meet out heroes. I must admit that I don't know all of them, and I should.

Maybe something like at 12:00 noon on the Chamber's "A Day at the Park" have all available first responders there and introduce them one at a time. No awards or anything like that, just recognition and praise! What do you think?

See ya!

TIME MOVES ON

By: Stan Jordan

This is January 12th and it is not a nice day outside...you know rain, snow and sleet and the school is closed.

I am sitting here at my desk at the West Bend News and looking over the whole area. I have been blessed by having a good memory and a wild imagination. It is my memory about the corner that comes to mind today. Back in the 1970's there was a Sohio station. My son, Gale, was the manager, in between Mr. Tressler and Mike Altic.

At that time, regular gas was about sixty five cents a gallon. Gale had about six or eight high school boys that worked at the station and sold gas. They were good boys and they are parents and grandparents now.

Mark Larimore was one of the boys and he has twenty eight years in at B.F. Goodrich. Jeff Donat was another of them boys and he went on and got a couple of degrees and has a couple of boys up in Wisconsin. John Taylor is a grandfather and lives here in Antwerp and keeps me posted on the wildlife. Chris Walters was another good boy and is still around Antwerp and is very up to date on our wildlife.

Another one of the boys, Kevin Taylor, moved on to be with Champion Seeds in Woodburn, IN and is still there. Stan Underwood was around the station quite a bit, but he is gone now. Time does not stand still. See ya!

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL JANUARY SOM



Paulding High School announce their House Students of the Month for January. They are from left to right: House Palmarium-Sydney Reineck, Excellentia-Dylan Vogel, Triple V-Julia McMaster and Stupendum-Kaitlyn Harris.

MAJOR STUDY: THERAPY DOGS CAN HELP FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH CANCER

Dogs have long been called Mankind's best friend, but a major new scientific study now indicates that a dog may also be a family's best friend in times of their greatest need.

Following seven years of pioneering research, American Humane, the country's first national humane organization, revealed the results of its long-awaited "Canines and Childhood Cancer Study," the first and largest randomized, controlled clinical trial to rigorously measure the effects of animal-assisted therapy (AAT) in the field of pediatric oncology. The results, published in the Journal of Pediatric Oncology Nursing, show that regular visits from a therapy dog can provide significant psychosocial benefits to families of children undergoing treatment for cancer.

The data indicates a range of positive effects: Disease-related worry and anxiety among patients who had regular visits from therapy dogs remained stable, while children in the control group became significantly more worried over the course of the study. Parents in the treatment group reported that their children had significant improvements in school functioning, and data shows improved communication within families as well as between parents and medical staff, which can lead to better medical care, and reductions in their levels of stress, specifically as it relates to their emotional functioning.

In 2010 American Humane researchers, with funding from Zoetis, began the study to rigorously measure

the effects of AAT for children with cancer, their parents, and the therapy dogs who visit them. The study employed a range of physiological and/or psychological measures to assess stress, anxiety, and health-related quality of life among patients and their parents.

"When designing the study, we intentionally sought to establish a rigorous challenge and demonstrate that multi-centered, prospective, placebo-controlled studies are possible in the area of animal-assisted therapy," said J. Michael McFarland, DVM, DABVP, Executive Director, U.S. Companion Animal Marketing at Zoetis. "The Canines and Childhood Cancer Study addressed one of the most difficult challenges in this area—assessing the impact of therapy dogs in helping children suffering from a severe illness. The results give us important insights into the power of the human-animal bond and will inform future research in this area."

American Humane researchers also worked to gauge the effects of such interventions on the therapy dogs, measuring the level of the stress hormone cortisol in the dogs' saliva. The data show that participating therapy dogs showed no signs suggesting the activities caused distress or harmed the welfare of the animals. Funds to study the effects on the therapy dogs were received through a grant from the Human Animal Bond Research Institute (HABRI). These findings are published in Applied Animal Behaviour Science.

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:
1 – Emergency Financial Assistance – Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.

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

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PEVS FIRST GRADERS HOLD A MARKET



Shown at the "Shoe Shine Shop" is Wesley Grindstaff as he gets his shoes shined by Mason Parker.

Mrs. Caroline Arend's first grade students held a market day on Thursday, Jan. 18th in their classroom. They had studied about goods and services and wanted to experience the opportunity to provide goods and services

for others. Mrs. Pam Holtsberry's first grade class was invited over to enjoy the market day and purchase items or services. Each student was given a certain amount of "money" he/she could spend at the market.

"This research project is important because now we have strong evidence that with proper training and handling, the welfare of therapy animals in hospital settings is not adversely impacted," said HABRI Executive Director Steven Feldman. "In addition to these promising findings, it is important for therapy animal organizations, handlers and the health care facilities where they serve to meet high standards of care and welfare for the animals involved."

"This study is an important step forward in identifying and understanding perhaps underused weapons in the war on childhood cancer," said Dr. Robin Ganzert, American Humane's president and CEO. "After years of anecdotal evidence pointing to its effectiveness, we were finally able to examine in a rigorous manner the sci-

entific underpinning of the benefits of animal-assisted therapy on families of children with cancer. We hope this examination will spur further rigorous research and eventually the increased use of this accessible adjunctive therapy providing invaluable help and support to the families of more than 10,000 children diagnosed with cancer each year."

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HALF OF OHIO ADULTS SAY THEY FAVOR NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Half of Ohio adults (50 percent) said they favor and about 4 in 10 Ohio adults (42 percent) said they oppose needle exchange programs, according to the most recent Ohio Health Issues Poll (OHIP).

The survey is sponsored by Interact for Health, an in-

dependent, health-focused foundation that serves 20 counties in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

According to the Institute of Medicine, needle or syringe exchange programs are an effective way to reduce the risk of an outbreak of infectious diseases[1]. A needle exchange program allows people who inject drugs to exchange used syringes for new, sterile syringes. Research has shown that such programs can help reduce the spread of HIV and Hepatitis C and do not increase the frequency or initiation of drug use.

Adults familiar with needle exchanges more likely to favor them

The survey also found that four in 10 Ohio adults reported being somewhat or very familiar with needle exchange programs being implemented in cities across Ohio.

Ohio adults who are familiar with needle exchange programs are more likely to favor them. Six in 10 Ohio adults who are very or somewhat familiar with needle exchange programs favor them (61 percent). This compares with 4 in 10 adults (43 percent) who are not very or not at all familiar with needle exchange programs. Younger adults and those who identify as Democrats are also more likely to favor these programs.

Higher earning adults had more familiarity with needle exchange programs. Adults earning more than 138% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) or \$16,642 for a single person (46 percent) were more than twice as likely as those earning 138% FPG or less (21 percent) to be somewhat or very familiar with needle exchange programs.

"These programs are not new," says Hamilton County Health Commissioner Tim Ingram. "In fact, they're operational in multiple locations throughout Ohio. Equipment exchange is an important component of a comprehensive bloodborne infectious disease prevention program."

In addition to equipment exchange, Hamilton County's program includes education about overdose prevention, communicable disease and injection safety, testing for communicable disease and for pregnancy, vaccination, and referral to treatment programs. It also includes access to naloxone, the overdose-reversing drug.

"Data from the OHIP survey is invaluable to understanding how information about programs has spread through Ohio," says O'dell Moreno Owens, M.D., M.P.H., President/CEO, Interact for Health. "It's telling that adults who are more familiar with needle exchange programs are more likely to favor them. This suggests that increased public education could enhance understanding of the benefits of these programs in our communities."

More information about Ohioans' knowledge and opinions of needle exchange programs, and other topics, is available at www.interactforhealth.org/ohio-health-issues-poll.

