

AMERICA'S FARMERS GROW RURAL EDUCATION PRESENTS WAYNE TRACE \$10,000 GRANT!



Reid Stoller, on behalf of the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education program, was in attendance at Wayne Trace High School during half-time of the Saturday night, December 22 basketball game. Also in attendance was Wayne Trace administration, teachers, and students, as well as some of the farmers that nominated Wayne Trace to receive the grant.

Wayne Trace JH/HS is being awarded a \$10,000 grant through America's Farmers Grow Rural Education, a program that helps farmers support their local rural public school districts. Since 2011, this Monsanto Fund program has given over \$16 million to rural school districts to enhance math and science education.

The following farmers, or their representatives, nominated Wayne Trace Local Schools for this grant: Eric Homier, Bill G Homier, Gary Benschneider, Jane Benschneider, Alvin Klopfenstein, Deborah Klopfenstein,

Roy Klopfenstein, Dwain Laukhuf, Judy Eddy, Todd Sinn, Jodie Schmidt, Jannette Cook, Jay Schmidt, and Amy Rosswurm.

It was appreciated of the farmer nominations and an excellent application, Wayne Trace Local Schools will be able to use this grant to begin a Virtual Reality in Science Program at the JH/HS. Virtual Reality in Science is designed to provide Virtual Reality equipment for students and teachers in grades 7-8-9 at Wayne Trace Junior High/High School. The purpose of the project is to increase student achievement in science and deepening their understanding of science concepts. By implementing this project with two science teachers, this emerging technology can be integrated into classroom activities on a small scale and then be expanded to include other grade levels and subjects. Connections to local and online resources and experts will provide presentations for students and

teachers to help them understand the daily applications of science concepts particularly in the local businesses of agriculture, wind-farms and manufacturing.

What an outstanding accomplishment for one of our best schools!

DEFIANCE POST AWARDS TROOPER OF THE YEAR

DEFIANCE - Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper Tyler D. Rachel has been selected the 2018 Trooper of the Year for the Defiance Post.

The selection of Trooper Rachel 26, is in recognition of outstanding service during 2018 at the Defiance Post.

Fellow officers stationed at the Defiance Post and Dispatchers at the Van Wert Post, chose Trooper Rachel based upon leadership abilities, professional ethics, courteous treatment of others, enthusiastic work attitude and cooperation with supervisors, peers and the public alike. This is the second year in a row that Trooper Rachel has been selected for this recognition. Trooper Rachel is now considered for contention of the District and State Trooper of the year award to be announced at a later date.

Trooper Rachel joined the Ohio State Highway Patrol in 2012 and has served at the Defiance Post since then. Originally from Stryker, Ohio and is a graduate of Stryker High School. Other Highway Patrol Awards received in the past include; Defiance Post Trooper of the Year in 2017, Ohio State Highway Patrol Heath and Physical Fitness Ribbon and Driving Ribbon award for over five years of Safe Driving.

ANTWERP SCHOOL REQUESTING YEARBOOKS

The Antwerp School is working with West Bend Printing & Publishing Inc. to convert its entire collection of past yearbooks to digital. It will make the collection searchable on the computer and other portable devices.

Kayla Bagley, School Librarian, found that there are a few years missing from the library's collection. She is requesting of the public that if you have any of the following years that you would like to donate, it would be great appreciated:

1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1967, 1990, and 1992

Students and staff alike use the yearbooks for research, and sometimes just fine projects!

VAN WERT AREA PERFORMING ARTS FOUNDATION NAMES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Van Wert Area Performing Arts Foundation (VWAPAF), along with The Van Wert County Foundation, announce that Tafi Stober was recently named as the next Executive Director of the Van Wert Area Performing Arts Foundation.

Stober has over twenty years of professional and personal pursuits that are rich in brand and marketing management, economic development, and community enrichment. She began promoting the arts in the region as Marketing Director of the Niswonger Performing Arts Center (NPAC) in 2012. She will succeed Paul Hoverman, who is retiring in May of 2019.

Performing Arts Foundation Board Chairman Chuck Koch states, "Paul Hoverman deserves great credit during his tenure as Executive Director for guiding the NPAC business from infancy to a nationally recognized performing arts center. We are going to miss Paul's wisdom and talent as he identified artists and engaged with their agents to secure their appearances in Van Wert. At the same time, we welcome Tafi Stober and the energy and enthusiasm she brings as our new Executive Director. We will be in good hands with Tafi. I would encourage our friends and patrons in the coming months to please take time to thank Paul for his years of service to our

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ALTIMUS RETIRES FROM FOOTBALL COACHING AFTER 24 YEARS



The district uses Facility Management Express software for preventative maintenance planning, scheduling and documentation of inspections and maintenance activities. Public School Works software was also implemented to document staff safety training. The district is in the middle of a security upgrade at the bus garage to completely fence the perimeter of the bus storage area and service garage to prevent theft and damage. They have planned a school staff in-service for August 2018 utilizing OSP Risk Managers and the local Sheriff to review school entry procedures and school security measures. The district truly embodies actively managing their risk.

The Antwerp Local School Board met on Thursday, December 20 for the regular meeting. Vantage Report:

December 6, Vantage had a meeting as reported by Dennis Recker. Antwerp had 4 students: Jacob Savina, Sayge Bonifas, Jared Sukup and Joshua Sukup who were named as Blue Chippers. Bob Herber will start teaching an

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December 26

- How to Sniff Out a Scam: Practical Tips for Giving Wisely @ Lifetree, 6:30pm

December 27

- Free meal @ St. John Lutheran, Hicksville, 5pm

December 28

- Glass City Dance Party @ Holland Gardens, 8-11:30pm

December 30

- Combined service @ 1st UMC, Van Wert, 10am

January 11

- Chili Cook Off @ Branch Christian Fellowship, Paulding, 11a-1p

January 12

- Paulding KofC Free Throw Championship @ PHS gym, 12Noon

January 15-17

- FW Farm Show @ Coliseum, 9a-5p, 9a-8p, 9a-4p

January 17-18

- 2019 Greenhouse Management Workshop @ Wooster

January 23

- Venison Preparation and Canning Seminar @ Ant. Cons. Club, 6-9pm

January 26

- Old Fort in Winter @ Historic Fort Wayne, 10a-5p

February 9

- Valentines Square Dance @ St. Michael's Gym, Hicksville, 6:30pm

March 16

- RAIN: A Tribute to The Beatles - The Best of Abbey Road @ Niswonger, 2 & 7:30pm

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Timothy "Bowie" Reid, 56, formerly of Antwerp passed away Monday, Dec. 17, 2018.

Tim was born in Albuquerque, NM on June 4, 1962. He spent 36 years at Spec-Temp Glass in Antwerp.

He will be sadly missed by his parents, Margaret Rose (Fultz) and Charles Hugh Reid; children, Tamara (Ed) Hicks, Nicole (James) Hellberg, David Bender, Derek (Jackie) Reid & Anthony Reid; siblings, Mark, John & Dave (Antonia) Reid & 6 grandchildren.

Bowie's funeral service is 10 AM with viewing one hour prior on Friday, Dec. 28th at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp.

Viewing is also Thursday, Dec. 27th, 4 - 7 pm at Dooley Funeral Home.

He will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com



Lutheran Health Network | MICHA Architecture + Design

Lutheran Health Network announced December 19, details for St. Joseph Hospital's replacement facility, which will ultimately be called Lutheran Downtown Hospital.

Situated at the southwest corner of Main and Van Buren, the 60-bed acute care hospital will be built across the street from the existing hospital on property that's currently designated for physician and employee parking. Lutheran Downtown's main entrance will be on Van Buren facing east. The decision to build a leading-edge, vibrant hospital in this area is consistent with Lutheran Health Network's goals to stay downtown and remain an active participant in its success.

"Long before the notion of 'downtown revitalization'

began to materialize nearly a decade ago, Lutheran Health Network was already turning vision into reality through the ongoing modernization of St. Joseph Hospital and its campus," said Mike Poore, regional president and chief executive officer, Lutheran Health Network. "As we look to the future of healthcare and how it will be delivered in and around the heart of the city, this new facility will serve as a springboard to bigger and better things."

The planned size of the facility reflects that more and more services are being offered in outpatient settings as medical technologies advance. The facility will be built with space to accommodate future growth to more than 100 beds, based on the community's needs. Design work

and planning with local officials will begin immediately. Construction of the five-floor, 181,000-square-foot hospital is expected to begin summer 2019, once the required city and state approvals are received, and will take between 18 and 24 months to build. Anticipated completion of the project is late 2021.

Upon completion, Lutheran Downtown will include a 19-bed emergency department, a six-suite OR, three cardiac catheterization labs, two gastroenterology suites, hyperbaric medicine, wound care, imaging services including MRI and CT, robotic-assisted surgery, laboratory services and the regional burn center. With input from its employees and members of the medical staff, the full scope of services available at Lutheran Downtown will continue to be solidified.

The current facility, which has gone through many physical changes over the years, has limitations that make it more difficult to add today's medical advancements and create an optimal environment for staff to deliver the experience patients need and expect.

"Ever proud of our history, which we will honor in the new facility, it has been clear for quite some time that reaching our fullest potential requires a structure designed to accommodate the technologies and best practices that are givens in modern healthcare," said Jerry Henry, chairman, St. Joseph Hospital

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told."

—John 6:35

Board of Trustees. "This commitment also demonstrates our desire to be a leader in Fort Wayne's ongoing work to transform its central city. A hospital that reflects where we want to be as opposed to where we've been is a vital piece of the puzzle."

"Being first an employee of St Joseph Hospital and now an active member of the medical staff, I have had the privilege of working alongside many who have served here since I was a respiratory therapist," said Tom Kintanar, MD. "Their passion and dedication to patient care is a reflection of the values of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. The new hospital will help ensure our commitment to the mission will continue."

The attached medical office building on campus, which was expanded and renovated in 2008, and the parking garage will continue to be utilized once Lutheran Downtown opens. At that time, the old hospital will be razed to allow for additional parking. The vacant plaza office building, which once housed the school of nursing, will also be demolished.

ing two rockin' showtimes at 2:00 PM and 7:30 PM presented by Alexander Bebout and Kitchens Inc. Tickets are on sale just in time to be stuffed into stockings!

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RAIN - A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES presents The Best of Abbey Road! In celebration of the anniversary of the release of Abbey Road, RAIN will bring the greatest hits to life in addition to all your early favorites. This mind-blowing performance takes you back in time with the legendary foursome delivering a note-for-note theatrical event that is the next best thing to seeing the Beatles. RAIN has mastered every song, gesture and nuance of the legendary foursome.

Experience the world's most iconic band and celebrate the best of Abbey Road with RAIN - A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES. From the best of Abbey Road, this immersive tribute will take you back to a time when all you needed was love and a little help from your friends.

Along with Presenting Sponsors Alexander Bebout and Kitchens Inc, Supporting Sponsor for RAIN: A Tribute to The Beatles is Kevin M. Laing D.D.S. Season Sponsors for IGNITE 18-19 include Chuck & Karen Koch, State-Wide Ford Lincoln, and Van Wert Federal Savings Bank.

Information can be found online at NPACVW.ORG.

CHOW LINE: NONTOXIC FOOD DECORATIONS AREN'T ALWAYS EDIBLE

I'm making a batch of holiday goodies, and I'm using several kinds of festive decor on the cakes, cookies, and pies. Some of this glitter and sparkly stuff is very pretty, but I'm wondering if it's really safe to eat.

That depends on what the label on its packaging says.

When baking fancy cookies, cakes, cupcakes, or other foods for the holidays—or for any occasion—it's important that you are aware of which decorations are edible and which ones aren't.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a consumer alert this week

that some glitters and dusts promoted for use in foods might, in fact, contain materials that should not be eaten.

In fact, the FDA says consumers might want to avoid using glitter and dust to decorate cakes, cupcakes, cookies, pies, and other food items unless the products are specifically manufactured to be edible.

While some glitters and dusts are sold online and in craft and bakery supply stores under names such as luster dust, disco dust, twinkle dust, sparkle dust, highlighter, shimmer powder, pearl dust, and petal dust, not all are safe to eat, the FDA says.

Some of the decorations

might be labeled nontoxic, but that doesn't mean they are meant to be eaten.

"Some decorative glitters and dusts promoted for use on foods may, in fact, contain materials that should not be eaten," the FDA said in a written statement.

So how can you distinguish between glitters and dusts that are safe to eat from those that are unsafe to eat?

Food decorations that are edible must be clearly labeled as such. Companies that make edible glitters and dusts are required by law to include a list of ingredients on the label, per the FDA. If the label simply says "nontoxic" or "for decorative purposes only" and does not include an ingredients list, you should not use the product directly on foods.

Nontoxic glitters and dust, which are typically used to make crafts sparkle, are made out of plastic.

In contrast, some of the most common ingredients used to make edible glitter or edible dust include sugar, acacia (gum arabic), maltodextrin, cornstarch, and color additives specifically approved for food use, including mica-based pearlescent pigments and FD&C colors such as FD&C Blue No. 1.

If you are purchasing a professionally decorated cake or other food item, specifically ask the baker or cook if all ingredients are edible. To ensure that the decorative products are edible, you can also ask to see their labels.

If you do decide to purchase or decorate a food item with decorations that are not edible, you should be sure that you remove the

decorations before serving or eating the food. You don't want anyone who eats your treats to have any adverse reactions to your creations.

Chow Line is a service of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences and its outreach and research arms, Ohio State University Extension and the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center. Send questions to Chow Line, c/o Tracy Turner, 364 W. Lane Ave., Suite B120, Columbus, OH 43201,

or turner.490@osu.edu.

RAIN: BEATLES TRIBUTE AT NISWONGER

The music of The Beatles has transcended generational lines and served as an influential precursor to scores of albums to come. While it may be impossible to see the original group live in concert, it is still possible to enjoy their music live. The Niswonger will see a british invasion Sunday, March 16 with RAIN: A Tribute to The Beatles - The Best of Abbey Road perform-

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their business partners, service organizations and friends of the chamber for their support in 2018. The primary source of income for the Chamber is through its membership and without your support we would not be able to provide the events and projects that benefit our community.

As we close 2018 and look forward to 2019, we encourage anyone who has interest in helping to make the Antwerp Community, your community, a better place to live, work and do business, please consider joining the Chamber. We are here to promote, preserve and protect all businesses for the advancement of our community. You do not have to own a business to be a member. We are also adding a membership level for home-based businesses and direct-sales representatives. More information on this new level of membership will be available after the first of the year. Membership in the Chamber is an investment in your community and in Antwerp's future. We meet at the Essen House on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 12:30. Please join us! Please contact us at antwerpchamber@gmail.com and Like us on Facebook at Antwerp Chamber.

We would like to thank the 2018 members of the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce.

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If we have forgotten anyone, we sincerely apologize. Thank you to the Town of Antwerp for supporting the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce. It takes a village!

ANTWERP MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE



Middle school winner Madisyn Peters and runners-up Reid Lichty and Jessica Thornell

Antwerp Local School held its 2018-2019 Middle School Spelling Bee on Tuesday, December 18, 2018. Sixth grader Madisyn Peters came in first place by spelling the word "diminutive" correctly in the 16th round. Seventh

grader Reid Lichty and sixth grader Jessica Thornell were the runners-up.

Peters will compete in the Paulding County Spelling Bee on February 5, 2019, at Payne Elementary.

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE



Elementary winner Keira Spyker and runner-up Briley Bagley

Antwerp Local School held its 2018-2019 Elementary School Spelling Bee on Wednesday, December 19, 2018. Fourth grader Keira Spyker came in first place by spelling the word "beneath"

correctly in the 16th round. Fourth grader Briley Bagley was the runner-up.

Spyker will compete in the Paulding County Spelling Bee on February 5, 2019, at Payne Elementary.

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

LITERACY NIGHT AT PAYNE ELEMENTARY

On December 13, 2018, Payne Elementary held its first Literacy Night for their students and families. After having to postpone the original date because of weather, it was rescheduled during the busy month of December, however the evening was still well attended and enjoyed by all.

The theme of the evening was "Roll Out the Red Carpet" and all the stations and activities highlighted a popular children's book that

has been turned into a movie. Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, Where the Wild Things Are, Charlotte's

Web, Because of Winn Dixie, and Wonder were some of the popular titles of the evening. At the various stations throughout the different classrooms, teachers provided materials for families to create storyboards, make bookmarks, use popular games with homework such as sight words, make puppets to act out popular fairy tales, participate in a book tasting, and create multi-media art. Popcorn and drinks were also available as families were shown how to access and use the Bookflix program on electronic devices.

