

LINCOLNVIEW GRADUATE CHRIS HUGHES APPOINTED TO ODOT LEADERSHIP POSITION



Chris Hughes of rural Van Wert County was recently appointed as the capital programs administrator for the Ohio Department of Transportation District 1

A new administrative area within the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is now under the leadership of Chris Hughes of Van Wert County.

Hughes was named capital programs administrator for ODOT District 1 late last year. District 1 includes the counties of Allen, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert and Wyandot.

Hughes' position is new to ODOT. Following a change in ODOT's departmental structure last summer, each ODOT district merged its construction and planning and engineering areas beneath one administrative umbrella, entitled capital programs. The change in structure will allow for collaborative work and fluid transition between each stage of projects.

"The new organization in capital programs allows our engineers in planning, design and

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CHAMBER'S "OFF THE CLOCK" COURTHOUSE TOUR A SUCCESS



The Paulding Chamber of Commerce hosted their first Off the Clock at the Paulding County Courthouse, sponsored by the Paulding County Commissioners; and boy, was it a success! Around 100 people filled the main floor of the courthouse before being released in groups to walk throughout the building. Elected officials were stationed in each office to give some history, answer questions, and explain the unique and historical features of the office such as the old vaults, secret staircases, and old records. Both Judge Beckman and Judge Wehrkamp allowed children and some eager adults to get their picture taken in the judge's chair, gavel in hand. The County Commissioners were stationed throughout the courthouse giving facts about

iconic places, and symbols in the courthouse such as the attic, the commissioner's office, and the Paulding County seal that reads No Compromise.

Before starting rounds of tours Commissioner Tony Zartman said, "Welcome to your house," and reminded everyone that the courthouse belongs to the entire county and its people. "I am so thrilled that people of all ages took the tour and were able to learn something new about Paulding's historical icon," said Mikayla Pieper, Chamber director. All attendees were so intrigued by the amount of beautiful architecture, fascinating stories, and of course the attic. Never seen by most people, the attic showcased the old water system, phone system, and even pieces of the original glass

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WOODLAN GIRLS FINISH AT SECTIONALS AGAINST ANGOLA



Woodlan's Addison Bayman stole the ball, running down on a free pass, she scores a layup. More pictures at westbendnews.net

FORT WAYNE - Woodlan saw its girls basketball season come to a close last week as the Lady Warriors battled with highly touted Angola in the first half but the Hornets pulled away for a 59-29 win in sectional play.

The Lady Hornets led 15-12 after eight minutes of action and Woodlan was still within 27-20 at the midway point of the contest.

However, Angola responded by outscoring the Warriors

13-4 in the third quarter to open up a 40-24 lead entering the final stanza.

Quarter number four saw the Lady Hornets put up 19 more points compared to Woodlan's five in wrapping up the 59-29 victory.

Addison Bayman paced the Lady Warriors with 17 points while Gabby Joyce chipped in five markers. Taya Kitzmiller, Hanna Albertson and Lexia Holmes picked

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Community Calendar

Tuesday, Feb 6

• PC Spelling Bee @ Antwerp Local School

Wednesday, Feb 7

• PERI meeting, 10am @ PC Senior Center

Friday, Feb 9

• Warrior Fish Fry & Performance, 4:30-7:30pm, Woodlan HS

• Payne KofC Fish Fry @ Divine Mercy, Payne, 5-7pm

Saturday, Feb 10

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

• Jr Theater Workshop @ The Huber, 9a-12p

• JPHS Wine & Cheese Tasting, 7pm

Sunday, Feb 11

• Movie @ The Huber, 3pm, Goodbye Christopher Robin

Sunday, Feb 11

• PC Retired Teachers breakfast, 9:30am @ Vagabond Village

Tuesday, Feb 13

• Reminiscing Oakwood @ Cooper Community Library, 6-7pm

Wednesday, Feb 14

• Hills of Lent @ Zion Lutheran Church (ea. week thru Mar. 21), 7pm

Wednesday, Feb 14

• PCH Foundation Valentines Party, 7-9pm, Paulding Eagles

• Oakwood Ball Assoc. sign up, 10a-2p @ Cooper Comm Library

To add your event to the calendar email

info@westbendnews.net
Continual Events must be resubmitted once per month



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to make their sacrifice a blessing for the hungry.

After Easter Day, April 1st, drop off your collected items to our warehouse at 602 E. Wayne Street. If you need assistance with delivery, please contact Associated Churches by phone: 260-422-3528 or email: foodbank@associatedchurches.org

nize that going to prom can be expensive, so they want to help ease a part of that expense by selling stylish dresses at a fraction of the original cost. Many volunteers have been collecting and organizing these amazing dresses and are hoping you will come and take advantage of this sale. Pro-

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OBITUARIES



ANTWERP, OHIO
Robert "Bing" Bissell, 92, of Payne passed away Friday, January 19, 2018 at Chandler, AZ Memory Care.

Bing was born in Antwerp, Ohio on January 2, 1926, a son of the late Gertrude Hattie (Bissell) Ours and Harry Ronless Bissell.

He proudly served in the U.S. Navy as a Seaman IC in WW II; was a Safety Inspector at International Harvester; lifetime member of the UAW & Antwerp VFW. Bing was a basketball fan who also enjoyed men's softball & archery.

Bing's family was special to him; he will be sadly missed by his daughter, Denise (Thomas) Burt of Gilbert, AZ; 3 grandchildren & 2 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia (Bowers), whom he married July 10, 1948; children, Julie & Leonard and siblings, Flossie Sessler & Betty Bauer.

Viewing was Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 10 am, Dooley Funeral home, 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio where Bing's funeral ceremony was held at 11 am.

He was laid to rest in St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, with military honors.

Memorials are to Antwerp VFW Post 5087, PO Box 974, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

Fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

FALLS, FLU & SEVERE WEATHER CONTINUE TO POSE INCREASED RISKS FOR OHIO SENIORS

The state and the nation's furry forecasters - Buckeye Chuck and Punxsutawney Phil - both saw their shadows today, predicting a longer than normal winter. With more snow, ice and cold temperatures expected, the Ohio Department of Aging reminds older Ohioans how to protect themselves from winter's ill effects and reminds all Ohioans to check in on older neighbors and loved ones periodically.

"From extreme temperatures and dangerous outdoor conditions to a particularly active flu season, this has been a tough winter so far,"

POTACC INVOLVED IN COLD WAR



On Saturday, February 3rd, POTACC (President of the Antwerp Conservation Club) and 20 others braved the cold to shoot the annual Cold War rifle match. This event was hosted by the St. Joseph County Restoration Club outside of Elkart Indiana. This is held every year in February. It was a low turn out compared to last year which had 40+ shooters come out enjoy an unusually warm day in February.

The course of fire was engaging paper and steel targets at 50 and 100 yards. The paper targets were of different threats. They consisted of bears, dinosaurs, bad guys and scoring ringed targets. The steel targets were 24" poppers. To start, you had to lay on the ground and engage five paper targets and two steel targets at fifty yards. Then you had to get up and run to a car door and engage the remaining targets at 100 yards. Each shooter earned a score and a time. The best possible score was 92. A couple shooters earned scores of 91, a few more got scores 87. Others were close behind. The top three contestants earned a medal. The contestants ages ranged from 13 to 77.

This is a small club with

said Beverley Laubert, Interim Director of the Ohio Department of Aging. "Physical changes, isolation and other factors can make older adults more susceptible to weather's wrath, so it's important to be prepared and check in on each other regularly."

Protect yourself from falls

Falls are the leading cause of injury-related ER visits, hospitalizations and deaths for older Ohioans. However, falling is not a normal part of aging, and most falls can be prevented, even in an Ohio

clean of ice, snow, mud and debris.

- Carry a small bag or shaker of rock salt, sand or kitty litter in your pocket or purse for traction on unexpectedly icy paths.
- Improve lighting around your home with extra lamps and night lights, especially around doorways and stairs.

Visit the STEADY U Ohio website (www.steadyu.ohio.gov) for more falls prevention tips.

Protect yourself and your loved ones from the flu

Flu is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus. It can cause mild to severe illness and, in some cases, can lead to death. For many reasons, older adults are more likely than younger adults to experience the flu and its complications. There is still plenty of time to benefit from a flu shot, and plenty of vaccine available. Ask about special high-dose vaccines specifically for older adults. Here are more ways to safeguard yourself and loved ones from the flu.

- Wash your hands frequently using soap and warm water
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when you can't wash your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with your hands.
- Avoid contact with people who may have the flu, as well as surfaces they may have touched.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Get plenty of sleep, manage stress and be as physically active as is appropriate for you.
- Drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritional foods.

Visit the Ohio Department of Health's flu website (www.flu.ohio.gov) for information and resources to help you fight the flu.

Check on your neighbors

Before, during and after severe winter weather, check in on older loved ones, friends and neighbors to ensure that they have the resources they need to remain safe and healthy. Regular visits, even when the weather is nice, can help prevent feelings of isolation and depression, which can be common for older adults during the winter months. Here are some things to ask about when you visit.

- Do they need medical attention? Have they fallen? Are they staying warm enough? Are they taking their medicines as prescribed?
- Do they have safe food and water? Are they eating and drinking regularly?
- Is the temperature in their home comfortable? Do they have safe means to heat the home if temperatures continue to fall?

We are offering something for everyone this year. It doesn't matter what you own or what your skill level is, we have an event for you. Hand gun, rifle, shotgun, young or old. Check out our website to see what is coming. If you have questions about any of our events, contact the range chairman who is heading the event or me at garymabis@gmail.com. You can find this information on our website.

- Gary Mabis, President
Antwerp Conservation Club

winter.

- Ask your doctor or physical therapist about indoor exercises to maintain strength and balance.
- Dress warmly, but avoid bulky coats, gloves and other clothing that can restrict movement.
- Wear boots and shoes that fit properly and have soles with good traction.
- Keep shoes, canes and walkers dry and free of snow, ice, dirt and mud.
- Keep sidewalks and stairs outside your home

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love."
-Psalm 33:4-5

• Whom will they call if they need help? Do they have access to a phone that will work without power or land-line service?

Your area agency on aging can help identify resources, such as energy assistance, chore service and minor home repairs that can help you stay warm and safe this winter. Visit the Ohio Department of Aging's website (www.aging.ohio.gov) for contacts or call 1-866-243-5678 to be connected to the agency serving your community. Follow the Ohio Department of Aging on Facebook and Twitter for more winter safety information and resources all winter long.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 2/7 - 2/13

- 2/7 - PERI meeting at 10:00 a.m.; Lunch to follow at 11:30; Crafts at 12:30; BUNCO; Grocery
- 2/8 - Bingo w/Paulding Hospital - 10:00 a.m.; Exercise - 10:00 a.m.; Euchre - 9:45 a.m.; Euchre - 12:15 p.m.
- 2/9 - Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11:00 - 2:00
- 2/12 - Tax Clinic 9:00 - 4:00; Exercise - 10:00 a.m.
- 2/13 - Euchre - 9:45; Euchre - 12:15; SNAP-ED 11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

HICKSVILLE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 2/7 - 2/13

- 2/7 - 10:00 Corn Hole; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre; 12:30 Toe Nail Clinic
- 2/8 - 10:00 Bingo; 12:30 - The Price is Right
- 2/9 - Valentine Dance; 10:00 The Music Man - Alan Seibert; 11:15 - Valentine Card Exchange; Enjoy Goodies and door prizes too! 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre
- 2/12 - 10:00 Corn Hole; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre
- 2/13 - 10:00 Bingo with Van Crest; 12:00 Grocery Shop; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre; 1:00 Computer Questions? Stop in!

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 2/7 - 2/13

- 2/7 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Crafts; 12:30 Kroger Shop; 5 - 8pm Open Mic Night in back!
- 2/8 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00

- Band Stretch; 10:00 Zumba; 12:30 Meijer Shop; 4:00 Yoga with Sue
- 2/9 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Tai Chi; 10:00 Crafts
- 2/12 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Zumba; 12:30 Bingo with Kingsbury Place; 3:00 Yoga with Sue
- 2/13 - 9:45 Aldi shop; 10:00 Tai Chi; 10:00 Bible Study; 10:00 Cards; 4:00 Yoga; 4:00 Seniors' Nite Out Red Lobster

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 2/7 - 2/13

- 2/7 - Taco salad with taco chips, lettuce, ground beef, cheese and tomatoes, banana, cornbread; Salad Bar in Café
- 2/8 - Chicken noodle casserole, sweet peas, carrots, applesauce, garlic toast
- 2/9 - Ham baked in apple juice; ALT=chicken breast, Venetian blend vegetables, sweet potatoes, peaches, croissant, cookie; NCS=sf cookie
- 2/12 - Hamburger patty with spaghetti sauce, Italian blend vegetables, parmesan noodles, calico fruit, orange juice, whole wheat bread
- 2/13 - Chicken cacciatore, sweet potatoes, cauliflower, banana, whole wheat dinner roll, ice cream, NCS=sherbet

PAULDING COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS MEETING SET

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association will meet for breakfast on Monday, February 12, at 9:30 at the Vagabond Village located at 18187 U.S. 127, Cecil, Ohio. Members may order from the menu and no reservations are required.

PERI CHAPTER 10 MEETING

PERI Paulding County Chapter 10 will hold its meeting at the Paulding County Senior Center at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 7, 2018. Speaker will be Ann Pease, Paulding County Clerk of Courts.



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ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce business spotlight for February is Petals and Vines. The Chamber would also like to welcome the owners Denise and Dave Coleman to the Antwerp business community.

The business was formerly Marilyn's Petals and Vines which Denise purchased from Marilyn Provines in 2017. Located in the heart of town (110 S. Main St), Petals and Vines offers beautiful flower arrangements for any occasion. When you step into her shop you will also notice the wide variety of items that she has in her business.

Not just a flower shop, although her passion is the beautiful and unique arrangements and sprays she has made for funerals, you can also find many gifts, Home Décor and a little bit of Junque. Candles, soaps, memory stones, wind chimes, blankets, lanterns, grave blankets and headstone arrangements, handbags, antique maps, stuffed animals, repurposed furniture and even some clothing (Lula Roe).