About the Ohio Health Issues Poll

The 2017 Ohio Health Is-

ssues 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 $\pm 3.4\%$. 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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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



ANOTHER YEAR OF GOVERNMENT EXPANSION

We learned a lot in 2017. We learned that it isn't just the media that is in cahoots with the Democrats, it is also the upper echelons of the intelligence agencies. We learned that a special prosecutor can be appointed without an actual crime being alleged. And we learned that freedom of speech for conservatives has become as verboten on college campuses as agenda-free

history instruction.

But most importantly, we learned beyond a doubt that Republicans in Washington no longer aspire to limit government. In 2016, the last year of President Obama, federal spending totaled \$3.54 trillion. Republicans controlled both houses of Congress and cuts could have been made, but the GOP hid behind a Democratic president.

Outlays for 2017 were \$3.98 trillion, an increase of \$0.44 trillion. It is projected to increase again in 2018 to \$4.09 trillion. None of this falls to President Trump, who did what he could to control spending by renegotiating federal contracts and not filling many federal jobs. But that is a drop in the bucket. The budget and spending are the responsibilities of Congress.

Don't point at the Democrats, either. They never promised fiscal responsibility and no one expects it of them. Their goal has always been to grow government, and they have dropped any pretensions otherwise over the last several years. Although, it was entertaining last year to hear several of them suddenly become deficit hawks when tax cuts were proposed. No, the left is just the left, and the President is just the executive. The larceny against future generations is entirely the crime of congressional Republicans, the ones who promised to get spending under control if only they were given the power to do so.

The GOP brought no serious proposal for cuts in 2017. No memorable public debate. We are now supposed to accept that the downward spiral is unavoidable. Nothing can be changed, not in the face of ever-expanding entitlements. Even as we reach full employment and the problem is finding workers and not jobs, and as the biggest correlation with poverty is obesity, our hands are still tied by the shaming class, we are told.

American exceptionalism has always included the mandate to create a better world for the next generation. Our entitlement culture is creating a bleak future of insurmountable national and student debt. It is no wonder that over half of Millennials identify as Socialists. Not Liberals, mind you, Socialists. Scary, but socialism is the last bastion of hopelessness, after all.

The financial collapse is inevitable at this rate. When it happens, money will lose its value. Those who will be hurt most will be retirees on

a fixed income. Loans will be available only at astronomical rates. The impact will be felt at a local government level as well.

In Ohio this past year, the federal government cut sales tax paid to Managed Care Organizations. The cut in Van Wert County, my small county, was \$300,000. The impact on Franklin County was \$21 million. The federal government helped manage its own books by cutting local government funding across the state, leaving us to find ways to make up the difference. There will be more of this and the breakdown will begin locally.

The Trump tax cuts may or may not increase the deficit. Likely, they will be close to revenue neutral considering the growth induced by the corporate tax cuts. We are taking in record receipts — money coming in is not the problem. Laffer Curve considered, we are probably maxed out on what the federal government can confiscate from its citizens without prematurely inducing the collapse.

Republicans have controlled both chambers of Congress for three years and spending has increased each year. If they lose either of those chambers in 2018, it will not be because of any dissatisfaction with President Trump. It will be because they were elected to do a job that they didn't even attempt — cutting government. Of course, Democrats would be destined to do much worse. It's time to change our Republicans.

Todd Wolfrum is a Republican candidate for Congress in Ohio's Fifth District.

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into custody.

Mr. Osborn was treated and released at a local hospital and then taken to the Paulding County Jail. His charges were not determined by the Prosecutor's Office at the time of this press release.

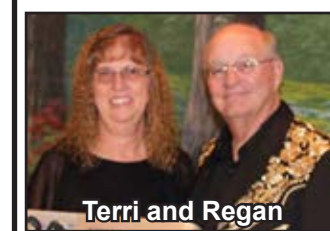
"I am grateful no one was hurt as a result of this incident," said Sheriff Jason K. Landers. "After viewing the scene and reviewing initial statements this could have ended much worse. An internal investigation will be completed to ensure Jared complied with office policy. From what I know right now he did a fantastic job," said Sheriff Landers.

This criminal investigation continues. There is no other information to release at this time.

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PANTHERS RECORD PAIR OF WINS OVER JEFFERSON, PERRY



Paulding Junior Briana Townley blocks the Delphos Jefferson shot. More pictures at westbendnews.net

PAULDING - The Paulding girls basketball teams picked up a pair of wins last week as the Lady Panthers defeated both Delphos Jefferson and Lima Perry.

In Northwest Conference action, Paulding rallied from a bad start to post a 53-51 win over the Lady Wildcats.

Delphos Jefferson jumped in front 9-0 in the contest before settling on a 21-12 advantage after one quarter.

However, it was all Panthers from that point on.

Paulding outscored the Wildcats 18-7 in the second quarter to take a 30-28 half-time advantage and went on to post a 43-38 lead at the end of three periods.

Bri Townley and Cassidy Posey scored 18 and 16 points, respectively, for the maroon and white while Sydney McCullough chipped in 11 markers. Kaylen Hale (four), Asia Arellano (two) and Jaylynn Parrett (two) completed the Paulding scorers.

Delphos Jefferson was paced by Devyn Carder with 15 points while Sarah Miller chipped in eight markers.

Paulding put five girls in double figures on Saturday as the Panthers rolled past Lima Perry 80-23.

Kaylen Hale topped the maroon and white with 14 points while Cassidy Posey chipped in 13 and Jaylynn Parrett had 11. Brianna Townley and Audrey Manz each reached double figures with ten points.

Also scoring for the Panthers were Leigha Egnor 9, Ashlynn Rice 5, Asia Arellano 4 and Sydney McCullough 4. Hale posted 8 rebounds for Paulding with McCullough recording 6 assists and 5 steals.

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LADY RAIDERS STRIKE APACHES HARD!

On Friday night, the day after the boys defeated Fairview at home, the Wayne Trace girls travelled to Sherwood area for the female basketball match-up. The Wayne Trace girls took a strong early defensive hold onto the Apaches, while Claire Sinn started early on the scoreboard. With a 9 point lead going in to the second period, the girls continued their taunts and scores, but Fairview was able to break free from the defense and started to earn more than just a niggardly sum they held from the first, though not enough to remove the deficit accumulated. The half finished at 21-34.

Coming back from the half, both teams exerted more energy and continued along the same path. Gracie Gudakunst, WT senior, continued on with points, but the hot shot was Claire Sinn. Having one of her best nights of her career, she was on fire, racking up 26 points to call her own! Tops in steals was Miriam Sinn from Wayne Trace. On the Apache side of the board Mercedes Wagner had a great night! she was numero uno with 3 steels and added 19 points for her team!

The game finished at 45-64 and the Lady Raiders took home the win.

Score by quarter:
Fairview: 6 15 13 11 = 45
Wayne Trace: 15 19 14 16 = 64

Scorers of the Game:
Fairview — Carly Wendling 5; Kendall Baker 2; Kendra Schroeder 6; Mercedes Wagner 19; Riley Mealer 11; Sami Kime 2.

Wayne Trace — Claire Sinn 26; Miriam Sinn 3; Sadie Sinn 6; Kaylee Shepherd 6; Gracie Gudakunst 13; Brooke Sinn 10.

Wayne Trace is now 10-2 while Fairview is 9-6. Both are doing well in the conference.

Fairview will travel to Ayersville on the 25th and Wayne Trace will host Delphos Jefferson on the 23rd.

2018 ACAC WRESTLING WINNERS



Woodlan's Trevor Wallace takes the top spot in the 182 weight class. More pictures at westbendnews.net

High school wrestlers who are members of the Allen County All Conference met up at the Warrior Gymnasium on Saturday, January 20th for Conference Tournament. Each school — Jay County (JC), Woodlan (W), South Adams (SA), Bluffton (BL), Southern Wells (SW), Adams Central (AC), Heritage (H) — brought their 'A' Game for the morning/afternoon event.

