

WLS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: "ANGELS SAY WHAT?!"



The students and staff of Woodburn Lutheran School recently presented the Christmas program, "Angels Say What?!" This year's program featured the 3rd grade students with on stage performances by the preschool, kindergarten, first, and second grade students and singing by all students in preschool through eighth grade. In this program, the Christmas story was told from the angels' per-

spective. As all of the angels gathered in Heaven, they discussed all of the good news that they had just told Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the wise men. Not only did the angels experience sharing the news of Jesus, but they learned what it means to truly have a part in the greatest story ever told. WLS was blessed with the opportunity to share and celebrate the story of our Savior's birth.

THE PAIN OF LIVING A DOUBLE LIFE ADDRESSED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

The high cost of living with a lie will be discussed at Lifetree Café on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The program, titled "Living a Lie: The Perils of a Double Life," features the filmed story of Carol Grever, a woman who discovered after 30 years that her husband had been living a double life.

"Living with a secret is hell," says Grever. "You can't give yourself wholly to someone else if you're hiding a secret."

Participants will gain practical insights into coping with the pain of discovering double lives as they follow Grever's journey toward forgiveness, growth, and hope.

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

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,

In some of the Psalms David ask God to do some terrible things to his enemies. How can we justify this with Christ's teachings to love our enemies and do them good?

These are called imprecatory Psalms. Imprecatory simply means invoking evil, which indeed David does in these Psalms. However, we should notice he leaves the revenge up to God, which we should do. Romans 12:19 - "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

God wants us to express our thoughts and feelings to Him. - Psalm 62:8 - "Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah." But because of our human sinful nature our thoughts and words don't always line up with God's wisdom, grace and patience.

Often times David just lets God know how he feels. Then God begins to show him right thinking as in Psalm 73. There David was envious of the wicked because it appeared as if they didn't have as many problems in life as the righteous. Then God

showed him in the sanctuary their end (eternal fiery judgment).

Don't be afraid to tell God how you feel, but be willing to let Him take care of your problems His way and change your way of thinking where He sees fit. Philippians 4:6-8 - "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 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, if there be any praise, think on these things."

It should be noted that God first offers forgiveness and grace, even to our enemies, but when those are rejected, deserved punishment is forthcoming.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

CHECK YOURSELF OUT

By: Doris Applegate

Are you a curmudgeon? My dictionary says that the origin of this word is unknown but I can imagine some angry wife with a bad tempered man who quickly thought and yelled, "You old curmudgeon!" See the MUD in the center of the word? (not good!) Well, I must admit that as much as I love "words" I hadn't heard of this one until recently! Perhaps we all could be guilty as we check out the following: Are we a complainer "crab", cranky, grouchy, sour-puss, whiner, grumpy, pout-y, or a murmurer, etc? Now, none of us want to admit to being a curmudgeon, but are we? Let's be the opposite of each of these which will be a purposeful decision on our part! If a complainer, be joyful, if a crab, be grateful, if cranky, grumpy or grouchy be sweet and kind, a sour-puss, put a smile on your face, if pout-y, be thankful, a murmurer, pray! Whew, what a difference that is! We can be happy after all, can't we? Wrong emotions, bad feelings have to go! We mortals really suffer and wonder if life has to be this way! There is a wonderful remedy given to us through the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ! When we come to Him and learn of Him, we find strength and grace to become un-curmudgeoned! We must do the coming - He has done the giving!

What a deal! Being born again (saved) like Jesus explained to Nicodemus is required by us if we will see the Kingdom of God! (no curmudgeons there!). I love to write the new word that I just heard! Being un-curmudgeoned is such a joy that only those who experience it can explain. Perhaps the following verse will help:

My life was sad and lonely,
No purpose did I see
I often wanted just to quit
Amidst life's troubled sea
But then I checked within
my soul
And found why things were skewed
I hadn't given Christ my all

I'd lived my life for ME
But when I yielded it to Him

He set my spirit free!
(Un-curmudgeoned)

A GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

By: Arlene Bachman

God gave a gift, it was His Son,

It was a gift of God's spirit
And He gives us eternal life in him.

He was born of the Virgin Mary

We celebrate His birthday around Christmas,

He was born about 2000 years ago.

Let the love of Christ ring
Throughout the coming years.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

It's a gift of Joy, Peace and Laughter.

Goodwill to all Mankind.

The love that flows at Christmas time

Should flow throughout these years.

It's a gift to all,
The Son of God

Came down from above
To save the world from their sins.

Jesus is the gift and the giver of Christmas.

He is the reason for the season.

"Every gift, every good gift, every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father."

LATTA VOTES TO SUPPORT OHIO FARMERS WITH THE PASSAGE OF FARM BILL

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) joined his colleagues in passing the Agriculture Improvement Act Conference Report, bipartisan legislation to support United States farmers. After passing the Senate yesterday, the legislation now heads to the President's desk. The Agriculture Improvement Act, also known as the Farm Bill, will keep in place important crop insurance programs which allow farmers to purchase policies that protect them against financial ruin brought by disease, drought, or other catastrophic events.

In addition, the bill includes the Precision Agriculture Connectivity Act, legislation authored by Latta, to expand access to rural broadband so more farmers can use technology that is safer, more efficient, and sustainable.

"Farmers in Northwest and West Central Ohio help feed the United States and the world, and this legislation will provide needed certainty," said Latta. "This bill provides farmers, agriculture producers, and rural communities with a number of tools to help them be successful and improve productivity and sustainability. The inclusion of the Precision Agriculture Connectivity Act will also help farmers utilize the newest technology that can ensure they are able to farm in a more efficient, safer, and sustainable manner."

Needed reforms to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) were also included in the bill. For instance, the legislation creates a database so states can track a person's history on and off SNAP benefits. It also eliminates the multiple issuances of SNAP coverage over state lines.

The Farm Bill was endorsed by a number of organizations including the

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"This is what the Lord says— he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

—Isaiah 43:16,18-19

OAKWOOD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Shown here are sixth grade students Brooklyn Schlatter, Kaidence Thomas and Emma Elkins before they go on stage to perform.

Oakwood Elementary Choir put on a Christmas program for the student body and again for parents and friends on Tuesday, Dec. 18th.

The choir shared many beautiful Christmas songs and performed a couple of dances from "The Nutcracker".

Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Ohio Corn and Wheat Association, Ohio Soybean Association, National Wildlife Federation, and National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

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PAYNE ELEM. STAFF CHALLENGE: DODGEBALL FUNDRAISER



Payne Elementary staff challenged the 6th graders to a dodgeball game to raise money for a Wayne Trace family. The students collected \$340.00 with the 1B Classroom winning the hot cocoa party for best participation. Sixth graders playing dodgeball included Ty Riebesehl, Keegan Rager, Tyson Gerber, Kaiden Suffel, Cole Morehead and Dyson Scott.

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES FALL SEMESTER DEAN'S LIST

TIFFIN Ohio (December 21, 2018) – Heidelberg University has announced the names of 353 students who have earned academic recognition on the fall semester dean's list. Included on the list is:

Defiance, Ohio
 Madison Flory, senior, Biology and Music
 Rachel Gerken, sophomore, Education
 According to Provost Dr. Beth Schwartz, to be named to the dean's list, students must be enrolled full time and meet academic criteria set forth by the university
 Founded in 1850, Heidelberg offers 30 majors, 35 minors and 10 pre-professional programs, awarding the bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, bachelor of music degrees, as well as master's degrees in education, counseling, business administration and music. Heidelberg has been consistently ranked by

U.S. News & World Report as a top college in the Midwest. For more information visit the web site at www.heidelberg.edu.

BROWN BETTYS & BUSTER BROWN MEETING

The Brown Bettys & Buster Brown 4-H Club held a meeting at the Copper Community Library December 10, 2018. Pledges were led by Lily Leatherman, Nicole Gerschutz, Taelyn Parrett, and Mackenzie Leatherman. The secretary's report, treasurer's report, safety report, and health report was given. Demonstrations were given by Maci Kauser, Jack Woods, Nicole Gerschutz, and Sam Mast. Everyone was reminded that the 4-H enrollment deadline is January 4th. The new recreation leader, Aiden Miller, led the members of Guess the Christmas Song which everyone enjoyed. The date for the next meeting is set for Sunday, January 6, 2019 from 4-5 p.m. at the Cooper Community Library.

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF HICKSVILLE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Village Players of Hicksville would like to announce their Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet. This will be held on Sunday, January 13 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville (100 Antwerp Dr., Hicksville OH 43526). The banquet will be held in the church basement. All current and former members of the Village Players are invited along with anyone who is interested in live theater in this area! The Village Players will provide the meat and drinks for the meal. We would like to ask all who attend to bring a dish to share.

During the meeting, we will discuss the previous year's productions, elect new Board Members for 2019, and vote on awards for outstanding acting, crew members, directing, producing, set design, costuming, tech design, etc. for the 2018 season. We will also discuss the show's for the upcoming 2019 season (which, at this time, include "Harvey", and "Murder on the Orient Express").

Please come and share the Annual Meeting with us. If you would like to attend, please go to the Facebook page at Hicksville Village Players to let us know, or contact Dawn Patterson at her e-mail address: snailian@hotmail.com.

AUDITOR YOST ANNOUNCES AUDITOR OF STATE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Auditor of State Dave Yost is pleased to announce that the following entities received the Auditor of State Award for their clean audit reports:

- Allen County Metropolitan Housing Authority
- City of Logan (Hocking County)
- Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation
- Deer Park Community City School District (Hamilton County)
- Delaware Area Career Center (Delaware County)
- Eastern Local School District (Brown County)
- Huron-Erie School Employee Association (Erie County)
- Huron County Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Jackson-Canton Joint Economic Development District SM (Stark County)
- Johnstown-Monroe Local School District (Licking County)

- Loveland City School District (Hamilton County)
- Mahoning County Career and Technical Center
- Mansfield Metropolitan Housing Authority (Richland County)
- Marion Metropolitan Housing Authority (Marion County)
- Miami Trace Local School District (Fayette County)
- Mid-East Career and Technology Center (Muskingum County)
- Morgan County Metropolitan Housing Authority
- New Miami Local School District (Butler County)
- Ontario Local School District (Richland County)
- Tri-Rivers Joint Vocational School District (Marion County)
- Vantage Career Center (Van Wert County)
- Washington County Career Center

The Auditor of State Award is presented to local governments and school districts upon the completion of a financial audit. Entities that receive the award meet the following criteria of a "clean" audit report:

- The entity must file timely financial reports with the Auditor of State's office in accordance with GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles);
- The audit report does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Single Audit findings or questioned costs;
- The entity's management letter contains no comments related to:
 - Ethics referrals
 - Questioned costs less than \$10,000
 - Lack of timely report submission
 - Reconciliation
 - Failure to obtain a timely Single Audit
 - Findings for recovery less than \$100
 - Public meetings or public records
 - No other financial or other concerns exist that involve eligible entity.