Denise has a wistful look when asked what motivated her to buy this business. She claims that she was just in the right place at the right time. She has a creative side to her which shows in her work and at the same time she realizes how important it was to preserve this service to our community. Her shop is a welcoming place that brings the timeless nature of plants and flowers into everyday life and special occasions.



Good customer service is the feeling that you get when you walk into the business. She has many unique items and she prides herself in having good quality products. She takes a unique approach to her floral arrangements using the freshest flowers to ensure that your arrangement will last. From the moment you open the door, you can expect to be greeted with a smile and a helping hand. The friendly atmosphere and every changing treasures that she finds to bring into her shop keeps her customers coming back. "We treat our customers like they are part of our family, taking the time to get to know them, their needs and their budget." Satisfaction is guaranteed at Petals and Vines.

Petals and Vines mainly serves the Antwerp Community and surrounding area but if you need an arrangement sent to someone out of town

or anywhere in the country, Denise is able to do that also through a program she participates in called Shop to Shop. If you need flowers sent to your sweetheart in another state for Valentine's Day or a birthday she can do that for you.

One of her fond memories in the short time she has been open was the time that a young man ordered flowers to be delivered to his girlfriend, to her mother and to her sisters, then he went and proposed to her. She was thrilled to be a small part in the beginning of this bride and groom's life together.

As the seasons change and occasions arise, you will find the shop stocked with holiday themed gifts and floral arrangements. The large front window beckons you to come inside and see what treasures you may find. And guys, remember when prom time comes, call Denise and order that perfect corsage for your date.

If you are looking for a gift for that special someone that will last all year long, consider joining the Flower Arrangement of the Month club. Your special someone will get a floral arrangement each month for a full year. You decide the price and we will deliver on a set date each month. Deliveries can be made to schools, assisted living/nursing homes, businesses as well as homes.

With Valentine's Day just around the corner watch the front window and the Facebook page Petals and Vines for beautiful and unique gifts for your Valentine. Roses, floral arrangements, chocolates and balloons will be available to you with just a phone call. Shop Small and Shop Local. You won't regret it.

Business hours are Monday-Tuesday-Thursday and Friday 9-5. Wednesday and Saturday 9-12. Call Denise at 419-258-4005 with orders and like them on Facebook.

OHSAA ANNOUNCES FALL SPORTS DIVISIONAL BREAKDOWNS FOR FOOTBALL, VOLLEYBALL AND SOCCER

New divisional breakdowns for the upcoming fall sports of football, volleyball and soccer were approved by the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors during its January meeting last Thursday. The 2018-19 school year will mark the second school year competitive balance roster data is used in football, volleyball, soccer, basketball, softball and baseball.

The board also approved a modification to the business rules for competitive balance, removing the previous regulation that allowed a school to move up only one division due to competitive balance. As a result, two schools in football moved up two divisions.

The 2018-19 school year will mark the second year of a two-year cycle for using base enrollment data provided by the Ohio Department of Education. Every year for those sports affected by competitive balance, sport-specific roster data from the previous season is used to modify the enrollment data in those sports based on factors that OHSAA member schools approved by referendum vote in 2014.

The lists linked below contain the schools that were registered to qualify for the 2017 tournaments. They are not the final list of schools that are competing in 2018. The list of schools participating within each division could change prior to the 2018 tournaments, including both deletions (schools that are not playing in 2018 or suspended) or additions (new schools opening or consolidations, etc.).

2018 Football Divisional Assignments:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Football/Football-2018>

2018 regions and playoff format will be announced in May.

2018 Volleyball Divisional Assignments:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Volleyball/Volleyball-2018>

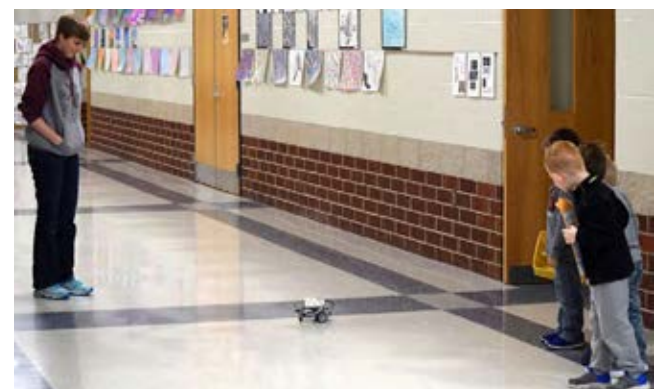
2018 Soccer Divisional Assignments:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Soccer/Soccer-2018>

"Competitive Balance continues to be a journey we are all on together," Dr. Dan Ross, OHSAA Executive Director, said. "The early approval of the 2018 fall sports divisional breakdowns is the result of countless hours of work by our staff and our member schools. The competitive balance committee continues to meet and study the process and the results, and we continue to receive feedback from our member schools."

According to Competitive Balance regulations, the previous season's roster data (grades 9-12) is used for affecting the following season's additional roster count in the selected sports. The additional roster count is added to the school's base enrollment number to determine the final adjusted enrollment count before divisional placements are made. More information on Competitive Balance is posted at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/School-Resources/Competitive-Balance-Resource-Center>

ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BUILD LEGO MINDSTORM ROBOTS



Students in Computer Science 2 at Antwerp High School are stopping traffic (at least in the hallways)! Students in Mrs. Jewell's CS2 class have been programming LEGO Mindstorm robots. Here, sopho-

more Elyse Steury watches as her robot does what she programmed it to do. Preschoolers in the hallway have to stop and watch...but they don't seem to mind!

(Continued from Page 1) construction to work better as one team. They will be able to oversee project development from beginning to end together, rather than work as individual units on each section of development and construction," said Kirk Slusher, ODOT District 1 deputy director. "Chris' experience in both planning and construction makes him a perfect candidate to lead such a dynamic and encompassing department."

Beneath Hughes, three veteran ODOT employees will oversee individual areas within capital programs: Adam Francis, Versailles, in planning; Eric Scheckelhoff, Elida, in design; and Scott Mullins, Ada, in construction.

In 2007, Hughes moved to construction and worked in that department until his shift to the administrative position last year. During that time, he worked on District 1's portion of the Fort to Port projects, which realigned and expanded

U.S. 24 between Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Toledo, Ohio, and headed the eConstruction effort in District 1. That initiative replaced much of the paper-based work in construction processes with electronic means.

Before taking his new role, Hughes was the project engineer over ODOT's \$113 million widening and reconstruction project on Interstate 75 through Hancock County and the city of Findlay. Robert White has filled the project engineer position and will continue to oversee the project during its second and third years.

A Lincolnview High School graduate, Hughes lives in rural Van Wert County with his wife, Tricia, and three daughters, Beth, Ila and Maggie. He graduated from The Ohio State University in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. The same year, he began work as an engineering in training (EIT) in District 1's planning department.

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Valentine's Party
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Paulding County Hospital Foundation
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GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY JANUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



These are the January SOM for Grover Hill Elementary: (L-R Front) Taylor Stemen, Amber Stoller, Ian Jewell, Gage Ogle, Kyla Hurd, Laryssa Whitman, Torree Sinn and Anna Meraz. (Back) Olivia Stoller, Emma Hurd, Carter Noffsinger, Brenan Miller, Cheyenne Brimmer and Piper Densmore.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: **Dr. James Bachman**

Dear Parson,
How can you know someone interpreting tongues is accurate?

There were such gifts as tongues and interpretation of tongues in the early church (I Corinthians 12:4-8). Their purpose was God's confirmation of the new truths being proclaimed in the New Testament (I Corinthians 14:22; Mark 16:17-20). When the Bible was complete (Revelation 22:18-19), the main purpose of the gifts dissipated (I Corinthians 13:8-10).

There are, however, ways to test those who claim to have the gift of interpretation of tongues. First, they should be able to tell you accurately what is being said in any language from the Word of God, the Bible. Second, if they are interpreting something being prophesied, it should always come to pass just as it was interpreted (Deuteronomy 18:20-22).

Some years ago a visitor came forward in our church during an invitation and started speaking in tongues. I kindly asked him to stop because there was no interpreter. He said he would interpret for himself and blurted out

what he said the Lord told him. Within about a week, everything turned out the exact opposite of what he said.

I had a college professor who was invited to go hear a preacher. After his message, to my professor's surprise, there was a tongues speaking session. It just so happened the evil spirit which was causing a man to speak in tongues was speaking in the Hebrew language. The people who were listening and the false interpreter were all excited and praising God, but my professor, who taught Hebrew, said he had never heard such blasphemy of Christ in his whole life.

Stick with the inspired, complete Bible for your source of truth. "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." (I John 4:1)

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

THE HILLS OF LENT

"The Hills of Lent" is our Lenten theme for the dual parishes, held at Zion this year. Ash Wednesday, complete with ashes and communion, begins Lent on February 14, and the last Wednesday of Lent concludes on March 21. These shorter, 45-minute services begin at 7:00 p.m., following a terrific 6:00 p.m. dinner provided by various members of Zion.

The theme centers around 6 "Hills" or Mountains in Scripture, each which served as the stage for important events in God's plan of our salvation. The names of both

of our churches are among the Hills we will examine and ascend: Mt Moriah, Mt Sinai, Mt Carmel, Mt Zion, Mt Olive and Mt Calvary. Many earth-shattering, spiritual events took place on the tops of these mountains, a place where the Lord often encountered His people.

Each week several dramatic readers will assist in the message portion, members from BOTH CHURCHES. Come and see if you can identify the people behind the voices. As the first Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day, fellas, you can take your best gal out to supper...at church to feed both the body and the soul.

Don't forget to take time out of your busy week and walk with your Savior, Jesus, each Wednesday during Lent.

BIBLE STUDY

By: **James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ**

Old Testament Prophecy: Isaiah 53:1-3 verse 3 is the prophecy.

- Is Isaiah 52:13- through Isaiah 53:1-3 Messianic?
- Does everybody believe the report about the Messiah or Jesus in the Scriptures?
- What is the message spoken of here?
- How is the messiah's strength shown?
- Was there anything outstanding about Christ's appearance?
- How would Christ grow up before God?
- What does this mean "arm of the Lord"?
- What is the word 'grief' referring to?
- Fulfilled in the New Testament **John 1:9-11; Luke 23:13-25.** (This is keeping in context. Luke is the one we are studying.)
- Did Pilate find any fault in Jesus?
- Did Herod find any fault in Jesus?
- Was anything worthy of death committed by Jesus?
- What did the crowd cry out all at once?
- Who did the crowd want released to them?
- Did Pilate wish to crucify Jesus?
- The crowd shouted what to Pilate?

Answers to Old Testament questions:

- Yes
- No
- The message is of Christ's coming and being the sacrifice for our sins and the Jews refused this message, because they didn't believe this would ever happen.
- Humility, suffering, mer-

cy

- No
 - As a tender plant
 - God's strength
 - Spiritual sickness
- Answers to New Testament questions**
- No
 - No
 - No
 - Crucify Him
 - Barabbas
 - No
 - Crucify Him

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OHIO INFLUENZA ACTIVITY LEVEL (GEOGRAPHIC SPREAD) - WIDESPREAD

Definition: Increased ILI in at least half of the regions AND recent (within the past 3 weeks) lab confirmed influenza in the state.

- 3 Pediatric Influenza-associated mortalities and 0 Novel Influenza A cases have been reported as of 1/20/2018

- Ohio public health surveillance data indicates decreasing intensity of ILI in outpatient settings. Percentage of emergency department visits with patients exhibiting fever+ILI is above the state baseline. 1,681 Influenza-associated hospitalizations (IAH) were reported during MMWR Week 3.

- The Northwest Ohio region has seen 179 (11%) of the IAH cases during MMWR Week 3.

- ODH lab has reported 600 Influenza tests from specimens sent from various submitters with H3N2 as the majority strain (76%).

- The National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) has reported 34,645 influenza tests

performed at participating facilities. 2017-2018 influenza season positive results: (29) H1N1, (211) A/H3N2, (4740) Flu A Not Subtyped, and (548) Flu B (through 01/20/2018)

Regional Data:

- During week 2 (January 7th - January 13th, 2018), the proportion of outpatient visits for ILI in Region 5 (Ohio is in Region 5) was 4.9%, which is above the regional baseline of 1.8%. Michigan, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky reported Widespread Activity.

National Data:

- During week 2 (January 7th - January 13th, 2018), most U.S. states reported Moderate or High influenza activity, though a few are still reporting Low or Minimal activity. The proportion of outpatient visits for ILI was 6.3%, which is above the national baseline of 2.2%. All 10 regions reported ILI at or above their region-specific baseline level. The most frequently identified influenza virus type reported by public health laboratories was influenza A (H3N2).

Influenza Information:

- CDC has antigenically or genetically characterized 893 influenza viruses collected during October 1, 2017 - January 13, 2018, and submitted by U.S. laboratories, including 146 influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses, 498 influenza A(H3N2) viruses, and 249 influenza B viruses.

- National Influenza Activity Information

- <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/usmap.htm>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>

Questions or requests for additional Influenza Activity can be directed to: Tyler Briggs, 6-Pact+ Epidemiologist tylerbriggs@fultoncountytioh.com 419-337-0915

Sources of Influenza Surveillance Data

- Emergency Department Visits (Epicenter): Epicenter collects emergency department data chief compliant data from 180 hospitals and urgent care facilities across Ohio in real time and classifies patients into symptom and syndrome categories. Chief complaints from ILI+Fever and Respiratory syndrome classifiers are analyzed alongside the Influenza-associated hospitalizations to determine the ILI activity within the counties of the 6-Pact+.

- Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS): Influenza-associated hospitalizations are reported to ODH from local health departments and hospitals by direct entry into the Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS). Hospitalizations can be used as an indicator of the severity of illness during a particular influenza season. This condition became reportable in 2009.

