

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL HOST SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Defiance versus Van Wert.

Special Olympics is always an exciting time of year when it takes place in the winter. It's been nearly 30 years that Paulding has hosted Special Olympics and the Paulding Knights of Columbus has been in charge and taking care of this incredibly fun day for these people.

This year there were approximately 30 volunteers who made this possible for all 14 teams that came to play in Paulding. Seven of the volunteers were referees. The teams included players from Van Wert, Paulding, Henry, Fulton, Lucas, TPS, Defiance, and Williams.

The Paulding Knights of

Columbus certainly does not do this alone. Cooper Farms of Oakwood donates turkey for the lunch sandwiches and the Right To Life organizes the food distribution. It's amazing what a community can do when they come together for Special Olympics.

PATROL REMINDS DRIVERS TO PREPARE FOR WINTER WEATHER

The Ohio State Highway Patrol reminds drivers to winterize their vehicles and follow safe driving tips in preparation for inclement weather. Winter weather can catch drivers off guard, but you can reduce the risks of being involved in a crash by making sure your vehicle is ready for the season, adopting winter driving techniques and following general roadway safety.

Last winter, there were 22,330 crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads in Ohio. These crashes resulted in 42

deaths and 5,529 injuries. Speed-related factors were reported as a causative factor in 20 percent of all crashes.

Before traveling in winter weather, clear snow and ice from the windows, headlights and taillights of your vehicle. Also, allow defrosters time to work so you can see. Once you begin driving, go slow and increase following distances; remember that bridges, ramps and overpasses will freeze first.

Remember, Ohio law requires headlights to be on at anytime when the windshield wipers of the vehicle are in use because of precipitation.

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WINTER GARRISON AT OLD FORT

A winter posting at a frontier Fort was never an easy task. Soldiers had to chop wood to stay warm and cook their own meals. Natives were always around in 1812 and many could not be trusted to be friendly. Visit with the soldiers and feel what it was like to live in a frontier Fort during the winter.

The Fort will be open to the public: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 23. Admission: Freewill donation. For more information: www.oldfortwayne.org or call (260) 437-2836. The Old Fort is located at 1201 Spy Run Ave Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Parking is available at Headwaters and Lawton Parks.

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TIGERS OUTLAST WARRIORS IN OVERTIME



Mitch Mendenhall drives through three Bluffton defenders to draw a foul and score for the Warriors! More pictures at westbendnews.net

WOODBURN - Four quarters of high school bas-

ketball wasn't enough to decide a winner Saturday evening but Bluffton outscored Woodlan 14-8 in the extra session to post a 69-63 victory over the Warriors.

Bluffton jumped in front 14-7 at the end of one quarter and the Tigers pushed the margin from there.

Quarter number two saw the Tigers add 16 points compared to 15 for Woodlan, giving Bluffton a 30-22 ad-

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Thank You

so much to all who remembered me during my time in the hospital and since being home, the cards, food, and help. Also, a big thank you to my family for being with me. It is wonderful to be from a small town. The prayers that were said will always be remembered. May God Bless all of you.

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Community Calendar

January 8

- Grain Marketing Class @ PC Ext. Office, 9a-12p

January 9

- Walk Thru Wednesdays @ all EACS schools, 10a-12p

January 11

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

January 12

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

January 13

- Food Drive @ Cecil Comm. Church, 10a-12p & 6-8pm
- Hicksville Village Players Annual Membership Meeting @ St. Michael's Catholic Church, 5pm

January 15

- Grain Marketing Class @ PC Ext. Office, 9a-12p
- Friends of PC Parks Annual Business Meeting @ Black Swamp Nature Center, 6pm

January 15-17

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

January 16

- Walk Thru Wednesdays @ all EACS schools, 10a-12p

January 17-18

- 2019 Greenhouse Management Workshop @ Wooster

January 20

- Food Drive @ Cecil Comm. Church, 10a-12p & 6-8pm

January 22

- Grain Marketing Class @ PC Ext. Office, 9a-12p
- March For Life @ Defiance Courthouse, 12pm

January 23

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

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OBITUARIES

MOMENTS FROM MT. CALVARY

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

CLARKSVILLE, FL
Ethel R. Uhrick, age 79, of Clarksville, FL passed away Monday, December 10, 2018 in Marianna, FL. Ethel was born on July 24, 1939 in Harlan, IN to William Carlile and Myra (Chester) Timbrook and was a graduate of Harlan (IN) High School in 1957 and had lived in Calhoun County for over 40 years, coming from Apalachicola, FL. she was a retired secretary, a member of the Amvets Ladies Auxiliary Post 231 in Fountain, FL; a member of the American Legion Auxiliary unit 409 in Leo, IN. Ethel enjoyed playing cards at Senior Citizens, embroidery, gardening and cooking for her family. She truly loved spending time with her family and fishing and riding on the Chipola River. She was a member of Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Fountain, FL. Ethel was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Girardot, two sons, Stephen and Jeffery Girardot; two sisters, Rosella and Doris Timbrook; two brothers, William and Norbert Timbrook.

Survivors include,
 Two sons, Terry Girardot and his wife, Rita of Clarksville, FL
 Randy Girardot and Red of Clarksville, FL

One daughter, Debbie Mayo and her husband, Michael of Clarksville, FL

Two sisters, Charlene Volkert and her husband, Allan of Harlan, IN

Mary Miller of Ft. Wayne, IN
 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church. at 11:30 am (CST). Memorialization was by cremation. The family received friends Monday, December 17, 2018 from 6:00 pm (CST) until 8:00 pm (CST) at Peavy Funeral Home. All arrangements were under the direction of Marlon Peavy at Peavy Funeral Home in Blountstown, FL.

PAYNE, OH
Thomas J. Gordon, 70, of Payne passed away at home on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019. Arr. by Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 1500, Payne.

The Advent Season at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Antwerp was full of activity! Youth of the congregation held a "pre-advent" Lock-In and along with food and fun created over 40 lap blankets for Antwerp Manor residents.

Mt. Calvary women hosted a gathering that featured Jeanne and Bev of the Towpath Players who shared music on the dulcimer and other vintage instruments. A free will offering of \$175 benefited the Woodburn Christian Children's Home.

Over 35 youth and children shared the Christmas story with the congregation on Dec. 16. Two month old Vivian with her parents Dustin and Sasha also helped share the good news of Christ's birth. A Birthday Party for Jesus followed the program. That evening youth and adults of the congregation were found caroling about the community.

Members of the Zartman family (Terry, Erika, Kyle and Aewyn) shared their musical gift with a Christmas Hallelujah on Dec. 23. Christmas Eve service was led by Vacancy Pastor Tim Zechiel with Blaire and Paige Rebber on

instruments and vocals.

The new Sunday School year begins on January 13 at 9:15 a.m. with a Mt. Calvary Morning Movie showing of "I Can Only Imagine".

A class will also be held for children aged 10 and younger. All are welcome to attend the movie with worship afterwards beginning at 10:15.



Mt. Calvary members and friends wish all a blessed New Year and invite you to worship with them ev-

ery Sunday at 10:15 a.m. at the church located at 3497 County Rd. 424 in Antwerp.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: **Dr. James Bachman**
Dear Parson,
How can I be sure of Heaven?

If you have truly turned, called and believed on Jesus Christ for salvation, then God says you have everlasting life.

John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." If everlasting life does not last forever, it is not everlasting. It is a gift by grace and not by works. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of your-

selves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." - Ephesians 2:8-9

God keeps you saved. "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." - John 10:28. The Holy Spirit seals you to guarantee your arrival in heaven. "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of

"Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

—Ephesians 5:1-2

his glory." - Ephesians 1:13-14. Salvation is not based on feelings but on what God says about you receiving Christ.

When you are born again and do not follow the Lord faithfully, you will not be kicked out of God's family, but you will miss out on many blessings and experience God's loving chastening. "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? - Hebrews 12:6-7.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

LOST AND FOUND

By: **Doris Applegate**

If you have ever been lost then you know the fear that over takes and causes you to panic, taking away your power to think straight. Being lost in the natural is bad enough but being lost in the spiritual is much, much worse! When the prodigal son left home with his inheritance he was off for a "good" time. After losing his money and so called "friends" and with intense hunger pangs he came to his "senses" and said, "I will go home, tell my father that I have sinned against Heaven and before you and am not worthy to be called your son, so let me be a hired servant." Read Luke 15: 11-32. I love how this "lost soul" story shows how much his father loved him. The father saw him coming a long way off and ran to meet him. With hugs, kisses, a ring for his finger, a robe and shoes, music and a fatted calf to celebrate with. The party began! Home at last! Everything restored as before. Love covering a multitude of sins. This is how God is thinking of those lost souls who at one time were a part of his family but somehow slipped away, or perhaps just walked away thinking the world looked better. For those who never was in the family of God, the invitation is there for you to taste and see that the Lord is good. (Psalm 34:8) We must be saved in order to enter the Kingdom of God (John 3:3). Our Heavenly Fa-

ther is looking, watching and waiting for you to come home. He has the stars and galaxies, angels and many glories of Heaven but God wants a family. He wants someone to love and someone who loves him. Awesome thought: He wants a relationship with us that is provided through accepting His son Jesus Christ.

"Come to God where you belong

Come and sing redemption's song

He is waiting now for you And will make your life all 'new'

He will heal your pain and wipe your tears

And also take away your fears

Don't delay, your time has come

For you to call on God's dear son"

Amen

GETTING TO KNOW JESUS

Presented by the Oakwood Church of Christ contact # 419-399-5022 email: lonnielambert62@yahoo.com

The teachings of Jesus pertain to every aspect of life-family, business, recreation, human relationships, etc. His own character and conduct show the pattern of the ideal life. He left us "an example that we should follow his steps" (I Peter 2:21). His teaching is practical, but not always what people want to practice. The only really successful life, however, is the life that is built on the example and lessons of our Lord. This entire Bible course will be looking to him for guidance, but here are some of his lessons for living.

