

COOPER FARMS DONATES 15,500+ LBS. PROTEIN TO DAYTON & DEFIANCE AREAS



In a move that will certainly brighten the spirits of many this holiday season, Cooper Farms donated 15,642 pounds of deli meat, valued at almost \$50,000, to a variety of Williams and Defiance County food pantries, the Paulding County Senior Center and the 50th Annual Feast of Giving in Dayton.

The Feast of Giving is held on Thanksgiving Day at the Dayton Convention Center. The event brings in over 8,000 guests who may be spending the holiday alone, homeless and less fortunate that may not be able to afford a warm meal or anyone else who wants to attend. This is the 50th Annual Thanksgiving dinner in Dayton and the 10th year under the current leadership group.

The recipients of the Williams and Defiance County donations included St. Mary's Parish Ministry Center in Defiance, the Path Center in Defiance, Edgerton United Methodist

Church and Grace Community Church in Bryan, Ohio.

The St. Mary's Parish Ministry Center will not only keep part of the donation for their own use, but will also further distribute to other pantries within the upper Northwest Ohio area.

Cooper Farms has always made a point to give back to the areas in which they are located. With a new sow farm coming to the area, Cooper Farms is excited to begin building meaningful relationships with Williams County and further strengthen them in Defiance County.

"We saw an opportunity to help out a lot of families in these areas," said COO, Gary Cooper. "We are in the protein business and we know that this is a true need year-round."

The donations consisted of a variety of sliced and bulk deli items including turkey, chicken and ham and were delivered by team members of Cooper Farms.

LOCAL CHURCH WOMEN UNITE FOR ECUMENICAL POTLUCK & PROGRAM

For the past 40 years ladies of the faith community have come together on the first Thursday evening of December for an Ecumenical potluck dinner & Program.

The evening begins with a 6:00 p.m. potluck, followed by an entertaining program of local talents from each church at 7:00 p.m. It is an event for sharing, fun and fellowship. There are door prizes and delicious food.

The program this year will be hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church, Flatrock Drive, Paulding. We welcome all church pastors and ladies, ages 12 - 115! Invite one guest or several. There's always

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BENEFIT FOR HAILEY BRITTIG

On Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 3 - 7 p.m. there will be a Benefit Soup and Sandwich Supper with a silent auction, 50/50 raffle and baked goods. This will be held at the Oakwood American Legion Hall at 621 Walnut St. Oakwood, Ohio 45873.

This benefit is for Hailey Brittig, who, a year ago, was diagnosed with AML Leukemia, 3 months after the birth of her daughter. She has endured several rounds of chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant.

Unfortunately, the treatments have not worked and Hailey is back in Cleveland Clinic enduring more treatments. Hailey has such a long road ahead of her and is fighting for her life.

Donations will be used for food, gas and medication not covered by her insurance.

Any questions Suzann Bauer 419-789-0151.

PCH BOARD APPOINTS CEO



The Board of Trustees for Paulding County Hospital announced that Ron Goedde has been appointed CEO effective January 9, 2019. Goedde will fill the position vacated by Randal Ruge who is retiring February 1, 2019 after 17 years with the hospital.

Mr. Goedde has been in healthcare for 29 years beginning his career as a Registered Nurse then evolving into hospital finance. He earned two degrees at the University of Toledo - a baccalaureate degree in nursing and a Master's in Business Administration. He has worked at Mercy Health where he oversaw finance for 5 hospitals and at the University of Toledo Medical College (UTMC), the former MCO. At UTMC he had a strategic role as Executive Director of Finance and Reimbursement. Goedde teaches business classes at the University of Toledo. In addition to his experience in healthcare, he farms in the Leipsic area with his brothers

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WEGMANN KEY SPEAKER AT WOODBURN LION'S CLUB BANQUET



Pictured here Lion Club President Monna Gerig with Thomas Wegmann

Thomas Wegmann was the key speaker at the Woodburn Lion's Club Thanksgiving Banquet on November 12, 2018. Thomas gave an in depth speech detailing his experience at

the 2018 NRA/YES Summit and the programs he is seeking to bring to northeast Indiana: Eddie the Eagle, The Shield Program and Refuse to Be a Victim.

CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE

December 1, 2018
Shopping & Dining
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Sign up for Convoy Business Association Gift Certificate at any business.

10am - Santa will arrive in Convoy on a Fire Truck and light the Tree
Santa will light Christmas Tree in the West Tully Street Alley

10 - 11am - Santa will be at the VMC for pictures and treats from the Lions Club.

10am -2pm Enjoy the Decorated Christmas Tree Display sponsored by the Village of Convoy Historical Society. Location TBA

Refreshments will be served.

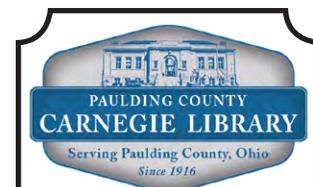
10am-12pm - Christmas Tree Ball Decorating and letters to Santa, sponsored by the Psi Iota Xi Sorority at VMC

10am - 1pm - voting for best decorated business win-

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Community Calendar

November 29

• ACDC Annual Meeting @ Antwerp VFW, 6:30pm

December 1

• Lifeway Wesleyan Church Craft Bazaar & Cookie Walk (7722 Moeller Road, FW), 8:30a-2:30p

• New Haven UMC Holiday Fantasies Bazaar, 9a-3p

• Shop the Square, downtown Paulding, 10a-3p

• Meet Santa @ Paulding Eagles, 11a-1p

• Christmas Bazaar @ CLC, Woodburn, IN

• Santa's Coming to Convoy, 10am & Christmas in the Village, 10a-2p

• The Nutcracker @ Niswonger, 2 & 7:30pm

• Soup & Sandwich Benefit for Hailey Brittig @ Oakwood Am. Leg., 3-7pm

• Christmas Giveaway @ Country Shops, Grabill, IN, 11am-2pm

• Mix+Mingle & Jingle 11 @ Woodburn CLC @ 9a-3p

December 2

• Shop the Square, 12-4pm; Merry & Bright Christmas, 3-7pm, Paulding

December 5

• PERI meeting @ PC Senior Center, 10am

December 6

• Ecumenical Potluck & Program @ St. Paul UMC, Paulding, 6pm

December 8

• Downtown Jolly Jamboree, Payne, 4:30pm

• Shop the Square, downtown Paulding, 10a-3p

• Ecumenical Ladies Potluck @ St. Paul Lutheran Church, Paulding, 6pm

• The Angel's Gift @ Payne Elem., 7pm

• Santa @ Antwerp Fire Dept & Secret Santa Shop, 1-3pm

To add your event to the calendar email info@westbendnews.net
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PAULDING, OH

Susan M. LaBounty age 56 died Sunday, November 25, 2018 at her residence.

She was born March 20, 1962 in Lima, Ohio, the daughter of Georgine (Amspaugh) and John Vonderembse. On January 18, 1986 she married Charles J. LaBounty, who survives. She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, and was employed as Senior Project and Development Engineer for Navistar.

She is also survived by her mother, Georgine Vonderembse, Lima; children: Ashley (Sam) Smith, Paulding, Alex LaBounty and Nick LaBounty both of Columbus, and Stephanie (Mike) Thornhill, Ft. Wayne; siblings: Beth (Mike) Mathews, Centerville, OH, Mike Vonderembse, Lima, and Glen (Kathy) Vonderembse, Yellow Springs, OH; grandchildren: Sophia, Adriana, Lailah, Lilly, Bruce, Nicholas, Olivia, Brooke, Nathan and Courtney.

She is preceded in death by her father, John Vonderembse, and son, Charles Joseph LaBounty Jr.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted 10 AM Thursday, November 29 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding. She will be laid to rest in St. John the Baptist Church Cemetery, Payne.

Visitation will be 2 - 8 PM Wednesday, November 28 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding with a wake service at 7:30 PM.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Masses; CHP Hospice; or Paulding County Hospital Swing Bed Service.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

11/28: 12:30 - Crafts; 1:30 - Grocery shopping; 12:00 noon - Bingo with Buckeye Hearing

11/29: 10:00 - Bingo w/ Gardens of Paulding; 12:15 - Euchre; 5 - 7:30 @ Center - Soup, Sweets and Shop

11/30: 9:00 - Drumming; 10:00 - Bible Study; 11 - 2 - Craft store open

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 11/28 - 11/30

11/28: Chili & cheese, peaches, cornbread, sugar free Jell-0 with pineapple; Salad in café

NSCC CELEBRATES MANUFACTURING DAY, HOSTS 40 EMPLOYERS AND ALMOST 400 AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



Inspiring the next generation of manufactures was the theme at the Manufacturing Day Expo, held recently at Northwest State Community College in Archbold, Ohio. Now in its fifth year, the event brings manufactures and high school juniors and seniors together in order to teach them about the number of opportunities available to them right here in northwest Ohio. This year's event hosted 40 area manufacturers and almost 400 area students.

"This is not your grandpa's factory" is one of the key components of showing these students that manufacturing is clean, automated, and safe. It is also a well-paying career choice that typically includes health care benefits, retirement, and tuition reimbursement. There was a new layout for 2018 Mfg. Day. Automotive industry manufacturers were highlighted in the College's north parking lot. Tier 1 and Tier 2 suppliers to automobile companies like GM, Chrysler, Honda, and Ford were able to show off the parts that they make and where you would find them in your vehicle. Whether it was brakes, seat frames, or windshields, the students were able to make the connections of how important northwest

Ohio manufacturers are. Inside the atrium, numerous manufactures brought several hands-on activities, videos, and plenty of success stories of young adults that graduated and went into the manufacturing industry.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Sauder is excited to share in the manufacturing day experience for our Northwest Ohio area youth. Our facilities are filled with technology and robots that run our day-to-day operations. After students experience Mfg day, they can see how modern manufacturing offers job security and stability, and a variety of career paths." -Kevin Sauder, President/CEO - Sauder Woodworking

"Northwest Ohio is a great place to live and work! Manufacturing Day is a prime opportunity for students learn about employment opportunities available in their own back yard. Worthington Industries is proud to sponsor an event that not only encourages, but facilitates the building of relationships between students and employers. This year's level of student engagement with employers was very impressive and we hope they continue to consider local employment after high school." - Jessica Double,

HR Generalist - Worthington Industries

"The Manufacturing Day event at NSCC is a celebration of what we do in America - we make things! This community event connecting local companies and schools is our attempt to educate the youth on the career opportunities in our community. We have world class companies with world class career opportunities for local youth." -Jim Drewes, Executive Director / Workforce Development - Custom Training Solutions

ABOUT MFG. DAY

Mfg. Day is planned and coordinated through a partnership comprised of Custom Training Solutions, a division of Northwest State Community College, the Henry County CIC, Fulton County Economic Development, Williams County Economic Development, Defiance County Economic Development, and Paulding County Economic Development. Students also completed a pre- and a post-event survey showing an increase of 12% of students that would consider working in manufacturing and an 8% increase on whether they knew what manufacturing was when comparing the pre- and post-event surveys.

ProMedica Weight Loss is hosting free bariatric seminars. Attending an in-person seminar is your first step in the journey toward weight loss surgery. Learn from one of our expert surgeons who will explain the weight loss surgery process, eligibility requirements, types of surgical procedures, and your potential benefits and risks. Talk with someone who has already had bariatric surgery. Ask questions, and get answers that will inform your healthy weight loss decision. For more information or to register, call 419-291-6777 or 1-800-971-8203 or visit promedica.org/bariatric.

Thursday, December 6, Tuesday, December 11, Wednesday, December 19, 6 - 8 p.m.; ProMedica Health and Wellness Center, Community Education Room, Suite 101, 5700 Monroe St., Sylvania, Ohio, 43560

Love Lights Memorial Service

ProMedica Hospice cordially invites you to attend the 30th annual Love Lights Memorial Service. Love Lights is a brilliant display of sparkling tree lights and glowing luminaries displayed on the front lawn of the Eliza Ramsay Home. Doors open

11/29: Chicken paprika over noodles, broccoli, Tropical fruit salad, cauliflower, Hawaiian bread

11/30: Egg salad sandwich, carrot & raisin salad, potato salad, tangerine (We are closed November 30th. This meal will be delivered on November 29th.

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

11/28: 9:30 - Card Club Party; 10:00 - Hearing Aid Checks; 10:00 - Crafts; 1:00 - 2:30 - CSFP Food for Seniors

11/29: 9:30 - Cards; 10:00 - Band Stretch; 10:00 - Zumba; 12:30 - Shop @ Meijer; 12:30 Bingo by All-caring; 4:00 Yoga

11/30: Defiance County Senior Services will be closed

HICKSVILLE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

11/28: 10:00 - Coffee and conversation; 1:00 - 2:30 - CSFP Senior Food Box Distribution

11/29: 10:00 - Corn Hole; 12:00 Grocery Shop; 12:30 - Seniors' Choice

11/30: Defiance County Senior Services will be closed

PROMEDICA COMMUNITY EVENTS IN DECEMBER

ProMedica will offer the following community events in December:

Aromatherapy

Discuss the special ways that essential oils can be used for everyday health and wellness. This program is free to people with a cancer diagnosis and is sponsored by ProMedica Cancer Institute. Aromatherapy takes place the first and third Wednesday of each month. Call the Victory Center at 419-531-7600 for details.