- Local Providers: local physicians and healthcare facilities report ILI and positive laboratory Influenza tests to local health departments on a regular basis. Lab confirmed Influenza tests are performed by commercial rapid diagnostic tests which vary from 50%-75% sensitivity (ability to detect true positives).

- Ohio Department of Health: ODH reports weekly MMWR reports for Influenza activity. These reports begin MMWR Week 40 (end of September/beginning of October) and conclude by MMWR Week 20 (middle of May). These reports include state, regional, and national data on Influenza and ILI. Information gather from these reports comes from several areas including sentinel providers, Epicenter, National Retail data Monitor (NRDM), ODRS, and National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS).

- Additional Ohio Influenza Surveillance information can be found at the following:

- <https://www.odh.ohio.gov/en/seasflu/Ohio-Flu-Activity>
- <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/seasflu/seasonalinfluenza.aspx/>
- National Influenza information can be found at
- <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm>

- ILI activity is not a direct indication of Influenza burden within a given county or region. This data is a reference to the possible burden of Influenza within a County or region. Please interpret all data with caution.

LATTA STATEMENT ON THE STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) released the following statement on tonight's State of the Union address.

"Tonight's speech touched on the accomplishments and positive news of the previous year including a roaring economy, sky-high small business confidence, a return of manufacturing jobs to the U.S., the lowest unemployment seen in years, and more money in the pockets of middle-class Americans. The President hit on all the reasons why this happened. His work with the Republican Congress to roll back burdensome regulations has allowed our job creators to flourish, grow, and expand. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act has already begun to bear fruit as nearly 300 businesses have announced hundreds of billions of dollars in employee bonuses, raises for workers, and increased investment. Providing middle-class tax relief was a promise kept to the American people.

"There were a number of successes to highlight outside of the economy as well. We've begun the process of rebuilding our military after years of drawdowns. ISIS is a shell of its former self and occupies nearly none of the territory it did a year ago. U.S. leadership has been restored on the global stage, and we have been unafraid to stand up for our closest ally in the Middle East - Israel.

"With all of that being said, there is still so much more work to do. The plan laid out by the President to give us safe, fast, reliable, and modern infrastructure should have bipartisan support. I've been working in Congress to ensure that increasing broadband access is a part of that discussion. Removing roadblocks to the implementation of new technology will keep the U.S. as the place to be for innovation.

"The President's willingness to work across the aisle to accomplish these goals should be embraced by Democrats as we seek to build a strong and proud America."

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RAIDERS PILLAGE PIRATES



Reid Miller Shoots and scores for the Raiders from the outside. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Wayne Trace boys basketball team has been notorious for winning games and going far in the tournament. This season has proven itself no different for the Paulding County team. On January 30, the Raiders travelled to Continental to face the Pirates in a basketball game. Unlike the Raiders, the Pirates have not had a very generous season thus far, but that doesn't mean it can't change.

Right away, the Wayne Trace Raiders wasted no time and took the lead. They put up 22 points in the first quarter. The Pirates trailed behind the Raiders, but couldn't quite keep up, only scoring 11. During the second quarter, the Wayne Trace team slowed down and only put up 13 points. Continental took the opportunity to catch up, but only managed to add 8 to the board. At the half, the score was 35-19, with the Raiders holding a comfortable lead.

After the break, the Raiders seemed to have lost most of their steam, while the Pirates were more rejuvenated

than ever before. The Pirates added 15 points to the score, while the Raiders only added 11. However, the fourth quarter saw the Wayne Trace Raiders return to their normal playing style, adding 19 to the score, and only allowing Continental to score 9. The final score of the game was 65-43, with the Wayne Trace Raiders taking home a victory.

Score by quarter:
WT - 22 13 11 19 = 65
Continental - 11 8 15 9 = 43
A few of the top scorers for Wayne Trace include: Nate Gerber 24, Jake Kuhn 14, Eli Sinn 10, and Reid Miller 7.

A few of the top scorers for Continental include: Chris Potts 14, Caleb Olds 12, Dylan Coleman 9, and Christian Keller 6.

Wayne Trace is now 13-3 on the season and Continental is 1-15 on the season.

In JV action, the Wayne Trace Raiders defeated the Continental Pirates, 34-14.

Congratulations to both teams on a great game!

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Right to work for nothing

State Rep. Craig Reidel has sponsored several pieces of legislation called right to work. He also has sponsored a law to do away with prevailing wages on state projects (school buildings, roads, bridges, buildings, water and sewer plants). We'll just shorten his name up to CR to save space.

CR thinks that people who work in a union shop should choose whether to pay dues or not. CR also thinks it would be good that state projects be built by scab labor! Obviously, CR has no idea of how an economy, government or workplace works in real life!

1. We always have had the right to work and not pay dues...Go get a job in a non-union workplace! CR also has no idea of federal law! The Hatch Act mandates that a union shop has to...by law... represent those who pay dues as well as those who have not!

2. Now I don't know CR's work history, but he obviously hates unions, union people, and wants everyone to work for nothing! The real goal of CR's legislation on right to work laws is to obliterate trade unions, causing a drop in wages, less tax base for communities and schools, and creating a third world environment in factories, work places, schools, police, fire fighters, county and state workers! This CR law would also do away with protections to workers keeping them in a safe work environment!

3. Now, we go to CR's doing away with prevailing wages on state projects. We have trade unions who do the brick-laying, pipe fitting, dirt work, electrical, and all jobs to make the very best school, road, bridge, sewer and water plant, firehouse, library and state and county office buildings! Now the old adage that CR don't understand is "you get what you pay for!" If you pay a person \$8.00 an hour, you get \$8.00 worth of work! A trade union person is worth every penny because the quality of work is from being trained both in trade schools like vantage vocational, then becoming apprentices to their given trade! Those well-paid jobs come back into the communities and buy houses, cars, donate in the offer-

ing plate at church, our H.S. sports boosters, and some become leaders in the communities! This is what prevailing wages means to residents of Paulding Co. A closed shop is the present law as far as working and paying union dues. There are many retirees, and past members who had given up at strike time to allow those future members the pay and benefits, but more importantly, the right to work in a safe environment so they go home the same as they came in!

4. We all need unions, whether you work in a union shop or not! Our union members pay more into social programs such as the United Way, and many other charities! We have donated more than the likes of CR, I'm sure of that! CR should be doing more to attract work into his district, instead of trying to bust unions and hiring scabs to do our work in Ohio!

5. It's time for all of you to write to Representative Craig Reidel and voice your disapproval of this devastating legislation he's putting before the House on Columbus. I also forgot to mention that CR has written these bills in such a manner that they can't be put on the ballot this time as was Gov. Kasich's SB 5 bill was! So, we need to do our civic duty to stop this legislation that can't be reversed if it passes!

Mike Porter
Paulding Co.

RAIDERS POACH THE TIGERS

On Monday, January 29th, the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders took on the Liberty Center Tigers at the Palace. The Lady Raiders took an early lead in the game, finishing out the first quarter with 12 points on the board. Liberty Center trailed behind with a score of 6. The second quarter proved to be a stale mate, with both Wayne Trace and the Lady Tigers scoring 15 points each. This brought the score to 27-21, and a 6 point deficit for the Tigers.

Coming back from the half, the Lady Raiders appeared to have lost some steam, but managed to put up 6 points. Liberty Center, however, took the quarter and scored 13 points. The Raiders weren't ready to give up yet. They went into the fourth quarter fighting hard, and added 15 points to the board. The Tigers fell behind again and only managed to score 11 points. This left Liberty Center with a 3 point deficit, and the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders took the game with a score of 48-45.

Score by quarter:
WT - 12 15 6 15 = 48
Lib Center - 6 15 13 11 = 45

A few of the top scorers for Wayne Trace include: Sadie Sinn 14, Kaylee Gudakunst 11, Brooke Sinn 11, and Claire Sinn 8.

A few of the top scorers for Liberty Center include: Sydni Altman 12, Peyton Spieth 8, Jerica Hollenbaugh 7, Meghan Skeens 6, and Olivia Leatherman 6.

The Wayne Trace girls record is now 13-2 for the season, and Liberty Center is 9-8.

In JV action, Wayne Trace took the game over Liberty Center, 41-36.

Congratulations to both teams on a great game!

WOODLAN QUENCHES STARFIRES



Woodlan's Mitch Mendenhall, aggressively attacked from both sides, still scores the jump shot and gets the foul shot! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Woodlan boys basketball hosted the Starfires on Thursday, February 1st. The game between South Adams and Woodlan started with the Star fires picking up the tip off. The early possession did not last long. Woodlan ran back and forth on the court, dominating the first period over the guest team. Micah Robbins and Aaron Hahn were passing around until one or the other could drive in or get the open shot.

The second quarter saw the Starfires pickup their offense and one of the ways was drawing fouls from Ah'Lan Howard. Everyone watching Woodlan knows that Howard is aggressive and by the half he had 3 fouls on him and one was a technical. He always plays hard down under! The half ended 33-21 and Woodlan

finished on top. The third and fourth periods kept strong for the home team with Mitch Mendenhall posting points on several good jump shots.

The game finished with Woodlan leading the entire game at 65-44 over South Adams.

Score by Quarter:
Woodlan - 13 20 17 15 = 65
South Adams - 6 15 14 9 = 44

Scorer of the Game:
Woodlan - Ben Reidy 13; Trevor Wiedenhoef 2; Ah'Lan Howard 9; Mitch Mendenhall 10; Jack Stuckey 1; Aaron Hahn 19; Micah Robbins 11

South Adams - Newman 2; Musselman 4; Vasquez 3; In't Groen 15; Arnold 11; Clark 9

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WINTER IS ONE MONTH OLD

By: Stan Jordan

I hate winter, I have written that before and I haven't changed my mind. I hate having to wear that heavy coat. I guess my arms and shoulders are weaker. I hate cold weather.

I have no complaints about the conditions of the highways. Those boys running those big snow plows have done a first class job of keeping the roads clean, and the fellows who keep the city streets clean have done a fine job all in all. I guess I am too old to like winter.

I can look forward a few months and Louis Bereszgazi will be able to operate his Maumee River Cruise Line. We will write more about it later in the summer, but Louie can furnish you with a good canoe or kayak and all the transportation to make the river cruise, and all you need is you, and the birds and animals. There are no mermaids.

Then in August, Dan and Traci Bowers hold their big Maumee River Raft Race and all are invited to enjoy that. It is more of a lazy cruise than a race. All is for fun and recreation on the river.

More on both of these activities later on in the season. See ya!

IT'S TIME FOR BASEBALL

By: Stan Jordan

I don't pay much attention to the NFL anymore for a number of reasons and long ago quit watching the half-time junk. They could do better just having a bunch of high school or college bands. But each sponsoring city wants to out do the others, so I'm sure it will continue as is.

The 2017 World Series was very good except the Indians were not in the foray.

They just ran out of steam too early.

I hope the front office can keep the whole team together, maybe a starting pitcher.

The last couple of years the Cleveland Indians have play-

ed very good ball, both offense and defense, a little more luck and they could have won the series and the pennant. Their pitching is good and generally so is the bullpen. I don't think I would change the outfield at all.

If I was younger, I would take one of those cruises to Goodyear, Arizona and watch the Indians' and Reds' spring training. I've got spring fever...bad!

See ya!

WHAT I HAVE READ ON THE EAGLES

By: Stan Jordan

I read everything I can on wild life, especially the eagles, but it is not always the same as I'm sure location has a lot to do with the birds' life.

For instance, I don't think that our local eagles migrate to the south for winter. I think there is plenty of fish right here and also there is road kill for them to finish up and other food. Their main diet is fish and rabbit or small game.

Now I have read a number of stories about the northeast, like Maine and New Hampshire and that writer said those eagles migrate to the south. Well I can understand that, they have lots of snow and miserable cold up there and the ground is covered and food can't be found easily.

I think in the desert southwest, they don't need to migrate, maybe for water or fish. I imagine that water would cause a little migration, but again, that is my own outlook.

All in all the eagle has made a marvelous comeback. For years they were on the endangered list, but not any more and I'm sure glad to see them.

In Ohio there were 2 pairs and over the years that has increased to 220 pair of eagles, but I think that is a low count now. I think this Maumee River basin is a haven for eagles.

See ya!

PATROL'S EFFECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT YIELDS DRUG ARRESTS

Troopers are trained to look beyond the initial traffic stop for possible indicators of criminal activity. In 2017, the Ohio State Highway Patrol investigated a wide range of felony offenses and saw an increase in total drug arrests from 2016.

Troopers made 16,653 total drug arrests, representing

a 25 percent increase compared to 2016.

"Many felonies which occur in our state will at some point involve our highways," said Lt. Tim Grigsby, Lima Post Commander. "This provides troopers with an opportunity to prevent crime by looking for criminal indicators during traffic stops."

Large drug seizures from 2017 include more than 29 pounds of meth, more than 35 pounds of heroin and 8,508 ecstasy pills. In total, OSHP has seized 2,307,646 million grams of marijuana, 32,116 opiate pills and 76,018 grams of heroin.

Motorists are reminded that public involvement is critical to highway safety. Call #677 to report impaired drivers or drug activity.

For a complete statistical analysis please visit: http://statepatrol.ohio.gov/doc/2018_FelonyAndDrug.pdf

CHAD INGRAM CHARGED WITH MURDER IN THE DEATH OF HEIDI COLLEY

On November 25th, 2017, 61 year old Heidi Colley was found deceased inside her home in the 1600 block of Sherbrook Dr. in New Haven. At the time of this incident her son, 43 year old Chad Ingram, was arrested for domestic battery as the investigation continued.

After Chad Ingram's release from jail he was arrested twice in one day on December 1st, 2017 on charges of criminal trespass for returning to the home on Sherbrook Dr, and has remained in jail ever since.

New Haven detectives had continued to follow up on leads and submitted evidence for forensic examination in relation to Heidi Colley's death. Based off of results from the forensic examination of evidence, New Haven detectives established probable cause and submitted a warrant request with the Allen County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for murder.