Building on the Rock Read Matthew 7:24-27.

1. The wise man who built on a rock foundation illustrates the wisdom of those who: a) use an architect; b) hear and do the teachings of Jesus; c) never have storms.

2. T/F. The foolish man who built on the weak foundation of sand illustrates a person who hears the teachings of Jesus and does not follow them.

The way a person lives is compared to building a

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Recently, a local family was hit with an unforeseen medical event which has left them with a high number of expenses. So, **D&Z Custom Woodworking** and the **Harlan Christian Youth Center** have partnered to help raise funds for this family in need.

D&Z Custom Woodworking made a table that will be given away on January 31. This handcrafted farmhouse style table is **80" long, 42" wide and 31" high** with an oak top, X style base and a worn distressed finish. The drawing will take place during our K-3 grade after school session at 4:30. The winner will be contacted immediately. **Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50** and ALL proceeds will go towards this families' medical expenses. Tickets can be purchased at the Harlan Christian Youth Center Monday-Thursdays from 9-5PM. Tickets may also be purchased by mail at PO Box 467, Harlan IN 46743, or at a few local businesses. Call **Harlan Christian Youth Center, Inc.** at 657-5877 for more information.

PAULDING CHAMBER TO HOST ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF



PAULDING, OH: The Paulding Chamber of Commerce is excited to host their annual chili cook-off this coming Friday, January 11th from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM in the Branch Christian Fellowship basement. With over 10 chilis to try from it's a fun time to come and vote for your favorite chili and grab a bowl to-go for lunch back at the office, or you can dine in and enjoy a bowl with us. It's \$5 to taste the many chilis provided by Chamber mem-

bers in a competition to win the traveling trophy, and of course bragging rights. Wendy's style to-go chili is available for a free will donation, and all funds raised will help the Chamber lead way for business and bring the community many educational and networking opportunities. Come tell us who you think deserves to win the cook-off and who can beat last year's tied winners, Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op and First Presbyterian Church!

house. A house might be built in many ways and some will be more satisfied with the lives they build than will others. The only "house" that will stand, however, is one that is built on hearing and doing the teaching of Jesus.

Housekeeping or Soul Keeping Read Luke 10:38-42.

3. The two sisters in the home where Jesus visited were: a) Sarah and Elizabeth; b) Mary and Eliza-

beth; c) Martha and Mary.

4. Martha complained that: a) there were too many guests; b) Mary was not helping her serve; c) the food was getting cold.

5. Jesus said that Martha was troubled about: a) sinful things; b) many things; c) the food.

6. He commended Mary for: a) being lazy; b) serving a good meal; c) giving her attention to what mattered most.

It is good that you are

taking time to study this course on Getting to Know Jesus. It shows that you are like Mary in giving attention to the things that matter most. Jesus Christ is our only hope for heaven. Nothing can be more important than learning about him and giving him first place in our lives by obeying him.

ANSWERS: 1. B; 2. T; 3. C; 4. B; 5. B; 6. C.

UNBROKEN II: A TRUE STORY

You don't want to miss!

When the war ended, his battle began. Based on Sea Biscuit author, Laura Hillenbrand's bestselling book, UNBROKEN: PATH TO REDEMPTION, shares the next amazing chapter of Olympian and World War II hero Louis Zamperini's powerful true story of forgiveness, redemption, and amazing grace.

Parents need to know that Unbroken II: Path to Redemption is a faith based follow-up to 2014's Unbroken I which deals with Louis's struggles of 47 days adrift in the Pacific Ocean and being tortured almost everyday in a POW camp in Japan for 2 years during World War II. Unbroken II is far more appropriate for Junior High and older. The second movie does show the effects of alcoholism and torturing dreams from the POW camp.

On Louis's return trip from the war he trained for another Olympics but was sidelined with a permanent ankle injury. The army asked Zamperini to tour telling his story and selling War Bonds.

Louis Zamperini meets Cynthia Applewhite, a young woman who becomes his wife. Zamperini's personal demonic dreams and alcoholism soon threaten to destroy his marriage-until he hears the stirring words of the Rev. Billy Graham in 1949. Embracing his new found Christian faith, Louis starts to turn his life around by learning to forgive his former oppressors and spreading the message of peace and love.

He quit drinking and smoking and became a devout follower of Christ. He spent many years working in real estate and coaching track in California and founded a camp for troubled youth and became a motivational speaker, often addressing military groups about his imprisonment.

His first trip back to Japan in 1950, Zamperini visits Sugamo Prison Camp where he was imprisoned for two years. Now the camp was used for POW camp guards serving time for their severe brutality during the war. Hundreds of them sat cross legged on the floor while Louis spoke of his forgiveness. Many faces he remembered but a guard he wanted to forgive the most, "The Bird" who

almost daily beat on him, was not present. He returned many times over the years as a gesture of friendship and forgiveness.

Before the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan, Mr Zamperini carried the Olympic torch, was cheered at every step by a new generation of Japanese.

Other Interesting Facts

1. The book, Unbroken, covers both movies.
2. Unbroken II was released January 2, 2019.
3. Louis Zamperini had a troubled childhood beginning to smoke at age 5 and drinking beer at age 8 as well as fighting.
4. Louis' brother, Pete, a champion miler saw Louis was heading in the wrong direction in life. He faithfully trained him to run.
5. In 1934, Louis won California's state championship in the mile with a 4 minute 21.8 second national high school record.

6. In 1936 at "Hitler Olympics" in Berlin, Louis in the final lap of 400 meters, ran it in 56 seconds and afterward Hitler was so impressed with Louis that he wanted to meet the "speedster".

7. On May 27, 1943 Louis was a bombardier in the US Army Air Force where "Green Hornet" was shot down.

8. Louis' raft floated the Pacific Ocean without any food or water for a record setting 47 days.

9. A Japanese war boat rescued Louis and his partner and then took them to the POW camp.

10. With Louis' background and Olympic athlete, the Japanese offered freedom from the POW camp if he would denounce his country over the radio. Louis refused and it resulted in almost daily torture from "The Bird". What an example of perseverance and honor for his country!

11. Japanese surrendered August 1945 and Louis and 200 prisoners were released from Sugamo Prison Camp.

12. Guess who plays the part of Billy Graham in the second movie? Billy's grandson, Will, who was in Fort Wayne for a crusade in October 2017!

PLEASE COME AND BE APART OF THIS COMMUNITY WIDE CHRISTIAN FILM EVENT!

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FORMER FELON TURNED INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER SHARES INSIGHTS AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

One man's journey from rock bottom to the top of the business world will be discussed at Lifetree Café on January 9 from 6:30-7:30 pm. The program, titled "Sec-

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If your vehicle becomes stuck in snow, clear the tail pipe free of all snow and debris to decrease the chance of carbon monoxide poisoning.

The Patrol reminds drivers to stock their vehicles with a winter car kit including: an ice scraper, shovel, jumper cables, flashlight, warning devices, blankets, cell phone charger, first aid kit, tow rope, water, and food for longer trips. It's also important to ensure

your tires have plenty of tread, check your battery and keep your windshield washer reservoir full.

If you must travel in winter weather, visit <http://www.ohgo.com/> for real time traffic conditions from the Ohio Department of Transportation.

The Patrol's winter driving traffic safety bulletin can be found at:

https://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/Winter_Driving_Bulletin_2019.pdf

OAKWOOD SPELLING BE WINNERS



Oakwood Elementary recently held their annual school wide spelling bee. Pictured here are Oakwood spelling bee winners. Winner: Max Stork; Runner-Up: Jonah Cohan

ond Chances: From Down and Out to Up and at 'Em," features the filmed story of author and entrepreneur Weldon Long.

A high school dropout and addict, Long was in prison the third time when he decided to change the direction of his life.

"I was desperate, and desperate men do things," says Long. "I became obsessed with changing the course of my destiny...and I did."

"People who are struggling with their position in life are often searching for a second chance," explains Lifetree Café national director Craig Cable. "We want to create a safe place for these people to come have a genu-

ine conversation about what it takes."

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located at the Bachwell Center, 116 N. Washington Street, Van Wert, OH. Please enter on Court Street and park behind the Courthouse.

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual, comfortable setting. Questions about Lifetree may be directed to First United Methodist Church at 419/238-0631 or firstchurch@wcoil.com

Topic for January 16 - "Does God Play Favorites? Why would a caring God bless some and not others?"

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ME AND 2018

By: Stan Jordan

It was another year alone out on the farm, just like the last seven, but I can't dwell on that cause I'm so well blessed with life.

One of my great grandson's, Zeb, graduated high school and is doing fine out in Grand Canyon University in Arizona.

Here in my little corner of the area, the famous window in the West Bend News building, things have been very good. Lots of area folks stop in and we talk about the wild life all around us and probably I know their folks and grandparents.

All the summer events here in Antwerp were well attended and I had a good time at all of them.

Last spring I was given an award from PPEC for a story that my sister had written about me and the area wild life conservation. I was very proud of that. I had the pleasure of meeting the CEO, George Carter, before, as well as some of their employees.

There are a number of groups in the area working with conservation and a lot of individuals.

We are making good headway in the making the Maumee usable. The ACDC and the Beregszazi Tours are helping to make the Maumee River a place of recreation.

I think all the farmers in the tri-state area had a good growing season and enjoyed some good crops. At this time I think the employment rate around us is pretty good.

I can see a lot of new home construction all around. I am very proud of that, this is a fine area. We have some mighty good churches, schools, highways, police, EMS, firemen and citizens. It is just a fine place.

I want to say, that my co-worker Crystal Rider, is very helpful in many ways on my columns. In fact if she wasn't so helpful, I would not get a column done. I really like her.

See ya!

THE DRONES

By: Stan Jordan

As I sit here and think about it, the drone opens up a new type of world.

There are a number of types of drones and their uses, and a new idea comes along each day. There is no



DEER PICTURE

In the above picture, Alvin Copsey is petting a fawn right in his back yard. This picture was taken out at Alvin's place on CR 230.