Wednesdays, December 5 and 19, 1 - 2 p.m.; The Victory Center, 5532 W. Central Ave., Suite B, Toledo, Ohio, 43615

Bariatric Seminar - First Step

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,"

—Hebrews 12:28

at 6:30 p.m. and the program starts at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Parking is available behind the office and on side streets. This event is free and open to the public. To request a luminary for your lost loved one or for more information, contact Christina at 419-547-6419.

Friday, December 7, 6:30 - 8 p.m.; Eliza Ramsey Home, 430 S. Main St., Clyde, Ohio, 43410

Nursing Mothers Support Group

ProMedica Toledo Hospital's women's services is hosting a breastfeeding support group for nursing mothers. Do you have breastfeeding questions? Drop in and receive support from a certified lactation consultant and other nursing mothers. The group meets the second Tuesday of every month. For more information, call 419-291-5666.

Tuesday, December 11, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., ProMedica Toledo Hospital, Entrance F, Mom & Me Boutique, 2142 N. Cove Blvd., Toledo, Ohio, 43606

ProMedica Dementia Education Series

ProMedica's Goerlich Center is offering free dementia education sessions for family members, caregivers, friends, and community members. ProMedica experts will provide insight, strategies, techniques and care approaches for managing the course of Alzheimer's disease and dementia. This month's topic is medication management. Sessions will feature health screenings and health information. A Certified Dementia Practitioner will provide free adult day care supervision and recreational activities during the event. Light refreshments will be provided. This series takes place on the second Tuesday of each month. Pre-registration is requested, but not required. For more information, call 419-824-6448 option 2, or email katherine.gonzalez@promedica.org.

Tuesday, December 11, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; ProMedica Flower Hospital, Conference Center, Boardroom, 5200 Harroun Rd., Sylvania, Ohio, 43560

Alzheimer's Support Group

ProMedica Memorial

Hospital is hosting a monthly Alzheimer's support group. This group is for family members, friends and patients as they navigate through the complexity of the illness. It is an opportunity to get support from others who are experiencing the trials and tribulations of dementia. This support group meets on the second Wednesday of every month and is free and open to the public. For more information, call 567-938-9394.

Women's Cancer Support Group

ProMedica Monroe Regional Hospital's Cancer Center is hosting a cancer support group for women who have a cancer diagnosis. It is a safe harbor to come to give or receive support. The group meets the third Tuesday of each month and provides education, encouragement and sharing in an informal social environment. Guest speakers who are compassionate professionals specializing in cancer issues may occasionally be invited. Come, share, and receive encouragement, love, compassion, hope, laughter and much more!

Tuesday, December 18, 7 - 8:30 p.m.; ProMedica Monroe Regional Hospital, Conference Room A, 4th Floor, 718 N. Macomb St., Monroe, Michigan, 48162

Blood Drive

ProMedica is hosting a blood drive for the American Red Cross. Registration to donate blood is required. To select a donation time, visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=TOLEDO-HOSP>.

Wednesday, December 26, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; ProMedica Toledo Hospital, Corxton Room, 2142 N. Cove Blvd., Toledo, Ohio, 43606

BALLET THEATRE OF TOLEDO DIRECTOR TO HOST NUTCRACKER Q&A SESSION

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build. As a special bonus for Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker Ballet on December 1 at 2PM and 7:30PM, presented by Belna Petroleum, Ballet Theatre of Toledo Artistic Director, Nigel Burgoine, will be hosting a FREE Q&A session for anyone interested in attending at 6:00 PM before the evening show. Topics to discuss will include the history of The Nutcracker, Ballet technique and intriguing aspects about their production.

Nigel Burgoine is a classical ballet instructor and choreographer. A graduate of the Royal Ballet School and former principal dancer with the London Festival Ballet, Burgoine has danced around the world in places like Australia, Brazil, Africa and throughout Europe. He danced principal roles in productions like Swan Lake, Sleeping Beauty, Giselle, Nutcracker and Romeo & Juliet and many more.

Eventually Burgoine turned to teaching the next generation of dancers and has since served as the Director of the British Ballet Organization, as well as the Artistic Director of the Cincinnati Ballet and the Artistic Director of the Toledo Ballet.

Nigel's passion is Ballet, not only instruction and choreography, but spreading the word and the magic of Ballet to area schools and institutions with educational events and demonstrations. Burgoine has implemented educational programs for dancers and communities in cities in Norway, Spain, England and the United States and was the founder and member of the London Festival Ballet Education Team. He served as director of the education unit of the London City Ballet and the Dallas Ballet. Burgoine has choreographed productions of Nutcracker, Cinderella, Giselle, Romeo and Juliet, Swan Lake, Carmen, Alice in Wonderland, Peter Pan, Coppelia and Aladdin.

Mr. Burgoine is a legend with enthusiasm and an infectious love for the art of Ballet. He is married to Associate Artistic Director Anne Marie Getz.

Along with Presenting Sponsor Belna Petroleum, Supporting Sponsors for Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker include Betsey's Boutique Shop, Humble Bumble Boutique, and NPAX Family Sponsor The Robideau Family. Season Sponsors for the Ignite 18-19 season include Chuck and Karen Koch, StateWide Ford Lincoln, and Van Wert Federal Savings Bank.

419-238-6722 and online at NPACVW.ORG for information.

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

ODOT READY TO BATTLE NORTHWEST OHIO WINTER

Winter weather is here. Annually, the Ohio Department of Transportation makes final preparations to ensure equipment and employees are ready for whatever Old Man Winter throws our way.

Each of ODOT's 1,629 trucks received a 150-point check as part of annual county-by-county Operational Readiness Inspections. This gave ODOT's 273 mechanics a chance to identify any equipment issues and make necessary repairs before the snow began to fall.

"When people think of ODOT, one of the first things they think of is our ability to clear snow and ice from the road," said ODOT Director Jerry Wray. "It's a job we take very seriously because we know it is vital to making sure people and goods can safely reach their destination."

ODOT's goal is to have primary routes back up to speed within two hours of the end of a storm. It's a goal that ODOT crews met 97 percent of the time last winter.

This past winter was one of the busiest for ODOT with crews spending more than 1.1 million hours battling snow and ice. Snow plow trucks were driven 10,563,562 miles - that's like 22 trips to the Moon and back. ODOT used 954,215 tons of salt and 14,532,254 gallons of liquid deicers to treat 43,479 lane miles of roadway.

Please be sure to give our drivers plenty of room to work. Plow trucks typically move much slower than other traffic, so be extra alert when driving near them. Last winter, our trucks were struck 64 times.

The newly redesigned OHGO.com allows you to see real-time travel conditions with more than 600 traffic cameras, weather sensors, and traffic alerts. You can also receive customized traffic alerts with the OHGO app for Android devices and the iPhone.

NEW TIPS TO TRY TO PREVENT WEED KILLER'S SPREAD

New restrictions a federal agency has put on using a controversial weed killer aren't enough to prevent it from spreading onto nearby plants, according to an Ohio State University weed expert.

As a result, Mark Loux, a weed specialist with Ohio State University Extension, and colleagues from Purdue University and the University of Illinois have created a list of additional precautions that farmers should try to follow whenever they use dicamba. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

The additional recommendations from Loux and

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL NOVEMBER HOUSE SOM



Paulding High School House Som students of the month are from left to right: Palmarium-Kaylena Gray, Excellentia-Jennifer Stahl, VVV-Deyton Price, and Stupendum- Kyle Kelly.

his colleagues include not applying dicamba if the temperature is warmer than 80 degrees or if the forecast indicates wind gusts over 10 miles per hour. The recommendations also say that farmers should apply dicamba early in the season around the time of crop planting, or soon after the emergence of the crop and weeds.

They also suggest that farmers talk to their neighbors before applying dicamba so that farmers know what plants are nearby that could potentially be affected by any spread of dicamba.

"We think our recommendations will help," Loux said, "but not guarantee against dicamba moving from the area where it was applied and injuring or killing plants that were not supposed to be affected."

Dicamba has been shown to easily spread well beyond the fields where it was sprayed, damaging or killing crops. Nationwide, there have been complaints and lawsuits, claiming damages.

On Oct. 31, the Environmental Protection Agency announced it would continue to allow farmers to keep using dicamba until at least December 2020. The agency required changes to the label that detail additional stipulations on when and how to use the weed killer to try to protect nearby fields.

"What (the EPA has) done is to try to make changes to prevent dicamba from moving around into other places," Loux said.

But those changes aren't enough, he said. Even with the added EPA restrictions, dicamba could still go airborne and spread to other plants that it was not intended to kill, Loux said.

"The weed science community is pretty unhappy, and doesn't believe these EPA regulations are really going to help much," he said.

New regulations include the prohibition of using dicamba on soybeans more than 45 days after planting, specifying certain times of the day dicamba can be applied, and clarifying who is authorized to apply it.

These regulations don't have Loux or the weed science community convinced.

"There is some question as to whether 45 days actually does anything," he said.

The farming community isn't sold either.

"Support for using dicamba after plants have emerged is split amongst the farm-

ing community depending upon whether or not you like dicamba," Loux said.

Those who like using dicamba are happy they get to continue. Many see it as an effective tool in controlling weeds that resist herbicides. Those who don't like dicamba believe the EPA isn't doing enough to prevent the dangers the herbicide poses to nearby crops.

An EPA press release states that dicamba is helpful to farmers, and that EPA is supporting farmers who rely on the chemical.

The new EPA regulations include the following:

Only certified applicators may apply dicamba over the top (those working under the supervision of a certified applicator may no longer make applications).

Over-the-top application of dicamba is prohibited on soybeans up to 45 days after planting.

Application is allowed only from one hour after sunrise to two hours before sunset.

To view the full list of recommendations on dicamba use from Loux and his colleagues, visit: go.osu.edu/dicambatips.

To learn more about the EPA's decision to allow the continued use of dicamba, visit go.osu.edu/EPArelease.

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL AND AUDITOR OF STATE OFFER MANUAL OF BEST PRACTICES TO SECURE PROPERTY ROOMS

Securing and protecting evidence is a necessity for the justice system, and a new manual created jointly by the offices of the Ohio Attorney General and the Auditor of State provides the state's law enforcement agencies with best practices in the management of property and evidence rooms, Attorney General Mike DeWine and Auditor of State Dave Yost announced today.

"We are pleased to announce the creation of this best practices manual, which is designed to be a quick reference guide to help law enforcement agencies implement policies to improve and maintain the integrity of their property and evidence rooms," Attorney General DeWine said. "I thank Auditor Yost and his team for their work with our staff on this collaborative project."

"Evidence and witness testimony are key compo-

nents in the criminal justice system," Auditor Yost said. "And just as we must shield witnesses from tampering and intimidation, we also must ensure that evidence is secured, protected from tampering and theft, and available when needed in the courtroom to establish the guilt or innocence of the accused."

The "Ohio Property and Evidence Room Best Practices Manual" provides law enforcement officials with guidance on how to staff, organize, secure, document and monitor property and evidence handling.

The manual is not intended as a one-size-fits-all model for every Ohio law enforcement agency, because agencies differ in staffing and other resources, as well as being subject to different provisions of the Ohio Revised Code.

But the manual gives every agency the tools to run an effective property and evidence room adapted to each agency's unique circumstances.

The manual stresses that the integrity and security of a property and evidence room is not established by accident and is not maintained by luck. It occurs when a law enforcement agency creates and follows policies and procedures designed to:

- Keep the property and evidence room secure.
- Preserve evidence and property according to existing laws, courtroom requirements, and agency retention schedules.
- Establish and maintain accurate documentation, including inventory and chain of custody records.

Ensure the physical safety and legal compliance of all personnel.

The manual notes that proper selection of property room staff is vital to success and explores the pros and cons of employing either sworn personnel or civilians in this role.

These personnel should be fully vetted with background checks, and their duties should be segregated to ensure that no one person controls intake, documentation and disposition of evidence. Staff also should be trained to handle potentially dangerous property such as guns and drugs.

In addition to secure procedures and staff selection, the manual offers advice on security of property rooms, including locking devices, video surveillance, alarm systems and access logs.

Detailed advice is offered for the handling and storage of guns, drugs, currency and other valuables. These categories of property not only can pose dangers to property room personnel, but also are frequent targets of theft.

The manual provides guidance on how agencies can use periodic inventories and audits of property rooms to curb theft and expose lax procedures.

To help law enforcement apply these best practices, the manual includes sample documents such as property room access logs, inventory tracking documents, currency envelopes, release authorization forms and property tags.

"The Attorney General and I believe that this manual gives law enforcement agencies the tools they need to run effective and secure property and evidence rooms, and we encourage all agencies to compare their current procedures and facilities to those outlined in the manual," Yost said.

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and father. Currently he resides in Toledo with his wife Deb. They have plans to relocate to the area. Together they have two children that attend college.