The warrant request was approved by the Allen County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and as of January 31, 2018, Chad Ingram has been charged with murder in the death of Heidi Colley.

FORT WAYNE AREA HOME SCHOOL DRAMA CAMP TO PERFORM IN WOODBURN

The Fort Wayne Area Home School Drama Camp has partnered with The Academy of Arts for the past 12 years and have put together fantastic performances in about one week's time. This year is no exception! Go to the website for more information: www.fwahsdrama.org

Friday, April 13, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.; Woodburn Missionary Church 5108 Bull Rapids Road Woodburn, IN 46797: "The Ant and the Grasshopper"

FWAHS Drama Camp Performance - Elementary Students

A children's musical in which a hungry grasshopper begs for food from an ant when winter comes. The situation sums up moral

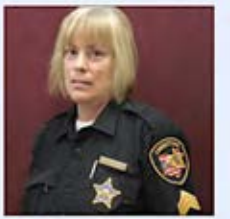
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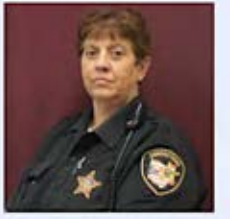
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By: Stan Jordan

This is a fine report by Captain Leatherman, the jail administrator, and some pictures of some of the new employees at the jail. I believe all are from the area. I suggest you read it. Our new jail is a well formed operation like Jason said it would be. I suggest you read it.

We here at the West Bend News are very proud of our part of getting the jail off the ground and into a successful venture.

From the 1/10/18 Paulding County Board of Commissioners meeting minute: • Jason Landers, Paulding Coun-

ty Sheriff - Sheriff Landers presented the jail report to the Commissioners for the month ending December 31, 2017 prepared by Captain K.W. Leatherman, Jail Administrator. There were 52 Male inmates / Days served = 606 and 15 Female inmates / Days served = 200 for a total days served of 806 days. Total inmates held = 67. Average inmates per day = 26 with 19.5 average being male and 6.5 average being female. The average stay was 12 with 11.6 being male and 13.3 average stay being female. Total meals served for the month was 2,128. Year end jail statistics

for 2017 Prisoners booked between 06/08/17-12/31/17 for a total of 207 calendar days were as follows: Total inmates booked = 331 with 253 being male and 78 female with the average at 1.5 booked per day. There were 6111 days served with 253 of those male for 4670 days and 78 female inmates with 1441 days served. The average inmates held per day was 29.5 and the average stay was 18.4 days. Total meals served in 2017 were \$13,645 meals. Sheriff Landers also discussed that he reviewed the Dog Warden's budget with the Dog Warden.

lessons about the virtues of hard work and planning for the future. Will Grasshopper learn a lesson or go hungry all winter? Will Ant show mercy or allow Grasshopper to suffer the just consequences? Elementary students will reveal how this version unfolds as they sing and act their way through a timeless story.

Admission is free. After the performance, you will have an opportunity to show your support by participating in a free will offering.

Saturday, April 14, 2018 - 1:00 p.m.; Woodburn Missionary Church 5108 Bull Rapids Road Woodburn, IN 46797: "No Place To Flee"

FWAHS Drama Camp Performance - Jr/Sr High Students

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USDA ANNOUNCES NATIONAL SHEEP INDUSTRY IMPROVEMENT CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENTS

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue announced the appointment of three members to serve on the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center Board of Directors. The appointed producers and marketing expert who will serve three-year terms are:

Jeremy Geske, Producer, New Prague, Minn.
 Brenda J. Reau, Producer, Petersburg, Mich.
 Steve W. Lewis, Expert in Marketing, Artesia, N.M.

“The Sheep Center was established to improve the competitiveness of the U.S. sheep industry and these appointees bring experience that will serve this agricultural sector well,” said Perdue.

The board is composed of seven voting members and two non-voting members. Voting members of the board include four members who are active producers of sheep in the United States, two members that have expertise in finance and management, and one member that has expertise in lamb, wool, or lamb product marketing. Non-voting members of the board include the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Under Secretaries for Marketing and Regulatory Programs and Research, Education, and Economics. USDA’s Agricultural Marketing Service provides oversight of the center.

Additional information can be found on the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center Website at www.nsiic.org.

CUFFS & COLLARS

Field reports from ODNR Division of Wildlife Officers

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

One night at Indian Lake, State Wildlife Officer Adam Smith, assigned to Logan County, was conducting nighttime sport fishing enforcement and observed an angler fishing under a light. When he checked the angler for a fishing license, the man stated that he did not have his fishing license with him but provided Officer Smith with his personal identification. The information provided to Officer Smith revealed that the man had a valid fishing license. After leaving the man, Officer Smith investigated the situation further and discovered that the man had provided his brother’s information, did not have a valid fishing license, and had a warrant for his arrest. Officer Smith found the angler the following day, arrested him for the outstanding warrant, and cited him for fishing without a license and obstructing official business. The man appeared in court and was ordered to pay \$210.50 in fines and court costs. A few weeks later, Of-

ficer Smith was off duty and ran into the man at a local bait shop. The man apologized to Officer Smith and they parted ways with a handshake.

During the 2017 deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Josh Elster, assigned to Pickaway County, and Natural Resource Officer Jeff Thompson were patrolling Deer Creek Wildlife Area. While on patrol, the officers observed a vehicle driving recklessly through one of the fields on the wildlife area. Officer Elster stopped the vehicle to speak with the driver. Officer Elster noticed the driver was having trouble speaking clearly and standing upright. As officer Elster continued to talk to the driver, Officer Thompson looked in the vehicle and could see a shotgun sitting in the front passenger side of the vehicle. Officer Thompson inspected the shotgun and discovered it was loaded. Officer Elster asked the driver about the loaded gun. The driver stated they had been hunting earlier in the day and must have forgotten to unload it. Officer Elster proceeded to ask the driver if they had any alcohol to drink recently. The driver admitted to drinking sometime earlier in the day, but could not remember how much or when. Officer Elster asked the driver to perform a field sobriety test, which the driver refused. The driver was arrested for OVI. While waiting for a tow truck to arrive, the officers searched the vehicle and discovered empty alcohol containers and a handgun with a loaded magazine in the vehicle. The driver was transported to the Fayette County Jail and charged with OVI, possessing weapons while intoxicated, improper handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle, and reckless operation of a vehicle off roadway. The results of the case are still pending.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

This past September, Lake Erie Investigators Brian Bury, Kevin Good, and Gary Manley went out on Lake Erie on Investigator Manley’s last day of boat patrol before retirement. The investigators checked perch anglers along the Michigan-Ohio border, which typically results in numerous violations. The limit for yellow perch is 50 in Michigan but only 30 in Ohio, so anglers sometimes try to catch 50 yellow perch from Ohio waters and take them across the state line undetected. Many of these anglers also do not have Ohio fishing licenses. In seven hours on the water, a total of 23 summonses were issued. Seventeen were issued to Michigan residents for fishing in Ohio waters without Ohio fishing licenses. In addition, six summonses were issued for taking over the limit of yellow perch. This was a memorable last day on the water for Investigator Manley, who dedicated more than 30 years to protecting Lake Erie’s fishery resources.

In spring 2017, State

Wildlife Officer Craig Barr, assigned to Allen County, received a call regarding seven deer skulls and racks that had been found in a woodlot. Officer Barr and State Wildlife Investigator Jeremy Payne investigated and found there were no permanent deer tags or confirmation numbers associated with the deer skulls. Further investigation showed that the residence immediately adjacent to where the deer skulls were found was owned by a previous wildlife offender. When contacted, the suspect was only able to provide documentation for two of the racks. Appropriate summonses were issued, and the suspect was found guilty in the Lima Municipal Court, ordered to pay \$380 in fines and court costs and had his hunting privileges suspended for three years. Additionally, he had a 30-day sentence of jail suspended pending no further violations.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

State Wildlife Officer Aaron Brown, assigned to Wayne County, discovered six bags of freshly dumped trash along the banks of the Chippewa Creek. The creek was at a high level due to ice melt and snow run-off. Officer Brown placed the bags of trash in the back of his patrol truck for proper disposal. The following day, the water had risen further and overflowed the banks. The trash that had been dumped would have been swept into the water and carried downstream. Fortunately, Officer Brown was able to piece together a potential suspect. The results of the investigation revealed that the man had disposed of the garbage along the creek because he had missed trash collection day. The man was issued a summons for stream litter and ordered to appear in court. He was convicted and paid \$402 in fines and court costs. He was also placed on six months of probation and ordered to complete 30 hours of community service.

State Wildlife Officer Craig Porter, assigned to Jefferson County, and State Wildlife Investigator Brett Barnes worked multiple surveillance projects on Brush Creek Wildlife Area in Jefferson County. The goal was to target individuals who were using vehicles in non-designated areas and causing damage to the area, especially within the Brush Creek watershed. Through the course of the investigation, state wildlife officers contacted numerous individuals from Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. The project culminated with the issuance of 30 summonses. The convictions resulted in fines and court costs totaling over \$5,000.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

During a recent enforcement project in Noble County, State Wildlife Officers Roby Williams, assigned to Guernsey County, and Brad St. Clair, assigned to Noble County, stopped a vehicle for shooting from a public roadway. During the stop, the officers noticed some fresh blood in the back of the truck. Officer Williams asked the two occupants about the blood, which the officers learned was from a deer killed the day before by another hunter in Morgan County. Officer Williams could not find any record of the deer harvest, and contact-

ed State Wildlife Officer Todd Stewart, assigned to Morgan County, with the information. Officer Stewart arrived at the suspect’s residence. The suspect admitted to shooting a deer the day before and not checking it in. The first two individuals were each issued citations for shooting from a public roadway and hunting with the aid of a motor vehicle. The third individual was issued a citation for failure to check a deer.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

In the fall, State Wildlife Officer Ryan Schock, assigned to Hamilton County, was on patrol when a Turn In A Poacher (TIP) call came in about some individuals illegally netting fish in Seven Mile Creek. Officer Schock responded to the area and located three men who appeared to be fishing in the creek with cast nets. Officer Schock observed the men and determined that only two of the men were fishing with nets, while the third man was holding a large cooler that contained all the fish. Once the men packed up their belongings, Officer Schock made contact with the men and asked to see their fishing licenses. The men did not respond, since they did not understand English. As he worked through the communication issues, Officer Schock was able to determine that none of the men had Ohio fishing licenses. The two men Officer Schock observed fishing with nets were issued summonses for fishing without a license. The third man, who was in possession of the large cooler, was issued a summons for possession of an undersized bass. The men pleaded guilty to the charges and paid a total of \$510 in fines and court costs.

STATEMENT OF AGRICULTURE SECRETARY SONNY PERDUE REGARDING PRESIDENT TRUMP’S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today issued the following statement regarding President Donald J. Trump’s State of the Union Address:

“President Trump’s unifying address to the nation recounted this administration’s impressive achievements in its first year, which have strengthened the economy for all Americans, including those who do the important work in the agriculture sector. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is already helping workers and will allow agricultural producers to invest more in their operations and their own families. President Trump’s optimistic vision for the nation includes massive investment in infrastructure, which will be a boon to a rural America that sorely needs such improvements. The president’s emphasis on fair trade gives me confidence that he will strike deals that benefit all parts of the American economy. Additionally, his focus on eliminating burdensome regulations is freeing up agricultural producers and removing obstacles to productivity. This is a president who has rural America and agriculture close to his heart, as his words and deeds clearly demonstrate.”

NEW TECHNOLOGY INTRODUCED IN PAULDING AG EDUCATION PROGRAM



Pictured here left to R: Greenhouse class students Kylie Lane, Shannon Hale, Ashley Bulka, Kaylie Tressler and Executive Director of Paulding Area Foundation Lisa McClure with the Tower Garden.

The Paulding Agriculture Education Program had introduced a new technology to its program. The past month the Paulding greenhouse class has been learning about different growing methods besides traditional soil growing media. The Tower Garden growing system uses aeroponics growing system. Aeroponics is when the roots are suspended in air with a nutrient water solution that shows the roots. Aeroponics is a good way for cities that do not have much outdoor space to grow plants. The greenhouse has been assembling, planting, and harvesting vegetables from their Tower Garden. The Paulding FFA has grown kale and lettuce in their tower garden, but various plants and vegetables can be grown in the Tower Garden. At the bottom of the Tower Garden is reservoir that contains a nutrient solution. This solution contains all of the nutrients that a plant would need to thrive. The nutrient solution in the reservoir has to be tested to ensure that the pH level of the solution will be able to help the plants that are being grown since different plants need different pH levels. The tower garden sprays the plants every 45 minutes. Since the Tower Garden is in-

side, it came with grow lights. The grow lights act as a “sun” for the plants. The grow lights have a constant pattern of being on for 15 minutes and being off for 15 minutes. The Tower Garden was donated to the Paulding FFA Greenhouse class through a grant from the Paulding County Area Foundation. To show how thankful the greenhouse class was for the donation, they made a formal presentation to the executive director Lisa McClure. After the presentation, the greenhouse class was able to try their produce for the first time by having a healthy salad during class. The Paulding FFA greenhouse class is ecstatic to choose what will be grown next in their Tower Garden. This project is a great way to give students a hands-on learning experience using technology in the classroom. Thank you again Paulding Area Foundation.

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The Paulding Chamber of Commerce appreciates the commissioners for hosting Off the Clock at the courthouse and also appreciates all of the other elected officials and courthouse employees for staying off the clock to help educate, and fascinate the community. The Chamber’s next Off the Clock will be held on March 1st sponsored by the Paulding Entrepreneur Network (P.E.N).

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LADY RAIDERS ADD GMC WIN



Wayne Trace's Chelsea Sinn shoots and scores two for the home team. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Wayne Trace Lady Raiders hosted the Edgerton Bulldogs at the Palace on January 30th to compete in a game of basketball. The Lady Raiders have played an impressive season so far and didn't show any signs of ending that streak now. As the clock counted towards the tossup, these two GMC rivals began to prepare themselves for conference gameplay.