He told me this little female just roamed around in his yard and didn't seem to be afraid at all. He said the little deer was around his yard for a while and then left. He had not seen the deer before or since. The mother deer probably came along and found her.

Thanks again Alvin for this fine picture of our wild life.

See ya!

end to the many ways that can come from the use of the basic drone.

Lots of smaller varieties are on the market and are not expensive, but there are rules and laws concerning flying a drone, plus you must pass a test and purchase a license under certain circumstances. Actually the UAV, that means unmanned aerial vehicle, has been around for quite a few years. The government used the UAV in the war at Vietnam in lots of cases. Carrying explosives, aerial reconesance and was of secrecy.

I know that a company is building a drone on top of a small car and I'm sure the automotive future is just now coming to life. We just can't imagine what all the future holds.

See ya!

POLITICIANS ARE FULL OF POLITICS

By: Stan Jordan

Here it is, the New Year is only a week old and things are all shook up. I have not blasted the politicians for a few weeks, but here goes:

Here it is 2019 and the United States is technically broke. Those meatballs in Washington are just twiddling their thumbs.

There is a government shutdown, there is no money to operate this huge operation. There are hundreds of government true-blue employees that are working their job everyday and not drawing a paycheck, but someday our political eggheads will get together and those fine employees will get paid, finally. Until then, let's call a spade a spade. On one side it is a one man show, his way or else. The other side will not move, they now have a little muscle and they are going to use it... our way or else.

The politician that is suppose to represent their area back home, are doing nothing, but are being paid for it. Actually this has been going on for months. There has been so many investigations and innuendos going on, nobody is running the store. We have hard heads on both sides of the aisle...my way or no way. Is that anyway to run a government? Maybe, time will tell.

See ya!

DEFIANCE 11th ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

The 11th annual March For Life will be held January 22nd, 2019 at noon at the Defiance Courthouse. The march is sponsored by Mother Teresa Respect For Life. The purpose of the March For Life is for participants to walk and stand up for unborn children who cannot speak for themselves. The local march will be held in conjunction with the March For Life event that is held January 16th in Washington D.C.

Father Stephen Stanberry from St. Peter Catholic Church, Archobld, will offer prayer at the start of the march. A police escort will lead participants from the Defiance County Courthouse to the Monument of the Unborn at the St. John Catholic Church property, located on Jackson Avenue. Jamie Blank will host the march and lead a prayer for life at the monument. From there the event moves to the basement of St. John's where Bob Schoen, father of 6 children, 10 grandchildren, member of St. Vincent de Paul, where he is president of the conference of St. Catherine, will talk on the ministires of Prayer Warrior, Presence and Sidewalk Counseling and how they save lives and convert hearts. Divine Mercy Catholic School from Payne will present their winning essay from the school "What being pro-life means to you".

Culture Project is a group of young people set out to restore culture through the experience of virtue and will talk about proclaiming the dignity of the human person inviting our culture to become fully alive.

Victor Pham, who works at VIP nail salon during the day and MMA with Jesus Saves and Heroin Kills at night, will speak of how the doctors told his mom to abort him to save her life because of complications and how God saved him before he was born.

Jim Zipfel will share his musical talent by singing 'He's got the Whole World in His hands' and 'God Bless America'. Father Stanberry will close the event with prayer and a blessing.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated by Father John Stites of Defiance. Throughout the day there will be exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament with Benediction at 4:45 p.m. with Deacon Nick Varano officiating.

Hot chocolate will be offered in the church basement.

ADULT BRUNCH & BINGO

Oakwood - The Cooper Community Library, a Branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library system, will be hosting Adult Brunch & Bingo on Thursday, January 24, 2019, at 11:30 am., in the Community Room of the Library. Soup and Salad will be provided at no cost.. Please call the branch at 419-594-3337 to register.

For more information about the branch library or activities call 419-594-3337 or follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/coopercommunitybranchlibrary/> for upcoming events.

SPRING ARBOR UNIVERSITY FALL DEAN'S LIST

Exactly 335 students made the Dean's list for the Fall 2018 semester at Spring Arbor University, including senior student Matthew David Winner of Defiance, OH.

Spring Arbor University is a Christian liberal arts university located in Spring Arbor, Michigan. SAU offers more than 70 majors and programs to undergraduate students. As a leader in adult and professional studies, Spring Arbor University continues to reach out to working adults who wish to complete associate, bachelor's or master's degrees. With programs offered throughout locations in Michigan, Ohio and online, the University continues to meet the growing needs of its students.

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SECRETARY HUSTED ANNOUNCES UPDATED SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR STATEWIDE BALLOT ISSUES

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced the new figures for signature requirements for statewide ballot issues. The updated number of signatures now needed for each issue type was determined using the total votes cast for the office of governor in the 2018 General Election, as required by the Ohio Constitution.

Now through the 2022 gubernatorial general election, statewide ballot issue committees submitting an issue

to be placed on the ballot will need to meet the following overall signature requirements for each issue type:

Constitutional Amendment: 442,958 (10 percent of total votes cast for governor)

Referendum: 265,774 (six percent of total votes cast for governor)

Initiated Statute: 132,887 (three percent of total votes cast for governor) to be submitted to the General Assembly for consideration, then an additional 132,887 to place the issue on the ballot should the General Assembly not act or pass the proposed statute in amended form.

Only the signatures of qualified electors will count towards satisfying these constitutional requirements.

Additional information and constitutional requirements concerning placing a statewide issue on the ballot is available on the secretary of state's website.

NEW HAVEN HS BASKETBALL RECAP

New Haven High School Boys Varsity Basketball stayed in shape during Christmas break by competing in the Holiday Hoops Tournament. In their first match up, the Bulldogs fell to Merrillville 73-69 on Friday, December 28th. New Haven was led by balance scoring. Leading the way was Donovynn Lewis with 18, Demeter Dial 15, Deante Causey 14 points and 16 rebounds and Thomas Latham chipped in 11 points. Junior point guard Jamarr Hutchins had 6 points, 9 assist and 9 rebounds

Score by the Quarter:
NH - 23 11 17 18 = 69
Merrillville - 13 16 16 28 = 73

New Haven lost to Huntington North 63-35 in the second game of the holiday tournament. Bulldogs were led by Thomas Latham with 10 points.

Score by the Quarter:
NH - 9 9 11 6 = 35
Hunt. N - 21 17 14 11 = 63
In the Bulldogs' third and final game, they beat Lowell 82-55 on Saturday, December

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- 2 - Claims Assistance - Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

We also provide reimbursement for the cost of transportation to VA medical facilities in our area, or in the case where the veteran cannot drive himself, we will provide a driver.

Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

29th. New Haven captured it's 3rd victory of the year with a 82-55 win over Lowell. Donovynn Lewis led the Bulldogs with 20 points.

Score by the Quarter: NH - 26 16 21 19 = 82 Lowell - 13 11 12 19 = 55 In a "back from break" regular season game, New Haven lost to Dekalb High School 61-51

Dekalb was led by Nixon 26 and Richman 20.

Score by the Quarter: NH - 6 20 10 15 = 51 Dekalb - 13 13 6 29 = 61

VAN WERT GIRLS UNABLE TO DISMOUNT ST. MARY'S; SOAR OVER HAWKS

Van Wert Lady Cougars played host for a after the holidays high school girls basketball match up with St. Mary's Roughriders on Thursday, January 3rd.

In JV play, Van Wert were beat by St. Mary's 22-40. This brings the JV Lady Cougar's record to 3-6.

In Varsity action, the Lady Cougars were unable to unhorse the Roughriders. St. Mary's took a win from the home team, 53-44.

The Cougars were led by Shaffer with 13 points, Metz 12, Jackson 10, Smith 3, and Phillips, Huber and Schaufelberger with 2 each.

Score by the Quarter: VW - 7 3 17 17 = 44 St. Mary's - 13 10 18 12 = 53

Two days later, the Lady Cougars played host to the Lady Hawks of Maumee Val-

ley. The Lady Hawks were on fire this mild January evening. This game was all Van Wert as they scored each quarter way in the double digits. The Lady Hawks just could not match their momentum. Final Score: Van Wert 90, Maumee Valley 27

Score by the Quarter: VW - 25 24 21 20 = 90 MV - 8 7 7 5 = 27

KNIGHTS BOYS BB CONQUER COUGARS

Van Wert hosted the Crestview Knights on January 5th for some high school boys basketball action. These two teams were similarly matched in offense and defense as the score stayed within a point through the half. In the 3rd, Van Wert toughened up defense widening the gap in their lead. But the 4th quarter was the Cougar's demise. The Knights cranked it up a few notches to break away from Van Wert and steal a win from the home team: 42-33

Score by the Quarter: VW - 9 10 10 4 = 33 Crestview - 10 10 7 15 = 42

McCOLLEY APPLAUDS SIGNING OF BILL STRENGTHENING BUSINESS PROTECTIONS AGAINST PREDATORY LAWSUITS

COLUMBUS—State Senator Rob McColley (R-Napoleon), sponsor of House Bill 271, applauded the Governor's signing of his legislation to discourage predatory lawsuits

filed against businesses who unintentionally violate outdated, technical or minute aspects of the Americans with Disabilities Act. McColley introduced the legislation prior to his appointment to the Senate, while representing the 81st Ohio House District.

"There is a growing trend in Ohio where businesses are targeted by those looking to make a quick buck by going from business to business identifying trivial noncompliance issues and then filing lawsuits for violating the Americans with Disabilities Act," said McColley. "The purpose of the ADA is to ensure there are opportunities for all Americans, not to punish businesses for innocent mistakes or irrelevant details. This bill ensures we will continue to protect those with disabilities, while also giving businesses ample time to correct legitimate ADA violations."