REP. RIEDEL APPLAUDS RESOLUTION DEFENDING AGAINST FEDERAL REGULATION OVERREACH

State Representative Craig S. Riedel (R-Defiance) applauds House passage of legislation he sponsored urging Congress to propose the Regulation Freedom Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

"Currently, the growth and abuse of federal regulatory authority threatens constitutional liberties, including those guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. Federal regulators must be more accountable to the elected representatives of the people and not be immune from such liability," Rep. Riedel stated.

House Concurrent Resolution 24 would allow the refusal of a new regulation when 25 percent of the United States House or Senate transmit written opposition to a proposed federal regulation.

Rep. Riedel also commented, "I will always be looking for ways to eliminate unnecessary burdensome regulations that prevent our businesses from being successful and limit our abilities to enjoy constitutional liberties."

Supported by groups such as the Associated Builders

and Contractors of Ohio (ABC), the initiative aims to protect against federal overreach and give more power to the legislative process and Ohioans who want direct control of policies impacting their industry. No opponents came forward to testify

during the five Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee hearings that have taken place since March of this year.

The resolution passed the Ohio House of Representatives and will now go to the Senate for consideration.

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 first and second place winners!

Below are the guidelines for the 2018-2019 contest:

- Photos must be 8x10 in size and may not be framed or matted. The photo should be in a clear sheet protector
- Photos can be either black/white or color. Choose what you think looks the best!
- Age divisions will be Under 18 and Over 18
- Please attach a note card to the photo with the following information: Name, Address, Phone Number, Age Division, and Date/Location photo was taken
- Photos will not be returned upon completion of contest
- Paulding SWCD reserves the right to use all photographs in publications or for promotional purposes

Nature is truly amazing so why not get out to enjoy it and snap an amazing picture to capture the moment? Perhaps you can snatch a picture of a snowy winter morning, some wildlife out and about, or the first sign of spring. With wildlife, be sure not to get too

close but zoom in and capture the detail you are looking for. Your animal subject will likely run, swim, slither, or fly away as you approach it!

Grab your camera and your love for nature and work forward to seeing your amazing pictures! Again, photos may be taken anywhere in Paulding County that you feel is breathtaking and feel others would enjoy seeing. Go for a stroll around the neighborhood, your local park, or maybe even the Black Swamp Nature Center where there is always something amazing to take a picture of!

All entries will be due to the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District office no later than Monday, June 3, 2019 by 4:30pm. Photos may be dropped off or mailed to: 900 Fairground Drive Suite B, Paulding, OH 45879. For any questions or more information, please contact Patrick Troyer at patrick.troyer@pauldingswcd.org or 419-399-4771. Keep up to date on our photo contest by liking our Facebook page "Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District"!

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ME AND THE DEATH SENTENCE

By: Stan Jordan

In my thinking, the .22 is America's gun. Most boys use and own a .22 as his first gun and I'm in favor of that. I am also in favor of our young girls to learn and use this fine gun. To me, gun safety and care and use are part of a teenager growing up.

The .22 comes in many fashions... single shot, clip fed, semi automatic and the prices vary. The single shot is a fine rifle for on the farm, it has many uses besides target shooting. When the farmer used to do his own butchering that was the weapon to kill the hog or steer. Some guys were good enough to shoot the rooster also, and we had home fried chicken, that is the best kind.

Yes, that .22 is America's gun and it will kill, but they are always equipped with a safety button and that is a very good weapon to learn on. All the safety features and the care and nomenclature.

I imagine that in rural areas all boys 12-14 grew up with the .22. Probably the boys who grew up in the city would go down to the rifle range or maybe go out to grandpa's farm. I think there are at least a dozen companies that make the .22 because it will always be popular and at Christmas it is a fine gift.

I made a survey of 14 people and 13 of them grew up with a .22 rifle. The 14th man said "Dad had one, but loaned

it to his sister and she never returned it." Nearly all homes in an area like this had a .22 and/or a .410 and nearly always a 12 gauge. I think that I am safe to say that none of them turned out to be terrorist.

Nearly everyone I talked to said the .22 calibre rifle was part of their growing up. See ya!

ME AND THE DEATH SENTENCE

By: Stan Jordan

Sometimes I think my mind is made up on this subject and then sometimes I'm not sure.

For instance, I think out in Colorado, a man killed his pregnant wife and their two daughters so he could have an affair with another lady. He carried on in such a way that he was above suspicion for a while. Anyhow he was charged with the murder and admitted the whole affair. I am in favor of hanging that man before the sun sets. If the perpetrator admits his guilt, don't bother with a costly trial or all the discomfort that a jury would get, hang him right now.

In this country that law gives too much leeway to the accused. He will easily be alive for 20 years yet, if they observe his rights. But, how about his family's right and all of their relatives' rights?

In another case, one of the terrorists ran over and killed a few people, right on the public street, he used a big truck for his weapon. The police captured him and he admitted that he wanted to kill more. In my estimation, that man is not fit to be in our society, he never will be, so hang him that day.

If you don't agree with me, why not? He certainly didn't worry about those victims' right or any of their families.

A person who takes a life,

should be paying with his own life. It's as simple as that.

A young man killed eight of his girlfriend's family over custody of their new baby. Why should he be allowed to live? How would you molly coddle this killer? Would you save his life after he took eight lives?

Yes I am a hard head, but that is my right, and I respect your right. See ya!

WATER, IT'S PRICELESS

By: Stan Jordan

Some big boys say, "Love makes the world go around." Some CEOs say, "Cash makes the world go around." Other big boys have their own ideas and say, "It's food that makes the world go around" and it's generally a product they sell. But how can you over look water? It is one of our most important resources and maybe one of the cheapest. Just stop and think about how many times a day that you use water.

You get up and the first place you go to is the bathroom and there you get ready for the day and you use water in various ways. Stop and count them. And you scream if there is no hot water. Then you go to the kitchen and in getting breakfast, you use all kinds of water in your food and also your drink.

I'll bet you have already stopped counting. Water is so much of our daily existence, we don't even think about it, it is priceless.

Now a farmer needs water and his case is really different. Outside his house water is needed and not needed. Every farmer at one time or other has said, "I wish I could control the rain." But most farmers will add, "We will do our best with what we get." We have to make do. Water isn't wasted, mother nature takes care of used water and it is refined and used over, somewhere and somehow.

When rain comes down as snow or ice there are certain types of people who are very happy about that and some people are not. Like the farmer said, "We gotta make do."

Now of course in some areas water is as precious as gold, but here, it is bountiful. Use it, but don't waste it. See ya!



POPCORN, I LOVE YOU

By: Stan Jordan

Webster said that popcorn is popped corn, a variety of corn kernels which expands and explodes when heated.

Corn was first domesticated about 10,000 years ago, in what is now, Mexico. Remnants of popcorn have been found as far back as 3600 B.C.

When I was growing up in the 1930's there was a popcorn machine that looked about like this picture. A man named Cowell kept it in Tiny's Restaurant and he would bring it out on

the street on Saturday night or at a street affair and it was 5 or 10 cents a sack and he sold quite a bit of corn as you could smell that great odor for a city block. Antwerp was like any other town, they loved their popcorn.

According to Wikipedia, A popcorn kernel's strong hull contains the seed's hard, starchy endosperm and is about 14% moisture, which turns to steam when the kernel is heated. Pressure from the steam continues to build until the skin ruptures allowing the kernel to expand 20 - 50 times it's original size.

There are six different types of corn: dent corn, flint corn, pod corn, popcorn, flour corn and sweet corn.

Here are a few facts about popcorn:

Americans eat about 17 billions quarts of popcorn each year, that is enough to fill the Empire State Building 18 times.

Nebraska produces an estimated 250 million pounds of popcorn each year, more than any other state. This is a quarter of all the popcorn produced in the United States each year.

Do not store un-popped popcorn in the refrigerator, it will dry the kernels out.

Popcorn kernels can go 3 feet in the air.

Popped kernels come in two shapes (snow flake or mushroom)

Americans eat more popcorn than any other country.

Most of the popcorn eaten around the world is grown in the United States.

Most of the popcorn eaten in the U.S. is eaten in autumn, the movies and sport stadiums.

See ya!

RIGHTS OF LAKE ERIE: ONE STEP CLOSER TO THE BALLOT, ONE STEP CLOSER TO RECOGNITION

On Tuesday, December 4, the Toledo City Council voted unanimously to place the proposed Lake Erie Bill of Rights law onto the ballot for a vote in February.

The Lake Erie Bill of Rights is the first proposed law to advance in the U.S. that specifically focuses on a distinct ecosystem, securing the Lake's rights to exist and flourish.

The Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF) assisted Toledoans for Safe Water to draft the Lake Erie Bill of Rights. Beginning in 2006, CELDF has assisted the first communities in the United States, and the first country - Ecuador - to develop rights of nature laws. They are the first such laws in the world.

Lake Erie, one of the five Great Lakes, has suffered from significant pollution, agricultural runoff, and other industrial activities, which have caused severe impacts on water quality and the health of the lake ecosystem.

"The Lake Erie Bill of Rights will be the first law in the U.S. to recognize rights of an ecosystem," explained CELDF organizer, Tish O'Dell, "It's refreshing to see an Ohio city leading the way for change instead of staying with the status quo."

Markie Miller, organizer

with the local community group, Toledoans for Safe Water, congratulated the City Council on moving the measure forward, stating, "The people of Toledo came together to propose this law, and we thank the City Council for providing an opportunity for the people to vote."

Rights of Nature Laws

Today, Ecuador and Bolivia have national laws in place, and Colombia and India courts have recognized rights of rivers and other ecosystems. Local laws have been established in Brazil, and a campaign launched earlier this year to secure rights of the Great Barrier Reef in Australia.

With mounting environmental crises, there is a growing shift toward rights of nature laws, under which human activity must not affect the ability of an ecosystem to exist and thrive.

By contrast, conventional environmental laws authorize the use and exploitation of nature, such as laws which legalize fracking, mining, and drilling. Under these laws, nature is treated as property without even basic rights to existence or well-being.