Mike Winans, Board Chair, said, "Ron has the perfect combination of clinical and business backgrounds to lead the hospital into the future. In addition to his strengths in business, he has a commitment to quality and to people. Those are characteristics very important to the board."

Antwerp Conservation Club

SCHEDULE AND EVENT CHANGES

- **December 13th- Monthly Club Meeting at 7 pm.**
- **Yearly Memberships end December 31st. Don't forget to renew yours before January 1st.**
- **January 1st- Annual New Year's Day Meat shoot. Shoot starts at Noon.**

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Pictured here are FFA members who advanced on to district job interview. L to R Jonathan Reinhard, Sloan Foster, Paige Jones, Sydney Reineck and Kalyn Strahley.

By: Sydney Reineck, Paulding FFA Reporter

The Paulding FFA hosted the sub-district job interview contest on Monday, November 5th. There were 5 chapters that attended the contest. At the contest, members have 15 minutes to fill out an application. Once the application is filled out, the members are interviewed by a judge based on their division. Once the members are done with their interview, they have to type a follow-up letter. The letter ba-

sically thanks the interviewer and reinstates anything you missed in your interview. The members that competed in job interview from Paulding were Paige Jones, Myla Mitchell, Isabelle Heitman, Sydney Reineck, Shannon Hale, Jonathan Reinhard, Kalyn Strahley, Jen Stahl, and Sloan Foster. The chapter had one member from every division move onto districts. Division one was Paige Jones, division two was Sydney Reineck, division three was

Jonathan Reinhard, division four Kalyn Strahley, and division five was Sloan Foster.

On Tuesday, November 13th, the five members who moved onto district, competed at Hopewell Loudon High School. Paige Jones placed third, Sydney Reineck placed fourth, Jonathan Reinhard placed fifth, Kalyn Strahley placed sixth, and Sloan Foster placed sixth. Unfortunately, none of them moved onto state, but all members did a great job at the contest.

OVERCOMING CHILDHOOD PAIN EXPLORED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

How to heal from childhood trauma will be discussed at Lifetree Café on Wednesday, November 28, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The program, titled "Overcoming Childhood Pain: Facing Unresolved Family Issues," features a filmed interview with Delisa Mayer, a woman whose family took part in an ill-fated university study during her childhood. The outcome of that study - which introduced a newborn chimpanzee into the family and asked them to raise it as a human child - shaped Mayer's childhood and led to her parents' divorce.

"Our family was very torn up by this," says Mayer. "It was a hard thing to live through, and it's one of the reasons I don't often tell this story."

During the program participants will discover key steps to help recover from the scars of past experiences.

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located at the Bachwell Center, 116 N. Washington Street, Van Wert, OH. Please enter on Court Street and park behind the Courthouse.

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual, comfortable setting. Questions about may be directed to First United Methodist Church at 419/238-0631 or firstchurch@wcoil.com

There are many arguments on both sides, but I feel we need God's blessing, and He can't bless abominations. (Leviticus 18:22). The tribe of Benjamin stood against all Israel to protect the lives of some very perverted homosexuals and nearly the whole tribe was destroyed plus 40,000 innocent soldiers from other tribes in Israel. All the Benjaminite women, children and cities were destroyed as well. There were only a few hundred men who escaped. They had not learned from God's dealing with Sodom and Gomorrah. You can read the sordid story in Judges, chapters 19-21.

Sad to say, many in America today have not learned that God considers homosexuality an abomination, not an alternate lifestyle. Perversion is not a right; just like robbery and murder are not a right. It affects others by bringing judgment on those who permit it, and even more so on those who protect it.

God created sexual activity to be beautiful and pure in the context of a husband and wife alone. "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." - (Hebrews 13:4)

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

GETTING TO KNOW JESUS

By: Lonnie Lambert, Oakwood Church of Christ

Controlling the Weather Read Mark 4:35-41.

37. T/F. There were no other boats nearby.

38. When the storm arose Jesus was: a) still on the shore; b) guiding the ship; c) asleep.

39. T/F. The storm was so strong that water was filling the boat.

40. T/F. The disciples thought the boat was going to sink.

41. Jesus stopped the storm by: a) singing; b) a wave of his hand; c) his command

42. Immediately there was: a) a great calm; b) a light rain; c) other boats to save them.

43. He reproved the disciples: a) for not rowing faster; b) for lack of faith; c) for not letting him sleep.

44. The disciples were astonished that: a) Jesus could sleep during a storm; b) even the wind and waves obeyed him; c) that none of the boats sank.

It should be evident that those who claim power to do miracles today cannot duplicate the great things done by our Lord. God answers the prayers of his people and does wonderful things, but he does this through his providence in nature. No one today have been given the kind of power used by Jesus and his apostles. No one today is miraculously multiplying food to feed the hungry, or walking on water, etc.

ANSWERS: 37. F; 38. C; 39. T; 40. T; 41. C; 42. A; 43. B; 44. B

Please let family and friends know of your studies.

YOUR TURN WILL COME

By: Doris Applegate

Many times we hear, "It's not fair!" and then we hear, "Be patient, your turn will come!" We wait and wait, wondering when our turn comes. Life is not always fair. It is unpredictable for sure.

Some are rich, some poor, some sick, some well, some good looking and some "well you know." Much depends on our ambition (work ethic), our DNA (genes), and of course the sin factor! We bring many adverse things on ourselves by right or wrong decisions. Jesus said "we would always have the poor with us" (Matthew 26:11).

In Solomons own words, (Proverbs 30:11-14) he said, "There is a generation that curth their father and does not bless their mother. A generation not washed from their filthiness. Their teeth are like swords, their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor off the earth and the

needy among men." Does that sound like some today?

In Ecclesiastes 9:10 - 13 he says that "the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet head to the wise nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor favour to men of skill, but time and chance happens to them all." Vanity, vanity, all is vanity! "Quite a statement from a wise, wealthy and observant man. We certainly need to help the poor, but those who feel their quest for fairness and equality is justified by any means such as riots, hate, vandalism and perverse act are approaching the problem the wrong way."

A good example is Karl Marx and Frederick Engels who killed millions with their "great" communistic plan (a nightmare of oppressed citizens and a world of anguish). Will we ever learn? Still the dream of utopia by idolators and secularists goes on and on trying by irrational idealism to make it work. The scales of justice belong to the Lord (Psalm 89:4).

Only in God's Kingdom rule on this Earth, will we see the desires of our hearts. "Peace on Earth, good will to men" is the desire inside of all of us. It's worth waiting for. God promises to meet all of our needs if we belong to Jesus Christ. He feeds the sparrows and the flowers do not spin but are of great beauty and God promises to feed and clothe us too. If we "seek" FIRST God's Kingdom, all these things will be added to us. (Matthew 6: 25 - 31).

The promise is true, but we must do our part. Amen!

POSTAL SERVICE TO DELIVER MORE THAN 16 BILLION PIECES OF CHEER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The U.S. Postal Service expects to deliver nearly 15 billion pieces of mail and 900 million packages, for a total of nearly 16 billion cheerful deliveries this holiday season - the period between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.

"The Postal Service is ready to deliver for the holiday season," said Cleveland Postmaster Rose Spraggins. "Our dedicated employees are proud to deliver more packages to homes than any other shipper."

Once again the Postal Service is expanding its Sunday delivery operations to locations with high package volumes beginning Nov. 25. The Postal Service already delivers packages on Sundays in most major cities, and anticipates delivering more than 8 million packages on Sundays this December. Mail carriers will also deliver packages on Christmas Day in select locations.

The Lyndhurst/Mayfield, Strongsville, Westlake, Airport and North Olmsted Post Offices will be open on Sunday, December 16, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. "We are hoping to make shipping during the holidays as convenient as possible," said Spraggins.

Delivering for the Troops and Overseas

The Postal Service also processes mail for overseas Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of State (DoS) recipients. Interestingly, the DoD measures their mail volumes in pounds not pieces, and it's expected that the Postal Service will process more than 16 mil-

lion pounds of mail for DoD and DoS recipients between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve.

Busiest Mailing and Delivery Days

With an increase in early and online shopping for gifts, there is no longer a "busiest day" for holiday shipping. Instead, the Postal Service's busiest time is now two weeks before Christmas. Starting the week of Dec. 10, customer traffic is expected to increase, and the Postal Service expects to deliver nearly 200 million packages per week during these two weeks. The week of Dec. 17-23 is predicted to be the busiest mailing, shipping and delivery week, when nearly 3 billion pieces of First-Class Mail, including greeting cards, will be processed and delivered.

Skip the Trip and Ship Online

Consumers don't even have to leave home to ship their packages, simply visit usps.com. The Postal Service anticipates Dec. 17 will be the Postal Service's busiest day online with more than 8 million consumers predicted to visit usps.com for help shipping that special holiday gift. It's predicted that nearly 105 million consumers will visit our website between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. And usps.com is always open.

It's estimated nearly 400,000 consumers will use the Click-N-Ship feature and other online services on Dec. 17 to order free Priority Mail boxes, print shipping labels, purchase postage and even request free next-day Package Pickup.

What's New this Year

Informed Delivery is the Postal Service's free daily digital preview of what's coming to your mailbox. This holiday season, not only can you manage your packages and sneak a peek at cards headed your way, you can also see some exterior images of magazines and catalogs - all from your mobile app, dashboard, tablet or computer. Informed Delivery is one more way the Postal Service is helping you anticipate, communicate and celebrate this holiday season.

2018 Holiday Shipping Deadlines

The Postal Service recommends the following mailing and shipping deadlines*:

• Dec. 4 - APO/FPO/DPO (ZIP Code 093 only) Priority Mail and First-Class Mail

• Dec. 11 - APO/FPO/DPO (all other ZIP Codes) Priority Mail and First-Class Mail

• Dec. 14 - USPS Retail Ground

• Dec. 18 - APO/FPO/DPO (except ZIP Code 093) USPS Priority Mail Express

• Dec. 20 - First-Class Mail (including greeting cards)

• Dec. 20 - First-class packages (up to 15.99 ounces)

• Dec. 20 - Hawaii to mainland Priority Mail and First-Class Mail

• Dec. 20 - Priority Mail

• Dec. 20 - Alaska to mainland Priority Mail and First-Class Mail

• Dec. 22 - Alaska to mainland Priority Mail Express

• Dec. 22 - Hawaii to mainland Priority Mail Express

• Dec. 22 - Priority Mail Express

*Not a guarantee, unless otherwise noted. Dates are for estimated delivery before December 25. Actual delivery date may vary depending on origin, destination, Post Office acceptance date and time and other conditions. Some restrictions apply. For Priority Mail Express shipments mailed December 22 through December 25, the money-back guarantee applies only if the shipment was not delivered, or delivery was not attempted, within two (2) business days.

Additional news and information, including all domestic, international and military mailing and shipping deadlines, can be found at the Postal Service Holiday Newsroom at usps.com/holidaynews.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

FHI DATA SHOW SPENDING EXCEEDS REVENUES IN 100 OHIO CITIES

Auditor of State Dave Yost released a report on the latest Financial Health Indicators for Ohio's cities and counties which shows 100 cities are spending more than they take in and are relying on reserves to stay in the black. The data also show delayed investment by many of Ohio's 247 cities into capital assets, such as buildings, infrastructure and other large capital purchases. Overall, the FHI show that cities and counties are taking steps to properly manage their finances and are reaping the benefits of a strong state economy, Yost said.

However, for the three years the Auditor's Office has

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BE THANKFUL FOR WHAT YOU HAVE; YOU'LL END UP HAVING MORE

published the FHI, certain indicators have been problematic for cities across Ohio. Those indicators assess an entity's year-end balance of its unrestricted assets; whether net expenses are exceeding general revenues for government activities; whether capital assets are nearing the end of their life expectancy; and whether there are enough unrestricted net assets to cover the entity's bills for 30 days of operations.

"The newest FHI data show early signs of increasing stress in some local governments," Yost said. "Although most local governments are doing OK, I'm concerned to see these trends during a period of economic expansion."

Overall, there has been a 33 percent increase (from 12 to 16) in the number of cities that are either facing fiscal stress or are one indicator away, data through Sept. 30 show. This is determined based on historical data from entities that have fallen into fiscal distress. (Read more about how the calculation is made here.)

Seven cities are experiencing fiscal stress according to the indicators (Akron, Alliance, Canton, Fostoria, Norwood, Parma Heights and Powell), and nine others are a "critical" indicator away from that same stress level (Bowling Green, Cincinnati, East Cleveland, Lorain, North College Hill, Riverside, Upper Sandusky, Warren and Youngstown).

In addition, six cities (Bedford, Euclid, Lima, Mount Vernon, Reading and Springdale) are showing early signs of stress, meaning they appear to be two to three years away from fiscal stress. And five cities (Lakewood, Maple Heights, New Philadelphia, Olmsted Falls and Wickliffe) are one indicator away from showing early signs of stress, based on their FHI.

Reports for Ohio counties found none reaching enough "critical" indicators to suggest they were facing fiscal stress through Sept. 30, although one (Highland) is an indicator away from fiscal

stress. No counties met this condition in 2015. Hamilton County is showing early signs of stress (meaning it appears to be two to three years away from fiscal stress) and Coshocton County is an indicator away from showing signs of stress.

