

WARRIORS DROP PAIR OF GAMES TO PRAIRIE HEIGHTS, HERITAGE



Junior Benjamin Reidy drives in to the basket at Woodlan's home court against Prairie Heights. More pictures at westbendnews.net

WOODBURN - After falling behind by six entering the fourth quarter, Woodlan put forth a valiant effort but came up short to fall 63-61 to Prairie Heights in boys basketball action last week.

The Warriors then played their second game of the week on Friday where Woodlan dropped a 56-39 decision at Heritage.

Against the Panthers, the Warriors fell behind 19-10 at the end of one period but trimmed the deficit to 28-27

at the midway point. Prairie Heights then opened the lead back to 48-42 at the end of three quarters.

Mitch Mendenhall paced the way for the Warriors with 18 points while Joe Reidy chipped in 16 for Woodlan.

Aiden Bayman, Trevor Wiedenhoft and Ben Reidy all chipped in nine markers each for the Warriors, who are now 3-12 on the season.

Elijah Malone and Mike Perkins led the way for the Panthers with 20 and 17 points, respectively.

Brandon Christlieb chipped in 11 followed by Ethan Hoover and Layne Bachelor with five each. Garrett Culler posted three markers while Denick picked up a basket for Prairie Heights, which improves to 9-4.

At Monroeville, the host Patriots broke open a close game by outscoring Woodlan 19-2 in the third quarter to

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PAULDING COUNTY PARKS BOARD MEET FOR ANNUAL MEETING



The Parks Board met on January 15.

The big project this year will be at 5-Span near Junction with a new dock being put in and the area cleaned up.

Steve Sprow talked about Rochester Park. He would like to see the entrances changed at the New Rochester Park. He would like to see steps down to the river, but the state has said they don't see the need. He is working to get back on this with Senator Rob Portman.

Glenn Troth talked about the 16 or 17 miles of canal loch areas. These are in Paulding County and he wants to develop a plan that is more than just mark the

trails. A few people do not know what is going on with these parks. Troth stated that most don't quite know what is the parks and what is neighboring property. Two or three hundred thousand dollars would certainly help be able to make signage, maps and setting up camp sites that would be a tremendous boon to the county for people who want to camp here and use the facilities that are available. Troth also stated that the County Commissioners have been incredible with helping in this endeavor. President William McKinley was a boat man on the canal according to Troth's history reading. It's clear that more can be done.

Lori Manon said that our

small area played a huge part in setting up northwest Ohio. She is afraid that as generations come and go, land and history will be lost and what happened. She wanted everyone to be aware that New Rochester was actually the county seat at one time. Now it is a fantastic place that can be used by the public.

Linda Hodges, Treasurer, read off the names of the officers. The people were in favor of keeping the existing officers. Officers are Lori Manon, President; Linda Hodges, Treasurer; Pam Boatright, Vice President; and Judy Copsey, Secretary.

Hodges said that on April

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2019 JOURNAL GAZETTE PAULDING COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Ashley Shepherd, Director of Gifted Services for Western Buckeye ESC, announces that the 2019 Journal Gazette Paulding County Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the WT Payne Elementary Auditorium. This event is free and open to the public.

Ten contestants representing Paulding County schools, grades 4-8, will compete for the honor of representing the

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OPTIMIST CLUB SPONSORS CONTESTS FOR STUDENTS

The Optimist Club of Van Wert invites area students to enter its annual Essay and Oratorical contests, for the opportunity to win prize money and the possibility of earning thousands of dollars in scholarships.

ESSAY CONTEST

The Optimist Club Essay Contest encourages students to write about the topic, When All the World's Problems are Solved, is Optimism Still Necessary? Optimist Club members will judge students' essays and determine the winners of medallions and cash awards of \$300 for first-place, \$150 for second-place, and \$50 for third-place. Winners of the local contest advance to the district contest to compete for a \$2,500 college scholarship.

Essay contest applications are available now at Crestview, Lincolnview, and Van Wert middle and high

schools, or may be obtained by contacting Diana Cearns at 419-238-1463. Deadline for entries is February 15. Applications and essays will be picked up from each school on this date. Home school students may mail completed essays to the address listed on the application by Feb. 15.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

The Optimist Club Oratorical Contest is set for Mar. 3, 2 p.m. at Community Health Professionals, 1159 Westwood Dr., Van Wert. Students are asked to craft a four-to-five-minute speech addressing the topic, Is There a Fine Line between Optimism and Reality? Parents and immediate family are welcome to attend the contest and Optimist Club members will judge each speech.