In its 2016 decision securing rights of the Atrato River, Colombia's Constitutional Court explained that in light of growing environmental crises, it is necessary to protect the rights of nature, writing that such a change is needed before "it's too late."

Ohio Communities Part of Growing Movement

Ohio residents are advancing Community Rights and Rights of Nature as part of the broader Community Rights movement building across the U.S. Local communities and state Community Rights Networks are partnering with CELDF to advance and protect fundamental democratic and environmental rights. They are working with CELDF to establish Community Rights and the Rights of Nature in law, and prohibit fracking, factory farming, water privatization, and other indus-

trial activities as violations of those rights.

Communities are joining together within and across states, working with CELDF to advance systemic change - recognizing our existing system of law and governance as inherently undemocratic and unsustainable. Ohio joins state Community Rights Networks in Oregon, New Hampshire, and Pennsylvania, where residents are advancing Community Rights state constitutional amendments.

Additional Information

For additional information regarding petitioning communities, contact CELDF at info@celdf.org. To learn about the Ohio Community Rights Network, visit ohioocrn.org. To learn about the Community Rights Movement, visit www.celdf.org.

About CELDF - Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund

The Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund is a non-profit, public interest law firm providing free and affordable legal services to communities facing threats to their local environment, local agriculture, local economy, and quality of life. Its mission is to build sustainable communities by assisting people to assert their right to local self-government and the rights of nature.

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PAYNE ELEMENTARY D.A.R.E. GRADUATION



On December 19, 2018, the Paulding County D.A.R.E. program had a D.A.R.E. Graduation for the 5th graders of Payne Elementary. Graduation is a time for the kids to think back on what they have learned in D.A.R.E. and it's a time to reward the kids for completing the 12 week program. At the end of the 12 week program each student has to write an essay. Once the essays are turned in, the top essays are picked and the winners are announced during D.A.R.E. graduation. Deputy Mendez said the essays winners were Emma Stouffer, Stella Laukhuf, Kaden Wilcox and Tanner Laukhuf. There was also an overall essay winner and that winner was Ryan Parker. "Every 5th grader did

an amazing job on their essays and it's because of their essays, I know they are ready to make responsible choices", says Deputy Mendez.

During the graduation ceremony each kid received a certificate, a medal and a D.A.R.E. t-shirt for completing the program. The 5th graders also had a cookie party.

My D.A.R.E. Essay By: Kaden Wilcox

Do you know how sometimes you walk into a classroom and learn something really cool? Well, I do and that's how I felt learning about the D.A.R.E. program. Let me tell you about it.

Consequences are something you will have to deal with your whole life. They can be good or bad based on the

choices you make for yourself and sometime can have long term effects on your life. For example, a good consequence is getting house points at school for helping a teacher or friend. On the other hand, a bad consequence is getting a sign in at school for cheating on a test or not getting your homework done on time.

I also learned that medicine is a type of drug and can have a good effect on your health if you use it correctly. Medicine is a good type of drug because it will help you when you are sick. You should not take medicine if you are not sick, because it could make you sick or hurt your body if you use it ways you shouldn't.

As you have seen, I have learned a lot in D.A.R.E. Also, I had a lot of fun learning the things that I learned. Finally, I think you will like D.A.R.E. to.

Dare Essay By: Tanner Laukhuf

I am Tanner Laukhuf, as you probably know. My three lessons that stood out to me are the five strategies, learning about drugs and taking risks. It is important to educate yourself about all of these.

In this paragraph, I am going to be talking about the five strategies. The five strategies are avoiding the situation, strength in numbers, walking away, saying no while giving a reason or cause, and changing the subject. You always want to avoid the situation because you could hurt yourself or get caught. You always want to be around more than two people when you are in town or somewhere with a lot of people. If you have a lot of people you can say no to what they are trying to get you to do. They might have a gun and threaten you with it. Do not let yourself get distracted and start doing drugs or bad things. Giving a cause or a reason while saying no is another big thing because if

you have enough reasons or excuse maybe they will not force you to do it. Someone might ask you if you want a cigarette, just say no, and do something good, not something harmful to your body. In conclusion, these are the five strategies that you might use in your life.

Next, I will be talking about drugs. There are different kind of drugs. One kind of drug is medications we take. Medications can help you feel better when you are sick. There are certain kind of drugs that may change the way you act, but it might not be bad. Pop, coffee or energy drinks can change the way you act or make you hyper. These are some drugs that we talked about in dare that are not necessarily harmful when used correctly.

My last lesson I am going to be talking about is taking a risk. There are so many ways you can take chances. You could take chances in a big, small, and very bad way. A big way would be to try to get down the Grand Canyon and back up in an hour. A small way would be to try to jump over a little rain puddle. Trying to speed away from the cops would be an example of a bad risk. Use good judgment when you are faced with taking risks!

In conclusion, Dare is such an important thing to have taught to you in your school. There is so many more things I could have discussed! Dare can teach lifelong lessons which can save you from many personal disasters. What a difference Dare can make in your life.

D.A.R.E. Essay By: Emma Stouffer

I will be telling you about some of the things we have learned during D.A.R.E. program. D.A.R.E. stands for define, assess, respond, and evaluate. These are the topics I will be about in my essay. It is a program where kids learn how to handle different situations and to make smart choices in life.

The first topic I learned about was resistance strategies. One strategy is avoiding the situation. When there are people doing something bad you shouldn't join in. Another strategy is strength in numbers. This is when there are more people doing good things and less people doing

bad things. A third strategy is walking away when people want you to do something you know could get you in trouble. A fourth strategy is saying no and giving an excuse when someone wants you to do something bad that you know you shouldn't do because your parents would ground you. The last strategy is changing the subject. When someone is talking about doing something bad, you could say something other than that to get them off the topic. This is one of the topics we learned in D.A.R.E.

A second topic I learned was the D.A.R.E. decision making model. The D in D.A.R.E. stands for define. This is when you describe the challenge, opportunity, or problem. The A in D.A.R.E. stands for assess. You ask yourself, "What are my choices?" The R in D.A.R.E. stands for respond. You make your choice by using the facts and information you gathered. The E in D.A.R.E. stands for evaluate. You review your decision and you ask yourself, "Did I make a good choice?" The D.A.R.E. decision making model was another topic we learned in D.A.R.E.

I learned about signs of stress. One of the ways you can tell if someone is stressed is by the way their face gets hot, palms get sweaty, and they seem as if they want to scream. Another way is they might move a lot, their expression changes, or they start to cry. Lastly they might put their head down, talk to someone about it, or take deep breaths. Signs of stress was another topic we learned in D.A.R.E.

I know that I surely had fun learning these topics and more. I wish that this wasn't the end of D.A.R.E. because it has been Awesome! Also, I have learned a lot about how to be safe even if there are people wanting me to do bad things. To sum up this essay, I have learned a lot of different strategies to help me through difficult situations and life choices.

Dare Essay By: Ryan

For the first half of this school year we took a class called D.A.R.E. D.A.R.E. stands for Define, Assess, Respond, and Evaluate. I will be telling you how I can use D.A.R.E. As well as some

of the things we used in D.A.R.E. In conclusion this is what D.A.R.E. stands for and what it is.

I can use D.A.R.E. in many ways, like making the right choice, taking the right medication, and communicating effectively. I would use these because they would all help me in life. Taking the right medication keeps me healthy. Communicating effectively helps me and other people understand each other better. This helps me and the person I am talking to. In conclusion this is how D.A.R.E. helps me and other people.

In this part of my essay I will talk about some of the words we learned in D.A.R.E. I will mostly be talking about words we learned, what they mean how they affect my life. The first word I will be talking about is "stress." I chose stress because I think a lot of people experience stress and I want to tell them how to help get rid of stress. The definition of stress is "Any strain, pressure, or excitement felt about a situation or an event." Stress can not be healthy for your body if you get too stressed and that is why I want to tell you how to relieve stress. I have a couple of methods to help relieve stress. The first method is to read a book. Your opinion may be different, but reading helps cool me down. Another method that usually works is sitting down and watching YouTube or the television. However, you do not want to watch anything scary cause it can get your nerves up, so watch something calm. My final technique is to just take a nap or lay down. In conclusion, I decided to write about stress because it happens to me a lot and to my peers. Also, you can get stressed doing a lot of things; for example right now I am stressed about writing this because it is due tomorrow. The second word I would like to talk about is "tattling." I chose this word because it happens a lot in my house! I do not know about you, but tattling is all that seems to happen. Tattling is not something you should do even though you may get tattled on. The definition for tattling is "When you want to get someone in trouble for harmless behavior." A reason you should not tattle is because you will usually get

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HORNISH, LONG WIN BORDER WARS TITLE



Raider Gabe Sutton at 113 picks up his second win as he pins his opponent from Columbus Grove on Friday afternoon.

DEFIANCE - A pair of local wrestlers claimed individual championships at the Defiance Border Wars Wrestling Tournament last weekend.

Wayne Trace's Jarrett Hornish captured the crown in the 106 weight class while fellow Raider Hunter Long took first place at 120.

At 106, Hornish picked up a first place finish with an 8-2

decision over Bluffton's Tayton Kleman to lead county wrestlers.

Other wins for Hornish came over Archbishop Hoban's Tobias Baranek, Berkshire's James Klingman and Lima Central Catholic's Gavin Caprella.

Wayne Trace also got a first place finish from Long at 120 as he posted an 18-12 victory over Antwerp's Aidan

McAlexander.

Long also defeated Angola's Trevor Marple, Dowagiac Union's Dylan Elmore, Bluffton's Jeremy Sturgeon and Allen East's Drake Carmean.

McAlexander had previously beaten Archbishop Hoban's Sean Listerman, Harvey's Elijah Rowdy and Defiance's Juan Perez.

The Raiders' Gabe Sutton was third at 113, pinning Findlay's T.J. Barnes in 3:44

to wrap up his day.

Sutton also posted victories over Defiance's Lance Armstrong, Columbia City's Austin Dunnuck, Niles' Carson Landon and Edgerton's Hayden Herman.

"We really looked great this weekend. Especially finishing in the top ten, of a 43 team tournament. We had some big wins, with Jarrett Hornish defeating Caprella from LCC and Kleman from Bluffton. Both ranked in the state. Then with Hunter Long beating Carmean from Allen East, and Antwerp's Aidan McAlexander in the finals, last year's 106 3rd place state finisher. Gabe Sutton looked really smooth as well, finishing 3rd at 113. Our next competition will be next Saturday at the Troy Invitational in Troy, OH," commented Wayne Trace coach, George Clemens.

