

## LADY RAIDERS TAKE SECTIONALS



The Lady Raiders pose for the team picture after winning the Sectional Final game. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Lady Raiders travelled to Defiance High School on Saturday, February 24 to take on North Central who had previously defeated Fayette. The North Central Team was no competition for the Raiders from the time the game started to the end, the Raiders were in complete control, winning 52-22.

Even though the Raiders didn't get the tip off, it didn't

change the outcome of the game. Claire Sinn was on top of her game with 18 points. 6 of those were from 3 point baskets. The Raiders earned quite the difference in the first period over their rivals. The Eagles struggled to ever make a successful flight take off in this match when the second period they were only able to strike up 1 point in the whole second period. The half

ended at 19-7.

In the next half, both teams did better, but the lady Raiders continued to inch forward to the sectional con-

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## CANAL PRINTS DONATED TO LIBRARY



Stan and Barb Searing shared Canal Prints with library director, Susan Pieper.

PAULDING - Stan and Barb Searing recently donated twelve prints depicting the Ohio canals to the historic Paulding County Carnegie Library. These prints were

a premium offered in 2007-2008 presented to the Searings with their membership to the Ohio Canal Society. The prints depict different

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## Community Calendar

### Thursday, March 1st

- Volunteer Social @ PC Senior Center, 4-6pm

### Sunday, March 4th

- Antwerp Conservation Club Still Shoot, 12pm
- March Madness Buffet @ Grant's, 10a-2p

### Monday, March 5th

- Tree Planting Workshop @ Defiance SWCD, 6-7pm

### Tuesday, March 6

- FW Area Comm Band @ John & Ruth Rhinehart Music Center, IPFW, 7:30p
- Hands of Hope Taco Bar 5-7pm at Paulding OSU Ext.

### March 9,10 & 11

- Antwerp School Presents Grease The Musical

### Friday, March 9

- OSU Severe Weather Symposium @ OSU, Columbus

### Sunday, March 11

- First Responders Appreciation Dinner @ Paulding NAZ, 10:30am

### Tuesday, March 13

- Urban Homesteader @ Woodburn Branch Library, 7pm

### Saturday, March 17

- Antwerp Rotary St. Patrick's Day @ Paulding Eagles
- ACC Any Rifle Any Sight @ 11am

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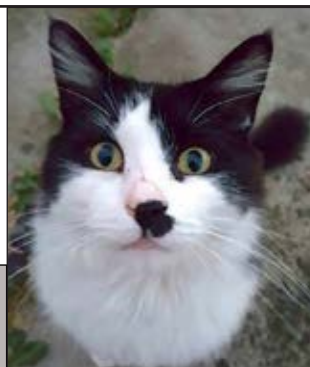
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**OBITUARIES**

**HARLAN, INDIANA**

**Rose Hart**, 97, of Harlan, passed away on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at The Cedars in Leo. Born on July 24, 1920 in Allen County, she was a daughter of the late Harry and Edna (Zuber) Worden. A graduate of Harlan High School, Rose was employed with Walt Metcalf, Harlan, for 15 years. She later was employed with L.S. Ayres for over 15 years before retiring in 1982. She was married on July 25, 1938 to the late Howard Betz and was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Harlan. She enjoyed working in her yard; tending to her vegetable and flower garden. She is survived by her children, Richard (Patty) Betz of Grabill, Marilyn (Ralph) Graft of Harlan, and Karen Augsberger of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three step-great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and one step-great grandchild; brother, Calvin Worden of Hicksville; and sister, Garnet McCoy of Defiance. She was also preceded in death by her second husband, Elwood Hart; brothers, Charles Worden and Robert Worden; and sister, Florence Trostel. Funeral Service will be at 11:00am on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at Hockemeyer Funeral Home, 17629 S.R. 37, Harlan, with calling one hour prior. Pastor Murray Clugston officiating. Calling will also be from 4-8pm on Monday, February 26, 2018 at the funeral home. Burial at Scipio Cemetery, Harlan. Memorials may be made to the Harlan Christian Youth Center or Harlan Park Association. For online condolences, please visit [www.hockemeyrfuneralhome.com](http://www.hockemeyrfuneralhome.com).

**PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 2/28 - 3/6**

2/28 - 12:30 Crafts; 12:00 Buckeye Bingo; 1:30 Grocery Shopping  
 3/1 - 9:00 Blood Pressure & Toe Nail clinic; 10:00 Exercise; 9:45 Euchre; 12:15 Euchre; 12:00 Penny Pitch with Meadows of Kalida; 4:00 - 6:00 Alzheimer's meeting  
 3/2 - 10:00 Bible Study; 11:00 - 2:00 Craft store open  
 3/5 - 10:00 Exercise; 12:00 Bingo w/Country Inn  
 3/6 - 9:15 Card Players' Meeting; 9:45 Euchre; 12:15 Euchre; 12:00 Table Talk

**HICKSVILLE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 2/28 - 3/6**

2/28 - 10:00 Coffee & Conversation; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre; 1:00 - 2:30 CFSP Food Commodities  
 3/1 - 10:00 Yahtzee; 12:30 - 1:30 Bingo  
 3/2 - 10:00 Inspire Me; 11:45 March Birthday Celebrations; 12:15 - 2:30 Euchre  
 3/5 - 10:00 New Activity! Wheel of Fortune; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre  
 3/6 - 10:00 Chair Exercise; 12:00 Grocery Shop; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre; 1:00 - 2:00 Computer/Phone Questions and Answers

**DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 2/28 - 3/6**

2/28 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Crafts; 12:30 Kroger Shop; 1:00 - 2:00 CSFP Food Commodities  
 3/1 - 9:30 Cards; 9:45 Blood Pressures; 10:00 Band Stretch; 10:00 Zumba; 12:30 Meijer Shop; 12:30 Bingo with Brookview; 1:30 Alzheimer's Support; 4:00 Yoga with Sue  
 3/2 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Tai Chi; 11:30 Birthday Celebration  
 3/5 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Zumba; 3:00 Yoga  
 3/6 - 9:45 Aldi Shop; 10:00 Bible Study; 10:00 Cards; 10:00 Tai Chi; 4:00 Yoga

**DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 2/28 - 3/6**

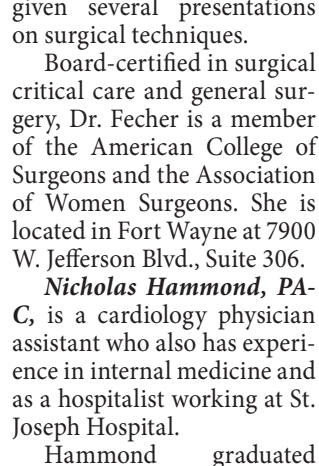
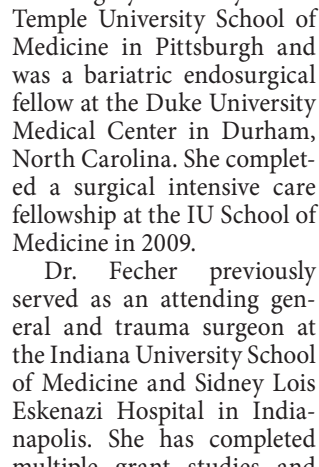
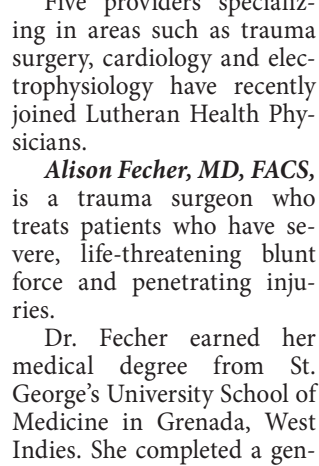
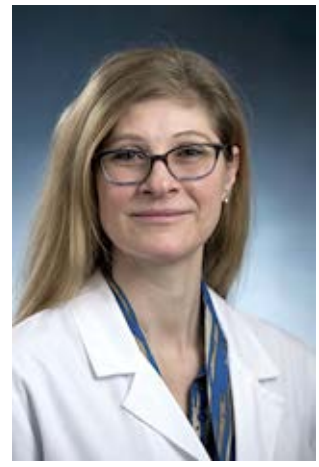
2/28 - Vegetable beef soup, chicken salad with Crackers, grape juice, tropical fruit; Salad Bar in Café  
 3/1 - Baked pork chop with gravy, green bean casserole, roasted potatoes, apricots, whole wheat roll  
 3/2 - Stuff crust pizza with mushroom & onions, carrots, pears, bosco stick, birthday cake; Alt=Angel Food Cake  
 3/5 - Chicken & gravy, mashed potatoes, brussels sprouts, fruit cocktail, whole wheat roll  
 3/6 - Roast pork, Au Gratin potatoes, broccoli & cheese, Jell-o; ncs=SF Jell-o; banana, whole wheat bread

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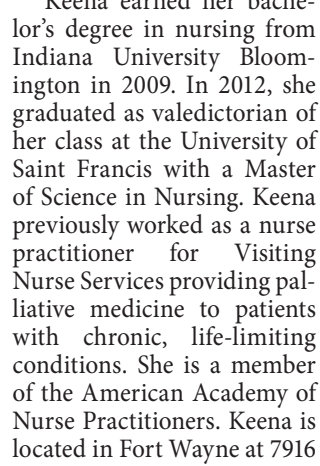
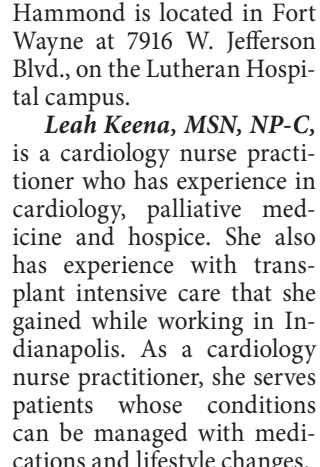
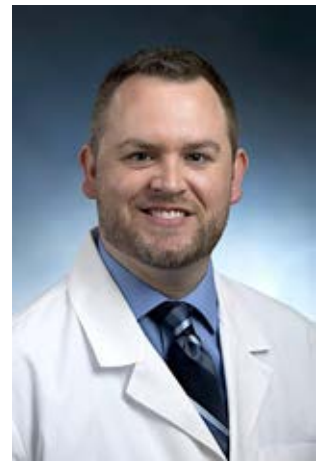
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**LUTHERAN HEALTH PHYSICIANS WELCOMES FIVE NEW PROVIDERS**



Five providers specializing in areas such as trauma surgery, cardiology and electrophysiology have recently joined Lutheran Health Physicians.  
**Alison Fecher, MD, FACS**, is a trauma surgeon who treats patients who have severe, life-threatening blunt force and penetrating injuries. Dr. Fecher earned her medical degree from St. George's University School of Medicine in Grenada, West Indies. She completed a general surgery residency at the Temple University School of Medicine in Pittsburgh and was a bariatric endosurgical fellow at the Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina. She completed a surgical intensive care fellowship at the IU School of Medicine in 2009. Dr. Fecher previously served as an attending general and trauma surgeon at the Indiana University School of Medicine and Sidney Lois Eskenazi Hospital in Indianapolis. She has completed multiple grant studies and given several presentations on surgical techniques. Board-certified in surgical critical care and general surgery, Dr. Fecher is a member of the American College of Surgeons and the Association of Women Surgeons. She is located in Fort Wayne at 7900 W. Jefferson Blvd., Suite 306.  
**Nicholas Hammond, PA-C**, is a cardiology physician assistant who also has experience in internal medicine and as a hospitalist working at St. Joseph Hospital. Hammond graduated from Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in biology and psychology. In 2006, he earned his master's degree and physician assistant certification from the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne. As a cardiology physician assistant, Hammond cares for patients whose conditions can be managed with medications and lifestyle changes. He helps patients with appropriate treatment plans and provides patients with



preventive health resources. Hammond is located in Fort Wayne at 7916 W. Jefferson Blvd., on the Lutheran Hospital campus.  
**Leah Keena, MSN, NP-C**, is a cardiology nurse practitioner who has experience in cardiology, palliative medicine and hospice. She also has experience with transplant intensive care that she gained while working in Indianapolis. As a cardiology nurse practitioner, she serves patients whose conditions can be managed with medications and lifestyle changes. Keena earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from Indiana University Bloomington in 2009. In 2012, she graduated as valedictorian of her class at the University of Saint Francis with a Master of Science in Nursing. Keena previously worked as a nurse practitioner for Visiting Nurse Services providing palliative medicine to patients with chronic, life-limiting conditions. She is a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. Keena is located in Fort Wayne at 7916 W. Jefferson Blvd.  
**Jamie Miller, PA-C**, assists surgeons as they operate on patients who are critically injured and often suffering from multiple injuries to the colon, pancreas, spleen and/or stomach. She is responsible for care management of all multiple-injury trauma patients, which includes assessment, stabilization, the inpatient stay, discharge and follow-up. Miller graduated from Missouri State University

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him."  
 -1 John 4:9 NIV

with bachelor's degrees in biology and Spanish. In 2017, she earned her master's in physician assistant studies from Indiana University in Indianapolis.

Before joining Lutheran Health Physicians, Miller spent three years working in the solid organ transplant unit and two years as a medical laboratory assistant at Indiana University Health in Indianapolis.

Miller, who is fluent in Spanish, is a member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants and the Indiana Academy of Physician Assistants. She is located in Fort Wayne at 7900 W. Jefferson Blvd., Suite 306.

**Gail Shively, FNP-C**, joined the electrophysiology team after serving as a family nurse practitioner at RediMed Business Health Services. As an electrophysiology nurse practitioner, Shively specializes in diagnosing and treating irregular heart rhythms caused by problems with the heart's electrical system.

Shively earned her bachelor's degree in nursing and her master of science in nursing from Indiana Wesleyan University. She has more than 30 years of nursing experience working in northeastern Indiana including time at Whitley County, Goshen and Cameron Memorial hospitals. She also worked as a family nurse practitioner in Churubusco and Fort Wayne.

Shively is located in Fort Wayne at 7916 W. Jefferson Blvd., on the Lutheran Hospital campus.

Lutheran Health Physicians consists of more than 350 providers who practice medicine at 105 regional locations.

**VAN WERT COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF SERVING AREA FAMILIES**

January 31, 2018 (Van Wert) Van Wert County of Developmental Disabilities (VWCBD) has been in our community for over fifty years, providing services and funds to meet the needs of

those with disabilities. The board has a network of over 100 dedicated employees providing an array of services for individuals and families in the community.

It all started in 1967 when, the Ohio House Bill 169 established county boards of mental retardation. That same year, the city of Van Wert established its own charter board consisting of Rev. Deane Check, Edwin Bates, William Hetrick, Robert C. Young, Dr. Harold Smith, Glen Jenkins and Annie Smith. This initiative would not have passed, had it not been for the passionate families and advocates who put in long hours and hard work to get the legislation through the system. The Van Wert community has been positively impacted since the bill has passed.

Since its inception, the role of VWCBD has evolved tremendously. The board established the first classroom for children with developmental disabilities in 1968 located at the First United Methodist Church. In 1970, an adult program was established and the Board moved to the former Van Wert County Hospital on Central Avenue. In 1978 the Board established the Thomas Edison Center, Inc., a separate, not-for-profit business, dedicated to providing work for adults. In 1979, the Board established an Infant Stimulation Program for children aged birth to 3 years. In 1980, construction was completed on an 8 bed residential facility on North Franklin Street. In 1993, the Board established Van Wert Housing Services, Inc., which is a not-for-profit housing board designed to provide affordable housing for individuals with developmental disabilities. In 1997, the Group Home that was constructed in 1980 was converted into a Residential Facility Waiver home, creating a new funding mechanism for those living there. A State Capital construction project was completed in 1998, providing a new facility on Augustine Drive for adult services. VWCBD is proud to currently offer many adult programs, pre-school

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# ALZHEIMER'S WALK



Senior Center's team from last year's event.

On March 1st from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. the Paulding County Senior Center is hosting a "Volunteer Social" to introduce the community to the 5 County "Black Swamp Walk to End Alzheimer's". The Committee is looking for community leaders to start

teams and help promote the event within Paulding County. If anyone is interested join or getting more information please stop by the Senior Center at 401 E. Jackson St., Paulding, anytime between 4:00 - 6:00 to inquire.

programs, early intervention, residential services, involvement in Special Olympics and employment services.

"The quality of care and compassion for the families in need has been and always will be the number one priority," says James E. Stripe, Van Wert County Board of Developmental Disabilities Superintendent. VWCDD partners locally with both public and private providers for the services offered with the goal to actively pursue quality programs, services, and supports that will assist children and adults in achieving their greatest potential and dignity in all life areas: educationally, vocationally, as a family member and citizen in the community.

## GAERTE AG SERVICE REPORTS SERVICES THAT PROTECT WATER QUALITY

Defiance, OH. Local ag applicator, Gaerte Ag Service LLC, has been actively participating in the Partnership for Ag Resource Management for the past two years, and recently became a corporate member, to increase sales of products and services that reduce phosphorus fertilizer losses from cropland.

In 2011 with support from the Great lakes Protection Fund, the Partnership for Ag Resource Management (PARM) initiated a project

with Sandusky River Watershed ag retailers to identify, promote and track products and service that reduce phosphorus (P) losses from cropland, improving water quality. The effort expanded to the Great Lakes Basin (GLB) in 2015. Sixty-two ag retail locations participated in the 2016 season survey, representing more than 4.7 million acres serviced.

Products and services provided by Gaerte Ag Service included cover crop application, cover crop seed sales and weather consideration before fertilizer application. Cover crops are seeded in late summer to sustain ground cover over winter. Maintaining ground cover helps reduce soil erosion, and holds nutrients in the crop instead of remaining on the surface where fertilizers are subject to runoff into nearby waterways. Gaerte Ag Service's consideration of weather before fertilizer application also assisted in keeping costly inputs on fields. Heavy rain events are increasing in severity and frequency each year, making sustainable approaches to farm management increasingly important

As a result of Gaerte Ag's 2017 efforts, our Nutrient Reduction Calculator estimated that their facility has prevented an estimated 3,441 pounds of P from leaving cropland and entering waterways in the

GLB. This is a rough estimate; the calculator uses an average of estimates for P-loss reduction from publications in scientific journals. Cover crop acres reported by the firm for 2017 was 20.00% of their total acres serviced for the year, while 19.98% was the average for the state of Ohio and 17.51% was the average for the GLB as a whole. Respectively, the firms numbers for 2016 were 27.68% compared to the 17.38% state avg. and the GLB 10.53%.

