

COOPER FARMS HOLDS OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW SOW FARM



From left: Tiana Cooper, Suzanne Cooper, Darcy Cooper and Royce Cooper

Cooper Farms is proud to announce the completion of their newest addition, Grand Republic Sow Farm. The new farm will be home to just under 6,000 mother pigs, which will give birth to 150,000 piglets per year.

Grand Republic is Cooper Farms' first hog farm in Williams County. The farm will provide 20 new full-time jobs and use over 180,000 bushels of corn purchased from local farmers each year.

"We have had the opportunity to grow our hog division, which led us to the construction of this new sow

farm," said Jim Cooper, CEO. "We will also be working with over 30 local farmers to raise the hogs from this farm."

Grand Republic utilizes group pen gestation for sow housing and an electronic feeding system. This system allows the sows to have free movement in a group setting, while providing individualized feeding information about each sow. The electronic tags will provide information about how much each sow is eating and drinking, allowing the farm team to

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BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

Mediacom Communications announced that over the past 12 months, it has doubled the number of K-12 student families who receive low-cost Internet service to extend educational learning from classrooms to home. Today, more than 2,000 families who did not previously have home Internet service use

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MILLER AWARDED ZACHARY AREND SCHOLARSHIP



Paulding High School Senior, Jaret Miller, is the 2019 recipient of the Zachary Arend Scholarship.

ANTWERP CHAMBER'S FIRST "GRAB YOUR NEIGHBOR AND EXPLORE YOUR DOWNTOWN" OF THE YEAR

Plans are well underway for the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce's first of five "Grab Your Neighbor and Explore Your Downtown" events this summer. Businesses will be staying open May 13th until 7:30 p.m. for your shopping convenience and home-based businesses will again be set up in the reception area at the H2O To Go store which include Usborne books, do-Terra, Steeped Tea, and K&S Works of Art. Also on display is some of our talented Antwerp School student's artwork! We have several musical artists playing around town so keep your eye out for an impromptu performance or two. And back by popular demand courtesy of Horrmann's Heating & Cooling, a popcorn machine.

If you would like to participate it is not too late. This event is not just for main street businesses but for any Chamber members that would like to promote what they are about or things that they have to offer. The event is to encourage people to come downtown, stroll the sidewalks and stop into your

shops to see what is new. Petals and Vines, &Junque and Barnwood Creations as well



as the Antwerp Pharmacy and Hardware will be open. H2O To Go will have items for those opening up their pools for the summer. The Dance Dolls welcome anyone to come in the studio and watch the budding dancers, K&S Tumbling will be holding a class at the MAC Gym and Strong Tower Fitness will be uptown in the H20 building. Grab something to eat in any of our delicious establishments, The Root Beer Stand,

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Community Calendar

- May 7**
- FW Comm. Band @ Rhinehart Music Center, PFW, 7:30pm
- May 8**
- Indoor Pickleball @ MAC gym, Antwerp, 6-8pm
- May 8-9**
- Paulding Elem. Kindergarten Screening
- May 9**
- Princess Tea Party @ Paulding Library, 6pm
- May 10**
- Mothers' Day Glass City Dance Party @ Holland Gardens, Holland, MI, 8-11:30pm
- May 14**
- PC Republican Women Program @ Black Swamp Nature Center, 7pm
- May 15**
- Indoor Pickleball @ MAC gym, Antwerp, 6-8pm
- May 17**
- PC Master Gardeners Plant Sale @ PC Fairgrounds, 7:30a-4:30p
- May 18**
- Habitat for Humanity Golf Outing @ Auglaize GC
- May 19**
- Stars of Tomorrow @ PHS
 - Summer Lunch Registration @ Cecil Comm. Church, 3-5pm
 - Free meal @ Cecil Comm. Church, 5pm; music @ 6pm
 - PC Master Gardeners Plant Sale @ PC Fairgrounds, 8a-12p
- May 22**
- Indoor Pickleball @ MAC gym, Antwerp, 6-8pm
- May 24**
- Memorial Day Glass City Dance Party @ Holland Gardens, Holland, MI, 8-11:30pm

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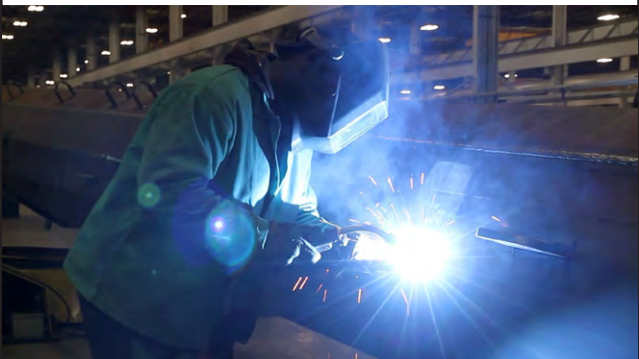
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OBITUARIES



PAULDING, OH:
Tony "Toad" L. Ankney, age 55 died Wednesday, May 1 at his residence.

He was born June 11, 1963 in Paulding, the son of Elizabeth A. (Meyers) and Larry L. Ankney. On October 17, 1994 he married Kelly J. Adams, who survives. He was previously employed by Thompson Steel, Taylor Made Glass and Herbert E. Orr. He enjoyed farming, camping and nature.

He is also survived by his mother, Elizabeth Ankney, Paulding; daughter, Allison, Paulding; sister, Sherry (Dan) Kaufman, Paulding, brothers, Donald (Linda), Paulding, Ronald, Paulding, Randy (Wendy Groves), Cecil, and John, Oakwood; nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Larry.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 AM Tuesday, May 7 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Visitation will be from 2 - 8 PM Monday, May 6 at Den Herder Funeral Home. There will also be visitation on Tuesday from 10 AM until time of services.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations made to Masses or a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

ANTWERP, OH:

Eric Russell Danney, 77, passed away Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Antwerp Manor surrounded by his family.

He is survived by his wife Sandra L. Danney, his four daughters, Erica McCalla of Indianapolis, Andrea Danney of Defiance, Melanie (Mike) Garcia of Deltona, FL and Robin (Fernando) Gonzalez of Antwerp. Thirteen grandchildren, Michael, Nathan, Kyle, Zachary, Michael, Isaiah, Evan, Fernando, Eric, Israel, Riel, Andrew and Hailey.

He was preceded in death by his parents Francis and Miriam Danney of Jacksonville, FL and son, David Jonathan Danney.

Eric was born in Jacksonville, FL January 19, 1942 to Francis and Mariam (Jones) Danney. He served in the US Air Force and after serving three years and nine months, he then married his bride, Sandra L. (Fowler) Danney.

He chose a career in the electrical trade and was a member of the I.B.E.W for 51 years.

A Memorial was held at his daughter, Robin's, house where many family and friends attended.

If you would like to send a card expressing sympathy or condolences to his widow, Sandra, please send to: Sandra L. Danney, P.O. BOX 759, Antwerp, OH 45813.

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From left: Alan Evers, Athena Brown, Eric Ludwig, Jacob VanCleve, Dianne Cooper, Kevin Stuckey, Jim Cooper, Luke Cooper and Terry Wehrkamp

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still tend to sows' individual needs.

"This farm has a real focus on efficiency and animal care," said Kevin Stuckey, Sow Division Manager. "New technology and small design changes throughout the farm will make a big difference."

The farm will be land-fill-free upon construction

completion and design adjustments have been made throughout the farm to improve energy efficiency. For the safety of team members, scales have been built into the legs of the feed bins, allowing the mill to know feed volumes without having someone climb a bin.

As always, Cooper Farms aims to work with local

businesses and contractors as they construct the farm. Over 30 contractors took part in the construction of Grand Republic.

An open house and ribbon cutting were held Friday, April 26, and on Monday, April 29, the farm opened its doors to area schools as nearly 200 FFA members toured Grand Republic.

BOARD OF DD DECIDES ON SHARED SUPERINTENDENT SERVICES WITH VAN WERT COUNTY

At the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities (PCBDD) Board meeting on April 25, 2019, the Board terminated the Shared Services Agreement with Williams County. The termination was mutually agreed upon between the counties, effective July 1, 2019, due to the retirement of current Superintendent, Debra Guilford. Furthermore, the Board made a motion to move forward to authorize the PCBDD Board President to work with Randy Beach, OACB on a Shared Services Agreement with Van Wert County's Superintendent, James Stripe.

At the Board meeting, Northwest Ohio Waiver Administration Council (NOWAC) presented cash flow projections through 2029 to initiate a discussion on the local tax levy expiring at the end of this year.

Additionally, the board increased the maximum annual Family Support Services (FSS) reimbursement to \$1,000 from \$800. FSS is a program that provides resources, services, and assistance to families who care for a family member who has a developmental disability in their home.

Examples of qualified FSS services are respite care by providers chosen by the family, adaptive equipment like compression vests or weighted blankets, and therapy that assists the family in caring for their family member who has special needs. Families who have a family member who has a developmental disability and is eligible for PCBDD services may complete an FSS application. The application can be found online at www.pauldingdd.com or

for additional information contact PCBDD directly at (419) 399-4800.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 16th, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at 900 Fairground Drive, Paulding, Ohio.

CHOW LINE: MORE FOODBORNE ILLNESS OUTBREAKS DETECTED LAST YEAR

It seems like there have been more foodborne illnesses in recent years. Is that true?

Sort of. More outbreaks have been detected in recent years, although the overall number of foodborne illnesses is thought to have remained largely the same.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there was an uptick in the number of detected foodborne illness outbreaks last year.

In fact, in a new report released last week, the CDC said that 120 Americans died as a result of foodborne illnesses last year and 25,606 Americans reported foodborne illnesses. Of those, 5,893 people required hospitalizations.

The CDC said it investigated 23 multistate foodborne illness outbreaks last year, several of which included reported cases of foodborne illnesses in Ohio. Some of the larger multistate outbreaks included E. coli outbreaks linked to romaine lettuce, ground beef, raw flour, and alfalfa sprouts; and salmonella outbreaks linked to raw turkey products, Kellogg's Honey Smacks cereal, pre-cut melons, and kratom.

The report also found that there was an increase in the detected number of infections caused by eight specific pathogens: campylobacter, cyclospora, listeria, salmonella, Shiga toxin-producing E. coli, shigella, vibrio, and yersinia.

However, it's important to note that although detection of foodborne illnesses has increased, the overall incidence of cases has not, according to the CDC.

In other words, although more outbreaks have been reported, the food supply is not necessarily less safe. Rather, we are just getting better at detecting problems when they do occur, said

Abigail Snyder, an assistant professor and a food safety field specialist with The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

Additionally, foodborne diseases are preventable through the application of various proactive food safety programs, she said.

To help restaurants and the food service industry lessen their odds of causing an outbreak foodborne illness, food safety experts with CFAES offer food safety training to Ohio food service employees.

The ServSafe training is offered by Ohio State University Extension, CFAES' outreach arm. It focuses on key areas to reduce the transmission of foodborne illnesses: employee health and hygiene; clean, sanitized equipment and utensils; process management; and ingredient sourcing, preparation, and storage, among others, Snyder said.

Last year, OSU Extension offered more than 125 food safety trainings for the restaurant industry and trained more than 1,700 food service employees, including restaurant managers, school food service personnel, nursing home staff, and other food service personnel.

The classes are taught by OSU Extension family and consumer sciences educators, who are certified instructors through the National Restaurant Association. The classes are offered at several sites statewide and are open to small, medium, and large food service establishments, she said.

"By having strong food safety programs in place, companies reduce the possibility of increased costs due to having to discard product to control food safety, facing potential closures and regulatory action, and of course, the variety of costs that can arise if an outbreak of foodborne illness is linked to their product," Snyder said.

PERDUE REITERATES NEED TO RESTORE ORIGINAL INTENT OF SNAP: A SECOND CHANCE, NOT A WAY OF LIFE

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue reiterated during a U.S. Senate hearing

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

—James 5:16

PC REPUBLICAN WOMEN TO HOST EDUCATION PROGRAM ON WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



Pictured are: Linda McCain, Stacey Butler, Laurie Lucas, Shannon Ruschel and Jackie Hyman.

The Paulding County Republican Women will have an education program about Wreaths Across America for

the public on May 14 at the Black Swamp Nature Center in Paulding. The program is free and will start at 7:00 p.m.

the need to restore the original intent of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which is to be a second chance and not a way of life. Secretary Perdue's comments come on the heels of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) publishing in the Federal Register a proposed rule to move more able-bodied recipients of SNAP benefits to self-sufficiency through the dignity of work. The rule aims to restore the system to what it was meant to be: assistance through difficult times, not lifelong dependency. This proposed rule focuses on work-related program requirements for Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs) and would apply to non-disabled people, between the ages of 18 and 49, with no dependents. The rule would not apply to the elderly, the disabled, or pregnant women. Those who are eligible to receive SNAP - including the underemployed - would still qualify.

Despite the absence of any statutory changes to the welfare reform legislation of 1996, an abuse of administrative flexibility in SNAP has undermined the ideal of self-sufficiency. When then President Bill Clinton signed the legislation that instituted work requirements for ABAWDs he said, "First and foremost, it should be about moving people from welfare to work. It should impose time limits on welfare... It [work] gives structure, meaning and dignity to most of our lives."

During the hearing, Sec-

retary Perdue was asked about work requirements and his proposed rule. He said:

"What was accepted by the U.S. Senate and passed was the same bill that's been there since the beginning of the Welfare Reform regarding the work requirements of 20 hours per week. And what you also passed was not a prohibition, it was no change to the fact that in one section it says that the Secretary may waive that applicability and we plan to do that for the ABAWDs. We think the purpose is to help people move to independence... We should help people when they are down but that should not be interminably."

"...You all also provided for a 12 percent cushion for states that they could use for any purpose. But, we do not believe in states where unemployment is 4 percent that ABAWDs should be able to stay on food assistance interminably."

Thank You

The family of Francis Rhoad would like to thank those who sent cards, flowers, and even a prayer during our time of loss. A special thanks to Shawn and Michelle Dooley and their professional staff for making things easier, and to the Ladies Auxiliary #5087 for their lunch.

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LOOK OF LUTHERAN DOWNTOWN BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE



As preparations for Lutheran Downtown continue to move forward in advance of the new hospital's groundbreaking ceremony this summer, the exterior design of the facility has been finalized.

Updates include more windows to allow more natural light, which enhances a healing environment. A mix of brick, stone, metal panels and an exterior insulation finish system, or EIFS, have also been added to create a more textured facade, which helps to modernize and beautify the facility.

The new rendering was shared with St. Joseph Hospital employees, board members and other key stakeholders this morning.

"Each significant step we

take in the creation of Lutheran Downtown Hospital brings with it a renewed sense of enthusiasm from all involved," said Mark Medley, CEO, Lutheran Health Network. "The exterior design we're sharing today blends classic and modern elements into a total package that fits well with other recent construction in downtown Fort Wayne."

Lutheran Downtown Hospital will be five stories high and approximately 188,000 square feet. The new hospital is expected to be completed in late 2021 and open for patient care in early 2022. It will consist of 60 inpatient beds with room to expand to 100 during future expansion to meet community needs.

18th ANNUAL MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER PLANT SALE

By: Sarah Noggle, OSU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources, Paulding County

Plants, plants and more plants will be available at the 2019 Paulding County Master Gardener Volunteer plant sale on May 17th from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 19th from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. It will take place at the Paulding County Fairgrounds in Paulding.