Funds from Thrivent Financial, April Krouse, Payne

Elementary's Title 1 Reading teacher, made it possible to purchase an age appropriate book for the 100 students who participated. With these funds they were also able to purchase several board games and card games to raffle off at the end of the evening. "These funds allowed us to spread the enjoyment of reading and literacy to all of our students," said Krouse. Ashley Shepherd, a parent of three students at Payne Elementary, said, "The kids are always so excited to come back to the school in the evening. They love the activities and seeing their friends. As a parent, I am so grateful that the teachers have built such caring relationships with my kids. It means more than they will ever know!"

OHIO SCHOOL PLAN BEST PRACTICE AWARD

The Ohio School Plan Best Practice Award was created to recognize an OSP member who best demonstrates proactive risk management. To qualify for the award, members must possess a functional safety committee accountable for the completion of corrective actions derived from results of:

- scheduled internal inspections
- regulatory inspections
- incident investigations

Plan members will be nominated for the award by Hylant Administrative Services Risk Management Representatives. Loss information for each nominated member will be reviewed to determine a single winner.

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS RELEASES 2018-2019 QUALITY PROFILE

The Van Wert City School District strives to ensure each and every single student receives a quality education that will provide them with the opportunity to reach their fullest potential, not only as students but as citizens of the Van Wert community.

VWCS administrators and staff members collaborated to put together this year's Quality Profile, an at-a-glance overview of what sets Van Wert City Schools apart. The QP is intended to be a more-inclusive view of what the school system offers students that is not reflected in the State Report Card.

"We believe our community values what we offer our students and we recognize it's our duty to share that information with our friends and neighbors," stated Superintendent Vicki Brunn. "Our staff members set the bar high and it's easy to take for granted the amazing things that happen inside the walls of Van Wert City Schools. We continue to be a beacon of Cougar Pride in our community and our dedication to our students is clearly evident in the opportunities we provide for them on a daily basis."

The Quality Profile offers some insight to facts and figures such as graduation rate, scholarship dollars awarded to recent graduates, building awards and accolades, and the variety of programs offered throughout the grade levels. The QP is available

online at <http://www.vwcs.net/qualityprofile>.

PANTHERS ROLL PAST LOCOS

MONTPELIER - The Paulding Lady Panthers pulled away from host Montpelier to roll to a 42-22 win over the Locomotives Monday night in non-league girls basketball action.

The maroon and white led 12-8 after one quarter before extending the lead to 21-12 at the halfway point.

Paulding then extended the margin to 36-15 at the end of three quarters before coasting to the 42-22 win.

Emily Fritsch had seven points to lead the Locomotives with Jaelyn Lyons adding six. Jesse Bumb had three for Montpelier while Halie Rose, Ariel Page and Trinity Richmire all scored buckets as well.

The Lady Panthers were led by 16 points from Chelsi Geisige with Jalynn Parrett adding six points.

Other scorers for the maroon and white included Audrey Geisige (four), Janae Pease (three), Leigha Egnor (three), Bri Townley (three), Sydney McCullough (two), Maggie Manz (two), Sadie Estle (two) and Claire Schweller (one).

Egnor had nine rebounds and Chelsi Geisige picked up six boards and Janae Pease recorded two steals.

HOHENBERGER HITS 1,000 POINT MARK IN WIN OVER PANTHERS

HOLGATE - Holgate senior Madilyn Hohenberger scored the 1,000th point in her career and finished with 16 points and a dozen rebounds to lead the Tigers to a 37-28 win over Paulding Tuesday night in non-league girls basketball action.

Reana Willett added eight markers for the Lady Tigers, who are now 6-2, while Bailey Plott chipped in six points.

Grace Wenzinger posted five for Holgate and Justine Eis finished with two points.

Katie Strayer topped Paulding with eight points and Chelsi Geisige added seven markers for the Lady Panthers.

Audrey Geisige had four points for the maroon and white followed by Sydney McCullough (three), Janae Pease (two), Jalynn Parrett (two) and Sadie Estle (two). The Panthers drop to 2-5 on the season with the loss.

McCullough and Chelsi Geisige each had three-point field goals for the Lady Panthers while Willett hit a pair of three-pointers for Holgate.

Holgate jumped in front 10-3 at the end of one quarter and pushed the margin to 19-11 at the halftime. The Lady Tigers led 26-17 entering the final stanza.

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adult education course in Fire Fighting at Vantage.

Treasurer Report:

Christine Stuart said the Antwerp income was \$558,379.41, Expenses were \$1,098,089.92, and Interest \$13,397.84. She said there were 3 payrolls in the November month and that offset the income.

HS Principal Report:

Travis Lichty gave his report and the testing retakes were able to be completed. Madison Peters won for the opportunity to represent Antwerp at Paulding County Spelling event at February 7 at 7:00 p.m. for at Payne Elementary School. Antwerp is going to have an Archer mascot soon. It will be a very nice outfit that is ventilated. Dr. Miller asked if there would be a competition to name the mascot. The band uniforms should be ready by the Florida trip. Lichty thanked the boosters of the various groups who helped make this happen. Drew Altimus is retiring from football coaching after this year. Mr. Lichty announced his appreciation for all that Altimus has done over the years for the football program.

"Drew has served our district as the football coach for the past 24 years. During that time period, the Archers celebrated 96 victories. Drew is a member of the breed of "old school" coaching, tough but fair, kind and unassuming, devoid of ego yet well-respected and possessing genuine compassion for his players not simply as a means to an end but to teach life long lessons. Drew had a knack to enhance the confidence of his players. Wins were not as important as wanting to win. I along with many who know Drew, admire his character and his reputation, his love for his family and his school.

"Perhaps Drew's most paramount lesson he passed on to his players and staff was to treat everyone as if they belong and matter regardless how insignificant they might

appear." stated Dr. Miller.

December 27 & 28th - at Edgerton for the boys Route 49 tournament.

Elementary Principal Report: Principal Stokes reported that the fifth grade band did well at the concert and so did the 6-12. ELE testing turned out very good and they are 74% passing for the end of year test. They did better than the previous year. DARE starts in January.

Superintendent Report:

Dr. Miller said the fencing should be installed next week around the discus area. Miller has met with the architects for the concession plaza area. The bids hopefully will be coming in soon. There has been some electrical shorts in the parking lot lights. Mr. Gottke is meeting with the solar panel people on December 20th in Carmel, Indiana. Antwerp school received a check for Proactive Risk Management to limit



the number of liabilities at the school.

The board of Directors received \$1000.00 for being selected as being a Safe School. Miller also said they are working on getting cameras on the bus and they are writing a grant for this and a deep clean carpet cleaner. The donation of Stop the Bleed kits came from ProMedica. They also provided training for the staff. Dr. Miller will be leaving for China in late January.

The next school board meeting will be Tuesday, January 8th at 5:00 p.m.

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START THE YEAR OFF WITH A BANG!

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH INSTALLS NEW PASTOR



Pastor Brent Roth was recently installed as the new pastor for Bible Fellowship Church which is located across from the Paulding Hospital.

Pastor Brent gave his heart and life to the Lord when he was 13 years old at a YFC hallo-ween event. Then several years later he met Pam Myers from Continental campus Life/YFC. They were both juniors then and now they have been married for 45 years.

Pastor Brent's first calling was to be a chiropractic physician at a Hicksville for over 30 years.

Roth attended Defiance College and Bowling Green State University, before graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree and Doctorate of Chiropractic from National College of Chiropractic in Lombard, IL. He went on to open his own practice in Hicksville. The father of son, Joshua and daughters, Stacie Miller, Melissa Norris and Laura Miller, as well as the grandfather of 13 grandchildren, Roth sold his chiropractic business 10 years ago.

While in the chiropractic business both Pam and Pastor Brent spent a lot of volunteer time as Board of Directors of the Defiance Area YFC. All four of their children were active at CL/YFC in Hicksville area.

Pastor Brent spent 20 years at Central Ministries in Ft. Wayne where he taught adult Sunday School class, served as elder board and became a licensed pastor.

After selling his chiropractic business he became a relief pastor where he filled in

at many different churches in Indiana and Ohio, including Bible Fellowship Church in Paulding.

According to Jack Fetter, as a member of the leadership team at the church, "We had gone several months without a pastor and as Pastor Brent filled our pulpit there was a major heart desire from everyone to ask Brent to be our pastor. Since he and Pam accepted the call they have relocated from Hamilton, Indiana to Fort Wayne to be much closer to our church and their family.

Pastor Brent shared at the installation, "I've been praying that God would open the right opportunities for me to serve more. There are great Christian people at this church I've known for years, and it's my hope that I can help them grow.

"I want people who are hurting and lost to know that there is hope and that hope is in Jesus Christ," added Roth. "Part of the church's job is to let people know there is a savior, and what better time then during the Christmas season to let people know that God is with us. That's pretty exciting."

For more information about Bible Fellowship Church, located at 1040 W. Wayne St. in Paulding across from the hospital, contact Roth at 260-486-2741. Worship service is at 10:00 a.m.

caption: Pastor installation involved the following: L-R Pam Roth, Pastor Brent Roth, and the church leadership team of John Mohr, Jack Fetter, Bob Fessel and Art Simonin.

TIPS FOR AVOIDING CHARITY SCAMS REVEALED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

How to avoid being fooled by fake charities will be discussed at Lifetree Café on Wednesday, December 26 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The program, titled "How to Sniff Out a Scam: Practical Tips for Giving Wisely," features a recorded interview with a woman who rallied her community to raise money for a friend who lied about needing cash for cancer treatment.

"When I learned I'd been lied to, it was like getting hit in the gut with a baseball bat," says Michele Beck.

Lifetree participants will get tools that will help them tell which charitable appeals are legitimate and feel comfortable giving to worthy causes.

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 Lifetree may be directed to First United Methodist Church at 419/238-0631 or firstchurch@wcoil.com

Topic for January 2 - "Living a Lie...The perils of a dou-

ble life."

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,
Is it ever right for a Christian to declare bankruptcy?

Bankruptcy is usually backing out on an agreement at the expense of the debt-holder. In the Bible people who could not make good on their debts were put in prison or made servants until their debts were paid.

Not all things legal are right, such as abortion, gay marriage, gambling, etc. Romans 13:23 and I Thessalonians 4:12 tell us to "walk honestly". Psalms 37:21 says, "The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again." Try out the golden rule in Matthew 7:12 and see how that fits. "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."

I have on occasion suggested possible bankruptcy if a person's interest and fees were increasing so fast they could never pay off their debt. However, I told them to commit themselves to voluntarily paying off the principle owed to their creditors at their own pace. That is a little more honest than not paying it at all.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

THE KINGDOMS' CHARACTER

By: Lonnie Lambert, Oakwood Church of Christ

Read Matthew 5:1-12. (Matthew chapters 5-7 contain the famous "Sermon on the Mount." The first section gives what are often called the Lord's "blessed," or "beatitudes." He describes the characteristic traits of those who are in his kingdom.)

17. To be in the kingdom one must be poor: a) in money; b) in spirit; c) in influence.

18. Those who mourn (grieve) over their sins will be: a) rebuked; b) sick; c) comforted.

19. Who will inherit the earth? a) the Jews; b) the rich; c) the meek.

20. We ought to hunger and thirst for: a) bread and water; b) righteousness; c) nothing.

21. Those who will receive mercy are the: a) merciful; b) weak; c) sick.

22. The only ones who will see God are the: a) pure in heart; b) angels; c) babies.

23. Those that God calls his children are: a) infants; b) angels; c) the peacemakers.

24. A blessing is on those who are persecuted: a) because of their race; b) for righteousness sake; c) because they are poor.

The meaning of some of these points may not be immediately obvious. The "peacemakers" are those who "preach the gospel of peace" (Romans 10:15). Those who "mourn" are not those who are bereaved, but those who are in sadness because of their sin. They are comforted when they are forgiven. A demonstration of this is in Acts 2:37-41. They were "pricked in their hearts." They felt the pain of conviction. But when they repented and were baptized, they were forgiven. The "meek" are not people who have no courage or strength, but rather are those who submit to the will of God.

WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL CHAPEL PROJECT



Woodburn Lutheran School's second quarter chapel project helped make Christmas "Merry & Bright" for three local families. WLS worked with the Woodburn Food Bank and used chapel offerings collected during the second quarter to purchase gifts, household items, and gift cards for the families. Woodburn Lutheran School is blessed to be a part of this community and to help make this a wonderful Christmas for these families while teaching the students the gift of giving.

We should keep our hearts (minds) on pure things, but the "pure in heart" are those who have "purified" their souls by obeying the truth (I Peter 1:22).

Kingdom Priority Read Matthew 6: 19-34.

25. We ought to lay up treasures: a) in banks; b) on earth; c) in heaven.

26. The key to what one considers his treasure is: a) where his heart is; b) what he says; c) how old he is.

27. No man is able to serve: a) two masters; b) angels; c) the devil.

28. What were the two illustrations from nature that Jesus gave to show how God cares for us? a) houses and lands; b) moon and stars; c) birds (fowls) and lilies.

29. One's priority in life (seeks it first, more than anything else) should be: a) a comfortable living; b) a good family; c) God's kingdom and righteousness.

ANSWERS: 17, B, 18. C, 19. C, 20. B, 21. A, 22. A, 23. C, 24. B, 25. C, 26. A, 27. A, 28. C, 29.

THE POTTER'S WHEEL

By: Doris Applegate

It is very interesting to learn about those who have the talent to make pottery and create all kinds of beautiful and useful items.

One day God told Jeremiah to go down to the potter's house. As Jeremiah was watching, the clay in the potter's hand was marred (spoiled) but then he began to remake (redo) it into another vessel. Read Jeremiah 18: 1-6.

The Japanese have an art form called kintsukuroi, where they take broken pieces of pottery and fill in the cracks with golden joinery (filling) which now makes these items that were once broken and useless into very valuable and sought after treasures.

This makes me think of some of us (myself included) who have been hurt, rejected, broken, cracked and "lost" lying on the "cold floor of life" wondering what would happen next. Little did you realize that the Holy Spirit (Master potter) would begin to pick us up and gently fill our cracked and broken soul with the "gold" of God's love and grace. How awesome is that?! Remaking us into

a more useful vessel. Hurts and wounds are healed, our broken pieces (hearts) are mended and put back into a more beautiful and helpful person, able to relate to others with more love, compassion and understanding. We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses who are cheering us on. Read Hebrews 12: 1

All I can say is that it is worth the pain and suffering. Our Savior, Jesus Christ went through so much pain for us and said the we also would suffer if we would reign with Him someday. Read Timothy 2: 12. We are being conformed into His very image. Amen.

CELEBRATE HOLIDAY BOUNTY AND GIVE BACK - USDA TIPS TO REDUCE FOOD LOSS AND WASTE

The holidays are a time for entertaining and for giving back. USDA's food loss and waste initiative offers tips on making the most of both sides of the season.

In the U.S. alone, it is estimated that between 30-40 percent of the food supply is wasted. For the average family, \$1,500 is spent on wasted food each year. As families and friends mark the year's end, there are many ways to keep the feast out of the landfill.

Plan for the party. Are you hosting a holiday party for five, ten, or 20 guests? Plan your menu and make a grocery list. Before you hit the supermarket, check your kitchen pantry. Not sure what you can use? Remember, just because a food's "sell by" date has passed does not mean you have to

toss it. Get started with this USDA food product dating fact sheet.

Don't let leftovers languish! How long can you keep leftovers after the party? Find the answer right on your smartphone with the FoodKeeper App. This free, online app created by USDA, Cornell University, and the Food Marketing Institute offers tips on storage times for more than 500 fresh and shelf-stable foods.

After you celebrate, donate! Did you know that the U.S. government encourages the donation of food and grocery products to nonprofit organizations for distribution to those in need? There are also Good Samaritan food donation liability protections (PDF, 207 KB) for persons and businesses who donate food to nonprofit organizations. Unopened food from that catered holiday party at work or kitchen pantry at home would make a perfect contribution to a local charity's holiday offerings. Food donations are eligible for charitable tax deductions when donating to a nonprofit organization.

USDA is a partner in the Winning on Reducing Food Waste initiative, a joint agreement (PDF, 578 KB) with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, aimed at reducing food loss and waste through combined and agency-specific action. Other collective efforts include the U.S. Food Loss and Waste 2030 Champions, a group of more than 20 businesses that have made a public commitment to reduce food loss and waste.



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WOODLAN FFA SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER



Pictured bottom row L-R: Maddison Franklin, Chloe Mason, Claire Bremer, Brittany Biggs Middle row: Haylee Oldfield, Adrienne Spieth, Caroline Doctor, Alyssa Hubbard, Hannah Bennett Back row: Taten Carey, Haley Gerodot, Elly Spieth, Evy Spieth, Henry Wyss, Gus Wyss

Woodlan FFA Chapter members recently visited Miller's Merry Manor.