Winners will receive medallions and cash awards of \$300 for first-place, \$200 for second-place, and \$100 for third place. The top two local contestants will advance to

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Community Calendar

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

January 24

- Adult Brunch & Bingo @ Oakwood Library, 11:30am
- Accessorize @ Paulding Library, 6pm

January 25

- Antwerp Athletic Boosters LAS VEGAS drawing @ Hicksville Varsity BB game

January 26

- Old Fort in Winter @ Historic Fort Wayne, 10a-5p
- Food Give-Away @ Cecil Comm. Church, 1-3pm
- Step Into Your Future @ Vantage, 8:30a-12:30p

January 27

- Grill out - eat @ Cecil Comm. Church, 5pm, Music @ 6pm

January 30

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

February 5

- PC Spelling Bee @ Payne Elem., 7pm

February 6

- Tribute to Our Troops @ Huber, Hicksville, 6:30pm

February 9

- Valentines Square Dance @ St. Michael's Gym, Hicksville, 6:30pm
- Gun Show @ Paulding Fish & Game Club, 8a-3p

February 16

- PCHF Valentines Party @ Paulding Eagles, doors open @ 4:30pm, Dinner 5-9p

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OBITUARIES

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ANNA LEAMAN, 86 of Antwerp, Ohio, died Sunday, January 13, 2019. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp

REP. JIM BANKS INTRODUCES BILL TO LOWER HOSPITAL COSTS

Congressman Jim Banks (R-IN) introduced the Hospital Competition Act of 2019. This bill aims to freeze the practice of hospital consolidation in which large companies buy smaller hospitals and then raise their prices for higher profit.

Said Rep. Banks, "Americans are justifiably concerned about the staggering cost of health care. While northeast Indiana is blessed to have a competitive hospital system with high-quality care, many parts of the country are not so fortunate. We must take every opportunity available to us to lower health care costs for all Americans. My bill would do just that through common-sense reforms that introduce greater market competition in the hospital sector."

In 2017, Americans spent more than \$1 trillion on hospital services. That number is expected to approach \$2 trillion by 2026. The Hospital Competition Act would reduce these costs by:

Authorizing a 400 percent increase in Federal Trade Commission (FTC) staff dedicated to ensuring that hospital mergers do not restrict competition and raise prices;

Reducing the incentive for future consolidation by requiring hospitals in highly concentrated regions to accept Medicare reimbursement rates from commercial payers as a condition for participation in the Medicare program,

This provision would not apply to hospitals with less than 15% market share;

Repealing the ban on construction of new physician owned hospitals;

Providing grants to states that implement free market reforms to increase hospital competition;

Reducing cost of outpatient care by equalizing reimbursement rates for hospital outpatient departments and independent physician practices;

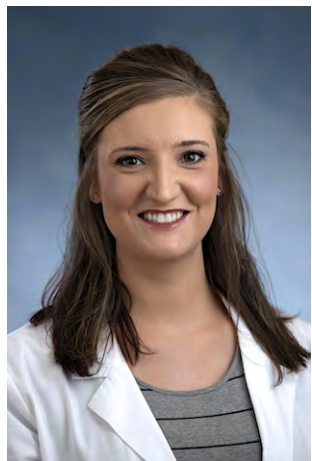
Removing incentives to form Accountable Care Organizations that contribute to consolidated care; and,

Requiring hospitals to publish the cost of their most 100 common services.

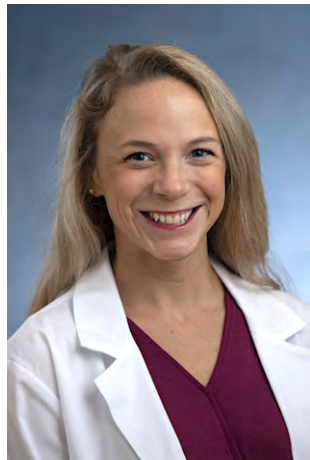
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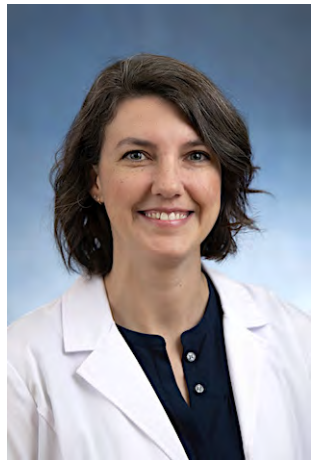
Ashish Sharma, MD



Jodi Grover, FNP-C



Delaney Harkelroad, NP-C



Sara Westfall, PA

Lutheran Health Physicians continues to make significant enhancements to its practice of advanced endoscopy. Delivery of this specialized care is being bolstered by the addition of Ashish Sharma, MD, who joins Douglas Weissman, MD, as recent additions to the LHP GI/Endoscopy team. As a result, area patients now have access to endoscopic services that are among the most advanced available today. They include a bile duct disorder treatment commonly referred to as ERCP, which stands for endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography, and endoscopic ultrasound, or EUS. These techniques expand

LHP's ability to diagnose and manage complex diseases of the liver, biliary tract, and pancreas.

Dr. Sharma has also trained in advanced endoscopic surgery and brings world-class expertise to northeastern Indiana. He and three other new providers are now practicing medicine with LHP.

Ashish Sharma, MD, is a fellowship-trained gastroenterologist who treats patients with digestive disorders that can have a drastic effect on quality of life. His area of expertise is in advanced endoscopy and treatment of early cancers of the digestive track.

Dr. Sharma is skilled in

performing advanced endoscopic procedures such as endoscopic ultrasound, a minimally invasive procedure to assess digestive and lung diseases; bile duct disorder treatment; and removal of early tumors of the digestive track through endoscopic submucosal dissection.