This event will include perennials, annual flowers, herbs, vegetables, trees and shrubs. The proceeds from the sale will go back into the community Master Gardener Volunteer projects and programs. Past projects include trees for Oakwood Park, planting the bed at the Reservoir Park, assisting with the landscaping at the Habitat for Humanity projects, plants for the fairgrounds and 4-H club projects, raised beds at local nursing homes, the native garden at the Black Swamp Nature Center, the Junior Master Gardener Programs, downtown Antwerp street flower pots, the Antwerp library, Fort Brown, Payne Park, Grover Hill Elementary environmental garden, Antwerp Village pots and MGVM memory garden.

"Please come out and support us," stated the Master Gardener Volunteers.

During this time the Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer horticulture and gardening questions. Factsheets and general plant brochures will be available for free. Special items are available to youth, under the age of 12, free with a purchase. Bring a child or a friend to experience this great community event. Finally, come early for the best selection of our plants.

For additional information contact Sarah Noggle, Paulding County Extension Educator, Ag and Natural Resources, at noggle.17@osu.edu or 503 Fairground Drive, Paulding or call 419-399-8225.

NEW HEIGHTS EDUCATIONAL GROUP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HONORED AS BRONZE STEVIE AWARD WINNER

New Heights Educational Group (NHEG) was named the winner of a Bronze Stevie Award in the Product Management/Development Executive of the Year category in The 17th Annual American Business Awards today.

The American Business Awards are the U.S.A.'s premier business awards program. All organizations operating in the U.S.A. are eligible to submit nominations - public and private, for-profit and non-profit, large and small.

The awards will be presented to winners at a gala ceremony at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York on Tuesday, June 11.

More than 3,800 nominations from organizations of all sizes and in virtually every industry were submitted this year for consideration in a wide range of categories, including Startup of the Year, Executive of the Year, Best New Product or Service of the Year, Marketing Campaign of the Year, Live Event of the

Year and App of the Year among others. New Heights Educational Group was nominated in the Product Management/Development Executive of the Year.

Pamela Clark, Executive Director of NHEG stated: "Our organization owes its success to the 74 volunteers who work hard to bring more opportunities to the public. I'm so proud that the dream I shared with a few and started working on back in 2006 is shared by so many who want a voice in education and work to make the world a better place for all of us. It also shows what a group of like minded people can achieve. We choose to work in the light instead of the darkness that has foreshadowed the world of education for so long. We are proving everyday how important our work has become."

More than 200 professionals worldwide participated in the judging process to select this year's Stevie Award winners.

"The nominations submitted to The 2019 American Business Awards were outstanding. They illustrate the continued vibrancy of innovation and high level of achievement across the American economic landscape," said Michael Gallagher, president and founder of the Stevie Awards.

DRINKING MORE WATER CAN MEAN LESS CALORIES FOR SOME KIDS

I'm trying to incorporate more water into my kids' daily meals. What are some ways to encourage them to drink more water?

According to a new study released this week in JAMA Pediatrics, drinking more water and fewer sugary drinks is associated with lower caloric intake in kids, teens, and young adults.

The study, which was released Monday, was based on data collected from 8,400 youths ages 2-19 nationwide. The data was reported in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys from 2011-2012 and from 2015-2016. The youths reported whether they drank water daily, and they reported the number of sugar-sweetened beverages they routinely drank.

The study found that about one in five of those youths said they didn't drink any water on any given day. Skipping water was associated with drinking an extra 100 calories per day from sugary drinks including sports drinks, juices, and sodas, the researchers found.

While the study's researchers say that the data doesn't prove causality, they do recommend that children and young adults drink water daily to help avoid consuming extra calories from sugary drinks.

Another reason why water and other nonsugary drinks are the best options for kids and young adults is that sugary drinks have been linked to a host of health problems in both children and adults. Cavities, obesity, heart disease, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, high cholesterol, and type 2 diabetes have all been associated with the consumption of sugary drinks.

As such, the American Heart Association says that children and young adults

PICKLEBALL SEASON IS HERE IN ANTWERP!



The indoor pickle ball nights are done for the season at the MAC gym because spring has sprung and it's time to get out of doors and enjoy the season.

Pickleball in Antwerp will take place on Tuesdays from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at the Tennis Courts on North Main Street by Town Hall. This Antwerp Pickleball is an open invitation for anyone interested in learning to play.

What is pickle ball you

ask? Pickleball is a fun sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. It is played both indoors or outdoors on a badminton-sized court and a slightly modified tennis net; and played with a paddle and a plastic ball with holes. You can play pickleball as doubles or singles.

If you have any questions about the pickleball season, give Lisa a call at 419-506-0301.

CMH GOLF OUTING

The 19th annual Community Memorial Hospital Foundation golf outing will be held on Thursday, May 30, at Bridgewater Golf Course outside of Auburn (Indiana).

Proceeds from this event goes to CMH Foundation, which supports the hospital through different projects and sponsorships of different activities.

Teams are being accepted currently for this event and you may inquire about registering a team by contacting Kevin Wannemacher at (419) 542-5696 or via email kwannemacher@cmhosp.com.

Sponsorships are also being accepted and can range from a silent auction item to a corporate sponsorship of the event. Please contact Kevin Wannemacher for more information. More information may also be obtained at www.cmhosp.com under news & events.

The golf outing fee includes drinks, snack stations, a light breakfast before the outing and a luncheon following the event. Awards will also be presented following the meal and the silent auction will conclude at that time as well.

BROWN BETTYS AND BUSTER BROWN 4-H CLUB MEETING

The Brown Bettys and Buster Brown 4-H Club held their meeting at the Cooper Community Library on Sunday, April 28, 2019 from 4-5 p.m.

Pledges were led by Stoker Etter, Emma McCray, Dylan Perez, and Gannon Parrett. Roll call was taken by Jordan Merriman. The secretary report was given and approved. The health and safety reports were also given. Everyone was reminded that the Skillathon takes place on Wednesday May 29 from 4-7 p.m. Rabbit Tattooing is from 5:30-8 on Monday May 13 and Tuesday May 14. Saturday June 8 is Livestock Move In and the Paulding County Fair is June 10-15. Camp for 4-H is July 9-13 and Cloverbud Camp is July 11. Demonstrations were given by Payton Beckman, Joe Estle, Kate Estle, Kobe Foor, Logan Gerschutz, Luke Gerschutz, Hunter Kesler, Emma McCray, Ally Jo Merriman, Jordan Merriman, Myla Mitchell, Gannon Parrett, Marley Parrett, Dylan Perez, Blake Weible, Dylan Weible, Jordan Weible, and Mackenzie Weible. Good luck and see you at the fair everyone!

shouldn't consume more than 100 calories of added sugar per day. The group further recommends that children limit their consumption of sugary drinks to 8 ounces—less than one soda can—per week.

Also, according to the 2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, people should consume less than 10% of their daily calories from added sugars. That same source recommends that people either avoid sugar-sweetened drinks overall, or at the very least, limit the amount of sugary drinks they consume.

This is important considering that many youths are drinking too many sugary drinks on any given day. For instance, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics reports that about

two-thirds of kids drink at least one sugary drink on any given day. Nearly 30% drink two or more sugary drinks per day, according to a January 2017 study.

So, how can you incorporate more nonsugary drinks such as water and milk into your children's diets? Cincinnati Children's Hospital offers these tips:

Limit their choices to water and milk.

Have water or milk readily available to drink.

Drink water or milk yourself. That way, your children will be more likely to do so as well.

Add fresh fruits such as lemons, oranges, strawberries, kiwi, blackberries, or blueberries to your children's water. You can add the fruits to the water for taste or freeze them in ice cubes to put into the water.

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Music downtown will include the Middle School choir, Morgan Bland and Tim Brown. There will be a rock painting table for you and your littles to try your hand at painting and then hiding rocks around Antwerp. We will have packets of wildflower seeds and milkweed seeds available (while supplies last) to anyone who brings plastic bottle caps for the Happy Bunch 4-H bench project!

WEAR YOUR BLUE! To honor our heroes in blue - our Antwerp Police Department with a Light Ohio Blue campaign.

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ticipate this first time, please come downtown and explore YOUR town.

Thanks everyone, let's have some fun with this!!!!

Thank You

The family of Ron Van Atta Jr. would like to thank those who sent cards, flowers, and condolences during our time of loss.

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**Graphic courtesy of Mount Vernon Nazarene University.* Construction will begin in early May to renovate the southwest corner of South Main and Gambier streets into South Main Plaza. The installation of a playful water fountain and new seating will create a family-friendly community space in the heart of the historic central business district.

With new restaurants, businesses, cultural venues, and the creation of second-story living spaces, downtown Mount Vernon is in a state of renaissance. With this in mind, Mount Vernon Nazarene University is eager to partner with The Ariel Foundation on a project that will continue the evolution of the historic business district into a livable, walkable community.

Buchwald Plaza, on the corner of South Main and West Gambier streets, is being reimaged into South Main Plaza, a space that will bring new energy and increased vitality into the neighborhood by creating a whimsical water feature focal point. Inspired by world-renowned landscape architect Claude Cormier's fountain in Toronto's Berczy Park, South Main Plaza's fountain will include painted cast iron sculptures of 18 dogs, one cat, a pair of birds, a pony and an apple.

"It is exciting to see our downtown buzzing with a flurry of activity and vibrancy when so many similarly-sized downtowns feel somewhat abandoned," said Jen Odeweller, executive director of The Ariel Foundation. "We are both proud and thankful to partner with our friends at Mount Vernon Nazarene University in continuing the development of a special space that brings community members together in such a unique and fun way, while providing an attraction for visitors alike."

The idea behind the fountain

came after Gambier resident Phil Samuell saw photos of the Toronto fountain on the Internet. Samuell and his wife, Mary, eventually met Cormier and visited the park. "My wife and I sat near the fountain in Berczy Park for several hours, watching how people reacted to the fountain," Samuell said. "It brought a smile to every face, regardless of age. The fountain speaks to the happiness dogs bring to the world, and to the pure joy they display when they are playing in the water, searching for a bone or delighting children."

Claude Cormier + associates' award-winning designs have created inviting living spaces in urban areas across Canada and the United States. A recent visit to the South Main Street site allowed Cormier the opportunity to understand the space and conceptualize how his work will reshape the functionality of the MVNU property.

"This fountain will draw people downtown. They will want to hang out with the dogs while they eat lunch, meet with friends, or just relax and enjoy the humor and joy of life the fountain represents," said Samuell.

The project, funded through a grant from the Ariel Foundation, and sponsored by other generous community donors, will bring new life to the downtown corner mixing the tones of a studios educational corridor with the whimsy and playfulness of our favorite four-legged family members.

"The placement of the plaza

next to the Buchwald Center art building is fortuitous in that it will bring guests into our space," said Dr. Henry W. Spaulding II, MVNU president. "It will allow our students to showcase their talent. It will open the eyes of the community to the creative energies of our students and faculty."

MVNU is proud of its continued partnership with Ariel Foundation and is grateful to those community members contributing to portions of the project that will provide an endowment for future maintenance needs.

Various sponsorship opportunities are available including sponsoring one of the sculptures or a bench, or celebrating the life of a four-legged family member on the Plaza's donor wall. Those interested in being a part of the project may do so by visiting www.mvnu.edu/give and designating the gift to "South Main Plaza" or contacting Justin Nowicki, MVNU Director of Development at 740-397-9000, Ext 4302. Donations to the project will establish an endowment at the Knox County Foundation to cover future maintenance of the Plaza. The first \$50,000 in donations to the endowment will be matched dollar-for-dollar.

"Given the public nature of South Main Plaza, it will be essential to ensure that proper operation and presentation of the space continues. The endowment will provide resources for timely care of the facility," said Spaulding.

Work will begin on the space May 6. Initial construction plans will include disassembly of the pergola (which will be repurposed for another downtown green space project) and design for plumbing necessary to spray water from 18 dog sculptures. The Dr. Jane Payne historic marker will remain part of the plaza, according to Spaulding.

"A decade ago, the University joined with others to revitalize the downtown area," said Spaulding. "We renovated space for our art students, nursing and health students and engineering students. We operate a coffee shop and hotel that bring many people to the area. With the completion of the lofts, even more people will be downtown. I believe Mount Vernon will be the model community to show the value of partnering for growth."

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is a private, four-year, intentionally Christian teaching university for traditional age students, graduate students, and working adults. With a 327-acre main campus in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and several convenient Graduate and Professional Studies lo-

OAKWOOD NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



The Oakwood Elementary second grade students along with their teachers, Mrs. Debbie Carter and Miss Sharyn March performed at the National Day of Prayer Service held on Thursday, May 2nd in the town of Oakwood. Here the second graders are shown as they are getting ready to perform.

cations throughout the state, MVNU emphasizes academic excellence, spiritual growth, and service to community and church. MVNU offers an affordable education to more than 2,200 students from 31 states and 22 countries/U.S. territories.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

*Dear Parson,
My wife and I are Filipinos. We ran off and got married. Now we have a baby. We have greatly upset all our relatives because my wife and I are first cousins. What should we do?*

You have gone against your culture and offended your relatives. You need to confess your offenses and ask their forgiveness. They may or may not forgive you, but you at least will have acknowledged your hurtfulness and asked forgiveness.

In the beginning God permitted marriages of close family members. Cain likely married his sister mainly because he didn't have much choice. Later, genetic problems developed in offspring from close relative marriages. In Leviticus 18, God laid down limitations for sexual relationships between close relatives.

The Lord did not specifically mention first cousins in His limitations. We know that Isaac married his second cousin Rebekah. God does tell us however, that divorce is wrong. "Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." (Matthew 19:6) Thus you need to stay married and make the best of your situation.

Lean on God's grace and live for Him, loving your wife and rearing your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." (Ephesians 5:25) "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4)

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

GETTING TO KNOW JESUS

Presented by the Oakwood Church of Christ

Not Peace, but a Sword
Read Matthew 10:32-39.

9. To be confessed (acknowledged) by Christ in heaven: a) we must confess him before men; b) we can either confess or deny him; e) keep our faith secret.

10. Sometimes there is a sword instead of peace be-

cause: a) one's own family might turn against him; b) Christ wants to destroy his enemies; b) his followers love to fight.

11. One is not worthy of Christ if he: a) is not rich; b) loves his family more than he loves Christ; c) does not understand everything.

12. To be rewarded for losing one's life, one must lose it: a) in an accident; b) for Christ's sake; e) while he is young.

Pretentious Hypocrisy
Read Matthew 23:1-12.

13. Who did he say taught what ought to be observed (obeyed), but they themselves would not do it? a) scribes and Pharisees; b) Peter and John; e) all teachers.

14. Such do their works for the purpose of: a) obeying God; b) doing good; c) being seen of men.

15. T/F. They wanted no special honor and did not want to be addressed by special titles.

16. What three religious titles did Jesus say men ought not to wear? a) mister, brother, friend; b) captain, father, mother; c) rabbi, father, master (teacher).

17. One should not be called "father" (as a religious title) because: a) only priests should be called father; b) God is our Father; c) it does not fit women.

18. To be great one must: a) be in an important position; b) be a servant; c) be rich.

The point about titles does not refer to whether one serves in these duties, such as being a teacher. Rather titles are not to be used to exalt religious leaders above others. The Bible makes no distinction between so-called clergy and laity. In spite of Jesus' teaching on this, it is common for some to wear such titles as "Rabbi," "Father," and "Reverend."

Attitude toward Enemies
Read Matthew 5:43-48.

19. If we are cursed by enemies, in return we should: a) bless them; b) curse back; c) call a lawyer.

20. T/F. It is good for Christians to pray for people who persecute them.

21. What two blessings are named which God gives to all, the just and the unjust? a) rain and sun: b) snow and ice; c) life and death.