Clemens continues, "Hornish and Long not only became the first wrestlers from Wayne Trace to win the Border War Tournament, they are the first wrestlers in Paulding County to win the Border Wars Tournament. Long was voted Most Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament which is typi-

cally unheard-of for a freshman."

Antwerp's Randall Mills finished seventh thanks to a 15-4 major decision over Archbold's Shane Eicher. Mills' other victories came over Coventry's Owen Hartwig, Niles' Terris Frick and Ottawa Glandorf's Owen Thomas.

Danny Herschberger of Woodlan placed sixth after being pinned in 3:31 by Granville's Zach Walsh at 152.

Herschberger picked up victories over Antwerp's Tanner Wentland, Columbia City's Alton Mullinax and Columbus Grove's Dylan Pitts.

Niles High School of Michigan won the tournament with 168-1/2 points with Sandusky (129) taking second and Sycamore (123) finishing third.

Mendon was fourth at 113-1/2 followed by Findlay at 105-1/2 and Wayne Trace was sixth with 104. Antwerp placed 27th with 50-1/2 points and Woodlan tied for 40th with 22.

LADY PANTHERS SPLIT AT BRYAN TOURNEY

BRYAN - Paulding took third place in the Bryan Girls Basketball Holiday Tournament last week as the Panthers fell to the host Golden Bears before getting past Fairview in the consolation game.

In the consolation game on Saturday, Paulding hit 22 off 33 free throws to hold off the Lady Apaches for a 55-43 victory.

The two teams were tied at 3-3 at the end of one quarter before Paulding grabbed a 15-12 halftime advantage. The maroon and white then opened the game up in the third quarter, outscoring Fairview 19-10 to seize a 34-22 advantage.

Michelle Marshall led the black and gold with 14 points while Olivia Ricica added 13 and Kiersten Cline chipped in 11. Mercedes Wagner had the other five points for Fairview.

Bri Townley, who hit 10 of 14 free throw attempts, paced

the way for Paulding with 15 points. Jalynn Parrett added 14 for the Panthers and Chelsi Geisige bucketed nine.

Audrey Geisige (six), Sadie Estle (six), Janae Pease (four) and Sydney McCullough (one) picked up the remaining Paulding points.

In the opener on Friday, Bryan pulled away from the Panthers for a 52-46 victory.

The Panthers led 15-13 at the end of eight minutes of action and still led 26-24 at the halfway point.

However, the Lady Golden Bears outscored Paulding 12-9 in the third quarter to post a one-point, 36-35 advantage, entering the final stanza.

Bryan then added 16 points in the final eight minutes compared to Paulding's 11 to wrap up the victory.

Bri Townley led the way for the maroon and white with 13 points while Chelsi Geisige added a dozen markers.

Sadie Estle bucketed eight points for Paulding with Jalynn Parrett (seven), Janae Pease (four) and Sydney McCullough (two) rounding out the Panther scoring.

Kennedy Lamberson scored a game high 24 points to top the Golden Bear efforts while McKenna Grube also reached double figures with 14 points.

Brooke Lamberson (five), Kayla Arnold (five), McKendry Semer (two) and Shalynn Miley (two) also scored for Bryan.



Wayne Trace's Hunter Long raises his arm after getting his second win at the Defiance Board Wars. Hunter Long at 120 was one of the first wrestlers, and only freshman to have won the Border War Tournament!



Antwerp's senior wrestler Aidan McAlexander wins his second round as he advances in the Defiance Border Wars Wrestling Tournament. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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LADY RAIDERS END YEAR WITH WIN OVER WOODLAN



Gabby Joyce, Freshman at Woodlan, picks up a 3 pointer for the team! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports-writer
WOODBURN - The Wayne Trace Lady Raiders made the short trip across the state line to play the Woodlan (Indiana) Warriors on Thursday December 27. The trip back home was a pleasant one after the Raiders collected a 10-point win 43-33, to close out the 2018 portion of their schedule.

nine points while holding the Warriors to just two. Wayne Trace entered the final eight minutes with a commanding 40-20 but would have a rough time offensively. Woodlan made a dent in the Raider lead; outscoring the Raiders 13-3 but would get no closer. With the win the Lady Raiders improve their mark at 8-1 with the Warriors falling to 11-5.



Wayne Trace's Miriam Sinn launches the ball to score in the first quarter for the Raiders! More pictures at westbendnews.net

In a low scoring contest, junior Claire Sinn and sophomore Katrina Stoller paced the Ohio winners with Sinn scoring 15 points and Stoller chipping in 14. Claire Sinn also grabbed eight rebounds along with dishing out four assists and on the defensive end collected five steals. The Raiders controlled the early play and held a 19-12 margin after the first quarter of play. The red, white and blue increased their lead in the second period to hold a 31-18 advantage at the midway break. The second half had both teams struggle scoring points. In the third quarter Wayne Trace continued to increase their margin with

Seven different Warriors scored with Addie Bayman netting eight and Gabby Joyce adding seven to lead the Woodlan effort. Also scoring was Taya Kitzmiller six; Dakotah Krohn five and Abbey Gentz three. Ella Smith and Hanna Albertsin rounded out the scoring with two points each. Wayne Trace shot 39 percent (16-41) from the field and hauled in 42 rebounds to just 27 for the Warriors. Both teams struggled with taking care of the basketball. Woodlan totaled 26 turnovers to 23 miscues for the Raiders. Woodlan shot just 26 percent from the floor on just 11-42 attempts. Also scoring for the win-

ners included Sadie Sinn with nine points and eight rebounds; Kaylee Shepherd three points and seven boards and two points for Miriam

Sinn along with four assists and four steals. The Raiders also captured the Junior Varsity contest with a 39-34 win.



Woodlan Girls Basketball coach Gary Cobb is congratulated by the Woodlan Basketball Booster President, Holly Joyce. More pictures at westbendnews.net

GIRLS HS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCED

Girls basketball teams got their sectional and district tournament assignments recently as the Northwest District Athletic Board released the 2018-2019 information. Locally, Hicksville and Paulding are both in the Division III district tournament at Elida. Joining the Aces and Panthers are Allen East, Coldwater, Elmwood, Fairview, Fostoria, Liberty Benton, Ottawa Glandorf, Patrick Henry, Spencerville and Tinora. Sectionals for the Elida district will be held at Lincolnview and Bluffton. Meanwhile, Antwerp and Wayne Trace are slated to take part in the Division IV district tournament that wraps up at Van Wert High School. Beside the Archers and Raiders, nine other schools will battle in the district including Ayersville, Continental, Crestview, Delphos Jefferson, Delphos St. John's, Fort Jennings, Kalida, Lincolnview and Ottoville. The sectional tournaments for the Van Wert district will be at Paulding and Defiance.

RAIDER WRESTLERS PULL OUT NARROW VICTORY IN PILOT DUAL

The Ayersville dual-match against Wayne Trace took place on December 20th. Wayne Trace won the match. Our next competition will be the Defiance two-day tournament on the 29th and 30th of December. Results: 285 - Graham, WT, 2-2, 3-2, Eitneiar, AY 113 - Hornish, WT, pin 2:26, Winzeler, AY 120 - Sutton, WT, forfeit 126 - Long, WT, pin 5:10 132 - Aden, AY, forfeit 138 - Shreve, AY, def 1:28, Meggison, WT 145 - Baughman, WT, 19-12, Romes, AY 152 - Munger, WT, pin 1:57, J Romes 160 - Wyatt, WT, pin 0:27, Rue, AY 170 - Swope, AY, pin 1:06, Harris 182 - Brown, AY, 13-4, Moore, WT 195 - Matthews, AY, forfeit 220 - Degler, AY, pin 0:21,

Harris, WT X145 - Cox, WT, pin 3:23, Delano, AY X145 - Rupp, WT, pin 0:30, Johnson, AY X285 - Lause, AY, pin 0:50, Franklin, WT

PANTHERS DROP PAIR IN DC TOURNEY

DEFIANCE - Paulding's boys basketball squad made the trip to Defiance two days last week to take part in the Derrow Chrysler Holiday Classic at Defiance College where the Panthers fell to both Bryan and Tinora. In the opening round, Bryan outlasted the Panthers 52-50 to advance to the championship. The Golden Bears used a dominating 27-12 edge on the boards to pick up the victory despite having 11 turnovers compared to Paulding's seven. Caleb Zuver led the Williams County squad with 19 points while Reese Jackson added 14 and Connor Shirkey chipped in ten. Blake McGarvey scored a team high 19 to pace Paulding, hitting five three-point field goals in the contest. Fletcher Cook added 18 points and connected on a quartet of treys as well. Car-

son Shull (five), Jacob Eblin (four), Bailey Manz (two) and Hunter Kauser (two) picked up the remaining Panther points. On Friday in the consolation game, Tinora recorded a 47-42 win over the Panthers. The Panthers held a slim 15-14 advantage at the end of one quarter before Tinora took a 27-26 lead at halftime. The Rams then expanded the margin to 36-29 entering the final quarter. Fletcher Cook topped the Panther effort with 20 points while Carson Shull and Jaret Miller added eight points each. Bailey Manz and Tristan Kinder bucketed three markers apiece as well for the Panthers. Tinora got 16 points from Tye Norden and ten by Evan Willitzer with Nolan Schafer chipping in eight markers. Isaiah Colon (six), Max Grube (two), Brady Bumb (two) and Landon Rinkel (two) completed the Ram scoring. Paulding is now 2-7 on the season and will not return to action until January 11 when the Panthers visit Allen East in Northwest Conference action.