106 — D Racster (2nd), JC, fell to W Miller (1st), SA in 0:57; W Corkwell (3rd), BL, won by t-fall, 15-0 to K Ramsey (4th), SW, 4:59; M Hoot (5th), WD won by forfeit

113 — G Bulteimeier (2nd), fell to M Rupp (1st), SA, 5:16; T Klarer (4th), JC dec 8-2, K Peace (3rd), AC; T Geisel (6th) fell 5:37 to A Martin (5th), H

120 — L Moser (1st), AC, maj dec 11-2, Z Atkins (2nd), JC; N Goodrich (4th), SW, dec 2-1, to D Hernandez (3rd), BL; K Rich (6th), SA, fell 3:25 to M Smith (5th), H

126 — A Hoy (2nd), H, fell 1:27 to C Shaffer (1st), AC; B Wynn (4th), SA, fell 0:43 to S Fugiett (3rd), JC; D Kahn (6th), BL, fell 5:13 to L Snyder (5th), SW

132 — J Perry (1st) SW, dec 12-6, J Perry (2nd), SW; J Ortega (3rd) dec 3-1, I Lietta (4th), JC; C Heintzelman (5th), BL, won by forfeit

138 — W Fiechter (1st), SW dec 6-5, G Schwaller (2nd), AC; J Schricker (3rd), JC dec 7-8OT, A McKibben (4th), SA

145 — Z Mounsey (1st), BL, dec 5-2, G Bustos (2nd),



Trevor Wallace slowly and methodically takes control of Jay County's Mitchel Frasher in the 182 Championship round. More pictures at westbendnews.net

AC; C Beeks (3rd), SW, maj dec 9-0, D Herschberger (4th), W; C Frank (6th) fell 1:38 to G Mann (5th), JC

152 — L Macklin (1st), AC, maj dec 10-0, T Hemmelgarn (2nd), JC; T Andrews (4th), H, fell 4:00 to J Beeks (3rd), SW; D Herschberger (5th), W, dec 9-7, A Sator (6th), SA

160 — J Duncon (2nd), SW fell 1:57 to M Winner (1st) JC; M Hill (3rd) AC dec 12-7, K Coleman (4th) BL; K Dunnick (6th), SA fell 0:16 to A Miller (5th), W

170 — P Bates (1st), AC maj dec 14-4, C Champman (2nd) JC; S Smith (3rd), SW dec 5-0, T Martz (4th), W; C Fry (5th), BL maj dec 11-1, T Herman (6th), SA

182 — T Wallace (1st),

W maj dec 10-2, M Frasher (2nd), JC; C Meeks (4th), SW fell 2:13 to P Faurote (3rd), AC; B Fuhman (6th), H, fell 0:59 to O King (5th), BL

195 — C Shaffer (2nd), SA fell 2:54 to N Lykins (1st) JC; J Keller (4th), W, fell 1:00 to J Berlanga (3rd), AC

220 — C Schuum (1st), AC dec 5-1, I Baumgartner (2nd), SA; Z Cummins (4th), BL fell 0:55 to C Ray (3rd), H; A Martz (6th), W fell 0:15 to L Schmitt (5th) JC

285 — G Hare (1st), JC dec 10-4, A Hughes (2nd) BL; B Schomber (4th), SW fell 2:42 to T Cueller (3rd) SA; D Lotter (5th) AC, dec 3-0 C Riddle (6th) H

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ANTWERP WRESTLING WAUSEON INVITE

The Antwerp junior high wrestling team recently competed in the 20 team Wauseon Invitational on Saturday, January 20, 2018. 3 of the 5 archer wrestlers were able to place in the top 6 of their respective weight classes. Finishing 6th on the day with 1 major decision was 8th grader Caleb Wilson at 150 pounds. Earning a 4th place finish for the tournament with 2 of his 3 wins coming by pin was 7th grader Aiden Provines in the 110-pound weight class. The Archers also crowned 1 champion on the day. 7th grader Eli Reinhart took 1st place at 86 pounds with 1 pin and 1 major decision. This marks the 3rd tournament

this season that Reinhart has earned a 1st place finish.

Meanwhile, the high school squad tested their skills in the always tough Clyde Tournament, with 2 wrestlers earning top 3 honors in their weight classes. Sophomore Randall Mills had 3 pins on the day on his way to a 3rd place finish at 113 pounds. Junior Aidan McAlexander remained un-

defeated for the season by earning 3 pins and 1 technical fall to capture 1st place at 106 pounds. Congratulations to all of the Archer wrestlers for their sacrifice and hard work so far this season. We wish all of them luck as they prepare for the GMC tournament on February 5 at Fairview. Good Luck and GO ARCHERS!!!

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CLOSE MATCH FOR ARCHERS/ACES



Hicksville's Addison Bergman attempts a shot with Antwerp's Ashley Miller and Rachel Williamson blocking. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Lady Aces travelled to the Antwerp home court on Friday, January 19. The program was set up for the veterans by the Ohio High School Athletic Association. They set this date for the schools in Ohio to honor the veterans in their community. Athletic Director, Drew Altimus, scheduled everything with the men and women of the military and the media. The school brought in these honored people in front of the community event to share with all in attendance!

After the ceremony, the game started and Antwerp struggled from the get-go! The girls just couldn't get the ball in the basket, while the Aces kept the whole thing under control when Addison Bergman scored nearly half her points in the first period. Antwerp only scored 1 point by Hope Smith on a foul shot.

The Archers were able to make a massive comeback in the second when the Rachel Williamson sunk 3 - 3-point baskets and a 2 point field goal - all her points for the game. Antwerp sophomore, Heather Oberlin, was fouled several times and hit over 60% of her free throws. Smith was also back at the line with hitting 2 more free throws. On the Aces' side, Antwerp kept their score down to only 12 points. A 3-pointer by Em-

ily Sanders did help! The half ended at 20-21 and now the game was close!

Both teams were on fire to try and win this match. After all ... Hicksville defeated the Antwerp in the route 49 tournament quite easily. Would this game be different? In the third quarter, Antwerp outscored the Aces and put them in the lead to take the game from the Aces.

The fourth quarter closed in under pressure and fouls. Junior, Emily Sanders, hit 2 free throws late in the game to lift the Hicksville Aces to a 41-40 victory over Antwerp in Green Meadows Conference girls basketball action Friday night.

Score by Quarter:

Antwerp: 1 19 16 4 = 40

Hicksville: 9 12 13 7 = 41

Scorers of the Game:

Antwerp — Hope Smith 7; Rachel Williamson 11; Chelsea Johanns 3; Karsyn Brummett 5; Heather Oberlin 14

Hicksville — Emily Sanders 6; Katelyn Bergman 11; Micah Schroeder 5; Samantha Clima 3; Alexis Kerns 2; Addison Bergman 14.

Hicksville is now 10-3 and the Archers drop to 7-6.

The Aces will be hosting Montpelier on January 23. Antwerp will be hosting Continental on the same date.

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Veterans honored at the Antwerp vs Hicksville Girls Basketball game. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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NEW WINTER VOLLEYBALL SEASON BEGINS

The 2018 edition of the MAC Gym winter volleyball league will begin on Sunday. This year youth teams from three counties, in two states, will travel to Antwerp to participate. The MAC Gym offers game opportunities for these girls to work through schedule conflicts and still play off-season volleyball. There will also be junior high and high school divisions offered for individual sign up.