"Ag retailers, farmers and their families hunt, fish, boat and swim, and want to produce great quality, affordable food in ways that protect our water resources," reports Dr. Thomas Green, who directs the Partnership. "We're impressed by the tremendous progress being made by Gaerte Ag Service in educating farmer customers about these opportunities that have helped their company keep phosphorus on cropland, improving yields and reducing costs for farmers."

"The Partnership for Ag Resource Management group has compiled and tabulated the data of the farmer-growers and applicators of the Great Lakes Basin watershed's efforts to keep nutrients in place and out of the Maumee and its tributaries. Thru annual surveys they keep data on participant's conservation practices, we voluntarily provided our data to them and found we are doing quite a bit of good here within the GLB. I in turn think the Partnership's efforts to report for all of us here in the Agricultural industry within the GLB is very positive program. It shows our agricultural community's commitment to doing its part in helping keep our water clean our soil fertile and our recreation opportunities along this watershed top notch! I applaud the Partnership in helping us tell our side of the story," said Gaerte. "I think having an independent group report our progress adds some credibility to our efforts. There have been mandated changes in the recent past dictating fertility applications in our watershed, I believe this reporting tool will allow our grower customers to shine in the light of the progress we are making that go above and beyond just the requirements. I like having the estimated P retention figures calculated, it gives our efforts some traction. We have been aerially applying cover crops for 10 years now, so in my mind I multiply that by 10 years and 34,410 pounds sounds like progress! While selling cover crop seed direct to growers who apply it themselves as well, and not knowing how many acres they are applying to, our impact is even bigger

than we know. If nothing else this is our benchmark and I intend to grow that figure every year going forward for the benefit of the watershed and all those who call it home."

## DEADLINE FOR INDOT PAINT THE PLOW CAMPAIGN IS MARCH 15

The Indiana Department of Transportation will continue to accept Paint the Plow applications until the March 15 deadline. The community outreach program is designed to promote safety and awareness of INDOT's Winter Operations all year long.

INDOT's Fort Wayne District invites art classes/programs from middle and high schools to paint an INDOT snow plow blade with original artwork to represent their school. Applications and additional program details can be found at [painttheplow.indot.in.gov](http://painttheplow.indot.in.gov).

In addition to being seen in full service during the winter weather months, the blades may be used at events within the school's community to enhance public awareness, promote safety and foster greater appreciation of both INDOT and the school's art program.

Paint the Plow is open to all middle schools, high schools and career-technical schools across the state. Only students who are currently enrolled in the applicant school may participate in the creation, execution and completion of the art project.

For more information or questions about the Paint the Plow campaign, contact Nichole Thomas at 260-969-8219 or at [nhachathomas@indot.in.gov](mailto:nhachathomas@indot.in.gov).

## P.E.N. TO HOST OFF THE CLOCK

Paulding, OH: Last month the Paulding County Commissioners hosted a great Off the Clock at the Paulding County Courthouse. This month the Chamber's Off the Clock event will be hosted by the Paulding Entrepreneur Network (P.E.N.).

Off the Clock is an event that allows all Chamber members and anyone in the community to gather together to build relationships, network, have fun, and learn a little about the business or organization hosting. Made up of 14 different businesses, the members of P.E.N. offer a variety of services. The businesses/organizations that make up P.E.N. are American Cancer Society, Amerimade Realty, Bashore Reineck Stoller and Waterman, INC accountants, Cook Burkard Gorrell Attorneys at Law, Diehl Cleaning Solutions, First Federal Bank, FSC Securities, Fun Factory Promotional Products, The Gardens of Paulding, Natural Design and Graphics, Office Partners, Paulding Hospital Foundation, Rayle Com Communications, LC, Schlatter's Plumbing Heating Air Conditioning, Stahl Stoller Meyer Insurance, and the Paulding Chamber of Commerce.

Go spend an hour off the clock with this group of dedicated, enthusiastic, and fun bunch on Thursday March 1st from 4:30-6:00 pm at the Paulding Eagles. This Off the Clock is a terrific opportunity to make connections, learn about some of the businesses and organizations in the area, and most importantly have

# ANTWERP HS PRESENTS GREASE THE MUSICAL



Pictured here with the ensemble are junior Ashton Barnhouse as Dannie and senior Kortney Smith as Sandy.

Antwerp Local School is proud to announce that Grease will soon take the stage. Show times are March 9 & 10 at 7 p.m. and March 11 at 2 p.m. Tickets are now on sale in the high school office.

some fun after you punch the time card. See you there!

## SECRETARY PERDUE APPLAUDS TRUMP INFRASTRUCTURE AGENDA, BENEFITS TO RURAL AMERICA

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue praised the infrastructure agenda laid out by President Donald J. Trump, specifically its emphasis on investment in rural America. The plan calls for 25 percent of new federal funds to be dedicated to rural infrastructure needs, as prioritized by state and local leaders.

Perdue issued the following statement:

"President Trump has made it a priority to rebuild our infrastructure since the day he took office and he has followed through on that commitment. No area of the country needs investment in infrastructure more than rural America. With a quarter of the new federal money heading to rural parts of the country, states will have the ability to expand broadband access, increase connectivity, rebuild roads, and supply affordable utilities. Importantly, states will have the flexibility to choose which

projects will best meet their unique needs.

"Our Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity, which President Trump created on my first day as secretary of agriculture, identified infrastructure - and specifically access to high-speed Internet - as a key area where rural America must improve. In my travels across the country, I have heard from the people in the Heartland, and the overwhelming view is that this is just the type of investment they are looking for to help create jobs, improve education, improve the quality of life, and increase overall prosperity. Once again, by his words and deeds, President Trump is proving that he has rural America close to his heart."

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### Antwerp Conservation Club

**SCHEDULE AND EVENT CHANGES**

- **Mar 4th** - Still Shoot - Registration opens at 11, First group at noon.
- **Mar 8th** - Club Meeting - Doors open at 6:45pm, Starts at 7pm
- **Mar 17th** - Any Rifle Any Sight - Registration opens at 10am, First group at 11am

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# PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF DD ADVOCACY GROUP MEETING



Pictured are L to R: Anna Rickels, Krystal Albright and Rebecca LaBounty.

The Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities Self Advocacy Group met on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. They discussed naming the group and were able to come up with a few ideas, but decided to table to vote until more members were present. The book Stone Soup was shared and the group discussed what they felt the

book was talking about. Putting what they discussed into action, they made their own 'Stone Soup' by bringing in vegetables to be added to the pot. The soup was then donated to the Defiance College Social Work Organization's 18th annual Empty Bowls that was held on February 15th at the Knights of Columbus in Defiance.

## PARSON TO PERSON

**By: Dr. James Bachman**  
*Dear Parson,*  
A dear member of our family has taken his own life. We are devastated and could use help in coping with this.

I'm sorry! Let me make five suggestions.  
**First - Accept it.**  
The reality of it will not go away. You cannot spend all your time trying to understand the "whys" and what all caused it to come about. It is like trying to put a puzzle together that has eighty missing pieces. Only God has the missing pieces.

**Second - Depend on God's help.**

You can't successfully get through this traumatic experience alone. God's grace is like a huge sponge. The more you lean on it, the more grace comes out. Try these Scripture passages: (Hebrews 4:15-16) - "For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." (I Peter 5:7) - "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

**Third - Seek and accept forgiveness from God.**

• For your personal regrets and shortcomings (I

John 1:9) "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

• For forgiveness from you toward your departed loved one who deeply hurt you by their selfish act. (Ephesians 4:32) - "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

**Fourth - Give thanks for the good memories.**

The only thing many people focus on in this situation is their loved one's final act. List and revisit all the pleasant and good memories of your departed loved one. (Philippians 4:8) - "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

**Fifth - Substitute**

Help fulfill the good part of your departed loved one's unfinished calling, and do some beneficial things in their memory. (Galatians 6:10) - "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

## BIBLE STUDY

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

**Prophecy fulfilled: Matthew 21:12-17. Prophecy verses Matthew 21:15-16.**

1. When Jesus came into Jerusalem where did He go?
2. Who did Jesus drive out of the temple?
3. What did Jesus do to the tables and seats of the money changers, or those who sold doves?
4. What did Jesus say His house should be called?
5. What did Jesus say, they had made His house into?
6. Who came to Jesus in the temple?
7. What did Jesus do for these people?
8. Were the chief priests and scribes pleased with what Jesus was doing?
9. How did Jesus answer the priest and scribes?

**Prophecy foretold Psalms 8:1-9 Prophecy is in verse 2.**

1. How is God's name in all the earth?
2. What did God set above the heavens?
3. What does the word ordained mean in this verse? (O.T. Strong's 3245).
4. Is God mindful of human kind?

**Answers to New Testament Questions:**

1. Into the temple; 2. Those who bought and sold; 3. Overturned them; 4. A house of prayer; 5. A den of thieves; 6. The blind and lame; 7. Jesus healed them; 8. No; 9. Verse 16;

**Answers to Old Testament questions:**

1. Excellent (Majestic); 2. His glory; 3. Established; 4. Yes;

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

## ADOPTION STORIES DISCUSSED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

Difficult adoption decisions and the search for birth parents will be discussed at Lifetree Café on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The program, titled "Finding the Family I Never Knew," features filmed interviews with two women, one who searched for and connected with her birth mother and one who, after 35 years, still searches for the child she placed for adoption.

"I made the decision that there were people out there who could really love this child," says the mother who placed her child for adoption. "I did it so that he could have an amazing childhood because he deserved it."

During the program, Lifetree participants will have the opportunity to discuss their own personal connections to adoption.

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 March 7 - "You've Got A Problem. Your one hour guide to making better decisions."

## TREE PLANTING WORKSHOP @ DEFIANCE SWCD

Defiance Soil and Water Conservation District will be holding a Tree Planting Workshop on Monday, March 5th from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Defiance SWCD, 6879 Evansport Road, Defiance, Ohio. Learn the proper way to plant tree seedlings to increase survival with John Mueller, Ohio Department of Natural Resources Service Forester. Free, register by March 2nd by calling 419-782-1794.

## ONE KILLED IN SINGLE VEHICLE CRASH ON HILLVILLE ROAD

Monroe Township - The Lima Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a single vehicle fatal crash which occurred on Hillville Road, east of State Route 65 in Allen County.

On February 21, 2018, at approximately 3:32 A.M., troopers responded to the scene. A 2009 Mercury Mariner Sport Utility Vehicle, operated by Jill A. Perham, age 61, of Columbus Grove, Ohio was traveling west bound on Hillville Road and traveled off of the left side of the road. The vehicle continued through the ditch, struck a utility pole and traveled over the rail road tracks. The vehicle came to final rest in a ditch.

Mrs. Perham was pronounced dead at the scene by Allen County Coroner's Assistant Jamie Sizemore. She was transported to Mercy Health. The front seat passenger, Steven Perham, age 60, of Columbus Grove, Ohio was transported to Mercy Health with non-life threatening injuries.

Alcohol involvement and seatbelt usage are unknown at this time.

The Lima Post was assisted by the Cairo-Monroe Fire and EMS, Blake's Towing and the Allen County Coroner's Office.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol reminds motorists to never drive impaired or distracted, wear a properly adjusted seatbelt, and take road conditions into account when traveling during adverse weather conditions.

## DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MEET

The National Society MARY PENROSE WAYNE CHAPTER DAR (Fort Wayne, Ind.) met Sat. February 10, 2018 at the History Center in Ft. Wayne.

The meeting was opened by Regent - Mrs. Barbara Sheets Harris. She welcomed all members and guests. The DAR opening Ritual included the Pledge of Alliance to the Flag of the USA, The American's Creed and the singing of The National Anthem.

The Speaker was Cynthia Theis who showed a movie on "The Lesser Known First Ladies." One was Caroline Scott Harrison, the first President General of the National Society of the DAR. She also gave a slide presentation on Caroline Scott Harrison and the history of the DAR.

Two new members were installed by Benita Steyer: Deborah Eidson - Rev. Patriot was William Voiles from Mecklenburg Co. N. C. (Soldier for N.C.); Joan Woerner Vargo - Rev. Patriot was Thomas Hutchcraft from

Frederick Co. Md. (Pvt. & Drummer).

The Executive Board meeting is Feb. 28 at 5:00 p.m. At the Bus./Tech room. March is "Women in American History Month". March 10, Saturday, at 1:00 p.m. Is the regular chapter meeting at the Allen Co. Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Ft. Wayne. The program will be: "Master Gardner - Native Plants and attracting pollinators. Hostesses: Phyllis Robb, Lynn Gerig.

"DAR Library Day" is the first Wed. of the month in the Genealogy Department. Please contact the Chapter Registrar if you have any questions. (At this time you may get assistance with applications). Registrar: Benita Steyer 260-436-8816.

Note: If you are a direct descendant of a Revolutionary Patriot or someone who helped with the American Revolutionary cause, and you can prove it, you may be able to join this historical, patriotic and educational organization.

Personal Note: This chapter is continually increasing its membership each month because of its interest in good interesting, historical programming; interest in helping prospective newmembership with their App. papers; and their leadership taking a personal, friendly attitude toward each member. I am glad to be a member of Mary Penrose Wayne Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution. Member - Caroline Longardner Zimmerman.

Respectfully Submitted by: Caroline Longardner Zimmerman, Public Relations

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Nelson Richard Hurley was born February 24, 2018 to Andrew Hurley and Tommi Stahl. He weighed 8 lbs 10.2 oz and was 21.5 inches long.

Grandparents are: Richard Hurley, Angie Shaw, Yvonne Lilly and Tom Stahl.

Great grandparents are: Ramona Slabie, Tomore Rhoden Copps, Roger Rhoden, Theda Hurley and Patrick Hurley.

## INDOT TACKLES POTHOLE AFTER DEALING WITH EXTREME TEMPERATURES

The extreme fluctuation of temperatures dipping above and below freezing the past few weeks has created prime conditions for potholes on Indiana interstates, U.S. routes and state highways.

To deal with potholes in the most aggressive and efficient manner, the Indiana Department of Transportation will be allowing crews through the state to close travel lanes where necessary during daytime hours, including during peak travel times for priority repairs.

Where possible, crews

will limit their daytime work hours and try to avoid working in travel lanes during peak times. However, motorists might encounter maintenance crews making priority repairs any time, day or night.

How a pothole forms  
Cracks develop in pavement from aging, traffic wear and winter freeze-thaw cycles. Potholes begin when water seeps into these cracks and freezes, expanding the layers of pavement, stone and soil. As the ice melts and contracts, heavy highway traffic further loosens the pavement, forming potholes. To learn more, view this video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UkGF4JCT3Fg>

Preventing potholes  
When the Indiana Department of Transportation is not clearing snow, ice or storm debris, its crews are focused on maintaining and protecting the state's roads and bridges. Sealing and repaving projects prevent water from seeping into the pavement and forming potholes.

In 2017, INDOT crews crack sealed more than 1,400 lane miles and chip sealed more than 500 lane miles of pavement to prevent the forming of potholes. Pothole patches  
With temperatures too low for paving, most of Indiana's hot-mix asphalt plants are now closed. During the winter INDOT uses cold mix, a mixture of small stone and liquid asphalt, as a temporary patch.

Even after being filled with cold patch, the same pothole requires ongoing maintenance and can reopen several times throughout the winter. When the asphalt plants reopen in the spring, INDOT maintenance crews clean out and then repair potholes with hot mix, providing a smoother, more permanent fix.

INDOT urges motorists to slow down and stay alert when encountering pothole-patching crews.

Report potholes  
To report a pothole on a numbered state route, interstate or U.S. highway, contact your regional INDOT district or follow the "Report a Concern" link at [potholes.indot.in.gov](http://potholes.indot.in.gov) or on the INDOT mobile app.

For potholes on city streets or county roads, please contact the proper city or county maintenance department.

Stay Informed  
Motorists can learn about highway work zones and other traffic alerts at [indot.carsprogram.org](http://indot.carsprogram.org), 1-800-261-ROAD (7623) or 511 from a mobile phone.

Subscribe to receive text and email alerts about INDOT projects at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/INDOT/subscriber/new>. Find links to INDOT's Facebook and Twitter pages at [www.in.gov/indot/3074.htm](http://www.in.gov/indot/3074.htm).



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# QUICK START PROPELS CAVALIERS PAST PANTHERS



Paulding's Briana Townley got things rolling after the team only scored 3 points in the quarter. More pictures at westbendnews.net

VAN WERT - Coldwater jumped out to a 17-2 lead after 1 quarter and the Lady Cavaliers never looked back in coasting to a 56-33 win over Paulding in Division III girls sectional basketball action at Lincolnview High School Wednesday night.

The Cavaliers scored the first 12 points of the contest before posting the 17-2 advantage after 1 quarter.

Paulding did make things interesting in the second quarter, trimming the deficit to 29-16 late in the first half before Coldwater pushed the margin to 32-16 at the break.

The Lady Cavaliers then took a 41-23 lead at the end of 3 periods.

With the result already known, the Panthers did have a late game highlight when senior guard Audrey Manz hit her 42nd three-point field goal with 18 seconds left in

the contest.

That shot tied the school record and pulled Manz even with Paulding graduate Sierra McCullough for 3-point field goals made in a season.

Manz topped the Paulding efforts with 10 points while also adding 5 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 steal in her final game.

Cassidy Posey, another senior on the roster, wrapped up her career with 6 points, 4 rebounds and an assist. The last senior, forward Kaylen Hale, chipped in 4 points while adding 2 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 steal.

Briana Townley recorded 5 points and picked up 6 rebounds for Paulding while Sydney McCullough chipped in 5 points, 2 rebounds and a steal.