ANSWERS: 9. A; 10. A; 11. B; 12. B; 13. A; 14. C; 15. F; 16. C; 17. B; 18. B; 19. A; 20. T; 21. A

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REP. JIM BANKS: REPEALING THE MEDICAL DEVICE TAX WILL LOWER HEALTH-CARE COSTS & IMPROVE NORTHEAST INDIANA'S ECONOMY

Congressman Jim Banks (R-IN) released the following statement regarding his cosponsorship of the "Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2019," which would repeal the excise tax on medical devices. Northeast Indiana is a leader in medical device development and manufacturing. Read the full bill text here.

Said Rep. Banks, "Since I first entered Congress, I have been fighting for the permanent repeal of the disastrous medical device tax that has cost 29,000 jobs and made health care more expensive. As the representative of the 'Orthopedic Capital of the World,' it is important that we give clarity to medical device makers so that they can invest in lifesaving innovations. I am proud to support this bipartisan effort to fully eliminate this counterproductive tax once and for all."

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GOLF OUTING FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County will have a golf outing on May 18 at Auglaize County Club. Talking about the event are: co-chair Laurie Lucas (left), hole-in-one sponsor Jim Stykeman and co-chair Deanna Schroeder. For more information, call Schroeder at 419-670-3433 or Lucas at 419-393-2317.

NUTRIENT APPLICATION AVAILABLE AT PAULDING SWCD



By: Patrick Troyer, Paulding SWCD

Thanks to a grant from the US EPA and the Ohio Lake Erie Commission, the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District has a nutrient applicator toolbar available for application. The attachment is a 40-foot-wide John Deere 2510H single product toolbar with 30" spacing between injection sites and dry tank. Dry nutrients are placed below the soil surface at a depth up to 4.5". Equipment will be operated by Paulding SWCD Staff on enrolled acres. To apply for the program, producers must provide record of a precision soil test conducted in the last three years with a subscrip-

tion for variable rate application.

Interested producers who would like to enroll acres and know program specifics and costs, can contact the Paulding SWCD office by phone at 419-399-4771, via email at paulding@pauldingswcd.org, or visit the office at 900 Fairground Drive Suite B, Paulding, OH 45879. Keep an eye on our Facebook page "Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District" and our website www.pauldingswcd.org for our promotional flyer and the latest details! Together, we can work to supply the nutrients needed for successful yields while also ensuring they stay in the rootzone.

VAN WERT COUNTY-WIDE DAY OF PRAYER SET FOR MAY 13th

National Day of Prayer in Van Wert County on Thursday May 2 was a wonderful success. Though the weather forecast was 70% chance of rain, the Lord greatly blessed the many area Christians with sunshine for the event. Pastor Paul Hamrick, National Day of Prayer

and President of Van Wert County Ministerial Association thanked the many who attended for gathering together to pray for the seven areas of influence: Businesses, Churches, Families, Government, Media, Military, and Schools. The challenge was given to increase their prayers for our homes, communities, state and nation not just on the National Day of Prayer but throughout the year.

Pastor Paul shared the two main focuses for 2019 for the Van Wert County Ministerial Association are Prayer and the Family. Our homes, communities, state and nation are facing tremendous pressures from within and without. Our society is literally falling apart, if we set back and do nothing, we will lose what many individuals gave their lives to preserve. Second Chronicles 14:7 states that if God's people who are called by His Name will humble themselves and pray and seek His Face and turn from their wicked ways, then He will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Our children, our grandchildren and our future desperately need God's people to focus on prayer again, prayer doesn't change God it changes us shared Pastor Paul. If not now, when? If not you then who.

The Van Wert County Ministerial is sponsoring monthly prayer gathering throughout the year, across the county at different churches and meeting places, on a monthly basis. The May County-wide Prayer service will be held Monday, May 13, 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Church 16686 Decatur-Van Wert Rd. Van Wert.

For more information please contact Pastor Paul at 419-771-9378.

LIFETREE CAFÉ HONORS MOTHERS—YOURS INCLUDED

The love, selflessness, and personal sacrifice of mothers will be examined at Lifetree Café on Wednesday, May 8 from 6:30-7:30pm.

The program, titled "Love Ya, Mom: Celebrating Mothers," highlights the transformation women undergo when they take on the role of a mother.

Lifetree Café national director Craig Cable explained this Lifetree session is designed to honor the work of mothers while giving participants an opportunity to reflect on the impact of moms in their own lives.

"Being a mom is by no means an easy job," said Cable. "This session will shine a light on the amazing sacrifice and selflessness they show on a daily basis."

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

TEST YOUR BIBLE ILLITERACY

By: Caroline Longardner

How did you do on the last Bible test? Good luck on this one.

#1 The Old Testament or TANAKH was written in ancient Israel over 1,000 years ago by many authors. T or F

#2 The New Testament is among the most significant writings in the world. Would you consider it a BOOK OF FAITH or a CULTURAL ARTIFACT? Why?

#3 The ways of religious violence can be directed toward specific races and genders; and concepts like heresy and demonology. T or F

#4. How was the DIVINITY of JESUS CHRIST first conceived by his followers?

#5. Was JESUS an educated adult? To what profession(s) ?

#6. What happened to Jesus earthly parents (Joseph and Mary) after Jesus' s ascension into heaven?

#7. What became of JESUS's siblings when JESUS was no longer on earth?

#8. Why is there so much dwelling in religion on the "BLOODY SUFFERING OF JESUS" instead of his "GLORIOUS RISING UP"?

#9. We need to appreciate Jesus's SUFFERING AND HIS "COVERING US WITH HIS BLOOD" in order to "be Saved" ourselves. T or F

#10. The DEAD SEA SCROLLS make the number of people: Jacob — 75 (not 70); in Genesis 46:27 (not 70), thus correcting a scribal error and showing that STEPHEN'S figure was

LT. GRAY VISITS OAKWOOD SIXTH GRADERS



Lt. Jonathon Gray from the Van Wert post of the Ohio Highway Patrol visiting the sixth graders at Oakwood Elementary recently and shared a wealth of information with them on

various typed of drugs and the effects drugs can have on the human body. Standing with Lt. Gray are students Julieana Biliti, Brooke Kilgore, and Donivynn Ball.

right (Acts 7:14). T or F.

#11. Down thru the ages the concept of extravagant burial rites and burials have become the norm (whatever the person could afford to pay for). Is this a truly CHRISTIAN RITE that was meant to be? Is it an ego trip that really does not matter or a guilt trip that the family is trying to make up for? Beautiful and expensive funerals and extravagant stones are for the living, not the dead. T or F Is there biblical backing to our present day customs?

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THE FORT WAYNE WATER WAY

By: Stan Jordan

Ever since I was a little shaver, I have been a big backer of using the recreation forms of the Maumee River. To me, those ideas are endless.

The river has been there for many years and people are just now taking advantage of it.

As I understand both sides of the river there in Fort Wayne will be improved and partake of the entertainment and beautify the scene.

This is a big idea and project and will cost a lot more than the 22 million they had allotted, but if managed correctly, it can be a boom for the tourist trade and the local people also.

Here in Antwerp, the local ACDC volunteers have fixed up a good usable marina to put your boat in or to take it out. And this marina is posted on all the Maumee maps. The more often it is used, the better it becomes.

See ya!
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THE AMERICAN EAGLE

By: Stan Jordan

American Eagle, that is the name sometimes for the Bald Eagle. It is our national bird. Now we also have the Golden Eagle. About the only difference between these two species is the color of the head

of the adult bird.

These two are the main species all over North America. Although we do have some eagles that are called Fish Eagles and some called Brown Fish Eagles.

What we have here in the tri-state area is the bald eagle and they are no longer on the endangered list.

From my reading of my bird books, they mate for life. Each year they go through a mating cycle and do a lot of repair work on their nest, which sometimes last for years and get as big as a pickup truck.

They are very much family oriented and very protective of their off spring.

I have seen and have been told of maybe a dozen or so of adults and two or three year old eagles down around Power Dam eating fish through the broken ice. I'm sure they are family strong and the young settle down not too far from the adults, if there is a river and plenty of fish for food.

If you have time, watch for them.

See ya!



In the local bar, at one of the smaller tables, were three, a little older, women. The ladies were all passed out and in the middle of the table was an empty whiskey bottle laying flat on the table top. What time of the baseball game does this picture explain?

The last of the fifth, and the bags are loaded.

One time in the old west,

an Indian warrior caught a white guy and was going to scalp him. But the fellow had a wig on and when the Indian pulled on his hair, it came off in the warrior's grip. It surprised the Indian and he looked at the hair piece and the man's head and muttered, "damn lie"

How much wood would Woodburn burn, if Woodburn would burn wood?

Three sisters age 92, 94 and 96 live in a house together.

One night the 96 year old draws a bath, puts her foot in and pauses. She yells down the stairs, "was I getting in or out of the bath?"

The 94 year old yells back, "I don't know, I'll come up and see."

She starts up the stairs and pauses, then she yells, "Was I going up the stairs or coming down?"

The 92 year old was sitting at the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters. She shakes her head and says, "I sure hope I never get that forgetful." She knocks on wood for good measure. She then yells, "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door."

A STORY

A nice old lady got up on Sunday and put on her good dress and waited all day and none of her children came to visit her. She said, "Well, they are very busy."

This went on the next Sunday and even the next Sunday. The kids never showed. She mumbled, "Well, I know the kids are busy."

The pastor called and wondered why she hadn't been in church on Sundays, and she explained why she hadn't been.

Well, she dressed up again and waited for her kids to come, but they didn't.

Soon it came to be that the pastor and the undertaker were talking about how nice she looked, even had a nice smile.

Maybe her kids would come visit now.

*This story was told to me by Mr. Elston from Grover Hill.

SPECIAL FISHING REGULATIONS FOR LAKE LA SU AN HAVE BEEN SET

Fisheries biologists have set the special fishing regulations for this year at Lake La Su An Wildlife Area, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife.

This year Lake La Su An Wildlife Area will be open for fishing May 3 through August 2. Fishing will be permitted on Monday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from sunrise to sunset during this open season. La Su An Wildlife Area will be closed to fishing at all other times, except for Lake Wood Duck which will remain open year-round. Anglers are reminded that they will not need a reservation to fish the lakes on La Su An Wildlife Area, but all vehicles must park in a designated parking space.

Sunfish bag limits for 2019 will be 15 fish daily, with no more than 5 fish being 8 inches or larger. Large-mouth bass will have an 18-inch minimum length limit,

with a 5 fish daily bag limit and channel catfish will have a 2 fish daily bag limit. Daily bag limits will be posted and are in effect area wide. This means that only 1 bag limit will be allowed each day regardless of how many lakes an angler fishes. All state-wide fishing regulations apply to the area's lakes, except when superseded by the special regulations mentioned above. Anglers are also reminded that no fish may be used as bait on the area.

These regulations have been designed by Division of Wildlife fisheries biologists to continue the tradition of quality bluegill fishing on the La Su An area lakes by continuing to regulate the amount of fishing pressure without the need for anglers to obtain a reservation. The Division of Wildlife accomplishes this by limiting the number of days the lakes are open to fishing, limiting the number of bluegill that anglers can take home each day, and limiting the number of anglers that fish the area at one time (i.e., limited number of parking spaces).

For more information about fishing at Lake La Su An, visit the Division of Wildlife's website at wildohio.gov under the Fishing Regulations. Select Lake La Su An on the Site-Specific Waters drop-down option.

The mission of the ODNR Division of Wildlife is to conserve and improve fish and wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainable use and appreciation by all. Visit wildohio.gov to find out more.

OHIO'S URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS OUTPERFORMING RURAL ONES

Even with higher rates of poverty in Ohio's major cities, urban school districts are outperforming rural districts, a recent study by The Ohio State University shows.

Rural schools, particularly in Appalachia, tend to have lower average test scores than schools in urban areas, despite city districts having higher poverty rates and a larger proportion of students with limited English proficiency, said Mark Partridge, a professor at Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) and one of the study's authors.

On average, school districts with more minority students and more poverty require additional money to achieve the same academic standards as districts with larger shares of white and affluent student populations, Partridge said.

"Given the characteristics of their student body, urban schools are doing really well. Rural areas could be doing better," said Partridge, who is also chair of the C. William Swank Program in Rural-Urban Policy within CFAES.

Ohio has made advances, particularly in the past decade, in giving more per-pupil funding to districts with higher rates of poverty, but there's still a wide gap, Partridge said.

How to reduce those inequities has been debated since 1997 when the Supreme Court of Ohio ruled that the state's method for funding public education was unconstitutional.

THE ANTWERP INSURANCE AGENCY



By: Stan Jordan

The lot for this picture has a lot of history. As I remember, it was a red shed like there. Dave Johnson had a blacksmith business for many years. He also had another shed like, across the street where now the post office is. Jake Tracy had this building built in 1964.

In 1967, Randy Derck bought that business and the insurance company of Lawrence Sidenbender and Lawrence worked for Ran-

dy for nearly 10 years. Now Randy's son, Tim, is also in the business.

Randy has slowed down a lot. He graduated at Antwerp High School in 1959, he is an old Antwerp boy.

The Antwerp Insurance Agency and the Randy Derck family are part of Antwerp's history and he has been in business for over 50 years.

I know five generations of the Ab Derck family.

See ya!

Districts in Ohio's major cities and rural areas don't receive the funding they need to bring up the performance of their students to match that of students in other districts, Partridge said.

That's because schools are funded in large part by local property taxes, so the highest-valued homes generate the greatest amount of tax money for a school district. State funding helps offset the differences.

It's not enough, however, Partridge said.

"We're not anywhere close to balancing out the inequities," said Partridge, who co-authored the new study with Bo Feng, an assistant professor at West Virginia's Marshall University and former research associate for the Swank program, and Rodrigo Perez Silva, who received his PhD from CFAES and is currently an assistant professor at the Universidad Mayor in Chile.

The study, which examined school funding in 2017, determined that 329,742 students in 34 school districts across the state require additional funds to help them achieve a passing grade.

The average funding gap per pupil, according to the study, is \$32,251, which amounts to \$10.6 billion a year for the state.

"That's clearly not feasible," Partridge said. "It's too much money given all of the state's other needs."

The Ohio legislature currently is considering a proposal presented in March

by Reps. Bob Cupp, R-Lima, and John Patterson, D-Jefferson, that would increase overall state funding by \$700 million over two years.

While nearly half of U.S. states have reduced per-pupil spending in the last eight years, Ohio increased its spending by 5.8% between 2008 and 2016, the study shows.

Compared to other states, Ohio's per-pupil spending is close to the national average, the study found. In 2016, the state spent \$13,552 per pupil annually—\$6,000 less than New York, the highest-spending state and \$6,000 more than Utah and Idaho, the lowest-spending states. Ohio spent more per pupil than neighboring states including Michigan, which spent \$12,506 a year per pupil.

Still, additional aid for Ohio's poorest school districts will not only likely improve school performance but also help spur the growth of businesses in those areas of the state, Partridge said. A good public school system is critical to drawing and keeping businesses, he said.

For rural areas especially, a strong public school system can increase the likelihood that people move to the area, he said.

"Rural areas are not going to keep all their young people," Partridge said. "But the kind of people who are more inclined to move to rural areas are in their 30s and 40s, with a family, and are interested in the local school system."