Under the bill, a person who receives a notice must respond to the alleged aggrieved party by personal service or certified mail within 15 business days after the notice is served or sent. The response must do one of the following:

(1) Expressly state that improvements will be made to bring the property into compliance with applicable accessibility laws. If the responsible party makes the improvements within the 60-day period or provides a reasonable explanation as to why the improvements are not completed, such a response may not be considered an admission of guilt and is inadmissible as evidence in any future actions based on the same facts filed against the respondent.

(2) Challenge the validity of the alleged violation;

(3) State that the alleged violations identified by the alleged aggrieved party have been corrected to comply with applicable accessibility laws. The responsible party must attach evidence to the response that verifies those improvements.

House Bill 271 was signed on 19 December 2018.

LATTA CONTINUES EFFORTS TO IMPROVE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate have approved legislation, H.R. 7279, the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act, that includes a number of provisions authored by Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) earlier this Congress. Latta has worked for years on that legislation which provides communities more flexibility to comply with costly regu-

lations on the nation's communities in regards to their wastewater infrastructure improvements. Congressman Latta was also successful in having clean drinking water provisions signed into law a few months ago.

"There are billions of dollars' worth of water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure needs in Ohio, and it's critical to provide communities with the ability to meet their obligations in a more cost-effective manner," said Latta. "This legislation is important because it allows municipalities and clean water utilities to decide how to best spend their limited financial resources. Integrated Planning allows communities to allocate funds in a targeted manner, focusing them on the most effective water quality improvements. Modernizing our water infrastructure is a critical issue in the Buckeye State and it's why I've led on efforts in Congress to improve both our wastewater and drinking water systems."

The legislation has the support of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA).

"Congressman Latta has remained a true leader throughout his time in Congress to ensure communities across Ohio are provided with the safe, reliable, and affordable public water services they need and deserve," said Adam Krantz, NACWA's Chief Executive Officer. "His legislation and leadership to codify Integrated Planning into law will help further provide communities, both large and small, with the tools they need to meet the growing clean water challenges they face each day. NACWA greatly appreciates Congressman Latta's hard work and dedication on this strong bipartisan legislation and for his continued commitment to improving our nation's water and clean water infrastructure."

Under the Clean Water Act, municipalities on average are spending nearly 7% of their tax dollars on water and sewer systems. Even with that amount of taxpayer money, there is a need for approximately \$300 billion for clean water infrastructure investments nationally. Many ratepayers are also seeing sewer rates increase at a rapid pace compared to inflation.

PAULDING NHS MAKES CHRISTMAS COOKIES FOR LOCAL NURSING HOME



By: Jen Stahl

The Paulding NHS Chapter made Christmas cookies for the local nursing home on December 20th. The members are required to assemble a group of 5 and organize a service project. The chapter has its first service project of

the 2018-2019 school year. The members made snickerdoodles and sugar cookies. They gave the nursing home over 200 cookies for Christmas. The Paulding NHS has many other service projects in the making and can not wait to tackle them!

(Continued from Page 1) About Historic Fort Wayne, Inc.: Founded in 2004, Historic Fort Wayne is a Non-Profit Organization that manages the Old Fort in Fort Wayne, IN. Our goal is to educate the community about Historic Fort Wayne and its significance to the Northwest

Territory, the State of Indiana, and the United States during the 17th and 18th centuries through interactive programming. We are a 100% volunteer organization. Most of our events are free to the public. All programming is funded by private and corporate donations.

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Antwerp: Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Hometown Pantry, Pop-N-Brew, Genesis House, Pit-Stop, Subway, Manor House Assisted Living

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

Cecil: Maramart, Vagabond

Charloe: Charloe Store

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

Defiance: Newman's Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Cabbage Patch Store, Werlor's Waste, Advanced Auto, Great Clips, Meijer Great Clips, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid

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

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

Hicksville: Sailers, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, Senior Center, Community Memorial Hospital, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway

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

Melrose: Morning Star Convenience Store

Ney: Marathon

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

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ware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. OSU Extension Office, Paulding County Historical Society, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Past Time Cafe, Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospital

Payne: Blueberry Pancake House, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza

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

Scott: Scott Variety Store

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

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Walmart, Walgreens & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Great Clips

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

Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, First Merchant Bank

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

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FOURTH QUARTER EFFORT LIFTS WARRIORS PAST BRAVES



Woodlan's Taya Kitzmiller drives and scores for the Warriors against the Braves! More pictures at westbendnews.net

WOODBURN - Tied at 34-34 at the end of three quarters, the Woodlan Lady Warriors took control in the final period and outscored visiting Blackhawk 19-12 to post a 53-46 win over the Braves Thursday night.

Woodlan held a slim 9-8 advantage after eight minutes of action before Blackhawk took a 20-19 lead into the half-time break.

The Lady Warriors then bucketed 15 points compared to Blackhawk's 14 in the third quarter to knot the game at 34-34 entering the final peri-

od.

Addison Bayman topped all Warrior efforts with a double-double night as the Warrior senior scored 20 points and grabbed ten rebounds as well. Bayman also recorded five steals for Woodlan.

Dakotah Krohn chipped in nine points, three rebounds and two steals with Gabby Joyce bucketing eight points and grabbing two boards.

Taya Kitzmiller also contributed seven points, two rebounds and three steals for the Lady Warriors.

Abbey Gentz picked up four markers to go along with four boards, three assists and a pair of steals while Madi Koos and Ella Smith both had two points.

Hailee Kline scored 11 points to lead Blackhawk while Hallie Vander Dussen chipped in nine.

Other scorers for the Lady Braves included Sammie Miller (eight), Lily Helmuth (seven), Aubree Vander Dussen (six) and Abbie Boyer (five).

The Lady Warriors, who are now 12-5 on the season return to action on January 16 when they visit Fremont.

Blackhawk, which falls to 8-10 overall, will hit the court again on Thursday, January 10, when it visits Bethany Christian.

ARCHERS ROUT APACHES IN GMC OPENER

SHERWOOD - Antwerp dominated the fourth quarter with a 28-point outburst in pulling away for a 73-56 victory over host Fairview in the Green Meadows Conference boys basketball opener for both schools Thursday night.

Jayvin Landers scored 23 points to pace all scorers and lead the Archers while Ty Rebber added 15 and Luke Brewer had a dozen.

Cole Seslar chipped in nine markers for the blue and white. Keaton Altimus recorded seven points with Austin Lichty getting five and Boston Dunderman two to round out the Archer scoring.

Caleb Frank topped the black and gold scoring list with 11 points while teammates Luke Timbrook and Keenan Jackson each reached twin digits with ten.

Cade Polter and Russ Zeedyk both contributed six markers for the Apaches followed by Riley Lucas (five), Chayse Singer (five) and Cade Ripke (three).

The two squads were tied at 14-14 at the end of one quarter and Fairview took a 27-21 halftime advantage.

However, Antwerp rallied with 24 third quarter points

to post a 45-43 lead entering the final period and sealed the win with 28 points in the final period.

The Archers outshot and out-rebounded the Apaches.

Antwerp hit 25 of 48 shots from the field (52 percent) while limiting Fairview to 23 of 54 shooting (42 percent). The blue and white also dominated the boards, grabbing 31 rebounds compared to the black and gold's 19.

Fairview did have fewer turnovers, 12-13.

Antwerp's junior varsity was victorious in its GMC opener as well by defeating the Apaches 41-20.

ACAC PAIRINGS RELEASED

The ACAC boys and girls basketball tournament will get underway tonight with Adams Central, South Adams and Heritage hosting first round games.

Adams Central will welcome in Jay County for a doubleheader this evening while Heritage hosts Southern Wells in boys/girls action.

Woodlan makes the trip to South Adams in the remaining first round matchup.

All first round games are scheduled for this evening, January 8, with the boys games scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. while the girls game follows.

Bluffton picked up the first round bye and awaits the winner of either Jay County or Adams Central for a second round matchup on January 11. The Heritage-Southern Wells and Woodlan-South Adams victors also will meet up on January 11.

The championship game is Saturday, January 12.

ARCHERS ROLL PAST TIGERS

LIBERTY CENTER - Antwerp had no trouble with host Liberty Center Saturday evening as the visiting Archers rolled to a 64-35 win over the Tigers.

Antwerp put three players in double figures in the contest, led by 16 markers from Luke Brewer and a dozen by Cole Seslar. Jayvin Landers also hit double digits with 11 points.

Ty Rebber chipped in eight points followed by Austin Lichty (four), Blake Schuette (three), Jacob Savina (three), Jake Ryan (three), Jake Eaken (two) and Keaton Altimus (two).

The Archers dominated the boards, outrebounding Liberty Center 28-17 in the contest, but Antwerp did have one more turnover in the game, 13-12.

Antwerp also outshot Liberty Center as the Archers were 24 of 50 (48 percent) while the Tigers hit only 12 of 44 shots (27 percent).

Carter Burdue topped Liberty Center with 16 points while Camden Krugh chipped in eight and Conner Sonnenberg posted seven. Brady Gerken (two), C.J.

Spradlin (one) and Trent Murdock (one) also scored for Liberty Center.

In the junior varsity contest, the Archers also cruised as Antwerp posted a 58-21 victory to improve to 9-0 on the season.

ANTWERP HOSTS JUNIOR HIGH TOURNAMENT OVER WINTER BREAK

The Antwerp junior high wrestlers recently wrestled in their annual home tournament on January 5, 2019, with 3 of the 5 wrestlers placing in the top 4 of their respective weight classes. Finishing 4th at 86 pounds with 1 win on the day was 7th grader and 1st year wrestler Lucas Kennedy. The other 2 placers for the Archers were both undefeated champions for the day. 8th grader Eli Reinhart earned a 1st place finish in the 98-pound weight class with 1 pin and 1 decision on the day. On his way to the top of the podium, Reinhart also avenged an earlier season loss. Also finishing 1st on the day was 8th grader Aiden Provines at 128 pounds. Provines earned 2 of his 3 wins on the day by pin as well. So far this season, Provines has won both tournaments he has wrestled in and carries an undefeated 7-0 record as well. We wish all of the junior high wrestlers the best as they prepare for the Ayersville Invitational on January 12, 2019.