Paulding closed its season with a record of 7-16.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

When you think of a tragedy like the school shooting that just happened in Parkland, Florida, and even others that have happened before, it's really hard to comprehend or even process such real life horror. Even more difficult to comprehend is the shock and pain felt by the families, friends, schoolmates and community of the victims.

We ask questions like, "How could such a heinous act be conceived and carried out by any person, and how

can we prevent it from ever happening again?"

Immediately after such an event we are bombarded by our politicians, our media, our celebrities and even our churches, each with their version of what went wrong and what we need to do now to fix it. We know that, at times like this, emotions run high and we become desperate to find answers.

I was recently told by a friend that there is now a mass killing in our country every day. Even more recently, I heard on the TV news that there have been 18 school shootings already this year. These are stunning numbers, if they are true. Fortunately, most of know that they are not true, but for the sake of this discussion, let's suppose that they are.

Rather than talking endlessly about guns, or knives, or box trucks, or whatever is the latest weapon of choice, shouldn't we be asking why, ruling out terrorism and political motives, so many hundreds of people would conclude that committing a mass murder, especially in a school, might be the solution to all, or any, of their problems?

I don't claim to have the answer to that question, but I do have another question. It's one that I've pondered for some time. Perhaps you have as well.

When we declare to be evil, and launch venomous attacks against every person who holds an opinion that differs from ours...

When we teach half the population of the country to be ashamed of who they are, what they are and where they live...

When we celebrate and glorify violence if our cause is politically desirable and present it as a possible solution to every problem...

When we promote and encourage disdain for authority, and treat as enemies the police and others who are there to serve and maintain a civil society...

When our political leaders corrupt the very institutions that were created to protect us from their tyranny and thirst for power...

When we systematically destroy every time tested and true institution of morality and social order...

When we destroy the family structure that a civil society is built upon and that provides the personal support and guidance that a growing child needs to develop into a loving, caring and clear-thinking adult...

When we teach children that they are merely an accident of random genetic mutations, that they are nothing more than a slightly advanced monkey, that their life has no purpose, meaning or intrinsic

# ARCHERS COME UP SHORT TO BLACKBIRDS



Antwerp's Alyvia Devore picks up a loose ball in the fourth quarter and runs with it back to the Archer side of the court! More pictures at westbendnews.net

DEFIANCE - Pettisville limited Antwerp to 7 total field goals and kept the Archers from getting into any type of offensive rhythm as the Blackbirds posted a 32-17 victory in Division IV girls sectional basketball action at Defiance High School Saturday afternoon.

The Blackbirds opened an 8-6 advantage after 8 minutes of action before Pettisville scored 4 of the 5 second quarter points to push the margin to 12-7 at the intermission.

Quarter #3 saw the Blackbirds take control, though, as Pettisville picked up 17 points compared to 5 for the Archers

in grabbing a 29-12 lead at the end of 3 quarters.

Heather Oberlin paced the Lady Archer efforts with 9 points while Karsyn Brummett added a 3-pointer for Antwerp, which wraps up the season at 15-9.

Hope Smith and Chelsea Johanns each picked up a basket and Rachel Williamson had 1.

Morgan Leppelmeier and Elizabeth Beck both had 9 points to lead the Blackbirds. Kendal Pursel and Sami Tilley each posted 4 markers while Mikayla Graber, Nichole Foor and Brandi Schnitkey picked up 2 points apiece

for Pettisville, which moves to 13-10 on the year.

The Blackbirds now face another Paulding County squad as Pettisville plays Green Meadows Conference champion Wayne Trace Thursday at 6:15 p.m. at Archbold High School.

Five girls donned the Archer uniform for the final time on Saturday.

Kortney Smith, Amanda Roberts, Hope Smith, Ashley Miller and Sabrina Thomas-Vankirk all saw their girls basketball careers end in a Lady Archer uniform.

value and that all values and truth are personal and subjective...

When we label childhood a 'disorder' and treat many of our students with mind altering drugs known to cause psychotic behavior...

When we saturate the lives of children with violence through every media outlet every day...

When we murder 58 million babies in 44 years (1973 to present) indicating clearly what value your society places on life...

When we look at someone who is struggling emotionally and label them weird or odd, and push away or avoid rather than engage them, thus increasing their isolation, despair and violent proclivities...

And when we go to the scene of a terrible tragedy and begin poking microphones into the faces of those suffering the most so that we can set in front of our TVs and watch them cry...

When we do all these things, what exactly do we expect to get?

Make no mistake, the people in Parkland absolutely deserve our sympathy, compassion and prayers. But still I wonder, who is crying for the young man who fell into such

despair that he could commit such a terrible and heinous act, or others like him that we simply don't know of because they haven't snapped yet?

We have heard many on TV already calling him a "monster", some even to his face. I wonder who has put their arms around him, prayed with him and offered him love and compassion. Of course there is a price to be paid for what he has done, but is he not still a child of God, created in His image and deserving of restoration and the forgiveness that Jesus Christ sought for all of us by His sacrifice?

In moments like this it's easy to blame an inanimate object, or a "monster" for tragedies such as this - much easier than to blame ourselves, don't you think?

- Rick Hullinger  
Harlan, IN

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canal boats, locks and scenes from the Miami-Erie Canal era.

"We have placed the prints under glass in the local history south wing of the main library," shared Susan Pieper, Library Director. "The public is invited to view these prints during open hours." Mr. Searing shared that the Ohio Canal Society is a great organization to join if you are interested in the canal system that was utilized throughout Ohio in the 19th century.

The exhibit is open for viewing during regular business hours of Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For more information about the library call 419-399-2032 or visit the library's website at www.pauldingcountylibrary.org.

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**GUN CONTROL WON'T WORK**

By: Stan Jordan

After trying for years, gun control hasn't worked and it won't and never will and now it's too late. We all know that, so let's try something else with our schools. Our schools should be as safe and trust worthy as our kitchen. They used to be and still can be.

Let's start at the bottom and work our way up the ladder. There is no easy answer to the school situation, so if you can, look at my idea from the side, that something has to be done.

How about each student starting in 6th grade, must see the school psychiatrist and get a psychiatric review for record and keep it on file and updated each year. If his record goes to the next teacher, maybe that would give her a leg up as to whether he is a problem or not or could be and if a later teacher sees him do, act or say something the teacher could inform her superiors.

Yes, I know lots of people won't like this idea, but something has to be done. Do you have an easy answer?

Yes, I know, but what happened to trust, respect and pride?

See ya!

**THE FORT WAYNE MAUMEE RIVER PROJECT**

By: Stan Jordan

Those people up in Fort Wayne have never called me and asked me about my ideas on the Maumee River Run or project, but that is understandable as they don't call me on anything else either.

But I am in favor of that project and I'm glad to see it get started. It can be made into a beautiful scenery trip, but also so many other uses.

I don't want to scare anybody, but that 22 million cost, might be a little low, but let's get started, there is a lot of work and ideas to get down.

First off, a lot of the visitors will be older people who have retired but can still get around. They can come

during the week, but your younger folk can come on the weekends.

So what they will need is a parking area with an easy access down to the water's edge and up to the parking lot again. Now, I mean like a moving sidewalk or escalator, no more walking than necessary. The older people will be the best users of all the concession stands.

I'm glad to see the city start to use the gift that nature left them. There is hardly an end to all that can be put to use there in the area called the River Greenway.

That's the same as here in Antwerp. I'm really glad to see people use canoes, kayaks and rafts on the river. It is there for you to use. The things that can be held there are endless. They have to find a way that people can get around easily.

Fort Wayne always has a lot of celebrations and some of them could be held on the water front. All kinds of water sports. They will have to have someone look into activities to use the place, some family oriented.

Oh yes, like a McDonald's right down by the water. You can sit in your boat or raft and have lunch or you can enjoy your burger as you float along. I tell you, the fun things are endless.

See ya!

**COP KILLER**

By: Stan Jordan

I was called on the carpet by the boss the other day about the story where a man in Westerville, Ohio shot and killed two policemen who were answering a call by a lady who said her little daughter was in the house with a man with a gun.

The boss said, "We don't publish bad news like that very often" and he is right, but I am upset about this deal. I will tell you what I mean and let it go at that.

In the old west in about 1870, if a fellow killed two people and witnesses seen it or the perpetrator admitted it and the police had the gun and shells, that killer would not see the sun go down.

But the way the law drags everything out, those policemen are dead, but that killer will still be alive for 20 years yet and all of that at taxpayers' expense.

You see, he will go to trial, the state will find him a lawyer, the prosecutor will ask for the death sentence and after a long drawn out trial, he probably will be found guilty and

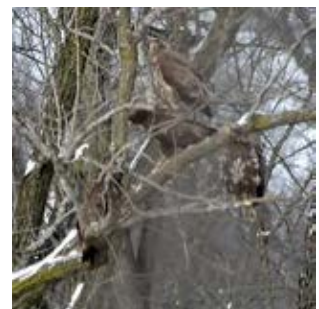
sentenced to die.

But they can't kill him yet, the law, in that case, says that man can ask for another trial or other things, just to take a lot of time. A good criminal lawyer can have a trial like this last another 10 years.

So the tax payers have to keep this meatball for the next 20 years.

On Monday, the police gave out some of the details of the killings. It seems that the officers were aloud to enter the house and then were killed, but each policeman was able to put a round into the killer, but both of them succumbed a little later.

Red Tape! Years of it! See ya!



**AT POWER DAM**

By: Stan Jordan

The picture above show five juvenile bald eagles in the area of Power Dam at Defiance. The eagles have had a nest in that area for years.

This fine picture was given to us by Roger Lily, who has been taking some shots for over 10 years. The picture was taken February 9th, 2018 at Power Dam, the water doesn't freeze here, too much action of the water. If you look close you can count five eagles in the trees.

That brings up a couple of questions. Did a pair of adults have 3 little ones, or did a pair only have 1 little one and another pair have 2.

I like to sit here and mull this over. I think that some of these young adults would be "cousins" and they get along pretty good, until one of them gets a fish, then I think nature takes over and they all want the fish.

Here of late, we hear more of these young and the adults out in a field on a road kill and they all get along. I would like to read more on the young years, until they get the white head feathers.

See ya!



**TO BUY A NEW SHOT GUN**

By: Stan Jordan

Bill Jackson was a nice old guy, who retired off the Minnesota Highway Department. He mowed in the summer and plowed in the winter. Everybody liked him, because he was an all around good fellow.

Bill went to the local gun shop to see about a new shot gun. The man asked Bill for his driver license, his I.D. and

maybe a picture or two. Well, Bill came unglued. He said, "Hell man, I'm your neighbor for years! You know me." "Yes, of course I do, but with these new regulations, I must ask you all of this. Do you have any firearms?" "Yes, I've got an old long barreled 12 gauge, but I want a new one and I'm going to get me one." The salesman said, "This will take a few days, I will call you when I find out."

Bill mumbled his thanks and mumbling out the door, something about he was in 'Nam a couple of years and this salesman wasn't even born yet!

There was another old Sun Downer sitting at the counter and he seemed to know both of these guys and he said, "Now I don't know, but I've heard that Bill and his neighbor, Sam Smith, are having a little rubarb over Sam's old rooster." Sam's rooster is very old and slow, he doesn't crow until 6:12 a.m. and everybody should be up by then, that's what Sam says.

Well, the salesman took all this in, gave a long and two shorts on the 76 line and told all this stuff to the sheriff.

The sheriff came and got the whole story straight and went down to Bill Jackson's house and knocked on the door.

Bill met him at the door and the sheriff said, "Bill, I understand you want to buy a new shot gun." and Bill said, "Oh my! Please talk lowly and let's go out to the barn. I don't want to have my wife hear this."

The wife hollered from the kitchen and asked, "What does the sheriff want?" Bill shoved the sheriff out the door and told his wife, "The sheriff wants to see my arrowhead collection."

The sheriff didn't want to ask Bill too much, too quickly, but he finally got around and asked why he wanted a new 12 gauge. Bill said, "My nephew, Bobby Cross, has a wood shed and a female fox has three little cubs under that shed. Then a little ways away, Bobby has 13 laying hens and I'm going to get rid of those foxes come fall."

Bill's wife had been outside and she heard all that went on and the fact that Bill was getting a new 12 gauge. She came inside and pushed the sheriff aside and got all over Bill. "You snake in the grass! You wouldn't let me give money to the United Baptist Church for a new window, but you will pay more money for a shot gun you don't need?!"

The sheriff knew that lots of shootings come from domestic quarrels, and he was gone.

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**HOLTSBERRY ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR RE-ELECTION**



Announcing his re-election campaign for the 2018 Paulding County Commissioner election, Mark Holtsberry is continuing to uphold his duties, steadfast support and commitment to the people of Paulding County. Since being elected Commissioner three and a half years ago, Mr. Holtsberry has been committed to strengthening and protecting the culture and heritage of Paulding County. Examples of such efforts include his work as Chairman of the Family and Children First Board, Vice Chairman of the Senior Center Steering Committee, Vice Chairman and member of the executive committee of the Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission, and his work in the Area Office of Aging, as well as his own personal point of pride; the publication of his book Paulding County in the Great War. While conducting research for his book, his efforts gave way to the completion of the Paulding County Veterans Roll of Honor and he personally undertakes the job of ensuring that numerous Veterans with plots left unmarked now have a tombstone.

Mr. Holtsberry's work as Paulding County Commissioner has allowed him to pursue his goal of prosperity for citizens of all ages and ways of life. During his time in office, his commitment to the community has aided in the investment of money back into the Children's Home, support of funding for educational programs including Head Start; a federally funded program which promotes school readiness in children, support grant funding for implementing heating and cooling programs for low-income citizens, and endorsing a variety of senior programs including Meals on Wheels and senior home repairs.

From an economic standpoint, the Paulding County

Commissioners office works closely with Job and Family Services, Economic Development, O.S.U. Extension for the opportunity of providing job training to members of the community, and maintains a close relationship with local schools and businesses to support the current and future growth of the county's economy.

Mr. Holtsberry has been successful with applying for and receiving extra federal funding for numerous implemented programs. He continues to be the voice for the county citizens with the boards he serves on. A Christian with strong Constitutional values, he vows to keep putting the citizens of Paulding County first, to support county agencies to function at the highest level, while conducting himself to be a representative of Paulding County.

In conclusion, Mark Holtsberry has more than demonstrated his office's achievements these past four years as a County Commissioner, and is worthy of your consideration for the upcoming 2018 re-election. Experienced-Knowledgeable-Integrity. Mark Holtsberry.

**CUFFS & COLLARS**

**Field reports from ODNR Division of Wildlife Officers**

**Central Ohio - Wildlife District One**

While reviewing reporting information in the deer harvest database, State Wildlife Officer Tony Zerkle, assigned to Fairfield County, looked for errors and discrepancies that could potentially be violations. The most common issue Officer Zerkle encountered was individuals checking in their deer after noon the day following the harvest. Officer Zerkle contacted many of these hunters, and the majority of the hunters claimed they were unaware of the noon cutoff time. Officer Zerkle explained that this requirement is printed in the annual Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations. In most cases, the individuals were warned and a notation made in their customer account.

During the 2017-18 deer muzzle loader season, State Wildlife Officer Josh Shields, assigned to Union County, was on patrol when he received a phone call from an off-duty officer traveling on U.S. Route 33. The off duty officer observed two hunters not wearing hunter orange, hop a fence along the highway. Offi-

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cer Shields drove to the location, spotted a vehicle parked off the highway, and followed footprints in the snow until he located a bow hunter in a tree stand. The hunter was not wearing hunter orange and was hunting alone with an apprentice hunting license. The hunter contacted his partner who arrived at the location shortly thereafter. The second hunter had also failed to wear hunter orange. The hunters said they knew they were required to wear hunter orange, but that their orange vests had not been washed with scent neutralizing soap, so they left them in the truck. Officer Shields issued both men citations for failing to wear hunter orange during the deer muzzleloader season. The two hunters retrieved their orange vests from the truck and finished their hunt. Both men were found guilty in the Marysville Municipal Court and each paid \$160 in fines and court costs.

**Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two**

During the 2017 gun weekend, State Wildlife Officer Matt Smith, assigned to Defiance County, was patrolling near the Defiance and Paulding county line when he noticed several deer running toward the roadway. Officer Smith watched the deer with his binoculars, and witnessed a pick-up truck run a stop sign and race toward the deer. The driver of the truck then stopped in the roadway and began to drive in reverse, in an attempt to stop the deer from crossing the road. This caused two other vehicles to break and swerve into the other lane. Officer Smith raced toward the suspect's truck and initiated a traffic stop. The suspect admitted that he was trying to push the deer toward a friend. The man was issued a summons for hunting with the aid of a motor vehicle.

**Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three**

During the deer archery season, State Wildlife Officer Craig Porter, assigned to Jefferson County, received a complaint from a concerned resident stating that he heard a gunshot the previous evening and believed someone may have killed a deer. Officer Porter went to the location and observed a deer hanging in a tree behind a nearby residence. Officer Porter contacted the tenant of the property and conducted a brief interview. Through the course of the interview, it was revealed that the suspect had spotted the button buck in his yard and used his 12-gauge shotgun to shoot the animal. In addition to killing the deer before gun season, the suspect did not have a valid hunting license or deer permit. The individual also failed to game check the deer. The man was issued two summonses and the deer and shotgun were seized as evidence. The suspect appeared in court, was convicted, and paid \$350 in fines and court

costs. He was also ordered to attend a hunter education course. All evidence seized was forfeited to the ODNR Division of Wildlife.

While working litter enforcement along the Lake Erie shoreline, State Wildlife Officer Randy White, assigned to Lorain County, observed two men sitting on a break wall drinking beer. After finishing their beverages, the men disposed of their cans between the rocks. Officer White contacted them as they left to issue both men summonses for litter, but subsequently discovered that they had active warrants for their arrests. Both men were arrested, issued summonses for litter, and transported to jail. The men were later convicted in court and each paid over \$300 in fines and costs.

**Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four**

While working enforcement during deer gun season, State Wildlife Investigator Travis Abele and State Wildlife Officer Mark Basinger, assigned to Athens County, met with a couple checking traps on a 4-wheeler. The female was carrying an unloaded shotgun and wearing hunter orange on her way to hunt deer. The officers found them using a trap that is too big to be set legally in Ohio. The female was also not carrying her deer permit. The couple had just left their parked truck, and the officers warned them about both violations. The female retrieved her deer permit from the truck, and the couple went back to checking traps and hunting legally.