The Lady Raiders started strong in the first quarter. They easily took a 10 point lead over the Bulldogs, adding 17 points to their score and only allowing Edgerton 7 points. While not scoring as highly, the Wayne Trace team kept the momentum going into the second quarter, increasing the point gap to 20. They added 13 points to the board, while the lady

Bulldogs only managed 3. The halftime score was 30-10, with the Raiders holding a strong lead.

Coming back from the break, the Wayne Trace team stayed steady in their scoring, adding 12 more points to their running total. The Bulldogs fought, but they couldn't holdup against the Raider defense, only garnering another 5 points to their score. The fourth quarter showed a different story than the others. In a final dash for the finish, the Edgerton Bulldogs used the last of their steam to score 14 points, their best quarter yet. Their defense was also on point, as they only allowed the Raiders to score 7 points. However, this final sprint proved not to be enough, and the Wayne Trace Raiders took the game with a score of 49-

29. Score by quarter:
 WT - 17 13 12 7 = 49
 Edgerton - 7 3 5 14 = 29
 Scorers of the Game:
 Edgerton - A Cape 18, R Schroeder 3, Ra Schroeder 2, C Flegal 2, C Whitman 2
 Wayne Trace - C Sinn 14, T Sinn 2, M Sinn 5, S Sinn 7, K Shephard 3, G Gudakunst 3, B Sinn 8, S Edwards 1, Ch Sinn 2

The Lady Raiders are now leading the Green Meadows Conference at 5-0 and 16-2.

ANTWERP WRESTLING CLUB RESULTS

The Antwerp Wrestling Club recently competed in the 5th annual Wayne Trace Duals tournament on Sunday, February 4, with a season high, 24 little Archers competing in the tournament. Wrestlers picking up at least 1 win on the day were Dominick Moreno, Nico Moreno, Tavin Sholl, Griffin Kosch, Carter Bashore, Ethan Thomas Van-Kirk, Colton Bashore, and Dayne Sholl. The wrestling club would also like to especially recognize Gage Clevinger and Michael Rohrs for going undefeated during the tournament as well. Congratulations to all of the club wrestlers for their hard work this past weekend. GO ARCHERS!!!

ANTWERP WRESTLING MAKES HISTORY

Both the junior high and high school wrestling squads for Antwerp competed in the GMC Tournament on Saturday, February 3, with both squads accomplishing history along the way. The junior high wrestlers were able to place 5 of their 6 wrestlers in the top 4 of their respective weight classes which is a program record for placers in the GMC tournament. Finishing 4th on the day was Trayce Lengacher at 98 lbs. earning a 3rd place and career high finish in the 142-pound weight class. Ending their tournaments in 2nd place were Eli Reinhart at 92 lbs., Aiden Provines at 110 lbs., and Caleb Wilson at 142 lbs. Wilson's 2nd place finish is also a career high for him.

The Antwerp high school

wrestlers made a little history of their own on Saturday as well. With only 2 wrestlers competing in the tournament, it turned out to be a matter of quality over quantity as it has been throughout this entire season. The Archers were able to go 2 for 2 on the day with Junior Aidan McAlexander (106-pound class) and Sophomore Randall Mills (113-pound class) finishing 1st on the day, thus earning both of them the 1st GMC title of their careers. This is the 1st time in program history Antwerp has crowned more than 1 champion at the GMC tournament. Congratulations to all of the Antwerp wrestlers for their hard work and dedication this season. Both squads will compete in the annual county tri meet at Paulding on Monday February 5. Good luck and GO ARCHERS!!

ALLEN EAST WINS NWC TITLE

Allen East scored a total of 233.5 points to take the 2018 Northwest Conference Wrestling Championship held at Ada High School. Columbus Grove finished second in the tournament with 199 points while Bluffton took third at 195 points. Repeating as conference champs for the second year in a row, Allen East's title was their seventh overall NWC wrestling championship.

Ada senior Chase Sumner (145) was named Wrestler of The Year in the NWC for the second year in a row. Mike Abbey of Allen East was voted by his peers as NWC Coach of The Year.

Repeat winners from last year included Chase Sumner (Ada-145), Chase Caprella (AE, 113), Enoch Jones (CG, 170) and Deandre Nasser (BL-195). Allen East led the way with 5 individual champions while Columbus Grove and Bluffton each had 3 individual champions in the tournament. Sumner finished his conference career with a total of four individual titles.

Individual high school champions are listed below:

106 - Tayton Kleman-9, BL; 152 - James Badial-Luna-12, BL; 113 - Chase Caprella-10, AE; 160 - Caleb Welch-9, AE; 120 - Drake Carmean-9, AE; 170 - Enoch Jones-12, CG; 126 - Ryan Woodring-12, PL; 182 - Garrett Neth-10, AE; 132 - Logan Mudel-12, PL; 195 - Deandre Nasser-11, BL; 138 - Lucas Freeman-10, AE; 220 - Dylan Sargeant-10, CG; 145 - Chase Sumner-12, ADA; 285 - Jeff Meyer-9, CG

- Team Standings:**
VARSITY
- Allen East - 233.5
 - Columbus Grove - 199
 - Bluffton - 195
 - Ada - 147.5
 - Spencerville - 146
 - Paulding - 143.5
 - Delphos Jefferson - 127
 - Lincolnview - 14
- JUNIOR HIGH**
- Allen East - 288.5
 - Columbus Grove - 265.5
 - Bluffton - 145.5
 - Spencerville - 138
 - Paulding - 119
 - Lincolnview - 93
 - Delphos Jefferson - 40

KNIGHTS RALLY PAST ARCHERS



Senior Rachel Williamson shoots for two for the Archers! More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - Crestview outscored host Antwerp 16-8 in the fourth quarter as the Lady Knights posted a 42-38 win over the Archers in non-league action last week.

The two squads were tied at 10-10 at the end of eight minutes of action before Antwerp picked up 13 second quarter points in taking a 23-17 advantage at the midway point.

Antwerp still led 30-26 at the end of three periods, but the fourth quarter belonged to the Knights as Crestview rallied for the victory.

Crestview was led by Paige

Motycka with 19 points and Lyvia Black posted 13 for the Lady Knights.

Other scorers for the Van Wert County squad were Olivia Cunningham (seven), Ally McCoy (two) and Lexi Gregory (one).

Tiera Gomez and Heather Oberlin both totaled ten points for the Lady Archers with Hope Smith chipping in seven markers.

Karsyn Brumett had five for Antwerp while Rachel Williamson recorded four and Ashley Miller picked up two.

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FROM THE VANTAGE POINT



Area sophomores visited Vantage recently to check out the career tech labs. Antwerp sophomore Quincy Brinneman works on motor controls in the Electricity lab while Vantage senior Derek Kemper (Ottoville) lends a hand.



Heather Oberlin, a sophomore from Antwerp enjoys her time with Vantage students in the Culinary Arts lab.

RAIDERS SHOOT DOWN THE PILOTS

On Thursday, February 1st, the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders hosted the Ayersville Pilots in the Palace for a game of basketball. Both of these teams are members of the Green Meadows Conference, making this game all the more intense as both teams make their way towards the GMC tournament title. The Wayne Trace team started out strong, taking an early lead and putting up 11 points to the basket. The Lady Pilots were not too far behind, adding 8 points to the board in the first quarter. In the second quarter, the Lady Raiders ran away with the score, scoring an additional 20 points, and only allowing Ayersville to add 6. At half time, the score was 31-14 with the Raiders holding a comfortable lead.

Coming back from the break, Wayne Trace did not slow down any, and scored 17 more points. The Lady Pilots were still falling behind in the scoring department, and only added 9. By the fourth quarter, the Lady Raiders had slowed down, scoring only 11 points, but still outscored Ayersville, who only added 5. The final score of the game was 59-28, with the Wayne Trace Raiders winning on the home court.

Score by quarter:
Wayne Trace - 11 20 17 11 = 59

Ayersville - 8 6 9 5 = 28
A few of the top Wayne Trace scorers include: Claire Sinn 14, Gracie Gudakunst 12, Kaylee Shepherd 10, and

In JV action, the Wayne Trace girls defeated the Ayersville Pilots, 43-22.

Congratulations to both teams on a great game!

PARKWAY DEFEAT YOUNG ARCHERS

The Antwerp 7th grade boys faced the Parkway Panthers in Rockford, Ohio Tuesday January 30th.

The young Archers lost the battle with a score of 43-25.

Scoring for the Archers was Ethan Lichty with 7 points, Lance McKeever & Kendrick Robinson with 6 each, Parker Moore-4 and Clayton Phipps with 2 points.

The Antwerp Jr High Boys host the Ayersville Pilots Thursday February 1st at 5:00 p.m.

ARCHER BOYS BASKETBALL DEFEAT PARKWAY

The Antwerp 8th grade boys traveled an hour south to Mercer County to battle the Parkway Panthers Tuesday, January 30th.

The 8th grade Archers were taking on a very talented group of Panthers on their home court. The boys from Paulding County established their inside game early and often. The final scoreboard read Antwerp 42 & Parkway 33.

Scoring for the blue & white was Jagger Landers with 15 points, Luke Krouse-14, Hunter Sproles-12 and Luke McDorman with one free throw for 1 point.

The Antwerp Jr High Boys host the Ayersville Pilots Thursday February 1st at 5:00 p.m.

PILOTS STRIKE ARCHERS

The Antwerp 7th grade boys basketball team played host to the Ayersville Pilots on Thursday February 1st. The Pilots flew into the Archers home turf full steam ahead and never slowed down.

The final score read Ayersville 61 Antwerp 29.

Scoring for the 7th grade Archers were Parker

LADY RAIDERS HOST MINI-RAIDER BASKETBALL PROGRAM



The Wayne Trace Lady Raider basketball team hosted a three-week mini-basketball program recently for elementary students in the Wayne Trace school district. The Raiders taught the basics

of basketball, focusing on the fundamentals of the game with members of the current basketball program assisting the Raider coaches. Shown in the picture are some of the elementary students and bas-

ketball players who were part of the 2018 program. Wayne Trace's girls basketball coaches would like to thank the elementary students and their parents along with the players for all of their hard work.

Moore with 11 points, Lance McKeever-7, Ethan Lichty-6, Clayton Phipps & Kendrick Robinson with 2 points each and Avin Johnson with one free throw for 1 point.

The Antwerp Jr High Boys host the Continental Pirates Tuesday February 6th at 5:00 p.m.

ARCHERS HOLD OFF TIGERS

ANTWERP - The Lady Archers of Antwerp scored 18 fourth quarter points as the blue and white rallied from a three-point deficit after three quarters for a 37-29 victory over Holgate.

Antwerp led 9-8 after one quarter and widened the margin to 17-10 at the break.

However, the Lady Tigers dominated the third quarter and outscored Antwerp 12-2 in the period to take a 22-19 advantage entering the final period.

Madilyn Hohenberger paced the Tigers with 14 points and Bailey Plott chipped in nine for Holgate.

Kirsten Hoffman (3), Kacee Thiesen (2) and Kameron Kupfersmith (1) also scored for the Lady Tigers.

Antwerp was led by senior standout Rachel Williamson with 18 points and Hope Smith recorded 6.

Other scorers for the Lady Archers were Tiera Gomez (4), Karsyn Brumett (4), Heather Oberlin (3) and Chelsea Johanns (2).

(Continued from Page 1) up two points each and Ella Smith had one.

It was the final game in a Woodlan uniform for Warrior senior K.C. McGettigan as well.

Coach Gary Cobb says, "These girls played their hearts out this night. This was the hardest they played. They just an out of gas! I was sure proud of them and believe we will have a fantastic team next year!"

Hanna Knoll topped the Lady Hornets with 21 points and Ali Cranson chipped in ten.

Other scorers for Angola were Ally Lorntz (eight), Regan Pepler (eight), Reace Pepler (four), Sarah Brandt (four), Brea Worman (two) and Abby Stoy (two).



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The Antwerp Conservation Club held a still shoot Sunday, February 4th to help raise money for their 2018 scholarship program. This was the third out of four still shoots to help area seniors with their college expenses.

The still shoots have been lightly attended so far this year, but shooters have been generous. We are giving out two \$400 scholarships for 2018. The area schools eligible for these scholarships are Antwerp, Fairview, Hicksville, Paulding, Wayne Trace and Woodland. Area seniors can ask their guidance counselor for a copy of the form or go to their website and download a copy. These forms must be mailed back by April 15th.

I would like to take a moment to give a shout out to all of those who help put on our many events. We ask a lot of this core group. They give willing of their time and talents. If you are with any organization, you know what I mean. You can have a large number members, but it's the same ones getting involved and making things happen. These people are the most giving and deserve a lot of appreciation. If you know someone like this in your organization or club, tell them they are appreciated for all

they do. Without them, many organizations would fall apart.

- Gary Mabis, President
Antwerp Conservation Club

OHIO PREP SPORTSWRITERS ASSOCIATION TO WELCOME BROWN, HARRISON AND JUNIEWICZ TO HALL OF FAME

The officers of the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association (OPSWA) have announced the 2018 OPSWA Hall of Fame induction class, which includes former Alliance Review sports editor Mike Brown, Cambridge Daily Jeffersonian sports editor Jeff Harrison and Dayton Daily News sportswriter Debbie Juniewicz.

They will join 62 sports writing greats previously enshrined in the OPSWA Hall of Fame during ceremonies on Saturday, March 24 at the OHSAA boys basketball state tournament at the Schottenstein Center.

Biographical information for all three inductees is below. The OPSWA inducted its first Hall of Fame class in 1983. The complete list is posted at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/news/OPSWA/HOF>

The OPSWA was created in 1972 to support, promote and recognize the coverage of high school sports across Ohio. More information is available at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/news/OPSWA>

Annual Writing and Photography Contest

The annual writing and photography contest includes entries that were published from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2017. Postmark deadline for entry is Feb. 15, 2018. There are four divisions based on circulation size, with categories including investigative/enterprise, news story, feature story, column, game story, action photograph and portrait photography. Entry forms are posted at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/news/OPSWA/contests>

2018 Statewide Meeting

The annual OPSWA statewide meeting will be held in mid-April (specific date TBD) at the OHSAA office (4080 Roselea Place). The results of the annual writing and photography contest will be announced, officers will make announcements and current and future initiatives of the OPSWA will be discussed. A complimentary lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Tim Stried. There is no cost to attend the meeting for OPSWA members.