Auditor Yost noted that there are multiple factors that drive the FHI data. The health and diversity of the local economy, and thus its tax base, may be the most significant factor. Local spending decisions and the quality of local government management are also factors. And the distribution of poverty impacts the demand for services as well as the ability to raise money.

"In 2011, we began a research and development project to create an objective, validated assessment tool to measure the health of local governments and give advance warning of fiscal trouble," Auditor Yost said. "The tool shows us when a problem needs our collective attention."

While the FHI provide a look into a specific city's or county's fiscal health, they also provide a way for state policymakers to better understand what's happening across the Buckeye State. If there are issues across the state with a specific indicator, that information can be used by state legislators and the executive branch to dig more deeply to determine root causes of the problem.

According to the most recent data, the most 'troubled' financial indicators are Nos. 1, 9, 11 and 13.

Indicator 1 assesses the year-end balance of the unrestricted net assets of a city, and there has been a 46 percent increase in those reflecting a 'critical' outlook in this area and a 31 percent increase for those with a 'cautionary' outlook. The number of cities that have lower stress for indicator 1 has fallen from 163 to 136. If an entity's unrestricted net assets/position is declining or is negative, it leaves little or no room for unexpected expenses; therefore it is a sign

of fiscal stress.

Indicator 9 assesses whether net expenses are exceeding general revenues for government activities. There has been a 49 percent increase in cities reflecting a high level of fiscal stress for this indicator, from 67 cities in 2015 to 100 for FY 2017. Another seven cities are reflecting a cautionary outlook, up from two in 2015.

There has been a slight increase in the number of cities with a high or critical outlook of financial stress regarding capital assets (Indicator 11). Some 20 cities today have high financial stress in this area, up from 17 two years ago. A high percentage indicates asset replacement is imminent, and the entity may be delaying replacement of assets or significant repairs for cash flow purposes.

There has been a 46 percent increase in the number of cities facing high fiscal stress with regard to having enough unrestricted net assets (cash, investments, land, etc. minus liabilities) to cover average daily expenses for 30 days. In 2017, 19 cities were "critical" in Indicator 13, up from 13 in 2015.

The FHI reports for 27 of the state's 247 cities show a trend toward fiscal stress as they have had an increase in the number of "critical" or "cautionary" indicators in both 2016 and 2017. The original FHI report was based on 2015 data. The vast majority of these cities are not experiencing overall fiscal stress based on their FHI.

On the county level, the FHI reports show 15 of Ohio's 88 counties have experienced a progressive increase in signs of fiscal stress as they have had an increase in the number of "critical" and "cautionary" indicators since the initial 2015 data was released. Only one of these counties is currently showing signs of overall fiscal stress.

LATTA: OHIOANS BENEFITING FROM ECONOMY ON THE RISE

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) released the following statement after Ohio broke its previous record for number of jobs. After continued growth, the number of jobs in the state stands at 5,638,900, which surpasses the record set back in 2000.

"We've seen the national economic numbers showing unemployment at a 49-year low, small business optimism at a record high, and wages on an upward trajectory," said Latta. "But, now we're seeing what this means right here at home in Ohio. After a jobs peak in 2000, the Buckeye State suffered from the loss of jobs for years and was particularly devastated by the recession. However, pro-growth policies implemented by a Republican Congress and the President have meant a resurgence in Ohio. Ohio is ranked 6th in the country and 1st in the Midwest in terms of job growth this year. For Northwest and West Central Ohio, manufacturing gains are helping our local economy, getting people back to work, and increasing wages due to greater demand for workers. We don't want to go backwards on this progress, and it's important we continue to put in place policies that allow Ohio businesses to grow and expand."

UNDERSTANDING CONSERVATION PRACTICES: GRASSED WATERWAYS



By: Patrick Troyer, Paulding SWCD

The Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) aids landowners on a variety of best management practices (BMPs) that aid in the preservation of our soil & water resources. The number of practices that can be installed are numerous, but we want to inform the residents we serve of the assistance that is available to them through our office. In a previous installment, we focused on the blind inlet, otherwise known as a French drain, to reduce the amount of sediment, fertilizers, or pesticides moving through a tile outlet. For this week, we will put our focus on a practice known as a grassed waterway. What is it and what does it do? Follow along as we look at this practice.

Grassed waterways are channels constructed to a specific grade seeded to grass or another suitable type of vegetation that are designed to reduce the speed of water traveling through this channel to a speed which will not cause erosion. Typically, this practice is installed areas of a field in which there has been a rigorous flow of water that has led to the formation of deep gullies if they are not fixed. These deep gullies can prove to be a hinderance when trying to cross a field with farm equipment and will get worse over time. According to Ohio State University Extension, grassed waterways are installed to carry the runoff from a field without causing erosion while also allowing any runoff that does occur to be filtered by the vegetation before exiting the field thus aiding in the protection of water quality.

According to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the most common areas in which a grassed waterway applies are slopes where water concentrates as it exits a field or draws be-

tween hills (valleys caused by flash floods). Typically, landowners will contact our office with concerns about gullies that have progressively gotten worse over time in their fields. From there, we will run a series of simulations using a program called ArcGIS that will help us to map a watershed to get a preliminary determination of how many acres are draining into the area in question considering things such as elevations and soils. We then run another program which will tell us the amount of water that is being discharged during a rain event, a 10-year storm, which aids in the design process to ensure the grassed waterway will remain stable over time. Following some information gathering in the office, we will head out to the site to conduct a survey using a GPS unit to obtain elevations that will help us to understand what is going on with the lay of the land as water enters the area of concentrated flow. We also take note of any tile blowouts, outlets, and any other observations that may prove to be helpful.

From the survey, we begin the development of a proposed alignment of the waterway through the field and then create a profile drawing of existing elevations to see what is going as water enters the proposed waterway. Considering all the information gathered above, we can begin a determination of how big the grassed waterway will need to be. Not all grassed waterways are constructed to the same width and depth because there is no "one size fits all" solution to design. Other design considerations consider the expected height at which the vegetation that will cover the area will be maintained in both the growing and dormant season in addition to the allowance for an area of a field that is taken up by the waterway.

The one question that many people have is what kind of costs are involved. The important thing to know with costs is that they are very specific to each individual site and depend on the length of the waterway, slope of the land, and the area drained into the waterway. According to OSU, grassed waterways that are engineered typically cost around \$1,700 per acre while it would be \$30-\$40 if only seeding costs are needed. While these costs may be daunting, there are cost-share programs such as the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQUIP) that can help in some way to offset some of these costs. Check with our office or the Paulding County USDA Service Center.

How effective are grassed waterways? They have been shown to reduce the total phosphorous being discharged from a field location due to the increased infiltration of water to the soil resulting in less runoff, according to researchers Fiener & Auerwald. Soil erosion and sedimentation are also reduced because the grassed waterway is slowing the speed of the water down, thus leading to a reduction of these two factors. Grassed waterways are still passable by farm equipment, but it is important to minimize traffic on the waterway if possible.

Where can you get more information on installing this practice and all the good things it can do for you? Stop by the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District and we will be happy to assist you with this and many other practices that work to preserve and protect the natural resources of Paulding County. Give us a call at 419-399-4771, email paulding@pauldingswcd.org, or stop by the office at 900 Fairground Drive Suite B in Paulding!

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GRIPE # 1, 2 AND 3

By: Stan Jordan

I started in the Antwerp Post Office as a window clerk July 1st, 1946 @ \$1.04 per hour. Then in 1948, I worked in the Railway Mail Service, and then I started on Route One in January of 1949. I did that for 34 years, but even before that, I put 3 years in the army during WWII. Now if you add all that up plus 250 days of unused sick leave, it comes to about 39 years.

I am very proud of those 39 years, but these shenanigans the postal department of the United States government are pulling now, are down right stupid. It takes three days to get a letter from Antwerp Bank to the Antwerp Post Office, a distance no more than 50 feet.

But better than that, or worse than that, is that it is about 7 feet in the Antwerp Post Office from the drop box to my mail box (cost of \$50.00 per year) and it still takes over three days. The Pony Express back in 1860 was better than this, and this is progress?

I was always proud of my time with the postal department, but now?

Now I don't blame the local employees of the department, because I know they do what they are told, but that doesn't make it right. 3 days for 50 feet, that is idiotic.

I know the idea is for the department to save money by not having workers in the small office to work and sort mail, so it is all sent lock, stock and barrel in trays to Columbus or some big city who has a sorting machine. Big hairy deal! Some boys in Washington had these silly ideas and to make it work the local American has such lousy mail service. Three days for 50 feet? That is just not acceptable. This is 2018! Next, they will be heating the local post office with corn cobs or buffalo chips to save money.

If you want a letter or card delivered locally in one day, you must take it in and hand it to the clerk and tell them to put it in today's delivery.

Now this is a ruling from

the higher ups, not the local clerks. They are doing as they are told.

See ya!

MORE ON THE WILDLIFE

By: Stan Jordan

On Friday, the 9th of November, Terri Gorney stopped in the office here at the West Bend News and we had a fine talk about wildlife. She is the lady that wrote that fine article on wildlife on the front of the West Bend News on November 6th, Issue 45: The Little Auglaize Wildlife Reserve.

She lives over in Indiana and she and her husband, Dave, are knee deep in wildlife. They both are members Stockbridge Audubon Society in Northern Indiana. We talked a lot of the wildlife reserve and all the birds they saw there.

I really recommend that you read her article on the front page of Issue 45. It is very interesting.

She sort of has roots here in Antwerp as her great grandpa was Bert Zeigler. He operated a grocery store on the corner of South Main and Railroad Street, where now Hometown Pantry is. That was in 1920's or earlier. It later moved across the tracks and became the The Oak Bar & Grill which later became The Oasis.

I had a fine talk with Mark Mabis the other day and he was telling me that he saw four eagles in a field the other day right across from his house. There was two adults and two younger ones. He remarked how big they are.

Van Hanenkratt, our United Parcel Service driver, keeps a look out for wild game and nearly everyday he sees some and tells me about it. This area is well blessed with wildlife.

I was told that the other day Mark Larimore saw 10 or 12 eagles in a field eating something. There was two adults and the rest were full grown young ones.

That goes to bolster my idea that the parents of the young eagles that they have raised always stay in contact and get along together.

We have been told about people seeing a group of eagles together before.

Thanks for those reports. See ya!

I HATE WINTER

By: Stan Jordan

This November 13th and winter is here. The outside temperature is 22 degrees. I had to finally put on my

heavy winter coat and I hate to do that. These old arms are not as strong as they used to be. I hate winter.

But looking back I guess it is time for winter and cold weather. I know lots of people like the winter. Those people have snow mobiles and snow plows, little kids with new boots and sleds. And those guys who are ice fishermen and the people who sell Christmas trees.

There are some farmers who have to wait for the ground to freeze so they can finish getting their crops in, they didn't get that job done in the fall.

I have a nephew who is an avid ice fisherman, yes he has all the gear for that day, but I still think Bobby is losing it.

Yes when you live here in the four season country, you are going to have some cold weather. That is the way the ball bounces.

Looking back, we had a good summer.

We had 12 days over 90 degrees. We had about 50 days over the daily average. We had quite a bit of rain, but that made the crops produce better. Here in Antwerp all of the summer activities were celebrated without being rained on.

Now the rain did make the water in the Maumee River rise up and down and the Maumee River Raft Race, so far, has not come about, the water was too high at times.

I guess I will spend the winter here in my corner looking out my famous window at traffic on SR 49.

There was a time in October that our temperature went from almost 90 down to almost freezing in three days. That is what happens when you have the four seasons.

I don't like winter, but I love the other three seasons.

See ya!

SCHOOL BUS PROBLEMS

By: Stan Jordan

In a column last week about people passing a stopped school bus, I said there are other people to blame besides the driver of the passing vehicle. I caught a lot of slack because I think all I said was all school buses stop and pick up the students right by the curb. No student, anywhere, should have to cross a state highway or busy artery to get on a school bus. I think that should be a law in all states.

I know all states have laws about passing a stopped school bus, but a lot of people don't stop, I don't know why, but they don't. If there were stiffer penalties, besides a ticket, like maybe lose your license for six months or a year, maybe that would help. There is way too much trouble now with people not stopping for a bus loading or unloading.

People who don't obey the laws should receive a stiff penalty.

Maybe put another 24 cents nationwide on gas tax and return that money back to the schools to pay for the extra expense of new bus routes.

Something has to be done because too many students are being killed by careless drivers. Being sorry just don't do it.

Maybe equip some buses with cameras for a while and see if that helps. Just anything to make the drivers aware that is a school bus and you

must stop. If the word would get out that you can lose your driver license for a year or six months maybe that would help. See ya!

MY THANKSGIVING

By: Stan Jordan

My sister and her husband, two children, two of her grandchildren and I all descended upon United Methodist Church and had a wonderful meal and fellowship... just a real fine day. The dinner was put on my Dave Fisher and Jim Hunt.

My niece, Sharon Hicov, took care of me all afternoon. I met some old friends, along with some hugs and kisses on the cheek. I tell you, this being 94 stuff isn't all bad.