The Woodlan FFA Chapter visit included playing "Bingo" with the residents and talking with them about their interests. The Woodlan FFA chapter's goal was to bring joy and fun to the residents during their recreation time.

The winning Bingo players received ornaments and other delicious treats provided by the Woodlan FFA Chapter.

The residents were grateful for the students who shared their Sunday afternoon with them. The Woodlan FFA is dedicated to community service activities throughout the year.

in their own operations in the United States by 50 percent by the year 2030. Learn more at the USDA Food Loss and Waste website.

FARM BILL COULD HELP FARMERS WEATHER LOW MILK

Dairy farmers have a stronger safety net against low milk prices and high feed costs under the new federal farm bill, and more federal dollars will be spent to spur international trade of American agricultural products.

Both changes could help farmers at a time when revenues from selling milk, corn and soybeans have dipped and markets have shrunk.

Under the new farm bill, dairy farmers will pay lower premiums for a federal program that provides them payments when the margin between milk prices and feed costs dips below a certain level set by the government. The top level of coverage was raised from \$8 to \$9.50 per hundred pounds of milk, which will increase payments to dairy farmers.

"This is not a trivial change," said Carl Zulauf, an agricultural economist and professor emeritus with the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) at The Ohio State University.

"It could mean a lot to dairy farmers."

Ohio's dairy farmers have recently been leaving the business at a higher than usual rate as a result of a drop in the price they've gotten for their milk for several years. Many of Ohio's 2,130 dairy farmers have struggled with reduced revenue because the supply of dairy products has outstripped the demand.

The new federal farm bill that's awaiting President

Donald Trump's signature is expected to cost \$867 billion over the next decade. It is a massive piece of legislation that funds a host of programs from crop insurance to food assistance. The House of Representatives and the Senate each passed separate versions of the bill in June. Last week, both legislative bodies passed a bill with overwhelming majorities.

"Given the large voting margins, I think there was something in this bill that appealed to everybody, whether you're living in a rural area or an urban area," said Ben Brown, manager of the farm management program in CFAES.

Missing from the final bill is a controversial provision to increase work requirements for those receiving food stamps, also known as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

The farm bill's allocation of additional money to open up new foreign markets for agricultural products amounts to an additional \$235 million over the next five years. This comes at a time when the U.S. share of world markets for many of its agricultural exports is continuing to decline, as it has for decades, Zulauf said.

Soybeans are Ohio's top agricultural export, but sizeable international tariffs imposed this year on U.S. soybeans as well as on corn and other commodities have driven down the international demand for those crops.

"Farmers want someone to help market their products, which leads to higher demand," Brown said.

The debate has been over whether the government should partner with farm organizations to help pay for marketing agricultural goods, he said.

Since March, when the

Trump Administration announced a 25 percent tariff on foreign steel and 10 percent on foreign aluminum bought in the United States, countries including China, the world's top soybean consumer, have countered with tariffs on U.S. products, including soybeans, corn, pork and other agricultural products.

Even before the recent tariff war, the United States had been claiming a smaller share in the world export market of many agricultural goods, Zulauf said.

"This is Congress's reaction to that," he said.

Other changes in the new farm bill include:

Farmers who participate in the Conservation Reserve Program, by agreeing not to plant crops on a portion of their land, could receive less compensation per acre compared to what they received under the previous farm bill. Even so, farmers will have the option of enrolling more acres in that program.

Starting with the crop harvested in 2021, farmers, including corn and soybean farmers, will be able to choose annually between one of two commodity subsidy programs: Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC). Previously, farmers could choose only once and had to stick with that choice through the end of whatever farm bill was in place, typically a five-year period. Which program is more profitable for a farmer can change from year to year.

More relatives associated with a farm, specifically first cousins, nieces and nephews, could now be eligible to receive federal payments made to farms when commodity prices or a farm's revenues from the sale of those commodities go below a certain level. The relatives have to meet certain criteria to qualify for the payments.

RAINDROPS KEPT FALLING ON OUR HEADS

The soggy truth? Ohio had a really wet year.

After an exceptionally rainy fall in Ohio, the state is on track to have its third wettest year ever, said Aaron Wilson, climate specialist with Ohio State University Extension and the Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

Early September the remnants of Hurricane Gordon moved across Ohio triggering upward of 8 inches of rain in southern Ohio. While October rainfall was closer to average, in November, umbrellas came out again - and often.

With a high rainfall count heading into winter, even if December winds up with average or even below average rain, total rainfall for 2018 likely will be the third highest on record, Wilson said.

"Ohio is not an anomaly," he said. "It fits the trend toward increased precipitation that we've seen across the Midwest and the Northeast."

Temperatures are getting warmer, and a higher amount of water vapor is in the atmosphere, leading to increased precipitation, Wilson said.

"We're seeing more intense rainfall events and more overall annual precipitation,"

he said.

Autumn's wet weather kept farmers' combines inside. Showers led to delays in harvesting corn and soybeans, which is typically wrapped up by early November yet was still in process last week in some parts of the state.

Neither corn nor soybeans can be harvested easily when they're wet. If they are, they need to be dried before they're stored or sold, which takes additional time and expense.

"There was a window to harvest, but the window closed and it didn't really open again for a lot of farmers," said Laura Lindsey, a soybean specialist with OSU Extension.

Some farmers had to wait until the ground was frozen to harvest.

"At this point, the frozen soil is preferable to wet soil," Lindsey said.

During the last week of November, about a half million acres of soybeans still had to be harvested across the state, which typically grows 5 million acres of soybeans annually, Lindsey said.

"There were guys who were harvesting last week," she said.

The longer mature soybeans stay in the field, the higher the risk of pods breaking off and falling to the ground or succumbing to a pest.

Even soybeans that were harvested on time had some problems with quality, and those quality problems will affect the seed for next year's crop, Lindsey said. Stink bugs pierced some pods to reach the seeds, and other soybean pods opened up prematurely, which led to some losses.

Even so, farmers are paid based on their yield, not the quality of their crop, unless their crop is severely damaged. So even if there were some damaged soybeans, that likely won't affect a farmer's bottom line, Lindsey said.

However, the poor quality of some soybeans will affect the quality of seed that comes from them. Whatever seed growers buy, they need to be sure not to overlook the percentage of seeds that are expected to germinate. If the percentage of germination is slightly lower than usual - say, 90 percent rather than 95 percent - a grower will want to compensate by planting more of that seed.

The average yields of both soybeans and corn are projected to beat the state's previous record highs. Soybeans, which are estimated to average 60 bushels per acre, are expected to top last year's average by 19 percent, and the 190 bushel-per-acre average for Ohio corn is up 11 percent from 2017's average, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

This year's high yields are largely because most Ohio farmers were able to plant at the ideal time, in late April and early May, Lindsey said. For soybeans, the No. 1 factor influencing yields across the Midwest is the planting date, she said.

The one region of the state that planted later was north-central Ohio, where soybeans went in the ground in June. "That's because they got a lot of rain," she said.

INSPIRATIONAL AUTHOR TO SHARE NEW BOOK AT LIBRARY



Pastor Dwayne Richardson sits down at a casual meeting with guests at this historic Carnegie library and discusses his first book, *Now Listen to This*.

Paulding, OHIO - Now is your chance to listen to Pastor Dwayne Richardson as he shares his new book, *Now Listen to This, Too*. Pastor Dwayne, as he is lovingly known, will be speaking at the historic Carnegie Library in Paulding on Thursday evening, December 27th at 6:00 p.m.

"Pastor Dwayne's soft voice has a gentle way of pulling the listener in to a richly woven true story of challenging times, inspirational events and the epiphany that Jesus Christ

has a hand in everything we do," shares librarian, Susan Pieper. "I could listen to him for hours and I hope you take the time out of your hectic holiday schedule to stop and simply listen to this gifted spiritual leader."

Pastor Dwayne's book will be for sale and he will be happy to sign copies. The event will be held on the main floor of the library. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Ali McCauley, Head of Adult Services, at 419-399-2032.

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organization and to welcome Tafi as she assumes her role as our new Executive Director."

Stober's hiring will kick off a plan for strategic growth in programming, development, and community outreach. This will build on the successes of the 2018 - 2019 season when plans and fundraising efforts for a backstage annex were unveiled.

"Music ignites Van Wert County with life. We are living in extraordinary days of outstanding artistic opportunity that did not happen by chance. The strong foundation of cultural excellence began with visionaries and benefactors who made possible the arts landscape that the entire region enjoys today. Paul Hoverman's proven leadership ushered in an era of entertainment that became a backdrop of treasured life moments for thousands of residents and guests of Van Wert," states Stober.

Furthering that mission, VWAPAF turns to the future, but not before celebrating the splendor of the present and reveling in the musical and educational opportunities within reach that uplift, educate, and inspire.

Stober continues by shar-

ing, "These grand musical adventures provide an escape and expand our awareness and appreciation of life and cultures, all the while enriching our own - the value of which aligns with my personal and career purpose. Being appointed as a steward and purveyor of musical opportunity in Van Wert County is a role that I embrace with a humble heart, great joy, and eager anticipation."

The mission of the Van Wert Area Performing Arts Foundation is to provide a premier venue for a wide variety of performing arts, concerts, lectures, meetings, and special events which inspire, educate, and entertain residents of and visitors to Van Wert County, and to provide an economic catalyst by increasing cultural tourism, creating new jobs, and generating business for the region. The Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Fountain Park Summer Music Series, The Van Wert Area Performance of Handel's Messiah and The Young Artists Showcase are all products of that mission provided through the Van Wert Area Performing Arts Foundation on behalf of the Van Wert County Foundation.

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CHRISTMAS, I LOVE YOU!

By: Stan Jordan

Christmas comes by chance at the end of the year, well now I don't know about that. I never did know about those guys who made up the first calendar. I guess it was a bunch of fellows clothed in their pajamas or a plain bed sheet and they flipped a ruppie to see what was next and where it was. A lot of this stuff came from the God's and they wasn't all Greeks.

Like the baby Jesus, they know he was born in a stall and laid in a manger because there was no room at the inn and all that took place in Bethlehem, but they don't when it was for sure.

But it does come at the end of the year and I think that is a good place for it, because you can look back over those 12 months and see how things went for you.

Things went good for me, I never got sick or the flu. My arthritis and rheumatism and all the other ailments just hung on in a lower percentage. That means I felt pretty good all year, just like I was 94 years old. I attended all the activities that took place here in the Antwerp area. I don't travel much because I always need a driver, but I surely like to go on a ride through the tri-state area.

We are so blessed, our area is full of history, wild life and birds, good employment, schools and churches, and the best is the people. Friendly, courteous, kind and will stop and talk. They are so giving, they will try to help whoever needs it.

I really enjoy myself here in this beautiful and bountiful area. I think I will stay a while.

See ya!

CAUSE I SAID SO

By: Stan Jordan

That is the most used phrase in a mother's world. These four words become burned into a child's brain. You don't need to ask again, same answer "Cause I said so."

A child can hardly walk and talk and he hears that phrase. That is almost child abuse, "because I said so."

Now I never saw that phrase in the Bible, but I bet Mary said it, "Cause I said so." I'll bet if you looked on the walls of the pyramids you would see that phrase, "cause I said so."

When the little Arab boy asked if he could use the family camel, the mother said, "no" after he repeated his question a couple of times and asked, "Why" she replied, "Cause I said so."

Then he asked, "Can I go down to the Oasis for a while?" She said, "no" he knew not to ask again, he already knew the answer.

See ya!

STEVE AND I GO FOR A RIDE

By: Stan Jordan

Yesterday was December 6th and my driver was Steve Knapp. We went east on 424, just looking at the country side. We could see there was a lot of action around the old Weatherhead factory.

We went on down east, there wasn't any traffic so we looked the fields over pretty good. There are a couple of corn fields yet to combine.

On the far side of Dead Mans Curve, up on a telephone pole, we saw a huge owl or hawk. We didn't get a good look, but it must have been a great horned owl. We could see it was big, but he flew away then, our slowing up scared him.

We drove on down to what used to be the Lone Tower. I was telling Steve about there was a lot of history to that area.

Just a quarter of a mile away is what once was New Rochester. That was high ground and for a few years, that was the center for all that went on in the 1820's & 30's at one time it was the acting Paulding County seat.

I was telling Steve about the small town of Cecil, it also played a part in the early history of that area. Then years ago they would hold the Cecil Homecoming each year. That was a huge affair each year, hundreds came to the all day affair. But the old timers are all gone now, and the Cecil Homecoming isn't held anymore.

We went on over to CR 230 and 192 looking for any of our wild friends and we didn't see any. Now there, a little past CR 89 we saw where many many deer had been stamping around in a farmer's winter

wheat field in the mud.

Then across the river at the south end of Road 89 is that eagle nest, that is an old nest. We looked all up and down that area of the river and we couldn't see any new nests.

Do you know of any new eagles nest?

See ya!

TRAFFIC AT THE POST OFFICE

By: Stan Jordan

A person came into the office the other day and wants me to write a column about the correct flow of traffic at the post office entrance.

That is a new post office, maybe not to you, but to us old timers it is, having been built in about 1968. The flow of traffic there has been about the same these 50 years. My goodness, I didn't think it was that long ago that I helped move the post office.

Well anyhow, you are supposed to enter from Main Street and after you do your business you go out going west onto Cleveland Street. You are not to back out and go back on Main Street whence you came.

There are signs there for you to follow.

See ya!

THE OHIO STATE BUCKEYES

By: Stan Jordan

I am all goofed up about the Buckeyes and I assume you are too. This 2018 season has a lot of ground for discussion.

The boys started out like a good team, both sides looked good for the first couple of games. Then Nick Bosa got hurt and couldn't play. There was some games where the opponents would run wild, right where Nick would have been. His leaving the team for the NFL was a big blow. There was a couple of games where the team looked bad. That game with Purdue was a fiasco! Then the boys started to play like themselves of old.

Those two Michigan games, they played very good ball and they beat Northwestern in the play offs and now they will represent the Big Ten in the Rose Bowl on January 1st, 2019. Then Coach Urban Meyer told us that, due to a head condition, that game would be his last as the coach of the Ohio State Buckeyes football team. I'm very sad to hear that, but I'm sure he knows best. Since he has been coach at Ohio State, he has set all kinds of records.

He was born in Toledo in 1964. He grew up around Ashtabula, Ohio. He played football at Cincinnati. He coached at a number of places. His record at Ohio State is 82 victories and 9 losses. The total for head coaching positions was 186-32.

He has two daughters and one son and they live in Dublin, Ohio. Yes, he will be missed. Ryan Day, one of the assistants, will be the new Ohio State coach.

See ya!

THE OLD TOWN HALL

By: Stan Jordan

You might not give a hoot about this story, but I'm going to write it anyhow.

Back in the 1890's and before the town hall or what ever it was named, was situated down on the southeast corner of Erie Street and Stone Street.

PAYNE ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Pictured in the front are Kahlee Fore, Camryn Finger, Katelynn Bauer, Destiny Endicott, Ella Crosby, Olivia Zartman, Logan Lotz, Johnalynn Shellenbarger, Elizabeth Mitchell, and Christopher Dilling. Mr. O'Donnell directed our program.

Payne Elementary celebrated the Season with our

Christmas program December 14. The program included

grades 4-6 and some of Grade 3.

It was back in 1873 that the council authorized some money for the city to have a band. Now there was a rider on that order, that the band could use the town hall for practice, but they had to furnish their own fuel to heat the building with and their own kerosene for the lanterns or lights.

That was a one story building and it served well as a town hall. In 1906 there was an issue on the ballot of \$8,000 to build a new town hall, this was third time and the issue was passed. The old town hall was torn down and the debris disposed of. That area was cleaned up and when the city got a water works installed, the first water tower was erected on that spot around 1930 or 31.

The water works should be regarded by every citizen of Antwerp, as one of the biggest projects ever done to keep us up with progress and the times.

See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

This catastrophe was told to me at lunch time at the Knights of the Long Table by Kenny Hahn who will not back up the percentage of truth to it.

A year ago on New Year's Day this young fellow went to the Rose Bowl game at Pasadena, California. He enjoyed the game so much he just bought he and his pal two tickets for next year's Rose Bowl game, which would be January 1, 2019 at \$2500.00 each but they are good seats on the 50 yard line.

Now we jump ahead till the first of December, 2018. Things have changed a lot. He has a beautiful girlfriend and he forgot and agreed to a wedding on January 1st, 2019. Now, his favorite team, Ohio State Buckeyes, are playing Washington in the Rose Bowl that very same day and he has tickets for that game at the same time.

He has placed an ad in the local newspaper for a young man about 180 lbs and about 23 years old to come to the Methodist Church around 1:00 p.m. on January 1st, 2019

and take his place. She is a pretty girl, about 110 lbs, 5' 7" and will be the only girl in a white dress. Please call 678-6541, he is in dire need of a stand-in.