Woodlan Elementary will again send multiple teams with two. They will be joined

this year by Antwerp, Defiance, and Hicksville. Teams play two games weekly and will end the season with a single elimination tournament March 4.

Junior high and high school girls can also sign up as individuals to play. They will be divided into teams to participate in games and to meet new people and make new friends. The Sunday afternoon only schedule allows the girls to play in a relaxed atmosphere and keep a volleyball in their hands during the off season.

All schedules can be found on the MAC Gym website www.macgymohio.com.

LANCERS CRUISE PAST ARCHERS



Luke Brewer pops in a field goal while being guarded in the first half. More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - Lincolnview jumped in front early and cruised to a 56-30 win over Antwerp in non-league boys basketball action Saturday night.

The Lancers led 14-8 at the end of eight minutes of action before opening the game up by taking a 32-13 halftime advantage.

Lincolnview took a 50-26 lead into the fourth quarter.

Caden Ringwald topped the visiting Lancers with 16 points and Ethan Kemler chipped in a dozen mark-

ers. Chayton Overholt added eight markers for the blue and gold followed by Zane Miller (seven), Alek Bowersock (seven), Tristin Miller (four) and Jake Bowersock (two).

Luke Brewer bucketed 11 for Antwerp and Jayvin Landers chipped in eight.

Other scorers for the blue and white were Ty Rebber (four), Blake Schuette (three), Cole Seslar (two) and Jake Ryan (two).

More pictures at westbendnews.net

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING CLUB ARCHBOLD TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The Wayne Trace Wrestling club competed in the Archbold Tournament this past weekend. Placing for the Raiders:

First place: Kamryn Sutton, Second place: Elias Hull, Third place: OKonner Feeney, Tatum Sheets, and Grayson Sutton. Fourth place: Zoey Schnipke and Braxton Schnipke. The club will compete again next weekend at Wauseon.

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING VAN BUREN INVITE

The Wayne Trace varsity wrestling team traveled to the 40th annual Van Buren invitational this past weekend. Wayne Trace finished 11th out of 29 teams. Swanton won the Tournament with 225 points, followed by Gibsonburg 148, Eastwood 129, Ottawa Glandorf 128,

Otsego 127, Elmwood 119, Mohawk 108, Allen East 99, Lakota 89.50, St. MaryCentral Catholic 85.5, and Wayne trace 75.5

The entire team was able to battle there way through Friday night, into Saturday. This was a first for wrestling program. When finals came around only 3 of the boys were still alive, competing in the finals. Gabe Sutton, a freshman weighing in at 106, was defeated by Div 2 State Ranked Jake Manley of Otsego in the third round with a final score was 17-2. Sutton finished the night at 2nd. Tyler Bauer, a junior weighing in at 126, defeated Isaac Hernandez of Ottawa-Glandorf in the 3rd period with a final score of 4-2. Bauer ended the night at 3rd. Hunter Showalter, a senior weighing in at 170, was defeated by Jacob Eremine in the 3rd period with a final score of 5-3. Showalter ended the night placed 6th.

HERITAGE TAKES WIN IN DOUBLE OT



Mitch Mendenhall scores at the foul line for Woodlan just before the first overtime. More pictures at westbendnews.net

A couple weeks ago the competition heated up as the ACAC tournament took place and Heritage won over the Woodlan after the Warriors had defeated them last year in the tournament.

After the loss for Woodlan, they were ready to defeat the Patriots in this last chance effort. The game, however, was very close. Both sides fought tooth and nail for victory. Aaron Hahn was there under the basket getting multiple points for the night. The game went fast until they got to the end of the fourth quarter. Woodlan was ahead, but in the last seconds the Patriots scored to send the game into overtime.

In the first overtime, both teams picked up the pace scoring points and once again the Patriots scored a bucket right at the end to tie the match, sending it into a second OT. Finally, the last overtime both Heritage and

Woodlan let the clock run down and keeping the game tied at 45. With about 2 seconds on the clock the Patriots scored to send their team to victory once again.

Score by Quarter:

Heritage: 9. 11. 11. 10 4 2

Total: 47

Woodlan: 10 12 7 12 4 0

total: 45

Scorers of the Game:

Heritage — Burton 11 Mitchell 2, Tracey 2, Knapke 14, Hudson 12, Beard 6

Woodlan — Aidan Bayman 3, Ben Reidy 2, Trevor Wiedenhoef 3, Ah'Lan Howard 8, Mitch Mendenhall 4, Aaron Hahn 19, Micah Robbins 6.

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FAIRVIEW FALTERS TO RAIDERS REGALIA



Wayne Trace's Adam Stoller scores from under the basket while being guarded. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Fairview boys basketball team travelled to Wayne Trace on Thursday, January 18 for the Green Meadows

Conference game. The game was not a huge scoring match in the first quarter, but wound up pretty well for the home



Fairview's up and coming freshman, Cade Ripke, shoots a 3-pointer for the Apaches! More pictures at westbendnews.net

team at the Palace.

Eli Winn was fast in action on this night and was able to grab the ball several times from the opponents when he stole the ball 5 times. The first half of the game put the Raiders on top 24-10, with the help of both Josh Kuhn and Nate Gerber.

In the second half, the Raiders continued their oppression of the Apaches, only allowing them to score 5 points in each quarter. It was a real struggle even for Fairview top scorer, Cade Ripke, with only 5 points.

The game finished 47 to 20 in this game for the Raiders.

Score by Quarter:

Wayne Trace: 8 16 11 12 = 47

Fairview: 4 6 5 5 = 20

Scorers of the Game:

Wayne Trace — Eli Sinn 12; Josh Kuhn 12; Nate Gerber 15; Adam Stoller 4; Jordan Saylor 4;

Fairview — Shamar Midgett 2; Caleb 2; Cade Polter 2; Chayse Singer 2; Cade Ripke 5; Keenan Jackson 3; Russ Zeedyk 4

The Raiders will be playing at home on the 26th against Holgate while Fairview will be hosting Ayersville on the same night. Wayne Trace boys record is 10-3 and Fairview is 4-9 (after Saturday's games).

More pictures at westbendnews.net

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE PLAYERS ANNUAL MEETING

The Hicksville Village Players held their Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet at their new venue, the former Church of the Nazarene on Antwerp Road, which they share with Youth for Christ. There was a wonderful turnout to share a mouth-watering potluck dinner provided by the Village Players and all the members who attended.

After the dinner, the members voted on awards for the 2017 season. The Village Players did three productions this last year: "Death and Taxes", "12 Angry Jurors", and "The Last-Minute Christmas Pageant". Following is a list of the winners for 2017:

Best Lead Actor—Sean Patterson (12 Angry Jurors)

Best Lead Actress—Rose Doctor (Death & Taxes)

Best Supporting Actor—Dennis Jackson (12 Angry Jurors)

Best Supporting Actress—Christina Adams (12 Angry Jurors)

Best Male Cameo—James Greer (Death & Taxes)

Best Female Cameo—Anna Smalley (Death & Taxes)

Best Newcomer—Dick Hall (Death & Taxes and 12 Angry Jurors)

Best Male Crew—Sean Patterson (Death & Taxes)

Best Female Crew—Mercedes Moncivais (12 Angry Jurors)

Best Set—Death & Taxes

Best Costuming—12 Angry Jurors

Best Tech—12 Angry Jurors

Best Show—12 Angry Jurors

Best Producer—Sean Patterson (12 Angry Jurors)

Best Director---(Tie) Mercedes Moncivais (Death & Taxes) & Dawn Patterson (12 Angry Jurors)

Thespian Award (for those who have gone above and

SYNERGY LEARNING CENTER HONORROLL STUDENTS



SYNERGY Learning Center is proud to announce the members of the 2nd Quarter Honor Roll. They are: Elizabeth Pollock – Paulding, Stephanie Damron – Lincolnview, Makenna Tice – Crestview Nick Damron – Lincolnview, Rachel Irvin – Van

Wert, James West-Lincolnview, Gabrielle Huber – Van Wert, Clayton Brown – Wayne Trace, Haley Capetillo – Van Wert, Owen Denny-Wayne Trace, Chloe Runyon – Van Wert, Carson Deehring – Van Wert, and Tyler Brown – Crestview. These students achieved a

minimum 3.0 GPA for the second quarter in order to qualify. Congratulations students!!!!