For any grade school student interested in wrestling, the Antwerp Wrestling Club will start practice on January 7 at 5:00 p.m. and will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the end of March. This is a FREE program open to both boys and girls in kindergarten through 6th grade. We hope to see you there.

Wayne Trace Jr High wrestling took 5th as a team at the Antwerp Invitational. Connor Blankenship and Nyle Stoller took 1st. Graiden Troth and Jared Peric took 2nd. Samuel Moore and Arin James took 3rd. Jacob Banks and Dakota Merritt wrestled with their hearts on the mat.

LADY RAIDERS RUN PAST RAMS IN GMC OPENER

By: Joe Shouse, Sports-writer

DEFIANCE - Last Friday the Lady Raiders traveled to Tinora High School and picked up their eighth consecutive win but more importantly their first GMC win. On opening night of conference play the Raiders eased past the Rams 57-44 to go 1-0 in the GMC and 9-1 overall.

The Raiders placed three individuals in double figures led by the 23 points in an impressive outing by Claire Sinn. The junior was 6-8 in two-point shots and 3-4 from behind the arc. Sinn also snagged eight rebounds and collected two steals.

Senior Kaylee Shepherd picked up 13 points in a sol-

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RAIDERS OPEN GMC PLAY WITH WIN OVER TINORA



Wayne Trace's Reid Miller goes up for a layup in the fourth quarter with Tinora's Evan Willitzer guarding the basket. More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports-writer

HAVILAND - It wasn't easy but the Wayne Trace Raiders outlasted the deliberate play of Tinora in posting a seven point win over the Rams 40-33 to open Green Meadows Conference play.

Playing at the Palace last Thursday, the slow-down play of Tinora kept the score low as indicated by a Raider halftime lead of 18-12.

"That's the way it is when you play a Paul Wayne (Tinora head coach) team. Every possession is big when you play Tinora and we finally were able to get some distance on them in the fourth quarter," said Raider Head Coach Jim Linder.

The Rams outscored the red, white and blue by three

and effort on 5-7 shooting from the two-point area along with five rebounds and three assists. Miriam Sinn, the third in a trio of double figure scorers finished with 11 points.

The Raiders held a five point advantage after the initial quarter of play 14-9 but the Rams kept it close in the second period to trail at the break 26-22. Wayne Trace kept the defensive pressure tight and continued to in-

crease their margin to 39-31 heading into the final quarter. The Lady Raiders put up their largest quarter total with 18 points while holding the Rams to 12 for the 13 point win.

Also scoring for the victorious Raiders included Sadie Sinn five; Katrina Stoller four and Rachel Stoller one.

Sadie Sinn made contributions throughout the contest, finishing with eight rebounds,

four steals and three assists. Tinora was led by the 16 points from Madison Brown who connected on 4-7 shots behind the arc and was a perfect 4-4 from the foul line.

Also scoring for Tinora was Sydney Grieser nine; Sarah Harris's seven; Aaliyah Hurtt five; Lexi Wachtman four and Tristin Ackerman three.

The Raiders shot 19-45 from the field for 42 percent and 13-23 from the foul line.

a way to put it together for the win," said Coach Linder.

Tinora, who evens their mark at 5-5 and 0-1 in the GMC, managed to get the deficit down to eight on a couple of free throws from Tye Norden with 29 seconds remaining but would have to settle for a seven point loss.

"I was pleased with our defense tonight. We were contesting shots and making it difficult for them to score. Last year we played man-to-man defense and wasn't that successful and tonight we went to our 2-2-1 zone that kept us in the game. I thought we got the job done defensively," Linder said.

Norden, the Ram's leading scorer at 14 points per contest was held to just three points including 0-10 shooting behind the arc. Isaiah Colon, who averages just under 10 a game also finished with just three. Leading Tinora offensively was Evan Willitzer with 12.

For the Raiders, Nate Gerber finished the night with 13, hitting 3-4 from three-point range and hauling in six rebounds. Miller was in double digits with 10 and Alex Reinhart with six, hitting all three of his two-point attempts.

Other Raiders scoring: Jace Vining four; Mox Price three; Trae Sinn three; Josiah Linder one.

Wayne Trace shot 14-31 from the floor for 45 percent. At the foul line the Raiders were 6-9 and finished with 34 rebounds and 13 turnovers.

Tinora struggled at from the field hitting 11-45 for 24 percent. Like the Raiders, the Rams were 6-9 from the charity stripe while collecting 26 rebounds and just three turnovers.

With the win the Raiders improve their overall mark to 7-2 and 1-0 in GMC play.

For Tinora, the Rams hit just 12-37 for 32 percent and at the charity stripe managed 12-19.

Wayne Trace won the battle of the boards with 35 to 26 for the Rams. Tinora collected 13 turnovers with the Raiders registering just nine miscues.

In the Junior Varsity contest the Raiders outlasted Tinora by ten 37-27.

The Raiders will be in action this Friday when they host Antwerp in another key GMC contest.

WARRIORS TAKE TENTH AT BILL KERBEL INVITE

NEW HAVEN - The Woodlan wrestling team made the short trip to New Haven on Saturday for the Bill Kerbel Wrestling Invitational.

Homestead won the tournament with 211 points while Leo finished second with 207-1/2 points.

Bishop Dwenger claimed third at 163 points while the host Bulldogs took fourth with 156.

Eastside was fifth with 147-1/2 points and was followed by Carroll (122), Penn (121-1/2), Bluffton (120-1/2), Van Wert (86-1/2), Woodlan (81-1/2), Wayne (80), South Adams (79), DeKalb (66), Northfield (42) and North Judson (37).

Individually, Woodlan had a quartet of grapplers place as three sophomores and a freshman finished in the top six of their respective weight classes.

Sophomore Trevor Wallace led the way for the Warriors with a third place finish in the 182 pound class.

Wallace picked up a victory over Bishop Dwenger senior Liam Holly to wrap up his tournament run.

Sophomore Jaden Keller ended up fourth as he fell to North Judson junior Mike Clemons via pin in 2:58 in the third place match.

Sophomore Tristen Martz placed fifth after posting a 7-1 victory by decision over Bluffton junior Corbyn Fry.

In 120, freshman David Rogers-Potter picked up a sixth place finish.

Rogers-Potter fell to Eastside's Lane Burns via a fall at 4:23

ARCHERS DROP HEARTBREAKER TO APACHES



At the line for Antwerp is Heather Oberlin who scores both points near the end of the game. More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - Tied at 36-36 in the Green Meadows Conference girls basketball opener on Friday, the Antwerp Lady Archers had possession and appeared ready to take the last shot.

A turnover with six seconds remaining allowed Fairview to get that opportunity and the Apaches took advantage.

Mercedes Wagner scored as time expired to lift the Lady Apaches to post a 38-36 victory over the blue and white.

With the victory, Fairview improves to 8-3 overall and 1-0 in the league while Antwerp falls to 3-6 in all games and 0-1 in the conference.

The Apaches led 11-7 at the end of one quarter and expanded the margin to 23-17 at the midway point. However, Antwerp limited Fairview to four points in

the third quarter while scoring ten of its own to even the game at 27-27 entering the final stanza.

Antwerp was led by Heather Oberlin with a dozen points while Astianna Coppes bucketed 11 markers.

Other scorers for the blue and white were Karsyn Brumett (six), Tiera Gomez (four), Lydia Brewer (two) and Chelsea Johanns (one).

Fairview picked up a dozen points from Kiersten Cline and 11 more by Wagner to record the victory.

Michelle Marshall bucketed nine for the Apaches with Riley Mealer scoring four and Olivia Ricica two.

Antwerp hits the court again on Friday when it visits Wayne Trace in GMC action. Fairview also returns to action for league play when it visits Edgerton Friday.

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Geahlen, Murrey, and Sanchez.

ARCHBOLD, OHIO - Thirteen students from Northwest State Community College's practical nursing program celebrated completion of the program recently during a special Graduate Tea ceremony. Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam for Practical Nursing and upon successful completion, enter directly into the workforce.

After obtaining work experience, they may continue their education and pursue a degree in registered nursing. The following graduates were recognized during the ceremony:
 Defiance County: Samantha Fernandez (Defiance), Katie Green (Hicksville), Kristen Hall (Defiance), Kali Heffelfinger (Hicksville), Brandi Woodring (Defiance)

Fulton County: Shaunte Wolfinger (Delta)
 Henry County: Travis Geahlen (Napoleon), Andrew Murrey (Liberty Center), Jada Sanchez (Malinta)
 Lenawee (MI) County: Lisa Paulette (Adrian), Rachel Price (Adrian)
 Williams County: Madison Thompson (West Unity), Brooklynn Vent (Pioneer)
 During the ceremony, the College also recognized Brooke Thatcher of Delta, who earned Medical Assisting associate degree status. The Medical Assisting associate degree option leads to entry-level positions in the health care field.



Wolfinger



Thatcher



Thompson and Vent.



Paulette and Price.

defensive effort by Mox Price, the senior Raider stole the Red Devil's inbound pass and was fouled. Price went to the line and calmly hit both free throws to give the Raiders the three-point win.

Wayne Trace improves their mark to 8-2 overall and 1-0 in the GMC. Arlington, from the Blanchard Valley Conference falls to 7-3 overall.

Reid, who saved his heroics for the final seconds of the contest finished with 18 points to lead the winners in scoring. Also in double figures was Trae Sinn who chipped in 10.

The Red Devils divided their 56 points among their five starters with four of them hitting double digits. Ty Webb finished with 15 on five long balls from behind the arc. Jacob Russell added 13 points along with six assists. Ivan Berry tallied 12 markers and nine boards with team mate Ryan Metzger with 10. Jaret Vermillion finished with si to complete the Red Devil's scoring.

The Raiders trailed after one quarter of play 16-14 but managed to outscore Arlington in the second frame 21-12 to take a 35-27 lead at intermission. The third quarter saw the Red Devils chipping away at the Raider lead that sent them into fourth quarter action holding a slim one point margin over the Paulding County visitors 44-43.