During the 2016 deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Jared Abele received information about a deer being killed illegally on private property along Two Mile Road in Vinton County. The witness stated that she observed multiple deer feeding in a field beside her residence when she heard a gunshot. The witness went outside and observed a deer lying in the field and observed two men standing near a truck on the roadway. The witness took a picture of the truck and wrote down the license plate number. Once inside she heard another gunshot and observed the two individuals loading both deer into the truck. Officer Abele was able to connect the vehicle to an individual in northern Ohio. He contacted State Wildlife Officer Nathan West, assigned to Wyandot County, for assistance. Officer West interviewed the suspect and determined the suspect's brother had shot the deer. Officer West learned the shooter lived out-of-state and was able to conduct a phone interview with him. Both suspects were issued summonses for multiple violations. The suspects pleaded guilty to the charges and paid a total of \$1,354 in fines and court costs.

**Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five**

While on patrol one day, State Wildlife Officer Matt

Hunt, assigned to Greene County, checked for activity at Spring Valley Wildlife Area. Officer Hunt located a vehicle parked on the wildlife area, near a privately-owned quarry. The vehicle had fishing equipment inside, but the owner was nowhere to be found. Having had prior complaints from the quarry's owner about people fishing without permission, Officer Hunt entered the property where he quickly located a man fishing. When Officer Hunt contacted the fisherman, the man admitted that he did not have permission to fish in the quarry. One citation was issued for trespassing for the purpose of hunting or fishing.

**PAULDING SWCD TO HOST FREE GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP**

**By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist**

Do you need some help on finding the right funder or writing a winning proposal for your next grant application? Let the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District and the Ohio EPA lend you some assistance! The Ohio EPA Office of Environmental Education will be conducting a free interactive Grant Writing Workshop on Tuesday, April 24th from 9:30am to 3:30pm at the Black Swamp Nature Center located at 753 Fairground Drive in Paulding.

This workshop is for anyone who needs assistance with everything there is to know about writing a successful grant proposal or knowing what opportunities are available. Registrants are only responsible for their lunch on the day of the workshop. This workshop is sponsored by the Environmental Education Council of Ohio (EECO) Region 2, Paulding SWCD, and Ohio EPA, Office of Environmental Education.

The workshop will be split into two sessions; Grant Writing 101 Finding the Right Funder and Grant Writing 102 Writing a Winning Proposal. Grant Writing 101 is a half-day interactive session designed to give workshop participants the information they need to find the right funder for their projects. This section will give prospecting tips to help you identify the foundations, corporations, and government grant programs who could lend support to your next project or program. Participants will also learn the best ways to approach different types of grant funders and grab their attention.

In the second half of the day, Grant Writing 102 Writing a Winning Proposal will be the topic. This is also an interactive session which will give helpful tips that can help to avoid common mistakes found on grant applications and developing realistic and measurable goals and objectives. This session will also help those writing grants develop strong grant activities and budgets which are also crucial in a grant application.

This workshop will cover several grant opportunities that are available to applicants with the Ohio Environmental Education Fund being one funding source discussed. The Ohio Environmental Education Fund provides approximately \$500,000 annually in grants

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for environmental education projects targeting pre-school through university students and teachers, the adult general-public, and the regulated community.

As part of the workshop, participants will receive a booklet which contains detailed step by step notes on each on how to find the right funder, example grant applications to obtain ideas from, and how to write a winning grant application. This resource is very valuable to refer to when you are working on your next grant application.

If this sounds good to you or your company, then we want to see you! The workshop is free, but registration is required to Dennis Clement by e-mail to dennis.clement@epa.ohio.gov by April 20, 2018. No phone reservations will be taken and a reminder that lunch will be on your own. When registering by e-mail, please include your name and contact information that you can best be reached at.

Get your registration in and we hope to see you on April 24th at the Black Swamp Nature Center for this FREE grant workshop!

**AUDITOR OF STATE'S OFFICE AGAIN RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING**

The Auditor of State's office received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its 2017 fiscal year-end Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

Awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), the certificate is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

"We have a well-trained staff of professionals focused on providing taxpayers and local governments with the highest quality of work possible," Auditor Yost said. "They take pride in what they do, and for good reason. I'm incredibly proud to see their work being recognized by the GFOA with this prestigious award."

The office has been recognized each year for its work during Auditor Yost's two terms in office.

An impartial panel determined that the Auditor of State's CAFR meets the high standards of the GFOA's CAFR program, which include demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate

its financial story and motivate potential users to read the report.

The Auditor of State's 2017 fiscal year-end CAFR is available online.

**RAIDERS FALL IN CLOSE MATCH TO OTTOVILLE**

The Wayne Trace Raiders travelled on Friday, February 23 to the Ottoville gymnasium to compete in the final game of regular basketball 2017-18 season. The game ended with the Raiders being sent home with the loss. They have fallen short in 2 out of the last 3 matches. Overall their record is 17-5—still very good for the year, but will need to improve if the boys want to move very far in the tournament starting this week.

The game started well for the Big Green when they took an early lead with Logan Kemper leading the charge. The first period finished 9-15.

In the second, the Raiders returned the favor and took the lead by 2 points at the half 24-22. Nate Gerber and Josiah Linder were both vying for the top 3-point scoring position with Nate having 4 and Josiah 3.

In the third period, the Raiders increased their lead with the speed and points of Eli Sinn to a 5 point lead going into the fourth.

In the fourth period, Eli Sinn stumbled and took a foot/ankle injury that may take him out for the tournaments. Following the injury, the Raiders struggled to get back their mojo. The Trojans capitalized on the situation

and were able to hold back the Raiders in scoring. The game went to Ottoville in the last minutes with a 56-61 victory.

Score by Quarter:  
Wayne Trace - 9 15 20 12 = 56

Ottoville - 15 7 17 22 = 61

Scorers of the Game:  
Wayne Trace - Eli Sinn 11; Nate Gerber 18; Trae Sinn 3; Josiah Linder 13; Adam Stoller 2; Jake Kuhn 9

Ottoville - Ryan Bendelle 9; Logan Kember 14; Ryan Suever 9; Keagan Leis 2; Drew Fisher 1; Nick Moorman 7; Zane Martin 9; Josh Thorbahn 10

The Raiders start their tournament run March 2 at Paulding in the sectional final match against the winner of the Lincolnview/Continental match.

*(Continued from Page 1)*  
quest. Miriam Sinn also sunk 2 3-point baskets. Sadie Sinn had the top rebounds for the Raiders with 6.

The Raiders all celebrated when they took the victory, later each helping to cut down the net.

Score by quarter:  
Wayne Trace - 15 4 15 18 = 52  
North Central - 6 1 9 6 = 22

Scorers of the Game:  
Wayne Trace - Claire Sinn 18; Tiffany Sinn 2; Miriam Sinn 8; Sadie Sinn 6; Kaylee Shepherd 6; Gracie Gudakunst 4; Brooke Sinn 4; Chelsea Sinn 5.

North Central - Payton Taylor 2; Allyson Fenicle 2; Sidney McKarns 12; Kailey Siebeneck 2; Ashlyn Helms 2; Erin Ryan 2;

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# ARCHERS ROLL PAST CADETS IN TOURNNEY OPENER



Antwerp's Chelsea Johanns comes up under the basket to score for the Archers! More pictures at westbendnews.net

DEFIANCE - Antwerp pulled away from Hilltop in the final 3 quarters as the Lady Archers rolled to a 52-20 victory over the Cadets in Division IV girls sectional basketball action at Defiance High School Tuesday.

Neither team was able to grab a strong foothold in the first period. The Lady Archers led only 9-8 after one quarter but dominated the final 3 periods.

coasting to the 52-20 victory. Rachel Williamson bucketed 21 points for the Lady Archers with Hope Smith bucketing 13 and Chelsea Johanns posting 8.

Heather Oberlin (5), Ashley Miller (4) and Charity Roebel (1) rounded out the Archer scoring.

Morgan Nordern topped the Lady Cadets with 8 points and Morgyn Siegel chipped in 5.

Antwerp outscored the Cadets 19-4 in the second stanza to push the margin to 28-12 at the break.

The blue and white then extended the margin to 44-14 at the end of 3 periods before

Taryn Grant had 3 markers while Audrey Funkhouser and Emmi Ryan had a basket each for Hilltop.

More pictures at westbendnews.net

## 2018 WBL WRESTLING FINAL RESULTS

### 2017-18 WBL Wrestling Standings

Wayne Trace - 9.25; St. Mary's - 8.50; Ottawa-Glandorf - 7.50; Shawnee - 7.00; Defiance - 5.50; Van Wert - 5.00; Celina - 4.75; Bath - 3.25; Elida - 2.25; Kenton - 2.00.

### 2018 WBL Wrestling Tournament Final Results

108: 1st - Clayton Drummond MEMO, Pin 2:15, Killian Sudduth VWER; 3rd - Bryce Knapke WAPA, Pin 2:15, Gage Oakley CELI

115: 1st - Tristan Villarreal DEFI, Pin 3:37, Ethan Grimm ELID; 3rd - Nathan Wilson, CELI, Pin 2:25, Vincent Ruscio SHAW

122: 1st - Lupe Martinez DEFI, Dec. 6-2, Josh Dorsch VWER; 3rd - Mason Rhoades KENT, Dec. 16-11, Keaton Elling WAPA

128: 1st - Luke Beach WAPA, Dec. 10-6, Isaac Hernandez OGLA; 3rd - Parker Enoch MEMO, Dec. 8-4, Bailey Gibson ELID

134: 1st - Gabe Steyer VWER, Pin 3:43, Evan Ellerbrock OGLA; 3rd - Bradley Hicks WAPA, Dec. 4-2, Owen Burgess SHAW

140: 1st - Isaiah Bretz VWER, Pin 5:21, Preston Weichart MEMO; 3rd - Jacob Schlesselman WAPA, Dec. 7-5OT, Austin Matthews SHAW

147: 1st - Collin Mell BATH, MD 12-2, Brent Siefker OGLA; 3rd - Trent Fairburn SHAW, Dec. 7-4, Carter Bays KENT

154: 1st - Cain Bentz SHAW, Dec. 15-8, Koleman Brown WAPA; 3rd - Tommy Mabry MEMO, Dec. 7-0, Kobe Noirot OGLA

162: 1st - Grant Goecke OGLA, Dec. 11-4, Ethan Anderson SHAW; 3rd - Izaiah Diaz DEFI, Dec. 3-1, Malachi Battle VWER

172: 1st - Clay Adlesh

SHAW, Dec. 11-10, Noah Vogel MEMO; 3rd - Danny Rosales OGLA, Pin 2:04, Logan Muhlenkamp CELI

184: 1st - Daniel Beemer OGLA, T-Fall 23-8, Tyler Miller MEMO; 3rd - Trevor Spridgeon VWER, Default, Larence Slygh ELID

197: 1st - Zach Miller WAPA, Dec. 2-1OT, Noah Eikenbart KENT; 3rd - Fielden Deeds BATH, Dec. 6-1OT, Noah Arnett DEFI

222: 1st - Evan Kaeck WAPA, Pin 4:16, Jackson Meter DEFI; 3rd Austin Giesige MEMO, Pin 2:18, Lloyd Eutsler VWER

**Team Score**  
Wapakoneta - 146; Ottawa Glandorf - 122.5; Shawnee - 113.5; St. Mary's Memorial - 109; Van Wert - 106; Defiance - 86; Bath - 60; Kenton - 44; Elida - 43; Celina - 39

**2018 WBL CHAMPIONS**  
Wapakoneta  
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## FOUNTAIN CITY CHRISTIAN BOYS VARSITY TAKES TOUGH ROAD LOSS

The Fountain City Christian Flames boys varsity basketball team dropped to 7-16 on the year with a tough 51-60 loss at the Horizon Science Academy in Toledo. Roman Sutton led the Flames with 15 points and guards Noah Johnson and Daniel Cantu chipped in 7 each. For the Jaguars, Terrell Kizer led all scorers with 23.

In the junior high boys game, the Flames finished with a 38-28 win to finish 12-3 on the season.

## WOODLAN FOOTBALL TEAM HONORED FOR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION

The Woodlan Warriors football team was the state runner-up in the Class 2A state championship contest at Lucas Oil Stadium. The War-

riors faced Southridge hoping to clinch their first state title since 1981. The Warriors had a devastating 2 point loss in the final seconds of the contest. Though a heartbreaking loss, several players broke records and the team had grand accomplishments. Because of the team's hard work, the EACS Board recognized and honored them for their dedication and leadership. Team accomplishments include:

- 2 ACAC Championships
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- 2 Regional Championships
- 1 Semi-State Championship
- 1 State Runner-Up

## WOODLAN JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL POETRY WINNER RECOGNIZED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thomas Bemus, 11th grader at Woodlan Jr. Sr. High won the 11th grade level of the Allen County Library Poetry Contest. Thomas was recognized by the EACS Board and he also read his award winning poem to the board! Below is his winning poem:

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The work so contradictory. Seemed rather odd, for you or me.  
This poem I was now commanded to write.  
Its real, true purpose was of clearest sight.  
To take new creativity. And turn to derividity.  
The rules of rhymes only exist to abhor.  
It doesn't need structure to avoid such a bore.  
The power is in the words, true.  
So write what is truest to you.

By: Thomas Bemus

## FOUNTAIN CITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL ENDS SEASON WITH RUNNER-UP TROPHY

The Fountain City Christian School Flames boys varsity basketball team ended their season beating the Angola Warriors 68-60 and earning the runner-up trophy at the Harlan Hawks Invitational Tournament in Harlan, IN.

After a tough opening game loss to the host Hawks, 63-39, the Flames bounced back with a thrilling win over Angola. Guard Roman Sutton scored 28 points and had 20 rebounds with 7 steals to lead the FCCS Flames to victory. Teammate junior forward Devin Eppelmann had 14 points and 10 rebounds and senior center Ethan Blank, playing in his last game had 6 points and 11 boards. The Flames were 1-1 in the tournament to take the while the host Harlan Hawks won the championship trophy with a 2-0 record in the tournament, beating both the Flames and Warriors.

During the skills competition held between game 2 and 3, Flame senior guard Noah Johnson won both the 3-point shoot-out and free throw competition. In fact, the Flames claimed all the skill trophies with Drew Franklin earning the runner-up in the free throws and Devin Eppelmann claiming runner-up in the 3-point shoot-out. Those same athletes also claimed spots on the All-Tournament Team. The Flames end the 2017-2018 season at 8-17, but were able to claim a tournament championship and two runner-up trophies on the season.



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**PANTHERS WRAP UP REGULAR SEASON AT 11-11**

PAULDING - The Paulding boys basketball team wrapped up its regular season efforts over the weekend with a pair of victories over Edgerton and Spencerville.

On Thursday, the Panthers got past the visiting Bulldogs 65-60 with four players reaching double figures.

Fletcher Cook and Jaret Miller each scored 14 points for the maroon and white while Logan Bradford chipped in 13 and Ethan Rhonehouse bucketed 11.

Carson Shull added 9 for the maroon and white while Blake Dobbelaere posted 3 and Marcus Miller recorded a free throw.

The Panthers led at every stop, taking a 16-11 advantage after 1 quarter before holding a 33-25 halftime lead.

Paulding extended the margin to 49-38 at the end of 3 quarters.

Logan Showalter had 17 points to top the Bulldog efforts with Braydon Cape adding 16 markers.

Other scorers for the Williams County squad were Logan Sack (9), Clayton Flegal (9), Tyson Curry (7) and Greg Roth (2).

The following night, Paulding outscored the Bearcats 24-6 in the second half to pull away for a 57-36 victory.

Carson Shull and Ethan Rhonehouse each had a dozen points to lead the Panthers while Blake Dobbelaere chipped in 9 and Fletcher Cook added 8.

Marcus Miller (5), Jaret Miller (4) and Josh Trausch (2) rounded out the list of Panther scorers.

The Bearcats were led by Dalton Prichard with a dozen points and Ben Dues chipped in 8 markers.

Paulding will start its path on the tournament trail Tuesday night as the Panthers take on Bluffton at approximately 8:00 p.m. at Miller City High School.

**BREWER'S TREY GIVES ARCHERS WIN OVER DELTA**

DELTA - Luke Brewer hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to lift the Antwerp Archers to a 55-52 win at Delta Thursday night in non-league boys basketball action.

The Archers rallied from a 45-38 deficit at the end of 3 quarters to pick up the victory and conclude the regular season with a record of 13-9.

Brewer led the blue and white with 15 points, including a trio of 3-pointers, while Cole Seslar added 14 and Jayvin Landers chipped in 11.

Seslar also had 3 treys on the night with Landers hitting 2 and Jake Ryan picking up 1.

Blake Schuette posted 6 points for the blue and white with Ty Rebber picking up 4 and Ryan finishing with 3. Brayton Stuckey also had a basket for Antwerp.

Delta was by Brady Wymer with 28 points and Elliot Schneider chipped in 8 markers.

Seth Burres (5), Gabe Freeman (5), Bowen Green (4) and Jarod Kurfiss (2) were the other Delta scorers.

Antwerp led 14-13 at the end of 1 quarter and the Archers extended the lead to 36-30 at halftime.

However, the host Panthers rallied in quarter number 3 as they outscored Antwerp 15-2 to post a 45-38 lead entering the final period.

**BAUER CHAMP, WT ADVANCES 5 TO TROY**

Opening rounds of sectional tournaments were held this last weekend with the top 4 in each sectional taking one step closer to their dreams of wrestling at the Shottenstein Center in Columbus in 2 weeks. Competing in the LCC Sectional, Wayne Trace crowned 1 champion and 5 wrestlers total would take the next step.

At 138 pounds, Austin Smith, and 132#, Caleb Baughman, each wrestled their way to the district alternate match vying for a fifth place finish. Baughman fell short against Etcorn of Parkway and finished in sixth place. Smith captured a victory in the match against Spencerville's Bockey and was named the district alternate with his fifth place finish.