USDA ANNOUNCES PLENARY SPEAKERS FOR THE 2019 AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK FORUM

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces plenary speakers for the 2019 Agricultural Outlook Forum (AOF), to be held February 21-22, 2019, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, VA. The 2019 forum is themed "Growing Locally, Selling Globally." The opening plenary session will feature keynote remarks from U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, welcoming comments from Deputy Secretary Steve Censky, and "The 2019 Economic Outlook for Agriculture" presented by USDA Chief Economist Robert Johansson. The plenary session will also hold a panel discussion on precision biotechnology in agriculture and the role of regulations. The session, titled "Evolving Regulatory Landscape and Adoption of Precision Biotechnology Crop and Livestock Innovations," will bring together industry leaders to discuss various aspects of this timely topic. The

prominent group includes: Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts Barbara Glenn, CEO of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) Tammy Lee, CEO of Recombinetics Jack Bobo, Senior Vice President and Chief Communications Officer, Intrexon The session will be moderated by Agri-Pulse President Sara Wyant. "USDA is committed to supporting technology and innovations that benefit U.S. farmers," said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue. "The forum offers a unique platform to discuss these issues and why they matter to the agricultural sector, industry leaders, government officials, and producers." Along with the plenary presentations, attendees can choose from 30 sessions with more than 90 speakers and a host of agriculture-related exhibits. Among the concurrent track sessions and topics supporting this year's theme are: global trade trends, innovations in agriculture, developments in animal and crop biotechnology, frontiers in conservation, and outlooks for food and commodity markets. Early arrivals may take part in two pre-forum field trips: a farm conservation tour of a working family farm in Maryland or a tour of USDA's Agricultural Research Center in Beltsville, Md. The nominal fee includes transportation and a boxed lunch. Now in its 95th year, the Agricultural Outlook Forum is USDA's largest annual meeting, attracting as many as 2,000 attendees from the U.S. and abroad. The forum highlights key issues and timely topics affecting the agriculture sector, offering a platform for exchanging information and ideas among producers, processors, policymakers, government officials, and non-governmental organizations, both foreign and domestic. Visit the Agricultural Outlook Forum website to register, reserve discounted room rates, or join the pre-forum field trip. Follow the conversation at #AgOutlook on USDA's Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

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Antwerp Junior Jayvin Landers sinks 3, gaining traction against the Bulldogs in the 4th quarter struggle. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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Parker Thiel scored 19 points to lead Hicksville, which improves to 6-0 on the season. Other scorers for the red and white included Dylan Early (six), Jackson Bergman (four), Landon Turnbull (four), Michael Myers (four), Zac Brickel (four) and Travian Tunis (three).

Clayton Flegal and Braydon Cape both hit double digits for Edgerton with 12 and 10 points, respectively. Colin Gary (five), Logan Showalter (four) and Gannon Ripke (two) added markers for Edgerton, which falls to 4-3.

Antwerp led at every stop in the consolation game, taking an 11-9 lead at the end of one and posting a 27-20 advantage at the midway point. The Archers widened the margin to 39-25 at the end of

three periods.

Cole Seslar paced the Archers with 12 points followed by Blake Schuette (11), Jayvin Landers (nine), Keaton Altimus (eight), Ty Rebber (six), Austin Lichty (five) and Luke Brewer (four).

Edon was led by Austin Kiess with 17 points and Drew Gallehue chipped in 16. Tatum Schaffter (eight), Cassius Hulbert (two) and Daryke Bass (two) also scored for the Bombers, who are now 2-6 on the season.

In semifinal action, Edgerton defeated Antwerp 53-51 and Hicksville dominated Edon 71-26.

The Bulldogs got 19 points from Braydon Cape while Logan Showalter chipped in 14 and Clayton Flegal added ten. Colin Gary (four), Greg Roth (three) and Jaron Cape (three) completed the scoring for Ed-

gerton.

Antwerp led 14-11 after one quarter before taking a 24-19 halftime advantage. Edgerton dominated the third quarter, though, outscoring the Archers 23-10 to post a 42-34 lead entering the final stanza.

Jayvin Landers paced the blue and white with 18 points followed by Luke Brewer with a dozen and Cole Seslar posted 11. Keaton Altimus and Blake Schuette added five and three points, respectively.

Travian Tunis, Parker Thiel and Landon Turnbull all had 15 points to lead the Aces to the victory. Zac Brickel also reached double figures for Hicksville with 11 markers. Michael Myers (five), Dylan Early (four), Josh Myers (three), Jackson Bergman (two) and Cam Straub (one) found the scoring column as well for Hicksville.

Edon was paced by Tatum Schaffter with nine points and Austin Kiess added eight markers.

USDA LAUNCHES NEW PROGRAM TO CREATE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET E-CONNECTIVITY IN RURAL AMERICA

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue announced that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is offering up to \$600 million in loans and grants to help build broadband infrastructure in rural America. Telecommunications companies, rural electric cooperatives and utilities, internet service providers and municipalities may apply for funding through USDA's new ReConnect Program to connect rural areas that currently have insufficient broadband service. Answering the Administration's call to action for rural prosperity, Congress appropriated funds in the fiscal year 2018 budget for this broadband pilot program. USDA Rural Development is the primary agency delivering the program, with assistance from other federal partners.

"High-speed internet e-Connectivity is a necessity, not an amenity, vital for quality of life and economic opportunity, so we hope that today rural communities kick off their rural broadband project planning," Secretary Perdue said. "Under the leadership of President Trump, USDA has worked to understand the true needs of rural communities facing this challenge so we can be strong partners to create high-speed, reliable broadband e-Connectivity."

USDA will make available approximately \$200 million for grants (applications due to USDA by April

29), as well as \$200 million for loan and grant combinations (applications due May 29), and \$200 million for low-interest loans (applications due by June 28).

Projects funded through this initiative must serve communities with fewer than 20,000 people with no broadband service or where service is slower than 10 megabits per second (mbps) download and 1 mbps upload.

Approved projects must create access speeds of at least 25 mbps upload and 3 mbps download. Priority will be awarded for projects that propose to deliver higher-capacity connections to rural homes, businesses and farms. USDA seeks to stretch these funds as far as possible by leveraging existing networks and systems without overbuilding existing services greater than 10/1 mbps.

Evaluation criteria include connecting agricultural production and marketing, e-Commerce, health care and education facilities. Previous research by USDA has demonstrated that high-capacity broadband is critical to all aspects of rural prosperity, including the ability to grow and attract businesses, retain and develop talent, and maintain rural quality of life.

To help customers with the application process, USDA is holding a series of online webinars and regional in-person workshops. The full list of upcoming public webinars and workshops can be found at the ReConnect Program's resource portal at reconnect.usda.gov.

In April 2017, President Donald J. Trump established the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to identify legislative, regulatory and policy changes that could promote agriculture and prosperity in rural communities. In January 2018, Secretary Perdue presented the Task Force's findings to President Trump. These findings included 31 recommendations to align the federal government with state, local and tribal governments to take advantage of opportunities that exist in rural America. Increasing investments in rural infrastructure is a key recommendation of the task force.

To view the report in its entirety, please view the Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity (PDF, 5.4 MB). In addition, to view the categories of the recommendations, please view the Rural Prosperity infographic (PDF, 190 KB).

GERBER'S 24 LEADS RAIDERS PAST WOODLAN



Wayne Trace's Evan Mohr, senior, slides in to deliver the ball to the basket! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports-writer

HAVILAND - Just a few days prior to the new year, Wayne Trace hosted Woodlan (IN) and defeated the Warriors 60-43 to move their record to 6-2 while the Warriors fall to 2-7.

Wayne Trace connected on 13-29 field goals inside the arc and totaled 7-19 behind the arc for a 41 percent clip. For the Warriors, all their field goals were the two-point variety, hitting 17-33 for just over 50 percent but misfired on all 12 of their attempts from behind the three-point line.

The Raiders jumped out to an early lead and enjoyed a seven point advantage after eight minutes of play 18-11. Both teams played even in the second period with each squad putting up 16 points. The 34-27 halftime scored increased to double digits heading into the final period with the Raiders on top 47-37. In the final eight minutes of play the red, white and blue turned up their defensive pressure, holding Woodlan to just six points while posting 13 for the 17 point win.

Junior Nate Gerber put together a solid performance for the Raiders with 24 points to lead all scorers. Gerber was 7-17 from the floor but was perfect at the free throw line hitting all eight of his attempts. The 6-6 Gerber also made his presence known in the paint with nine rebounds. Jace Vining finished in double figures with 14. Also scoring for the winners: Reid Miller seven; Josiah Linder six; Evan Mohr four; Alex Reinhardt three and Trae Sinn two. Miller also finished with five assists while Linder snagged seven boards.

Woodlan was led by the 17 points from Joe Reidy who was 7-8 from the foul line and grabbed nine rebounds. Other scorers include: Aiden Bayman eight; Mitch Mendenhall six; Trevor Wiedenhoef five; Jack Stuckey four and Konner Norman three.

The Raiders won the battle of the boards 34-30 with Woodlan collecting 13 turnovers to just 11 for the winners from Ohio.

In the Junior varsity match up the Raiders defeated the Warriors 39-26.



Woodlan's Trevor Wiedenhoef fought aggressively and grabbed the ball from the Raiders, taking it down to the Warriors side of the court to score!. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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in trouble, and it is just not a good thing to do that is worth it. In conclusion this is why you should not tattle. I chose these words because they apply to my life.

I could go on and on with all the things we learned in D.A.R.E. about keeping us safe, but since we don't have forever I will only say a little more. These two last things I am going to talk about are the most important of the words we learned through D.A.R.E. The first word is "peer pressure." I think that this happens at most ages, but mostly for teens. Even though my classmates and I are not teens, I still think this is a valuable thing almost every child should know. The definition for peer pressure is "When people about your age try to get you to do something." I myself have experienced peer pressure and it was a good thing that happened to me and not a bad thing. The time I experienced peer pressure is when my sister tried to get me to ride a slide at a water park. When I finally rode the slide I ended up having a blast. Peer pressure can be a bad thing and a good thing so sometimes it is okay when other times it is not. I think it is time now to move on to the next work which is "responsible". It is actually a really good thing to be responsible and that is why you want to try and be responsible. If your a very responsible person they most people will trust and it is a good thing that people trust you. I chose this word to show others what being responsible can make other people feel about you. Some examples are babysitting, and staying at home by yourself. If you are not responsible then you will most likely no be able to do those kind of things. I think of myself as a responsible person, and that is a good thing to think. I chose these words because they are important and apply to my life.

I think D.A.R.E. is a class everyone should take. It teaches you how to stay safe and how to stay healthy, and you have fun doing D.A.R.E. This year I have learned a lot and have had a lot of fun during D.A.R.E. so I will miss it next year. In conclusion this essay is about what we learned in D.A.R.E. and why everyone should take the class.

Dare Essay
By: Stella Laukhuf

Dare is a very important part of the year. We learn important life lessons and what to do in difficult life sit-

uations. So this is why Dare is very necessary to all the students.

We learned about bullying in dare. Bullying was one of the lessons that stood out to me because too many kids get bullied in our grade, our school and throughout the country. I know that we can't control how the world acts so why not start with how you act. Bullying can cause a lot of stress, depression, and anger. So treat others the way you would want to be treated. Also, next time you see someone getting bullied stand up for them and let them know that they are not alone. Also, try talking to the bully and see what's going on with him or her and show empathy. To sum this paragraph up, bullying is a very important lesson in 5th grade Dare Program.