Also scoring for the Raiders was Alex Reinhart who came off the bench scoring eight points and hauling in eight rebounds. A trio of Raiders scored seven points including Josiah Linder, Nate Gerber and Jace Vining. Vining also dished out four assists. Mox Price finished with two but they were most important free throws to capped the Raider's three-point win.

Statistically, the game was played even with the Raiders hitting 15 field goals to 13 for the Red Devils. Both squads drained seven 3-pointers while Arlington hit 9-12 from the foul line and the Raiders good on 8-10.

In the turnover department the Red Devils turned it over 10 times to just nine for the Raiders. Wayne Trace managed 28 rebounds, one better than Arlington.

The Raiders took the Junior Varsity game by four points 42-38

Up next for the Raiders will be a road trip to Antwerp on Thursday for an important GMC clash and on Saturday the Raiders will be on the road again at Delphos Jefferson.

RAIDERS WRESTLING COMPETE IN TROY INVITATIONAL

The Troy High School Wrestling Invitational took place on January 5, 2019. The following is a recap of the Championships Final Rounds.

- 106 - J Hornish, WT, pinned in 3:19, by K Anderson, COVI
- 113 - G Sutton, WT, TF 4:41, by C Vanderhorst, COVI
- 120 - H Long, WT, pinned M Shore, MIEA in 6:42
- 138 - C Baughman, WT lost by dec. 10-4 to H Myers, BELO
- 152 - J Munger, WT was pinned by M Sigler, NORT in 3:12
- 152 - (consolation 7th place) J Munger, WT pinned J Cusick, TROY in 5:27
- 160 - (semis) W Stabler, WT, pinned by N Russell, LIMA in 1:52
- 170 - E Moore, WT, lost by dec. 13-4 to Z Mancillas, GRSE
- 170 - (consolation - semis) E Moore, WT, pinned C Gostomsky, AHS in 4:27
- 182 - E Harris, WT, pinned by C Meade, TROY, in 2:30
- 220 - X Franklin, WT, pinned by T Vonderwell, SJD, in 0:49
- 220 - J Harris, WT, pinned by T Grote, GRSE in 0.20

RAIDERS SLIP PAST ARLINGTON FOR ROAD WIN

By: Joe Shouse, Sports-writer

ARLINGTON - Last Saturday Wayne Trace traveled to unknown territory when it comes to basketball. The Raiders made the trip to Hancock County, to the community of Arlington, eight miles south of Findlay to play the Red Devils. In come-back fashion the Raiders scored four points in the final three seconds to prevail 59-56.

In their first meeting a year ago at Wayne Trace the Raiders won 65-52, however, this time around it would much closer as the final score would indicate.

Trailing 56-55 junior guard Reid Miller scored with just three tics on the clock to put the Raiders on top by a single point at 57-56. On a heads-up

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Ahmad O. Alokaily, West Orange, NJ; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ahmad O. Alokaily, West Orange, NJ; Left of center; Case was waived by defendant

Kage M. Seals, Defiance, OH; Criminal damage; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Pay restitution; Reimburse court appointed fees; Placed on standard; No contact with victims; Complete 30 hrs of community service; Seek and maintain employment; Third party for child exchange

Carrie A. Broz, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct w/persistence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; Addition to rules; No contact with victim or residence

Christy M. Sarka, Defiance, OH; Pass bed check; Case dismissed per state; Cost to defendant

Nancy A. Lechene, Reelsville, IN; Drug paraphernalia; Dismissed; Fines and costs to be taken from bond; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Nancy A. Lechene, Reelsville, IN; Possession of marijuana; Pled no contest, found guilty; All fines and costs to be taken from bond; Shall maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Ricardo A. Gallegos Lara, Paulding, OH; Stop for school bus; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs

Nancy A. Lechene, Reelsville, IN; OVI/under the influence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Fines and costs to be taken from the bond; 87 jail days reserved

Jerelle T. Smith, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Megan L. Hanes, Defiance, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Matthew D. Arend, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Defendant paid in full

Anthony E. Marlin, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by the defendant

David E. Font, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Defendant paid in full

Hazen R. Shipman, Glendale, AZ; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brady P. Place, Van Wert, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by de-

defendant
David A. Rupert, Antwerp, OH; Confine of dog; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Kristen Gerbeck, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Verna Schmucker, Antwerp, OH; Failure to yield for school bus; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

Bradley S. Fields, Oregon, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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CUFFS & COLLARS

Field reports from ODNR Division of Wildlife Officers
Central Ohio - Wildlife District One
While checking the deer harvest database, State Wildlife Officer Brad Kiger, assigned to Franklin County, noticed some discrepancies regarding a deer that had been killed in Franklin County.

Officer Kiger noticed that the hunter's deer harvest history only included deer killed in Muskingum County, so he contacted the hunter. The hunter stated that he had harvested a deer on private property in Franklin County and he had used an antlerless deer permit. When questioned about the exact location where the deer was killed, the hunter admitted he had harvested the doe in Muskingum County, purchased an antlerless deer permit after the deer was killed, and checked the deer as a Franklin County harvest. State Wildlife Officer Jeff Berry, assigned to Muskingum County, then contacted the hunter and issued him a citation for providing false information to the deer harvest database. The hunter was found guilty in Muskingum County Court and ordered to pay \$425 in fines and court costs.

In November, State Wildlife Officer Austin Levering, assigned to Knox County, and State Wildlife Officer Tyler Eldred, assigned to Morrow County, were driving through Mt. Vernon when Officer Levering observed two bucks located in the bed of a truck with Virginia plates parked at a restaurant. While waiting for the owner of the vehicle to exit the restaurant, Levering and Eldred used the online deer harvest database to learn the vehicle's owner possessed a hunting license and an either-sex deer permit, but no harvests had been reported for the current hunting season. After some time, officers Levering and Eldred observed three men walk out of the restaurant to the truck. Upon contacting the men, two of them stated the deer were harvested earlier in the day in northwestern Knox County. After requesting to look at the deer, the officers discovered that the heads of the bucks had been cut off and the animals had been quartered and placed in black trash bags. Both deer had temporary game tags attached to the antlers but neither deer had been tagged with a permanent 18-digit confirmation number. Both suspects were issued summons for skinning and removing the head from a deer prior to game checking the animal. The hunters were ordered to pay \$225 each in fines and court costs in the Mount Vernon Municipal Court.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

During the open waterfowl season in October, State Wildlife Officer Mike Ohlrich, assigned to Lucas County, and State Wildlife Officer Supervisor Kevin Newsome responded to a call from the Turn-in-a-Poacher (TIP) hotline. Several duck hunters had witnessed a group of hunters illegally shoot and kill

with Tanner Cooley scoring seven and Brady Green had six. Zach Cummins also scored four markers for Bluffton.

Trevor Wiedenhoef and Aiden Bayman both scored 18 points to lead the way for the Warriors while Mitch Mendenhall bucketed ten markers.

Woodlan, which is now 2-9 overall on the season, will host Prairie Heights on January 15 before playing at rival Heritage on January 18.

Bluffton improves to 2-8 in all games and will host Adams Central on January 18.

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a trumpeter swan at Mallard Club Wildlife Area. Officers Ohlrich and Newsome contacted the suspects, who were cooperative and surrendered the swan. As the officers talked with the suspects, they also discovered several other violations. In the end, the hunters were issued summonses for unlawfully taking a trumpeter swan, waterfowl hunting without an Ohio wetlands habitat stamp, and waterfowl hunting without a federal migratory bird stamp. Along with fines and court costs, the individuals paid \$1,000 in restitution for the trumpeter swan.

State Wildlife Officers Josh Zientek, assigned to Fulton County, and Mike Ohlrich, assigned to Lucas County, were working the opening morning of early goose and teal season at Mallard Club Wildlife Area, when they heard several shots directly in front of them well before legal shooting hours. Officers Zientek and Ohlrich began making their way through the marsh to contact the hunters when two more shots rang out and just in front of the two officers. Once the officers contacted the hunters, the appropriate summonses were issued for hunting before hours. Later that morning, the officers were checking another group of hunters and discovered one of the hunters was in possession of a wood duck. The officers seized the wood duck as evidence and issued the hunter a summons for taking a wood duck in the closed season. The suspects were all found guilty in Oregon Municipal court for the violations.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

During the youth gun season, State Wildlife Officer Aaron Brown, assigned to Wayne County, was on patrol when he discovered a vehicle parked near a wood lot. Officer Brown ran the plates, comparing the information to the game check system and determined the man was likely deer hunting. Using binoculars, Officer Brown attempted to locate the individual but did not see anyone. After Brown set his binoculars down, he observed an individual putting on an orange vest in the woodlot. Brown spoke with the individual in his tree stand, who was aware that it was youth gun season and was required to wear hunter orange. The individual was issued a summons for failing to wear hunter orange and paid \$138 in fines and court costs.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

During deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Eric Lane, assigned to Perry County, and State Wildlife Investigator Travis Abele were patrolling Wayne National

Forest. Officer Lane noticed a vehicle parked on a Wayne National Forest access road and determined that the trailer had unloaded two ATVs. Officer Lane and Officer Abele were unable to locate or hear any ATVs after walking into the forest. Officer Lane and Officer Abele left the area and continued their patrol. When they returned to the area they decided to wait near the vehicle and were able to contact four individuals on two ATVs. The officers showed the operators the sign that they drove by that stated "No motor vehicles beyond this sign," and issued each operator a summons for operating a motor vehicle on a non-designated area. The operators paid \$250 each for the violation.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

During the 2017-2018 deer season, State Wildlife Officer Ryan Schock, assigned to Hamilton County, noticed a hunter had checked in a deer and had reported that it was taken with a muzzleloader on January 4, two days before muzzleloader season opened on January 6. Officer Schock interviewed the suspect who admitted to shooting the deer with a muzzleloader on January 4, believing it was opening day for muzzleloader season. The suspect was issued a summons to appear in Hamilton County Municipal Court, for hunting with a muzzleloader during the closed season. The charge was dismissed by the court.