Freshman's Seth Meggison, 113#, and Eli Moore, 152#, both found themselves guaranteed a district trip when they were able to battle through each respective bracket and squared off in the match for third place. Meggison fell just a little short dropping a 4-3 decision to Bluffton's Kleman. Moore pushed through the match against Allen East's Hershberger capturing a decision 6-2 and finishing in third for sectionals.

Wayne Trace sent three wrestlers to the center mat for the championship match. 106-pounder freshman Gabe Sutton was the first to see action. Sutton came on a little too late in the match and dropped the tilt to Parkway's McKee 14-10.

The next match for a sectional title for the red, white, and blue was in the 126-pound weight class. Tyler Bauer wrestled a dominant tournament and did nothing short of that in his finals match. Ottawa Glandorf's Isaac Hernandez had no answer for Bauer's offense falling to him via pin at 3:32 mark of the second period.

Wayne Trace's only sectional champion, Bauer set himself up nicely in the district tournament at Troy next weekend.

The final Raider to square off on the day was Hunter Showalter at 170 pounds. Facing the number one seeded Danny Rosales from Ottawa Glandorf, Showalter gave Rosales more than he expected. Showalter surprised Rosales with a quick takedown and a throw for back points, but was unable to hold on to the win and fell by pin at 4:39 to be the sectional runner up.

"Overall, I thought everyone wrestled well. Sutton and Showalter lost to quality opponents in their finals match, but wrestled hard. Meggison and Moore are getting their first experience and didn't let that interfere with their wrestling. Bauer wrestled his way to a sectional title and kept our streak of having a sectional champion alive for six consecutive years. We won most of the matches we should have, had some upsets, and dropped some close matches, but that's wrestling," commented Coach Clemens.

District tournament action starts next Friday in Hobart Arena, Troy, Ohio. "Our district is very tough. Anything can happen at districts and we will hit the practice room to prepare for the next step in the journey. The brackets are posted and we are beginning to look at whom we will face when we arrive in Troy next weekend. Preparation is the key now," finished Clemens.

**ANTWERP HS WRESTLER MAKES HISTORY**



The Antwerp High School wrestling team recently competed in the sectional tournament at Archbold High School on February 23 & 24. Of the 3 Archer wrestlers competing, 2 of them managed a top 4 finish and therefore will move on to the district tournament at Defiance High School next weekend. Sophomore Randall Mills finished 2nd in the 113 pound weight class earning 1 pin and 1 decision. This marks the 2nd time in as many tries that Mills has qualified for the district tournament. Junior Aidan McAlexander (106 lbs) made history on Saturday by becoming the first

sectional champion in school history when he defeated state ranked Zach Mattin of Delta 5-0. McAlexander finished the tournament undefeated with 1 pin and 2 decisions. This also marks McAlexander's 2nd time in qualifying for the district tournament. If either wrestler finishes in the top 4 at Districts, then they will earn a spot at the state tournament on March 8-10 in Columbus. Congratulations to both Aidan and Randall for their hard work not just this weekend but for the entire season. We wish you the best of luck at districts. Good luck and GO ARCHERS!!

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# THIS WEEK AT KIWANIS



Paulding, OH: This week Kiwanis member Crystal Joyner introduced guest speaker Cindy Langenkamp, the Regional Director of Operations of the North for Vancrest Health Care Centers. Langenkamp introduced the most recent Vancrest development in Payne. The new assisted living and skilled living facility used to be Dallas Lamb. Vancrest has been in business for over 50 years and has 14 facilities, all of which serve rural communities.

The new facility in Payne will include a rehabilitation wing, and a rehab dining hall, assisted living quarters, a skilled nursing wing and dining, as well as a hair salon, bistro, therapy suite, and whirlpool spa. With the many additions made to the old building, the new building will be able to service more of

those in need and will allow diverse types of care. "Something unique about Vancrest is that our therapists go home with those who need their assistance. That way they are receiving at home treatment from a therapist that knows their progress," says Langenkamp. She showed Kiwanis members blue prints and progress made to the building due to open sometime around May. Vancrest of Payne will bring at least 75 new jobs to the area and accepts waivers. If a resident is unable to pay privately, they can still receive care through Medicaid assistance. Langenkamp beamed with excitement and passion for her job and helping others. She encourages everyone to attend an open house closer to the grand opening. Kiwanis meets next Thursday at noon as always.

## WARRIORS FALL TO JAY COUNTY, LEO

WOODBURN - Woodlan's boys basketball team will look to break a 3-game losing streak when it starts sectional play Tuesday night against Angola as the Warriors fell to Jay County and Leo in the final week of the regular season last week.

On February 20, the Warriors dropped a 62-32 decision to Jay County as the Patriots outscored Woodlan in all four quarters.

Jay County jumped in front 15-11 at the end of 8 minutes before extending the margin to 32-17 at the midway point.

The Patriots then pushed the margin to 50-25 entering the final quarter.

Aaron Hahn led the way

for Woodlan with 17 points and Aiden Bayman added 6. Lucas Bertsche (3), Ah'lan Howard (2), Mitch Mendenhall (2) and Ben Reidy (2) also found the scoring column for the Warriors.

Parker Grimes topped Jay County with 13 points and Ryan Schlechty posted 10.

In other action, Friday night saw Leo outlast Woodlan for a 75-69 victory over the Warriors.

Hahn bucketed a game high 30 points for the Warriors and Howard added 22 for Woodlan.

Reidy (6), Micah Robbins (5) and Mendenhall (4) rounded out the Warrior scorers.

Jeremy Davison and Lance Reed both scored 24 points to top the Lions while Luke Stoller pitched in 20.

Blake Davison (4), Jacob Cooahan (2) and Aaron Kimball (1) completed the list of Lion scorers.

Woodlan (9-13) will take on Angola (14-8) at New Haven in the opening round of sectional Tuesday.

## USDA SEEKS IDEAS TO HELP SNAP PARTICIPANTS BECOME INDEPENDENT

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that it is looking for innovative ideas to promote work and self-sufficiency among able-bodied adults participating in the department's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

The public is invited to provide input through a notice in the Federal Register. Comments can be submitted on the web through the Federal Register. USDA intends to use the input received to find improvements to SNAP policy and related services that can best assist SNAP participants return to self-sufficiency.

"Long-term dependency has never been part of the American dream," said U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue. "USDA's goal is to move individuals and families from SNAP back to the workforce as the best long-term solution to poverty. Everyone who receives SNAP deserves an opportunity to become self-sufficient and build a productive, independent life."

Federal law limits the amount of time an able-bodied adult without dependents (ABAWD) can receive SNAP benefits to three months in a 36-month period, unless the individual is working and/or participating in a work program half-time or more, or participating in workfare. The law exempts individuals from the time limit for several reasons, including age, unfitness for work, or having a dependent child. The law also provides state agencies with flexibility to request a waiver of this time limit if unemployment is high or the area does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment.

"Too many states have asked to waive work requirements, abdicating their responsibility to move participants to self-sufficiency. Past decisions may have been the easy short-term choice, but USDA policies must change if they contribute to a long-term failure for many SNAP participants and their families," Perdue said.

The President's Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Proposal, released on Feb. 12, proposes to limit waivers of the time limit for ABAWDs to counties with 10 percent unemployment over 12 months.

"The SNAP safety net must be there for those unable to work due to disability or another legitimate reason," Perdue said. "But for the able-bodied, we must reduce barriers to work, and hold both individuals and states accountable for participants getting and keeping jobs."

Starting tomorrow, the public is invited to submit comments or ideas on helping able-bodied SNAP participants find work and become self-sufficient through federalregister.gov. The comment period will be open through April 9, 2018.

USDA's Food and Nu-

trition Service administers 15 nutrition assistance programs. In addition to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, these programs include Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, the National School Lunch Program, and the Summer Food Service Program which together comprise America's nutrition safety net. For more information, visit [www.fns.usda.gov](http://www.fns.usda.gov).

## BULLDOGS PICK UP TRIO OF WINS

NEW HAVEN - The New Haven Bulldogs boys basketball team wrapped up a busy week with 3 victories in games against Leo, South Side and Canterbury.

The Bulldogs opened the week with a 73-70 overtime victory over Leo, outscoring the Lions 12-9 in the extra session.

New Haven led 17-11 at the end of 1 period and widened the lead to 30-23 at halftime. Leo trimmed the deficit to 48-42 after 3 quarters before the Lions picked up 19 fourth quarter points to the Bulldogs' 13 in knotting the game at 61-61.

Brecar Clark paced the way for the Bulldogs with 19 points to lead 4 Bulldog players in double figures. Antwone Washington chipped in a dozen with Zach Latham posting 11 and James Gardner recorded 10.

Donavon Lewis and Davion Harris both had 6 for New Haven with Thomas Latham getting 2 points.

Jeremy Davison had 24 points for Leo with Blake Davison and Lance Reed posting 16 markers each.

The Bulldogs then defeated South Side 77-69 on Thursday behind 19 points from Clark and Zach Latham while Washington chipped in a dozen and Gardner recorded 10.

Damario Robinson had 9 followed by Lewis (6) and Thomas Latham (2).

New Haven exploded for 28 points in the opening quarter to grab a 28-17 advantage before South Side responded with a 26-point second quarter, taking a 43-42 halftime advantage.

However, the Bulldogs answered with 24 markers in the third period as New Haven went back on top 66-58 at the end of 3 quarters.

Cortney Shorter topped the Archers with 20 points followed by Brandon Eldridge (14) and Asher Blum (11).

New Haven then concluded the week with a 73-55 rout of Canterbury Friday night.

After a first quarter that saw the 2 teams tied at 14-14, the Bulldogs followed with a 23-point second quarter before adding 21 more in the third to open a 58-40 advantage going to the final period.

Clark led all scorers with 20 points for New Haven with Zach Latham chipping in 18 and Washington posting 16. Thomas Latham posted 10 for the Bulldogs.

Gardner (4), Lewis (3) and Robinson (2) also scored for New Haven.

Noah Drapala had 17 points to top Canterbury and Cam Kreiger posted a dozen markers.

New Haven returns to action on Friday when it hosts either Woodlan or Angola at 6:00 p.m.

## USDA SUPPORTS DISASTER RECOVERY WITH TEMPORARY EXPANSION OF PUERTO RICO NUTRITION ASSISTANCE

Puerto Rico residents continuing to recover from the impacts of recent hurricanes could be eligible for increased nutrition assistance, thanks to a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). This temporary assistance will be distributed through the Puerto Rico Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP), beginning March 1. NAP is administered by the USDA and is operated by the Puerto Rico Department of the Family.

The grant was made possible by the additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017, and delivers an additional \$1.27 billion. These funds will allow Puerto Rico to expand assistance to additional households, and increase the benefit amount for current and new participants on a temporary basis. The new maximum allotment for a family of four will be \$649.

"The people of Puerto Rico still face immense challenges, as the island recovers from multiple hurricanes," said U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue. "This grant fulfills the Administration's pledge to support the recovery and our commitment to ensuring that residents of Puerto Rico get the vital nutrition assistance they need to move forward."

NAP in Puerto Rico is a different program than the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) operated in the 50 states, Washington, D.C., Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. NAP is a block grant with a set amount of funding annually and the program must operate within that amount. This supplemental funding is intended to augment the assistance available through NAP. This grant specifically recognizes the sustained economic disruption faced by the island. As they recover from back-to-back disasters, these funds will help low-income Puerto Rico residents put food on the table.

"Our thanks to the U.S. Congress and Secretary Perdue for providing this grant that helps the American citizens who are residents of Puerto Rico. This grant is part of a collaborative effort with our team at the Department of Agriculture, Department of the Family, and the Administration of Federal Affairs of Puerto Rico in Washington D.C. who have succeeded in showing that our people face unprecedented challenges after two catastrophic hurricanes," affirmed Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rosselló.

Through the grant, Puerto Rico has the flexibility to create a plan to provide temporary benefits for victims of the hurricanes in a way that best suits their population and the

ongoing needs on the island. In developing this plan, the Commonwealth considered existing program structure and available resources to ensure benefits are provided to those in need while maintaining customer service and program integrity. Throughout this process, USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is responsible for providing technical expertise and guidance to ensure compliance with the law.

The Puerto Rico Disaster Relief Grant announcement is the latest of USDA actions to help residents affected by disaster. Other USDA FNS food assistance for disaster relief that has occurred in Puerto Rico include: the School Meal Flexibilities program, the Disaster Household Distribution program, and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) administers 15 nutrition assistance programs, including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, the Summer Food Service Program, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which together comprise America's nutrition safety net. For more information on FNS assistance during times of disaster, visit [www.fns.usda.gov/disaster](http://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster).

## USDA & INNOVATION CENTER FOR U.S. DAIRY WORK JOINTLY TO MEET INDUSTRY'S ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP GOALS

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy to jointly promote and enhance environmental sustainability in the dairy industry. The pact extends and builds upon a MOU originally signed in 2009.

Secretary Perdue signed the MOU with Arizona dairy farmer Paul Rovey, chairman of Dairy Management Inc. and an Innovation Center board member, at DeGroot Dairies in Hanford, Calif.

"USDA and the Innovation Center will continue to work together to accelerate the adoption of innovative technologies and increase energy efficiency improvements on U.S. dairy farms," Secretary Perdue said. "These improvements will help producers diversify revenues and reduce utility expenses, while they strive to support their families and local communities by operating economically, environmentally sustainable dairy farms."

"USDA has resources that can help the dairy industry be successful but in many

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USDA's support for agricultural and waste-to-energy research has played a key role in the agreement's success to date. USDA will continue to work on enhancing the application and approval process for Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) programs, to make the process more efficient and tailored for producer convenience. USDA will also continue to examine ways to expand the award of conservation grants for sustainability initiatives by producers, cooperatives, non-governmental organizations and state and local governments.

The Innovation Center agrees to work with its member companies to partner with USDA in communicating and educating producers on the value of sustainable practices while encouraging them to take advantage of conservation program opportunities.

"Over the years, we have pursued creative and common-sense ways to work together that have allowed us to develop research, technologies, and on-the-ground practices that move us closer to our collective goals," said Barb O'Brien, president of the Innovation Center. "The Innovation Center is proud of the synergy that has resulted from our collaboration with USDA, and we have no question that

this public/private partnership works in the best interest of farmers, our dairy community and, most importantly, consumers of dairy who trust us to produce nutritious products they can feel good about feeding to their families."

USDA's national and locally-based teams of subject matter experts and portfolio of programs help improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers, and the quality of life in rural America.

"This MOU allows the dairy industry to continue to build on all of the good work we have done for years with USDA," Rovey said. "It allows our industry to have a voice and work within a structure where we can continue making progress toward our shared goals and priorities. We are thankful to have USDA at the table with us."

Previous and current collaborations have resulted in research, resources and a variety of programs that have advanced sustainability within the dairy community, including anaerobic digesters on farms, food waste reduction and the development of nutrient recovery technologies through NRCS and dairy's Newtrient company. Additionally, the Farm Smart Project led to the Farmers Assuring Responsible Management (FARM) Environmental Stewardship module. This voluntary tool empowers farmers to identify opportunities for sustainability improvements on their farm as detailed within the FARM program. Ninety-eight percent of the U.S. milk supply participates in FARM.

**PERDUE ANNOUNCES EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR SPOTTED LANTERNFLY IN PENNSYLVANIA**

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced \$17.5 million in emergency funding to stop the spread of the spotted lanternfly in southeastern Pennsylvania.

"We've seen a dramatic expansion in the range of this pest over the last year and we need to take decisive action to prevent the spotted lanternfly from spreading throughout Pennsylvania and into neighboring states," Perdue said. "We have the tools to fight this invasive insect and - together with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) - we have developed an area-wide approach that will begin before the pest starts to re-emerge in the spring."

The spotted lanternfly, with its distinctive and colorful wings, was first identified in Pennsylvania in 2014. The affected area expanded from 174 square miles in fiscal year (FY) 2016 to approximately 3,000 square miles by the end of FY 2017.

"I am pleased to see USDA acting quickly on the invasive spotted lanternfly, which is wreaking havoc on Pennsylvania's agricultural producers and landowners in 13 counties," U.S. Rep. Glenn 'GT' Thompson said. "This pest is a threat to apples, grapes, peaches, stone fruits and various tree species throughout Pennsylvania. These funds will go a long way in helping the Commonwealth treat, gather data and perform the coordination needed to contain the spread of this devastating threat. I thank Secretary Perdue and USDA for its commitment to combatting this destructive and invasive pest so we can hopefully eradicate it for good."

"This is an immediate and timely solution for my constituents in Southeastern Pennsylvania, whose farms and daily lives have been impacted by the spotted lanternfly. I have heard their concerns and have been working with my colleagues and the USDA to increase funding for combatting this pest. This announcement means we will now have funds for coordinated treatments, outreach to farmers and others who have been impacted, and for detection surveys that will result in critical data. Thank you to the USDA and Secretary Perdue for his focus on solving an issue that is important to so many Pennsylvanians," said Rep. Ryan Costello.

This emergency funding, which was made available

through existing Commodity Credit Corporation balances, will allow for a two-pronged approach with USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) managing the outer perimeter of the infestation and PDA focusing on a 3-mile perimeter surrounding the core infested area. The goal of this expanded surveillance and control program is to stop the leading edge of the infestation and start pushing it inward while at the same time reducing the density of spotted lanternfly populations in the core-infested area.

In addition to emergency activities in Pennsylvania, APHIS is planning to use existing resources to conduct surveys, and control measures if necessary, in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Virginia, where there is growing concern about the potential spread of SLF.

"Since the spotted lanternfly was first detected in Berks County, Pennsylvania, we have benefitted from strong community involvement and support," Perdue said. "Continued outreach and education will be critical to the success of our ongoing efforts. We need the help of producers, businesses and the public to look for this pest and take actions to control it."

USDA and PDA's cooperative efforts will help protect Pennsylvania's agricultural and forested lands from the damaging effects of the spotted lanternfly, which feeds on more than 70 types of plants and secretes a sticky residue on leaves that can lead to the growth of sooty mold fungus affecting overall plant health. For more information on the spotted lanternfly, please visit our Hungry Pests website.