Also on the honor roll but absent from photo: America Short, Trisha Hagaman and Justin Roberts

SYNERGY RECEIVES GRANT FROM PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION



SYNERGY Learning Center was recently awarded a \$1,000.00 grant from the Paulding County Area Foundation. These monies will go toward student school supplies, food, and clothing for those in need. Shown accepting the check are SYNERGY students: Front Row: Isaiah Danney-Antwerp, Clayton

Brown-Wayne Trace, Thomas Murphy-Wayne Trace, Nevaeh Yantiss-Paulding, Allison Lawhorn-Wayne Trace, Fernando Gonzalez-Antwerp, Michael Sigman-Antwerp. 2nd Row: Owen Denny-Wayne Trace, Bryson Miller-Antwerp, Derrick Miller-Antwerp, Haley Tracy, Ciarra Owens and Kirsten Lane-Paulding.

3rd Row: Maggie Groh, Elizabeth Pollock-Paulding, Dylan Kline-Wayne Trace, Caleb Tracy-Paulding, Andrea Fletter, Kameron Forrer-Wayne Trace, Barrett Ramsey, Trenton Meeks, Damian Wood-Paulding. SYNERGY would like to give a big shout out to the Paulding County Area Foundation.



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beyond)—(Tie) Dennis Jackson, Mercedes Moncivais, & Dawn Patterson

After the awards were announced, the group elected two new members to the Board. The new members are: Dick Hall and Deano Smalley. We appreciate Jamy Shaffer, who is leaving the Board, for his faithful service to the Board. The Board then elected, from its members, officers for 2018. The new Board is as follows:

President---Peter Greer
Vice-President---Mercedes Moncivais
Secretary---Sean Patterson
Treasurer---Dawn Patterson

Members-at-large---Carol Clark, Dick Hall, Dennis Jackson, Brandy Patterson, Deano Smalley, Melody Stevenson

The Board and members of the Village Players appreciates everyone for the support they received in 2017 and are looking forward to seeing everyone at our productions for 2018. We will have four productions this year: "The Hobbit", directed by Deano & Grant Smalley, on Feb. 23, 24, & 25; "The Monster Within", directed by Mercedes Moncivais, in June; "The Red Velvet Cake

War", directed by Dawn Patterson, in September; and "A Christmas Story", directed by Peter Greer, in December. "The Hobbit" will be presented at the Huber Opera House, while the rest of the produc-

tions will be presented at our new venue. Please check out our Facebook page under "Hicksville Village Players" or this newspaper for updates on our upcoming productions. Come join the fun!!!

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LANGHALS PRESENTS ALT WITH PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION



Tony Langhals (left); Director of SYNERGY Learning Center is shown presenting a plaque of appreciation to Dave Alt (right). Dave served as Assistant Director of SYNERGY Learning Center from August through December, at which time he retired. This school year served as Dave's 45th year in education. SYNERGY Learning Center appreciates Dave for his dedicated service.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Baby boy Noah Macklin Hoge was born January 14th, 2018, weighing 6 lbs 15.2 oz and was 20 inches long.

His parents are Ashley Budd and Devin Hoge of Defiance, OH.

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Grandparents are: John Budd, Continental, OH; Dixie Trowbridge, Antwerp, OH; Michael Hoge, Melrose, OH and Jaqueline Hostettler, Defiance, OH. Great grandparents are: Robina Budd, Continental, OH; John Budd (Deceased) Continental, OH; Betty Hoge, Chester Hoge (Deceased) Continental, OH and Jackie and MacArthur Slayers, Nicksville, VA.

Noah joins siblings: Bobby D. Melton III, Gavin Hoge and Gunner Hoge.

OHSAA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DAN ROSS ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION

Dr. Dan Ross, Executive Director of the Ohio High School Athletic Association since 2004, has announced his resignation, effective September 15. The OHSAA Board of Directors accepted Dr. Ross' resignation letter Thursday at its regularly scheduled January meeting.

Dr. Ross began his duties as the OHSAA's ninth commissioner on Aug. 1, 2004. He has worked in education as a teacher, administrator and official since 1971, spanning a career of 48 years that is not yet finished.

"We would like to thank Dr. Ross for all that he has done for the OHSAA and our member schools," said Paul Powers, president of the OHSAA Board of Directors and athletic administrator at Aurora High School in northeast Ohio. "Dan has done so many great things for high school sports in Ohio and has touched everyone associated with the OHSAA in such a positive way."

Making 'education-based athletics' the pillar of his 14 years at the OHSAA, Dr. Ross plans to continue his passion for education and school sports in other areas. The OHSAA Board of Directors will begin implementing a succession plan and assemble a search committee for the OHSAA's next executive director.

"I have been so blessed to serve our member schools in this capacity for 14 years," Dr. Ross said. "I don't plan to retire from my work of promoting all the positive things that school sports can do for our kids, schools and communities. We'll see what the future holds for me. It's time for me to step aside and allow for new leadership of the OHSAA. I would like to thank our current and former staff members and board members who I have worked with during my time at the OHSAA."

"Dr. Ross has been the perfect person to lead the OHSAA," Powers said. "He is respected by so many groups, such as administrators, coaches, officials, leaders of the other professional educational associations, lawmakers, the media and his fellow executive directors at other state associations. The list goes on and on. Being the head of an organization that enforces rules and regulations and has to make decisions that are not often popular is difficult. But anyone who has ever come in contact with Dan will tell you that he has made them feel special and always followed the motto that is on the pin he often wears on his lapel that says

'children first.'"

Under Dr. Ross' leadership, the OHSAA has added girls and boys bowling, dual team wrestling and girls and boys lacrosse, while also adding additional divisions in girls soccer, girls golf, boys swimming and football. In addition, the OHSAA added events for seated at the state track and field championships beginning in 2013.

In 2011 Dr. Ross began the groundwork for the Competitive Balance initiative in light of a potential split between public and private schools. The Competitive Balance plan was passed by a referendum vote of OHSAA member schools in 2014 and was successfully implemented in 2016.

Dr. Ross has strengthened the OHSAA's partnerships with other educational service organizations by forming advisory committees with the state school boards, superintendents, principals and athletic administrators associations. He saw the OHSAA expand and diversify its Board of Directors and district athletic boards by adding female, ethnic minority and 7th-8th grade representatives. A standard statewide coaches education program was also adopted, which is required for certification.

Since his arrival, the OHSAA has strengthened its brand and awareness by creating the OHSAA Circle of Champions, increasing statewide television coverage of state tournaments, creating the OHSAA Radio Network, upgrading the OHSAA website and adding OHSAA Magazine.

Dr. Ross served on the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Review Committee and chaired the National Federation of State High School Associations' (NFHS) 2008-11 Strategic Planning Committee. He has recently been serving on the NFHS Hall of Fame Screening Committee and the Basketball Rules Committee along with the NFHS Foundation Board of Directors. He is also past president and was a member of the executive committee of the Ohio Association of Local School Superintendents, and, as president of the Avon-Avon Lake Rotary Club, he represented Northeast Ohio on a Rotary International service project

THE WEST BEND NEWS
Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

in Costa Rica. In addition, Dr. Ross was an adjunct professor at Ohio University, Bowling Green State University and Baldwin-Wallace College.