USDA HIGHLIGHTS BENEFITS OF IMPROVED DAIRY SAFETY NET TOOL

More than 21,400 dairy producers opted for coverage through the Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy) in 2018, up by more than 2,000 producers from the previous year. This U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program was significantly updated in February by the Bipartisan Act of 2018, and Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said those changes attracted more producers to enroll in the safety net program or to increase their coverage.

"Dairy producers have long been battling low prices, high input costs, and a surplus in the global market. Unfortunately, the 2014 Farm Bill did not provide a sufficient safety net to dairy producers and so it was timely that Congress opted to provide additional support through the Margin Protection Program last February," Secretary Perdue said. "We are pleased to announce that roughly half of our nation's dairy producers enrolled for coverage under this reworked program, providing additional capital to keep some of these folks afloat. We understand that this is not a total fix nor long-term solution for dairy producers, but we are glad that the Farm Service Agency was able to spring into action to get these critical payments out the door just a few months after the legislative changes were enacted. USDA is looking forward to prioritizing the implementation of the Dairy Margin Coverage Program, the new longer-term, more comprehensive dairy safety net program, following the passage of the 2018 Farm Bill."

MPP-Dairy, administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency, protects dairy producers by paying them when the difference between the national all-milk price and the national average feed cost (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount elected by the producer. Many producers received their first MPP-Dairy payments in February 2018, and most producers who have chosen premium coverage levels of \$7, \$7.50, or \$8 have

seen a payment for every month since February. For these seven months, over \$253 million in payments have been made to dairy operators.

The Bipartisan Budget Act made several changes, including:

- Providing monthly payments instead of bi-monthly;
- Permitting of dairy operations that had not participated before to enroll in the program;
- Covering 5 million pounds of production (instead of 4 million) on the Tier 1 premium schedule;
- Significantly reducing premiums per hundred-weight under the Tier 1 premium schedule; and
- Exempting limited resource, beginning, veteran, and disadvantaged dairy operators from paying the annual administrative fee.

While enrollment for MPP-Dairy has closed, USDA encourages dairy producers to consider other programs, including the Dairy Revenue Protection Program, Livestock Gross Margin Insurance for Dairy Cattle, Environmental Quality Incentives Program, and Conservation Stewardship Program.

Contact your local USDA service center to learn more.

HUSTED TO SEND MILLIONS IN SECRETARY OF STATE FUNDS TO STATE GENERAL REVENUE FUND

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted is seeking to transfer \$10 million in office funds to the state's general revenue fund (GRF). The request was detailed in a letter sent to Ohio Office of Budget and Management Director Timothy S. Keen last month.

"This is how government is supposed to work," Secretary Husted said. "We made it easier and less costly to interact with our office, ran the office more efficiently, and are now able to send millions to the state's GRF where it can be better used to support efforts that will improve the lives of all Ohioans instead of government bureaucracy."

Since 2011, Secretary Husted has implemented a series of administrative reforms that have bolstered office efficiency and streamlined costs. These include:

Launching Ohio Business Central to enable all Ohio-based businesses to

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Pictured in center is Mrs. Wunderlin surrounded by Woodlan FFA members

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss. Welcome to Woodlan's "Little Library" located at the main entrance of the Jr.-Sr. High School.

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Linda Wunderlin, Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School's recently retired Media Spe-

cialist, had a dream to take donated and recycled books and make them accessible to everyone even when school wasn't in session. "Need a book, take a book, have a book, take a book" allows students to borrow or keep books, leave books they are done with for others to enjoy, and constantly have access to books. This dream recently became a reality with the approval of the school's administration. It also took a cooperative effort on behalf of Woodlan's FFA Chapter and the Woodlan Art Department to paint, assemble and

install this treasure cove that houses such a diverse number of books.

The Woodlan FFA Chapter has made a commitment to maintain and restock the neighborhood library. Kyle Rodriguez will also be assisting in monitoring it to let the FFA know when books need to be replaced or the library needs maintenance. The "Little Library" is a solution to students not having access to books which greatly helps to improve our community and school. Please come and visit our "Little Library". You never know where you might go!

form and renew their business status online, reducing processing times and saving taxpayer dollars;

Ensuring that all forms needed to start or maintain a business in Ohio can be submitted online, a four-year effort completed in August 2017 that has resulted in four out of every five new businesses now being started online;

Cutting business filing fees for Ohio entrepreneurs by 21 percent, saving business owners more than \$8.2 million to date;

Partnering with the Cleveland Sight Center to provide improved customer service by reducing the average wait time for callers into the Business Services Call Center from five minutes and 19 seconds, to just 43 seconds with a 95.7 percent customer satisfaction rate; and

Implementing online voter registration and change of address that has been used by more than

750,000 Ohioans.

These efforts to provide better services at a lower cost have enabled Secretary Husted to streamline operations and reduce spending in the Secretary of State's Office. During the first term, spending was down \$14.5 million compared to the previous administration, representing a 16 percent cut at a time when state spending increased by 17 percent. In his second term, Secretary Husted was the only statewide officeholder to request a cut, not an increase, in his budget. In December 2016, Secretary Husted eliminated the need for any tax dollars to run the office during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Additionally, Secretary Husted has reduced the number of staff needed to operate the office by nearly 42 percent since 2011 and set an 11-year low for payroll in 2018.

Upon entering office, Secretary of State Husted inherited roughly \$4 mil-

lion in cash reserves from the previous administration. Since then, that balance has grown more than 300 percent to nearly \$18 million.

HORNETS CRUISE PAST WARRIORS

ANGOLA - Woodlan fell to 11-4 on the season Friday night as the Lady Warriors dropped a 64-43 decision to host Angola in non-league girls basketball play.

The Hornets opened a 16-9 lead at the end of one quarter and expanded that margin to 35-23 at the midway point of the contest. Angola then carried a 46-34 advantage into the final period.

Addison Bayman scored 22 points to top Woodlan in the contest with Abbey Gentz adding seven markers. Dakota Krohn and Gabby Joyce both chipped in five points for the Warriors and Taya Kitzmiller had three. Hanna Albertson had the remaining point for Woodlan.

Bayman picked up eight rebounds in pacing the Lady Warriors on the boards while Gentz, Joyce and Krohn all had two.

Krohn and Bayman dished out three and two assists, respectively, while each also recorded four steals. Kate Mendenhall and Gentz both had two steals for Woodlan.

The Lady Warriors will host cross-state rival Wayne Trace on Thursday.

WARRIORS PICK UP SECOND WIN

WOODBURN - Woodlan's boys basketball recorded its second victory of the season last Thursday night as the Warriors defeated visiting Fremont 69-57.

Woodlan is now 2-6 on the season, breaking a four game losing streak and improving to 1-4 on its home court.

The Warriors, who are 1-2

on the road so far this year, will cross the Ohio state line on Friday to renew their rivalry with Wayne Trace.

Fremont falls to 3-4 on the season with the loss, including 2-2 on the road.

The Eagles will play in the Chatt Insurance Holiday Tournament at Parkway High School in Rockford on Friday and Saturday.

No other information was available on Thursday night's game.

MILLER'S BIG NIGHT LIFTS PANTHERS PAST WILDCATS

PAULDING - Jaret Miller hit seven three-point field goals and scored a game high 28 points to lead the Paulding Panthers past visiting Miller City 68-60 in boys non-conference basketball action Monday at the Jungle.

Miller led a trio of Panthers in double figures as Fletcher Cook added 14 markers and Carson Shull chipped in ten for the maroon and white.

Blake McGarvey also had eight for the Panthers with Bailey Manz and Hunter Kessler both scoring four.

Paulding led 21-12 at the end of one quarter and never looked back in the contest.

The maroon and white expanded the margin to 33-18 at halftime before posting a 47-34 lead at the end of three periods.

Miller City dominated the boards 38-23 on the evening but the Wildcats also committed 23 turnovers compared to the Panthers' five.

Paulding was 22 of 51 from the field (43 percent) while Miller City hit 22 of 48 shots (46 percent).

Freshman Austin Ruhe topped the Wildcats with 14 points while Jake Koenig added 13 markers. Jon Burgei and Chase Kuhlman recorded ten points each for the blue and gold.

Other scorers for Miller City included Nick Gable (six), Luke Lammers (four) and Caleb Giesken (three).

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL - A WEEK IN REVIEW

The Junior High Lady Archers traveled to Parkway on December 17th. The 7th grade lost a tough one, 20-23. Scoring was led by Haley Hammer with 12, Aewyn McMichael 4, Caydence Shull 3, Samantha Sheedy 1.

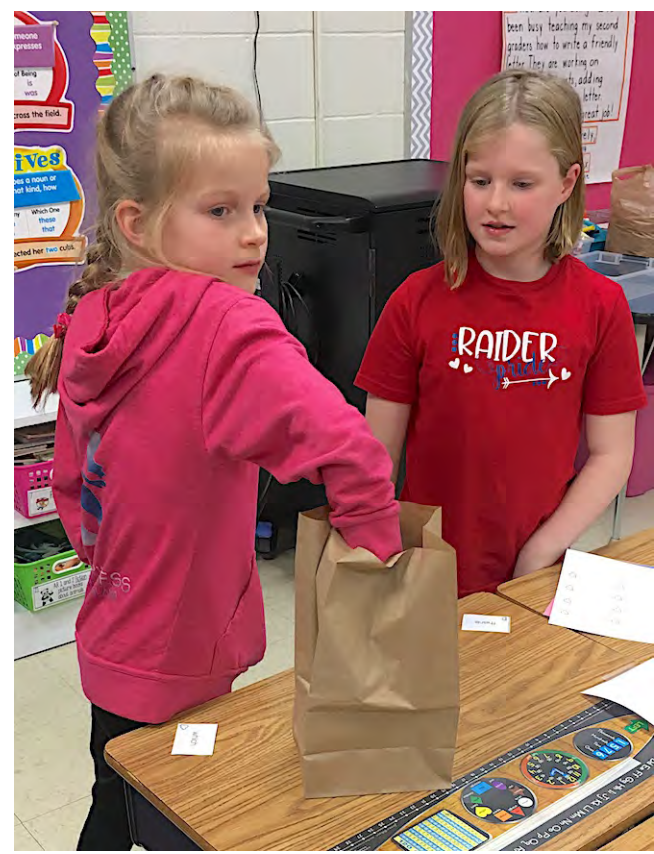
The 8th grade Lady Archers fell 21-43. Scoring was led by Hayleigh Jewell 11, Lydia Krouse 5, Makenna Smith 3, Hope Roebel 2.

The Lady Archers played across state lines on December 18th and traveled to Woodlan. The 7th grade played a tough game and lost, 19-20. Scoring was led by Haley Hammer with 10, followed by Samantha Sheedy with 5 and Aewyn McMichael with 4.

The 8th grade won their game 18-17, with scoring led by Hayleigh Jewell 8, followed by Kearstyn Pierce with 4. Aerial Snyder, Makenna Smith and Lydia Krouse each had 2. The 7th grade is now 5-5 on the season and the 8th grade is 4-6.

The Antwerp Junior High Girls Basketball team played at home on December 20th against the Locomotives from Montpelier. The 7th

LITERACY NIGHT AT PAYNE ELEMENTARY



On December 13, 2018, Payne Elementary held its first Literacy Night for their students and families. After having to postpone the original date because of weather, it was rescheduled during the busy month of December, however the evening was still well attended and enjoyed by all.

The theme of the evening was "Roll Out the Red Carpet" and all the stations and activities highlighted a popular children's book that has been turned into a movie. Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, Where the Wild Things Are, Charlotte's

Web, Because of Winn Dixie, and Wonder were some of the popular titles of the evening. At the various stations throughout the different classrooms, teachers provided materials for families to create storyboards, make bookmarks, use popular games with homework such as sight words, make puppets to act out popular fairy tales, participate in a book tasting,

and create multi-media art. Popcorn and drinks were also available as families were shown how to access and use the Bookflix program on electronic devices.

Funds from Thrivent Financial, April Krouse, Payne Elementary's Title 1 Reading teacher, made it possible to purchase an age appropriate book for the 100 students who participated. With these funds they were also able to purchase several board games and card games to raffle off at the end of the evening. "These funds allowed us to spread the enjoyment of reading and literacy to all of our students," said Krouse. Ashley Shepherd, a parent of three students at Payne Elementary, said, "The kids are always so excited to come back to the school in the evening. They love the activities and seeing their friends. As a parent, I am so grateful that the teachers have built such caring relationships with my kids. It means more than they will ever know!"

grade won, 32-13; improving to 6-5 headed into Christmas break. Leading score was Haley Hammer with 12, followed by Samantha Sheedy with 8, Aewyn McMichael 7, Meagan Pendergast 4, Caydence Shull 1.

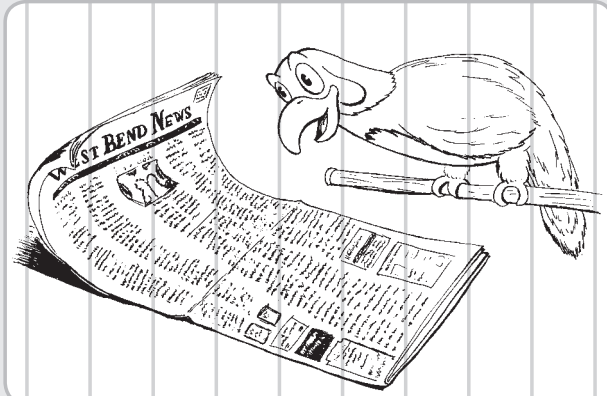
The 8th grade Lady Archers played a defensive battle with the locos, falling 7-9. The team is now 4-7 going into break. Leading the way was Hayleigh Jewell with 3, Kearstyn Pierce and Lydia

Krouse with 2 points each.

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RAIDERS HAVE NO ANSWER FOR VAN WERT TRIO



Wayne Trace's Jace Vining scores for the Raiders in the second quarter of the game! More pictures at westbendnews.net
By: Joe Shouse, Sports-writer

Haviland - Wayne Trace welcomed Van Wert to the Palace for the final game prior to Christmas and it was the visiting Cougars who unwrapped an impressive 67-55 win over the Raiders. Van Wert scored the first 11 points in the contest and settled for a 19-9 lead after one quarter of play.

Van Wert enjoyed their early success thanks to the aggressive play of Nate Place who scored 12 points in the initial period. While Place cooled off in the second stanza, team mate Owen Treece took over offensively with a 15-point second quarter performance. For the contest, Treece finished with 25 and Place added 17 to lead the Cougars. Van Wert went in at the break holding a 37-23 advantage following a half-court heave as the buzzer sounded by Treece.

Wayne Trace started chipping away at the margin in the third quarter. A Reid Miller bucket with 4:15 remaining in the third had the Raiders closing in, trailing by nine points. A Cougar free throw followed by a Nate Gerber basket had the Raiders within striking distance—trailing by just eight at 43-35.

Wayne Trace fell behind by as many as 12 at 48-36 before the red, white, and blue made another push before the third quarter conclusion. Bach-to-back buckets by Alex Reinhart and a Jace Vining triple with 1:08 remaining had the Raiders within five 48-43.

The fourth quarter opened with a basket from Miller to keep the margin at five 50-45 but a 10-0 Van Wert run put the Cougars in the drivers seat leading 60-45. The Raiders could never close the gap down the stretch.

Reid Miller had a solid performance for Head Coach Jim Linder's crew. The junior finished with 24 points, hitting 4-8 from the field and

LADY RAIDERS PICK UP ROAD WIN AT LINCOLNVIEW

By: Joe Shouse, Sports-writer

MIDDLE POINT - The Lady Raiders made the short trip south on U.S. 127 to play Lincolnview last Monday, December 17. Wayne Trace was looking for their fifth win of the season. A good first quarter helped lead the Raiders to that win with a 48-35 non conference win.

The red, white and blue led 14-6 after the initial quarter of play and then both teams played an even in quarter number two with each team scoring seven points. The Raiders took their 21-13 advantage into the third frame and managed to increase their margin by double-digits 38-26.

In the final period Lincolnview outscored the Raiders by a single point but it wasn't enough to overcome the visitors from Paulding County.

The 48 Raider points came from seven players led by junior Claire Sinn with 11. Sinn was 3-5 behind the arc and collected five rebounds.

Katrina Stoller finished with nine markers and team mate Miriam Sinn was close behind with eight points. Sinn also added seven rebounds and six assists to go with a solid overall performance.

Sadie Sinn put seven points on the board along with eight rebounds while Kaylee Shepherd collected six points. Finishing out the scoring was Rachel Stoller with four points and Tiffany Sinn chipping in three.

Lincolnview was led by the 11 points from Jordan Decker.