Another important Dare lesson is communication. We all need to communicate because if do not communicate we will not know what's going on. If somebody is upset and we do not communicate with them, you could think they are mad at you then a fight will start. Nobody wants to fight, so we just need to talk to each other and see what's going on.

The next lesson is risk. When we take risked we are stepping out of our comfort zone. It's good to take risk because if you were to take a risk there could be consequences. There are 2 types of consequences, a good consistency and a bad consequence. I also like this lesson, because they go together as 5th graders we need to know how to take a risk to get good consequences and not bad consequences.

The last lesson I would like to talk about is peer pressure. Peer pressure is when someone tries to persuade you into doing something for them. Nobody should do this, because if they don't have the courage to do that action, then you should not do it either. It could also get you in trouble for something somebody else told you to do.

As you can seem all the lessons in Dare I talked about go together. All of these lessons try to teach you if you take a risk on telling on a bully, there could be a good consequence. The bully might leave you alone but if they do not leave you alone, show them empathy because you do not know what's going on in their life. In conclusion, this is why the Dare Program is so important to me.

STUDENTS USE CODING SKILLS TO PLAY XYLOPHONE



Before winter break, fifth graders at Antwerp Elementary School used their coding skills to program Dash robots to move and play the xylo-

phone. Here, Dylan Hahn watches as Dominic Laker changes the code on the iPad. Behind them, Tyler Palacios prepares the Dash robot.

SECRETARY PERDUE DETAILS USDA FUNCTIONS IN THE EVENT OF A LAPSE IN FEDERAL FUNDING

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue detailed which functions of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will remain available in the event of a lapse in government funding.

"There may be a lapse in funding for the federal government, but that will not relieve USDA of its responsibilities for safeguarding life and property through the critical services we provide," said Secretary Perdue. "Our employees work hard every day to benefit our customers and the farmers, ranchers, foresters, and producers who depend on our programs. During a shutdown, we will leverage our existing resources as best we can to continue to provide the top-notch service people expect."

Some USDA activities will be shut down or significantly reduced and some USDA employees will be furloughed. However, certain USDA activities would continue because they are related to law enforcement, the protection of life and property, or are financed through available funding (such as through mandatory appropriations, multi-year discretionary funding, or user fees). For the first week of a potential shutdown, 61% of employees would either be exempted or excepted from shutdown activities. If the shutdown continues, this percentage would decrease, and activities would be reduced as available funding decreases.

USDA activities that would continue in the short-term include:

- Meat, poultry, and processed egg inspection services.
- Grain and other commodity inspection, weighing, grading, and IT support services funded by user fees.
- Inspections for import and export activities to prevent the introduction and dissemination of pests into and out of the U.S., including inspections from Hawaii and Puerto Rico to the mainland.
- Forest Service law enforcement, emergency and natural disaster response, and national defense preparedness efforts.
- Forest Service employees will continue to work on managing and maintaining the current forest system lands and sustaining the health and safety of the lands for their continued use.

- Continuity and maintenance of some research measurements and research-related infrastructure, such as germplasm, seed storage, and greenhouses.

- Care for animals, plants and associated infrastructure to preserve agricultural research and to comply with the Wild Horses and Burros statute.

- Eligible households will still receive monthly Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for January.

- Most other domestic nutrition assistance programs, such as the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, WIC, and the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, can continue to operate at the State and local level with any funding and commodity resources that remain available. Additional Federal funds and commodities will not be provided during the period of the lapse.

- The Child Nutrition (CN) Programs, including School Lunch, School Breakfast, Child and Adult Care Feeding, Summer Food Service and Special Milk will continue operations into February. Meal providers are paid on a reimbursement basis 30 days after the end of the service month. Carry-over funding will be available during a lapse to support FY 2019 meal service.

- Minimal administrative and management support, including to excepted IT systems and contracts, will be maintained to support the above activities.

- Provision of conservation technical and financial assistance (such as Conservation

- Reserve Program, Environmental Quality Incentives Program, and easement programs).

- Some farm payments (including direct payments, market assistance loans, market facilitation payments, and disaster assistance programs) will be continued for the first week of a shutdown.

- Market Facilitation Program payments.

- Trade mitigation purchases made by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.

- Agricultural export credit and other agricultural trade development and monitoring activities.

- USDA's Market News Service, which provides critically important market information to the agricultural industry.

The following USDA activities would not be contin-

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

ued and would be shut down in an orderly fashion during a government funding lapse. These activities include:

- Provision of new rural development loans and grants for housing, community facilities, utilities and businesses.

- All recreation sites across the U.S National Forest System, unless they are operated by external parties under a recreational special use permit.

- New timber sales.
- Most forest fuels reduction activities in and around communities.

- NASS statistics, World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report, and other agricultural economic and statistical reports and projections.

- Investigation of packers and stockyards related to fraudulent and anti-competitive activities.

- Assistance for the control of most plant and animal pests and diseases unless funded by cooperators or other non-appropriated sources.

- Research facilities except for the care for animals, plants and associated infra-

structure to preserve agricultural research.

- Provision of new grants or processing of payments for existing grants to support research, education, and extension.

- ERS Commodity Outlook Reports, Data Products, research reports, staff analysis, and projections. The ERS public website would be taken offline.

- Most departmental management, administrative and oversight functions, including civil rights, human resources, financial management, audit, investigative, legal and information technology activities.

- Mandatory Audits (Financial Statements, FISMA, and potentially Improper Payments) will be suspended and may not be completed and released on the date mandated by law.

- After the first week, farm loans and some farm payments (including direct payments, market assistance loans, market facilitation payments for those producers who have not certified production, and disaster assistance programs).

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SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26

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MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-BR3,
Plaintiff,,
vs.
BRANT SAMUEL VERFAILLIE, ET AL., Defendants,**

Case No. Cl 16 083

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Peter L. Mehler, Attorney for Plaintiff

**PAULDING COUNTY
COURT RECORDS**

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Joel A. Hernandez, Frankfort, IL; Open container; Defendant to pay all costs; Case dismissed per state

Joel A. Hernandez, Frankfort, IL; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by arresting agency

Joel A. Hernandez, Frankfort, IL; Paraphernalia; Defendant to pay all costs; Case dismissed per state; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Jimmie D. Keeler, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kyle J. Weisenburger, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

AUGLAIZE TWP

12/27/18 Lively Nancy to Bauer Robert L Bauer M Suzann; Rd 169; 1 acre; Pt Se1/4

Pcl W Auglaize Twp S-20

12/27/18 Sholl Bruce A & Sholl Tammy R to Sholl Bruce A; Rd 184; 8.5 acres; E1/2E1/2Sw1/4Nw1/4Auglaize Twp S-26

12/27/18 Sholl Bruce A Sholl Tammy R to Sholl Bruce A Sholl Tammy R; 23307 Rd 184 Oakwood Oh 45873; 1.641 acres; Pt Se1/4Nw1/4 Auglaize Twp S-26

12/27/18 Sholl Bruce A Sholl Tammy R to Sholl Bruce A Sholl Tammy R; Rd 184; 20.496 acres; W1/2 Sw1/4 Ne1/4 Auglaize Twp S-26

12/27/18 Sholl Bruce A Sholl Tammy R to Sholl Bruce A Sholl Tammy R; Rd 209; 27.347 acres; Pt S1/2 Ne1/4 Auglaize Twp S-26

12/27/18 Sholl Bruce A Sholl Tammy R to Sholl Bruce A Sholl Tammy R; Rd 184; 34.926 acres; Wpt n e 1 / 4 S w 1 / 4 & P t n 1 / 2 N w 1 / 4 S w 1 / 4 Auglaize Twp S-26

BENTON TWP

12/26/18 Stoller Helen M Le to Poston Jeanette S Poston Timothy A; Rd 48; 40 acres; Se1/4Sw1/4 Benton Twp S-13

12/27/18 CR 2018 LLC to Green Steven; 423 S Laura St; 0.1722 acres; Lot 155 Gibson 2Nd Add Payne Vill

BLUE CREEK TWP

12/26/18 Stoller Helen M Le to Stoller Helen M Le; Rd 71; 80 acres; W1/2Nw1/4 Blue Creek Twp S-8

12/26/18 Stoller Helen M Le to Poston Jeanette S Et Al; Rd 72; 59.113 acres; Pt W1/2Ne1/4 Blue Creek Twp S-12

12/26/18 Stoller Helen M Le to Poston Jeanette S Poston Timothy A; Rd 72; 38.1 acres; Pt N Ptnw1/4 Blue Creek Twp S-12

BROWN TWP

12/27/18 Baker Leland O Trustee & Baker Marjane L Trustee to Baker Leland O Trustee; 22391 Rd 128; 19.571 acres; Pt E1/2 Se1/4 Sw1/4 Brown Twp S-15

HARRISON TWP

12/27/18 Carter Brian L Carter Victoria L to Carter Brian L; 410 W Merrin St; 0.241 acres; Lot E W 1/3 Gibson's 3Rd Add Lots E-K Payne Vill

PAULDING TWP

12/26/18 Riley Robert Le & Riley Ruth Le Et Al to Riley Ruth Le; 10261 SR 500 Paulding Oh 45879; 39.297 acres; Pt Sw1/4 Sw1/4 S-15Paulding Twp

**ANTWERP POLICE DEPT.
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On December 16, the police department was contacted by the Whitley County Sheriff's Department in Indiana in reference to a stolen truck. The information received was there was a stolen truck by a suspected Antwerp village resident. The Antwerp Police department had found the resident to have since moved to New Haven, IN and that information had been relayed to the contacting sheriff's office.

On December 16, several calls were received in reference to a low flying helicopter over the village. The calls were investigated and it was determined that the copter was owned by the Indiana/Michigan Power Company and it was doing service around the area.

On December 17, a license plate was turned into the police department that had been found in the roadway. Upon running a check the plate was

found to be owned by a resident and an officer returned it to the resident.

On December 18, a resident on West River St. returned home to find all of the items in the house gone along with two cars in the driveway. The call was investigated and the landlord had served an eviction notice and the renter did not vacate the premises by the date specified. The landlord had all contents from the house and land removed.

On December 19, the Antwerp Police handled a car/deer accident on the west edge of the village limits.

On December 20, at 4:30 p.m. the Antwerp PD handled a non-injury 2 vehicle accident that occurred at the corner of Island and East River Streets.

On December 20, at 9:00 p.m. several residents around the village called in with reports of a loud explosion. The officer patrolled the village, but was unable to locate the source of the sound.