Attention
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- **June 1st - Womens Introduction to Firearms. Registration opens at 8:30am and program starts at 9am. To pre-register, contact Gary Mabis at garymabis@gmail.com**

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The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

VAN WERT COUNTY GARAGE TAKES HOME TRAVELING TROPHY FOR OVERALL TOP SCORE AT THE COMPETITION



Pictured with the Crestview plow and representing the Van Wert garage are (from left) Don Swander, Cory Counts, Ron Leffel, B.J. Baxter, Brett Sheets, Kyle Rode, Mark Zielke, Chris Lobsiger, Geoffrey Miller and Brad Trentman.

Employees from Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1 garages in Defiance and Allen counties were named winners in the ODOT District 1 truck and loader roдео held Wednesday, May 1, in Lima.

Leon Goyings, who works as an equipment specialist in the district garage in Lima, won the loader competition, with a score of 2040 points. In second place, Dylan Neff of the Wyandot County garage scored 2025 points in the loader competition.

From the Defiance County garage, Chris Miles won the truck competition for the second year in a row with a score of 2040 points. Chris Lobsiger of the Van Wert County garage came in second place, scoring 1995 points.

The Van Wert County garage (pictured to the right) won the district team award, which is given to the garage that finished with the top two combined scores in both the truck and loader competition.

Goyings, Neff, Miles and Lobsiger will advance to the statewide Director's Cup event, which will be held in Columbus in late August.

The roдео is a friendly competition that pits equipment operators against one another to test their skill in maneuvering equipment through a series of obstacles intended to mimic situations they encounter on the job. Before running the course, participants are required to find deliberate mechanical bugs during a pre-trip equipment inspection.

The competition also included a test of the rules and laws pertaining to holders of a commercial driver's license (CDL). All highway technicians at ODOT are required to retain a CDL.

"The roдео is an important tradition for our professional drivers. It allows them the opportunity to exercise practical skills and requires a fair amount of precision," said Chris Hughes, deputy director of ODOT District 1.

The plows decorated as part of the Paint the Plow contest were displayed during the roдео. Paint the Plow is an annual competition for which area high school and vocational school students paint an ODOT plow blade with their message of school spirit, safety, patriotism or Ohio pride. There were 23 schools from ODOT District 1's eight-county region in the contest this year - a record number of participants.

County garage employees chose a favorite entry from their respective counties to go forward to the final round of judging for the overall ODOT choice award. The overall ODOT choice award winner was determined by employee vote at the roдео.

Additionally, voting for a people's choice award is underway on ODOT District 1's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ODOTDistrict1, where photos of all

23 plows are posted. Each like, comment or share on a plow's picture through noon Monday, May 6, counts as a vote towards the people's choice award.

Both the ODOT choice and people's choice award winners will be announced early next week, after social media voting concludes.

District 1 encompasses Allen, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert and Wyandot counties.

The Ohio Department of Transportation maintains the state's largest man-made asset - the transportation system. ODOT's mission is to provide the safe and easy movement of people and goods from place to place. As a \$2.8 billion per year enterprise, ODOT invests the bulk of its resources in system preservation through maintenance, construction and snow and ice operations.

WAUSEON KNOCKS DOWN WAYNE TRACE

Lady Raiders traveled to Indian country on May 2nd for high school varsity softball play. Wayne Trace took a hard hit in this game. The Lady Raiders only managed 1 run in this match up. The game was a slow start with Wauseon flipping the score once in the 2nd and twice in the 3rd. In the 5th inning, Wauseon kicked it into gear and ran the bases, touching home 8 times to call the game. Final score: Wauseon 11; Wayne Trace 1

Score by the Innings:
Wayne Trace - 0 0 1 0 0 = 1; 0H, 3E
Wauseon - 0 1 2 0 8 = 11; 8H, 2E

Winning Pitcher - Macee Shang (5 innings, 0 hits, 1 runs, 9 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Madilyn Brigner (4 innings, 6 hits, 6 runs, 4 earned runs, 2 strikeouts, 2 walks)

Other Wayne Trace Pitcher - Libby Wenzlick (2/3 innings, 2 hits, 5 runs, 5 earned runs, 2 strikeouts, 4 walks)

Claire Sinn scored the lone Wayne Trace run.

Wauseon Hitters - Christina Norman (double), Alisa Shelt (two singles), Harlee Floss (double, two singles), Macee Shang (single, home run)

NORTHEAST 8 CONFERENCE - 5/3/2019

2019 NE8 Meet took place on May 3rd at the Patrick D. Monaghan Track & Field Facilities in New Haven, IN. Eight schools converged on the track & field for this annual spring event.

WOMEN:
Team Rankings:

1 East Noble (EN) 102.5; 2 Huntington North (HN) 101, 3 Leo (L) 100; 4 Norwell (N) 99.5; 5 Columbia City (CC) 76; 6 New Haven (NH) 62; 7 Belmont (B) 55; 8 DeKalb (DK) 27

Event Results:
4x800m Relay - 1 Norwell 10:04.75; 2 Leo 10:08.77; 3 Huntington North 10:18.66

100m Dash - 1 Davis, L, 12.90#; 2 Forker, EN, 13.29; 3 Rhymer, B, 13.39

100m Hurdles - 1 Vandalingham, NH, 16.06; 2 Stoppenhagen, N, 16.69; 3 Schaefer, CC, 16.70

200m Dash - 1 Davis, L, 27.30; 2 Forker, EN, 27.66; 3

K Smith, L, 27.98
1600m Run - 1 Wiley, HN, 5:07.37; 2 Lambert, N, 5:12.89; 3 Oddou, CC, 5:23.79

4x100m Relay - 1 Leo 52.14; 2 East Noble 52.27; 3 New Haven 52.39

400m Dash - 1 McDonald, HN, 1:03.22; 2 Oddou, CC, 1:03.51; 3 Bales, N, 1:04.16

300m Hurdles - 1 Henning, EN, 48.46; 2 Handhohe, L, 48.54; 3 Goodrich, HN, 49.47

800m Run - 1 Wiley, HN, 2:17.22#; Fuelling, N, 2:23.70; 3 McMahan, B, 2:29.00

3200m Run - 1 Lambert, N, 11:23.77; 2 Mahnensmith, N, 11:41.07; 3 McCulloch, EN, 11:43.04

4x400m Relay - 1 Huntington North 4:08.29#; 2 Leo 4:13.85; 3 East Noble 4:17.88

High Jump - 1 Williams, HN, 5-00.00; 2 Hughes, NH, 4-10.00; 3 Dummer, N, 4-08.00

Discus Throw - 1 Birch, B, 131-00#; 2 Bussard, NH, 107-06; 3 Rhoades, EN, 100-00

Shot Put - 1 Bradtmueller, N, 37-05.00; 2 Clawson, CC, 36-11.50; 3 Sunderman, HN, 32-09.50

Long Jump - 1 Kelley, DK, 15-05.75; 2 Hughes, NH, 15-05.00; 3 Pepple, CC, 15-01.75

Pole Vault - 1 Russell, HN, 10-00.00#; 2 Garton, EN, J10-00.00#; 3 Schaefer, CC, 9-06.00#

MEN:
Team Rankings

1 Columbia City 118; 2 Belmont 116; 3 East Noble 100; 4 Leo 73.5; 5 Norwell 63.5; 6 Huntington North 61; 7 New Haven 54; 8 DeKalb 38

4x800m Relay - 1 Leo 8:1400#; 2 Columbia City 8:23.51; 3 Belmont 8:2498

100m Dash - 1 McClure, EN, 11.21; 2 Norby, B, 11.32; Hill, CC, 11.43

110m Hurdles - 1 Wigent, CC, 16.11; 2 Bolt, CC, 16.60; 3 Zimmerman, B, 16.72

200m Dash - 1 McClure, EN, 23.16; 2 Hill, CC, 23.46; 3 Norby, B, 23.53

1600m Run - 1 Spahr, HN, 4:30.65; 2 Lawson, B, 4:31.66; 3 Liepe, EN, 4:33.00

4x100m Relay - 1 East Noble 44.83; 2 Leo 45.22; 3 New Haven 45.59

400m Dash - 1 Topp, N, 51.63; 2 Alcantar, L, 52.50; 3 Grady, NH, 52.74

300m Hurdles - 1 Burns, HN, 41.42; 2 Meyer, CC, 42.17; 3 Jungle, B, 43.29

800m Run - 1 Perez, L, 2:00.45; 2 Ringwood, L, 2:00.69; 3 Lawson, B, 2:02.20

3200m Run - 1 Liepe, EN, 9:58.16; 2 Spahr, HN, 9:58.55; 3 Adams, DK, 10:03.39

4x400m Relay - 1 Leo 3:29.35; 2 New Haven 3:30.04; 3 Columbia City 3:31.21

High Jump - 1 Ernsberger, EN, 6-04.00; 2 Scharpenberg, CC, 6-02.00; 3 Norby, B, 6-01.00

Discus Throw - 1 Hesting, CC, 165-06#; 2 Murphy, B, 136-06; 3 Ordway, B, 131-03

Shot Put - 1 Hesting, CC, 54-01.00; 2 Ordway, B, 49-00.00; 3 Murphy, B, 46-03.50

Long Jump - 1 Norby, B, 21-05.50; 2 Haught, HN, 21-04.50; 3 Emsberger, EN, 20-04.25

Pole Vault - 1 Painter, EN, 13-06.50#; 2 Burchfield, L, 11-06.00; 3 Sharpe, NH, J11-06.00

ANTWERP MANOR HAPPENINGS



Welcome to Antwerp Manor Assisted Living located at 204 Archer Drive in Antwerp, Ohio. Once again our residents have been busy! Pictured are the residents who attended The Living Last Supper at Woodburn Missionary Church. The play was a moving drama based on the gospel of John. This was our second year to attend the wonderful performance and we were thrilled to have the opportunity to watch the talented performers.

We recently made our quarterly shopping trip to Meijer in Defiance, Ohio. The shopping trips are always fun. We had a nice day

to travel and enjoyed our lunch out as well. Our next shopping trip will be in June.

For the 11th year we held our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Although the weather did not allow us to hunt eggs in the courtyard, everyone had fun gathering throughout the halls. We stayed warm and dry and the event was equally as enjoyable. Being able to watch our grandchildren and great grandchildren made the afternoon even more special.

If you have any questions concerning Assisted Living at Antwerp Manor please contact us at 419-258-1500. We would love to assist you!

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bled from one year ago. The 2,000-plus families who currently use the service live in 408 communities across Mediacom's multi-state service area, mostly in communities with populations below 5,000.

"Access to quality broadband service is a topic that policymakers are concerned about, especially in non-metropolitan areas. With Mediacom Connect2Compete, the results are real and the impact is transformational for the students and their families," Pardini said. "In the past year, we've doubled the number of families who use this discounted service to provide digital learning for their sons and daughters, and we plan to continue our local investments to ensure that students don't miss out on the benefits of living in an Internet-connected home."

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LONG AWAITED CONCLUSION IN VARSITY BASEBALL



Dylan Hines slides into home to score for Antwerp while Fairview catcher attempts to grab control of the ball. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Antwerp and Fairview baseball finished their game from April 25th on Saturday, May 4th. From a game that ended abruptly due to inclement weather, to a grand finale finish, both teams were glad to see a resolution to this

match up. On April 25th, Fairview lead the game to its stopping point as the rain became too much to play well. The game stopped with the score at 3-2 Antwerp leading at the top of 5th inning. After a couple attempts to resume

this game play, the finicky spring weather was not very accommodating. Antwerp continued their momentum from April 25th, adding 3 more runs to their score awarding them a GMC win over Fairview. Final score 6-3.

ARCHERS HOST TRACK INVITE WITH INDIANA TEAMS DOMINATING

By: Joe Shouse, Sports-writer
ANTWERP - Last Friday the Archers of Antwerp

held their track invite with seven teams participating. Two teams, Churubusco and Woodlan from Indiana and from Ohio, Edon, Fairview, Paulding, Wayne Trace and the host Archers. It was the two teams from Hoosier land

that dominated the event with Churubusco taking first and Woodlan second in both the boys and girls competition. Boy's team standings: 1. Chur, 145.5; 2. Wood, 124; 3. Pauld, 75; 4. Fv, 68; 5. WT 43; 6. Ant. 37; 7. Edon 26.5.

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33.5; 6. Brewer, Ant. 29'4"; 7. Shepherd, WT 28'10".

High jump: 1. Boersma, Chur. 5'0"; 3. Razo, Pauld. 4'-10"; 7. Smith, Ant. 4'-4" and Wittwer, WT 4'-4".

Pole Vault: 1. Burrita, Chur, 10'-6"; 2. Reyes, Ant 8'-0"; 3. Bauer, Ant, 7'-0"; 4. Parrish, WT 6'6"; 6. Sanderson, WT 6'-6".

4x800m relay: 1. Wood; 4. WT; 5. Ant.

100m hurdles: 1. Boersma, Chur 16.64; 5. Weller, Pauld. 18.49.

100m dash: 1. Bayman, Wood, 13.09; 3. Stoller 13.36; 5. Recker, Ant. 13.72; 6. Oberlin, Ant. 13.76.

4x200 relay: 1. Chur. 1:53.2; 4. Ant. 2:02.1; 5. WT 2:02.6.

1600m: 1. King, Fv. 5:38; 2. Campbell, WT 5:43; 6. Manz, Pauld. 6:11; 7. Laukhuf, WT 6:16.

4x100 relay: 1. Chur. 52.66; 2. Ant. 54.87; 5. WT 58.40.

400m: 1. Bayman, Wood. 1:00.91; 2. Stoller, WT, 1:04.24; 4. Pease, Pauld. 1:06.02; 7. Manz, Pauld. 1:07.49.

300 hurdles: 1. Zook, Chur, 49.67; 3. Schweller, Pauld. 51.78; 4. Weller, Pauld. 51.97; 7. Stoller, WT 54.96.

800m: 1. Gentz, Wood. 2:31; 4. Campbell, WT 2:38; 7. Sinn, WT 2:52.

200m: 1. Bayman, Wood. 26.96; 2. Stoller, WT 28.06; 5. Schweller, Pauld. 28.96; 6. Manz, Pauld. 29.12; 7. Recker, Ant. 29.51.

3200m: 1. Dyer, Wood. 12:55; 4. Laukhuf, WT 13:53; 5. Saul, Ant. 13:57; 7. Campbell, WT 14:53.

4x400 relay: 1. Chur. 4:21; 3. Pauld. 4:27; 5. WT 4:43; 7. Ant. 5:13.

KNIGHTS ROLL PAST PANTHERS

CONVOY - Crestview scored eight runs in the sixth inning to pull away for a 14-4 win over Paulding in Northwest Conference softball action Friday night.

With the game tied at 1-1 after one inning, the Lady Panthers scored once in the top of the second before the Knights answered with two in the home half for a 3-2 advantage.

After Paulding responded with two more runs in the visitor's portion of the third, Crestview plated two in the bottom of the inning to put the Knights on top 5-4.

The Lady Knights scored once more in the bottom of the fourth before breaking the game open with an eight run sixth to seal the 14-4 victory.

Asia Arellano, Haylee Dominique, Ashlynn Rice, Morgan Iler and Kaela Lucas each had a single for the maroon and white offense. Dominique, Leigha Egnor, Rice and Lucas all scored for Paulding with Rice driving in two runs as well.

Arellano and Dominique also had runs batted in for the Panthers.

Dominique suffered the loss for Paulding, pitching 5-1/3 innings giving up 16 hits, 14 runs (12 earned run) and three walks with four strikeouts.

2019 GMC SPRING SCHOLAR ATHLETES

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce their "All Conference Scholar Athletes for the Spring of 2019.