The Raiders shot 17-40 from the floor for 43 percent and 8-10 from the charity stripe. Lincolnview finished with 10-34 shooting for 29 percent while struggling at the foul line with 22 attempts but was on target with just 10 for a 45 percent clip.

Wayne Trace owned the paint area with 36 rebounds with Lincolnview grabbing 17. In the turnover department the Raiders gave it up 17 times while the Lancers recorded 13 miscues.

With the win the Raiders improve to 5-1 and Lincolnview falls to 2-5.

SHEPHERD'S FREE THROWS LIFTS RAIDERS PAST VW

By: Joe Shouse, Sports-writer

Haviland - Last Tuesday the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders hosted the Lady Cougars of Van Wert. In a very sloppy-played game that was plagued with 39 total turnovers (Van Wert-24; Wayne Trace-15), the Raiders prevailed 47-35 to put their winning streak at five games.

Free throws were key in the contest with the Raiders connecting on 20-26 attempts. On the other hand, Van Wert went to the line just 12 times, hitting eight.

"It wasn't our best outing but we simply gutted it out and played with a lot of grit," said Wayne Trace Head Coach Bethany DeJarnett.

The Raiders entered the fourth quarter holding a 33-26 advantage but the Cougars stayed within striking distance; cutting the deficit to five on a couple of occasions. Wayne Trace would lean on the play of senior Kaylee Shepherd who scored her teams only fourth quar-

ter basket with 1:26 remaining. To go with her basket the senior was 8-10 at the free throw line in the closing minutes. For the game, Shepherd collected 10 free throws on 12 attempts and led the Raider scoring with 14 while snagging nine rebounds and recording four steals.

"We had girls step up tonight and I thought Shepherd had some big plays and her free throw shooting was really good. Her play in the fourth quarter got us through," said DeJarnett.

The Raiders never trailed and took an early 5-0 lead before settling for a 7-4 margin at the first stop. The red, white and blue increased their advantage to 20-14 when Katrina Stoller dialed in two free throws with 1:15 remaining in the second period.

Van Wert would answer in the closing seconds following a Cougar free throw. Jenica Huebner forced a Raider turnover and on a steal Huebner used her speed to drive to the basket while beating the buzzer and pulling Van Wert to within three at 20-17.

Wayne Trace came out in the third quarter and set the tone early, hitting their first three shots. Sadie Sinn got things started with a two-point bucket followed by Miriam Sinn hitting a two-point goal followed by a long trey to put the Raiders up by 10 at 27-17 with 5:20 showing on the clock. Van Wert managed to cut the margin to seven, 33-26 heading into the final stanza.

"It's not an excuse but we play one game at a time and

WARRIORS TOP EAGLES AT HOME



Woodlan Junior Aiden Baymes receives the pass after the turnover to get a quick layup for the Warriors in the first quarter! More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Woodlan (Woodburn, 20th) home non-conference game against Fremont (IN) won Thursday's (December

not look ahead. We played at Lincolnview on Monday and then came right back tonight. They (Van Wert) had fresh legs and we were a little sluggish and struggled," said Coach DeJarnett.

Joining Shepherd in the scoring department was Claire Sinn with eight points; Tiffany Sinn seven points;

Sadie Sinn seven points and six rebounds; Miriam Sinn five points along with seven steals and four assists; Katrina Stoller four points and six boards and Rachel Stoller rounding out the scoring with two.

In the Junior Varsity game the Raiders turned back the Cougars in easy fashion 45-

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28. Leading scorers for the red, white and blue was Tiffany Sinn with 15 and Rachel Stoller chipping in 10.

WORKS'S LAYUP SEALS EXPRESS VICTORY

By: Chris Schmidbauer, Sports Information Director

In a back and forth affair, Express sophomore Taylor Works's layup with four seconds to go, was the difference maker in a 71-70 win over Schoolcraft on Wednesday night.

In the first half, Owens jumped out to an early lead. The Express led the game by three points at the end of the first half, and they pushed the lead to eight points at the break, outscoring Schoolcraft 17-12 in the second period.

The Ocelots would get hot in the third though. Schoolcraft shot a scorching 61% from the floor and coupled with some Owens turnovers, the Ocelots were able to climb back into the game and tie the score at 51-51. The game would come to a furious finish over the final ten minutes of play.

In the fourth, the two teams would trade baskets throughout the period. Schoolcraft would begin to pull away though late in the fourth. The Ocelots stretched the lead to six point, their largest of the game, at 67-61 with just 2:51 remaining on a Megan Sandiha layup. Owens would get two point back at the line courtesy of Moreina Moore, and then just forty ticks later, Shyah Wheeler nailed a three from the left wing to trim the Ocelot lead to one with 1:23 to play in the ball game.

The Ocelots would split a pair of free throws to push their lead back to two points, before Moore would hit a spinning layup to tie the score at 68-68 with 41 seconds remaining in the contest.

After a Schoolcraft turnover, Moore would split a pair of free throws to regain the lead for the Express at 69-68 with just 12 seconds left.

The Ocelots would get a

driving layup, out of a timeout, to give the visitors a one point lead at 70-69 with just seven seconds left in regulation.

Owens would take a timeout, and after is when Works went to work. The Waite High School alum would get bank a layup off the dribble with four seconds remaining. Schoolcraft would inbound the ball, but Works was able to steal the ball away with a second left to secure the Express victory.

Owens shot 42% (29-69) from the field for the game but just 21.1% from three. The team was led in scoring by Moreina Moore, who had 22 points on 9-19 shooting from the field. The Worthington, OH native also grabbed six rebounds during the contest.

Beyond hitting the winning shot, Works also finished with a double-double. She scored 19 points on 7-19 shooting and had 10 boards to lead the Express. Shyah Wheeler scored nine points, while battling foul trouble most of the evening.

The Express move to 7-7 overall and remain 2-1 in conference play. After a rough weekend in the Bobcat Classic, Owens has strung back to back wins over two of the top teams in Michigan in Mott on Monday and Schoolcraft tonight. This week was also a chance for the Express to avenge two earlier losses from this season. Owens lost to Mott in overtime at home, while falling to Schoolcraft on the road last month.

RAIDERS WIN AT MILLER CITY BY 10

By: Joe Shouse, Sports-writer

Miller City - Wayne Trace improved to 5-1 with a road win over Miller City last Friday, December 21. The Raiders outlasted the Wildcats by ten 59-49 for the non conference win.

The Raiders rode the hot hand of senior Jace Vining who torched Miller City with 22 points. Vining connected on 3-4 from inside the arc while posting 3-4 shooting

PIRATES POST NWC WIN OVER PANTHERS



Paulding Senior goes up under the basket and shoots for the Panthers! More pictures at westbendnews.net

PAULDING - Bluffton improved to 2-0 in the Northwest Conference and 6-0 overall with a 75-67 win over host Paulding in boys basketball league play Friday night at the Jungle.

Bluffton had three players score 20 points or more in the contest.

The Pirates got 22 from Luke Denecker to lead the way while Mason Soper added 21 markers and Jared Piercefield chipped in 20.

Levi Hohenbrink added nine and Baylor Garmatter posted three for Bluffton.

Bluffton led 18-12 at the end of one quarter before the Pirates outpointed the Panthers 17-13 in the second quarter for a 35-25 halftime lead.

In the third quarter, the Pirates again won the period by scoring 20 points compared to Paulding's 18 for a 55-43 advantage going into

behind the three-point arc. Also joining Vining with double figures was junior Nate Gerber who chipped in 17 markers and grabbing seven rebounds.

Wayne Trace attempted

the final quarter.

Fletcher Cook topped Paulding with 26 points and Carson Shull added 21 for the maroon and white.

Jaret Miller chipped in six with Jacob Eblin posting five and Bailey Manz recorded a three-point goal.

The Panthers trimmed the Pirates on the boards 22-21 and Paulding had two fewer turnovers, 6-8.

Bluffton, though, outshot Paulding by hitting 22 of 40 shots from the field (55 percent) compared to the Panthers' 22 of 53 (42 percent).

The Pirates return to action on Friday and Saturday as Bluffton takes part in the Ada Holiday Tournament on the upcoming weekend.

Paulding will play in the Defiance College Holiday Tournament on Friday and Saturday. The Panthers will open the tournament by taking on Bryan Friday night.

25 shots from the two-point area, hitting 11 while hitting 8-15 behind the arc for a 48 percent clip. From the charity stripe the Raiders were good on 13 of 21.

Miller City placed two Wildcat's in double-digits with Nick Gable leading the 'Cats with 12 and Austin Ruhe hitting 10 points. Miller City evens their mark at 3-3.

Miller City finished the night hitting 14-40 for 35 percent and from the charity stripe the Wildcats hit 15-22.

Wayne Trace out rebounded Miller City 31-26 but the Raiders struggled with the ball, committing 18 turnovers to 14 for Miller City.

The Raiders held a slim three-point margin at the end of one quarter of play but picked it up in the second period with 20 points while holding the Wildcats to just nine to hold a 35-21 halftime advantage.

The second half saw the Wildcats outscore the red, white and blue 28-24 but it wasn't enough to overcome the large Raider lead.

Other Raiders hitting the scorebook was Reid Miller with six points along with dishing out six assists and coming up with a couple of steals. Trevor Speice added five points followed by Trae Sinn with five followed by Trae Sinn three; Mox Proce two; Evan Mohr two and Alex Reinhart two.

In the Junior Varsity came the Raiders came out on top by seven 43-36.

CAPE LEADS BULLDOGS TO TITLE 'ACES TAKE THIRD OVER ANTWERP'



Antwerp Freshman Lydia Brewer picks the ball up and goes for the basket against the Lady Aces! More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - Ally Cape scored 11 points and Edgerton used a big fourth quarter comeback to defeat Edon 37-29 for the championship of the 2018 Route 49 Classic at Antwerp High School.

The Bulldogs outscored Edon 19-9 in the final period to rally for the win and improve to 3-5 on the season.

The two squads battled in a defensive struggle for the first half as each team scored four points in the first quarter before Edon posted a slim 9-8 advantage at the intermission.

Edon then extended the lead slightly in the third quarter, outscoring the Bulldogs 11-10 for a 20-18 margin entering the final period. However, Edgerton responded with the 19 point fourth quarter to pick up the victory.

Claire Radabaugh topped the Bombers, who are now 7-3 on the season, with a dozen markers in the contest.

Arianna Howard chipped in 11 for Edon while Carlie Kiess had five. Riley Bloir picked up the remaining Bomber point.

Halle Siebenaler added nine markers for the Bulldogs with Bree Hug posting eight. Emma Siebenaler had six and Clair Flegal recorded three as well for Edgerton.

Hicksville led at every stop in recording a 30-29 win over Antwerp in the consolation contest.

The Aces took a 6-5 advantage after one quarter and led 15-8 at halftime. Hicksville expanded the lead to 28-18 entering the final period before Antwerp rallied.

However, the Lady Archers came up just short despite outscoring the Aces 11-2 in the final period to set the final score at 30-29.

The Lady Aces were led by 11 points from Harlee Shuman with Micah Schroeder adding eight and Katie Bergman posting seven. Emily Sanders had the remaining four points for Hicksville, which is now 4-5

on the year.

Karsyn Brumett bucketed 13 points for Antwerp as the Archers fell to 3-5 overall. Tiera Gomez added nine for the blue and white followed by Heather Oberlin (three), Chelsea Johanns (two) and Astianna Coppes (two).

Hicksville returns to action on Saturday as the Aces host Crestview in a non-league battle. The Aces, Archers and Bulldogs all open Green Meadows Conference play on January 4. Hicksville hosts Ayersville that evening while Antwerp welcomes in Fairview. Edgerton will make the long trip to Holgate to open league action.

Bone Health Tips from Orthopedic Surgeons for the New Year

Stay active with weight-bearing activities

Follow weight bearing activities three times a week for at least 30 minutes: brisk walking or jogging, weight bearing team sports; dancing or aerobics.



Get enough Vitamin D

Vitamin D is necessary for strong bones and muscles. The body needs at least 1000 units per day from diet. Without Vitamin D our bodies cannot effectively absorb calcium, which is essential for good bone health.



Reduce your risk of fractures caused by falls by fall-proofing your home.

Declutter your home by clearing hallways and stairs. Secure loose rugs with double-sided tape and slip-resistant backing. Home safety is bone safety.



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WLEB NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST JOINS PAULDING SWCD



Taylor Coy
By: Patrick Troyer, Paulding SWCD

The Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to welcome Taylor Coy as our newest addition to the office as the Western Lake Erie Basin Nutrient Management Specialist. Taylor covers the following three counties in his position: Paulding, Defiance, and Williams County. Let's cover a bit of information about Taylor and his position.

Taylor grew up on a little 50-acre farm with my grandparents and uncle living right next door off St. Rt. 36 in Greenville, Ohio. He went to Greenville High School where he took an engineering tech prep program and was the secretary of the engineering club at the high school. After graduation of high school, Taylor furthered his education at the University of Toledo graduated from the University of Toledo with a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies with a concentration in geography and planning.

Following college, Taylor landed a job taking soil tests for a sales representative of Ag Spectrum which helped him learn more about cover crops, the importance of soil tests, management farming, and nutrient runoff. In August of 2014, Taylor took a position at Five Rivers Metroparks in Dayton, Ohio starting out at Hills and Dales Metropark as a seasonal technician. Three months later, Taylor moved up to a part-time park technician at Cox Arboretum Metropark transitioning to a full-time horticulture technician at Cox Arboretum Metropark. At this job, Taylor performed numerous landscaping activities including: pruning, mulching, mowing, trimming, planting, trail maintenance, inspections, seeding, garden design, bed design along with greenhouse activities such as seeding, planting, reforestation program, and building inspections. Taylor designed and managed a garden where they produced chemical free fruits and vegetables and donated them to the local food bank in Dayton, Ohio. On average donated 1,500lbs of produce annually.

Outside of work, Taylor likes to go fishing and golfing in my spare time. He regularly fishes in competitive bass tournaments throughout Ohio winning numerous tournaments and making it to nationals a couple times. Taylor coached Upwards Basketball, grades 4th through 8th from 2013 to 2015 and together a char-

ity golf scramble in Greenville, Ohio back in October 2018. Taylor helped volunteer with Hooked on Fishing Not Drugs at Five Rivers Metroparks.

Taylor's main responsibility is to respond to manure complaints and work with the grower as well as the public to see what the issue may be. He is one of the first guys you may see on the scene when a complaint is made. A rather routine process is involved each time a manure complaint is made. The originating source of the manure must be located which may be somebody trucking it, spreading it on the ground, or piling it on the ground. Taylor needs to find the owner of the manure and see if they are within the bounds of the law. One of the main things he checks for is that a 300-foot buffer zone exists between where the manure is stockpiled and the nearest water source, whether it be a small ditch or a river.

The amount of manure complaints that come in for Taylor can vary greatly from week to week. For the most part, many of the calls he had received thus far are for simple smell complaints. Taylor obtains much of his resources and backing from Senate Bill 1 passed by the 131st Ohio General Assembly which became effective in July 2015. This bill is now part of the Ohio Revised Code and is known as Revised Code 939. Senate Bill 1 was enacted to aid in the control of algal blooms in Lake Erie and the Western Basin which includes the City of Toledo. Provisions exist in this legislation that prevent fertilizer application (phosphorus & nitrogen) on frozen ground, when two inches of topsoil are saturated or if there is a greater than 50% chain of one inch or more of rain in a 12-hr. period for fertilizer and 24 hr. for manure.

Manure complaints are

NSCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES NEW AGRONOMY PROGRAM



The Northwest State Community College Board of Trustees met in regular session on Friday, December 14 on the Archbold campus. As part of the meeting, the Board approved a new Associate of Applied Science - Agronomy program. The program will prepare graduates for careers in agronomic related fields, with an emphasis in nutrient management and soils related opportunities, such as crop consultant, soil technician, and other related technical positions.

THE REGIONAL IMPACT OF AGRICULTURE
NSCC President Dr. Michael Thomson noted that over the College's six-county service area, there is 1.6 million acres of land, with over 82% of those acres in production agriculture, reinforcing the importance of this program. According to

the USDA, there were 73,600 farm operations around the state, with 14,000,000 acres of land operated in 2017. Soybean and corn harvests alone account for over \$4.3 billion (value of production). Thomson also noted that other ag-related programs are in the works, with potential areas of focus including precision agriculture and agribusiness.