**SECRETARY PERDUE STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT TRUMP'S SELECTION OF NAOMI EARP FOR USDA CIVIL RIGHTS POST**

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue applauded President Donald J. Trump's selection of Naomi Earp for Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Agriculture

**FROM THE VANTAGE POINT**



Vantage FCCLA Advocacy Event Team members Elizabeth Temple (Paulding), Tegan Schroeder (Miller City), and Chloe Foltz (Paulding) collected and purchased baby supplies to give to the Van Wert Pregnancy Life Center. On Thursday, February 22, 2018 Jody Wannemacher from the PLC Health Clinic came to the Vantage Early Childhood Education lab to pick up a check for \$200.00 and baby supplies.

(USDA). Perdue issued the following statement:

"Our aim at USDA is to treat everyone fairly, with transparency, objectivity, and consistency. Naomi Earp is an excellent choice to help us meet those goals, as her experience in civil rights issues and in the federal government make her uniquely qualified to fill this important role. I commend President Trump for this excellent selection, and I urge the Senate to take up her nomination at the earliest opportunity, along with our other nominees who are awaiting confirmation."

**Background:**

Naomi Churchill Earp is a retired career civil servant with more than 20 years of experience in federal equal opportunity policy, charge processing, complaint handling, and employment law. She entered federal services as a GS-9 career employee and worked her way to the Senior Executive Service level prior to appointments as Chair and Vice Chair of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under President George W. Bush. Throughout her career, Earp has been a strong advocate for labor-management partnership and cooperative business models to raise awareness and address

both disparate treatment complaints and allegations of systemic discrimination. Her federal equal opportunity, civil rights compliance, and public policy career includes positions with the U.S. Departments of Commerce and Agriculture and the National Institutes of Health. Born and raised in Newport News, Virginia, Earp received a BS in Social Work from Norfolk State University, an MA from Indiana University, and a Juris Doctorate from the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law. She is widowed with one son.

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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:  
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST  
COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.  
ANDREW E. GRIBBLE, ET AL.,  
Defendants,

Case No. Cl 15 035.

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 22nd day of March, 2018 at 10:25, the real estate located at:

14750 County Road 163, Defiance, Ohio 43512

Parcel Number: 01-15A-032-00

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 29th day of March, 2018 at 10:25. 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  
Carrie L. Davis, Attorney for Plaintiff

**PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS**

**Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report**

**Adam J. Payne**, Oakwood, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general food behavior; Shall have no unlawful contact with victim; Jury trial is hereby vacated

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES**

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER,  
TREASURER  
PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
STEVE R. THEIS, ET AL.,  
Defendants.

Case No. Cl 17 112

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

14735 Road 163, Defiance, Ohio 43512

Parcel No. 01-15A-032-01

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

Total amount of judgment is Seven Thousand Two Hundred Forty-one and 72/100 (\$7,241.72) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

Whereas, said judgment orders such real property to be sold by the undersigned to satisfy the total amount of said judgment;

**Christopher P. Adkins**, Haviland, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay fines and costs today; Shall have no unlawful contact with victim and her family; Shall maintain general good behavior; Charge amended to 2917.11A Disorderly conduct MM

**Jeremy J. Landwehr**, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence (3 counts); Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior; Defendant shall repay court appointed attorney fees

**Salameh I. Kfouf**, Adams, TN; Reckless operation; Pled no contest; found guilty; ALS vacated; Fines and costs to be taken from the bond; 60 hours of community service to be completed by 6 months from today's date; 30 jail days reserved

**Lori Ann Simerman**, Fort Wayne, IN; Possession of marijuana; Case dismissed; With prejudice; Costs waived

**Benjamin D. Orr**, Fishers, IN; Driving under suspension - non FRA; Dismissed with prejudice; Costs to be taken from the bond any remaining balance shall be returned to the defendant

**Tametha Kay Perez**, Fort Wayne, IN; Failure to control, Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jason L. Banks**, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Gary L. Owens**, Oakwood, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Pay or collection 9/28/18; Defendant shall pay \$25.00 per month commencing 3/30/18

**Woodrow M. Mays**, Carry concealed weapon; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior; Firearm and ammunition shall be forfeited to the arresting agency; Firearm SAR K2P 9MM, one magazine with then unspent 9MM rounds and a box containing 25 9MM rounds

**Gary L. Owens**, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Proof of financial responsibility provided; Pay or collection 9/28/18; Defendant shall pay \$25.00 per month commencing 3/30/18

**Thomas Dockery**, Defiance, OH; Expired tags;

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:05 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the 15th day of March, 2018, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the 29th day of March, 2018 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.

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Guilty; Proof of financial responsibility provided; Pay fines and costs today

**Trenton Henning**, Antwerp, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Raymond N. Sandoval**, Paulding, OH; Driving under suspension (failure to reinstate); Guilty; Pay or collection 5/25/18

**Nanette M. Penz Reuter**, Fountain Hills, AZ; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Douglas A. Emmel**, Columbia City, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Kent D. Sunday**, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Case was waived by defendant

**Michelle Hunter**, Defiance, OH; O.V.I./under the influence; Count A dismissed

**Michelle Hunter**, Defiance, OH; Endanger child; Count B dismissed

**Michelle Hunter**, Defiance, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Pay or collection 4/30/18; Failure to pay this amount may result in the defendant's operator's license being forfeited or may be referred to collections.

**Samantha Marie Fry**, Defiance, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Aubrey Lee Griggs Jr.**, Fort Wayne, IN; Failure to yield to an emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Carl J. Pease**, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jessica L. Lehman**, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jared M. Krill**, Defiance, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jeremy J. Landwehr**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Thomas A. Toth**, Trenton, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Justin M. Bute**, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS**

**BLUE CREEK TWP**  
2/21/18 Rodman Robert E Life Estate & Rodman Geraldine M Life Estate to Rodman Geraldine M Le; Rd 60; 80 acres; E1/2 Ne1/4 Blue Creek Twp S-17 Easement Ref V 573 P 2146

2/21/18 Rodman Robert E Life Estate & Rodman Geraldine M Life Estate to Rodman Geraldine M Le; Sr 114; 80 acres; E1/2 Se1/4 Blue Creek Twp S-22

**BROWN TWP**  
2/21/18 Wharry Ralph L Trustee & Wharry Virginia M Trustee to Wharry Virginia M Trustee; Sr 66; 40 acres; Se1/4 Se1/4 Brown Twp S-34

**CRANE TWP**  
2/20/18 Goins Jack N to Goins Nathon Goins Jasmine; 11766 Rd 230 Cecil Oh 45821; 1.1 acres; Pt E 1/2 Se 1/4 Crane Twp Sec 2

**HARRISON TWP**  
2/20/18 Wobler John J to Childs Jordan S; 244 E Merriin St; 0.1481 acres; Lot 98 Gibson 1St Add Payne Vill

**JACKSON TWP**  
2/21/18 Saco Carolyn M Kopera & Saco Gerald J to Saco Gerald J; 16736 Sr 613 Paulding Oh 45879; 1 acre; Pt W1/2 Ne1/4- Parcel 1- Kim-

**PAULDING ELEMENTARY JANUARY SOM**



Pictured here are the Paulding Elementary students of the month for January. Front row: Elayna Kleman, Alexandros Isidoro, Jenessa Holt, Chloe Powell, Gavin Parrett, Gabriel Brehm, Kendyl Sunday. Middle row: Jalen Manz, London Ametewee, Alanna Jones, Ryder Gorrell, Xandy Meier, Jude Daniels, Jack Daeger, Mac Mullins, Remington Boroff. Back row: Mr. Puthoff, Jacob Harris, Luke Ray, Brycen Pease, Lucy Breier, Zander Sutton, Clayton Manz, Alex Baughman, Courtney Good, Claire Miller, Peyton Manz

mel Pcls S-34 Jackson Twp Wt Dist S-34

2/21/18 D & L Properties Of Antwerp Ohio Llc to Treat William L Treat Jill L; 13814 Nancy St; 0.2583 acres; Lot 134 Noneman Em Acres Al-lot#3 Paulding Village

**LATTY TWP**  
2/20/18 Janka Kelly J & Reuille Jacob D to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation; Harrison St; 0.2 acres; Lot 22 S-24 O.p. Grover Hill Vill

2/20/18 Janka Kelly J & Reuille Jacob D to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation; 100 W Perry St; 0.1182 acres; Lot 27 W 77.50' S-24 O.p.grover Hill Vill

2/20/18 Janka Kelly J & Reuille Jacob D to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation; 102 W Perry St; 0.0818 acres; Lot 27 E54.5' O.p. Grover Hill Vill

**PAULDING TWP**  
2/20/18 Schweller Todd J & Schweller Stephanie to Schweller Todd J; 739 N Walnut St; 0.2 acres; Lot 36 Gasser 2Nd Add Paulding Vill

**WASHINGTON TWP**  
2/21/18 Wharry Ralph L Trustee & Wharry Virginia M Trustee to Wharry Virginia M Trustee; 23256 Rd 207 Oakwood Oh 45873; 84 acres; S1/2 Nw1/4 & Se Cor Ne1/4 Nw1/4 Washington Twp Sec 2 Paulding Dist

2/21/18 Wharry Ralph L Trustee & Wharry Virginia M Trustee to Wharry Virginia M Trustee; Sr 66; 78.417 acres; S1/2 Sw1/4 Washington Twp Sec 2 Paulding Dist

2/21/18 Wharry Ralph L Trustee & Wharry Virginia M Trustee to Wharry Virginia M Trustee; Rd 72; 142 acres; N3/4E1/2Ne1/4 & W1/2Ne1/4Eof Rd & Ne1/4Nw1/4 E Of Rdwashington Twp Sec 10 Paulding Dist

**SECRETARY PERDUE APPLAUDS PRESIDENT TRUMP'S SELECTION OF USDA'S RURAL UTILITY SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR**

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue applauded President Donald J. Trump's intent to appoint Kenneth Johnson to be the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Utility Service Administrator. Following the announcement, Secretary Perdue issued this statement:

"As President Trump pursues his comprehensive agenda of infrastructure improvements like increased broadband access for rural communities, adding Ken

Johnson to the USDA team is exciting. Ken's experience with rural utilities, including real success in expanding access to high-speed Internet, will serve us well as we strive to increase prosperity across rural America. While this is welcome news, I'd also like to take this opportunity to urge the U.S. Senate to take up key nominations we have pending, so we can add to our team and continue our mission of doing right and feeding everyone."

Kenneth Johnson's Biography:

Mr. Johnson serves as General Manager/CEO of Co-Mo Electric Cooperative and President for Co-Mo Connect in Tipton, MO. Co-Mo is the first to deploy a fiber-to-the-home network to all its members without federal or state funding, providing gigabit internet, video, and voice services to nearly 16,000 subscribers. Johnson is a director and past president for Central Electric Power Cooperative,

a director for the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives and served on the Executive and Legislative committees. Johnson was General Manager for Twin Valleys PPD in Nebraska after beginning his career with the Nebraska Public Power District. He earned an undergraduate degree from Kearney State College, and is a graduate of the NRECA Robert I. Kabat Management Internship Program. Ken grew up on a farm near Edgar, NE and has spent his life working and serving rural America. He and his wife cherish spending time with their children and grandchildren.

**ODA REMINDS FARMERS OF NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR DICAMBA USE**

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) is reminding farmers of revised labels and new training requirements for applicators

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**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES**

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER,  
TREASURER  
PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
B & C ROSS RENTALS, LLC, ET AL.,  
Defendants.

Case No. Cl 17 149

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

100 West First Street,  
Grover Hill, Ohio 45849

Parcel Number: 26-10S-012-00

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

Total amount of judgment is Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-six and 67/100 (\$6,666.67) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

judgment;

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:00 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the 15th day of March, 2018, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the 29th day of March, 2018 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.

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# PAYNE APPRECIATES THEIR ELEMENTARY BUS DRIVERS!



Left to Right: Karen Neff, Yvonne Scher-McClure, Peggy Linder, Jeff Tempel, Kelly Davis

who intend to use dicamba herbicide products this year. In October 2017, U.S. EPA approved revised labels for the three dicamba products that are labeled for use on soybeans: Engenia (BASF), XtendiMax (Monsanto) and FeXapan (DuPont).

“Like any other product, we want to ensure licensed applicators are properly following label directions as they get ready for this growing season,” said Matt Beal, chief of the ODA Plant Health Division. “This not

only helps assure the safe use of pesticides, it also helps prevent misuse and mishandling.”

The manufacturers of these dicamba products also agreed to additional requirements for their products. Some of the revisions include:

- Products are now classified as “restricted-use,” meaning only licensed applicators will be able to purchase them
- Applicators must complete dicamba-specific

training

- Increased recordkeeping requirements
- Wind speed restrictions
- Temperature inversion restrictions
- Sensitive/susceptible crop consultation
- Spray system equipment clean-out

More details on these revisions can be found in the attached fact sheet. Applicators looking for a list of ODA-approved trainings can visit [www.agri.ohio.gov](http://www.agri.ohio.gov). For questions, applicators

can contact the ODA Pesticide and Fertilizer Regulation Section at 614-728-6987 or [pesticides@agri.ohio.gov](mailto:pesticides@agri.ohio.gov).

## LATTA CHAIRS HEARING ON IOT AND MANUFACTURING; REPRESENTATIVE FROM OWENS-ILLINOIS TESTIFIES

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green), Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection (DCCP), chaired a hearing on the impact of the Internet of Things (IoT) on the manufacturing sector. The discussion focused on the benefits that this innovation provides, and the barriers that still exist to implementing the technology. Rodney Masney, Vice President, Technology Service Delivery at Perrysburg-based Owens-Illinois (O-I) testified at the hearing. Latta had previously held a roundtable at O-I on how IoT is changing manufacturing.

“The Internet of Things is revolutionizing a number of different sectors and manufacturing is no different,” said Latta. “In fact,

# THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to “Sudoku puzzle on Page 15”

manufacturers may see even greater benefits as they find more efficient, safer ways of making their products. That being said, there are still obstacles to implementing full use of this technology, and we heard a number of those barriers today. They include issues with the durability of sensors, the difficulty ana-

lyzing massive amounts of data and information, and cybersecurity concerns. Today’s discussion will help inform the Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection Subcommittee as we take a look at what the futures of different industries may look like with this cutting-edge technology.”

## WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES 1/8/18

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met for the Organizational and Regular Session on January 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wayne Trace High School Lecture Room

The following members were present: Mr. Pat Baumble, Mr. Duane Sinn, Mrs. Kori Stoller, Mr. Dick Swary; Absent: Mrs. Lisa McClure

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. Myers.

Oath of Office

Treasurer, Lori Davis recited the Oath of Office to elected board members Mr. Duane Sinn and Mrs. Kori Stoller. The term of office is January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2021.

Call to Order by President Pro Tem Pat Baumble

Roll Call was taken by Treasurer, Lori Davis.

New Business

Nomination and Election of Officers

A. President of Wayne Trace Board for 2018

President Pro Tem calls for nominations for President.

Mr. Dick Swary nominates Mr. Duane Sinn.

No other nominations. Nominations closed.

Roll call vote: Mr. Dick Swary, Mr. Pat Baumble, and Mrs. Kori Stoller, aye.

Mr. Duane Sinn, abstain. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Mr. Duane Sinn sworn into office by Treasurer, Mrs. Lori Davis.

B. Vice President of Wayne Trace Board for 2018

President, Mr. Duane Sinn calls for nominations for Vice-President.

Mr. Pat. Baumble nominates Mrs. Lisa McClure for Vice-President.

No other nominations. Nominations closed.

Roll call vote: Mr. Pat Baumble, Mr. Duane Sinn, Mrs. Kori Stoller, and Mr. Dick Swary aye.

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

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER

PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,

vs. THELMA M. COAK, ET AL., Defendants.

Case No. CI 17 152

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

Township of Harrison, County of Paulding, Road 106

Parcel Number: 17-26S-002-01

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer’s Office located in the basement of the Court-house.

Total amount of judgment is Five Hundred Seventy-nine and 24/100 (\$579.24) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

Whereas, said judgment orders such real

Nay, none. Motion passed.

Mrs. Lisa McClure will be sworn into office at the next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion was done on what time to start the board meetings for 2018. It was decided to change the start time to 6:30 p.m. The sub teacher rate of pay per day is \$90.00. These changes were made to the agenda.

One resolution to approve the following consent agenda items:

Motion by: Mr. Pat Baumble; Seconded by: Mrs. Kori Stoller

A. to establish the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the High School lecture room as the date, time, and location of the regularly held monthly Board meetings for the 2018 calendar year;

B. to confirm that the number of Board meetings at which Board members may be compensated at unlimited at a set salary of \$100 per Board member per meeting;

C. to authorize the treasurer to:

1. make transfers within the General Fund accounts to pay outstanding bills within the limits of Appropriations as presented (when merchandise has been received in good condition) and to make General Fund transfers as funds are available;

2. secure advances from the county auditor when such funds are available and payable to the school district; and

3. invest active, inactive, or interim funds at the most productive rate of interest according to law whenever these funds are available;

D. to authorize the superintendent:

1. as the program administrator in making the decision to take part in any local, state, or federal program deemed advantageous to the school district;

2. to approve staff members’ attendance at professional meetings;

3. to attend and represent Wayne Trace Local Schools at all professional meetings;

4. to employ such temporary and/or substitute personnel as needed for emergency purposes and otherwise;

5. to approve all regular field trips and vocational field trips; all out-of state

trips and trips involving more than 1 overnight’s stay, however, must have prior Board approval;

6. to sign salary notices on behalf of the Board of Education; and

7. to approve all extra-curricular activity budgets.