2018 Hall of Fame Inductees

Mike Brown worked at The Alliance Review for 40 years, including the past 25 as sports editor, before retiring in 2017. During his time there, he won 23 individual

writing awards from the Associated Press and Ohio Prep Sports Writers' Association, including for best game story, best investigative story and best feature writing. During his time as sports editor, The Review sports department was also recognized 10 times by The Associated Press for Best Daily Sports Section (top 3 placers).

A native of Homeworth, Ohio, Brown graduated from West Branch High School and continued his education at the Sharon (Penn.) School of Broadcasting, Kent State University, Mount Union College and Colorado Technical University. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration. Brown was on the Ohio Northeast Inland District Board for 30 years and is a past recipient of the OHSAA's Sportsmanship, Ethics and Media Award.

An All-Mahoning Valley conference football player and league record holder in track at West Branch, Brown also covered Ohio State football for 40 years. He and his wife, Maryann, a registered nurse, have been married for 32 years and have three sons; Eric, a sports writer at The Alliance Review; Ryan, a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps about to be deployed to Iraq, and Jeremy, a junior at Kent State University. In retirement, Mike has continued his sports writing career part-time for the Lisbon Morning Journal and Salem News.

Jeff Harrison is the sports editor of The Daily Jeffersonian in Cambridge, where he has worked since 2000 after having spent 18 years at The Times Leader in Martins Ferry, including three years as the sports editor. He helped create the Hall of Fame of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference (OVAC), which is a bi-state conference of 50 schools, and has served on the OVAC Hall of Fame committee since 2004. Harrison also originated the District 12 Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2008 and has been chairman of that Hall of Fame ever since. Throughout his career he has been on the Associated Press East District football and basketball all-star selection committee, including its chairman since 2009, and an AP state poll voter.

A member of the OHSAA Media Advisory Committee, Harrison was the recipient of the Eastern Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association media service award in 2006 and was a 2015 selection for the Ohio High School Basketball Association District 12 Hall of Honor. In 2017 he was inducted into the OVAC Hall of Fame. A longtime public address announcer and youth baseball coach, Harrison was a three-year letterman in baseball for Martins Ferry High School. He lives in Byesville, Ohio.

Debbie Juniewicz has covered high school sports for the Dayton Daily News and other Ohio publications since 1992. She has won many awards for her bowling, tennis and wrestling coverage over the years, among many other sports she has covered, and was the OHSAA Southwest District Athletic Board Media Service Award winner in 2017. Last fall she was inducted into the Greater Miami Valley Tennis Coaches Association Hall of Fame and

has served on the OHSAA Media Advisory Committee since 2000. A native of Rocky River in Northeast Ohio, Juniewicz earned bachelor's and master's degrees in communication from the University of Dayton, where she was a journalism instructor from 1995-2004 and again in 2013-14. She has earned multiple awards for game stories and feature stories from the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association.

GMC 2018 ALL CONFERENCE SCHOLAR ATHLETES

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce their "all conference scholar athletes" for the winter of 2018!!

To be eligible for this honor, the athlete must be a senior, participate and letter in a recognized sport or cheerleading and have a 3.5 GPA or better after 7 semesters.

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Alexandra Hindenlang

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FAIRVIEW

Kendra Schroeder, Allison Vetter, Katelyn Smith, Cody Meale, Katie Davis, Keley Clemens

HICKSVILLE

Addison Bergman, Gage Yoder, Brady Hootman, Carley Hammond, Alexis Kerns

HOLGATE

Louis Gustwiller, Kirsten Hoffman, Jessica Aelker, Carli Aelker, Jakob Stober, Clay Waisner

TINORA

Ryan Mohr, Amber Schliesser

WAYNE TRACE

Lilly Sinn, Sara Sinn, Gracie Gudakunst

8TH GRADE ARCHERS SHOOT DOWN PILOTS

Thursday, February 1st was a cold windy day in Northwest Paulding County. However, inside Antwerp Local Schools auxiliary gymnasium it was warm and crowded with standing room only. You didn't want to be late to this Green Meadows Conference showdown!

The 8th grade boys battled each other from jump ball to the final whistle. At the end it was the Archers on top with a score of 33-22.

Scoring for Antwerp were Luke McDorman and Jagger Landers with 9 points each, Luke Krouse with 7 and Gaige McMichael & Hunter Sproles with 4 points each.

The Antwerp Jr High Boys will host the Continental Pirates on Tuesday January 6th at 5:00 p.m.

ARCHERS CRUISE PAST TIGERS FOR GMC WIN

HOLGATE - Antwerp went on the road Friday night in Green Meadows Conference action and the Archers came home with a 44-33 victory over the host Tigers.

The Archers controlled the boards 25-16 in the contest and committed only six turnovers in the game.

Holgate also took care of the basketball, committing only miscues in the contest.

Antwerp also hit 39 per-

cent from the field, connecting on 11 of 28 shots, while the Tigers were 10 of 38 (26 percent). The Archers enjoyed an 18-8 advantage in points from the free throw line as Antwerp converted 18 of 28 attempts (64 percent) compared to Holgate's 8 of 12 (67 percent).

Cody Sonnenberg topped Holgate with 11 points while Tallon Meyer chipped in 7 markers.

Sebastian Briseno, Clay Waisner and Avery Casillas all had 5 points for the Tigers as well.

Jayvin Landers and Luke Brewer each scored 11 points for Antwerp with Cole Seslar adding 5 markers.

Ty Rebber (4), Brayton Stuckey (4), Jake Ryan (3), Austin Lichty (2), Boston Dunderman (2) and Blake Schuette (2) also scored for Antwerp.

ARCHERS PICK UP EIGHTH WIN OVER LOCOS

ANTWERP - Antwerp recorded its eighth victory of the season on Saturday night as the Archers defeated visiting Montpelier 62-47.

Luke Brewer scored 18 points to lead the Archers to the victory as Antwerp improves to 8-7 on the season.

Cole Seslar chipped in a dozen for the blue and white while Ty Rebber and Boston Dunderman added 8 markers each.

Blake Schuette and Jayvin Landers scored 6 points apiece for Antwerp. Jake Ryan and Keaton Altimus picked up a basket each for the blue and white.

Kolden Uribes had 21 points for the Locomotives, who fall to 8-10.

Brady Bumb chipped in 11 for Montpelier followed by Jacob Bailey (8), Andrew Frisby (3), Rowen Beck (3) and Evan Friend (1).

The two squads were tied at 11-11 after one quarter before Antwerp opened a 32-25 lead at the midway point. The Archers took a 45-30 lead at the end of three periods.

LADY CADETS TOO MUCH FOR NEW HAVEN

FORT WAYNE - Concordia blanked New Haven in the first quarter and the Lady Cadets cruised from there to a 55-11 win over the Lady Bulldogs in sectional action last week.

Concordia led 11-0 after one quarter and expanded the lead to 25-7 at the intermission. The Lady Cadets then widened the lead to 40-7 at the end of three quarters.

Carissa Garcia and Chantese Craig each scored 15 points for Concordia with C.C. Calloway bucketing six markers.

Other Lady Cadet scorers were Paige Patterson (5), Elizabeth Hetler (5), Rhaya Kaschinske (4), Peyton Gulley (3) and Chastity Craig (2).

New Haven was led by Raeshawn Norfleet with 6 points while Sonecia Nard added 3 with Stubbs chipping in 2.

PANTHERS ROUT TIGERS

HOLGATE - Paulding scored 20 points in the first quarter and never stopped from there in routing Holgate 72-28 in boys basketball action last week.

In all, 13 players scored for the Panthers but only one reached double figures.

Ethan Rhonehouse topped the maroon and white efforts with 10 points while Carson Shull, Fletcher Cook, Marcus Miller and Jaret Miller all adding 9 markers.

Logan Bradford chipped in seven followed by Josh Trausch (4), Bailey Manz (3), Blake Dobbelaere (3), Blake McGarvey (3), Hunter Kessler (2), Isaac Baldwin (2) and Austin Howell (2).

The Panthers led 20-4 at the end of one quarter and posted a 34-18 advantage at the half.

Paulding took a 55-22 lead into the fourth quarter.

Cody Sonnenberg topped the host Tigers with 11 points while Tallon Meyer chipped in 4 markers.

Ethan Sparks (3), Sebastian Briseno (3), Luke Wen-

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ner (2), Avery Casillas (2), Bailey Sonnenberg (2) and Siler Casillas (1) also scored for Holgate.

LADY RAIDERS CRUSH MILLER CITY

The Lady Raiders travelled to Miller City on Saturday, February 3 in an easily won contest of 60-35. The game didn't look so good for the Wayne Trace ladies in the first quarter when they were only able to post 8 points compared to 11 for Miller City. Coach Bethany DeJarnett took the girls and let them know what needed to be done.

From the second quarter on, Claire Sinn, Miriam Sinn and Kaylee Shephered started taking the game seriously and started scoring. Brooke Sinn had the top steals of both teams and really helped stop the Wildcats in their tracks for the rest of the game. The half finished with the Lady Raiders taking the lead at 19 to 28.

Coming back from the half Wayne Trace girls continued the pace at which they left the second period. The game finished at 60-35.

Scorers of the Game:
Miller City - Adrienne Kuhlman 3; Natalie Koenig 14; Alisha Hoffman 8; Abby Niese 8; Katelyn Kuhlman 2
Wayne Trace - Claire Sinn 15; Tiffany Sinn 6; Miriam Sinn 14; Sadie Sinn 7; Kaylee Shephered 10; Grace Gudakunst 6; Brooke Sinn 2
Score by quarter:
Miller City - 11 8 9 7 = 35
Wayne Trace - 8 20 18 14 = 60

OFF STAGE PRODUCTIONS TO HOLD AUDITIONS FOR SPRING COMEDY

Off Stage Productions will have auditions for "Beautiful, Crazy", by J. Patrick Moss, at Vantage Career Center, 818 N. Franklin Street, Van Wert on Tuesday, February 20 and Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m. both nights. Enter at door number 7. Best parking is straight in on the North driveway. (The driveway farthest from Van Wert.)

Synopsis: To woo Alicia, Jim tells her that he is a director and can get her the lead role in an upcoming play. Jim convinces his roommate to stage his "play" in the psychiatric wing of the hospital, where she works as a nurse. When Alicia arrives at the psychiatric ward, Jim tells her that the psychiatric patients are method actors and are all part of the play. Alicia meets her fellow "cast members," who include a catatonic woman, a pathological liar, a patient with multiple personalities, and an autistic savant. But when a nurse supervisor, a security guard, and the hospital's regional director arrive, the patients have to play sane and the sane have to play crazy. What ensues is an evening of full-blown madness!

The show will be directed by Amy Shoppell and Dan Bulau and produced by Off Stage Productions. Cast consists of 3 men, 5 females, and 3 either male or female, all of various ages. There are several excellent character roles and some smaller parts for people who want to try performing for the first time or just want a small role. Show dates for "Beautiful, Crazy" are April 13, 14, 15,

20, 21, 22, 2018, and possibly April 28, 29, 2018. Final production dates and a rehearsal schedule will be available at auditions.

Call 419-605-6708 for more information or to borrow a script. Auditions will include readings from the script.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held its regularly scheduled January meeting Thursday morning at the OHSAA office. The following are highlights from the meeting. Complete meeting minutes will be posted at OHSAA.org.

- The board accepted the resignation of OHSAA Executive Director Dr. Dan Ross, effective Sept. 15. Dr. Ross has served as the Commissioner since 2004 and has spent 48 years in education. Please see the full release at: <http://bit.ly/2mO11wn>

- The board reviewed and approved the divisional breakdowns and tournament representations for the 2018 fall sports that are affected by competitive balance, which include football, volleyball, girls soccer and boys soccer. The lists of schools in each division will be posted at OHSAA.org on Monday, Jan. 22, with a press release. In addition, the board also approved a modification to the business rules for competitive balance to remove the previous regulation that allowed a school to move up only one division due to competitive balance.

- The board was presented with a list of eight high schools that now have their OHSAA membership suspended for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year and the entire 2018-19 school year due to failure to comply with OHSAA Constitution Article 3-3-4, which requires each school to sponsor at least two varsity sports each season, which includes participation in the OHSAA tournament. While on suspension, the schools will have their Arbitrator accounts suspended (for contracting officials and other administrative functions), will not receive rule books, will not be covered by the OHSAA's catastrophic insurance policy and may not participate in any OHSAA tournament for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year or the entire 2018-19 school year. The eight schools can continue to compete in regular-season contests and may return to membership in the fall of 2019 if they can sponsor two varsity sports per season and meet other membership requirements. The eight

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ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS LEARN THE ABOUT THE LETTER "F"



Shown here with our French fry projects are: Blaze Bassler, Logan McKeen, Cierra Smith, Sofi Ximena Martinez, Reese Lero, Amelia Hearne, Maria Isabel Isidoro, Indi Smith and Kinsley Pease.

Ann's Bright Beginners recently learned about the letter F in preschool! We had fun with feathers and flowers and made French fries with our

friends! These children attend the kindergarten readiness group on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. To register your child for next

fall at Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool, call 419-399-KIDS to be put on the growing list!

schools include Cleveland Collinwood, Mount Gilead Christian, Cleveland Horizon Science Academy, Cleveland Jane Adams, Cleveland Martin Luther King Jr., Cleveland Northeast Ohio College Prep, Cincinnati Riverview East Academy and Bellaire St. John Central.

- The board was informed that Harvey Alston, who coordinates the annual OHSAA Foundation Student Leadership Conference, has been selected as the Ohio recipient of the NFHS Award for Outstanding Service Award. He will be recognized at the OHSAA boys basketball state tournament.