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

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PAULDING SWCD TREE SUPPLY RETURNS

By: Patrick Troyer, Paulding SWCD Email: patrick.troyer@pauldingswcd.org



It's that time of the year again for the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District Spring Trees! This year includes the return of many of your favorite tree species along with several new species that are carefully selected native tree species and

tree packs that are suited for our area. Our annual event is running now through March 8th, 2019 and features a return of many favorites with the introduction of some new species and new products besides trees.

Below are some of the species making a return this year, complete listings can be found in our sale guide:

- American Arborvitae
- Eastern Red Cedar
- Colorado Blue Spruce
- Norway Spruce
- Eastern White Pine
- Pin Oak
- Silky Dogwood
- Domestic Apple
- Highbush Cranberry
- Sugar Maple
- Silver Maple
- Red Maple
- Red Bud
- Buttonbush
- Butterfly Bush
- Ohio Buckeye

New this year, the Paulding SWCD is offering Black Chokeberry and Bald Cypress to our tree offerings. Tree seedlings are priced per seedling. Trees will be either

as liners or seedlings. Liners will be about 2-3' tall while seedlings will be about 6" to 18". Quantities are limited. The Paulding SWCD can work one on one with landowners to help determine the trees that best fit for your own unique soil types based on the location of the property.

In addition to individual tree offerings, we are offering in four tree packs for our 2019 sale. The following tree packs are available: Beauty Pack, Pollinator Pack, Wildlife Pack, and Wild Berry Pack. The Beauty Pack has two redbuds, two serviceberries, two lilacs, two flowering dogwoods, and two black chokeberries. The Pollinator Pack has two red osier dogwoods, two choke cherries, two American plums, two meadowsweets, and two pasture rose trees. The wildlife pack contains two swamp white oaks, two American hazelnuts, two American Plums, and two red osier dogwoods. Lastly, the Wild Berry Pack contains three elderberries, two shadblow serviceberries, two native flowering raspberries, and two red mulberry trees.

New this year, we will be offering wildflower seed packets, tree tubes, and weed mats. The wildflower seed packets are a nice addition to our annual tree sale to help promote planting of native species that benefit the homeowner for aesthetics but also the animals and pollinators we are trying to protect. Seed packets are being offered in one-ounce packages that can cover an area of 270 to 390 square feet, depending on the species seed size in each mix. As part of the wildflower offering, three mixes are available. Annual & Perennial Wildflower Mix, Annual Wildflower Mix, and Butterfly/Hummingbird Mix.

The Annual & Perennial Wildflower mix is showing the second year and beyond, changing color and texture as it matures. This mix includes species such as Corn Flower (Bachelor's Button), Cosmos, Purple Coneflower, Blanket flower,

Scarletflax, Lanceleaf Coreopsis, Oxeye Daisy; just to name a few. The Annual Wildflower Mix is showy the first year if planted before mid-June and with proper management, this mix will be showy the second year. Included in this mix are species such as: Sulphur Cosmos, Cosmos, Rocket Larkspur, Bachelor's Button, Cornflower, Scarlet Flax, Painted Daisy; among many others.

Last in the wildflower selection is the Butterfly & Hummingbird Mix. This mix is designed specifically to attract hummingbirds, butterflies, and other native pollinators. Included in this mix are species such as: Little Bluestem, Riverbank Wildrye, Bachelor's Button, Rocket Larkspur, Purple Coneflower, Bigleaf Lupine; among many others. Our sales guide has a complete listing of all species included in each mix along with seeding rates and planting recommendations.

Another new offering for this year are tree tubes, bark protectors, and weed blocks. Tree tubes and tree bark protectors are a good investment to consider for your trees, especially if you have young trees that you are attempting to establish and protect from wildlife who can damage them. For 2019, we have Max Grow Tree Tube Shelters and Tree Bark Protectors. Max Grow Tube Shelters protect seedlings from animals, wind damage, and climate conditions and comes with

pre-installed ties and netting to go over the top to protect young saplings. They have a flared top to protect the plant as it emerges from the tube and cuffed bottom for added support with a vented top to allow the plant to properly harden off or dry out in moist climates. In addition, this product has an unvented bottom to protect seedling from chemical overspray along with "Razor Line" so tube slits as tree grows.

Tree Bark Protectors are also a good option to consider. In this product design, trees are shielded by open mesh, which prevents moisture and mildew from building. Also, the protectors will not harbor insects and animals and will not inhibit growth. These tubes are more attractive than other solutions and are designed to blend in. They are flexible and easy to install. Lastly, we have the Weed Pro Weed Block. This product heals to keep weeds away from your young seedling without the need for chemicals. The mat is made up of recycled, photo-degradable plastic that work to block sunlight from reaching the ground thus preventing the germination of weeds. Weed Pro Weed Block with have an average lifespan of three years and comes with pins to secure it in place.

Order forms will be due by March 18th, 2019 by 4:30pm. Orders can be picked up on April 3rd from 12:00pm-4:00pm and April

4th from 8:00am-12:00pm at the Black Swamp Nature Center, 753 Fairground Drive in Paulding. For more information stop in our office (900 Fairground Drive), call 419-399-4771, visit our website at www.pauldingswcd.org and look under "Tree/Fish Sales", or "Like Us" on Facebook at Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District. Included in this guide you will find helpful information that will aid in your selection of trees, shrubs, wildflower seed, and tree tubes/ bark protectors/ weed mats. At the end of this guide, you will find an order form to mark down your selections. Tree quantities are limited so be sure to get your order in to reserve your species!

BANKS MAKES STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS IN WASHINGTON OFFICE

As the 116th Congress began, Congressman Jim Banks (IN-03) made two staff announcements in his Washington office that serves Indiana's Third District.

David Keller has been promoted to Chief of Staff. Keller is a Fort Wayne native and served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Banks during the 115th Congress. Keller has worked on multiple Indiana political campaigns, served as campaign manager for Banks during his 2016 campaign and formerly served as an administrator at Abundant Life

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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

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

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

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF A FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT (FONSI) COMBINED NOTICE

The Paulding County Commissioners proposes to request that the State of Ohio release Federal funds under Section 104 (g) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; Section 288 of Title II of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as amended; and/or Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended; to be used for the following project(s):

Project Name: Village of Payne, Water Fac. Improvements

Source of Federal Funds: CDBG Allocation; B-F-18-1CF-1

Purpose: To improve the water distribution system in the southwest corridor of the village.

Locations: Carlyle and West Street

Estimated Cost of Project: \$53,600 (\$25,000 CDBG; B-F-18-1CF-1)

The Paulding County Commissioners have determined that the project(s) will have no significant impact on the environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended is not required.

The Paulding County Commissioners have prepared an Environmental Review Record (ERR) for each of the projects listed above. The ERR(s) documents the environmental review of the project(s). The ERR(s) is (are) on file and available for the public's examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays) at the above address. No further environmental review of the project(s) will be conducted prior to the request for release of Federal funds.

The Paulding County Commissioners plan to undertake the project(s) described above with the Federal funds cited above. Any interested person, agency, or group wishing to comment on the project or disagreeing with this Finding of No Significant Impact decision may submit written comments for consideration to the Henry County Commissioners at the above listed address by 5:00 p. m. on January 23, 2019 which is at least 15 days after the publication of this combined notice. A notice regarding the responsible entity's intent to request the release of funds is listed immediately below.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOI/RROF)

On or about, but not before, January 24, 2018, the Paulding County Commissioners will submit a request to the State of Ohio for the release of Federal funds under Section 104 (g) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; Section 288 of Title II of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as amended; and/or Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended; to be used for the project(s) listed above.

The Paulding County Commissioners certify to the State of Ohio that Tony Zartman, in his/her capacity as the Paulding County Commissioner, President, consents to accept the jurisdiction of Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied.

The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the Paulding County Commissioners may use the Federal funds, and the State of Ohio will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended.

The State of Ohio will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following grounds: (a) the certification was not, in fact, executed by the responsible entity's Certifying Officer; (b) the responsible entity has failed to make one of the two findings pursuant to Section 58.40 or to make the written determination required by section 58.35, 58.47, or 58.53 for the project, as applicable; (c) the responsible entity has omitted one or more of the steps set forth at subpart E of 24 CFR Part 58 for the preparation, publication, and completion of an Environmental Assessment; (d) the responsible entity has omitted one or more of the steps set forth at subparts F and G of 24 CFR Part 58 for the conduct, preparation, publication, and completion of an Environmental Impact Statement; (e) the recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification by the State; or (f) another federal agency, acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504, has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Written objections must meet the conditions and procedures set forth in subpart H of 24 CFR Part 58 and be addressed to: State of Ohio Development Services Agency; Office of Community Development; Environmental Officer; P. O. Box 1001; Columbus, Ohio 43216-1001.

Objections to the Release of Funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the State of Ohio. No objections received after February 11, 2019 (which is 15 days after it is anticipated that the State will receive a request for release of funds) will be considered by the State of Ohio.

NOTICE AND EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTION IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals:

The **Paulding County Commissioners** have conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain will have on the environment. The project being considered is the

Village of Payne, Water Facilities

Community Development Allocation

The Village is improving their water distribution system through the addition of a waterline in the southwest corridor of the village. 500 Linear feet of waterline will be installed from West Street to Carlyle Street

The Paulding County Commissioners has determined that approval of the project will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons:

1. The project will be underground and will not alter the aboveground area.
2. Alternatives to the project have been considered, and there are no practical alternatives to the proposed project.
3. The waterline will be located near areas already developed but will not encourage new development.

Village of Oakwood, Street Improvements

Critical Infrastructure

The Village will replace and/or install 5 catch basins and 40 l.f of Culvert on Thirds Street and 377 l.f of storm sewer on E. Harmon, 3 new catch basins on Celina Street, and 1 new catch basin on second street.