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

ANTWERP:
Nathan Lee, Iris Sorrell, Luke Brewer, Brett Fulk, Jake Ryan, Ashton Barnhouse

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HOLGATE:
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WAYNE TRACE:
Sadie Sinn, Anne Eklund, Sara Edwards, Gracie Laukhuf, Kaylee Shepherd, Noah Hasch, Austin Reed, Reece Thompson, Matthew Stouffer, Grant Baumle

LITZENBERG WINS KINDLE FIRE



Payne Elementary Preschool student Adalyn Litzenberg was the winner of a Kindle Fire for selling the most Butter Braids in our school fundraiser. Adalyn sold 29 Butter Braids for a total of \$414.00. The Fundraiser was a big success and we thank all who participated.

RITTENHOUSE WINS JEFFERY-MOHR DENISTRY COLORING CONTEST



Preschool student River Rittenhouse at Payne Elementary won the Jeffery-Mohr Dentistry Coloring contest and received a \$20 Walmart Gift Certificate. River was part of the class that was visited by Dr. Jessica Mohr who educated the preschoolers on dental hygiene.

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STUDENTS DONATE THEIR ART WORK TO SCHOOL WAYNE TRACE JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE



A BIG shout out to the following students that donated their art work to the high school office. Saddie Sinn - Painted Grover Hill Elementary. Madilyn Brigner - Painted Wayne Trace High School. Alli Hefner - Painted Payne Elementary

LADY RAIDERS FIRST, PANTHERS TIE FOR FIRST AT ST. JOHN'S INVITE

By: Joe Shouse, Sports-writer

DELPHOS - The Paulding Panthers and Wayne Trace Raiders participated in the Delphos St. John's track invitational last Tuesday. In the girl's event the Lady Raiders took first place with 83 points followed by the Lady Panthers with 73. St. John's finished third with 64 points and the Crestview Lady Knights rounded out the scoring with 33 points. Wayne Trace freshman Rachel Stoller captured first place in the 100, 200 and 400 meter dash to help lead the Raiders to the first place spot. Lady Raider Cassidy

Campbell took first in the 1600 meter run with team mate Gracie Laukhuf taking first in the 3200 meter run. For the Paulding girl's Jessica Weller took first in the 100 meter hurdles with team mate Claire Schweller taking the top spot in the 300 meter hurdles. Leah Nusbaum captured first place in the shot put. Paulding and Crestview tied for the top position in the boy's competition with 72 points each with the Raiders squeaking past the Panthers 56 to 54. Bailey Manz was a triple winner in leading the Panthers with a first place in the 800 and 1600 meter run and the high jump. Other Panthers snagging a first place was Owen Carnahan in the 110

and 300 meter hurdles and team mate Hunter Kesler in the 200 and 400 meter dash. Deyton Price crossed the tape first to take the 3200 meter run. For Wayne Trace Richard Dunno finished in the top stop in the pole vault. The following results lists the event winner followed by the Wayne Trace and Paulding athletes who scored points in the event. Girl's results: 4x800 meter relay: 1. St. John's 10:47.62; 2. Wayne Trace 11:25.78 100m hurdles: 1. Weller, PHS, 18.75; 2. Stoller, WT, 19.18; 3. Markley, WT, 19.21; 4. LaFountain, PHS, 20.12. 100m dash: 1. Stoller, WT, 13.47; 4. Peace, PHS, 14.22; 5. Manz, PHS, 14.34. 4x200m relay: 1. St. John's 1:55.64; 2. Paulding 2:03.53 1600m run: 1. Campbell, WT, 5:53.37; 3. Laukhuf, WT, 6:23.40. 4x100m relay: 1. St. John's 53.51; 3. Wayne Trace 58.19 400m dash: 1. Stoller, WT, 1:04.63, 2. Manz, PHS, 1:07.06; 3. Pease, PHS, 1:07.8; 5. Manz, PHS, 1:11.36. 300m hurdles: 1. Schweller, PHS, 53.43; 3. Weller, PHS, 55.11; 4. Stoller, WT, 56.92; 5. Shepherd, WT, 58.22. 800m run: 1. Rohr, St. John's, 2:36.68; 2. Campbell, WT, 2:42.06. 200m dash: 1. Stoller, WT, 27.76; 3. Stoller, PHS, 28.95; 4. Pease, PHS, 29.54; 5. Manz, PHS, 29.89. 3200m run: 1. Laukhuf, WT, 13:48.96; 3. Manz, PHS, 14:34.91. 4x400m relay: 1. Paulding 4:31.80 3. Wayne Trace 4:43.73 Shot Put: 1. Husbaum, PHS, 31'-10"; 3. Shepherd, WT, 27'-4"; 4. Stoller, WT, 25'-2"; 5. Cooper, WT, 24'-0". Discus Throw: 1. Lamb, Crestview, 85'-5"; 2. Sanderson, WT, 82'-11"; 3. Nusbaum, PHS, 77'-0"; 4. Strayer, PHS, 68'-3". Long Jump: 1. Mueller, St. John's, 15'-5.25"; 2. Vest, WT, 13'-11.75"; 5. Razo, PHS, 13'-0.5". High Jump: 1. Taylor, Crestview, 4'-8"; 2. Shepherd, WT, 4'-6"; 3. Razo, PHS, 4'6"; 4. Wittwer, WT, 4'-6"; 5. March, PHS, 4'-4". Boys results: 4x800 meter relay: 1. Wayne Trace 9:46.29 110m hurdles: 1. Carnahan, PHS, 16.42; 5. Parrish, WT, 19.89.

100m dash: 1. Sheets, Crestview, 11.45; 2. Kesler, PHS, 11.69; 4. Head, WT, 12.11; 5. Lumpkins, PHS, 12.23. 4x200m relay: 1. Crestview 1:36.03; 3. Paulding 1:41.61 1600m run: 1. Manz, PHS, 4:56.28; 2. Price, PHS, 5:07.06; 3. Manz, WT, 5:18.18. 4x100m relay: 1. Crestview 46.02; 3. Wayne Trace 50.18 400m dash: 1. Kesler, PHS 56.82; 3. Price, PHS, 1:00.13; 4. McCullough, PHS, 1:00.74; 5. Dunno, WT, 1:01.08. 300m hurdles: 1. Carnahan, PHS, 45.02. 800m run: 1. Manz, PHS, 2:09.43; 3. Manz, WT, 2:21.75. 200m dash: 1. Kesler, PHS, 23.86; 3. Moore, WT, 25.27; 5. Head, WT, 25.64. 3200m run: 1. Price, PHS, 11:42.48; 2. Sinn, WT, 12:02.38; 4. Hershberger, WT, 12:32.25. 4x400m relay: 1. Crestview 3:39.69; 2. Paulding 3:39.86; 3. Wayne Trace 4:02.29 Shot Put: 1. Ladd, St. John's, 46'-8"; 2. Hasch, WT, 41'-0"; 5. Coil, PHS, 37'-0". Discus Throw: 1. German, St. John's, 122'; 3. Showalter, WT, 107'-4". Long Jump: 1. Oleson, ST. John's, 18'-7.75"; 2. Homier, WT, 17'-5.5"; 4. Manz, PHS, 13'-0.5". High Jump: 1. Manz, PHS, 5'-8"; 2. Homier, WT, 5'-4"; 4. Sinn, WT, 5'-2". Pole Vault: 1. Dunno, WT, 10'-6"; 3. Hornish, WT, 8'-6"; 5. Lumpkins, PHS, 8'-6"

ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL 2019 PROM: LOST CITY OF ATLANTIS



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Antwerp High School's prom was held on Saturday, May 4, 2019, at Grant's Reception Hall. The theme was the Lost City of Atlantis. After-prom was held at Georgetown Bowling, where students enjoyed an arcade, rock wall, bumper cars, a photo booth, pizza, prizes, and more. Court: Prince and Princess: Cy Zuber and Sylvie Zartman Junior Attendants: Aleyah Cline and Jacob Savina Senior Attendants: Aubree Rager, Destiny Lee, Austin Chirgwin, and Cole Seslar King and Queen: Nathan Lee and Kaitlyn Hamman

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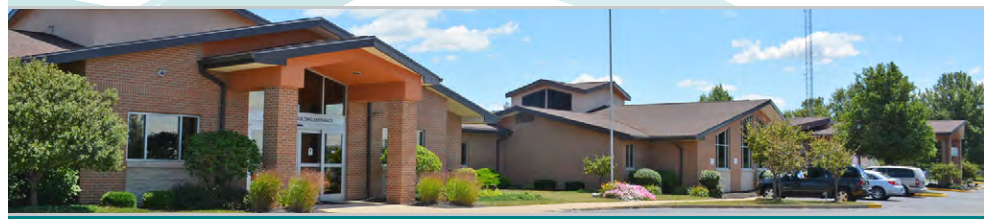
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DESK VIEW: DISNEY TRIP EDITION



By: Katie Oberlin

Traditionally, every Monday, people get out of bed, prepare themselves for the week to come, and head to school or work to conquer the day. April 22 started very similarly, but rather than clocking in or getting books from their lockers, many parents, students, and staff members involved in the music program drug their luggage to the main gymnasium before they loaded onto a charter bus. They headed for Florida bright and early at 8:00 a.m., final destination: Walt Disney World.

Between Antwerp, Ohio, and Orlando, Florida, where Disney is located, the distance is just short of 1,100 miles. With around four stops, two for food, the bus ride took around 20 hours, in which the passengers found any position possible to rest in, listened to music, maybe read a book, and ate snacks.

On Tuesday morning, the group ate breakfast pizza and changed into their swimsuits to start their day at Disney. First stopping at the Pop Century Resort, where they would later stay, everyone got their ticket cards and MagicBands (used as room keys).

They were then off to Typhoon Lagoon, a Disney water park with many rides, slides, pool areas, and beach chairs that made for a relaxing mid-morning to early afternoon. After wrapping up their time there, the group headed back to the Pop Resort to take a look at the gift shop and their rooms. Following this, the Antwerp clan got

onto a bus with a destination of Epcot. Individual groups split up to travel the world, or rather, segments of it. As they made their way around the areas representing different countries, the students and chaperones looked around, maybe met a character, or ate some food. To finish off the evening before traveling back to the hotel, they experienced a fireworks show from the view of Japan.

Day two at Disney meant the Magic Kingdom, the land of Mickey's ears and Cinderella's Castle. It also meant performing! Until just after lunch, everyone was free to explore the park, ride rides, and meet characters. The marching band went behind the scenes at about 1:00 p.m. to prepare for their performance. This was the first time the band got to wear their new uniforms, and with the temperature being in the mid-eighties, the wool material was pretty warm. Sweat and all, the band was the first part of the parade as they marched by a cheering crowd, around the walkways, and in front of Cinderella's Castle while playing a well-rehearsed piece of music called "Disney Parade Sequence," which included the "Mickey Mouse March," "It's A Small World," and "Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah" with drum cadences between them.

Later in the day, the group headed to Disney Springs to watch the show choir performed. While the rest of the group waited at the stage, the performing teens changed into their sparkly red show attire and ran through their show on a practice stage. Upon entering the resort, the show choir formed a professional single file line of smiles as they walked to the performance area. When it was time to go, they left it all out on the stage as they danced and sang their hearts out to their pre-recorded suite tracks. It was arguably their best performance, but they did miss one of their members, who was sick. After the show, the whole Antwerp group headed back to their hotel to get some pool time at Pop Resort's decade-themed pools.

Thursday brought a morning at the Animal Kingdom, where many rode the new Avatar ride and took a safari ride. The group then headed back to Disney Springs to watch the concert choir perform their show songs. The many soloists included, the choir did very well and looked sharp in their black concert attire. For all three

of Antwerp's performances, Disney's staff respectfully treated the groups like royalty. For many performers, these were their biggest audiences and their most special performances. Following the choir's performance, the group returned to the Magic Kingdom for some extra time to explore the vast park and, finally, to watch the famous fireworks show at the Castle. The extravagant show included the projection of many characters onto the beautiful building and the finale of Tinkerbell flying out of the Castle.

Friday, Antwerp's last day at Disney, was a full day at Hollywood Studios. The palm tree-filled park included many rides from the motion pictures many love and grew up watching. The big rides that most of the Antwerp people made a point to ride included the Twilight Zone Tower of Terror and Rock 'n' Roller Coaster starring Aerosmith. There were many shows, including Indiana Jones, Beauty and the Beast, The Little Mermaid, and Frozen that spectators could attend and even interact with. The group's day and trip were rounded off by using up the last of their food vouchers before attended the Fantasmic show where water-cast projection, music, and characters in costume were used to represent everyone's favorite Disney creations.

Taking some of Disney's magic with them, Antwerp's students and chaperones hopped on their charter bus headed out of the eighty-degree Sunshine State and back to their less warm and large village. Arriving at about 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, the music program accepted the closure of their long-awaited and magical adventure at Walt Disney World, but not without sporting recently bought merchandise.

CFAES NAMES NEW CHIEF ADVANCEMENT OFFICER



Keith DiDonato has been appointed as the new chief advancement officer of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). Starting on May 20, DiDonato will lead and develop the CFAES Office of Advancement, which includes fundraising, alumni relations, and marketing communications.

Currently the associate vice president for development at The College of Wooster, DiDonato oversees the major and planned giving programs, annual giving, and the parents and family giving program. In that role, he is directly involved with the largest fundraising year in the history of the institution, adding \$40 million to the school's campaign.

DiDonato also worked as the director of leadership giving at Oberlin College, where he was directly respon-

WT PAYNE ELEMENTARY APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Front Row: Lexi Carter, Adalynn Franklin, Savannah Sinn, Camryn Finger; Second Row: Hannah Williamson, Averie Rupp, Gracie Gerardot, MaKenna Schilt, Mailey Stoller, Grace McKinney; Back Row: Chase Pack, Athan Hull, Mya Endicott, MaKenna Johnson, Beth Miller, Emma Stouffer, Adelae Collins, Christian Bohland, and Lily Boyd.

sible for approximately \$60 million added to the Oberlin Illuminate campaign, which ended in 2016 with a record \$317 million. Prior to that, he worked at Cargill Corporation in the Animal Nutrition Division.

DiDonato received a Bachelor of Science from Ohio State, served on the Emerging Leaders Campaign Committee for CFAES, and was elected to the Conference for Developing the Future of Agricultural Education in Ohio for the Ohio Department of Education.

"Keith brings extensive fundraising, donor relations, stewardship management, and leadership experiences to the college," said Cathann A. Kress, vice president for agricultural administration and dean of CFAES.

"Keith is a proud graduate of The Ohio State University, specifically CFAES, where he was a member of the Alpha Gamma Sigma fraternity and chair of their alumni association's fundraising committee," Kress said. "He has a passion for higher education and a deep commitment to advancing the college's education, outreach, and research missions. His leadership and experience will be an asset as he joins the CFAES leadership team."

"I am honored to lead the advancement goals for CFAES and to work to advance the significant research and outreach that our college does on behalf of Buckeye Nation," DiDonato said. "My goal is to capitalize on our strengths to continue to create awareness and engagement to support our impact, mission and relevance at Ohio State."

OHSAA ANNOUNCES GAMECHANGER AS OFFICIAL BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SCOREKEEPING & PITCH COUNT APP

The Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) is proud to announce a sponsorship agreement with GameChanger by Dick's Sporting Goods, the leading digital scorekeeping and management app for baseball and softball.

Available at no charge to member schools, GameChanger will make it easy for coaches to monitor and protect their pitchers' health with custom pitch-count alerts and inning-by-inning pitch-count recaps.

When using GameChanger, coaches will also have access to over 150 statistics, instant stat charts, and a full

suite of team management features, including game and practice scheduling and a player attendance tracker.