Dr. Ross is a native of Portsmouth, Ohio, and graduated from Columbus St. Charles High School (1967). He holds degrees from Ohio Dominican University (bachelor's, 1971), Xavier University (master's, 1973) and Bowling Green State University (Ph. D., 1983). Among the many positions he held prior to joining the OHSAA was superintendent of the

Patrick Henry Local Schools (1983-86), Pickerington Local Schools (1986-97) and Avon Lake City Schools (1997-04). He was also a registered OHSAA contest official for 20 years in the sports of baseball, basketball and volleyball. He and his wife, Kris, have four grown children and their spouses, and nine grandchildren.

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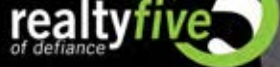
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Payne: Blueberry Pancake House, Lichty's Barber Shop, Payne Super Valu, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza

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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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.
JAYSON BROCK, TRUSTEE, ET
AL.,
Defendants.

Case No. CI 17 078
Whereas, judgment has been rendered
against certain parcels of real property for
taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and
charges as follows:
4355 State Route 111, Paulding
Parcel Number: 18-10S-005-00
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 Two Thou-
sand Seven Hundred Eighty-one and 63/100
(\$2,781.63) 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 Court-
house in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the
15th 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 1st
day of March, 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 EX-
TINGUISHED BY THE SALE, AND PURCHAS-
ERS 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
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tion Report**
Stephen H. Shaw Jr.,
Oakwood, OH; Domestic
violence; Case dismissed;
Without prejudice; Costs to
defendant
Odell Harris, Toledo, OH;
Display plates; Guilty; Case
was waived by defendant
Mark A. McGill, Paul-
ding, OH; F.R.A. suspension;
Defendant appeared in court
without counsel, pled guilty;
Pay or collection 12/21/18;
Warrant and warrant block
recalled

Ashish K. Charurvedi,
Indianapolis, IN; Failure to
control; Guilty; Case was
waived by defendant
Mark A. McGill, Paul-
ding, OH; Possession of drug
instrument; Guilty; Defen-
dant to pay all fines and costs;
Placed on standard proba-
tion; Shall secure a valid op-
erator's license; Complete 10
hours of community service;
Become employed; Report to
probation today
Matthew T. Karia, Mel-
rose, OH; Fictitious registra-
tion; Defendant appeared in
open court without counsel;
Pled no contest, found guilty;
No proof of financial respon-
sibility; Pay or collections
2/23/18

Timothy D. Blackmore,
Paulding, OH; Disorder-
ly conduct; Case dismissed
per state; Without prejudice;
Costs to defendant

Michael W. Sylvester, Fort
Wayne, IN; Failure to control;
Guilty; Case was waived by
defendant

Renada K. Ladd, Convoy,
OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty;
Case was waived by defen-
dant

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

AUGLAIZE TWP
1/16/18 - Fry Travis J Fry
Jessica B to Fry Travis J Fry
Jessica B; 21431 Rd 178 Oak-
wood Oh 45873; 3.116 acres; Pt
Sel 1/4 Sw 1/4 Auglaize Twp S-28
1/16/18 - Fry Travis J Fry
Jessica B to Fry Travis J Fry
Jessica B; 21431 Rd 178; 4.731
acres; Pt Sel 1/4 Sw 1/4 S-28 Aug-

STUDENTS LEARN BEAVER ADAPTION AT WAYNE TRACE GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY



Patrick Troyer, PCSW.

Patrick Troyer from
Paulding County Soil and
Water came into the 3rd
grade classes at Wayne Trace
Grover Hill Elementary to
teach them about adaptations.
They learned about the beaver

and the specific adaptations
they use to survive. Mrs. Al-
lyssa Alvarez and Mrs. Alexis
Short's students participated
in the beaver presentation.

laize Twp

1/16/18 - Fry Travis J Fry
Jessica B to Fry Travis J Fry
Jessica B; Rd 178; 1.139 acres;
Pt Sel 1/4 Sw 1/4 Auglaize Twp
S-28

BENTON TWP

1/17/18 - Lawson Allen
W to Essex Bruce W; 3247 Sr
500 Payne Oh 45880; 1.494
acres; Pt Ne Cor Nel 4 Sw 1/4
Benton Twp S-9

1/17/18 - Lawson Allen
W to Essex Bruce W; 3251 Sr
500 Payne Oh 45880; 0.506
acres; Pt Sw 1/4 Benton Twp
S-9

CARRYALL TWP

1/16/18 - Peters Lana K to
Peters Stephen W Peters Lana
K; 15104 Rd 23 Antwerp Oh
45813; 1.083 acres; Lot 1 Wpt
Noneman Carryall Allot Car-
ryall Twp Sec 21

1/16/18 - Peters Lana K to
Peters Stephen W Peters Lana
K; Rd 23; 1.25 acres; Pt Sw 1/4
Sw 1/4 Carryall Twp Sec 21

1/16/18 - Richey Melissa K
to Geyer Melissa Geyer Chad
L; 103 Belle St; 0.3223 acres;
Lot 7 Parkview 2nd Add Ant-
werp Vill

CRANE TWP

1/17/18 - Fry Travis J to
Mortorff James R Mortorff
Lisa K; 15172 Rd 97 Paulding
Oh 45879; 2.749 acres; Pt W 1/2
W 1/2 Sw 1/4 Crane Twp Sec 23

1/17/18 - Secretary Of
Housing And Urban Develop-
ment to Bragg Nick; 12849 Rd
176 Paulding Oh 45879; 1.59
acres; Pt Sel 1/4 Sel 1/4 Crane Twp
Sec 25

EMERALD TWP

1/17/18 Todd Richard R &
Todd Rosalie A to Todd Ro-
salie A; 13278 Rd 115 45879;
8.09 acres; Pt Eptsw 1/4 & Pt
Wptsw 1/4 Emerald Twp S-31

MAC GYM LEAGUE TOUR- NAMENTS BEGIN

This week the season end-
ing basketball league tour-
naments begin for all six
divisions hosted this winter
at the MAC Gym. The gym
hosted 54 total teams weekly
since December. Each team
played at least five games to
find their seed in the season
ending single elimination
tournament.

The tournament season
begins with the 4th grade
girls. Crestview garnered
the top seed in this division.
They will lay in wait for the
play-in game winner between
Antwerp and Fairview. In
the other bracket in the top
half, the Edgerton Dolphins
will play the Paulding 4th
grade team. The top two
teams will complete the first
half of the final four. In the
lower bracket Ayersville will
wait for the winner of Defi-
ance and Paulding 3rd grade
and Wayne Trace will wait to
play the winner of Hicksville
and Edgerton. The two win-
ners of those six teams will be
the other two teams to play in
the final four.

On Saturday, the tourna-
ment really takes shape with
5th grade girls, 5th grade
boys and 6th grade girls all
competing. The 5th grade
girls bracket will be quite
competitive with two teams
finishing the season unde-
feated. Both Lincolnview
and Fairview finished with
an unblemished 5-0 record.
In the top half of the brack-
et, Lincolnview will wait on
the outcome of the Defiance

and Ayersville game. Tino-
ra Green will play Wayne
Trace. The two winners of
that bracket will play in the
final four on February 3.
In the lower bracket Tino-
ra White waits on the Ant-
werp - Hicksville survivor
while Fairview will play the
Edgerton-Paulding winner.
The two winners of those six
teams will complete the final
four bracket.