On December 21, the Antwerp Police Dept was contacted in reference to fraudulent checks being issued around Cincinnati area. The checks with the Antwerp Exchange Bank routing number were being cashed at Staples, Bass Pro Shop, and possibly others. Upon investigation, it was determined that the checks were counterfeit and the Antwerp Bank has no account for the checks. The Attorney General's Office was contacted along with the Law Enforcement agency where the checks were being cashed.

On December 21, the Paulding County Sheriff's dispatch requested assistance from the police department in reference to a bank alarm at GenFed Federal Credit Union. The officer's response time was less than 3 minutes and it was found to be a false alarm.

If you have any questions or concerns for the Antwerp Police, or need to report anything, be sure to contact them at the office or call 419-258-2627.

**SECRETARY PERDUE
NAMES NRCS CHIEF**

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced the appointment of Matthew J. "Matt" Lohr to serve as Chief of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). In his role, Lohr will provide leadership for NRCS and its mission to support America's farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners in their voluntary conservation efforts through a network of over 3,000 offices in communities nationwide.

"Matt has committed his entire life to the betterment of agriculture," Perdue said. "The knowledge and experience he brings to the table will help ensure our locally-led, science-based approach continues to offer farmers the conservation solutions needed to enhance their environment and commercial viability."

Lohr, raised on a century farm in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, now owns and operates Valley Pike Farm, Inc., with his wife Beth and their six children. Prior to his appointment by the Trump Administration, Lohr held public office, serving in the Virginia House of Delegates

**WT GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY SPELLING
BEE WINNERS**



Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary held the Spelling Bee on December 21st. Jarrett Jewell was the winner after 14 rounds, spelling the word "cliches" correctly. Runner up was Anna Meraz.

from 2006-2010. In 2008, Lohr was awarded Legislator of the Year in honor of his work as an ambassador for economic and community development in Virginia. He then served as Virginia's Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services from 2010 to 2013. More recently, Lohr worked as Knowledge Center Director for Farm Credit of the Virginias, a customer-owned financial cooperative that provides resources and education outreach to local farmers and the community. Since June 2017, he has been farming full-time on the family operation, which includes poultry, beef cattle, row crops, and sweet corn.

"I am honored and hum-

bled to serve America's agricultural industry in this new capacity," Lohr said. "As a 5th generation farmer, I care deeply about conserving and protecting our most valuable agricultural resources. I look forward to the chance to lead this valuable agency and assist our producers nationwide with their conservation practices."

NRCS, through voluntary natural resource conservation programs, works side-by-side with producers, local conservation districts, and other partners to protect and conserve natural resources and build sustainable farming solutions through soil conservation on private lands throughout the United States.

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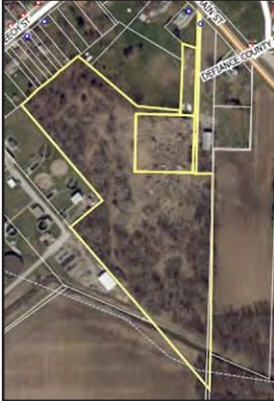
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AUCTIONED AS FOLLOWS: The real estate will be auctioned off at approx. 9:30 AM and will be sold as one (1) parcel. Formerly known as "Cooks Junk Yard" this property still has Doc's old house (should be razed) and fence surrounding the property. Ideal set up for storage units, a construction business, pole barns, warehousing, recreation facility, nursery/landscaping, bulk storage, lay down lot and much more. WILL SELL REGARDLESS OF PRICE. Go to our website for the last correspondence from the EPA and pictures of vehicles.

Immediately following the sale of the real estate we will be auctioning off the cars & trucks. Many of these vehicles are collectible or semi-collectible and were part of the Ralph Fulmer estate.

Some may be driven from the auction, others are project cars but you won't want to miss an opportunity to own an inexpensive but collectible car or truck like these.

TERMS ON REAL ESTATE: 10% down day of sale, balance due upon delivery of the deed & cert. of title. Approximately February 12, 2019

TERMS ON PERSONAL PROPERTY: Cash or check with property I.D.

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VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-26** on December 27, 2018, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER \$7,200.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE SEVERANCE PAY RESERVE FUND, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Fiscal Officer to transfer \$7,200.00 from the General Fund to the Severance Pay Fund to accumulate necessary resources for payment of accumulated benefits as may be appropriate and payable in 2019.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-27** on December 27, 2018, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Fiscal Officer to amend appropriation amounts for 2018.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-28** on December 27, 2018, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance makes appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures for fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, for the funds and in the amounts as set forth in said Ordinance.

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.

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 12/10/18

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Mayor Ray DeLong. Council members present: Rudie Reeb, Kenneth Reinhart, Dean Rister, Mike Rohrs, Keith West, and Jan Reeb.

Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty, Administrator Sara Keeran, and Police Chief George Clemens. Media present: None. Visitors: James Young and Antwerp High School government students.

Minutes from the regular council meeting held November 19, 2018, were reviewed.

Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by Jan Reeb, to accept the minutes from the November 19, 2018, regular council meeting. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

The November disbursements were reviewed. discussion on expenses.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Rudie Reeb, to approve the November reconciliation report. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

VISITORS

Antwerp High School government students and James Young present to observe meeting.

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Clemens provided a written report showing 140 calls for service for the month of November with 26 offenses. Chief Clemens applied for a grant to purchase bullet proof vests. If awarded, the grant would pay for 75% of the purchase price for the vests and the village would be responsible for the balance. Clemens should hear early next year if village will be awarded grant.

EMS REPORT

None

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Third reading of ordinance no. 2018-15: an ordinance authorizing the mayor and the fiscal officer to enter into a contract with Harrison Township for providing fire protection services in calendar years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Reinhart, to accept ordinance no. 2018-15. 6 years, 0 nays. motion carried and approved.

Third reading of ordinance no. 2018-16: an ordinance authorizing the mayor and the fiscal officer to enter into a contract with Harrison Township for providing emergency medical service in calendar years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Motion made by Rister, seconded by West, to accept ordinance no. 2018-16. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Third reading of ordinance no. 2018-17: an ordinance increasing water rates for the Village of Antwerp, county of Paulding, Ohio.

Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by Jan Reeb, to accept ordinance no. 2018-17. 5 years, 1 nay. Motion carried and approved.

Third reading of ordinance no. 2018-18: an ordinance authorizing the mayor and the fiscal officer to enter into a contract with Carryall Township for providing emergency medical service in calendar years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by Reinhart, to accept ordinance no. 2018-18. 6 years, 0 nays. motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of resolution no. 2018-10: a resolution authorizing the mayor of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio to enter into a donation agreement with Paulding County Hospital for the installation of a ten-station fitness trail at the Riverside Veterans Memorial Park; and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Rister, to suspend the rules regarding resolution no. 2018-10. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by West, seconded by Reinhart, to accept resolution no. 2018-10. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

First reading of ordinance no. 2018-25: an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into fourth addendum to agreement for collection, transportation and disposal of residential solid waste within the corporate limits of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio.

Discussion on renewing membership in Paulding County Economic Development, Inc.

Motion made by West, seconded by Reinhart, to approve silver level donation of \$500.00 for 2019 Paulding County Economic Development, Inc. membership. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Water Plant improvement project: work is ongoing.

Ehrhart Properties update: Notice to Fritz Ehrhart has been sent on junk vehicle.

Vision Board: Mayors' meeting will

be scheduled to discuss how villages can share services within the county.

Budget: Waiting on invoices to come in for 2018 payment so that we know how much to set aside for 2019 if all of project is not billed by year end.

Also, contacting vendors to request invoices from those that have completed jobs but not yet billed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Special council meeting is scheduled for December 27, 2018, at 8:00 a.m.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Rister to adjourn the meeting. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

SPECIAL MEETING VILLAGE OF ANTWERP COUNCIL 12/27/18

The special meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Mayor Ray DeLong. Council members present: Rudie Reeb, Kenneth Reinhart, Dean Rister, Mike Rohrs, and Keith West.

Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty, Administrator Sara Keeran, and Police Chief George Clemens. Media present: Peter Greer - Crescent News. Visitors: none.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to excuse Jan Reeb from the December special council meeting. 5 Years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Second reading of ordinance no. 2018-25: An ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into fourth addendum to agreement for collection, transportation and disposal of residential solid waste within the corporate limits of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2018-27: An ordinance authorizing the village fiscal officer to transfer \$7,200.00 from the general fund to the severance pay reserve fund, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by West, seconded by Reinhart, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2018-26. 5 Years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by West, seconded by Rudie Reeb, to accept ordinance no. 2018-26. 5 Years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2018-28: An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, during the fiscal year ending december 31, 2019, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by West, seconded by Rohrs, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2018-28. 5 Years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by Rudie Reeb, to accept ordinance no. 2018-27. 5 Years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2018-28: An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, during the fiscal year ending december 31, 2019, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by West, seconded by Rohrs, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2018-28. 5 Years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Rohrs, to adjourn the meeting. 5 Years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 a.m.

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES 12/10/18

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on December 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wayne Trace High School Lecture Room.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. John Asher. Roll Call was taken by Treasurer, Lori Davis.

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.

Guest: Miss Megan Chapman, Instructor; Mrs. Angie Stokes, Instructor; Students from the Robotics Team; Mr. John Asher, Athletic Boosters; Mr. Shaun Pfeiffer, Athletic Boosters

Students from the Robotics team, Mrs. Stokes, and Miss Chapman did a presentation about the robotics after school club. The team participated in a competition at Bowling Green University. The students talked about the robots they build for competition.

Mr. Asher and Mr. Pfeiffer from the Wayne Trace Athletic Boosters presented a check to the Board of Education in the amount of \$11,000, as a donation to be used for the new weight room equipment.

Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer, Lori Davis reviewed the Treasurer's report for December. Mrs. Davis informed the board that the \$2,000,000. approved at the November meeting to be transferred was complete and showing in 070-9219 fund. Mr. Duane Sinn was appointed President Pro-Tem for the January meeting.

Consent Agenda Items:

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

Motion by: Mr. Baumle, Seconded

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by: Mrs. Stoller

A. to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2018 board meeting;

B. to approve the investment report and payment of bills for November 2018 as presented by the Treasurer;

C. to approve the cash reconciliation for November 2018;

D. to approve the transfer of \$300,000. from the general fund 001 to the permanent improvement fund 003. This represents a transfer of income tax monies received so far in FY19;

E. to establish January 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Lecture Room as the date, time, and place of the 2019 Organizational meeting and to appoint Duane Sinn as President Pro-Tem until such time that a president of the Board is elected that evening, once all the officers have been elected and sworn in, the regular meeting will proceed, with the newly elected president presiding. (Note: The organizational meeting must take place within the first 15 days of January).