- Since the board's last meeting, 28 member schools were penalized for committing infractions of OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations. The list of infractions and penalties is always included in the complete meeting minutes, but media members may request the list in advance from Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Communications, at tstried@ohsaa.org.

- The board was presented with the list of Ohio coaches who received national and sectional coach of the year honors for the 2016-17 school year from the National Federation of State High School Coaches Association. Two Ohio coaches were named

national coaches of the year, including Upper Arlington's Wendy Pinta (girls lacrosse) and East Canton's Tom Loy (boys track and field). In addition, five coaches were named Section 2 (eight-state area) coaches of the year, including Windham's Marty Hill (boys basketball), Berlin Hiland's Dave Schlabach (girls basketball), Peninsula Woodridge's Jeff Howard (boys cross country), Olentangy Liberty's Jack Hoogeveen (boys ice hockey) and Cincinnati St. Xavier's Tim Beerman (boys swimming and diving). The 2016-17 NFHS Coaches Association state coaches of the year were announced in October.

- The board reviewed the attendance and financial reports from the fall state tournaments of golf, girls tennis, field hockey, soccer and volleyball. The total attendance at district and state field hockey tournament was

5,110. Attendance at state golf was 3,997, while state girls tennis was 1,249. The six soccer state championship games at MAPFRE Stadium drew 9,017 fans and the volleyball state tournament at Wright State University drew 13,734 fans.

- The board reviewed the list of upcoming open positions on the six District Athletic Boards that will become available this spring. Details will be posted on the OHSAA's DAB page at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/about/districtboards>

- The board approved the spring sports preseason manuals and tournament regulations, which will be posted soon on the respective sport pages at OHSAA.org.

- The board approved a change in the start date for golf matches in 2018 to Saturday, August 4, instead of Monday, August 6.

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READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

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

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

Cecil: Maramart, Vagabond

Charloe: Charloe Store

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

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

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

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

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

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

Melrose: Morning Star Convenience Store

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

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

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

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

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

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Walmart (Maysville Rd.),

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

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

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

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

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

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

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READER'S THEATER HELD AT ANTWERP ELEMENTARY



Riley Smith, Roman DeLong, Emily Laker, Emery Jones, Keira Spyker, Briley Bagley, and Blake Gribler after their performance of Pecos Bill



Aiden Hook, Tyler Overman, Gabriella Snyder, Keegan Wyckoff, Reid Nutter, Maddie Doster, and Maddie Coressel after their performance of Sally Ann Thunder

At the beginning of February, third graders in Mrs. Lynnette Vail's class at Antwerp Elementary School

held a Reader's Theater and performed several folk tales. Students planned their plays, practiced their parts, wore

costumes, used props, tried accents, and even memorized some of their lines.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Evan L. Johns, Sherwood, OH; Criminal trespassing; Case dismissed per state with prejudice; Costs waived
Darrell E. Brunk, Elida, OH; Seat belt/driver; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Travis G. Melton, Plainfield, MI; Possession; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by arresting agency
Janna M. Miller, Marion, IN; Possession of marijuana; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior
Kyle M. Anderson, Hicksville, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Kyle M. Anderson, Hicksville, OH; Seat belt/driver; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Jeffrey S. Funk, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/driver; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Natasha S. Martinez, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/driver; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Travis G. Hughes, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/driver; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Kendra D. Gamble, Paulding, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed per state with prejudice; Costs waived
Mark A. Tinlin, Payne, OH; Seat belt/driver; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
James R. Sanders, Wauseon, OH; Seat belt/passenger; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Daniel B. Hammons, Defiance, OH; FTY/left turn; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Jacee E. Harwell, Oak-

wood, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Kanna C. Byers, Cecil, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Nathan R. Huff, Oakwood, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Aaron Osborn, Defiance, OH; Improper firearms; Count A dismissed per state with prejudice; Costs waived
Aaron Osborn, Defiance, OH; Improper firearms; Count B dismissed per state with prejudice; Costs waived
Jessica Moore, Paulding, OH; Trafficking drugs; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas
David R. Brown, Van Wert, OH; Trafficking drugs; Preliminary hearing held; Court finds probable cause; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court
Bryan W. Froelich, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/driver; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Brittany A. Myers, Oakwood, OH; Failure to stop for school bus; Guilty; Pay or collection 10/26/18
Douglas S. Schlatter, Defiance, OH; Unsecured load; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Mellie C. Daniels, Defiance, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Blaine E. Michael, Harrod, OH; Seat belt/driver; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Derrick M. Bennett, Grover Hill, OH; F.R.A. suspension; Guilty; Pay or collection date 8/31/18; Defendant shall pay \$50.00 per month commencing 3/30/18
Samuel C. Mitchell, Edgerton, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Pay or collection date 2/2/18

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS
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 1/30/18 Andrews Charlene E to Strock Charlene E Le; Rd 178; 20 acres; W1/2 Sw1/4 Se1/4 Auglaize Twp S-25
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BENTON TWP
 2/1/18 Hogarth Monica to Hall Nikki L; 403 S Main St; 0.2 acres; Lot 10 Tabor Add Payne Vill
BROWN TWP
 1/29/18 Noffsinger Charlotte A to Noffsinger Noland D Trustee; 10848 Rd 209 Oakwood Oh 45873; 81 acres; N1/2 Nw1/4 Brown Twp S-13
 1/29/18 Rhoades Joyce to Rhoades Blake A Et Al; 10608 Rd 171 Oakwood Oh 45873; 68.25 acres; Lot 4 & Pt 3 Brown Twp S-17
 1/29/18 Noffsinger Noland Trustee Noffsinger Charlotte M Trustee; Rd 211; 40 acres; Se1/4 Nw1/4 Brown Twp S-24
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 1/31/18 Hunt Ralph E Hunt Elizabeth M to Hunt Ralph E Hunt Elizabeth M Le; 8368 Rd 209 Oakwood Oh 45873; 36.7 acres; Nw1/4 Sw1/4 Lessch&cem Brown Twp S-25
 1/31/18 Hunt Ralph E Hunt Elizabeth M to Hunt Ralph E Hunt Elizabeth M Le; Rd 209; 53.264 acres; Pt Se1/4 S-26Brown Twp
 1/31/18 Merriman John D to Dobbelaere Craig M Dobbelaere Andrea; 20606 Rd 88 Oakwood Oh 45873; 10.058 acres; Pt W1/2Sw1/4Se1/4 Brown Twp S-32
 1/31/18 Vargo Thomas J & Vargo Penny J to Vargo Penny J; 102 S Sixth St; 0.2aAcres; Lot 15 Floyd Burt Add Oakwood Vill
 1/30/18 Oakwood Development Company The to Oakwood Dohp Llc; 23601 Sr 613 Oakwood Oh 45873; 11.066 acres; Outlots S-26 Pt Se1/4 Brown Twpoakwood Vg

Sw1/4 Harrison Twp S-20
JACKSON TWP
 1/29/18 Covill Jacqueline Rae Etal to Thornell Jason R Thornell Beth A; Rd 82; 29.37 acres; Se1/4 Sw1/4 Jackson Twp Wt Dist S-33
 1/29/18 Plotts Glen L to Lafountain Brenda K Plotts William E; 1054 Emerald Rd; 0.714 acres; Lot 15&Lot14n25&Pcl W Of Lot 15 & Lot 14 N25' Noneman Em Acres Allot#1 Paulding Village
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 1/30/18 True Grit LLC to Rice Avery A; Emerald Rd; 0.2445 acres; Outlot 06005 Noneman Em Acres Allot#2 Paulding Vill
LATTY TWP
 1/29/18 Eddy Lloyd E Trustee to Eddy Kent Trustee; Rd 131; 170.688 acres; Pt S1/2Nw1/4 & N1/2 Sw1/4&Ptse1/4Sw1/4 S-27 Latty
 1/29/18 Eddy Lloyd E Trustee to Eddy Kent Trustee; 2460 Rd 131 Grover Hill Oh 45849; 0.992 acres; Pt Nw1/4Sw1/4 S-27 Latty
 1/29/18 Eddy Lloyd E Trustee to Eddy Kent Trustee; Rd 24; 38 acres; Pt W1/2 Se1/4 S-27 Latty Twp
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PAULDING TWP
 1/31/18 PTAK MARK & PTAK RETA to WOBLER BRANDON A WOBLER ELECIDA A; 102 S WILLIAMS ST; 0.0667 acres; LOT 180 E 44FT O.P. PAULDING VILL

LATTA BACKS DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL TO IMPROVE MILITARY READINESS, BOOST TROOP LEVELS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) joined a bipartisan majority of his House of Representative colleagues in voting to pass the annual Department of Defense Appropriations bill to

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PUBLIC NOTICE
 A public meeting of the Carryall Township Zoning Board will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at the Antwerp Fire Station, 203 S. Cleveland St., Antwerp, OH at 6:30 p.m. to discuss zoning change request.
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ANTWERP ELEMENTARY 100th DAY OF SCHOOL



For the 100th day of school at Antwerp Elementary, kindergarten students made it their goal to bring in 100 canned food items. They surpassed

their goal and will donate a total of 184 canned food items to the local food pantry. Students counted out the cans in groups of tens and

then counted by tens to find their total. Some students dressed up like they were 100 years old for 100 Day as well.

fund the military, provide a pay raise for troops, and improve combat readiness. This is the third time a FY2018 defense funding bill has passed the House, but the U.S. Senate has not acted to pass the legislation. The bill provides a 2.4% increase for members of the military, the largest increase in nearly a decade.

SECRETARY PERDUE PRAISES PRESIDENT TRUMP'S INVITATION OF USFS FIRE FIGHTER DAVID DAHLBERG TO STATE OF THE UNION

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue applauded President Trump's invitation of David Dahlberg, a U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service firefighter, to attend the President's State of the Union address. David is being honored for his courageous actions during the historic wildfire season of 2017. He will observe the President's speech while seated with First Lady Melania Trump.

On July 8, 2017, David helped rescue 62 children and staff members trapped at Circle V Ranch Camp by the Whittier Fire in Santa Barbara, CA. David single-handedly worked to fireproof the camp and keep its inhabitants safe until they could all be rescued. Thanks to the efforts of David, and the Santa Barbara Fire and Sheriff's personnel, everyone survived.

"David's heroic actions in the face of grave danger displayed exceptional character, selflessness, and sound judgement," Perdue said. "His story of heroism is just one of many exhibited by the dedicated men and women of the United States Forest Service, who risk their lives to protect lives and property. I am grateful that President Trump is recognizing David and the excellent work of the Forest Service."

LATTA VOTES FOR LEGISLATION TO PROTECT ATHLETES FROM ABUSE

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) joined his colleagues in passing legislation, S. 534, that would mandate the reporting of child and sexual abuse in amateur athletics organizations, strengthen civil remedies for survivors of sexual abuse, and clarify the duties of national athletic bodies when presented with child abuse allegations. The legislation, the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sports Authorization Act, would require reporting of suspected child and sexual abuse at an amateur sports organization facility or at an event sanctioned by one of the governing bodies to local and federal authorities within 24 hours. The bill would make the changes to the Amateur Sports Act, which charters the United States Olympic Committee (USCO) and subsequent national governing bodies for each olympic sport.

As the Chairman of the Energy and Commerce (E&C) Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, Latta joined other E&C leaders last week in requesting information on abuse from USA Gymnastics, the United States Olympic Committee, Michigan State University, USA Swimming, and USA Taekwondo, and the bipartisan leaders have indicated that they will investigate the matter.

"It's absolutely horrifying what countless athletes within the USA gymnastics program were subjected to over the previous two decades," said Latta. "It's a completely unacceptable institutional breakdown that allowed Dr. Nassar to abuse athletes entrusted in his care for so long. Passing this legislation takes an important first step to protecting athletes by mandating the reporting of sexual abuse in amateur athletics organi-

zations and strengthening civil remedies for survivors. At the same time, we need to take a deep look at the failures within USA gymnastics — and other athletic entities — that have allowed widespread abuse to occur on their watch."

INTERVIEW WITH FBI INFORMANT MARK WHITACRE SCREENED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

The Archer Daniels Midland price-fixing scandal resulted in a record \$100 million fine - and at the center of the scandal was ADM executive Mark Whitacre.

An exclusive filmed interview with Whitacre will be screened and discussed at Lifetree Café on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The program, titled "Whistleblower: The True Story of an FBI Informant," will explore why Whitacre participated in a crime that defrauded millions of American consumers. It will also explore the effects of his decision to cooperate with authorities in prosecuting the crime.

"I wore a wire for three years, and it was the most pressure I've had in my life," Whitacre says. "Prison is a cakewalk compared to wearing a wire for the FBI."

During the session Lifetree participants will have the opportunity to discuss times they've faced difficult moral decisions.

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 February 14 - "In The News. Sexual Misconduct."

USDA LAUNCHES MARS, DELIVERING MARKET DATA TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS AROUND THE GLOBE FASTER AND EASIER

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announced the launch of a new electronic data platform to deliver market price information to the commodities industry. The new web-based platform, Market Analysis and Reporting Services (MARS), uses state-of-the-art technology to present detailed data sets in a more customer-focused way to better support competitive markets for producers and help stabilize food prices for American families.

"USDA Market News is the most relied upon source of unbiased agricultural market data," said Greg Ibach, Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs. "USDA's on-site market reporters gather, analyze and publish unbiased data all day long to ensure fair food prices for consumers across the country and around the world. The MARS project applies the best data management practices to make that data available when and where farmers, packers and processors need it."

THE WEST BEND NEWS

Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

As Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue promised last summer, USDA staff are using the latest technologies available to deliver the most effective, most efficient, customer-focused service in the federal government. MARS improves the transparency, speed and accuracy of USDA Market News, and facilitates the flow of data from more than 3,600 markets to AMS analysts and ultimately to producers, industry and the public. The new dynamic interface provides data analysts one-stop instant access to agricultural commodity data through a searchable database with the ability to create custom reports, data sets and data visualizations to make large amounts of information more easily understandable

in a fraction of the time. Businesses may also utilize the built-in application program interface (API) to use the data to create new uses for the data as customer needs evolve.