In 5th grade boys action,
Antwerp was the only team
with the unblemished 5-0 re-
cord. They will get a bye week
while they wait on the Fair-
view-Hicksville winner. In
the other bracket Woodlan
will play Bryan on February
3.

In the 6th grade girls di-
vision, Crestview earned the
top seed. They will wait on
the Edgerton-Hicksville win-
ner. Antwerp will play Defi-
ance in the same bracket. In
the bottom half of the brack-
et Fairview will await the
Tinora Green-Wayne Trace
winner while Ayersville took
a bye and awaits the Paul-
ding-Tinora White winner.
The final four will do battle
on February 3.

The final division brackets
will be the third and fourth
grade boys. This was the
first year of 3rd grade boys
teams. The two brave teams,
Haviland and Paulding, will
play each other at 7:15 on Jan-
uary 29 for the first 3rd grade
league championship in the
short seven year history of
the MAC Gym. The fourth
grade bracket will not be
drawn up until after league
play on completes Monday,
January 22. League teams
consist of Antwerp, Hicks-
ville, Paulding, Wayne Trace
Polar Bears, Tinora Black and
Tinora Green.

You can watch all of the
games on Monday and Tues-
day evening and all day on
Saturday or follow all the
brackets online at www.mac-
gymohio.com

Locally, Mt. Calvary do-
nated \$1000 to the Antwerp
Food Pantry. The money will
be used to purchase items
that will be available to help
Antwerp families that my
lack or have funds to support
families on their own.

Regionally, Mt. Calvary
donated \$1000 to the Con-
cordia Lutheran Seminary in

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26
THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:
THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL
BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
CHERYL EMERLING, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 17 141
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 15th day
of February, 2018 at 10:00, the real estate
located at:
14507 Road 115
Paulding, Ohio 45879
Parcel Number: 16-30S-003-00

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.

Said premises appraised at Fifty-one
Thousand and No/100 (\$51,000.00) Dollars
and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds
of that amount on the first sale date.

In the event this property does not sell on
the above date, a second sale will be held on
the First day of March, 2018 at 10:00. On
this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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

The appraisal of this property was com-
pleted 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 Paul-
ding 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 pro-
ceedings 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 unmar-
ketable, 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.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
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James L. Sassano, Attorney for Plaintiff

Fort Wayne. The Fort Wayne
seminary is one of two na-
tionwide (St. Louis) where
training of Lutheran pastors
takes place for Missouri Syn-
od churches. The pastors are
then placed in vacant posi-
tions around the country and
abroad. The \$1000 was do-
nated in the name of former
Antwerp Pastor Dale Young
who passed away in 2015.

Help Needed

DIETARY AIDE

Responsible for preparing food for patients, staff and
guests and special functions. Performs a variety of
routine tasks in kitchen, tray line, and dishwashing
areas.

REQUIREMENTS: HS Education or equivalent.
Knowledge of kitchen sanitation and safety.

HOME HEALTH AIDE

Provides nursing assistant care, including personal
care, activities of daily living and home management
activities, to home health patients under the direction
of a RN.

REQUIREMENTS: STNA Certificate, CPR Certificate,
reliable vehicle and proof of vehicle insurance

SCHEDULE: Part Time - 1st shift hours, 3 days a
week

HOUSEKEEPING

Responsible for cleaning and servicing assigned
areas and outside offices/clinics. Willing to perform
routine tasks on a continuous basis as assigned by the
department manager.

REQUIREMENTS: High school diploma or GED and
valid driver's license.

SCHEDULE: Part Time - 2nd shift and PRN (as
needed) Openings

Paulding County Hospital
1035 W. Wayne Street
Paulding, OH 45879



NOTICE OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PUBLIC HEARING

Paulding County intends to apply to the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA), Office of Community
Development (OCD) for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community
Development Program, a federally funded program administered by the state. The County is eligible to apply
for Program Year 2017 CDBG Community Development Competitive Program funding, Critical Infrastructure,
and Residential Public Infrastructure funding provided the County meets applicable program requirements.
Based on citizen input and assessment of need by local officials, the County is applying for the following CDBG
activities for the PY 2017 CDBG Community Development Critical Infrastructure Program and are required to
conduct additional public hearings. Based on citizen input and assessment of need by local officials, the County is
considering the following CDBG Critical Infrastructure activities for the PY 2017 CDBG Community Development.
Below is a list of the Critical Infrastructure projects Paulding County intends to apply for in PY 2017 Community
Development Critical Infrastructure Program along with dates, times, and location of their Public Hearings.

Critical Infrastructure Program	Activity	Total Amount	CDBG Amount	National Objective
Village of Oakwood	Oakwood Street Improvements	\$330,555	\$280,000	Aid Low to moderate income population
County-wide	Administration	\$20,000	\$20,000	
Total		\$350,555	\$300,000	

The Critical Infrastructure Public Hearing for the Village of Oakwood will be held on **Monday February 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Paulding County Commissioner Offices, 115 North Williams Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879 to give
citizens adequate opportunity to review and comment on the proposed activities prior to the submittal of the
applications to the Ohio Development Services Agency. Citizens are encouraged to attend this meeting to express
views on the proposed CDBG activities. If auxiliary aids are needed (interpreter, braille or taped material, assistive
listening device, or other) due to a disability, please contact Maumee Valley Planning Organization prior to **February 5, 2018** at 419-784-3882 to ensure your needs will be accommodated.

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.

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Sheriff Jason K. Landers
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Kerri N. Bruckner, Attorney for Plaintiff

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VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-26** on January 17, 2018, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING UTILITY VEHICLES AND MINI-TRUCKS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, AND REQUIRING INSPECTIONS OF THE SAME BY THE ANTWERP POLICE DEPARTMENT." This Ordinance provides that all utility vehicles and mini-trucks must meet certain requirements, as evidenced by a certificate of inspection obtained from the Antwerp Police Department, and be titled, registered, and plated prior to operation on public streets in the Village.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-01** on January 17, 2018, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2018 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance adopts the Ohio Basic Code Publication for calendar year 2018.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02** on January 17, 2018, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THIRD ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT FOR COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Mayor to execute a third addendum to the Agreement with Real Waste Disposal LLC for the purpose of extending the term of such agreement for another one (1) year period.

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.

CELEBRATING OHIO WILDLIFE: COYOTE AND SKUNK



In two articles on Ohio Wildlife, we have discovered some interesting facts on the deer, fox, wild turkey, and the beaver. Of course, there are plenty more animals which call our great state of Ohio home. In part 3 of our Ohio Wildlife species, we will feature the coyote and the skunk. In this article we will discuss their habitat, diet, behavioral characteristics, as well as, some new interesting facts that may not be well-known.

First, we will start with the coyote. One thing that is interesting about the coyote is that is native to Ohio, but it can make a home in a wide variety of places and now call Ohio home. The coyote is a member of the canine family which means that they are closely related to other species such as the fox and your pet dog. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) writes that the coyote was revered in American folklore with stories that it was looked upon as a symbol of conflict resolution and intelligence. This animal is a slender animal that is comparable in appearance to a medium-sized dog.

Coyotes fall in the category of nocturnal animals, meaning that they go out during the overnight hours to do their hunting while generally remaining secluded during the daylight hours. Given this fact, it is certainly not uncommon to see the

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coyote moving around during the daylight hours on rare occasions and when there is minimal human presence. The coyote has an omnivore type of diet which means that they will include both plants and animals in their diet. Common foods of the coyote include: moles, rabbits, mice, various vegetables, as well as, nuts. ODNR notes that it is not uncommon for coyote to go after certain livestock that are out with preference given to sheep and chickens. Be on the lookout for coyotes if you have either of these animals at home.