With all that delicious meal, I had 2 1/2 pieces of pie...they had to roll me out.

I went home and watched the Chicago Bears win over the Detroit Lions. I have liked the Bears ever since they had William Perry, also called "The Refrigerator". He was 6'3 and weighed 350 lbs. but he was fast. He could run 100 meters in under 12 seconds. All Americans loved that guy.

Then I watched a good game between the Washington Redskins and the Dallas Cowboys. Ezekiel Elliott, the fine running back from Ohio State Buckeyes a few years ago, plays for the Cowboys now, and he had a fine game.

After a fine meal and eight hours of football, I fell into the arms of Morpheus.

See ya!

CUFFS & COLLARS

Field reports from ODNR Division of Wildlife Officers

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

State Wildlife Officer Matt Teders, assigned to Madison County, received a report of a capsized boat on Deer Creek north of Madison Lake. Officer Teders was able to hike into the location and obtain the registration numbers of the vessel. While Officer Teders was unable to locate a phone number for the vessel's owner, the Madison County Sheriff's Office performed a welfare check and located the individual. The man stated that he had been fishing the evening before with his daughter when the boat took on water and flipped. Both individuals were unharmed and hiked back to their vehicle and drove home. Officer Teders was able to locate and return several items the fisherman lost, including several fishing poles and four tackle boxes of gear. The water-logged boat was towed to the nearest bridge and returned to a grateful owner.

In March 2018, State Wildlife Officer Josh Shields, assigned to Union County, received a complaint that an unknown person was flying a drone over an eagle's nest that had recently been built near the city of Marysville. Officer Shields documented the complaint and waited for more information. That summer, Officer Shields received additional information that an individual had posted aerial photos looking down into the eagle's nest from above. Upon further investigation, it was determined that the

photos had been taken from a hot air balloon with a zoom lens from an appropriate distance. The person flying the drone was never identified. It is especially important to give nesting eagles their space while raising young. It is unlawful to disturb an eagle that is nesting, and causing an eagle to leave the nest, especially while it is still cold, could be fatal for young eaglets.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

State Wildlife Officer Austin Dickinson, assigned to Williams County, was working at St. Joseph River Wildlife Area when he observed an angler catch several sunfish and place them into a cooler. The possession limit for sunfish at this wildlife area is 10 sunfish per day. When Officer Dickinson contacted the angler, he counted 21 sunfish in the angler's possession, 11 sunfish over their limit. The angler was issued a summons, found guilty in court, and was ordered to pay \$125 in fines and court costs.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

While on patrol during the fall, State Wildlife Officer Aaron Brown, assigned to Wayne County, had parked near an intersection of two seldom traveled roads adjacent to Killbuck Marsh Wildlife Area. Officer Brown was compiling information for deer investigations when he observed a vehicle traveling eastbound. As he was looking to the south, Officer Brown observed an object exit the passenger's side window. He drove to the area and noticed a beverage can in the ditch along the roadway. Officer Brown was able to catch up to the vehicle a few miles down the road and conducted a traffic stop. The driver admitted to throwing the can out of the window. He issued the man a summons for stream litter, a third-degree misdemeanor. The man appeared in court, was convicted, and paid \$138 in fines and court costs.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

State Wildlife Officer Todd Stewart, assigned to Morgan County, received information that an individual was likely digging roots on Wayne National Forest property. Officer Stewart and State Wildlife Investigator Kirk Kiefer contacted the individual who was carrying a five-gallon bucket full of goldenseal, also known as yellow root. Officer Stewart asked the individual if he had a permit to dig goldenseal on Wayne National Forest, and he stated he did not. Digging ginseng and goldenseal is allowed on Wayne National Forest only with a permit. Digging ginseng and goldenseal is not allowed on state wildlife areas. The individual was issued a citation for digging goldenseal without a permit. The goldenseal was forfeited to the state, and the individual paid \$125 in fines and court costs.

While patrolling through a section of the Wallace

O'Dowd Wildlife Area in Athens County, State Wildlife Officer Mark Basinger and State Wildlife Investigator Travis Abele located a car parked off the road. The officers contacted the male driver and female passenger and discovered that each had warrants for their arrests.

During the contact, the officers also discovered the driver was hiding a syringe full of heroin under his leg. The man was arrested and transported to jail. He was charged with operating a motor vehicle in a non-designated area and several drug violations. The officers would like to thank the Athens County Sheriff's Office for their assistance with transporting the subject to jail and assisting with the drug charges.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

State Wildlife Officer Tim Rourke, assigned to Shelby County, received a call in early January from a concerned citizen regarding a serious hunting violation which had just taken place. The caller informed Officer Rourke that as he was dropping his child off at the babysitter he heard two gunshots close by. The complainant observed a man standing in the middle of a roadway with a shotgun in his hands. The witness stated that he then saw a coyote running across the field. The witness provided Officer Rourke with a very good description of the man and the vehicle, which enabled him to locate the vehicle upon responding. The hunter admitted to shooting from the roadway at a coyote and was charged accordingly. In court, the man received a fine of \$355, lost the privilege to hunt, and forfeited his shotgun. Five weeks later, Officer Rourke received another complaint of the same nature. Again, a citizen had been following behind a vehicle when the vehicle suddenly veered into the oncoming lane of traffic, came to a stop, and fired out the driver's side window. The witness stated that a coyote was the intended target of the shots. Officer Rourke responded immediately, located the violator, and charged him with the offense. The infraction cost the individual \$255 in fines and court costs in addition to a shotgun.

BANKS STATEMENT ON GI BILL PAYMENT DELAYS

Congressman Jim Banks (IN-03), a member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, today issued the following statement regarding excessive GI Bill payment delays:

"When we make a promise to our veterans, we have to follow through on it. It is unacceptable that VA would place the education of our veterans in jeopardy by promising them a regular payment, which our veterans rely on, and then allowing delays when payments are due. "This Congress has passed

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significant GI Bill reforms and funded VA at the highest level ever. But far too often we find the department's information technology (IT), which underpins nearly every VA function, is inadequate to deliver on promises made. As Chairman of the Technology Modernization Subcommittee, I am committed to looking across VA and making sure IT systems are being improved in an effective and fiscally responsible manner. I look forward to examining the issue in next month's hearing."

Chairman Phil Roe recently announced the subcommittee will hold an oversight hearing on VA's GI Bill payment delays on November 14.

NEW STUDY WILL TRACK WAYS TO CUT RUNOFF FROM ELEVATED PHOSPHORUS FIELDS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Some farm fields in northwest Ohio's Maumee River watershed have more phosphorus than their crops can use. Called "elevated phosphorus fields," such fields may be at higher risk of contributing to Lake Erie's harmful algal blooms.

That's the premise of a new five-year, \$5 million study that hopes to learn about those fields and lower that risk by creating new public-private partnerships.

Led by Jay Martin, an ecological engineering professor with The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), the study plans to monitor and manage

more than a dozen elevated phosphorus fields, all in the Maumee River watershed.

Public-private partnerships To do the work, the study is partnering with nutrient service providers — consultants who advise farmers on crop and soil matters, such as the types and rates of fertilizer to apply — and some of the farmers they work with. The nutrient service providers are helping find farmers to help with the study; the farmers in turn are allowing their fields to be used as sites for the study.

"I'm excited," said Martin, a faculty member in CFAES's Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering and a faculty researcher with Ohio State's Ohio Sea Grant program and the college's Stone Laboratory. "This is a way that the agricultural community, Ohio State and U.S. Department of Agriculture researchers, and nongovernmental organizations can work together to address an important unknown. By doing so, this will improve water quality while supporting agricultural production."

Maumee River watershed Phosphorus runoff from farm fields is a significant driver of the harmful algal blooms plaguing Lake Erie. The blooms are sometimes toxic, are often many miles wide, and threaten recreation, tourism, drinking water safety and people's health. The Maumee watershed, which empties into the lake at Toledo, is the lake's largest source of phosphorus loading.

Martin said the study has four main parts: recruit the partner farmers; measure

phosphorus runoff on the farmers' fields; use and evaluate best management practices on the fields — practices aimed at reducing the fields' phosphorus runoff while also maintaining their yields; and then, by helping form further public-private partnerships, expand the adoption of the practices throughout the watershed.

The study includes partners and supporters from CFAES, the Nature Conservancy, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS), Ohio State's Center on Education and Training for Employment, and 12 Ohio agricultural businesses and organizations.

USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture is funding the study, which started in September and will run through summer 2023.

Lake Erie algal blooms Phosphorus, a nutrient, is needed for crops to grow. It's an important part of the fertilizers and manures that farmers apply to their fields. But rain can wash phosphorus out of the soil and then into drainage ditches, rivers and eventually Lake Erie.

In 2016, Ohio, Michigan and the Canadian province of Ontario agreed to reduce the phosphorus entering Lake Erie by 40 percent, with a goal of doing it by the year 2025. Experts think that such a reduction will keep the lake's blooms at safe levels. Ongoing efforts to meet that goal involve farmers, scientists and agencies, among others.

The new study, for its part, is specifically targeting elevated phosphorus fields, which

bear that name because, after years of fertilizer or manure applications, they've accumulated more phosphorus in their soil than their crops need. The excess doesn't hurt the crops; the crops just don't take it up. But sometimes the phosphorus is released from the soil and ends up in Lake Erie, where it contributes to harmful algal blooms.

"The hypothesis is that these elevated phosphorus fields contribute disproportionately to nutrient runoff," Martin said.

Until now, however, testing that hypothesis has been difficult. Locating an elevated phosphorus field requires soil test results, and those aren't public information; they're often kept only between a farmer and his or her nutrient service provider. The new study is solving that limitation by enlisting those individuals as partners.

Research on farms

Martin said that as a first step, a partnering nutrient service provider will invite a farmer to participate in the study. If the farmer is interested, Martin and his colleagues will work with them to determine if the field has the needed characteristics and to make sure the farmer is comfortable with the arrangements. The team will compensate the farmer and nutrient service provider for their time, will pay for implementing and maintaining the management practices, and will keep the farmer's name and location confidential.

If, on the other hand, the farmer isn't interested, "things end there, and no one finds out

anything about their field that they didn't know before we started," Martin said.

The team is now working to identify the study sites, with a goal of having 14 fields.

New ways needed

In the Maumee watershed and in other places, some farmers are reducing their phosphorus runoff by using the "4R" practices. The 4Rs stand for the right source, right rate, right time and right place when it comes to applying fertilizer and manure. But the 4Rs don't help on an elevated phosphorus field because the farmer has probably already stopped applying additional phosphorus fertilizer.

Instead, other best management practices are needed — ones that keep nutrients in the field or that trap them at the edge of the field before they get into waterways.

Martin said the study will implement a variety of best management practices at the study sites and then will evaluate the practices using edge-of-field water sampling. The practices may include building wetlands, growing cover crops and installing phosphorus filters, among others. Based on the findings, the study will offer recommendations for farmers and nutrient service providers.

The Maumee River watershed covers an area greater than Connecticut: more than 4 million acres in parts of three states — Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. The majority of the watershed's land use is agriculture. About 12,000 farmers live in the watershed.

Who's involved Other CFAES researchers

involved in the study are Margaret Kalcic, Ryan Winston, Mike Brooker and Nathan Stoltzfus of the Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering; Robyn Wilson of the School of Environment and Natural Resources; Greg LaBarge of Ohio State University Extension; and Brian Roe of the Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics. OSU Extension is the college's outreach arm.

Key partners on the study also include Jessica D'Ambrosio of the Nature Conservancy, Kevin King of USDA-ARS's Soil Drainage Research Unit, the Nutrient Stewardship Council and the Ohio Agribusiness Association.

Collaborating on the study are four northwest Ohio nutrient service providers — Nester Ag, Legacy Farmers Cooperative, Nutrien Ag Solutions, and the Farmers Elevator Grain and Supply Association — and the following organizations: the Ohio Corn & Wheat Growers Association, the Ohio Soybean Council, the Ohio Pork Council, the Ohio Dairy Producers Association, Mercer County Community and Economic Development, and the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation.

To learn more about the study, contact Martin at martin.1130@osu.edu.

(Continued from Page 1) plenty of food. St.Paul will be providing ham sandwiches to go along with your favorite potluck dishes. This annual event will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church Thursday, December 6, 2018 to celebrate together as women of Christian faith." Come join us!

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WARRIORS FALL IN FIRST TWO GAMES



Woodlan starts off in great first and last quarters, but fell behind in the second. Shown here is Woodlan Senior Jack Stuckey scoring on a layup with New Haven junior Donovan Lewis attempting to block. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Woodlan boys basketball team dropped a pair of games in the opening week of the high school basketball season last week.

New Haven posted a season opening 74-55 victory over the Warriors on

Wednesday before Bellmont held off Woodlan 60-53 on Saturday evening.

No other information was made available as of press time regarding the two games.

LADY WARRIORS SPLIT PAIR OF CONTESTS

The Woodlan Lady Warriors played a pair of games during Thanksgiving week with the squad recording one victory and one loss in that span.