*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. Baumle, Mrs. Stoller, Mrs. McClure, Mr. Sinn, and Mr. Swary, aye.

Nay, none. Motion passed.

Vantage Report - Mr. Pat Baumle informed the Board that Vantage Career Center was getting their fire charter which will allow the Career Center to offer Firemen classes. The December meeting was the annual Christmas dinner and it went very well.

Report of the Building Principals Committee Reports Superintendent's Report

A. Curriculum

• Tim Manz and our social studies staff are currently reviewing new materials and plan to adopt a new series or supplement for what we currently use for next school year. Their emphasis is on materials that fully align with the updated standards while also exploring moving away from textbooks to an online or hybrid model. They hope to have an option for the Board to approve by early spring.

• We are continuing to have discussions about the best places to set up Makerspaces in the three district libraries, as well as the best way to facilitate the operation of these programs. These are areas and programs that help build critical thinking skills, creativity, problem solving skills, and teamwork skills in our students. We purchased supplies for these three Makerspaces through Title IV-A funds and will be putting them into use soon. One such purchase was a 3-D printer which is in the JH/HS Makerspace and is being used by the robotics club as they prepare for upcoming competitions in which they design and build their own robots.

• The fall 3rd Grade ELA test has been completed and we expect the results to be available on December 10. We have also begun End-of-Course (EOC) retakes for high school students. Thanks to all that have helped plan and manage the state testing.

• Professional Development for 2019-2020: We have begun discussions about what the PD schedule may look like for next year. At this time, we plan to use a similar model as the 2018-2019 school year with full-day in-services and about seven two-hour-delay in-services.

B. Personnel

• No personnel items for the month of December

• You will note an executive session on the agenda to discuss a couple of personnel items.

C. Buildings and Grounds

• A meeting was held to discuss the scope and timeline for the renovation project on the football and track bleachers and press box. Garthmann Miller will be working to put together information to get all items ready for the bidding process.

• Lori and I will work together at the meeting to give you an update on what we have found in regard to energy projects that we may be able to look at to save the district costs and also provide an update in our facilities.

• Work has begun to clean up and clear out the current weight room. Items of are to be offered for auction at Gorrell Brothers. Following the items being removed the rooms will be painted prior to new equipment being moved in for our students, staff and public to utilize.

D. Events

• Our FFA Food Science Team traveled to State Competition on December 2, and stayed the night prior due to the early start of the competition (consent item A).

• Senior Citizen Luncheon: Many thanks to everyone who made this another nice event (consent item B).

• Christmas Concerts: Congratulations and thanks to our staff and students for several nice events that have taken place or will take place in the coming week at all three buildings (consent item C).

• NHS and NTHS Inductees: We extend congratulations to this year's inductees and thanks to the advisor for a nice ceremony (consent item D).

E. Operations

• Enrollment currently stands at 992 students in grades PK-12.

• To date of this writing we have missed four days of school. We have one day left to miss prior to beginning to make up days.

• Appoint a Board Member as President Pro Tem for the January 2019 Organizational meeting (Treasurer's consent item E).

I. Consent Agenda Items

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

Motion by: Mrs. McClure; Seconded by: Mr. Swary

A. to approve an overnight trip for the Wayne Trace FFA Food Science team to compete at the State Competition in Columbus on December 1, 2018;

B. to commend Mrs. Karen Wagonrod for coordinating this year's Senior Citizens luncheon. Also, to commend Mrs. Sharon Johnson, JH/HS cafeteria staff; Miss Shanie Spinner, Mr. CJ Brincefield, Mrs. Joni Wenninger, the music and art department, NHS and Student Council for their important roles in making this a nice event;

C. to commend music teachers Miss Sharon Spinner, Mr. CJ Brincefield, Mrs. Caitlyn Schmidt, Mr. Kaleb O'Donnell, and Mrs. Joni Wenninger for coordinat-

Sudoku solution from page 7

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

ing and directing outstanding Christmas programs at their respective buildings;

D. to commend the newest members of the Wayne Trace National Honor Society and Vantage Career Center National Technical Honor Society. New NHS members include: Sydney Coyne, Nathan Gerber, Brooke Greulich, Tyce Homier, Breanna Huffine, Max Laukhuf, Reid Miller, Miriam Sinn, Andrew Sinn, Catherine Strable, Nathan Wilhelm, New NTHS member include: Haley Pastor. Thanks also to NHS advisors Miss Joni Klopfenstein for coordinating a nice NHS induction ceremony.

*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: Mrs. McClure, Mr. Swary, Mr. Baumle, Mr. Sinn, and Mrs. Stoller, aye.

Nay, none. Motion passed.

6:50 p.m. Executive Session

Motion by: Mr. Baumle; Seconded by: Mrs. McClure

"Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) and Section 121.22(G)(4) a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussion of personnel items."

Roll call vote: Mr. Baumle, Mrs. McClure, Mr. Sinn, Mrs. Stoller, and Mr. Swary, aye.

Nay, none. Board in Executive Session.

7:04 p.m. Regular Session called back to order.

New Business - Further discussion on the school calendar.

Adjournment

Motion by: Mr. Baumle; Seconded by: Mrs. Stoller

To adjourn meeting.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

II. Motion to adjourn the meeting.

The next Board meeting will be held January 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school lecture room.

ROB'S RUNDOWN: WEEK OF DECEMBER 17-21

This week, a number of Senator Portman's legislative initiatives were signed into law. Portman announced that the president signed his bipartisan Second Chance Act into law as part of the bipartisan legislation to reform America's criminal justice system. Several of Portman's initiatives to help protect the Great Lakes and promote economic development and job creation in Ohio's rural communities were signed as part of the Farm Bill. In addition, two bipartisan bills introduced by Portman to help strengthen cyber defenses at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) passed the Senate and are headed to the president's desk for signature. Portman introduced the Retirement Security & Savings Act, a broad set of reforms designed to help Americans save more for retirement and increase access to 401(k)s and other retirement plans. Portman praised the Senate passage of two key conservation measures, including the Defending Economic Livelihoods and Threatened Animals (DELTA) Act, which encourages the U.S. to develop a strategy to protect the Okavango River Delta in southern Africa, and the bipartisan Tropical Forest Conservation Reauthorization Act (TFCA), which reauthorizes a program that has saved more than 67 million acres of tropical forest.

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SYNERGY LEARNING CENTER STUDENTS VOLUNTEER



SYNERGY students Haylee Tracy, (Paulding) and Bailey Day (Van Wert) volunteer their time to ring the bell for the Salvation Army this past week

plan and the fundamental principles that should be included.

The courses will be offered on three consecutive Tuesdays, two locations each time. Programs in Paulding and Henry Counties will start January 8, 2019. For specific times and locations, as well as program registration instruction, go to <http://go.osu.edu/grainplan> and select the county you plan to attend. Cost for the program is \$45.00 for the first registration and \$60.00 for two registrations from the same farm business. Included in registration are the workshop notebook and meals/refreshments (depending on location).

To request additional information or have questions answered; contact Sarah Noggle, Extension Educator in Paulding County at (419)399-8225 or email noggle.17@osu.edu. Additional information will be located at Paulding.osu.edu

BRANDON SCHREIBER IS THE 2018 LIMA POST TROOPER OF THE YEAR

Lima - Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper Brandon P. Schreiber has been selected 2018 Trooper of the Year at the Lima Post.

The selection of Trooper Schreiber, 23, is in recognition of outstanding service during 2018 at the Lima Post. Fellow officers stationed at the Lima Post chose Trooper Schreiber based on leadership abilities, professional ethics, courteous treatment of others, enthusiastic work attitude, and cooperation with supervisors, peers, and the public.

Trooper Schreiber is now in contention for the District and State Trooper of the Year Award to be announced at a later date.

Trooper Schreiber joined the Highway Patrol in 2016 and has served at the Lima Post throughout his career. Trooper Schreiber is originally from Wapakoneta and is a graduate of Wapakoneta High School. Other Highway Patrol awards received in the past include: the ACE award for proficiency in auto larceny prevention and the Division's Criminal Patrol award, both in 2018.

STATE PATROL INVESTIGATING FATAL CRASH IN PAULDING COUNTY

The Ohio State Highway Patrol's Van Wert Post is investigating a fatal crash that occurred at approximately 11:53 P.M. on Tuesday evening, December 25, 2018, on County Road 144 just east of Township Road 83 in Paulding County.

A 2013 Ford Fusion, operated by Joel Molina, age 19, of Paulding, Ohio, was westbound on County Road 144. A Case farm tractor / implement operated by Francis Maag, age 46, of Paulding, Ohio, was also westbound on County Road 144. The Ford struck the rear of the implement and slid off of the right side of the road where it came to final rest in a ditch.

Molina was trapped within the motor vehicle and required extrication to be freed. The driver was transported by Samaritan to Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana for serious injuries.

SUPERINTENDENT MILLER REPORTS IN FROM SHANGHAI!



Pictured here is Dr. Martin Miller, superintendent of Antwerp Local School, with his son, Jacob, and the West Bend News in Shanghai, China. They are standing at the Bund with the Shanghai financial district in the background. The Bund is a waterfront area in Shanghai. This area is a popular place for tourists to view the light show at night exhibited on the financial district buildings. The Oriental Pearl Tower is visible on the left side of the picture. Dr. Miller's son, Jacob, is an instructor at a university in Shanghai.

The Ford was occupied by three passengers, Ever Alvarez Gomez, age 25, Ranulfo Lopez Perez, age 23, and Victor Alvarez Hernandez, age 20, all of Paulding, Ohio. Hernandez was pronounced dead at the scene by Dr. Joseph Kuhn, Paulding County Coroner. Both Alvarez Gomez, and Lopez Perez were transported to Paulding Hospital to be treated. Both were then transported to Parkview Regional for additional treatment. Maag was listed as uninjured.

The Van Wert Post was assisted on scene by Paulding Fire and EMS, Antwerp Fire and EMS, Samaritan, Paulding County Sheriff's Office, and R and O Towing.

Alcohol is believed to be a factor. The crash remains under investigation.

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Participants will learn to identify their personal risk tolerance and their farm's financial risk capacity. Both of these are important in developing a successful grain marketing plan. Participants will also learn how crop insurance products effect marketing decisions and effect risk capacity. Grain marketing consists of understanding and managing many pieces of information. Information on the different grain marketing contracts will be presented. These include basis, hedging, cash, futures, and option contracts. Additionally, participants will be provided an example of a grain marketing

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