E. to authorize the Board President and treasurer to borrow money if needed;

F. to establish the service fund for the Board of Education and to allocate \$3,500.00 to this fund (presently \$3,500.00);

G. to authorize the superintendent as purchasing agent for the school district and to establish \$25,000.00 as the limit at which the purchasing agent may make purchases/expenditures without prior Board approval (presently \$25,000.00);

H. to authorize the purchase of position bonds for the Board President at \$50,000.00 and the treasurer at \$100,00.00;

I. to confirm that the substitute teacher rate should remain at its current rate of \$90 per day for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year;

J. to authorize membership in the Ohio High School Boards Association for calendar 2018;

K. to recognize the following legal counsel: Attorneys Scott Scriven LLP and Attorneys Dinsmore and Shohlt;

L. to authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to apply for and receive grants or subgrants and enter into associated contracts;

M. to designate positions as cashiers for the Wayne Trace Local School Board of Education and authorize the individuals holding these positions to make bank deposits for Wayne Trace Local Schools:

Assistant Treasurer

Superintendent Secretary

Building Secretary

Concessions Manager

Ticket Manager

Cafeteria Staff

Building Librarian

N. to set petty cash funds as follows:

Athletic Department - Tickets \$1,600.00

Concessions - \$600.00

Custodian of each petty cash fund shall be the supervisor or advisor in charge

O. to authorize the superintendent, during periods when this board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or non-teaching positions on behalf of this board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by this board; provided however, that upon ratification by this board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee’s acceptance of the superintendent’s offer.

Nothing in this resolution shall require the board of education to employ or continue to employ an individual who has not provided a criminal records check satisfactory to the board or who has not satisfied any other prerequisite to employment created by law or board policy.

And on behalf of the board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this board is not in session, subject to ratification by this board; provided however, that upon ratification by this board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the superintendent’s acceptance.

Are there any consent agenda items the Board would like to move down into “Other New Business” for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?

Roll call vote: Mr. Pat Baumble, Mrs. Kori Stoller, Mr. Duane Sinn, and Mr. Dick Swary, aye. Nay, none. Motion passed.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

The board members discussed the committee appointments. They are in agreement that the committees will stay the same for the 2018 calendar year. Since the committees do not meet regularly it was requested to have the committee re-

ports removed from the regular consent agenda for each month. It is understood that if a committee meets that an update will be given at the next regular meeting.

One resolution for both below:

Motion by: Mr. Dick Swary; Seconded by: Mr. Pat Baumble

A. Resolution to designate Board President as legislative liaison and Board Vice President as the alternate for this position for this calendar year.

B. Resolution to appoint the following committees and to utilize the following Board members to serve on these committees during 2018:

Audit Committee (all 5): Patrick Baumble, Lisa McClure, Duane Sinn, Kori Stoller, and Dick Swary

Building and Grounds (2) Lisa McClure and Kori Stoller

Transportation & Food Services (2) Mr. Pat Baumble and Mr. Dick Swary

Finance, Insurances, and P.I. Fund (all 5) Pat Baumble, Lisa McClure, Duane Sinn, Kori Stoller, and Dick Swary.

Personnel (2) Duane Sinn and Dick Swary

Policy (2) Pat Baumble and Kori Stoller

Extracurricular (2) Lisa McClure and Kori Stoller

Student Achievement & Technology (2) Lisa McClure and Duane Sinn

Levy Planning (2): Lisa McClure and Dick Swary

Roll call vote: Mr. Dick Swary, Mr. Pat Baumble, Mrs. Kori Stoller, and Mr. Dick Swary, aye. Nay, none. Motion passed.

7:10 p.m. Regular Session called to order.

Correspondence, Recognition of Guests, Hearing of the Public

“Thirty minutes of public participation will be permitted. Each person addressing the Board will give their name and address. If several people wish to speak, each person will be allotted 3 minutes until the total of 30 minutes is used. During that period no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have the opportunity to do so.

\*All statements should be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.

Guests: Randy Wenninger, Performing Arts Committee

Jerry Myers, Performing Arts Committee

Mr. Wenninger and Mr. Myers were in attendance to give a report on the committee’s fundraising. The committee has been able to raise approximately \$100,000. from businesses and individuals. As the committee speaks with the community, it appears the timeline of having the donations by June 1 is not going to work. The board may want to extend the deadline.

Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer, Lori Davis discussed the transfer that is on the agenda.

Consent Agenda Items:

One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following consent agenda items:

Motion by: Mr. Dick Swary; Seconded by: Mrs. Kori Stoller

• to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2017 Board meeting;

• to approve the investment report and payment of bills for December 2017 as presented by the Treasurer;

• to approve the cash reconciliation for December 2017;

• to transfer \$30,000. to the cafeteria fund 006 from the general fund 001. (The 5 year forecast has \$50,000. Budgeted but I believe we will only need the \$30,000.)

\*Before we pass the consent resolution, are there any items you would like to move from the consent agenda to the discussion agenda for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?

Roll call vote: Mr. Dick Swary, Mrs. Kori Stoller, Mr. Pat Baumble, and Mr. Duane Sinn, aye. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Vantage Report - Mr. Pat Baumble announced that the Vantage meeting will be held on January 11, 2018. Mr. Baumble

reported that all is going well at Vantage.

Report of the Building Principals Superintendent’s Report

• Curriculum

• As we return from the holiday break our students and staff are wrapping up the first semester of the year. Exams will take place at the junior/senior high to close out the term. With this our staff and students will also begin to focus on the curriculum and our state testing which is right around the corner.

\* We have received our 2017-2018 Special Education Profile for the district. We met all indicators but two which is an improvement from last year where we had three areas we did not meet. It is also important to note that we did meet the reading and math proficiency level which we have not met both in the past ten years. This can likely be linked to the increased intervention we have in our district classrooms.

Personnel

• School Board Member recognition - January is School Board Members Recognition Month in the state of Ohio. Thank you to each member who diligently serves the students in the Wayne Trace Local School District (certificates for all members).

• Diane Gordon has resigned her position of Cook/Cashier effective June 1, 2018 (consent item A) as she will be retiring.

• We will need to select our Vantage Board representative (consent item C) as the current term has expired.

• Buildings and Grounds

• We continue to examine the materials we are receiving from the companies we are working with to determine the best fix for our issues with the track surface. As more information is gathered I will update you.

Events

• Spelling Bee winners: Congratulations go out to this year’s winners. The WTGHE and WTPE buildings both conducted their spelling bees in late December and early January. Congratulations to the WTGHE winner Libby Meraz and the WTPE winner Emma Laukhuf (consent item D).

• Operations

• I am asking for the approval of the 2018-2019 school calendar which we conducted our hearing on at the November meeting (consent item B).

• Enrollment: Due to the meeting being conducted early I will not have enrollment numbers, but will plan to update you with these as soon as I have them.

• 2018 Staff Hall of Fame Nominations: Plans are in place for nominating former staff members for the Class of 2018. We intend to follow a similar plan as in previous years for this process.

Consent Agenda Items

One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following consent agenda items:

Motion by: Mr. Pat Baumble; Seconded by: Mr. Dick Swary

• to accept the resignation of Diane Gordon from the position of Cook/Cashier effective June 1, 2018 for the purpose of retirement;

• upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the 2018-2019 school calendar as presented;

• to approve the resolution appointing Pat Baumble as Wayne Trace Local School’s representative on the Vantage Career Center Board of Education (attached);

• to commend the following students for winning their school’s respective spelling bee this year:

• Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary: Libby Meraz

• Wayne Trace Payne Elementary: Emma Laukhuf

\*Before we pass the consent resolution, are there any items you would like to move from the consent agenda to the discussion agenda for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?

Roll call vote: Mr. Pat Baumble, Mr. Dick Swary, Mr. Duane, and Mrs. Kori Stoller, aye. Nay, none. Motion passed.

New Business - No new business

Adjournment

Motion by: Mrs. Kori Stoller; Seconded by: Mr. Pat Baumble

To adjourn meeting.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER

PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,

vs. DANIEL K. BURGER, ET AL., Defendants.

Case No. CI 17 177

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

County of Paulding, Auglaize Township, Section 30, Lot Number Two (2) of John D. Miller’s Third Subdivision Parcel Number: 01-14D-009-00

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer’s Office located in the basement of the Court-house.

Total amount of judgment is Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-nine and 87/100 (\$3,499.87) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

Whereas, said judgment orders such real property to be sold by the undersigned to satisfy the total amount of said judgment;

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:10 a.m. at the East door of the Court-house in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the 15th day of March, 2018, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the 29th day of March, 2018 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.

Payment in full is due at the time of the sale and the purchaser(s) are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff’s Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder’s Office.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL SUCH REAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FEDERAL TAX LIEN THAT MAY NOT BE EXTINGUISHED BY THE SALE, AND PURCHASERS OF ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY ARE URGED TO SEARCH THE FEDERAL TAX LIEN INDEX THAT IS KEPT BY THE COUNTY RECORDER TO DETERMINE IF NOTICE OF A FEDERAL TAX LIEN HAS BEEN FILED WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio

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# PAYNE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ABLE TO JOIN BAND



Payne Elementary students are able to join band in fifth and sixth grade. Under the direction of music

teacher Mr. Kaleb O'Donnell, students learn the basic skills of reading music and playing their instrument of

choice. At this time, close to 50% of the students have taken advantage of this opportunity!

## SECRETARY PERDUE OUTLINES USDA SERVICES IN THE EVENT OF A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue outlined U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) services available in the event of a government shutdown.

"USDA is committed to safeguarding life and property through the critical services we provide - and should the government shut down, we will continue to do just that," said Secretary Perdue. "I am proud of each USDA employee for everything they do to benefit the farmers, ranchers, foresters, and producers who depend on our services. It is their mission each day to fulfill our USDA motto, 'Do right and feed everyone.'"

### Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS):

- Ensure meat, poultry, and egg products are safe and prevent the movement or sale in commerce of any

meat or poultry products which are adulterated;

- Inspect before and after slaughter those birds and animals intended for use as food for humans and inspect the further processing of meat and poultry products;
- Apply foreign governments' inspection requirements and procedures to verify that products exported from the United States are safe;
- Conduct emergency operations in connection with the voluntary recall of meat or poultry products determined to be adulterated or misbranded;
- Conduct epidemiological investigations based on reports of food-borne health hazards and disease outbreaks;
- Monitor allied industries to prevent uninspected, misbranded, or adulterated meat, poultry and egg products from illegally entering channels of commerce;
- Provide pathological, microbiological, chemical, and other scientific examination of meat, poultry and egg products for disease, infection, contamination, or other types of adulteration;
- Conduct a microbiological monitoring and surveillance program;

### Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS):

- Imported products do not bring pests and diseases into the U.S.;
- In the case of a pest or disease outbreak, the appropriate emergency personnel would come back to work immediately;
- Overseas staff that provide for national security, including the conduct of foreign relations essential to the national security or the safety of life and property, are excepted;
- Personnel from the APHIS Emergency Management, Safety and Security Division will respond as necessary to provide technical assistance and conduct investigations for excepted and exempt activities;
- Animal Care will have staff on call to address issues related to licensed or registered facilities (such as immediate needs related to the care or treatment of animals; capture or containment of dangerous animals, or the required confiscation of animals);
- Biotechnology Regulatory Services will monitor the compliance call line for incidents related to genetically engineered organisms. If an incident needs follow up, the correct regulatory and investigative personnel will be called in to work;
- Security staff will be available on a case-by-case basis to respond to security incidents and to coordinate facility access;
- Foreign animal disease (FAD) diagnosticians and incident command system (ICS) teams will be available on a case-by-case basis to respond to FAD investigations and FAD emergencies;
- Laboratory personnel will be available to run tests on samples associated with foreign animal disease investigations, and, at the beginning of the period, to close out pending lab tests;
- Staffing at National Wildlife Research Center and its associated field stations to care for the animals being studied.

### Food and Nutrition Service (FNS):

- In the event of a lapse in appropriations - among other duties listed HERE - FNS will ensure:
- Ongoing activities include essential Federal functions to maintain the core programs of the nutrition safety net, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Child Nutrition Programs, and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC);
- All of these programs

will continue to serve eligible people through USDA's partners (State agencies and other grantees) utilizing legally available Federal resources previously provided to them or their own resources. All have funding available to operate through the month of February, and many have funds to continue operations through March, without additional appropriation.

- Disaster feeding operations under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 and the Stafford Act would remain available based on the exception to fund functions critical to health and safety;
- The smaller discretionary programs should utilize funds already allocated and made available for operation of programs. Food already purchased for delivery to the Food Distribution programs; The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), USDA foods for Child Nutrition Programs, and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), will continue to be delivered to program operators.

### Rural Development (RD):

- Continue its fiduciary responsibilities in accounting for and processing customers' funds, such as loan escrow accounts, in an accurate and timely manner;
- Ensure those individuals who hold single family housing loans from RD are able to make their monthly payments and will be held accountable to monthly mortgage payment deadlines;
- Ensure organizations holding USDA Rural Development loans will still be able to make their payments and will be held accountable for making on-time loan payments;
- Ensure Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands offices will continue to be open during a federal funding lapse to assist in continued disaster recovery efforts;
- Staff at these offices will be able to conduct inspections of existing projects, and they will also be available to provide technical assistance to USDA customers.

### Risk Management Agency (RMA):

Crop insurance companies will continue to deliver and service the federal crop insurance program during a government shutdown;

Approved Insurance Providers (AIPS) will stay open and agents and loss adjusters will be fully available;

Indemnity payments will continue to be made.

U.S. Forest Service (USFS):

In the event of a lapse in appropriations - among other duties listed HERE - the USFS will continue work in:

### Emergency and Defense Preparedness:

Fire Suppression including fire fighters and all necessary equipment costs to protect life and property, Law Enforcement personnel and all necessary equipment costs to protect life and property, and emergency and natural disasters response or preparation (e.g., floods and avalanche control);

Protection of Federal lands, buildings, waterways, equipment and other property and investments owned by the United States when the suspension of such activities would cause an imminent threat to human life

and property. This includes nurseries, insectaries, tree seed labs, and the minimum level of staffing to administer permits and contracts needed for protection of National Forest System lands;

All contracts in support of cyber security, land-based radio communications, and infrastructure operations to support key positions and essential personnel;

Protection of Research studies where lack of continuation measurements or maintenance would destroy or endanger validity of research findings;

Job Corps operations unless directed otherwise by Department of Labor.

### Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS):

- Commodity Procurement;
- Grading and Inspection;
- Cotton Classing;
- Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act Program (PACA);
- Research and Promotion Board Oversight;
- FGIS: Inspection and Weighing Services (user fee funded activities);
- Farm-Bill Funded Activities.

### Economic Research Service (ERS):

- Ensure coordination of data calls;
- Maintain agency Local Area Network (LAN) and Wide Area Network (WAN) systems;
- Ensure all systems remain online and functional;
- Require COOP team staff

for both readiness activities such as maintaining operable communications as well as implementation or activation activities, and to ensure adequate communication with the USDA OpsCenter.

National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):

Puerto Rico and Virgin Island Activities;

Emergency Watershed Protection;

Dam monitoring.

Agricultural Research Service (ARS):

Continue performing duties related to preserving and protecting ARS facilities, animals and critical research infrastructure.

Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS):

Support NAFTA negotiations;

Engage on issues pending in the World Trade Organization;

Operate the Commodity Credit Corporation-funded Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM-102);

Maintain international offices at U.S. embassies around the world.

Farm Service Agency (FSA):

All FSA local service centers and farm loan programs in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands remain active.

Office of the Chief Economist (OCE):

The ongoing NAFTA negotiations;

The China negotiations in Geneva; The OECD.

## VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-03** on February 21, 2018, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE PERSONNEL MANUAL FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, INCLUDING ANY AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO AND ALL APPLICABLE STATEMENTS ATTACHED THERETO, FOR CALENDER YEAR 2018 AND DECLARING THE SAME IN AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance adopts the Personnel Manual for the Village of Antwerp for calender year 2018.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-04** on February 21, 2018, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER \$32,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE FUND, AND DECLARING THE SAME IN AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Fiscal Officer to transfer \$32,000.00 from the general fund to the Police Fund for the operation of the police department.

The publication of the Ordinances is by summary only. The complete text of the Ordinances may be obtained or viewed at the office of the Village of Antwerp Fiscal Officer located at 118 North Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, Plaintiff,

vs. Tony Green, Et. AL, Defendants,

Case No. CI-18-034 Judge Tiffany Reighter-Beckman

TO: Randy Green, Unknown Spouse of Randy Green, Jody Wilson, Unknown Spouse of Jody Wilson, Nancy Bodenmiller, Unknown Spouse of Nancy Bodenmiller

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 Randy Green, Unknown Spouse of Randy Green, Jody Wilson, Unknown Spouse of Jody Wilson, Nancy Bodenmiller, Unknown Spouse of Nancy Bodenmiller to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed by you.

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

Situated in Antwerp Village, Paulding County, Ohio, to-wit: Fifty (50) feet off of the south side of Lot Number Twenty-six (26), Block "C" in the Village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio. Also, Commencing at a point fifty (50) feet north of the Southeast corner of Lot Number Twenty-six (26), Block "C", in said Village; thence

northerly Twenty (20) feet; thence westerly and parallel with the north line of said lot, Twenty (20) rods; thence southerly Twenty (20) feet; thence easterly to the place of beginning. Said tract is for road purposes only. Also, Commencing at a point Two Hundred Twenty (220) feet west of the northeast corner of aforesaid Lot No. Twenty-six (26), Block "C", in said village; thence south Sixty-two (62) feet; thence west One Hundred Ten (110) feet; thence north Sixty-two (62) feet; thence east One Hundred Ten (110) feet to the place of beginning

Parcel ID No. 12-04S-057-00

Property Address: 311 N. Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio 45813

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: *Joseph R. Burkard* Deputy

Respectively submitted, *Joseph R. Burkard* Joseph R. Burkard, (#059106) Paulding County, Ohio Prosecuting Attorney 120 S. Walnut Street Paulding, Ohio 45879 419-399-8270

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**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES**  
 Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1  
**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO**  
 In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:  
**LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,**  
 vs.  
**EDWIN L. ZEDAKER, ET AL., Defendants.**  
 Case No. CI 17 150  
 Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:  
**Stafford Street, Cecil, Ohio**  
**Parcel Number: 15-03S-042-00**  
 A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse.  
 Total amount of judgment is One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-nine and 30/100 (\$1,699.30) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.  
 Whereas, said judgment orders such real

property to be sold by the undersigned to satisfy the total amount of said judgment;  
 Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:20 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the 15th day of March, 2018, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the 29th day of March, 2018 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.  
 Payment in full is due at the time of the sale and the purchaser(s) are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.  
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 Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com

# PAULDING FFA COMPETES IN PUBLIC SPEAKING- STRAHLEY ADVANCES TO STATE!



The Paulding FFA Chapter recently sent five members to the Sub-District Public Speaking Contest on Thursday February 15th at Delphos. Paulding had three members compete in the extemporaneous division. Abbie McMichael placed 4th, Jennifer Stahl placed 5th, and Devon Smith placed 8th. In the extemporaneous division, members must draw a topic and they are given 30 minutes to write a speech about it. Once the 30 minutes is over they must present the speech to the judges, it must be 4 to 6 minutes in length.