On Friday, the Lady Warriors dropped a 66-45 decision to Jay County to open ACAC action.

Addison Bayman led Woodlan with 18 points while Gabby Joyce chipped in nine and Ella Smith posted eight.

Abbey Gentz (four), Hanna Albertson (two), Lauren Meyer (two) and Dakotah Krohn (two) also scored for the Lady Warriors.

Bayman posted nine rebounds, three assists and two steals as well for Woodlan with Smith grabbing four rebounds and Taya Kitzmiller hauled down three. Joyce also had two rebounds for the Warriors.

In earlier action, Woodlan went on the road to Churubusco on Tuesday and came home with a 60-28 victory.

Krohn paced the Lady Warriors with 15 points in the contest while Bayman added 11 markers and Joyce put in ten points.

Madi Koos bucketed seven markers for Woodlan and was followed by Kate Mendenhall (four), Smith (three), Kitzmiller (three), Gentz (three), Meyer (three) and Albertson (one).

Churubusco was led by Kenzi Tonkel with six points while Darian Manth added five. Mariah Hosted, Abi Erwin and Alli Green all chipped in four markers for Lady Eagles.

The Warriors got six rebounds from Smith while Bayman recorded four boards, three assists and six steals. Krohn also finished with four boards, three assists and two steals for Woodlan and Gentz posted four rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Myah Bear hauled down seven boards for the Eagles with Hosted recording six and Audrey Ziegler picked up five.

CUFFS & COLLARS

Field reports from ODNR Division of Wildlife Officers

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

While following up on a complaint, State Wildlife

Officer Patrick Muldovan, assigned to Licking County, met with a man who had harvested an antlered whitetail deer. While looking through the ODNR Division of Wildlife's records database, Officer Muldovan noticed that the man had checked in the deer with a permit that was purchased after the deer had been harvested. The man was issued two summonses in the Licking County Municipal Court and paid \$375 in fines and court costs.

State Wildlife Officer Adam Smith, assigned to Logan County, received a complaint of possible trapping violations taking place on private property. Officer Smith responded to the area and investigated the incident, which revealed two untagged foot encapsulating traps along with a bucket of suspected poison. The items were seized as evidence. Officer Smith later identified the person responsible for setting the poison and traps, and the man was issued a summons for using poison to kill wildlife. The man was found guilty in the Bellefontaine Municipal Court and paid a total of \$210 in fines and court costs.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

During the Fourth of July weekend, State Wildlife Officer Jason Porinchok, assigned to Putnam County, observed an adult female fishing alone at Ottawa Reservoir in Putnam County. The reservoir has an agreement with the ODNR Division of Wildlife that requires anglers to have a fishing license to fish there. Officer Porinchok checked the database and determined that the woman had not purchased a 2018 fishing license. When Officer Porinchok verified her identity for the citation, he discovered that she had a warrant for her arrest from the Bowling Green Municipal Court. The woman was issued a citation for fishing without a license and transported to the Wood County Jail. On her assigned court date in Putnam County, Officer Porinchok noticed that the defendant was not present in court. Officer Porinchok contacted the woman and escorted her to court, where she pleaded guilty and paid \$200 in fines and court costs.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

At the Killbuck Marsh Wildlife Area, State Wildlife Officers Aaron Brown, assigned to Wayne County, Eric Moore, assigned to Medina County, Randy White,

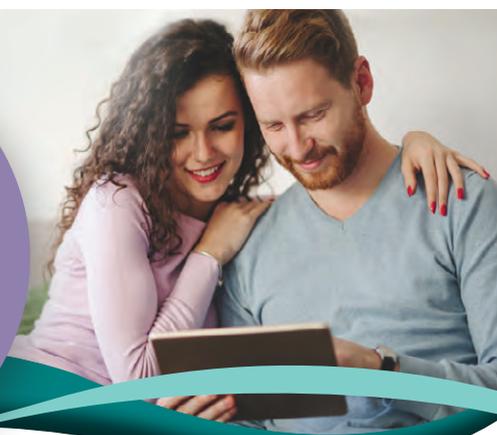
assigned to Lorain County and Jeremy Carter, assigned to Holmes County were conducting surveillance on potential suspects who had been damaging farm fields, roads, and ditches. Officers Carter and Brown were observing a group of individuals when they heard an ATV approaching. At the same time, a sport utility vehicle entered the field where the officers had positioned their vehicle. Officers White and Moore conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and shortly thereafter, the ATV approached their location and stopped at the intersection where they were located. Officer White identified himself and shouted for the operator to shut off the ATV but the individual fled. Officers Carter and Brown arrived shortly thereafter and located the ATV in a ditch

with the engine shut off. It was later discovered that the machine had run out of fuel and the occupants had fled on foot. The officers impounded the ATV pending further investigation. Although no suspects were discovered during the investigation, the original owner of the ATV was located. It had been reported stolen several years prior and had never been recovered. Fortunately, the ATV was returned to the original owner. The individual operating the sport utility vehicle was charged with operating a vehicle in a non-designated area and ordered to appear in court. He was later convicted and paid \$140 in fines and court costs.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

During the summer of 2018, State Wildlife Officer Jeff Berry, assigned to

Muskingum County, received information that an individual had posted a picture of a flathead catfish on social media with a comment about "noodling," or catching a fish by hand. Officer Berry made contact with the individual and explained the laws pertaining to fishing methods in Ohio. Noodling is legal in Ohio except for bullheads, catfish, coho, chinook or pink salmon, brow, rainbow and steelhead trout statewide; and walleye and sauger in the Maumee and Sandusky rivers. Officer Berry asked the individual if he had caught any other fish that year. The individual informed Officer Berry that he had also caught smallmouth bass and a white bass using a fishing pole. Officer Berry found that the man had not purchased a 2018-2019 fishing license. The indi-




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individual was issued a summons for fishing without a valid fishing license. The individual appeared in Muskingum County Court and received 30 hours of community service.

State Wildlife Officer Jeff Berry, assigned to Muskingum County, and State Wildlife Investigator Kirk Kiefer came across a large pile of trash at Powelson Wildlife Area. The officers sorted through multiple bags of household trash, mattresses, TVs, wood debris, and remodeling debris and were able to locate the names of two individuals who were connected to the trash. After the two individuals were interviewed, one was arrested on an outstanding warrant. Both suspects were charged with littering and convicted in the Muskingum County Court. Each suspect was sentenced to 50 days in jail and required to work off their court costs at the Muskingum County Fair. Anyone wishing to report illegal dumping is encouraged to contact your local state wildlife officer.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

While on patrol at Grand Lake St. Marys, State Wildlife Officer Mark Schemmel, assigned to Auglaize County, was performing fishing license compliance checks along the lake's eastern shore. Officer Schemmel was in an area popular among catfish anglers, with several rock piers protruding out into the lake. Officer Schemmel ob-

served an individual fishing at one of the rock piers when the individual was observed tossing an empty Styrofoam worm container and an empty shrimp bag down into the rip-rap. Officer Schemmel contacted the individual a short while later, and a summons was issued for littering. The individual appeared in the Auglaize County Municipal Court and was found guilty of the charge. He was ordered to pay \$181.20 in fines and court costs.

TWO NATIONAL LABORATORIES RECEIVE BIOPREFERRED PROGRAM PROCUREMENT AWARD

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that two U.S. Department of Energy National Laboratories have received USDA's Excellence in BioPreferred Procurement Awards for Fiscal Year 2018 for testing and adopting biobased products within their operations. The laboratories receiving the awards are the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) in Los Alamos, New Mexico and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) in Lawrence, California.

"The Excellence in BioPreferred Procurement Awards initiative recognizes outstanding achievements in advancing the objectives of the BioPreferred Federal Purchasing Preference Program. Congratulations to both laboratories for

achieving cost savings and reducing their environmental impact by converting to biobased products," said Vernell Thompson of USDA's BioPreferred Program.

LLNL's food services program converted all food service ware to biobased and compostable products, adopting biobased hot cups, cold cups, cutlery, lids, straws, takeout containers, napkins, soup cups, small sides/condiment containers, and to-go bags. The use of biobased compostable products contributed to LLNL's site-wide collection of 68 metric tons of compostable waste in 2017 for reuse and recycling instead of being directed to a landfill.

LANL's welding shop recently replaced traditional oil-based lubricants with a biobased lubricant used on metal-cutting machinery. The oil-based lubricants used during fabrication required large amounts of oil, resulting in overspray to workers, equipment, and the general work area. The biobased product that was adopted requires a much smaller amount to perform the same function. The switch to a biobased lubricant resulted in safer work areas by reducing the potential for slips and falls. The biobased alternative has also reduced the number of labor hours to complete the welding operation and reduced waste disposal costs.

USDA's BioPreferred Program, created by the Farm Security and Rural Invest-

OPERATION GRATITUDE



Seventh grade students at Middle School have been participating in a service learning project for the past 3

months. They collected items that will be donated for care packages for soldiers through 'Operation Gratitude'. As the

project wrapped up, November 20, the 7th grade students collected a total of 1866 items.

ment Act of 2002, promotes U.S. economic development, creates new manufacturing jobs and provides new markets for farm commodities. For 2018, the Awards program was expanded to a federal-wide biobased product purchasing recognition program. Recognition categories include federal acquisition professionals, federal program/technical professionals and federal contractors. The Excellence in BioPreferred Procurement Awards are determined annually by USDA based on significant contributions to the BioPreferred Program goals.

USDA APPROVES SNAP HOT FOODS PURCHASES IN 14 CALIFORNIA COUNTIES HIT BY WILDFIRES

In response to devastating wildfires in California, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will allow participants in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in 14 counties to buy hot foods with their benefits through Dec.

17, 2018. "Thousands of California residents are trying to piece their lives back together even as these wildfires continue blazing," said Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services Brandon Lipps. "This waiver will allow residents more flexibility to use in feeding their families as they get back on their feet." Under this temporary policy, hot food purchases are allowed in the following California counties: Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Plumas, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Sutter, Tehama, Ventura, and Yuba.

Under normal circumstances participants are not allowed to use their benefits to buy foods that are sold hot at authorized SNAP retailers. The waiver addresses the needs of SNAP households affected by the disaster that are unable to prepare food at home. SNAP authorized retailers may need 24-36 hours to be ready to accept SNAP

benefits for hot foods due to programming changes that may be required at their stores.

USDA has also approved a request from the state to provide mass replacement of SNAP benefits for residents who experienced food losses in certain portions of Butte and Plumas counties. These residents suffered food losses resulting from power outages in the area.

This is one of many tools that USDA has available to aid states as they recover from disasters. Today's announcement is the latest of multiple actions taken to help California residents cope with the effects of recent wildfires.

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) works to reduce food insecurity and promote nutritious diets among the American people. FNS also co-develops the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which provide science-based nutrition recommendations and serve as the cornerstone of federal nutrition policy.

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The Antwerp Archers return to their winter season basketball with nine returning letterman. Last year there were no seniors on the boys basketball team and this gave a chance for the underclassmen to gain experience on the court. Coach Doug Billman returns to the team and has been working with the boys, getting them into shape for their first game against Fayette on November 30, followed the next night by county rival Paulding on the home court!

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10	Keaton Altimus**	12 6'1"	SAT., DEC. 1	PAULDING	6:00
11	Jayvin Landers*	11 6'4"	FRI., DEC. 7	FT. JENNINGS	6:00
12	Cole Seslar***	12 6'2"	TUE., DEC. 11	OTTOVILLE	6:00
13	Luke Brewer**	12 5'11"	SAT., DEC. 15	CONTINENTAL	6:00
14	Blake Schuette*	11 6'1"	THU., DEC. 27	RT. 49 TOURN. @ EDGERTON	8:00
20	Jake Eaken	11 6'0"	FRI., DEC. 28	RT. 49 TOURN. @ EDGERTON	TBA
21	Jacob Savina	11 5'11"	THU., JAN. 3	FAIRVIEW	6:00
22	Austin Lichty	10 6'0"	SAT., JAN. 5	LIBERTY CENTER	6:00
24	Brayton Stuckey*	12 6'2"	THU., JAN. 10	WAYNE TRACE	6:00
32	Jake Ryan*	12 6'2"	THU., JAN. 17	AYERSVILLE	6:00
33	Austin Chirgwin	12 5'10"	SAT., JAN. 19	LINCOLNVIEW	6:00
42	Ty Rebber*	12 6'5"	FRI., JAN. 25	HICKSVILLE	6:00
			SAT., JAN. 26	NORTH CENTRAL	6:00
			FRI., FEB. 1	TINORA	6:00
			SAT., FEB. 2	MONTPELIER	6:00
			MON., FEB. 4	WOODLAN	6:00
			FRI., FEB. 8	HOLGATE	6:00
			SAT., FEB. 9	EDON	6:00
			FRI., FEB. 15	EDGERTON	6:00
			SAT., FEB. 16	HILLTOP	6:00
			MON., FEB. 18	DELTA	6:00

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LEGISLATION PROPOSED TO ENSURE FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR OHIO COUNTIES OF CAPITAL CRIMES

When a multi-defendant capital crime occurs in a county with limited resources, local officials may be unable to seek justice because of the extraordinary cost of prosecuting such a case. Ohio Auditor Dave Yost was joined by Senator Bob Peterson and Representative Shane Wilkin to call for legislation to address the financial strain on a community brought on by cases involving multiple victims and defendants.