The Paulding County Commissioners has determined that approval of the project will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons:

1. The project consists of improvements to existing pavement and no new pavement will be installed.
2. Alternatives to the project have been considered, and there are no practical alternatives to the proposed project.
3. The project will not involve new development in the floodplain.

Any interested person, agency, or group wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments for consideration to the Paulding County Commissioners at the following address by 4:30 p. m. on January 15, 2019, which is at least 7 days after the publication of this notice. Please submit comments to: Marissa Lumbrezer, Planner Maumee Valley Planning Organization 419-784-3882

1300 E. Second Street, Suite 200, Defiance, Ohio 43512

Church in Fort Wayne. Keller will replace outgoing Chief of Staff Matt Lahr, who is leaving at the end of the week for a new position with the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

"Matt has been an invaluable partner to me over the past two years, and we wish him the best as he begins a new position in government service," said Banks. "No one knows northeast Indiana better than David Keller, and I am excited for him to bring his passion and talents to this important role. David is committed to serving Hoosiers with excellence, and I look forward to building on what we have accomplished during my first term in office."

Banks also announced that T.W. Arrighi has been hired as his Communications Director. Arrighi formerly worked for Representatives Mike Pompeo (R-Kan.) and Mimi Walters (R-Calif.).

NEW DIRECTOR TO LEAD PLANT PATHOLOGY AT OHIO STATE

The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) has appointed a professor with additional experience leading a local government as the new chair of the Department of Plant Pathology.

Along with an extensive academic career, Tom Mitchell, a professor of fungal biology and molecular genetics in the department, led and served on the board of trustees of Liberty Township in Delaware County, north of Ohio State's Columbus campus.

In that role, Mitchell served a population of nearly 20,000 residents, managed a budget of over \$11 million, oversaw 72 employees, and led negotiations on union contracts.

"The experiences I had as a township trustee are far different than any I would normally encounter as an academic," Mitchell said.

"They taught me valuable leadership lessons that I continually apply on campus."

Born and raised in Detroit, Mitchell received a bachelor's degree in plant science from Pennsylvania State University and a master's degree in plant pathology from Clemson University.

After earning a doctorate degree in plant pathology at North Carolina State University, he became the lead scientist there in the Center for Integrated Fungal Research. During that time, he published prolifically, wrote or co-wrote, and managed close to \$16 million in grants with over 20 direct reporting personnel.

Since arriving at Ohio State in 2007, he has been dedicated to top research, scholarship, and education. He has served in various leadership roles in academic affairs, curriculum, program development, and assessment.

"Tom brings extensive research and teaching experience in Plant Pathology and a well-rounded set of leadership experiences," said Cathann A. Kress, vice president for agricultural administration and dean of CFAES.

"He has deep commitment to his field, and his energy and enthusiasm will be an asset as he joins the CFAES Leadership Team."

Beginning Feb. 1, as the chair of the Department of Plant Pathology, Mitchell will lead a comprehensive and diverse departmental program of research, teaching, Ohio State University Extension, and international development. He will succeed Terry Niblack, who is now senior associate dean of CFAES.

"I am honored to be asked to serve the faculty, staff, and students of the Department of Plant Pathology," Mitchell said. "My goal is to capitalize on our strengths to advance our impact and relevance at Ohio State, the state of Ohio,

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LATTA HELPS PASS LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS MATERNAL MORTALITY

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) joined his colleagues in passing H.R. 1318, the Preventing Maternal Deaths Act, to address the high rate of maternal mortality in the United States. This bipartisan bill would establish a Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRCs) in each state to identify trends and risk factors, and develop recommendations for appropriate interventions to reduce maternal deaths in the future.

Latta recently questioned experts at an Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health hearing about the high maternal mortality rate in the U.S. and specifically women that live in rural areas with less access to hospital obstetric services. The witnesses testified that both "maternity care deserts" and the opioid crisis are issues that need to be

addressed.

"The loss of a young woman because of pregnancy or childbirth complications is heartbreaking," said Latta. "Tragically, the United States is the only developed country in the world where the maternal mortality rate is trending upwards. We need to understand why this is occurring and take action to find solutions. This legislation will help us better grasp why the maternal mortality rate is so high, what communities are most at risk, and what actions would be most effective to reversing this alarming trend."

The United States is ranked 47th globally for its maternal mortality rate, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has found that 60% of all maternal deaths are preventable. The CDC also found that the U.S. maternal mortality rate has increased from 7.2 deaths per 100,000 live births in 1999 to 18 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2014.

Sudoku solution

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

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

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

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SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

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

Plaintiff,

vs.

BRANT SAMUEL VERFAILLIE, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. Cl 16 083

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio

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Peter L. Mehler, Attorney for Plaintiff

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THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

COREY A. CARNAHAN, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. Cl 18 0132

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 31st day of January, 2019 at 10:00, the real estate located at:

7133 Road 165, Paulding, Ohio 45879

Parcel Number: 08-31S-022-01

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

Said premises appraised at Thirty-six Thousand and No/100 (\$36,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second sale will be held on the 14th day of February, 2019 at 10:00. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers

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Jacqueline M. Wirtz, Attorney for Plaintiff

NEW ADULT EDUCATION FIREFIGHTER TRAINING PROGRAM SLATED FOR FEBRUARY, 2019



Vantage Career Center launches a new Firefighter Training Program at the Ohio Technical Center. The program is slated to begin February, 2019. Courses being offered are Volunteer Fire, Firefighter 1, and Firefighter 1 Transition.

The job outlook for a firefighter is projected to continue to grow in both volunteer and full time positions, while current changing demographics will continue to expand the need for qualified firefighter personnel at all levels of education.

The goal of this program is to meet community needs, and to provide excellent training to aspiring fire and rescue personnel at a convenient, local training facility.

Vantage has been working with many local fire departments to bring this valuable and much needed training to the surrounding communities. Each department has offered advice, guidance, off-site training locations and

use of equipment for the program.

Van Wert Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic Brian Ankney will serve as the program Fire Training Coordinator, and provide instruction for the program, along with several other instructors. Ankney has 29 years of experience in firefighter training and 21 years in instruction.

The Firefighter Training Program is slated to begin February, 2019 and students are expected to complete training in May, 2019. Current registration has limited space left. The next class will begin in September, 2019.

For registration information, contact Brian Ankney, Fire Training Program Coordinator: 419-238-5411 ext. 2035.

AMERICAN LEGION SET TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL 1919-2019

American Legions across the country are making plans

for the Centennial celebration of the American Legion in 2019. All year, local Legions from Texas to Connecticut will be hosting parades and ceremonial dinners.

Locally, Jason Rue, the 1st Vice Commander of the Great 1st District of Ohio, states that the area has a couple of events scheduled this year for commemoration of this epic milestone. In March a centennial celebration is planned for the 1st District. The 1st District consists of the following counties: Williams, Defiance, Paulding, Putnam, Henry, Fulton, Hancock, Wood, Lucas and Ottawa. Mr. Rue is very excited to be a part of this organization. Look for upcoming events to be released in the near future and all year long until the National Convention in Indianapolis, IN in August 2019.

The 100th anniversary of The American Legion is not only an opportunity to look back on all the posts have achieved. It is also the perfect time to chart a course for the second century. New generations of veterans depend on the kind of vision shared and expressed by the World War I-era founders. That vision has proved timeless.

For more information, or if any veterans would like to find out how to be a part of the local American Legion Centennial Celebration festivities, please contact 1st Vice Commander, Jason Rue at jasonrue1974@gmail.com

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Thomas and Alicia Logan welcomed baby girl, Destiny Louise, on December 30, 2018. She weighed 5 lbs 14 oz and was 17 inches long.

Destiny has 3 siblings Bianca D., TJ and Lakota. Grandparents are George & Darla Winnie, Cecil, OH; ShaRon & John Logan, Trenton, IL; Randy & Deb Grimes, Paulding, OH and John & Tina Hosier, Bowling Green, MO. Great grandparents are Arlene Leatherman, Defiance, OH and Louise Grimes, Oakwood, OH.

FATAL CRASH CLAIMS THE LIFE OF A COLUMBUS WOMAN

The Lima Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a two vehicle fatal crash which occurred on State Route 309 at Thayer Road, east of Lima.

On January 3rd, at approximately 5:20 a.m., a 2001 Ford Escape, driven by Tashonda Ward, 23, of Co-

lumbus, was southbound on Thayer Road and stopped at a stop sign at State Route 309. When attempting to cross State Route 309, Ms. Ward failed to yield to a 2004 Ford F-250 pickup truck, driven by Mark J. Oberly, 58, of Harrod. After impact, the F-250 overturned and came to rest in a field. The Escape travelled off the road and came to rest in a field.

A passenger in the Escape, two year old Christian Cabrera-Clark, was not properly restrained in a child safety seat and was ejected at impact. He was transported to Lima Memorial Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. Mr. Oberly was transported to Lima Memorial Hospital for non-life threatening injuries. Ms. Ward was pronounced dead at the scene by the Allen County Coroner's Office.

Alcohol/drug impairment is not suspected to be a factor in the crash. Mr. Oberly and Ms. Ward were both wearing seat belts.

State Route 309 was closed for approximately two hours, but has since reopened and the scene has been cleared.

The Lima Post was assisted on scene by the Allen County Coroner's Office, Bath Township Fire and EMS, Lafayette Township Fire Department, Perry Township Fire and EMS, Kinstle's Towing, and Minnich's Towing.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol reminds motorists to not drive distracted or impaired, and always ensure all

EMERLING RECEIVES CHECK FOR ART CONTEST



SYNERGY Learning Center student; Hunter Emerling (Thanksgiving) is shown accepting a \$25 check from a local Thanksgiving art contest. Presenting the check is Hunter's teacher; Ms. Michele Bird. Congrats Hunter!!!

occupants of a motor vehicle wear properly adjusted seat belts.

FRIENDS OF THE PAULDING COUNTY PARKS MEETING

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