In other Board action:
• Approved Emeritus Status for Lori Bird, Lynda Cramer and Peter Beck, all of whom will be recognized at a special Emeritus dinner prior to Fall Commencement
• Approved a new short-term certificate program - Manufacturing Foundations
• Approved a new policy on sexual misconduct, as well as policy revisions on the code of student conduct and student due process and

grievances

- Approved the employment contracts of Suzanne Lammers, Faculty-Developmental Mathematics, and Sarah Stubblefield, Training Coordinator-Industrial Technologies.
- Approved the promotions of Terry King to Director-Data Systems, and James Zeller to Senior Administrator-Data Systems
- Approved a title change for Ashley Pere to Grand Coordinator, and a market salary adjustment to James Bellamy, Coordinator-Marketing & Communications
- Approved the 2017-2018 College Audit
- Approved miscellaneous employment contracts and one resignation
- Approved a revision to facility room rental rates

not the only thing that Taylor does daily. He is also available to aid growers in implementing Best Management Practices (BMP's) which can consist of things such as grassed waterways or filter strips along streams. Farmers who want to make use of their manure in addition to those who do not farm but like to be informed on the laws can benefit from the resources provided by Coy. Each Soil & Water Conservation district seeks to provide its constituents with as much information as possible on how to be good stewards of the land and properly manage your

nutrients.

Are you unsure of regulations regarding applying and stockpiling manure? The Paulding SWCD website has a brochure containing frequently asked questions along with a handout on how you can ensure you are following manure application regulations that can be found on our website www.pauldingswcd.org under the "Manure Management" tab or stop in the office to receive a copy.

Taylor looks forward to interacting with the residents of Paulding County as well as Defiance & Williams County and educating

them on the laws surrounding manure and nutrient management. He feels that the knowledge gained from college on the issue and the field work taking soil tests and the social skills from working with volunteers should help him make an easy transition to this position. He wants to serve as another voice for farmers who face a concerned public. Those wishing to contact Taylor may do so by calling the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District office at 419-399-4771 or via email nutrient.specialist@pauldingswcd.org.

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DARE GRADUATION



Paulding Elementary 5th graders

On December 14, 2018, the Paulding County D.A.R.E. program had a D.A.R.E. Graduation for the 5th graders of Paulding Elementary. Graduation is a time for the kids to think back on what they have learned in D.A.R.E. and it's a time to reward the kids for completing the 12 week program. At the end of the 12 week program each student has to write an essay. Once the essays are turned in, the top essays are picked and the winners are announced during D.A.R.E. graduation. Deputy Mendez said the essays winners were Addison Shull, Renee McCabe, Xander Kuckuck and Trenton Manz. There was also an overall essay winner and that winner was Olivia Franklin. "Every 5th grader did an amazing job on their essays and it's because of their essays, I know they are ready to make responsible choices", said Deputy Mendez. During the graduation ceremony each kid received



From left to right Xander Kuckuck, Trenton Manz, Deputy Nick Mendez, Olivia Franklin, Renee McCabe and Addison Shull

a certificate, a medal and a D.A.R.E. t-shirt for completing the program. The 5th graders also had a donut party.

Do you know how important it is to make good choices every single day? The consequences from those choices affect your ev-

eryday life!
The most important thing I learned in teh D.A.R.E. program was how to use the D.A.R.E. Decision Making model. The D.A.R.E. Decision Making Model is important because it gives you steps on how to make the right choices. The D stands for define. So the first step is to define your problem or challenge. The A stands for asses. So next, you need to figure out what your choices are. The R stands for respond. Next, use your knowledge to make the correct or best choice. The E stands for evaluate. Lastly, you ned to review your decision and make sure the choice you made was teh correct choice. That is how you use the D.A.R.E. Decision Making Model.
The second thing I felt was important was not only how to make decisions, but how to make the responsible decision. But first I had to learn what exactly that meant. Being responsible means being reliable and dependable. It also means that people can count on me to make good choices and follow through a job or task. It is also important to be around responsible people, so you can also count on them to make good choices and follow through. D.A.R.E. taught me more about being responsible and using the DDMM to help me with my choices.
Lastly, I learned about bullying. We learned what bullying is, how to deal with a bully and how to report bullying. Bullying is when

someone is picked on repeatedly by the same person. We learned the five W's of how to report bullying. The five W's stand for:

- Who was it
- What happened
- When did it happen
- Where did it happen
- Why did they do it

These steps help you to realize bullying and how to deal with it once you have realized it.

in conclusion, I feel that D.A.R.E. has helped me and can help you to make good choices, be a responsible person, and to not be a bully and help anyone who might be getting bullied. I feel that all kids should go through this program and learn the importance of being nice and making good decisions.

Xander Kuckuck

D.A.R.E. REPORT

By: Trenton William Manz

Did you know that there are more than 200 known harmful chemicals in cigarette smoke or that more than 75,000 people die because of alcoholic causes? Well, I didn't know until I started participating in D.A.R.E. D.A.R.E. is a fun program where kids can learn about many things, good and bad, and how to stay away from the bad.

Some things I have learned from participating in D.A.R.E. are how to handle drugs and tobacco, peer pressure and bullying. D.A.R.E. has not only taught me about how to handle the bad things, but also good things. A few examples of this are, ways to communicate better, how to make responsible choices, and how to tell tattling from telling. These things have helped me in many ways.

One time that I have used D.A.R.E. is when a classmate ask me to look at a picture one day. I use D.A.R.E. to realize that this was not one of the most well behaved students and that he was laughing. I put two and two together and concluded that the picture may have been inappropriate for school. Another way I have used D.A.R.E. is by being responsible and doing dog chores even though it is not my most favorite chore in the world.

I plan to use D.A.R.E. for other things later on in my life such as in high school, where it will most likely be

more difficult to say no to the bad things than in college. I will use it to say no to drugs, tobacco or bad peer pressure. When I am old enough, I may have kids and I will want to teach them about how to resist bad things, such as, resist, drugs, tobacco and bad peer pressure.

In conclusion, D.A.R.E. has taught me many things, such as ways to say no to the bad and ways to use the good. D.A.R.E. has helped me already in my life (and hopefully will more). Furthermore, I hope that I will be able to use D.A.R.E. in my life again during hard times. I also hope that you can do this as well.

DARE REPORT

By: Olivia Franklin

I loved the D.A.R.E. program! I thought it was educating and handy for us. I think everything that our D.A.R.E. officer does is a fun and a precise way of teaching us to remain free of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, and violence.

What I learned from the D.A.R.E. program is that not just adults will try to get you to do drugs or alcohol. Kids around your age will too. Our D.A.R.E. officer told us when that happens resist, say no, and walk away. Another thing I learned from our D.A.R.E. officer is risk. He said when you take a risk there is always a consequence with it. It could be good or bad. Some ways to resist and make good a choice is to avoid the situation, walk away and changing the subject. If you don't make a good choice you could go to jail. He also taught us to be responsible for your own choices and actions. That kind of responsibility is called being accountable. You want to be accountable to yourself and others.

In conclusion, some things I learned are to not do drugs, resist, walk away, risk, consequences and be responsible for your own actions. it will really help me along my journey to define, assess, respond and evaluate, coming from a family that did drugs I now understand why they stopped, resisted, and said no to anyone that pressured them to make the wrong choice.

D.A.R.E. REPORT

By: Renee McCabe

What I learned during D.A.R.E. is it is important

to be responsible because if your not you could get into a lot of trouble. Drugs are bad and they can cause your body to change how it works. You should only tell on someone if there hurting or making you feel bad. Bullying can hurt someone fisically and emotionally.

I have used the D.A.R.E. Disition making model by describing the problem challenge or opportunity. I think about the consequences. I use the information I gather. I ask myself did I make a good choice.

D.A.R.E. is so much fun. I learned so much about bad things. Deputy Mendez was really good at teaching us about D.A.R.E. He made it so much fun. He had really fun activities.

I will use responsibility by turning in my homework. I will make sure to tell a teacher if I see any bullying. I will mkae that I never bully ore hurt someone on perpose.

By: Addison Shull
 Class: Mrs. Hauter

Dare is a really fun and cool place you can learn all of these fun things in fun ways. I have learned lots of things like stress. Stress means any strait, pressure or existment felt about a situation or an event. I can use lots of these tips that we have learned and they are used by screaming outside, reading and sleeping. These all help a lot. I have also learned about drugs. Drugs are a really bad thing. Drugs can be used as medicine. If people are taking that medicine rong it could cause problems. Drugs are a substance that will change the way your body or mind works.

I have had a great time at Dare and I have learned a lot at Dare. We have learned about lots of things like being respnceble. D,D, M,M, and drugs. I have also learned facts, health affect, and stress. Then communication, confedent, and unsure. Demanding, good citizen and more. Some mean good or bad meanings, some mean just one.

I am planing on to not use drugs and all that bad stuff when I grow up. I will use all the tips that I have learned in Dare. I am planing to be safe and responsible. I am going to use the tricks for stress. I will be safe and responsible.

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

- Antwerp:** Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Home-town 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:** Marathn
- 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-

- ware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. OSU Extension Office, Paulding County Historical Society, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Past Time Cafe, Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospital
- Payne:** Blueberry Pancake House, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza
- Sherwood:** Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank
- Scott:** Scott Variety Store
- Van Wert:** Family Video, Orchard Tree, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market - Chief, Walmart

INDIANA LOCATIONS

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

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NEW HAVEN MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR LEADERSHIP IN KINDNESS



The Board of School Trustees recognized a group of New Haven Middle School students for their leadership in kindness! The students were nominated by a staff member for demonstrating acts of kindness on a continual basis.

The following students were recognized: Ariana Haines, Kevion Mitchell, Jorlen Stubbs, Isaiah Bechtold, Alyssa Billman, Kaden Estep, Katerina Koepke, Amirah Coker, Raegan Winters, Konner Clark, Lakaiyah White, Trinity Colter, Trenton East-

erday, Aislynn Brooks, and Mykasia Bostic.

Congratulations to Mr. Chad Houser, principal and the entire New Haven Middle School staff for educating such amazing students!

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition
Shane M. Johnson, Wauseon, OH; Dump wildlife ar; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; \$100 fine shall be suspended on condition that all restitution is paid in full by 2/22/19 in the amount of

\$436.00 through the clerk's office; Maintain general good behavior
James R. Coyne, Defiance, OH; Criminal trespassing; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; Complete 20 hours of community service; Write a letter of apology to the land owner

Sarah Ellen Franklin, Payne, OH; Distribute to minor; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior
Fred B. Mansfield, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Count B dismissed at the state's request

Kayla A. Moore, Fort Jennings, OH; OVI/under influence; Guilty; Proof of insurance provided; Pay or collection 12/20/19; Shall pay \$25 per month commencing 1/25/19; Community control two; 20 hours community service; Complete a risk assessment; Follow all recommendations approved by this court; 87 jail days reserved
Kayla A. Moore, Fort Jennings, OH; Driving under suspension; Count B dismissed at the state's request
Kayla A. Moore, Fort Jennings, OH; Failure to control; Count C dismissed at the state's request

Kayla A. Moore, Fort Jennings, OH; No motorcycle license; Count D dismissed at the state's request
Harvey A. Clemens, Paulding, OH; Violation of protection order; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Follow all orders of protection order; Placed on standard probation; No contact with victim; 3 days jail, 3 days credit; 177 jail days suspended
Raymond L. Prescott, Hicksville, OH; Possession of schedule I/II drug; Prel-waived; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Common Pleas Court; Case shall be bound over

Robert A. Norling, Paulding, OH; Failure to tag deer; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior
Adam A. Wright, Paulding, OH; Domestic violence; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Common Pleas Court; Case shall be bound over
Adam A. Wright, Paulding, OH; Abduction; Bound overnight
Joshua A. Willer, Greencastle, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Shenouda V. Lamey, Lima, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

WOODLAN FFA STOPPING BULLYING



Woodlan Elementary 3rd grade with the Woodlan FFA members

The Woodlan FFA Chapter presented the "Bullying Hurts" program to the Woodlan Elementary third grade classes during the months of November and December.

The 47 FFA members split into groups to teach the third grade classes about bullying prevention. The six bullying sessions targeted what bul-

lying is and how to identify it. Using videos, posters, and worksheets, the Woodlan FFA members taught the students how to react if you are a victim of bullying, who can help, how to deal with how it makes you feel, that violence is never the answer, and that you should never be a bystander.

The Bullying Hurts pro-

gram is helping to address and resolve any potential problems with the issue of bullying. The program concluded with every student getting a certificate and a pledge card not to bully for completing the program.

The Woodlan FFA is living to serve as they continue to host and participate in events that serve the community.

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-15** on December 10, 2018, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HARRISON TOWNSHIP FOR PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES IN CALENDAR YEARS 2019, 2020, 2021, AND 2022." This Ordinance authorizes the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Harrison Township on providing fire protection services in a portion of Harrison Township for four (4) years.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-16** on December 10, 2018, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HARRISON TOWNSHIP FOR PROVIDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE IN CALENDAR YEARS 2019, 2020, 2021, AND 2022." This Ordinance authorizes the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Harrison Township on providing emergency medical services in a portion of Harrison Township for four (4) years.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-17** on December 10, 2018, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE INCREASING WATER RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, COUNTY OF PAULDING, OHIO." This Ordinance increases the water rates for the Village with an increase for the minimum charge for each tap effective January 1, 2019, and a two percent (2%) per year water rate increase for the next five (5) years commencing January 1, 2020.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-18** on December 10, 2018, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CARRYALL TOWNSHIP FOR PROVIDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE IN CALENDAR YEARS 2019, 2020, 2021, AND 2022." This Ordinance authorizes the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Carryall Township on providing emergency medical services in Carryall Township for four (4) years.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-10** on December 10, 2018, entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A DONATION AGREEMENT WITH PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TEN-STATION FITNESS TRAIL AT RIVERSIDE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK; AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Resolution authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Donation Agreement for the Paulding County Hospital to install a ten-station fitness trail at the park that the Village will then maintain.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-11** on December 10, 2018, entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PENN CARE, INC. TO PURCHASE A BRAUN AMBULANCE FOR THE VILLAGE EMS DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Resolution authorizes the Administrator to enter into a purchase agreement for an ambulance for the EMS Department.

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.

Count C dismissed at the state's request
Joel A. Hernandez, Frankfort, IL; Physical control; Guilty; Pay or collection 10/25/19; Shall pay \$100.00 per month commencing 1/25/19; 85 jail days reserved
Bryant R. Adkins, Oakwood, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Justin P. Gillen, Delta, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Joshua Sherry, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Adam D. Madry, Defiance, OH; No operator license; Guilty; Pay or collections 6/28/19; Shall pay \$50.00 per month commencing 1/25/19
Iwan H. Van Deurzen, Paulding, OH; FRA suspension; Count A dismissed at the state's request
Alexander D. Conner, Roseville, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Latoya C. Smith, Rossharon, TX; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Ross N. Nalecz, Livonia, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Gary P. Schnipke, De-

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

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

AUGLAIZE TWP
12/19/18 Edward S Buell Trustee to Ross Genetta; Rd 153; 3.904 acres; Pt Se1/4 Se1/4 S-13Auglaize Twp
12/17/18 Breckler Madonna D to Randall Ryan R Et Al; Rd 178 Defiance Oh 43512; 120 acres; N1/2 Nw1/4 & N1/2 Se1/4 Nw1/4 Auglaize Twp S-36
12/17/18 Breckler Madonna D to Randall Ryan R Et Al; Rd 174; 30.302 acres; E1/2 Nw1/4 Sw1/4 & W1/2 W1/2 Ne1/4 Sw1/4 Auglaize Twp S-36
12/17/18 Breckler Madonna D to Randall Ryan R Et Al; Rd 166; 39.5 acres; Se1/4 Sw1/4 Auglaize Twp S-36

BROWN TWP
12/19/18 Singer Ronald A to Foor Brock Foor Ashley; 9713 Rd 171 Oakwood Oh 45873; 1.029 acres; Pt Ne1/4 Se1/4 Brown Twp S-20
12/18/18 Densmore Alane D To Smith Michael A; 613 State St; 0.1722 Acres; Lot 106 O.p. Melrose Vill

CRANE TWP
12/17/18 Mccabe Chad D & Mccabe Terri J to Mccabe Chad D; 9631 Rd 192 Cecil Oh 45821; 3.28 acres; Pt Se1/4

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

Lou Ann Wannemacher, Plaintiffs, vs. Samuel Hunsaker, et.al. Defendants.

Judge Tiffany Reighter-Beckman Case No. CI 18 199

TO: Samuel Hunsaker, Unknown heirs, administrators, executors or assigns of int Hunsaker; Nellie Hunsaker, Unknown heirs, administrators, executors or assigns of Nellie Hunsaker

Fifty-Nine of the Original Plat of the Village of Grover Hill, Paulding County, Ohio.
Parcel ID Nos. 26-08S-011-00, 26-08S-012-00, 26-08S-013-00, 26-08S-014-00 Address of Property: W. Jackson Street, Grover Hill, Ohio

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: Unknown

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 you real estate will be sought. Your answer should be filed with the Clerk of Courts, Courthouse, 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Please take notice that a complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against you seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by **Samuel Hunsaker, Unknown heirs, administrators, executors or assigns of Samuel Hunsaker; Nellie Hunsaker, Unknown heirs, administrators, executors or assigns of Nellie Hunsaker** to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed by you.