“The April 2016 capital case involving the murders of eight family members in Pike County illustrates this problem that could occur anywhere in Ohio,” said Yost during a news conference at the Ohio Statehouse. “Justice should not be dependent on the ability of the county government to cover the costs of prosecution and defense.” Six people have been charged in connection with the Rhoden family homicides in Pike County.

“An extreme situation like the Pike county murders can impose heavy cost and staffing burdens on small local governments,” said Sen. Peterson (R-Washington Court House). “We greatly appreciate the tireless efforts of Pike County law enforcement, local officials, and Attorney General DeWine to bring this case to justice and it’s important for us to have a conversation about how the state can best support them in unusual cases like this.”

“Few, if any counties in Ohio, could afford the costs

associated with seeking justice in a capital case of this magnitude. Law and order must be supported by the General Assembly, and the people of this state expect an impartial and comprehensive trial,” said Representative Wilkin (R-Hillsboro). “I am proud to work with Attorney General – Elect Yost and Senator Peterson on legislation that will ensure the rights protected under the Constitution are supported regardless of a political subdivision’s financial standing.”

“When the State seeks death as the punishment, it is necessary for the State to properly fund the defense so that Ohioans have confidence in a fair and just outcome. Justice can only be achieved when the process is fair and not limited by underfunding,” said Ohio Public Defender Tim Young. “Seven factually innocent individuals have been exonerated from Ohio’s Death Row. This legislation will move us closer to avoiding those failures in the future.”

Highlights of today’s proposed legislation:

- Provides a statutory method for the State Controlling Board to authorize expenditure of state funds from the unappropriated balance of the general fund upon joint application of the State Public Defender and the Ohio Attorney General;
- This process would be narrowly tailored to only capital cases with multiple defendants and/or multiple victims, when both offices agree that extraordinary conditions require state assistance;
- The joint application would set out the necessity for the funds, with a good faith

estimate of costs. The estimate should not be so detailed as to disclose trial strategy of either side;

• Funds would flow to the local government through the Public Defender and the Attorney General, as appropriate, and all other processes would remain the same. Prosecution authority remains with the local county prosecutor, not with the Attorney General. The trial judge would retain authority to review and approve expenditures of the money approved by the State Controlling Board.

LATTA HOSTS EVENT WITH FIRST RESPONDERS; DISCUSS FENTANYL & OTHER NARCOTICS SAFETY

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) hosted first responders from around Ohio’s 5th Congressional District at an event at Lourdes University in Sylvania this morning to discuss safety when encountering fentanyl and other narcotics. Office of the National Drug Control Policy Deputy Director Jim Carroll and Ohio State Highway Patrol Crime Lab Director Brandon Werry both addressed law enforcement, fire chiefs, and EMTs from more than 30 jurisdictions around Northwest and West Central Ohio. Discussion revolved around proper procedures when entering potential areas where narcotics may be present and steps that first responders should take if they believe they have come into contact with fentanyl.

Latta held the event after discussing cases of fentanyl exposure with first responders recently. There have been a number of high profile instances in recent months of law enforcement potentially being exposed to fentanyl or other dangerous narcotics.

“While deaths from overdoses caused by heroin or prescription drugs are leveling out, the number of deaths due to synthetic opioids like fentanyl continue to rise,” said Latta. “The increased usage of fentanyl also puts law enforcement, firefighters, and EMTs in harm’s way. First responders have asked for a protocol on what to do when encountering fentanyl, so I asked experts at the state and Federal level for the best information to help them do their jobs in the safest way possible. I’m hopeful that knowledge gleaned from today’s discussion will aid our first responders as they protect our communities.”

Latta has been a leader in Congress on efforts to combat the opioid epidemic including authoring the INFO Act, which was included in bipartisan legislation that is awaiting the President’s signature. In 2016, 4,050 Ohio residents died of unintentional drug overdoses, the highest in the nation and a 32% increase over 2015. Overdose deaths increased to 4,854 in 2017, a 19.9% increase. More than

72,000 Americans died from drug overdoses in 2017, including illicit drugs and prescription opioids. That number nearly doubled over the past decade, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

USDA CXO DASHBOARDS DECLARED “INNOVATION OF THE YEAR”

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Chief Executive Officer (CXO) Dashboard Project has been recognized by FedScoop Magazine as the Federal Government’s Innovation of the Year for creating the first comprehensive suite of administrative data dashboards. In addition, USDA’s Chief Information Officer (CIO) Gary Washington has been recognized for USDA’s Information Technology (IT) modernization strategy with the Federal Leadership Award.

Each year Fed Scoop Magazine recognizes outstanding achievements across the federal government. Since being sworn in as the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue has made it USDA’s goal to become the most effective, most efficient, and most customer-focused department in the entire federal government.

“No doubt, data-driven decisions lead to more effective outcomes for the USDA, our customers, and the American public as a whole. I am proud of our entire office of the CIO for their focus on IT modernizations and for demonstrating dynamic, innovative organizational leadership,” said Secretary Perdue. “These FedScoop Awards give the USDA family additional validation that we are well on the way to becoming the best managed agency in the entire Federal government.”

HUSTED STATEMENT ON CONTINUING EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN ACCURATE & UP-TO-DATE VOTER ROLLS

Following 2018 General Election, boards of elections directed to resume bipartisan supplemental process upheld by U.S. Supreme Court. Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted issued Directive 2018-39 to provide county boards of elections with guidance on resuming the supplemental process upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court earlier this year. The bipartisan, 24 year-old process has

been used in Ohio to ensure full compliance with state and federal law requiring accurate and current voter rolls be maintained. Secretary Husted previously instructed boards that voter registration cancellations under the supplemental process would not resume until after the 2018 General Election. The following may be attributed to Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted: “Maintaining our voter rolls is a legal requirement and essential part of ensuring Ohio is a place where it is easy to vote and hard to cheat. We want every eligible Ohioan to participate in our elections, and we must also preserve the integrity of our elections.

“There is no single option for keeping clean voter rolls, which is why for nearly a quarter century both Democrat and Republican secretaries of state have used the supplemental process and other tools to make sure the state’s voter rolls are not bloated with names of people ineligible to vote. These efforts have led to well-run elections and reduced the chance of long lines at the polls and other headaches for voters.

“Today’s directive instructs the county boards of elections to resume administering the supplemental process immediately.”

In July 2018, Secretary Husted announced a series of voter-focused initiatives to promote civic engagement and keep the voter rolls updated. These efforts included new online notifications for voters about changes to their registration status at MyOhioVote.com, utilizing data from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) to confirm a voter’s address, as well as requiring county boards of elections to mail an additional “last chance” notice 30 to 45 days prior to canceling any voter’s registration.

SECRETARY PERDUE STATEMENT ON DEPT. OF LABOR RULEMAKING ON H-2A VISA PROGRAM

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today praised proposed rulemaking by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), which could help farmers advertise job openings to domestic workers as required under the H-2A visa program. The DOL rulemaking would require that employers seeking to hire temporary workers post the employment opportunities online, rather than in expensive newspapers advertisements reaching a limited audience. This is an early step in H-2A regulatory reforms as promised in May in a joint statement of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Labor, State, and Homeland Security.

Secretary Perdue issued the following statement:

“When I travel around the country, one of the biggest concerns farmers raise is the shortage of legal farm labor. Our farmers and ranchers are the most productive in the world, and they want to obey immigration law. Where American workers are not available, farmers turn to the H-2A program that is overly bureaucratic and cost prohibitive. Using regulations like this is one way to modernize H-2A to reach more American workers, while providing relief to farmers from one of the high costs of the program. It’s good to see the federal government using 21st Century technology, rather than being limited to placing notices in the want ads.

“H-2A reforms can chip around the edges of the labor shortage problem, but it will take action from Congress to address it fully. I applaud Secretary Acosta and urge members of Congress to redouble their efforts to help our farmers find the workers they need to continue to feed, fuel, and clothe the United States and the world.”

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Hometown Pantry, Pop-N-Brew, Genesis House, Pit-Stop, Subway, Manor House Assisted Living

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

Cecil: Maramart, Vagabond

Charloe: Charloe Store

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

Defiance: Newman’s Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Cabbage Patch Store, Werlor’s Waste, Advanced Auto, Great Clips, Meijer Great Clips, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid

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

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

Hicksville: Sailers, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald’s, Senior Center, Community Memorial Hospital, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway

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

Melrose: Morning Star Convenience Store

Ney: Marthon
Oakwood: Rhees’ Market, The Landing Strip, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware, Dollar General

Paulding: Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Holly Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hard-

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

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Fort Wayne: Walmart, Walgreens & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Great Clips

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

Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, First Merchant 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, The Duce.

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2018-19 Boys Basketball



The Panthers return for the 2018-19 basketball season and it looks as though they have a stacked deck! Losing 7 seniors looked detrimental to the team but it has not! This year they are back with 9 seniors and a

larger overall team! The team will be followed closely in the West Bend News as the season begins to unfold with the first game starting on November 30. The first hosted match will start on December 7 against Defi-

ance. With returning players like Shull, Manz, Miller and Cook, you will be seeing great things this year from the Paulding roster!

ROSTER

#	Name	HT	POS	Gr
2	Blake McGarvey	5'10"	G	10
3	Carson Shull	5'10"	G	12
4	Bailey Manz	6'1"	F	12
5	Evan Edwards	5'9"	G	11
10	Hunter Kauser	5'9"	G	10
11	Tristan Kunder	5'10"	G	12
12	Jacob Eblin	6'1"	F	12
13	Hunter Kesler	6'2"	F	12
21	Jaret Miller	6'1"	G	12
22	Luke Dunakin	6'1"	F	12
23	Fletcher Cook	6'1"	F	12
24	Payton Beckman	6'3"	F	10
30	Seth Dysinger	5'11"	F	11
33	Ethan Letso	6'2"	F	12

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Assistant Coach: Travis McGarvey
Superintendent: Kenneth Amstutz
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Athletic Director: Brock Bergman

SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Opponent
Nov 30 Fri	6:00 PM	A Continental
Dec 01 Sat	4:30 PM	A Antwerp (Tripleheader w/ Freshmen)
Dec 07 Fri	4:30 PM	H Defiance (Tripleheader w/ Freshmen)
Dec 08 Sat	4:30 PM	A Wayne Trace (Tripleheader w/ Freshmen)
Dec 14 Fri	6:00 PM	A Columbus Grove
Dec 17 Mon	6:00 PM	H Miller City
Dec 21 Fri	5:00 PM	H Bluffton (Tripleheader w/ Freshmen)
Dec 27 Thu	6:00 PM	T (@Def College) Bryan (JV 11am & Varsity 6pm)
Dec 28 Fri	TBA	T (@Def College) TBA (Varsity)
Jan 11 Fri	5:00 PM	A Allen East (Tripleheader w/Freshmen)
Jan 12 Sat	4:30 PM	H Fairview (Tripleheader w/ Freshmen)
Jan 18 Fri	6:00 PM	H Delphos Jefferson
Jan 19 Sat	4:30 PM	H Ayersville (Tripleheader w/ Freshmen)
Jan 25 Fri	5:00 PM	A Ada (Tripleheader w/ Freshmen)
Jan 28 Mon	6:00 PM	H Holgate
Feb 05 Tue	4:30 PM	A Hicksville (Tripleheader w/ Freshmen)
Feb 08 Fri	6:00 PM	H Crestview
Feb 09 Sat	4:30 PM	H Liberty Center (Tripleheader w/ Freshmen)
Feb 15 Fri	6:00 PM	A Lincolnview
Feb 16 Sat	6:00 PM	A Bryan
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Sharon M. VanVlerah, Executrix of the Estate of Leo J. VanVlerah, deceased, et.al., Plaintiffs, vs. Kelly Lee, et. al. Defendants,

Case No. CI-18 172
To: Kelly Lee, Cannina Lee, and the unknown heirs and devisees, spouse or surviving spouse of Kelly Lee and Cannina Lee are hereby notified that you have been named Defendants in a legal action entitled Sharon M. VanVlerah, Executrix of the Estate of Leo J. VanVlerah, et.al., Plaintiffs vs. Kelly Lee, et.al., Defendants. This action has been assigned Case Number CI 18 172 and is pending in the Court of Common Pleas of Paulding County, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

The object of the complaint is to quiet the title of real estate situated in the Southwest Quarter of Section 24 of Auglaize Township, Paulding, Ohio and cancel the land installment contract by forfeiture against you.

You are required to answer the complaint within 28 days after the last publication of this notice which will be published once each week for six successive weeks. The last date of publication will be made on November 27, 2018 and the 28 days for answer will commence on that date.