Coyote pups are typically born between April and May in litters that can range anywhere from 1-12 pups. It is the job of both the male and female coyote together to care for and tend to their young by bringing them food and eventually teaching them how to hunt for food on their own. Only when the coyotes are newborns will the male take the lead role in caring for the young pups.

Coyotes are found in all 88 counties in Ohio so it is not an uncommon sight to see in your backyard. Fear not, ODNR has some tips to consider should a coyote venture into your backyard. First, it is important to know that they can be found everywhere, in both rural and urban settings. Identification is also a great thing to keep in mind to ensure clear identification between a dog and coyote. ODNR writes that coyotes are overall gray with a rusty orange color mixed in with a bushy tail that has a black tip. Should a coyote come on your property, ODNR insists that homeowners remove any possible "attractants" for the coyotes which include covering your garbage cans if they are outdoors or even any pet food that might be left out.

Another animal that calls Ohio home is the skunk. Now the skunk is not always a welcome sight to many people primarily due to its smelly reputation. Just like the coyote, the skunk is found in all

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of Ohio's 88 counties and can also make itself home in both rural and urbanized environments. Skunks are comparable in size to a house cat with a large body, small head, short legs, and its notable white stripe that runs down its back. The white stripes on the skunk will form a "V" shape from its head to its tail.

ODNR says that it is the adaptability of the skunk that has allowed it to survive as humans have spread out into new areas. Skunks are animals that look for any easy opportunity to find food which is quite easy in any setting as we leave our garbage out which has food scraps the skunks are looking for. Interesting about the skunk is the fact that they are an omnivorous animal which means that they will eat a diet that consists of both plants and animals. Some things included in the diet of the skunk are: insects, fish, crustaceans such as snails, fruits, grasses, grains, and also nuts. The skunk will be active at night and solitary during the day so it shares the nocturnal lifestyle.

One thing that everyone asks about when it comes to skunks is usually ways that you can get rid of the smell quickly if one is lucky enough to get sprayed. Commonly you might have heard of taking a bath in tomato juice as one option while another option is to mix 1 quart of hydrogen peroxide, 1/4 cup of baking soda, and 1 teaspoon of lique detergent. For specific mix instructions, visit <http://www.housecleaningcentral.com/en/cleaning-tips/odor-removal/how-to-get-rid-of-skunk-smell.html>.

Stay tuned to further installments on more wildlife that call Ohio home!

LATTA: WITHHOLD MY PAY DURING #SCHUMERSHUTDOWN

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) has submitted a letter to the Chief Administrative Officer requesting that his pay be withheld during the current government shut down. The shutdown started at midnight as a result of Senate Democrats' vote to block legislation, passed by the U.S. House of Representatives, that would keep the government open and extend the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for six years.

"There is nothing in the House funding bill that Democrats haven't previously voted for, yet they still decided to shut the government down," said Latta. "Led by Chuck Schumer, they have made a decision to put politics first and are holding the country hostage in order to get their way on unrelated issues. While we wait for Senate Democrats to do the right thing, I have asked that my pay be withheld. Regardless of who caused the shutdown, Members of Congress should not be receiving their pay while the men and women in our military are not receiving theirs."

Congressman Latta voted for the government funding bill on Thursday evening. That legislation also included a six-year extension of CHIP, health care for 224,000 children in Ohio and nine million children nationwide. This was the third time Latta had voted for a long-term extension of the CHIP program, includ-

Sudoku solution from page 9

9	9	1	6	8	7	4	3	2
3	6	7	1	2	4	9	8	5
8	4	2	9	3	6	1	7	5
1	9	4	2	9	6	8	7	3
2	7	6	3	4	8	9	5	1
9	3	8	9	7	1	2	6	4
6	2	3	4	1	9	7	9	8
4	8	9	7	9	3	1	2	6
7	1	9	8	6	2	3	4	5

ing a standalone bill, the Championing Healthy Kids Act, that he helped approve in the Energy and Commerce Committee in October, and on the House floor in November. He also voted for a short-term extension of the program as part of the previous two continuing resolutions.

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ond to none and has opened up a variety of networking opportunities to reach out to." These experiences, along with his knowledge of Agriculture could be very valuable to the people of Paulding County.

Graduating from Paulding High School in 2009, Vance returned home after college and currently farms fulltime while driving charter bus for a couple of local companies parttime.

Paulding County consists of 419 square miles. Within those miles lies 12 townships and 11 villages making up 16 voting precincts. Vance noted that "my objective is clear; be a representative for everyone in the county while looking out for its' best interest!"

Vance has chosen Katie Diaz to be his Campaign Committee Treasurer and Brian Egnor will act as his Campaign Manager.

JOB POSTING

January 19, 2018

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF DD ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

• **Position Description:** The primary responsibilities of the Administrative Secretary will be to interact with individuals who call or visit the Paulding County Board of DD, support other positions in the building in various manners (i.e., mailings, scheduling appointments, typing, etc.), assemble and maintain program files, and assist with the intake process for the various programs offered by the agency. This is an hourly, Full-Time, 12 month position.

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• **Compensation:** Commensurate with education and experience.

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KIWANIS HEARS FROM TODD WOLFRUM



Todd Wolfrum (left) is pictured with Joe Burkard, a member of Kiwanis, who invited him to speak.

Kiwanis members met for their weekly meeting on Thursday January 18th. There were two guests in attendance that have both shown great interest in becoming a member of Kiwanis. Don't forget, Kiwanis has a rolling membership all year, meaning membership

throughout the year with no deadline. It's a fantastic way to represent your business, network with others, educate yourself and your business on upcoming events and news, and help children right here in your community.

This week Kiwanis' guest

speaker was Todd Wolfrum who is running for U.S. Congress. Wolfrum is from Van Wert and has family ties in Paulding County. He attended Bluffton University, and later law school, then shortly dropping out and began working in factories and other jobs. He later returned to law school at the University of Toledo, College of Law. In 2012 he ran for a Van Wert commissioner seat and won, and later ran in 2016 to win again. Wolfrum realized he wanted to make an impact beyond his county and wanted to give voters another option, so he is now running for Congress. If you would like to know more about Todd check out his website at www.toddwolfrum.com. Kiwanis members enjoyed his presentation and look forward to next week's meeting on January 25th at noon.

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GENEALOGY SOCIETY DONATES TO LIBRARY DIGITIZATION PROJECT



On behalf of the Paulding County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, Sue LaFountain (left) presents a donation to Susan Pieper, Library Director, for the library's newspaper digitization project.

The Paulding County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society recently donated \$1,000 to the Paulding County Carnegie Library Newspaper Digitization Project. This project comprises of the digitization of Paulding County newspapers from the late 1800s through the present with Optical Character Rec-

ognition (OCR) software applied. This software can identify printed characters and allows for the scanned newspaper page to be recognized as text.

"We hope to have the digitized newspaper site up by early February," shared Susan Pieper, Library Director. "The newspapers included in this project are the Paulding

Progress, Paulding Democrat, Paulding County Republican, Oakwood News, Grover Hill News, Paulding County Gazette, Payne Reflector, Antwerp Gazette, Payne Reflector and Press Review and the Antwerp Bee Argus (up to 2001)."

The library's newspaper digitization project website will be linked to the library's main website and will also be promoted via social media. Training will be offered for this new library resource.

"When the website is up and running, researchers will type their search query in the search box which will search the entire list of holdings. However, by narrowing the search to specific newspapers and/or dates, the search results will be fewer and more relevant," states Pieper. "The search results will be the actual newspaper page with the search term highlighted. This new database will save researchers hours of research time otherwise spent scrolling through countless rolls of microfilm."

For more information, or to donate funds to offset the cost of this project, contact Pieper at 419-399-2032 or e-mail spieper@paulding-countylibrary.org.



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