Ann Pease, Clerk Court of Common Pleas Paulding, County, Ohio
By: *[Signature]* Deputy

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

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

Situated in the Village of Grover Hill, County of Paulding, and State of Ohio:
Lots Number Fifty-four and

12/17/18 Caperton Susan
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Rd 230 Cecil Oh 45821; 3.125
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7044 Rd 220 Antwerp Oh
45813; 3.98 acres; Pt Lot 4
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Stafford St; 0.25 acres; Lot 7
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JACKSON TWP
12/17/18 Baughman Gene
A to Baughman Bradley
Trustee; Rd 137; 35.986 acres;
Pt Se1/4 Se1/4 Jackson Twp
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12/19/18 Mowery Marcella
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12/18/18 Bok Freda M Life
Estate to Pier Bonnie M Eta;
Rd 72; 115 acres; W1/2 Sw1/4
& Sw Cor Nw1/4& E1/2 Sw1/4
S Of Rivr Washington Twp
Sec 4 Paulding Dist
12/18/18 Bok Freda M Life
Estate to Pier Bonnie M Eta;
Rd 177; 25 acres; S 5A N1/2
Nel/4 Se1/4 & N1/2 Se1/4

WOODBURN BRANCH YARN LOVERS CREATE SCARVES FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Each Thursday evening, the Woodburn branch of the Allen County Public Library is the destination of choice for those who knit or crochet. Those who participate in the Yarn Lovers group not only work on personal projects. Throughout 2018, members made 68 scarves that will be donated in support of the 2019 Indiana Special Olympics. This is the most scarves the group has ever made for

the Special Olympics since they began the project in 2011. The yarn colors were selected in collaboration with the theme of the Special Olympics Indiana's 50th Anniversary. The scarves are given to the athletes, volunteers and supporters at the State Winter Games and the Polar Plunges. If you would like to learn how to knit or crochet, mem- bers of the Yarn Lovers group

can get you started and teach you new stitches. The Yarn Lovers program is held each Thursday night from 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. at the Woodburn branch, 4701 State Road 101 North, Woodburn. Registration is required.

For more information, visit the Allen County Public Library's website at www.acpl.info or call the Woodburn branch at (260) 421-1370.

Se1/4 Washington Twp Sec 5 Paulding Dist
12/18/18 Bok Freda M Life Estate to Pier Bonnie M Eta; Rd 72; 39 acres; Pt Nel/4 Nw1/4 Washington Twp Sec 9 Paulding Dist

LADY RAIDERS CONTINUE WINNING WAYS AT FT. JENNINGS

By: Joe Shouse, Sports-writer

Fort Jennings - The Wayne Trace Lady Raiders continued their winning ways last Thursday, December 20, on the road at Fort Jennings. The Raiders posted an easy 61-37 win to extend their streak to six games. With the win the red, white and blue stand at 7-1 while Fort Jennings falls to 2-7.

The Raiders had balanced scoring with three players in

double-digits and two more with nine points a piece. Claire Sinn and Tiffany Sinn led the way with 11 points each and senior Kaylee Shepherd chipping in 10. Miriam Sinn and Katrina Stoller each added nine for the winning Raiders.

Wayne Trace turned it up a notch with their shooting. From two-point range the Raiders were 17-31 and from behind the arc the winners were 5-9. From the floor the Raiders shot 22-40 for 55 percent. Top shooters were Katrina Stoller who was perfect on all five of her attempts. Tiffany Sinn was 2-3 from two-point land as well as from behind the arc. Miriam Sinn was also solid in the shooting department hitting 3-4 from the two-point area and while connecting on her only three-point attempt.

While the Raiders were dialed in offensively, the Musketeers struggled from the floor. Hitting just 11-28 of their two-point attempts and just 2-19 in three-pointers for a 28 percent clip. Kristen Lurersman led all scorers with 20 points.

Wayne Trace led after one quarter of play 16-7 and then increased their advantage in the second quarter to take a 37-24 lead to the locker room at the break. In the third frame the Raiders scored just nine points but turned it up defensively, holding the Musketeers to just two points.

Wayne Trace out rebounded Fort Jennings 33-29 with Katrina Stoller and Miriam Sinn each grabbing six boards and team mate Tiffany Sinn adding five to lead the Raiders on the glass. Kaylee Shepherd

played an aggressive game on both ends of the floor picking up five assists and three steals. Miriam Sinn also had a nice effort with four steals and three assists to go along with six boards.

Also scoring for the Raiders; Katie Stoller two; Sadie Sinn two; Rachel Stoller five and Sara Edwards two.

In the Junior Varsity match up the Raiders outlasted the Musketeers in just two quarters of play 34-7. The game was limited to just two quarters due to a lack of players for Fort Jennings.

JR HIGH WRESTLING

Wayne Trace Jr. High wrestling traveled to Ayersville on December 20th for some JH wrestling action. The ending score was 6-18 with Ayersville taking the win.

ANTWERP FRESHMAN FALL TO BULLDOGS

The Antwerp freshman boys played the Defiance Bulldogs at home Monday evening. The Bulldogs dropped too many three point bombs on the Archers on their home turf to win, 46-25. Defiance canned 12 three pointers, while the Antwerp boys missed 13 free throws.

Scoring for the blue & white were: Kaden Recker-8, Hunter Sproles-5, Gaige McMichael-4, Tucker Franklin & Mason Steel with 3 each and Kaden Phares scored a bucket for 2 points.

Scoring for Defiance was: Lammers-18, Jerger-12, Baskin-8, Rivera & Kellermyer with 3 each and Brown with 2 points.

The Archer freshman

THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

FAMILY TRADITIONS @ OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



Oakwood Elementary second grade students Nolan Schlatter and Eric Logan are shown putting the final touches on some Christmas cookies they were able to frost and decorate as part of a unit on Christmas family traditions. Each second grader was able to take a plate of cookies home to share with their family.

team will face the Fairview Apaches January 3, 2019 at Fairview.

LATTA APPLAUDS VETERANS LEGISLATION APPROVED BY U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) is applauding the passage of legislation he supported, the Veterans Benefit and Transition Act, to authorize a host of veterans programs. The bill passed by voice vote and now heads to the Senate.

Included in the bill are reforms and fixes that will help veterans in the transition process out of the military and increase benefits. It also would aide veterans, servicemembers, and family members with issues that often arise due to military service. For instance, the legislation prohibits schools from placing penalties or burdens on students as a result of the VA failing to pay GI bill payments on time. The bill also allows military members to end cell phone, cable, and Internet contracts if they are forced to move as part of their military service. It also would allow leases to be broken for the

spouses of servicemembers who were killed as a result of their service.

"The Veterans Benefit and Transition Act contains numerous provisions to help our servicemembers, veterans, and their family members," said Latta. "Our country asks many of these men and women to move to different parts of the country and the world, and that can often result in unforeseen costs and hassles. This legislation will help our troops with many of the issues that these moves bring. It also reauthorizes veteran education programs, improves programs to combat veteran homelessness, and outlines ways to improve VA medical facilities. Our veterans and servicemembers serve our country with honor, and this bill will help us keep the promises made to them."

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Carryall Township will hold its annual reorganization meeting on Thursday, December 27, 2018, 9:00 a.m. at 15156 Road 23, Antwerp, OH

-Deb Wyckoff, Fiscal Officer
Carryall Township

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC TRUST 2007-BR3 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-BR3, Plaintiff,,
vs.

BRANT SAMUEL VERFAILLIE, ET AL., Defendants,
Case No. Cl 16 083

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 7th day of February, 2019 at 10:00, the real estate located at:

830 North Walnut Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879
Parcel Number 30-27S-073-00

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

Said premises appraised at Fifty-four Thousand and No/100 (\$54,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second sale will be held on the 21st day of February, 2019 at 10:00. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PAYNE ELEMENTARY DECEMBER SOM



December Students of the month for Payne Elementary are: Front Row: Jonathan Powell, Luke Shepherd, Leilyn Bleeke, Gracie Gerardot, McKenna Richhart, Lucas Ross, Lilly Holbrook, MaKenna Johnson. Back Row: Chloe Coombs, Johnalynn Shellenbarger, Jack Schoenauer, Tanner Laukhuf, Mason Lee, Jordan Banks, Luke Stouffer

PAYNE ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Pictured in the front are Kahlee Fore, Camryn Finger, Katelynn Bauer, Destiny Endicott, Ella Crosby, Olivia Zartman, Logan Lotz, Johnalynn Shellenbarger, Elizabeth Mitchell, and Christopher Dilling. Mr. O'Donnell directed our program.

Payne Elementary celebrated the Season with our Christmas program December 14. The program included grades 4-6 and some of Grade 3.

FORT WAYNE SERVICE MEMBERS TO SEE INCREASE IN 2019 BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING RATES

Congressman Jim Banks (IN-03), a member of the House Armed Services Committee, issued the following statement in favor of the Department of Defense's increase in the basic allowance for housing (BAH) 2019 rates for the greater Fort Wayne area:

"Fort Wayne's 122nd Fighter Wing received a well-deserved increase in basic allowance for housing rates for 2019. I'm glad to see the Defense Travel Management Office's (DTMO) corrective action in addressing

low 2018 rates for the 122nd Fighter Wing. This increase more accurately reflects housing costs in northeast Indiana and directly impacts the quality of life for over 200 Hoosier service members and their families."

In January, Congressman Banks, Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Senator Joe Donnelly (D-Ind.) wrote a letter to the Director of Defense Travel Management Office disputing the low BAH rates for 2018.

ROOTS AT THE ROOT OF GREENHOUSE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

The Ohio State University's 2019 Greenhouse Management Workshop, set for Jan. 17-18 in Wooster, will dig all around a plant's roots. The theme is "Root Zone Optimization."

Peter Ling, associate professor in Ohio State's Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, said this year's program is unique because it will focus exclusively on the root zone.

Ling has organized the annual workshop, which is designed for commercial growers from Ohio and beyond, for each of its now 21 years.

Chieri Kubota, professor in Ohio State's Department of Horticulture and Crop Science, said root zone optimization means surrounding a plant's roots with the best possible chemical, physical and biological conditions — the ideal nutrients, moisture and more.

Doing so, she said, helps plants grow faster and tolerate pests and diseases better,

which for a greenhouse grower can translate into lower costs, higher yields and greater income.

Since greenhouse growers typically grow their plants in small containers, troughs or water culture (hydroponics), "managing the root zone is essential," Kubota said.

If plants aren't getting what they need, she said, "they can't move like we do."

Food crops and ornamentals

The workshop will have 16 technical talks in all, grouped into general sessions on fundamentals and biostimulants and concurrent sessions on container culture of ornamentals and hydroponic and soil-less culture of food crops.

Lettuce, basil and high-wire crops such as cucumbers will be among the food crops covered.

Topics will also include composts, substrates, nutrition, fertigation and beneficial microbes, to name a few.

Greenhouse, research tours

There will be tours of a commercial greenhouse and of research facilities and greenhouses on the Wooster campus of Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

The campus, made up of the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) and the Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute, is the location of the workshop.

About a dozen experts from industry, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and

CFAES, Ling and Kubota among them, will serve as speakers for the talks. Ling's and Kubota's home departments are both part of CFAES.

More information on the event, including session topics and speakers plus details on registration and lodging, is available at go.osu.edu/GHM19.

Sessions will be held in OARDC's Fisher Auditorium, 1680 Madison Ave., on the CFAES Wooster campus.

JOYCE PACES WARRIORS PAST ARCHERS

ANTWERP - Gabby Joyce hit a quartet of three-point field goals and the Woodlan Warriors cruised to a 46-31 win over host Antwerp Tuesday night in non-league girls basketball action.

Joyce finished with a team high dozen points to lead the Warriors, who improve to 11-3 on the season.

Addison Bayman added nine and Madi Koos bucketed six for Woodlan, which led at every stop in the contest.

The Warriors took a 14-5 lead after one quarter and never looked back, posting a 24-15 halftime advantage. Woodlan was on top 38-23 entering the fourth quarter.

Others finding the scoring column for the Lady Warriors were Dakota Krohn (five), Ella Smith (four), Hanna Albertson (three), Taya Kitzmiller (three), Kate Mendenhall (two) and Abbey Gentz (two).

Mendenhall picked up six rebounds for Woodlan with Smith and Bayman recording five boards each.

Bayman dished out a pair of assists and recorded five steals while Kitzmiller dished out four assists and picked up two steals. Gentz also finished with two assists while Mendenhall and Krohn each had two steals.

Antwerp was topped by 14 points from Heather Oberlin while Asti Coppes chipped in six and Tiera Gomez bucketed five.

The rest of the Archer scorers were Chelsea Johanns (three), Kendyl Miller (two) and Karsyn Brumett (one).

CHIP WILSON TO LEAD MVNU ATHLETICS

Mount Vernon Nazarene University President Henry W. Spaulding II, Ph.D., is pleased to announce the appointment of Chip Wilson as the new Director of Athletics as of Dec. 17.

"I firmly believe that Chip Wilson is uniquely suited to serve as our athletic director," said Spaulding. "He loves MVNU, our coaches and our athletes. Good days are ahead for our athletic program."

Wilson joined MVNU in 2006 to lead the resurgence of both the men's and women's cross country teams. Under Wilson's leadership, the program has grown and flourished beyond expectations. In 2015, he added indoor and outdoor track and field to his coaching resume and again proved his ability to build a highly-competitive program. In 2018, 13 student-athletes from these programs competed in the NAIA National Championships.

"Chip has grown our highly successful track and cross country teams from the ground up," said Tracy Waal, Vice President for Student Life. "This is not an easy thing

SYNERGY LEARNING CENTER HOLIDAY DRAWING PROJECT



Pictured is: America Short (Lincolnview) with Nevaeh Yantiss (Paulding) and Trisha Hagaman (Van Wert).

Synergy Learning Center HS students in Mrs. Kohls' Art class recently shared their talents with the Elementary and JH students for a holiday drawing project.

to do. He's an effective leader who is capable of motivating people to buy into a vision while creating a God-centered culture of excellence."

The new Director of Athletics credits sports as being an anchor in his life, and a launching pad for deeper conversations.

"Athletics was an avenue for me to learn more about myself, grow closer to my family, and most importantly, help me strengthen my relationship with Christ," Wilson said. "I have used this same way of thinking to help build relationships in the Athletic Department and among other departments on campus."

The opportunity to positively impact the direction of the Athletic Department, student-athletes and coaches was appealing to Wilson. He believes there is more to athletics than what takes place on the court or field of play.

"Athletics is a starting point, but the conversation among our programs is much deeper than just a game," Wilson said. "Our athletic programs are avenues to developing young men and women who will be Christ-centered in their thinking. My interest in this position comes from my desire to follow God's leading. I look forward to watching His plan unfold here at MVNU."

The selection committee, who reviewed 28 candidates, was impressed with Wilson's character and commitment, successes with cross country and track teams, and optimistic and supportive attitude, among many other traits and skills. His selection was unanimous across the committee.

"He knows how to recruit and grow a program in the right way without sacrificing our core values. He's highly relational, loyal to MVNU and cares for people well," said Waal.

Wilson earned a bachelor's degree in middle childhood education from MVNU in 2004, while a four-year

member of the MVNU Men's Basketball team (2000-2004), which included the 2001-2002 Championship Team. He earned a master's degree in education from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2009. He is also an adjunct professor at MVNU.

Wilson will remain the head track coach for the spring season.

Outside of MVNU, Wilson recently served a four-year term on the board of the Mount Vernon First Church of the Nazarene. He is a volunteer soccer and basketball coach for the YMCA of Mount Vernon, and for the Mount Vernon Soccer Association/MVSA Sting. He and his wife, Katie, also an MVNU graduate, have two children.

For more information on MVNU athletics, visit mvnu-cougars.com.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is a private, four-year, intentionally Christian teaching university for traditional age students, graduate students, and working adults. With a 327-acre main campus in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and several convenient Graduate and Professional Studies locations throughout the state, MVNU emphasizes academic excellence, spiritual growth, and service to community and church. MVNU offers an affordable education to more than 2,200 students from 31 states and 22 countries/U.S. territories.