IN CASE YOU FAIL TO ANSWER OR OTHERWISE RESPOND AS REQUIRED BY THE OHIO RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

Stephen K. Snaveley (0018935)
Attorney for Plaintiffs

ant Gregory J; 14473 Rd 224; 158.8 acres; Sw1/4 Less 1A Emerald Twp S-8

HARRISON TWP
11/20/18 Flores Sharon to Feasby Cody Feasby Cassandra; Sr 50; 20.5 acres; Ptsw1/4Nw1/4&Ptnw1/4Sw1/4Harrison Twp S-36

11/20/18 Flores Sharon

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

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, Plaintiff, vs. Gregory R. Lammers, Et. AL, Defendants,

Case No. CI-18-131
Judge Tiffany Reighter-Beckman
TO: Intervale Mortgage Corporation
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 38701 Seven Mile Rd., Suite 550, Livonia, Michigan 48152

Please take notice that a complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against Gregory Lammers seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by Gregory R. Lammers to pay delinquent real estate taxes wherein Intervale Mortgage Corporation is a Lender on said real estate and filed a mortgage recorded in Volume 511 Page 0095 of the Paulding County Records.

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

Situated in the Village of Paulding,

in the County of Paulding and the State of Ohio, to-wit:

Lot Number Four (4) of Latty's Addition to the Village of Paulding and State of Ohio.

Auditor Tax Parcel I.D. No. 30-17S-004-00 Property Address: 421 W. Wayne Street, Paulding, Ohio

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

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

By: *Rachael Mullen*
Deputy

Respectively submitted,

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

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

to Feasby Cody Feasby Cassandra; Rd 55; 6.93 acres; Pt Nw1/4 Sw1/4 Harrison Twp S-36

11/21/18 Brown James H to Hitzeman Brent L; 12110 Rd 11 Antwerp Oh 45813; 2 acres; Pt Sw1/4 Sw1/4 Harrison Antwerp Sec 5

11/21/18 Brown James H to Hitzeman Brent L; Rd 11; 2 acres; Pt Sw1/4 Sw1/4 Harrison Twp S-5

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VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-20** on November 19, 2018, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance establishes the time and place of regular council meetings for calendar year 2019 to be the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m., unless there is a holiday then the meeting will be the third Wednesday of the month at 8:00 a.m. with the meeting in January being on January 16, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. and the meeting in February being on February 20, 2019, at 8:00 a.m..

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-21** on November 19, 2018, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE MAUMEE LANDING SUBDIVISION - PHASE 6 (LOTS 3A, 3B, 8, AND 28) TO THE ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 94-17, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance accepts the final plat of Phase 6, Lots 3A, 3B, 8, and 28 in the Maumee Landing Subdivision in accordance with the Subdivision Ordinance.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-22** on November 19, 2018, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance establishes the compensation and wage rates for Village officials, employees, appointees, and volunteers effective with the pay period beginning December 24, 2018.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-23** on November 19, 2018, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER \$32,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE FUND, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Fiscal Officer to transfer \$32,000.00 from the General Fund to the Police Fund for the operation of the Police Department.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-24** on November 19, 2018, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN MEDICAL SERVICES INCURRED BY FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATING IN THE VILLAGE'S GROUP MEDICAL INSURANCE IN CALENDAR YEAR 2019, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes full-time employees covered by the Village's group medical insurance in 2019 to seek reimbursement when employee has exceeded one-half of the out-of-pocket maximum for covered medical services, and a potential reimbursement of up to one-half of the out-of-pocket maximum per covered employee.

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.



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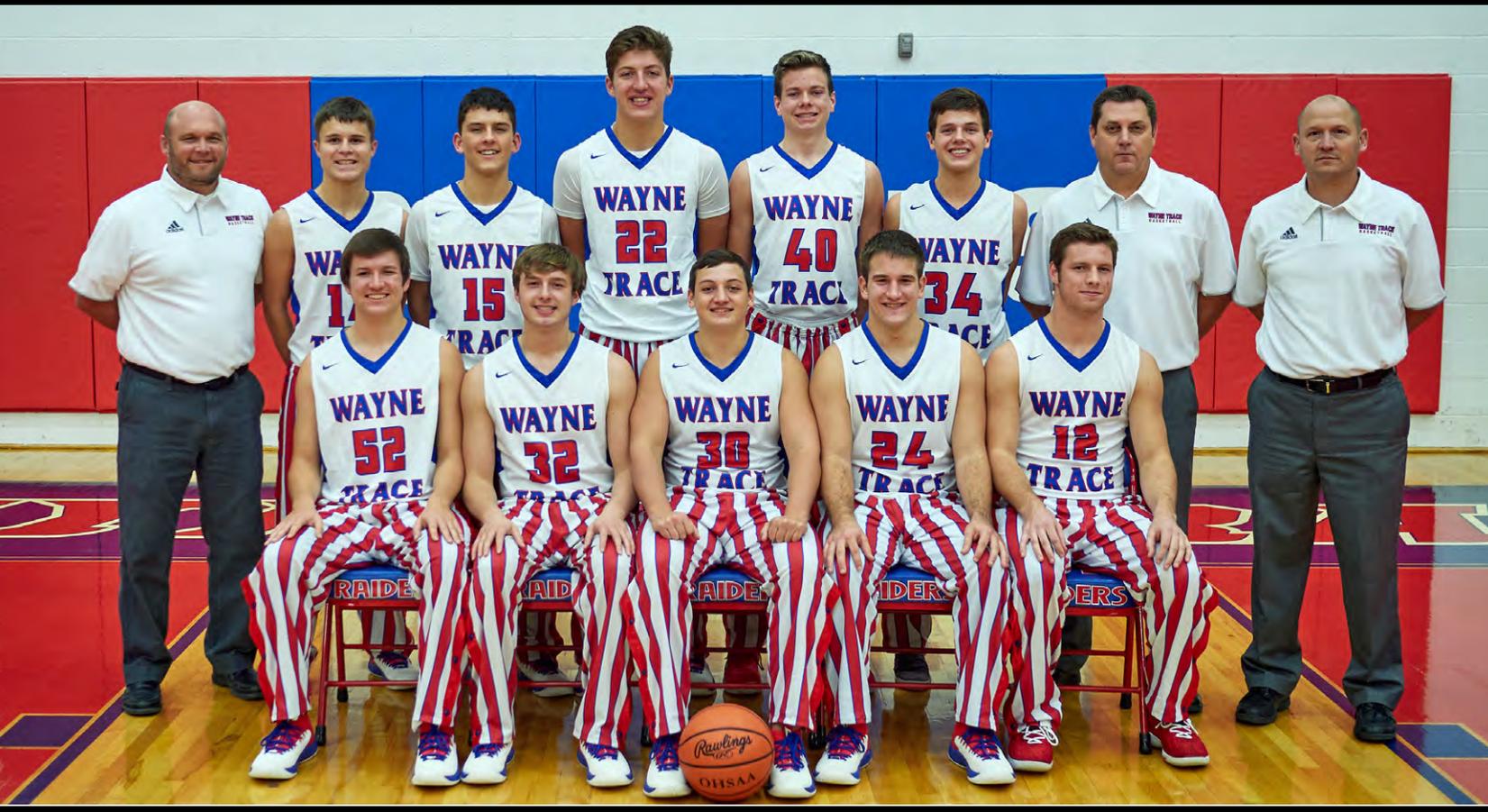
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#	Name	Ht	Pos	Gr
12	Evan Mohr	6'0	G	12
14	Reid Miller	5'10	G	11
15	Trevor Speice	6'0	G	10
20	Josiah Linder	6'0	G	12
22	Nate Gerber	6'5	F	11
24	Trae Sinn	5'11	G	12
32	Mox Price	5'11	F	12
34	Jace Vining	5'10	G	11
40	Alex Reinhart	6'4	F	11
52	Caleb Yenser	6'1	F	12

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JIM LINDER

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SCHEDULE

Nov. 30	Col. Grove	H	6:00
Dec. 7	Bryan	T	6:00
Dec. 8	Paulding	H	6:00
Dec. 14	Liberty Center	T	6:00
Dec. 15	Lincolnvew	H	6:00
Dec. 21	Miller City	T	6:00
Dec. 22	Van Wert	H	6:00
Dec. 28	Woodlan	H	6:00
Jan. 3	Tinora	H	6:00
Jan. 5	Arlington	T	6:00
Jan. 10	Antwerp	T	6:00
Jan. 12	Del. Jefferson	T	6:00
Jan. 17	Edgerton	H	6:00
Jan. 19	Ft. Jennings	H	6:00
Jan. 25	Fairview	T	6:00
Jan. 29	Continental	T	6:00
Feb. 1	Holgate	T	6:00
Feb. 2	Kalida	T	6:00
Feb. 8	Ayersville	H	6:00
Feb. 9	Crestview	H	6:00
Feb. 15	Hicksville	T	6:00
Feb. 22	Ottoville	H	6:00

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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Santa is arriving in town with the help of the Antwerp Fire Department.

Saturday, December 8th, kids can visit with Santa at the fire station from 1 - 3 p.m.

Come get your picture taken with Santa and shop in the Secret Santa Shop.

PAULDING COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association will host a holiday breakfast on Monday, December 3, at 9:30 A.M. at the Vagabond Village located at 18187 U.S. 127, Cecil, Ohio.

Retired administrators, teachers, aides, secretaries, food service employees, buildings and grounds employees, and bus drivers are all invited to attend. Meals will be ordered from the menu, and no reservations are necessary.

Donations for local food pantries and for the Paulding County Retired Teachers Scholarship Fund will be appreciated.

SANTA'S COMING TO CONVOY

Santa Claus will be arriving downtown Convoy on a fire truck at 10am on Saturday December 1, 2018. Santa will be at the Village Ministry Center downtown Con-

voy from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Children can chat with Santa and receive a treat from Santa, refreshments will be served. Bring your camera for pictures of your children with Santa. Food items for Loaves of Love will be collected at the VMC. This Convoy Community Event is sponsored by the Convoy Lions Club & Convoy Business Association.

PERI CHAPTER 10 MEETING

PERI Paulding County Chapter 10 will hold its meeting at the Paulding County Senior Center, 410 E. Jackson St. at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 5th, 2018.

Speaker will be Kim Sutton, John Paulding Historical Society.

NHEG RECEIVES GRANT

The New Heights Educational Group received a grant of \$500 on November 19, 2018, from Walmart in Napoleon, Ohio. NHEG Director, Pamela Clark, said: "This grant is very much appreciated and needed. We will put it to good use."

TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA TRIBUTE

A tribute to the Trans-Siberian Orchestra will be given by Siberian Solstice.

2018 Christmas Concert: The Angel's Gift will be on Saturday, December 8th,

7:00 p.m. at the Payne Elementary School Auditorium.

PAULDING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MAKES UPDATES FOR 2019

On November 13, 2018, the Paulding County Economic Development Board held their bi-monthly board meeting.

Discussions included review of the Business & Industry Appreciation Banquet held on October 9th, board members heard positive comments on the new businesses speaking at the banquet, and adding for current businesses an opportunity to speak at next year's banquet. The attendance increased by 60 people and we want to continue this trend, we will move the banquet to November for 2019. All aspects were reviewed and improvements were discussed. The Financial Committee will be working on the 2019 budget in the next couple of weeks.

By-Laws were reviewed and updated.

Natural Design & Graphics is designing a new website for the Economic Development office and will be active in 2019.

A motion was made to go into executive session at 12:32 p.m. to discuss employee compensation for 2019, at 12:45 p.m. members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session at 12:45 p.m.

The Board Minutes from the September 11, 2018 were emailed one day prior to board meeting, they were reviewed and approved.

Quickbooks Financial Reports were sent to Treasurer one week prior, to review before the Board meeting. All Board members received the financial report one day prior to meeting to review. The report was reviewed and approved.

The Director's Report and Travel/Expense Report was sent to board members one day prior board meeting. The Director reported on a number of projects including the Lafarge/One Energy

PAULDING FFA FOOD SCIENCE TEAM PLACE 1ST AT DISTRICTS AND ADVANCE TO STATE!



Pictured here left to right is the Paulding FFA team who placed 1st at the district food science contest. Courtney Luderman, Shannon Hale, Kalyn Strahley and Jen Stahl.

By: Sydney Reineck Reporter and Courtney Luderman Vice President

The Paulding FFA Chapter had four members compete in the district 4 food science contest on Thursday, November 8th at Wayne Trace High School. The team consisted of Courtney Luderman, Kalyn Strahley, Jen Stahl, and Shannon Hale. As part of the

contest the members had to identify 5 different aromas from a list of 30 different aroma options. Then they had to identify health code violations, as well as handling customer inquiry about food processing and quality. The team also had to complete a product development scenario and create a food label and answer questions as the team

competition. They placed 1st at districts out of 15 teams. Courtney Luderman placed 1st individually out of 60 members. This placing earned the team a spot in the State Food Science CDE on December 1st at the Parker Food Science Building at OSU. The Paulding FFA would like to wish the team best of luck at the state contest!

Wind Turbine Project. New Businesses include: Paulding Automotive Service Center, Stylish Pets, Cornett-Dunkle Agency Nationwide Insurance, Anthony Marlin - Financial Planner. Bittersweet Inn is under new ownership along with many other projects happening in the county. The reports were reviewed and approved.

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