Kalyn Strahley placed 2nd in the Advanced Prepared Public Speaking Division with her speech about Wind Farms. Jonathan Reinhard placed 1st in Advanced FFA Creed Speaking. Kalyn and Jonathan moved onto the district competition that was held on February 21st at Clyde High School. Jonathan Reinhard placed 3rd respectively in the advance creed speaking contest. Kalyn Strahley placed 1st with her advanced prepared speech about wind turbines, this qualified her for the state competition on March 3rd at Marysville. Great job to all our public speaking participants.

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forest health on public lands -- stitching together a larger footprint of healthy ecosystems in priority areas," said Leonard Jordan, acting NRCS chief.

This year the Joint Chiefs' partner USDA agencies are providing \$2.9 million to fund seven new projects and \$29 million to support 21 ongoing partnership projects. Federal, state, and local partners will bring an additional \$12 million through financial and in-kind contributions over three years to implement the newly added projects. These contribute to jobs and economic benefits that sustain rural communities.

"Wildfires are a serious and on-going threat to forests and communities alike, as we've seen in California and throughout the nation this past year," said Forest Service Chief Tony Tooke. "Through these Joint Chief's projects, USDA will be working with local partners in high-risk project areas to control invasive species, install fire breaks and implement other targeted forest management practices to help mitigate the risk of wide-spread wildfires."

Along with mitigating fire risk, Joint Chiefs' projects work to improve water quality by restoring healthy forests and grasslands. For example, one of the new 2018 projects, Sublette County Forest Collaborative: Working Together for Forest Health, specifically addresses protecting the sole drinking water source of Pinedale, Wyoming, near the Bridger Teton National Forest. The project area includes lands managed by the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, State of Wyoming and private landowners in Sublette County, Wyoming.

In addition to improving water quality, project goals include providing fire protection for rural residents, restoring aspens, and habitat improvements for mule deer, greater sage-grouse and pronghorn. USDA will invest more than \$700,000 in this project in 2018.

Descriptions of the remaining six new projects follow. For full project descriptions and information

on completed projects, visit the Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership website.

Florida – Ocala Longleaf Priority Protection Area (Ocala National Forest)

By implementing restoration activities on public and adjacent private lands, this ecosystem and its suite of species, will experience accelerated forest restoration at a landscape-scale, reduced wildfire risk, increased appropriate understory vegetation and pollinator habitat, control non-native and invasive species, and protect water quality.

Partners: The Nature Conservancy (TNC), The National Forest Foundation (NFF) and the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF)

FY18 USDA investment: \$437,080 (Forest Service - \$256,000, NRCS - \$181,080)

Hawaii – Wildfire Prevention and Invasive Plant Control in West Maui (West Maui Mountains, non-National Forest)

Prior to human occupation, fire in Hawaii occurred once every 700 to 1,000 years. In the last decade, several major wildfires burned thousands of acres in West Maui alone, mostly occurring in drier regions. Because of the enormous damages associated with these fires, the project will help implement the partner's new Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Partners: West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership, County of Maui, and State of Hawaii

FY18 USDA investment: \$123,278 (NRCS)

Louisiana – Joint Chief's Louisiana Native Pine Partnership Project (Kisatchie National Forest)

Partners and stakeholders are working to accelerate the restoration of longleaf pine and other native ecosystems on public and private lands. The restoration of native trees and ecosystems will expand to include shortleaf pine.

Partners: LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; LA Department of Agriculture and Forestry; US Fish & Wildlife Service; Soil and Water Conservation Dis-

tricts; The National Wild Turkey Federation; The Nature Conservancy; LA Forestry Association; and USDA APHIS-Wildlife Services.

FY18 USDA investment: \$291,801 (Forest Service - \$200,000, NRCS - \$91,801)

Montana – Capital 360 (Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest)

Nearly 290,000 acres are included this project which targets high-priority treatment areas benefiting the water supply source for the more than 30,000 residents of Helena and East Helena, Montana. The Capital 360 effort continues to build on the successful implementation of smaller-scale fuels reduction projects by various entities in the project area.

Partners: State Forestry Funds (Montana DNRC); Tri-County FireSafe Working Group; City of Helena, U.S. Bureau of Land Management

FY18 USDA investment: \$696,046 (Forest Service - \$450,000, NRCS - \$246,046)

New Mexico – Taos Valley Watershed Coalition (Carson National Forest)

This project includes 280,000 acres of contiguous landscape including a range of vegetation types from piñon/juniper woodland to spruce/fir. The area encompasses most of the headwaters of the Rio Grande within Taos County; waters that are critical to the economy and well-being of New Mexico's most populous areas such as Taos, Santa Fe, and Albuquerque.

Partners: Carson National Forest; Grande Water Fund-LOR Foundation; New Mexico Water Trust Board; Taos County; and Taos Pueblo.

FY18 USDA investment: \$403,800 (Forest Service - \$250,000, NRCS - \$153,800)

Puerto Rico – Landscape-scale Restoration Initiative to Establish Biological Corridors and Restore Ecosystem Functionality

### Sudoku solution from page 13

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

after the Impact of a Major Hurricane in the Caribbean Area (Six Watershed in Puerto Rico)

The project will help mitigate flooding, erosion and other impacts of extreme weather events. Partners will implement conservation practices such as: establishment of vegetation and tree planting, erosion control measures, nutrient and waste management, establishment of fire breaks and wind breaks, propagation of native species for agroforestry practices and forest enhancement, habitat restoration for targeted species, debris and obstruction removal.

Partners: Caribbean NRCS; EnviroSurvey, Inc.; Cafiesencia, Inc; Protectores de Cuencas, Inc.; Puerto Rico Conservation Trust; Para la Naturaleza; and US-FWS Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office.

FY18 USDA investment: \$225,000 (NRCS)

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**PART-TIME STOREKEEPER /BUILDING MAINTENANCE**  
Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. in Paulding, Ohio has an opening for a part-time storekeeper/building maintenance. Responsibilities include, but not limited to, inventory levels, material accounting, receiving, storing, issuing of materials, and general building maintenance. This position is approximately 20 hours per week. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume and three references postmarked by March 9th, 2018 to: Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
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### USDA INVESTING MILLIONS IN WILDFIRE MITIGATION AND WATER QUALITY PROJECTS THROUGH JOINT CHIEFS' PARTNERSHIP

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will invest nearly \$32 million this year to mitigate wildfire risk, improve water quality and restore healthy forest ecosystems in 24 states and Puerto Rico. Since 2014, USDA has invested \$176 million in 56 Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership Projects, which focus on areas where public forests and grasslands intersect with privately-owned lands.

"Through Joint Chiefs, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) works with agricultural producers and forest landowners to improve forest health using available Farm Bill conservation programs, and the Forest Service enhances

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## Help Needed

**DIETARY COORDINATOR**  
Oversees and assists the dietary staffs' preparation of food for regular and modified patient service, cafeteria service, Meals-On-Wheels, and Special Functions, as determined by daily menus. Places the food order with appropriate vendors based on menus and schedules. Plays a lead role for special events the hospital is involved in. Insures staff competency to perform required dietary duties. Insures compliance with regulatory agencies such as the health department and the Joint Commission.  
**REQUIREMENTS:** HS Education or equivalent. Prior Dietary experience  
**OPENING:** Full Time

**PATIENT ACCOUNTS REPRESENTATIVE**  
The patient accounts representative is responsible for all functions relating to the processing of patient accounts for payment. This includes initial billing, processing write offs and disallowed amounts, and filing paid claims.  
**REQUIREMENTS:** High School Diploma or GED  
**OPENING:** Full Time

**REGISTERED NURSE (EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT)**  
Professional nurse, who, plans, directs, and coordinates all activities concerning the patient's care. Collaborates with the physician and all members of the healthcare team in developing an individualized plan of care.  
**REQUIREMENTS:** Current State of Ohio Registered Nurse Licensure, Current BLS Certification, Current ACLS/PALS Certification (or achieved within 1st 6 months)  
**OPENING:** PRN – As Needed

**EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT**  
The Emergency Department Assistant duties will include answering incoming telephone calls, forwarding calls to appropriate parties, registering patients for the Emergency Department, Outpatient testing (on the weekend), admissions to the hospital, and assists the ED nursing staff as needed.  
**REQUIREMENTS:** High School Diploma  
**OPENING:** Part Time (0.5) – 2nd shift hours

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

**PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL**

**fp Financial Partners Federal Credit Union**  
Woodburn 632.4245  
Grabill 627.2111

## Your Community Credit Union

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

FPFCU is asking you to volunteer for positions on the Board of Directors and/or Supervisory Committee. This is a rewarding opportunity for you as a member of FPFCU to help decide the future direction of your credit union. FPFCU will provide training and normally the board and/or supervisory committees only meet once per month. Please contact either of the following individuals for more details:

**Dick Huff, 260-632-4381**  
Vice Chairman

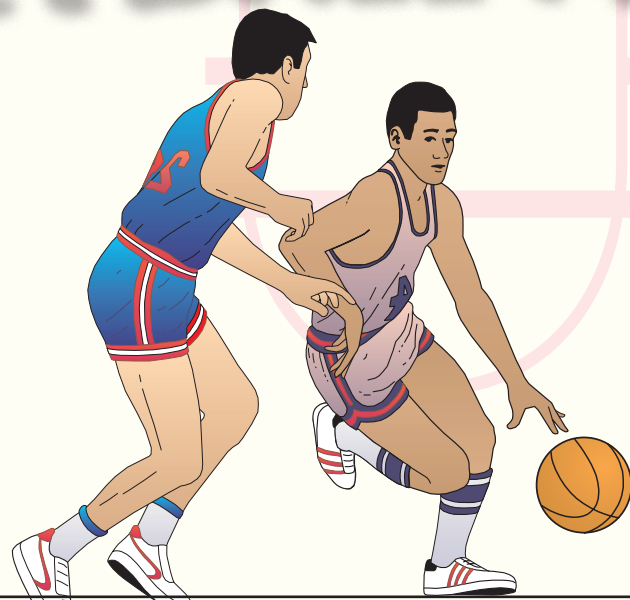
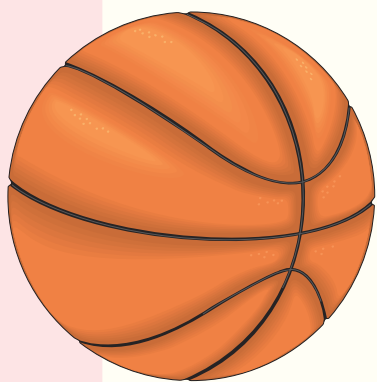
**Dave Shuey, 632-4245 x 214**  
President/CEO

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# YOU'RE INVITED!

## For the Paulding County Society for Crippled Children & Adults, Inc.

# BASKETBALL MARATHON



**\*CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK AT: PLAYING BALL FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T\***

### THE OBJECT OF THE MARATHON GAMES

To raise money for the Paulding County Society for Crippled Children & Adults, Inc. The Society helps to provide the handicapped of Paulding County with equipment & services that they are unable to afford. The Society helps 100-150 people per year. Basketball Marathon participants are encouraged to have a great time playing a game of basketball & scoring as many points as possible in the 24-minutes allowed per game.

**SPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT IS THE RULE, NOT THE EXCEPTION!!!**

### AWARDS (Donated by Fessel Jewelers)

First place & second place trophies will be awarded to the top two teams in the mini-youth, youth, women, men, & co-ed divisions. (If there is a tie the award will be given to the team with the larger point spread over their opponent. Sportsmanship trophies will be given to teams that were mismatched with a team of a higher skill level that caused the largest point differential or a team that showed great sportsmanship in each division.

\*Ten individual medals will be awarded for first & second place in the mini-tots & tots divisions.\*

### THE MARATHON COMMITTEE

- Chad Beschneider - 419-263-2277 or 769-4708
- Owen Brigner - 419-786-9703
- John Claymiller - 419-670-4128
- Ben Winans - 4419-508-6017
- Jeremy Dunderman - 419-494-5570
- Jared Sherry - 419-786-9997
- Clint Reinhart - 419-494-5570
- Kevin Wannemacher - 419-399-7243
- Alli Hefner - 419-786-9518
- Kaleigh McClain - 419-786-0796
- Nick McClain - 419-786-0449
- Jennifer & Reed Zartman - 419-263-4007
- Rylee Zartman - 419-406-0213
- Russ Zinser - 419-506-0258

EMAIL: BASKETBALL24HOUR@YAHOO.COM

*The Marathon Committee will endeavor to make this Marathon the most enjoyable for you & the fans, & the most profitable for the Society & the people of Paulding County who need our help. If you have any Questions you may contact any of the committee members. Thank you for participating in this most worthwhile Paulding County Charity event!!!!*

PLEASE RETAIN THIS PAPER FOR YOUR RECORDS

### RULES GOVERNING PLAY

- Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated
- No foul shots are permitted, fouls are awarded by taking the ball out of bounds
- No time outs permitted
- 5 players maximum on the floor at one time
- No dunking the basketball (we have had to pay for a cracked glass backboard & have had to stop the game to fix broken break away rims causing the schedule to be interrupted)
- No full court press in mini-tots, tots, or mini-youth divisions
- **In adult co-ed competition**, at least two female players on the floor at all times
- **In adult co-ed competition**, male players are not permitted to cross, remain, shoot, or rebound from the area known as the key. Girls only in the key.
- The mini-tots division will use 8' baskets & a youth basketball
- The tots, mini-youth, women, & co-ed will use 10' baskets with a women's basketball
- Youth division can use men's or women's basketball on 10' baskets
- Men will use a men's basketball

### OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION RULES

The OHSAA is organized to administer & supervise the athletic programs for students grades 7-12. The constitution of the association does not contain any responsibility for any type of athletic program below 7th grade. Anyone & everyone who is not yet in enrolled in 7th grade may participate in the Marathon without jeopardizing their future eligibility.

Students in grades 7-12 who are participating in basketball now & in the future, may participate in the Marathon so long as not more than two players from the same Jr. high or High school team do not play on the same team, however graduating seniors will not count against the teams 2 player limit.

**"PLAYING BALL FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T"**

CLIP & MAIL TODAY

## 40<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BASKETBALL MARATHON

### OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

**ENTRY FORM DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**This year the Marathon will be held in the Payne Elementary gym Good Friday March 30 & Saturday March 31, starting at approximately 5pm Friday & ending at approximately 7pm Saturday.**

The team schedule/ pairings will be emailed to you if you provide your email address. You can also find the schedule in the Weekly Reminder March 12th or the Paulding Progress & West Bend News Paper March 14th

### DIVISION OF PLAY

*Please Check Proper Team Bracket*

- \_\_\_ MINI-TOTS (0-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) \_\_\_ TOTS (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- \_\_\_ MINI-YOUTH (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) \_\_\_ YOUTH (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Please designate:* BOYS \_\_\_ GIRLS \_\_\_ CO-ED \_\_\_
- \_\_\_ MEN\* \_\_\_ WOMEN\* \_\_\_ CO-ED\* \*denotes no age restrictions

### REQUESTED WORDING ON BACK OF SHIRTS

One line of copy only: \_\_\_\_\_ (print clearly)

#### SELECT COLOR OF SHIRTS (CIRCLE ONE)

Kelly Green, Lime Green, Safety Green, Safety Orange, Red, Maroon, Daisy Yellow, Gold, Dark Heather, Black, Ash Grey, Light Blue, Royal Blue, Navy Blue, Carolina Blue, Heliconia Pink, Purple, Buckeye Grey

Please pick your 10 shirts, extra shirts are \$8.00/ 2XL & 3XL shirts add \$3.00

#### SELECT SHIRT SIZES

- | Children's Sizes        | Adult Sizes                  |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Extra Small (2-4) _____ | Small (34-36) _____          |
| Small (6-8) _____       | Medium (38-40) _____         |
| Medium (10-12) _____    | Large (42-44) _____          |
| Large (14-16) _____     | X-Large (46-48) _____        |
|                         | XX-Large _____ add \$3 ea *  |
|                         | XXX-Large _____ add \$3 ea * |

### PREFERRED TIME OF PLAY

PLEASE GIVE SEVERAL DIFFERENT TIME AREAS, THIS IS A 24-HOUR EVENT & WE CAN'T GRANT EVERYONE'S REQUEST. THE LITTLE KIDS NORMALLY PLAY SATURDAY MORNING AFTER 8am OR AFTERNOON

1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Certain time that cannot be played? List reason: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOT EVERYONE CAN PLAY AT 8pm OR 9pm/ 10am OR 11am**

### PREFERRED COMPETITION

Who does your team want to play? Does that team want to play your team? Is there a team your team cannot play or prefers not to play? (print clearly)

Want To Play \_\_\_\_\_ Can't Play \_\_\_\_\_

### ENTRY FEE CALCULATION

- Basic Entry Fee (includes 10 shirts) \$100.00 (players must also pay regular admission at the door)
- Additional Shirts @ \$8.00/shirt ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$8.00 x # of shirts in excess of 10)
- Charge for XXL and XXXL Shirts ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$3.00 x # of XXL or XXXL shirts)
- Total Amount Due with This Entry. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CAREFULLY FILL OUT THE ENTRY FORM & RETURN IT WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO (PAULDING AREA SUPPORT SOCIETY). PLEASE MAIL ENTRY FORM AND CHECK TO: BASKETBALL MARATHON 8602 ROAD 51 PAYNE, OH 45880

**\*DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018\***

### TEAM REPRESENTATIVES INFO (please print clearly):

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_