On Feb. 2, 2018, Market News information for dairy products will be the first set of data and reports available through MARS followed by Cotton and Tobacco, scheduled for April 2018. Dates for Livestock, Poultry and Grain and Specialty Crops will be announced on the new My Market News website. It is anticipated that all Market News data will be moved to the new system by March 2019. USDA's existing Market News website will continue to post data until all commodities are available through MARS.

PUBLIC NOTICE HOSPITAL BOARD POSITION

Applications will be accepted at the Paulding County Commissioners' Office, 115 North Williams Street, Suite B-1, Courthouse, Paulding, Ohio, until 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 2018, for one position, to complete a six year term, as Paulding County Hospital Trustee expiring March, 2024. Please pick up an application at the Commissioners' Office for this position between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Previous applicants must reapply.

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SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL
BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.

CHERYL EMERLING, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 17 141

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 15th day of February, 2018 at 10:00, the real estate located at:

14507 Road 115
Paulding, Ohio 45879
Parcel Number: 16-30S-003-00

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

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

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

The purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the 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.

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

James L. Sassano, Attorney for Plaintiff

NEED FISH OR POND CARE PRODUCTS? LET PAULDING SWCD HELP YOU OUT!

By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist

Need some fish or cleaning products for your pond? The Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District is here to help with our Annual Fish Event running now through Friday, April 27th, 2018. Pick-up will take place at the Black Swamp Nature Center (753 Fairground Drive) in Paulding at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018. You will need to be present promptly at 1:00 p.m. to pick up your fish. Information on fish may be obtained via the following

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Lorenza D. Wilson, Et. AL, Defendants,

Case No. CI-18-016

Judge Tiffany Reighter-Beckman

TO: Lorenza D. Wilson, Unknown Spouse of Lorenza D. Wilson, and Unknown heirs, administrators, executors or assigns of Lorenza D. Wilson
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: Unknown

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 Lorenza D. Wilson, Unknown Spouse of Lorenza D. Wilson, and Unknown heirs, administrators, executors or assigns of Lorenza D. Wilson to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed by you.

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

Lot Numbers Fifty-Four (54) and

PAYNE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY 2018



Front Row: Aaron Bohland, Derrick Slone, Brady Cox, Knox Mills, Ella Crosby, Nora Wenninger, Lizbeth Wenninger. Back Row: Meara Rager, Raegan McGarvey, Octavia Stoller, Landen Foltz, Luke Stouffer, Kayson Ross

methods (1) our website www.pauldingswcd.org (2) stop in the office at 900 Fairground Dr. in Paulding. Included in our Fish Event packet are stocking recommendations based on fish and pond size as well as use of pond such as for swimming, fishing, or both.

All fish will be delivered already bagged and boxed with oxygen. You will not need to bring water from your pond when picking up your fish. Fish are guaranteed to be delivered in good condition; however, we do not guarantee survival after stocking your pond. For 2018, we have the following fish available: Bluegill, Hybrid Bluegill, Redear Shellcracker, Black Crappie, Channel Catfish, Jumbo Yellow Perch, Large Mouth Bass, White Amur, and Fathead Minnows. We are also offering one pond care product, Ultra Clear Muck Digester. Fish are sold in units of 20-25 except for the White Amur which comes in units of two and the Fathead Minnows are sold in 1/2 gallon units. See the table included in this article for specific fish sizes and bundle sizes.

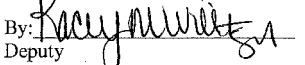
Ponds are a great addition to any property as they provide a source of water for animals, crops and people, a place to observe wildlife, and of course to fish according to My Land Plan. My Land Plan offers a few tips to consider before stocking your pond with fish. First to consider is to know the depth and volume of your pond. You want a depth of at least 8-12 feet to avoid any fish kills when winter comes along. Another point to consider is temperature of the water. This will determine the type of fish that

Fifty-five (55) in Mackinaw Addition to the Village of Cecil, Paulding County, Ohio.


Parcel ID No. 15-04S-031-00, 15-04S-032-00 Property Address: Fourth Avenue, Cecil, Ohio 45821

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

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

By: 
Deputy

Respectfully submitted,


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

will survive in your pond as different fish tolerate various temperature ranges.

Lastly, water quality should be a consideration with pond stocking. According to My Land Plan, runoff and water temperature have some influence on water quality in addition to turbidity (how cloudy the water appears). It becomes difficult for fish to survive in cloudy water. According to Fred Snyder with OSU Extension, keeping a pond healthy depends on reducing weed growth, reducing algae growth, and maintaining oxygen supply. Snyder says weed growth can be reduced by taking away sources of nutrients such as manure, lawn fertilizer, or leachate from your septic tank. Have leaves leftover from fall? Snyder suggest getting rid of those too as decomposing leaves take up dissolved oxygen in the water making less available for fish.

A good product to help improve your water quality is the Ultra Clear Muck Digester product we are selling as part of our fish sale. See more information later in this column.

There are several considerations that need to be made when it comes to stocking your pond. One of the biggest things to keep in mind boils down to the use that your pond is going to serve. It is just going to be used for swimming, fishing, or both? Recommendations provided with our fish forms include suggestions based on a one-acre pond that is used for the following: fishing, mostly fishing and some swimming, mostly swimming and some fishing, and swimming only. Use this table as a guide when determining the amount of fish your pond will need and be sure to contact our office and we will be happy to answer any questions!

According to Freshwater Fish Company, fish stocking is an important part of any pond management system. Selection of fish for your pond depends on the specific goals for your body of water as well as the size of the pond. Ponds can be managed to attract wildlife to your area as well. Clemson University Extension notes the following as good management techniques for ponds: enhancing food availability for fish, controlling harvesting to maintain adequate populations, controlling weeds, and preventing fish kills with good water quality.

Making a return this year is Ultra Clear Muck Digester,

a pond care product that can help keep your pond water clear. Muck Digester comes in marshmallow shaped pods and helps to remove muck and sludge that build up in ponds. It also helps to improve clarity of the water and reduces toxic ammonia from the water. It is a product that can be used in cold weather or any other time of the year. We have rate recommendations on treating your pond available in the Order Form packet. This is a product that has proven beneficial to many people and most request it by name.

Contact the Paulding SWCD at 419-399-4771 or patrick.troyer@pauldingswcd.org for your fish stocking and pond care needs this coming spring! Once again, order forms will be due Friday, April 27th to the Paulding SWCD Office located at 900 Fairground Drive Suite B Paulding, OH 45879. Pick-up is Wednesday, May 2nd, at 1:00pm and will take place at the Black Swamp Nature Center in Paulding.

KEEP SKIN HYDRATED DURING THE LONG WINTER MONTHS

By: Angel Steiner

The winter months are upon us with the frigid temperatures, bitter winds, not too mention the lack of humidity in the indoor air that people live in more often during this timeframe. In the summer, people complain about the nuisance of humidity, but during the winter it is a necessity to our skin. Winter's vexation to a person's largest organ, the skin, can be remedied with thoughtful consideration when going about the day.

1. Limit that shower — in the winter, it is very tempting to turn the hot water on as high as is tolerable and stand in it til the chill leaves the bones. Resist that urge and stick with the shorter version, with more moderate temperatures. The hot water strips the skin of its natural oils, leaving it parched.

2. For the bath takers, consider adding a few drops of oil into the water — essential oils, that is. Depending on your dosha, chamomile, lemon and clary sage are all good choices.

3. Don't forget to moisturize! It is extra important to remember to moisturize after those showers just when the skin is still damp. Cocoa butter is a good choice this time of year. An extra idea to go

along with slathering the skin with the cocoa butter is adding some drops of the above mentioned essential oils — others to consider: jasmine, ylang ylang, geranium, and peppermint.

4. Exfoliating scrubs are very beneficial to get that dry layer off the skin. There are a plethora of DIY scrubs to consider — my recent favorite is a sugar scrub that is super simple: 1 cup white sugar, 1/4 cup coconut oil, 10-15 drops lavender and/or lemon essential oil. You can melt the coconut oil before mixing or just have it soft... and mix it all together. Store it in a covered container. Use a small amount each time - a little will go a long way! I use 1/2 cup coconut oil for some extra moisture.

5. Humidifiers and diffusers are excellent to give the dry air of the house or office with some needed dew for the skin.

6. Discontinue using skin-care products that contain alcohol. These pull oils out of the skin leaving it extra dry. Consider switching to less drying astringents such as witch hazel.

Our skin is the first defense we have against disease. Avoiding drying, cracking and peeling skin should be a priority as part of our health regimen. Taking some simple steps such as the ones above during these trying months of winter can help to keep us healthier and more comfortable to weather this season.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

EDWARD E. LIPE, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 17 037.

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 First day of March, 2018 at 10:05, the real estate located at:

19851 Road 1048, Defiance, Ohio

43512

Parcel Number: 01-03C-033-00
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 Sixty Thousand and No/100 (\$60,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

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THIS WEEK AT KIWANIS



This week at Kiwanis member, Naomi Nicely, introduced the guest speaker, Joe Fisher, who presented on behalf of a program called Delay the Disease. Every Tuesday, Joe and many other passionate therapists work with people who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. Parkinson's is a progressive disease of the nervous system which can affect a person's speech, ability to walk, and perform daily chores. Joe goes on to say that the disease does not kill a patient, but unfortunately there is no cure either.

The program helps Parkinson's patients break their bad habits such as progressively slouching, or the dragging of the feet when walking. These habits can affect the way the disease alters the quality of life of a patient. Joe helps people every week with various exercises, flexibility, and helps them overcome mental hurdles while improving their quality of life through enthusiasm and passion for what he does. "This program has changed my life more than anything," says Joe. With Parkinson's affecting over 1 million people in the U.S. and 60,000 new diagnosis a year Joe urges ev-

eryone to keep an eye out for symptoms such as a change in gait, speech, or shakiness. Joe has seen incredible improvements in patients of all ages through the program. Delay the Disease is every Tuesday at 11:30 at the Nazarene Church in Paulding. His passion and love for helping others shown through his presentation and personality. Kiwanis members meet over lunch on Thursday, February 8th.

VIRTUAL REALITY MEETS LIVE MUSIC IN STRING SHIFT'S A3rD CONCERT COLLABORATION

Artlink Contemporary Gallery and String Shift are pleased to present A3rD, an immersive concert experience visual art and music. Alongside the magic of virtual art, A3rD will perform live string arrangements of songs by Radiohead, Ruth Crawford and Game of Thrones composer Ramin Djawadi.

For this unique concert, artist Theoplis Smith III - in collaboration with Artlink and String Shift - has created a series of immersive virtual paintings using Google's Tilt Brush. During the performance, these pieces will be projected throughout the performance space transporting audience members inside the art. The end result will be an immersive concert experience.

A3rD will take place Friday, February 9 at 8 p.m. at PUNCH Films (200 6th St, Fort Wayne, IN 46808). Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online at buytickets.at/stringshift.

About Theoplis Smith III

Theoplis Smith III, also known as "Phresh Laundry," is a primarily self-taught artist whose work comes from an innate need and desire to create. Smith's practice is incredibly unique both for its skill and its unlikely beginnings. As a young child, he found himself drawn toward the arts, and has slowly but surely pieced together an original form of painting with certain connections to popular culture forms of representation like comic books, and the quick sketches of caricature, paired with the long history of traditional portraiture.

About String Shift

String Shift is a string ensemble made up of some of the top musicians in the area from the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and beyond. String Shift creates a different take on the concert experience by merging the worlds of classical and pop music and performing in more unique venues. Each member has years of training from some of the finest music schools in the world paired with an open mind for exploring new types of musical styles.

For more information, please contact Matt McClure at matt@artlinkfw.com or call (260) 424-7195.

SPORTS CARD SHOW

Saturday February the 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Ramada plaza center and travel hotel (formally the Hotel Fort Wayne) located at 305 E Washington Center rd (exit 312A off of I-69) in Fort Wayne, Indiana there will be a sports card and collectibles show.

Dealers from the tri-state region will be in attendance

with both sport and non-sport cards and collectibles. Featured will be vintage and new singles, hobby boxes and supplies . . . attendance is free and the public is invited to attend. Please feel free to bring your items in for appraisal. For more information please contact Brian Mayne at 260-824-4867 or mccards@icloud.com or on facebook at mcs cards.

PERDUE UNVEILS FARMERS.GOV, INTERACTIVE WEBSITE FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue unveiled Farmers.gov, the new interactive one-stop website for producers maintained by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Farmers.gov is now live but will have multiple features added over the coming months to allow agricultural producers to make appointments with USDA offices, file forms, and apply for USDA programs. The website, launched at a breakfast hosted by the Michigan Farm Bureau, gathers together the three agencies that comprise USDA's Farm Production and Conservation mission area: the Farm Service Agency, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Risk Management Agency.

"Many farmers are out in their fields using equipment that is connected to satellite and GPS technology, yet when they need to interact with USDA, they have to stop, fill out a paper form, and fax or carry it to their local office. That is a real digital divide,"

Perdue said. "Our staff is friendly, and they love to see farmers in person, but they know that time is valuable. Producers are working hard to make their farms profitable, so these tools will help get the paperwork done without taking a big chunk out of the day to fill out forms."

Farmers.gov is mobile device-friendly and can identify for farmers the most convenient USDA office locations. New functions will be added shortly, including an interactive calendar, farming success stories, an online appointment feature, digital forms, and a business data dashboard. Additionally, when the 2018 Farm Bill is signed into law, there will be plain language program descriptions and a tool to determine eligibility.

"As I've traveled to 32 states in my first nine months as Secretary of Agriculture, I have consistently heard people express a desire for greater use of technology in the way we deliver programs at USDA," Perdue said. "It's my goal to make USDA the most effective, most efficient, most customer-focused department in the entire federal government, and Farmers.gov is a big step in that direction."

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