GameChanger easily allows parents and fans to follow games with live play-by-play, in-game alerts, and recaps to keep them informed and help support their programs and teams.

Beginning this season, the OHSAA encourages all coaches to utilize GameChanger for scorekeeping and pitch counts. Utilizing GameChanger will allow the OHSAA to effectively monitor pitch counts and view all games and statistics in a single centralized location.

"We're excited to welcome the OHSAA into the GameChanger family," said Aimee Watters, Director of Marketing, DICK'S Team Sports HQ. "We look forward to providing access to our suite of industry-leading tools to coaches, parents and players of the OHSAA community, including the ability for fans to get live game updates even when they can't be there in person."

"We are pleased to officially partner with GameChanger, which many of our schools use already," said Jerry Snodgrass, OHSAA Executive Director. "The pitch count regulation is so important for the health and safety of baseball players and is used for stats and many other functions. Providing this to our schools at no charge is a win-win for our member schools and highlights our commitment to serve our schools."

GameChanger also works in conjunction with OHSAA sponsor MaxPreps, a website for high school athletics

news, stats and recruiting, to sync game data and pitch counts automatically between both platforms.

About the OHSAA
The Ohio High School Athletic Association is a private, non-profit association of high schools and 7th-8th grade schools, which are volunteer members. The OHSAA conducts post-season tournaments in 26 sports, including 13 for boys and 13 for girls, which involve more than 400,000 student-athletes, 65,000 coaches and 15,000 licensed officials. The OHSAA's mission is to regulate and administer interscholastic athletic competition in a fair and equitable manner while promoting the values of participation in interscholastic athletics as an integral part of a student's educational experience. The OHSAA represents its member schools by recognizing and promoting academics, the safety of participants, good citizenship and lifelong values as the foundation of interscholastic athletics.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

For our children there is nothing we won't do. We invest our time and money. We sacrifice our good health and the prime of our lives so that we can give our children a better chance at success. But why on earth do we do this - especially on the days when our advice and discipline is thrown away with both hands. Simple, because we love them. Of course, they spurn our efforts in youthful ignorance. Young kids who

throw caution to the wind, and risk it all, really are worth it all.

No one really understands the daring risk-it-all playground bravado that controls kids. The mom in the dentist's office waiting for her son's chipped tooth to be fixed, the dad in the ER waiting for his daughters cast to be set. They all ask themselves the same question -why? Hundreds of parents ask why their kids could be so reckless and usually the answer isn't scientific. It is: "Oh, right, it's because they're my kids. And only my kids could ever be so foolhardy."

No matter how rambunctious or daring they are, there are certain things our children should never be exposed to. Every responsible parent sees to it that their children are safe. We use socket covers, corner cushions, and car seats just to name a few. Parents everywhere take pride in the time and dedication they put into making certain their children are safe. But are they keeping them safe from another unnecessary danger?

It is in the news everywhere, stories of children accidentally discharging firearms and harming themselves and others. A tragic recent event happened here in our own area. An innocent four-year old found a firearm, shot his mother and himself. This should never happen. The firearm should have been properly stored and this child like all children should have been taught what to do should they ever come upon an improperly supervised firearm.

The anger we all feel is righteous. Why? Why does a child, a picture of innocence, have to go through this? We always ask the same thing. This shouldn't be happening, children in the prime of their blissful lives are subject to their parent's mistakes. That little boy survived, but many are not so fortunate.

To help parents avoid situations where their children may come upon an unsupervised firearm, the NRA (National Rifle Association) has created a very affective program: Eddie the Eagle Accident Prevention Program. This isn't a program designed to show your children how to handle a firearm. Rather, it is designed to communicate that guns are tools for adults and adults only. The NRA has been committed to promoting this program for several years with very positive results. They have taught more than 30+ million children (from all fifty states) this unique program. One has to be asked, with over 30 million kids reached, how many lives have been saved?

Have you as a parent had a discussion with your child about how to be safe around firearms? You should. Think about all the parents who have lost children. Think about your own children. We need to re-evaluate how parents might better communicate with their children about guns. It is not enough to say don't touch guns, because kids don't understand just how dangerous guns are. Children are instinctively curious and one way or another they can put themselves in a dangerous situation. Parents need to send a clear message to their children - a non-negotiable - that guns are tools for adults. For children, they are an ABSOLUTE NO!

Eddie the Eagle is designed to reach children when they are the most vulnerable. This accident prevention program is geared toward kids from kindergarten to fourth grade. Making certain children between these ages are well aware of the following crucial information: "Stop! Don't Touch! Run Away! Tell a Grown Up!" Children able to remember these critical safety steps by engaging in this program. Eddie the Eagle can be presented anywhere: schools, churches, after-school clubs and any other venue specific to youth. Through this program accidents can be drastically reduced, because that is what preventive information does best!

—Thomas Wegmann, Woodburn, IN

BEWARE OF FALLING ASH TREES

Ash trees, some dead for years, are increasingly falling in Ohio, spurred by fungi feeding off of what the emerald ash borer has left behind.

First seen in Ohio in 2003, the emerald ash borer, an invasive beetle originally from Asia, has since killed off swaths of trees across the state and much of eastern North America, but some of those trees have remained standing for years.

Enter phase two of the problem. Various fungi, including one called turkey tail, have been slowly consuming what's left of the dead trees, in some cases destabilizing the trees. Add some wind, and the dead trees come down.

"We expected this to happen," said Joe Boggs, an entomologist with Ohio State University Extension, the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). "Now you have standing trees that are starting to break apart."

Before the emerald ash borer arrived, Ohio was home to nearly 4 billion ash trees. About one in every 10 trees in Ohio was an ash.

The ash borer beetle lays its eggs on an ash tree, and when the eggs hatch, the larvae tunnel inward to feed on a ring of the tree, just beneath the bark. As the larvae grow, they etch deeper into the tree, destroying a part of the tree used to transport water and nutrients, eventually killing the tree.

When a tree becomes infested with the emerald ash borer, it can become weak and brittle, said Amy Stone, an OSU Extension educator in Lucas County, where the emerald ash borer was first seen in Ohio.

Once dead, ash trees can rot quickly because they have little resistance to decay. Almost as soon as an ash tree dies, turkey tail and other fungi begin feeding, but the decay is a slow process, which is why many long-dead ash trees have only recently begun falling.

People with ash trees on their property should have an arborist inspect the trees

MVNU STUDENT-ATHLETES HELP BEAUTIFY KOKOSING GAP TRAIL



Student-athletes from Mount Vernon Nazarene University cleared the Kokosing Gap Trail berm of limbs and debris during the 13th National Trail Opening Day on April 13. Pictured are, from left, Brady Thompson, Brandon Mount, Rene Diaz and Tim Kasperek.

Members of the Mount Vernon Nazarene University's men's soccer and basketball teams volunteered their time to help prepare the Kokosing Gap Trail for the spring and summer.

"I think it is important for students to make connections with the broader community they live in," said Randy Cronk, president of the Kokosing Gap Trail board, and retiring professor of psychology and department chair at MVNU. "It helps students have a deeper sense of belonging and a sense that Knox County is a place they can call home. It can help students feel like civic engagement is something important and meaningful to do; that in addition to being members of the campus community they are citizens of Knox County."

The 25 student-athletes participating on April 13, the 13th National Trail Opening Day, were divided into seven teams to cover the length of the KGT to clear debris and limbs from the berm. This task not only improved the aesthetics of the trail, but more importantly, prepared the berm for summer mowing.

to ensure none of them pose any risk of falling, Stone said. If there is a risk, people should have the trees taken down, she said.

"The longer the tree stands dead, the increased chance of it falling. It needs to be on everyone's radar," Stone said.

And though some might fancy getting lost in thought

Participating soccer players were Hidde Drost, Logan Thompson, Colt Tanner, Joshua Dunn, Brandon Mount, Tim Kasperek, Brett Cingle, Benjamin Fuller, Ethan Richter, Joshua Orecchio, Samuel Atkins, Seth Ward, Rene Diaz, Connor Davis, Cole Lope, Gabriel Burgos, Colin Gaines, Brady Thompson, Jonah Poole and Assistant Coach Salvador Velazquez.

Participating basketball players were Jacob Paul, Eddie Driskell, Ry Adams, Jevon Knox, Alex Johnson, David Delahunty and Head Coach Jared Ronai.

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

on a hiking trail, it might be wise to stay aware of any standing dead ash trees.

"They can snap at any time without warning," Boggs said. "There's really nothing holding them up."

For tips on choosing an arborist to inspect or remove an ash or another type of tree, visit go.osu.edu/hiringanarborist.

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Thomas J. Carr, Antwerp, OH; Marked lanes; Count C dismissed per state; Without prejudice; Costs waived

Janet L. Daly, Colts Neck, NJ; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jai Markowski, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Angela Kline, Defiance, OH; Failure to yield to emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Daniel J. Banura, Fenton, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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pendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Waived the 24hr service rule

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Jan M. Kever, Antwerp, OH; Following too close; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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Brian K. Greene II, Washington, MI; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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tain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Tamara L. Crutcher, Pontiac, MI; 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 the arresting agency

Kyle Joseph Beech, Van Wert, OH; Failure to reinstate; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay today

Kyle Joseph Beech, Van Wert, OH; Improper backing; Count B dismissed at the state's request

Cathren I. Cougill, Birmingham, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Diana J. Altheide, Oakwood, OH; Distracted driving; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant took course

Diana J. Altheide, Oakwood, OH; Left of center; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay fines and costs today

Nora L. Lumpkins, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jan M. Kever, Antwerp, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant took course

Clarissa M. Morrisette, Detroit, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brittany L. Zehr, Remington, IN; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant took course

Andrew M. Porter, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Chase P. Gannon, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

David Elston, Oakwood, OH; Domestic violence; Preliminary hearing held; Testimony given in court; Court finds that there is substantial credible evidence; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding Court Common Pleas Court

Lance A. Heffner, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Micah K. Tirop, Jefferson City, TN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

James R. Combs, Continental, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ashok Vallabhaneni, Ingersoll, ON; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

BENTON TWP
5/1/19 Pharr Jana to Pharr Nathan A Pharr Jana J; Rd 33; 22.767 acres; Pt NW1/4 SW1/4 Benton Twp S-3

5/1/19 Yearling Jack Carl & Yearling Jana to Yearling Jack Carl Et Al; Rd 70; 120 acres; Pteptswl/4&Ptpwtse1/4 Benton Twp S-4 Easement Ref V 573 P 2118

BLUE CREEK TWP
5/1/19 Long Russell L Le to Prill Linda A Et Al; Rd 82; 42.2 acres; E Pt N1/2 NW1/4 NE Cor Se1/4 NW1/4 05-006932-00-00

BROWN TWP
4/29/19 Bronson Wayne J to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation; 11779 Rd 169 Oakwood Oh 45873;

LOCAL BANK PRESIDENT ATTENDS ICBA CAPITAL SUMMIT



Mickey C. Schwarzbeck, President/CEO of The Sherwood State Bank and 28 other Ohio Community Banks representatives in Washington DC, making their voices heard.

ICBA top legislative and regulatory priorities for 2019 at the ICBA Capital Summit in Washington include regulatory relief, data security and cybersecurity reform, Bank Secrecy Act and Community Reinvestment Act modernization, regulatory and tax parity for credit unions and the Farm Credit System, and more.

1.335 acres; Pt E1/2 Ne1/4 Ne1/4 Brown Twp S-8

CARRYALL TWP
4/29/19 Brown Timothy Benjamin & Brown Lorianne to Compton Zackery Reeb Carrie; Rd 180; 0.356 acres; Lot 18 Proxmire Allot Carryall Twp Sec 25

4/29/19 Brown Timothy Benjamin & Brown Lorianne to Compton Zackery Reeb Carrie; 6337 Rd 180; 0.356 acres; Lot 19 Proxmire Allot Carryall Twp Sec 25

4/29/19 Brown Timothy Benjamin & Brown Lorianne to Compton Zackery Reeb Carrie; Rd 180; 0.356 acres; Lot 20 Proxmire Allot Carryall Twp Sec 25

CRANE TWP
5/2/19 Potter Curtis L Potter James Allen to Mabis Gary A Mabis Linda C; Rd 424; 18.74 acres; Pt SE1/4 NW1/4 Crane Twp-Ant Dist Sec 19

HARRISON TWP
5/1/19 Yearling Jana to Pharr Nathan A Pharr Jana J; Rd 21; 50 acres; M1/3 NW1/4 Harrison Twp S-33 Easement Ref V 573 P 2140

5/1/19 Yearling Jana to Pharr Nathan A Pharr Jana J; Rd 21; 10 acres; S1/3 NW1/4 Harrison Twp S-33
4/29/19 Balogh Joyce A to Trammell Robert L Jr Merkle Ronda S; 407 Foust St; 0.8735 acres; Lot 6 Less E26ft

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JACKSON TWP
5/2/19 Hemenway Bonnie J to Hemenway Eugene M Hemenway Matthew C; Rd 118; 5.421 acres; Pt NE1/4 SW1/4 Jackson Twp S-23

5/2/19 Hemenway Bonnie J to Hemenway Eugene M Hemenway Matthew C; 17419 Rd 118 Paulding Oh 45879; 6 acres; Pt NE1/4 SW1/4 Jackson Twp Sec 23

LATTY TWP
4/30/19 Dangler Scott L Arnett Tonnette L to Reichert Taylor J Reichert Audrey M; 6015 Rd 123 Paulding Oh 45879; 1.27 acres; Secor SE1/4SE1/4 200X276 Latty Twp S-5

FINANCIAL GIFTS CAN BRIGHTEN ANYONE'S MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is fast approaching. This special holiday reminds us of the joy we receive from the powerful bond between mother and child. To help mark the occasion, you may want to consider making certain financial gifts, including the following:

For your mother:
IRA contribution - If your mother is still working, she is eligible to contribute to an IRA, but she might not always fully fund it - so you may want to help. You can't contribute directly to your mother's IRA, but you can write her a check for that purpose, though, of course, she can use the money however she likes. In 2019, the contribution limit for a traditional or Roth IRA is \$6,000, or \$7,000 for individuals 50 or older. (A Roth IRA does have income limits that can reduce the contribution amount or eliminate it altogether.)

Insurance premium - If your mother has life, disability or long-term care insurance, why not offer to pay some of the premiums this year? Long-term care premiums, in particular, can be quite costly, especially for older policyholders.

Introduction to a financial professional - If your mother doesn't already work with a financial professional, consider introducing her to yours, or to someone else who is recommended by friends or

relatives. A financial advisor can help your mother move toward her retirement goals - and, at some point, also can work with legal and tax professionals to assist your mother with her estate plans.

For your children:
529 plan contribution - If your children are still of school age, you may want to contribute to a college savings vehicle. One popular choice is a 529 savings plan. When you invest in this plan, your earnings can grow tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified educational expenses. (Be aware, though, that withdrawals not used for qualified education expenses may be subject to federal and state taxes, as well as an additional 10% penalty.)

As the 529 plan owner, you have flexibility in using the money. For example, if you've designated one of your children as the 529 plan's beneficiary, and that child decides not to pursue any higher education, you can switch the beneficiary designation to another child or to yourself.

You can choose the 529 plan offered by any state, but

your contributions might be tax deductible if you invest in your own state's plan. Tax issues for 529 plans can be complex, so, before investing, consult with your tax advisor.

Shares of stocks - Giving stock shares to children is a good way to help them learn some of the basics of investing. You can track the progress of their stocks with them, and even do some research together about why prices may be going up or down. By getting children involved early, you may help instill a lifelong interest in investing.