CUFFS & COLLARS

Field reports from ODNR Division of Wildlife Officers

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

During the 2018 statewide deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Jeff Tipton, assigned to Champaign County, was on patrol when he observed a couple of trucks parked along a country road. As it was getting close to the end of shooting time, he pulled over to wait for the

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COOPER FARMS DONATES THREE QUARTERS OF A MILLION DOLLARS TO CAMP LAKOTA



On Wednesday, the Cooper Family Foundation provided a contribution to Camp Lakota, a Boy Scout camp in Defiance that serves Northwest and West Central Ohio. The \$750,000 donation will go toward funding for a new hall at the camp.

The relationship between the Boy Scouts of America and Cooper Farms is a long-standing one. The Cooper family has eight current Eagle Scouts and three more in the process of earning the honor.

“We believe in scouting and we believe in tradition,” said Greg Cooper. “We have three generations of Eagle Scouts in our family. We’re proud to be able to provide this donation to such a great organization.”

The tradition of the Coopers supporting the scouts started with Virgil Cooper and hasn’t ended.

“My dad was very involved and very supportive of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts,” said Dianne Cooper. “We just want to keep that legacy going.”

This donation forever etches the Cooper family into

the camp’s history as the new building will be donning the name “Cooper Lodge.” Camp Lakota has been serving the youth of Northwest and West Central Ohio since 1941. The camp covers 640 acres, including the 48-acre Lake Glengary, and is bordered on the west side by the Auglaize River. The camp houses 18 conservation-type campsites.

About Cooper Farms: Growing healthy live turkeys, chickens, egg layers and hogs and producing great food products has been a tradition for the Cooper family of northwest Ohio for three generations. Founded in 1938 by Virgil and Virginia Cooper, Cooper Farms is still family owned and operated. Today, with the help of our team members, Cooper Farms is a leading food supplier, selling a variety of delicious fully cooked and ready-to-cook turkey, ham and chicken products to customers throughout North America. Cooper Farms prides itself on giving back to the industry and its surrounding communities through their Cooper Family Foundation.

NOW HIRING

The City of Woodburn is looking to fill a vacancy for the role of **Police Chief** within the City’s Police Department. Applications may be picked up at City Hall, located at 22735 Main Street, or the City’s webpage, www.cityofwoodburn.org. Annual compensation for this position starts at \$51,000 plus benefits for the 2019 calendar year. All applications should be received by **3 PM February 15th, 2019**.

The City of Woodburn is an equal opportunity employer. Any questions can be directed to the Woodburn Police Department at **260-632-9200** or City Hall at **260-632-5318**.

hunters to arrive at their vehicles. After legal shooting time, two hunters arrived at their vehicle. Officer Tipton immediately asked if their guns were unloaded. One of the hunters admitted that his firearm was still loaded, and the other hunter replied that his was unloaded. Officer Tipton confirmed that the first hunter’s gun was still loaded. The other hunter, who had stated that his gun was unloaded, had placed it in the front of his truck. Officer Tipton could see that the action of the gun was closed. When he retrieved the gun and opened the bolt of the gun, Officer Tipton discovered the firearm was still loaded. Officer Tipton issued the two hunters citations for possessing a loaded firearm after legal shooting hours. The men paid a total of \$350 to the Champaign County Municipal Court.

During youth deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Maurice Irish, assigned to Delaware County, was dispatched to a Turn In A Poacher (TIP) call near the Delaware and Morrow coun-

ty line. The caller stated that an untagged, dressed-out deer was hanging from a tree next to a barn. No one was in the area when Officer Irish arrived. An inspection of the deer revealed that it had been killed with a shotgun. Officer Irish remained near the deer until the suspect arrived. Upon contact, the adult male insisted he had killed the deer with his bow the day before. After further discussion, the man admitted to killing the deer with a 12-gauge shotgun, which he had stored in the barn. The man did not have a hunting license or deer permit. He also failed to tag and game check his deer. The deer and shotgun were seized as evidence. The man was required to pay a significant fine through the Morrow County Municipal Court and the firearm used in the violation was forfeited to the ODNR Division of Wildlife.

Northwest Ohio – Wildlife District Two
On opening day of pheasant season, State Wildlife Officer Matt Smith, assigned to Defiance County, was patrolling Oxbow Lake Wildlife Area when he observed two hunters walking toward an SUV. When the men saw Officer Smith, one of them turned and went into the woods while the other continued walking toward the SUV. Officer Smith contacted the hunter at the vehicle and asked why his hunting partner had gone back into the woods. After questioning, the hunter admitted that the other hunter was an out-of-state hunter who did not have an Ohio hunting license. Officer Smith entered the woods and found the second hunter hiding behind a tree. The man was issued a summons and ordered to pay \$150 in fines

and court costs. While patrolling Lima-area reservoirs, State Wildlife Officer Craig Barr, assigned to Allen County, and State Wildlife Officer Supervisor Steve Thomson encountered several anglers at Ferguson Reservoir. While checking one of the anglers, the officers observed a small walleye floating nearby. When measured, the walleye was found to be short of the 15-inch minimum length limit. Inside the angler’s basket, another walleye measuring only 14 inches was found. The angler admitted that he had tried to release the fish after seeing the officers arrive. The angler was found guilty in the Lima Municipal Court for the undersized fish and was ordered to pay \$160 in fines and court costs.

Northeast Ohio – Wildlife District Three
During the opening day of deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Aaron Brown, assigned to Wayne County, received an anonymous Turn in a Poacher (TIP) call regarding an individual who was not wearing hunter orange clothing. Officer Brown arrived on scene and located the individual sitting in a tree stand wearing only camouflage clothing and carrying a shotgun. He asked the man to come down and for safety, he asked him to unload his firearm. The man ejected four rounds from the gun, one more than legally permitted. The man was issued a summons for hunting with a firearm carrying more than three shells. He was also issued a warning for failing to wear the required hunter orange clothing. The man appeared in court, was convicted, and paid \$183 in fines and court costs.

Southeast Ohio – Wildlife District Four
During the 2018 deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Jared Abele, assigned to Vinton County, and State Wildlife Investigator Heath Horn were traveling down a remote township road when they saw a small truck driving toward them. They could see several individuals inside the truck and in the bed, most of them wearing hunter orange. The officers pulled over to the side of the single-lane road and exited the vehicle. The truck also stopped, and members of the group told the officers that they had just finished a deer drive and were leaving

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the area when they encountered a hunter who stated that the group was trespassing. The officers checked everyone in the group for hunting licenses, deer permits, and firearm compliance and discovered multiple violations. The officers also discovered one member of the group had multiple warrants for his arrest from courts in Hocking, Vinton, and Jackson counties. That individual was placed under arrest and other individuals were issued summonses for their wildlife violations.

State Wildlife Officer Mark Basinger, assigned to Athens County, responded to a residence in Washington County where a dog had reportedly been caught in a trap the day before. The free-running farm dog had a slight limp and a small amount of swelling, but no visible injuries. While Officer Basinger talked to the complainant, a vehicle entered the property. The individual knew the owner of the vehicle, and assumed the person was there to hunt. Officer Basinger left his card at the vehicle with a note for the owner to call him. The owner of the vehicle called later that afternoon and explained that he had permission to be trapping on the property. The individual who originally had called from the residence was unaware that anyone had been given permission to trap. No citations were given at this time.

Southwest Ohio – Wildlife District Five

This winter after a fresh snowfall had occurred, an ODNR Division of Wildlife employee was driving past Spring Valley Wildlife Area in Greene County. The employee observed a pickup truck doing doughnuts in a wildlife area parking lot and the adjacent grass and fields, causing damage to the landscape. The employee was able to get close enough to take a video of the event and provide the footage to State Wildlife Officer Matt Hunt, assigned to Greene County. The offender eventually left and drove to a private campground nearby. A short time later, Officer Hunt responded and discovered that several other parking lots had also been used for the destructive recreational activity. Based on the video footage, the vehicle was easily located at the nearby campground. The vehicle’s owner was contacted by Offi-

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The EPA and the USDA are committed to working with states, tribes and stakeholders to identify watersheds and basins where market-based approaches can supplement traditional regulatory programs to promote meaningful reductions in excess nutrients and improved water quality. This could include providing technical and financial support and participating in problem solving at the local level to explore approaches including water quality credit trading, public-private partnerships, pay-for success, supply chain programs, and more.

GRINDSTAFF WINS STATE BANK COLORING CONTEST!

Sudoku solution from page 13



The State Bank sponsored a coloring contest for students in the second grade. Oakwood Elementary second grade student, Wesley Grindstaff is shown with Michelle Zeedyk, a representative from The State Bank. He was the coloring contest winner and received a new bicycle! Congratulations Wesley!

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cer Hunt and admitted to doing doughnuts on the wildlife area. The driver was issued a citation in Xenia Municipal Court and paid \$175 for operating a vehicle off road on a wildlife area. Unfortunately, this kind of activity occurs at many wildlife areas throughout the year. Numerous fields and access points have had to be closed off to prevent drivers from entering food plots and crop fields, and causing landscape damage that takes significant time, materials, and manpower to repair.

EPA, USDA ENCOURAGE USE OF MARKET-BASED AND OTHER COLLABORATIVE APPROACHES TO ADDRESS EXCESS NUTRIENTS

Trump Administration tackles nutrient issues in water resources across the country

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued a letter to state and tribal co-regulators that encourages increased engagement and a reinvigoration of state, tribal and federal efforts to reduce excess nutrients in waterways, with a focus on market-based and other collaborative approaches.

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ers, the EPA and the USDA have made significant progress reducing excess nutrients in some watersheds. Now is the time to build on that success and leverage the market-based approaches that we know can lead to meaningful results across the country,” said David P. Ross, Assistant Administrator for EPA’s Office of Water.

This renewed effort is part of a larger inter-Agency collaboration to better coordinate and focus federal resources on some of the nation’s most challenging water resource concerns, including addressing excess nutrients in waterways.

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ST. HENRY & CLOVERDALE RESIDENTS WIN ELECTRIC CO-OP CHRISTMAS CONTEST



Midwest Electric and Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative announced two winners for their joint Griswold Christmas Lights Contest, a partnership aimed at showcasing and celebrating the holiday spirit of their members, most of whom live in rural portions of north west and west central Ohio, as well as north east Indiana. After members of the electric cooperatives submitted photos of their outdoor light displays, entries were posted on the corresponding company's websites and were voted upon. A single winner for each co-op was announced on Facebook Dec. 19. Winners are as follows: Midwest Electric: Member Ryan Bollenbacher and wife, Sarah, of St. Henry, Ohio. The couple and their six children put up the display together, which usually takes

about two days to complete. The Bollenbacher children include: Kennedy and Kylie (twins, age 8), Amelia (age 6), Myles (age 2), and Marcus and Micah (twins, age 1). Abigail, pictured at far left, was Amelia's twin but sadly passed away. To view photos, quotes, or more details, see Midwest's Facebook post. Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative: Member Casey Etter of Cloverdale, Ohio. The 18-year-old son of Mark Etter said the display uses around 10,000 bulbs and took him five days to set up. To view more photos of his variety of decorations, see quotes, or learn more, visit PPEC's Facebook post. Both winners received a \$50 bill credit from their electric cooperative for their hard work, efforts, and time. The area cooperatives thank all who submitted photos and



voted in the online contest.

St. Mary's-based Midwest Electric and Paulding-based Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative (PPEC) are not-for-profit, member-owned electric utilities dedicated to providing superior member service; safe, affordable, and reliable electricity; and improved quality of life for their communities. Midwest Electric serves 11,000 homes, farms, and businesses in Allen, Auglaize, Mercer, Van Wert, Shelby, Putnam, and Darke counties. PPEC serves over 12,900 members in Paulding, Putnam, Defiance, Van Wert, and Allen counties in Ohio and Adams and Allen counties in Indiana. To learn more about the cooperatives' programs and services, please visit www.midwestrec.com or www.ppec.coop.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

On December 16, 2018 Chris and Cathy Hankinson welcomed baby boy Ethan Charles.

Ethan weighed 8lbs 2oz and has four siblings: Tyler, Alexisa, Gavin and Wyatt. Grandparents are Paul & Angela Keezer, Antwerp; Ellen Hankinson, Paulding and the late Theodore Hankinson, Paulding.

STEPHANIE KUHLMAN OF NAI HARMON GROUP RECEIVES NAR NATIONAL COMMERCIAL AWARD

NAI Harmon Group is pleased to announce that Stephanie Kuhlman has been awarded the NAR National Commercial Award and is Northwest Ohio's regional recipient. Award recipients

are REALTOR® members of the National Association of REALTORS® and nominated by their state, local board, or commercial group for recognition of their professional achievements at the national level.

"NAR is proud of these members who have made significant contributions and give substantial time to further our industry or assist in community programs. This is our way to acknowledge their efforts and the recognition they've earned", according to Jean Maday, NAR's Director for Commercial Development & Services.

Dallas Paul, PRINCIPAL BROKER of NAI Harmon Group stated "This national recognition is a testament to Stephanie's dedication to commercial real estate and strengthening the community." Stephanie Kuhlman was also recently awarded the 2018 Pinnacle of Performance from the Ohio Association of REALTORS® which is only awarded to the top real estate producers in the State of Ohio. Ms. Kuhlman was also awarded the 2017 REALTOR® Community Service Award for her multiple personal contributions to the Red Cross of Northwest Ohio as well as many other facets of the community.

Stephanie Kuhlman has been recognized in the current issue of NAR's Commercial Connections Magazine. A complete list of all seventy-nine national award recipients for 2018 can be found on the NAR website at www.nar.realtor/commercial.

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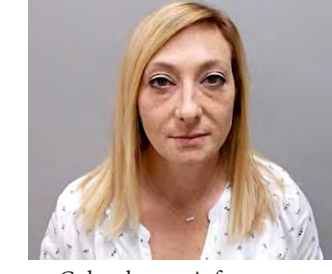


By: Sara Keeran, Antwerp Village Administrator

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to Cleveland Street. Vehicles have been reported to be coming the wrong way from either the bank or post office back onto S. Main Street. Please don't cause an accident by driving the wrong way.

FORMER EMPLOYEE OWES MORE THAN \$10K TO PAULDING SWCD



Columbus - A former program administrator charged with theft in office owes more than \$10,000 to the Paulding County Soil and Water Conservation District, state auditors found.

The district's financial audit released today issues findings for recovery against Coral Fetzer, ordering her to repay \$9,984 for missing revenue and \$765 for improper reimbursements she received.

Fetzer was indicted in October on charges of theft in office and tampering with records following an investigation by Auditor of State Dave Yost's Public Integrity Assurance Team.

The audit identified a shortage of \$9,984 from customer payments that Fetzer collected from January 2012 through March 2016, when she was fired. Auditors said she failed to issue receipts for some of the payments, which were for rentals and product sales, and she did not submit the funds for deposit into the district's bank account.

"A stronger system of internal controls could have detected these revenue shortages years ago," Auditor Yost said. "The district needs to beef up its oversight with additional preventative measures to guard against future losses."

District officials said in a response to the audit that they now require multiple employees to share revenue collection duties, reducing the chances for a theft to occur.

Auditors also reported a lack of supporting documentation for reimbursements of \$765 paid to Fetzer, allegedly for website hosting and printing expenses. Without the necessary records, auditors could not determine whether the reimbursements were proper.

The report names former Board of Supervisors member Keith Wiesehan and current member Gary Derck jointly liable for \$397 and \$368, respectively, because they authorized the reimbursements.

A special report published by Auditor Yost in November 2017 highlights the dangers local governments face when financial processes go unchecked. According to the report, more than \$3.4 million in payments received by local governments in the past decade never made it into the government accounts.

SANTA DELIVERS SMILES AND GIFTS

He calls himself the "Head Bean Counter" here at Associated Churches, but he is actually a lot more. As Finance Director, Garry Pook, has worked at Associated Churches for 6 years, while also being "retired". He cares deeply for the Associated Churches' staff, donors, and clients. His dedication is abundantly clear when seeing the people he has touched and the efforts he goes to in making sure needs are provided.

Associated Churches' Military Families program delivers Christmas gifts to adopted military families at the 122nd Fighter Wing and 293rd Infantry Guard. Garry adopts 1 or 2 families every year, purchasing presents for families struggling around Christmas. As a special treat, Garry also accompanied Associated Churches dressed as Santa to deliver the gifts.

He is not new to being Santa, however. He has dressed up as Jolly Saint Nick for 12 years visiting the Fort Wayne Mad Ants basketball team. Garry also visits the youth at The Landing, an Associated Churches ministry that helps hurting teens get closer to Jesus as they learn key principles during a journey towards a healthier life. Garry says, "Christmas is the time of year when we have the opportunity to share the peace, hope, and love of the season with our friends, neighbors, and community. Santa is a way for me to share with others."

Melinda Lauer, Communications Director, says, "Garry is the closest comparison I can think of to being a real-life santa. His jovial personality and giving spirit make him a perfect likeness for Kris Kringle. He is also the hardest working retired person I know!"

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