Charitable gifts - Many children are now concerned about various social issues. You can help encourage this involvement - and possibly an appreciation of the value of philanthropy - by making a gift to a charitable group whose work aligns with your child's interests.

We don't need to exchange presents on Mother's Day to show our appreciation for one another, but certain financial gifts can help provide needed support - and even some valuable life lessons - for your loved ones.

2019 SEASON REGISTRATION
REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE PAULDING SOCCER CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE STARTING MAY 1ST, 2019.
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER Plaintiff,

vs.

JENNIFER KELLEY, ET. AL., DEFENDANTS,

Case No. CI-19-067 Judge Tiffany Righter-Beckman

TO: Jennifer Kelley, Unknown Spouse of Jennifer Kelley, Robert Payton and Unknown Spouse of Robert Payton, Cache, Inc.,

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: Jennifer Kelley- 620 N. Jackson Street, Melrose, Ohio; Robert Payton and Unknown Spouse of Robert Payton - Unknown Address; Cache, INC., 370 17th Street, Denver, Colorado

Please take notice that a complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against you seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by Jennifer Kelley to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed by you; Cache, Inc. is a lien holder on said real estate and filed a Judgment, No. 14-033 with the Paulding County Clerk of Courts.

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

Situated in the Village of Oakwood, County of Paulding and State of Ohio: Lot Four (4) in Susannah Hake's Addition to the Village of Oakwood, Paulding County, Ohio. Also beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot Four (4) in Susannah Hake's Addition to the Village of Oakwood, Paulding County, Ohio; thence South along the East line of Lot Four (4) to the South line thereof; thence East and parallel with the South line of said lot, a distance of 12.25 feet; thence North to a point parallel with the North line of said lot; thence West 12.25 feet to the place of beginning, being a portion of Auglaize Street vacated by Ordinance No. 79 of the Village of Oakwood, Ohio passed March 1, 1949.

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Also, Beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot Number Three (3) in Hake's Addition to the Village of Oakwood, Paulding County, Ohio, and thence extending West one hundred five and sixty hundredths (105.60) feet; thence North thirty-nine (39) degrees West Three Hundred Thirty and Twenty-one hundredths (330.21) feet; thence East Three Hundred Six and 01/100 (306.01) feet; thence South Two Hundred Fifty-four and five tenths (251.5) feet to the place of beginning, containing, 1.23 acres of land, more or less, and being part of Lot Number Fifteen (15) in Section Twenty-seven (27), Township Two (2) North, Range Four (4) East, Paulding County, Ohio (Outlots).

Auditor Tax Parcel I.D. No. 10-10S-004-00; 10-23S-013-00 Property Address: 200 Celina Street, Oakwood, Ohio

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

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

By: *Kary M. Burkard* Deputy

Respectively submitted, *Joseph R. Burkard*

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

NSSC FOUNDATION SETS NEW RECORD, AWARDS OVER \$650,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS



A capacity audience enjoyed the 2019 Northwest State Community College Foundation Scholarship Awards Reception, held April 11th at the Archbold campus. A record \$650,000 in scholarships was awarded to over 300 students at the event.

The Northwest State Community College Foundation proudly awarded more than \$650,000 in scholarships to over 300 students from throughout northwest Ohio. These marks surpass last year's record totals, offering needed financial help to students through the generosity of donors to the NSSC Foundation.

On Thursday, April 11th, students and donors filled the NSSC Atrium to celebrate the accomplishments of the students and offer gratitude for the support of local donors.

"Many Northwest State students balance school, family and work," according to Robbin Wilcox, Executive Director of Development & the NSSC Foundation. "Thanks to the generosity of our donors, our students are able to keep the focus on getting the best-possible education, and opening doors to great career opportunities with family-sustaining wages."

NSSC Student story of impact - Kimberly Clingaman

Student Speaker Kimberly Clingaman shared an emotional story of how personal tragedy gave her the strength to continue her education.

Clingaman, a nursing student at Northwest State, was diagnosed with type I diabetes at 11 years old, thinking she was "doomed to have a terrible life." At age 24, Kimberly became pregnant with a son, Clayton. For the next ten years, the family was in and out of the hospital with their son, and Clayton endured 17 surgeries - 15 of which were brain-related procedures. Tragically, Clayton succumbed to pneumonia in the summer of 2018, but the care and compassion the nurses showed him and the family compelled Kimberly to continue her studies at Northwest State in her son's honor.

Clingaman received both the First In My Family and Changing Lives scholarships at this year's ceremony. The conclusion of her speech to the capacity audience summed it up best: "The past two years, I have been a recipient of the Changing Lives scholarship. Which is so fitting, because all I want to do is change lives by becoming a nurse and helping others. One day, I hope to be able to give back as you have, and start a memorial scholarship in Clayton's honor."

- Requires the FCC to promulgate regulations to establish a process for private entities to voluntarily share information with the Commission. Such information includes a call or text message that has been illegally spoofed or is an illegal robocall. This is intended to allow better information sharing between private companies and the FCC to better track and stop illegal robocalls and spoofing.
- Requires the FCC to conduct a study on requiring a provider of covered voice over internet protocol (VoIP) service to retain records relating to each call transmitted over VoIP that are sufficient to trace and track the source of the call. This is intended to provide information to the Commission that can better assist in tracking and tracing illegal robocalls.

BEGINNING BIRDING TOURS AVAILABLE DURING INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY WEEKEND

The Ohio Ornithological Society (OOS) is now accepting signups for guided beginner birding tours during the International Migratory Bird Day weekend, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife

The OOS, in cooperation with the Division of Wildlife, will be conducting guided

bird walks May 11 and 12 at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area. These outings are targeted at novice or new birding enthusiasts and help people who are new to birding get better acquainted with the beauty of birds.

The walks on May 11 will be held at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. and the walks on May 12 will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Walks are limited to 15 participants each and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Interested individuals can register by emailing Julie.davis@ohiobirds.org. Please provide your name, phone number, and requested date and time-slot. Additional information will be provided upon registration.

Magee Marsh Wildlife Area is listed as one of the top ten birding hotspots in the county and a typical spring songbird migration can draw in around 80,000 people during the months of April and May. In years past, visitors to the area have come from all 50 states and over 30 counties. During these months, birders spend nearly 40 million dollars at area businesses, hotels and restaurants.

Birders and others who enjoy nature and want to help fund conservation in Ohio can now purchase the 2019 Ohio Wildlife Legacy

THE WEST BEND NEWS **Sudoku Puzzle**

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Stamp. This year's collectible stamp features the barred owl. The sale of the Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp benefits the Wildlife Diversity Fund, which is used to protect and manage wild animals and their habitats. The stamp may be purchased at wildohio.gov or any license agent.

OOS is a statewide organization devoted to fostering a deeper appreciation of birds, fellowship and collaboration in advancing our collective knowledge, and ability to speak with one voice to preserve Ohio's bird habitats.

The mission of the ODNR Division of Wildlife is to conserve and improve fish and wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainable use and appreciation by all. Visit wildohio.gov to find out more.

EDWARD JONES RANKS HIGHEST IN INVESTOR SATISFACTION

Financial services firm Edward Jones ranks highest in investor satisfaction with full service brokerage firms, according to the J.D. Power 2019 U.S. Full Service Investor Satisfaction Study(SM), the firm recently announced.

The study measures overall investor satisfaction with 18 full service investment firms based on eight factors, including financial advisor, account information, investment performance, firm interaction, product offerings, commissions and fees, information resources, and problem resolution. The firm scored 853 in overall satisfaction, 18 points over the industry average.

"What a great honor it is to be recognized for what

matters most, which is making a difference in the lives of our clients," said Edward Jones Managing Partner Penny Pennington. "We illustrate the value of the Edward Jones client experience every day and help our clients achieve financially what is most important to them. We can bring something truly special to clients who experience us. This is why we exist."

Edward Jones ranked highest in investor satisfaction by J.D. Power in 2015 (tied), 2012, 2010, 2009, 2007-2005, and in a tie in 2002, when the study began.

The 2019 Full Service Investor Satisfaction Study is based on responses from more than 4,629 investors who primarily invest with one of the 18 firms included in the study. The majority of the study was fielded in December 2018. For more information, visit jdpower.com/awards.

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LATTA AUTHORS BIPARTISAN BILL TO COMBAT ILLEGAL ROBOCALL NUISANCE

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) has authored legislation, the Support Tools to Obliterate Pesky (STOP) Robocalls Act, to take action to combat the nuisance that Americans are facing from illegal robocalls. One study found that Americans were targeted with more than 26 billion robocalls in 2018, a 46% increase over the year before.

In his role as Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection Subcommittee last Congress, Congressman Latta conducted a hearing on illegal robocalls where the subcommittee heard about how difficult it is to hold bad actors accountable as they are often located overseas and change tactics regularly. The STOP Robocalls Act will be part of a legislative subcommittee hearing in the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Technology (C&T) on Tuesday. Congressman Latta serves as the Republican Leader on that subcommittee. C&T Subcommittee Chairman Michael Doyle (D-PA) is an original cosponsor of the legislation.

"Nearly every American has faced that moment where they think they're getting a call from somebody they

know, only to realize it's an annoying robocall," said Latta. "They're a nuisance, a waste of time, and the scams perpetrated by robocallers often have a real-life impact on our vulnerable populations. The STOP Robocalls Act takes a multi-prong approach to the problem by easing the ability for customers to utilize robocall blocking services, establishing a process for private entities to share information with the Federal Communications Commission, and conducting a study on the benefits of requiring the maintenance of records by providers of covered voice over internet protocol service. The proliferation of robocalls is a quality-of-life issue, and we need to take action to curtail them."

"I'm pleased to work with Ranking Member Latta to halt the onslaught of annoying and illegal robocalls most Americans are experiencing," said Doyle.

The bill:

- Allows a carrier of voice services to provide robocall blocking technologies to customers on an informed opt-out basis at no charge. This would not alter providers' current ability to offer robocall blocking services on an informed opt-in basis, whether or not in exchange for a fee. Many opt-in services have a low adoption rate, therefore, this new provision is intended to create a pathway for customers to receive free illegal robocall blocking services.

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Kiwanis CLUB OF PAULDING COUNTY **STARS OF TOMORROW** Saturday, May 15th DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES Saturday, May 18th REHEARSAL - NOON Sunday, May 19th PERFORMANCE 2:00 PM PRIZES: TOTAL PURSE - \$4,575 — THERE WILL BE 4 DIVISIONS — • Division 1 Kindergarten through 2nd Grade - \$10 ea/ \$20 group entry fee • Division 2 3rd through 5th Grade - \$10 ea/ \$20 group entry fee • Division 3 6th through 8th Grade - \$10 ea/ \$20 group entry fee • Division 4 9th through 12th Grade - \$25 ea/ \$50 group entry fee WHAT CAN BE DONE ON STAGE? Any performing art: music, dance, theater, comedy, magic... the more creative the better! Entries can be no longer than 5 minutes and are limited to five persons including any adult accompaniment. There is a limit of one entry per person. Registration forms can be found at all Paulding County libraries. Return entry forms to the Chamber or First Federal Bank.

PAYNE ELEMENTARY SPRING PROGRAM: THE BOX



First and Second Graders at Payne Elementary presented "The Box" as their spring program under the direction of Mr. O'Donnell. Everyone enjoyed the program and the students had fun learning these happy songs.

HIGHER EDUCATION AUDIT BILL PASSES OHIO SENATE

State Senator Rob McColley (R-Napoleon), sponsor of Senate Bill 120, applauded his colleagues for passing the legislation, which will lift a state cap on annual audits of institutions of higher education.

Under current law, the Auditor of State may conduct a performance audit of only one institution of higher education every two years. If this legislation becomes law, the Auditor will be permitted to conduct performance audits of any institution of higher education in Ohio at their discretion.

"At one audit per biennium, it would take over 50 years to audit every higher education institution in the state," said McColley. "It is time we enable our state officeholders to identify more potential savings, rather than tying their hands and preventing them from further protecting Ohio taxpayers. It is our sincere hope that this effort will lead to greater accountability and efficiency in our colleges and universities, and that this will ensure Ohio tax dollars are spent effectively and higher education is made more affordable."

The bill passed the Ohio Senate with unanimous support on Wednesday, and now awaits consideration from the Ohio House of Representatives.

DOING NOTHING WILL HELP POLLINATORS BEST, WHEN IT COMES TO LAWN CARE

Sometimes the best thing you can do to help pollinators is ... nothing. It's all too often that those of us living in the city find ourselves entrapped in ways of the past that just don't seem to make sense with the way that we live today. In fact, these counterproductive measures end up costing us time, money and pollution for not much gain.

As we make our way through spring, for example, let's look at the way many people keep their lawns. Now close your eyes and think of your version of an ideal lawn. If you are thinking of a lush, exotic sea of brilliant green grass without any weeds or imperfections, you're like most people. But why do we think of lawns in this way? The green, short-cut, flawless lawn is a desert for pollinators and bugs of almost every kind, and it's counterproductive to use our land-space for virtually nothing other than just looking nice.

This is especially true because we need pollinators for a large percentage of our food, including most fruits, vegetables and nuts. Loss of habitat is a large contributing factor to pollinators declining at unprecedented rates. Have you noticed the rise in the price of produce lately? We're already experiencing the effects of pollinator population loss; which will only

get worse unless we look at changing some of our current practices.

Long ago, we were sold on how a lawn was supposed to look by large lawn care companies and chemical manufacturers through advertising that made people feel inferior if their lawn didn't look like the Garden of Versailles. And now, as a result, many people take great pride in their green lawns. But what people fail to realize is that spending money on each lawn treatment not only pollutes their own property, but when it rains, the chemicals run off into our rivers, streams and can even be a problem in our drinking water.

In reality, 'weeds' like dandelions only show their yellow blooms for a few weeks throughout the year and are some of the first blooming flowers of the season, giving pollinators their first access to fresh food since last fall and the long harsh winter. So, as you might recognize, removing these early blooming flowers from your yard is quite literally condemning these hungry pollinators to death.

While growing a garden is a great start, the size of most gardens is typically a lot smaller than an entire lawn. Think about the difference in space and number of plants that pollinators could utilize. If we look collectively at the size of lawns in the community, that's a very large number of unused acres, and pounds and pounds of chemical treatments. Wouldn't it be simpler to just do nothing? It's easier to not pull 'weeds', it's cheaper to not buy chemicals, it's much more environmentally friendly to not pollute our lands and water, and best yet, by doing nothing it helps our pollinators, agriculture and ecosystem.

Since we don't necessarily live directly in nature, we tend to have an emphasis on micromanaging our property to the point of wanting to kill every little thing that crawls, flies or wiggles and doesn't look like a green carpet. This is because we sometimes overlook the small things in nature that allows us to live the way we do, mostly because we don't personally see it every day. A large part of our mission at Southwest Honey Co. is to create awareness of why we need pollinators and

how people can help them. If you're interested, please visit southwesthoney.com for more ways you can support our efforts and additional ideas for simple ways you can help pollinators at home.

Southwest Honey Co. is a volunteer-operated organization founded as an initiative to conserve our local pollinator population. On a global level, pollinators are declining; which if left unaddressed, will drastically change the world as we know it. "In response to the crisis, we strapped on our veils, slid on our gloves and began to partner with organic farmers and natural property owners in the Fort Wayne, Indiana area and began to build apiaries populated from local honey bee swarms." Southwest Honey Co. currently provides refuge for 50 colonies in our sustainably kept, organic apiaries. It is from these hives that Southwest Honey Co. harvests raw honey and creates local handmade products. Proceeds go towards creating sustainable habitats for pollinators, promoting awareness of their population decline & educating the public on ways they can help. To date, Southwest Honey Co's innovative conservation education programs have been host to over 3,000 students. More info: <https://southwesthoney.com/>

USDA EXTENDS DEADLINE TO MAY 17TH FOR PRODUCERS TO CERTIFY 2018 CROP PRODUCTION FOR MARKET FACILITATION PROGRAM PAYMENTS

USDA extended the deadline to May 17 from May 1 for agricultural producers to certify 2018 crop production for payments through the Market Facilitation Program (MFP), which helps producers who have been significantly affected by foreign tariffs, resulting in the loss of traditional exports. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) extended the deadline because heavy rainfall and snowfall have delayed harvests in many parts of the country, preventing producers from certifying acres.

Payments will be issued only if eligible producers certify before the updated May 17 deadline.

The MFP provides payments to producers of corn, cotton, sorghum, soybeans, wheat, dairy, hogs, fresh sweet cherries and shelled almonds. FSA will issue payments based on the producer's certified total production of the MFP commodity multiplied by the MFP rate for that specific commodity.

"Trade issues, coupled with low commodity prices and recovery from natural disasters, have definitely impacted the bottom line for many agricultural producers," said FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce. "The MFP payments provide short-term relief from retaliatory tariffs to supplement the traditional farm safety net, helping agricultural producers through these difficult times. Weather conditions this fall, winter and early spring have blocked many producers from completing harvest of their crops, and we want to make sure producers who want to finalize their MFP application have an opportunity."

Producers can certify production by contacting their local FSA office or through

THREE NORTHWEST STATE STUDENTS NAMED TO THE 2019 ALL-OHIO ACADEMIC TEAM



Three NSCC students were named to the All-Ohio Academic Team, and were honored at a recognition luncheon on April 25th in the Atrium of the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus. Pictured at the luncheon from L to R are: Ron Scozzari, NSCC dean of Industrial Technologies, Kaitlyn Rohrs-Cordes, NSCC academic advisor and Phi Theta Kappa representative, Jacob Klopfenstein, Mark Oliphant, and Lori Robison, NSCC Vice President for Academics. Caleb Davila (not pictured) was also honored at the ceremony.

Three Northwest State Community College students have been named to the 2019 All-Ohio Academic Team. Caleb Davila (Defiance), Jacob Klopfenstein (Paulding) and Mark Oliphant (Edgerton) were named to the All-Ohio Academic Third Team, placing them among the top thirty community college students in the state. The students were honored at a recognition luncheon on April 25th in the Atrium of the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus.

"We are proud of the accomplishments of Caleb, Jacob and Mark," said Lori Robison, Vice President for Academics at Northwest State. "They have set tremendous examples in the classroom and in their community." Robison also praised NSCC faculty and staff for their ongoing contributions to student success.

ABOUT THE STUDENTS

Davila is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and will gradu-

ate in May with an Associate of Science. He plans to attend The University of Toledo to major in Public Administration.

Klopfenstein is a College Credit Plus student who will graduate from NSCC before he graduates from high school. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and will graduate in May with an Associate of Applied Science in Electro-Mechanical Engineering. He plans to attend Miami University, Oxford.

Oliphant is the President of the Alpha Omicron Mu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. He will graduate in May with an Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Technology. Mark plans to enter the workforce in a tool and die department and would like to begin an apprenticeship program.

Created in 1997, the All-Ohio Academic Team provides recognition to outstanding students in Ohio's public two-year colleges.

farmers.gov.

About the Market Facilitation Program

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue launched the trade mitigation program to assist farmers suffering from damage because of unjustified trade retaliation by foreign nations. FSA implemented MFP in September 2018 as a relief strategy to protect agricultural produc-

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NEW MEMBER WELCOMED TO NSCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES



The NSCC Board of Trustees met in regular session on Friday, April 26. As part of the meeting, Lori Robison, NSCC Vice President for Academics (pictured on right) recognized Jacob Klopfenstein (left) and Caleb Davila (center) for earning All-Ohio Academic Honors. Klopfenstein and Davila joined Mark Oliphant as NSCC recipients honored in spring 2019.

The Northwest State Community College Board of Trustees met in regular session on Friday, April 26 on the Archbold campus. As part of the meeting, Wauseon resident Sandra Barber took her oath of office to become a Board of Trustees member. Barber, who had previously served on the College's Board of Trustees from June 2011 to June 2017, fills the vacancy created when Paul Siebenmorgen resigned from his seat in January.

NSCC President Dr. Michael Thomson welcomed Barber, noting "We are so excited to have Sandra Barber rejoin the NSCC Board. Sandy is an experienced college trustee who has been a long-time advocate for our institution. Trustee Barber has tremendous knowledge of the community and state processes necessary for NSCC to fulfill its mission of strengthening our local communities. I look forward to working with Trustee Barber as we not only celebrate our first 50 years, but shape NSCC to serve our area for the next 50 years."

RECOGNIZING ALL-OHIO ACADEMIC TEAM
During the Board meeting, Lori Robison (NSCC Vice President for Academics) recognized the three All-Ohio Academic Team students who were honored on April 25th at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus. Caleb Davila (Defiance) and Jacob Klopfenstein (Paulding) were in attendance and met the Board to share their experiences. Davila and Klopfenstein join Mark Oliphant (Edgerton) in earning this prestigious recognition from the state for their academic achievements.

In other Board action:
• Approved the employment of AmyJo Rouleau, Analyst-Data Systems, Audrey Lehman, Coordinator-Fundraising, and Rachel Durham, Clerk-Bookstore/Retail & Food Services

• Approved international travel for three NSCC nursing faculty for their doctoral studies through Indiana Wesleyan University and as part of the course requirements in Global Healthcare in May-June, and for a business faculty member to participate in a faculty immersion program in June.

• Approved processing (banking) authority for Automated Clearing House

(business office) transactions for the Accountant-Payroll and Clark-Accounts Payable.

• Approved the authorization to accept bids and award contracts for the Building E chiller replacement project.

• Approved resolutions to revise Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination/Anti-Harassment policies to align with federal regulations.

• Approved resolution to revise Equal Opportunity policy regarding unlawful and discriminatory employment practices to align with state regulations.

• Approved a resolution adjusting Veteran-student fees for recipients of Chapter 31 and/or Chapter 33 of the GI Bill in accordance with federal guidelines.

• Approved miscellaneous employment contracts and three resignations.

2019 USDA FARMERS MARKET SEASON OPENING

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farmers Market kicked off its 24th season on May 3 with an opening performance by local band "Granny and the Boys."

The farmers market is located next to the USDA Headquarters at 12th and Independence Ave., S.W., and runs every Friday from May 3 to October 25, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Shop for produce, fresh-cut flowers, textile products, homemade breads, and local foods—from cheeses to dog treats. Breakfast and lunch options are plentiful, too. Food businesses at the market use local ingredients sourced directly from farmers and ranchers in the region. After shopping and eating, borrow a blanket to picnic on the lawn and listen to music by local artists.

"We are excited to welcome vendors and visitors to the USDA Farmers Market again this year. For 24 seasons, the market has been a place for local producers to sell to not only to the employees working nearby, but also to the city's visitors enjoying the National Mall," said Marketing and Regulatory Programs Under Secretary Greg Ibach. "More than 30 vendors sell a range of local products, from honey to hot sauce, made right here in the Chesapeake Bay region." The market also features

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USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) operates the USDA Farmers Market and works to improve marketing opportunities for producers across the country through the combination of research, technical assistance and grants. AMS connects consumers to producers at more than 8,600 farmers markets across the United States through the National Farmers Market Directory, available online at www.usdalocalfooddirectories.com.

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A NATIONAL DATA PRIVACY STANDARD MUST BE ADDRESSED BY CONGRESS THIS YEAR

By: Rep. Bob Latta

The digital age has revolutionized the way we live, work, and have fun. We can now share our opinions with people around the world in seconds, purchase groceries at the touch of a button, and read the latest news at a moment's notice. We've never been so interconnected. For consumers, there are countless ways in which technology has made our lives easier.

At the same time, there is no doubt that the rapid acceptance of technology in society has also brought tough issues to the forefront. One of those issues has been the privacy and security of our information. While data helps our Internet ecosystem

work, many Americans have been surprised to learn what data is being collected and the ways in which it's used.

Last Congress, the Republican-led House Energy and Commerce Committee held nearly a dozen hearings discussing privacy and security issues. That includes much publicized hearings where we heard from the CEOs of Facebook and Twitter about how those companies collect, safeguard, and use data. From those hearings, it was clear that while these companies provide a service that Americans like, consumers aren't always clear about what happens with their personal information.

Recently, the state of California passed legislation that would impose a strict regulatory regime to oversee the collection and usage of data privacy. Unfortunately, because of the nature of how data easily flow across state boundaries, this standard will be the de facto law of the land. Citizens of the other 49 states - and businesses - will be expected to comply despite their inability to weigh in with their local representatives. When it comes to the rules that govern data and security, it's clear that we need one national standard that all Americans can count on.

There is good news. I believe Republicans and Democrats can come together to find agreement. Both consumer groups and business organizations have come on board in calling for a strong national standard. We all agree that Americans - the consumers - should have transparency and accountability. We also agree that Americans are competitive and creative, and we must make sure the United States remains the prime location to develop innovation and technology.

Any federal legislation should include a national framework that ensures businesses face one set of rules, not a patchwork across fifty states and the District

of Columbia. It should also prioritize transparency for consumers. When a person uses an app or website, they should be able to understand what data is being collected and how it will be used without scrolling through endless pages of legal jargon.

At the same time, we know there will be sticky issues that will need to be discussed and debated. There are real concerns that data rules, if not done properly, could harm startup culture and have a chilling effect on innovators. I believe we can strike the right balance that protects consumers and ensures continued technological advancement - but our work is cut out for us.

With the California law slated to take effect at the beginning of next year, time is of the essence. In divided government, it's not always easy to tackle the tough problems, but I believe the time is right to work together on a federal data privacy solution.

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ANTWERP POLICE HELP GET FUNDS BACK FROM TECH SUPPORT “SCAM”



Back in January Sue Knapp of Antwerp had called the phone number on her Mediacom bill because her phone service was not working. The Mediacom representative had told Sue her modem had been hacked and been used to make “thousands” of phone calls. Instead of getting a helpful representative, she got someone who gave her Sparx Crew LLC phone number, who is not registered as a subcontractor of Mediacom. Why would a Mediacom tech support give this number out to fix their problem? Who knows the underlying reason. The company was SPARX CREW LLC out of Benton-

ville, Arkansas. It was found this company may have been scamming numerous people by using internal tech support people of internet and telecoms to send business to Sparx Crew LLC.

The Sparx Crew person logged into Sue’s computer, though it was not her computer that was having problems. The person installed software that would potentially allow them access in the future. The person then instructed Ms. Knapp that she needed to pay by check \$1349.00 and gave a Bentonville, AK address to were it must be sent. The Sparx Crew employee called back nearly 2 hours later to ensure that Sue had sent the check, which she had.

Sue, realizing that this may have been a scam, contacted Jarrison Steiner, her computer maintenance person, at the West Bend News. He investigated the computer and removed the software that Sparx Crew had installed and then he fixed the problem with the Mediacom phone modem that the company had never fixed.

Sue called Sparx back and explained she did not believe this was legitimate. After she told them the problem was not with the computer and the phone had not been fixed, they reluctantly agreed to return payment and then hung up on her. Sue did not hear anything nor received the refund.

Sue’s son, Mike Knapp, made phone calls to Mediacom to find out what Mediacom employee gave her the information to call a third party. He was not able to find out much. He then encouraged her to file a report with George Clemens, Antwerp Police Chief, which she promptly did.

George and Victoria Clemens launched the investigation and the report was written in issue 5 of the West Bend News published in late January of 2019. George began to get leads as calls came in from an executive at Mediacom and a police detective in Bentonville, Arkansas named Mark Jordan.

Captain Victoria Clemens worked with detective Mark Jordan and found that this has happened before with other telcos. Jordan found the company and as, understood, a condition of them not being prosecuted they had to pay back those who they had deceived and write apology letters to them.

Sue, just this past week, received her \$1349.00 back in the form of a check, which she is now waiting to clear!

Chief Clemens announced his surprise to the West Bend News and was very happy with the outcome as this does not happen very often! This may not be an official “scam” as Sue called them based upon instructions from a Mediacom employee. As a reminder you must always keep an eye out for your family and loved ones to make sure they are not being taken advantage

of or “fixing” something that may not be a problem.

In the regular report, starting with April 22, the police received a call of loud music coming from a house on North Main Street. The officer spoke to the resident and found it was the children living there.

April 22, a resident of Stone Street received a call from someone claiming to be a US Marshall asking for a social security number and banking information. The resident did provide his SSN, but did not give banking information. It was found to be another fraud.

On April 22, the police received a complaint of open burning near Canal and Main Streets. The office investigated and found the homeowner and explained that only firewood could be burnt and illegal to burn anything else in a ring or pit.

On April 22, while doing door checks at businesses an officer found an unlocked door at Grant’s reception hall. The building was secured.

On April 23, a resident reported that her neighbor had mowed their yard the day before. She believed that a rock had been thrown from the mower and broke her window. It was investigated and found that the window had been broken from the mowing and the neighbor agreed to pay for the damage.

On April 23, while doing business door checks, an officer found an unlocked door at FSC&E. The building was secured.

On April 23, a vehicle was stopped near Canal and Main. One of the passenger fled on foot. The suspect was located on Main Street near the railroad tracks. Four members of the Antwerp Police department and deputies from the sheriff’s office and the Ohio State Patrol participated in the search and located the suspect. At the time

of the arrest he had suspected meth on him. He was arrested and charged.

On April 24, a local insurance company called and requested a theft report from December 2018 and it was provided.

April 25, a domestic dispute was called in and it was investigated that nothing physical happened and neither party wanted to pursue charges.

April 25, a call was received of people arguing on Buffalo Street, the officer arrived and he spoke with the resident. There had been an argument, but nothing physical and the other person had left.

April 26, a vehicle was stopped at the intersection of Canal and Erie Streets. The driver was cited for a stop sign violation, driving under suspension, and the operator did not have insurance on the vehicle. The driver was cited in Mayor’s court.

April 26, a report was made with the police of several older juveniles standing on the picnic tables at Riverside Memorial Veterans Park and attempted to damage the playground equipment. The juveniles were located and transported home to their parents.

April 27, a resident of Park Avenue Villas called and reported that her former landlord had dumped several bags of trash in front of her apartment door. She requested that no charges be filed and that the landlord be contacted to not bring anymore. The landlord was contacted and stated that the tenant had left several items in the previous apartment and just returning her items.

April 28, a break-in was reported on Buffalo Street. The case was investigated and determined to be a civil matter between a landlord and tenant.

April 28, a resident on West Canal Street reported that sometime during the night her husband and daughters car had been entered and rummaged through. The only thing found to be missing was loose change.

April 30, a councilman reported a complaint from someone who wanted to be anonymous. A person said they used to enjoy walking through the town park; however, now they are scared to walk through because of all of the drug activity in the park. She told him she was afraid to call the police or get involved. The councilman man was encouraged to tell this person that the only way to crack down is to contact the police. Officers do patrol regularly through the park.

April 30, received a call from DeKalb County, Indiana. They believed someone had been involved in a home break in. They requested help to locate the individual or the suspect vehicle. The suspect was located in Allen County Indiana.

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