Before joining LHP, Dr. Sharma served on the faculty of Harvard Medical School, and more recently, established a center of excellence in advanced endoscopy at Kaiser Permanente Medical Group in Sacramento, California.

Dr. Sharma earned his medical degree from Osmania Medical College in Hyderabad, India. In 1999, he completed an internal medicine residency at Saint Vincent Hospital in Worcester, Massachusetts. He completed his general gastroenterology fellowship at University of Massachusetts, followed by an advanced endoscopy fellowship at the University of California, Irvine. More recently, he completed an advanced endoscopy and microsurgical fellowship in Tokyo with professor Haru Inoue, a world-renowned surgeon and pioneer in advanced endoscopy and surgery.

He is among a handful of American gastroenterologists trained in Japan in peroral endoscopic myotomy and endoscopic submucosal dissection. He was also a visiting fellow at the prestigious National Cancer Center in Tokyo.

Dr. Sharma is board certified in gastroenterology and is a member of the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. His office is located in Suite 201 of Medical Office Building One, 7900 W. Jefferson Blvd., on the Lutheran Hospital campus.

Jodi Grover, FNP-C, and Delaney Kaiser, FNP-C, are urgent care nurse practi-

tioners with RediMed, treating patients with ailments including cold and flu, sprains, headaches, abdominal pain, cuts and rashes.

Grover previously worked in Fort Wayne as an orthopedic nurse, where she provided care to patients recovering from joint replacement or spinal surgery. She also has experience working in a surgical trauma intensive care unit, a fast-paced environment where care is provided to patients with critical and life-threatening injuries.

Grover graduated from the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne, earning both a bachelor's degree in nursing in 2012 and a master's degree in nursing in 2018. A member of the Coalition of Advanced Practice Nurses of Indiana and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, Grover possess clinical experience in advanced health assessment, adult care, pediatrics and women's health.

Grover is dedicated to community service and has volunteered for multiple causes including the Muscular Dystrophy Camp at Bradford Woods in Martinsville, Indiana, the Bereavement Camp in Maria Stein, Ohio, and the HandiCapable Camp at Bradford Woods.

Prior to joining RediMed as a nurse practitioner, Kaiser worked at Lutheran Hospital as a registered nurse beginning in 2014. During her time at Lutheran, she provided care in the labor and delivery unit and the cardiovascular ICU, where she supported patients with complex

diagnoses and comorbidities. Kaiser earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana, in 2014, and a master's degree in nursing, family nurse practitioner, from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, in 2018. She is a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Sara Westfall, PA-C, recently joined the advanced heart failure team of Lutheran Health Physicians after serving as a physician assistant at Lutheran Hospital since 2016. Westfall provides care for patients with advanced heart failure including those who qualify for ventricular assist devices and cardiac transplants.

Westfall previously served as a physician assistant who provided inpatient care in a level one trauma setting. She has also worked as a patient care technician in medical surgical intensive care and progressive care units.

A 2006 graduate of Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, where she garnered a bachelor's degree in biology, Westfall went on to earn a master's degree in physician assistant studies from the University of Saint Francis in 2016.

Westfall is a member of the Indiana Academy of Physician Assistants and has actively participated in community service with the Boys and Girls Club of Fort Wayne and Matthew 25. Her office is located in Suite 102 of Medical Office Building Two, 7910 W. Jefferson Blvd., on the Lutheran Hospital campus.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life."

—Galatians 6:7-8

ANNOUNCING THE SOUND OF MUSIC EARLY TICKET RELEASE AT NISWONGER

Good things just keep coming from the Niswonger. Releasing nearly a month ahead of schedule is The Sound of Music Saturday, May 4 with two family friendly show-times 2PM & 7:30PM, presented by Jim & Mary Pope.

Along with Presenting Sponsors, Jim & Mary Pope, the Niswonger invites families to experience Rodgers and Hammerstein's The Sound Of Music based upon the book by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse. The beloved musical story of Maria and the Von Trapp Family will once again thrill audiences with its Tony, Grammy

and Academy Award-winning Best Score, including "My Favorite Things," "Edelweiss" and the title song, "The Sound Of Music."

THE SOUND OF MUSIC enjoyed extraordinary success as a live television production when "The Sound of Music Live!" aired on NBC in December, 2013 and was seen by over 44 million people. 2015 marked the 50th anniversary of the film version, which continues to be the most successful movie musical in history.

Ted Chapin, President of the Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization, says: "I waited for a moment when we could rediscover THE SOUND OF MUSIC as it was originally created. Because of the enormous success of the film, few were aware that it started life as a hit Broadway show—and a very big hit at that! The artists behind this production embraced what the authors wrote, looked at it all through modern eyes and, in so doing, found depth and resonance that has been recognized by critics and audiences across the country. It's like visiting an old friend but finding yourself surprised as well. It's also a reminder of why this show is such an evergreen."

Supporting Sponsors for The Sound of Music include Belna Petroleum, Jeffrey-Mohr Family Dentistry, Van Wert Manor, and NPAC Family Sponsor, The Robide-

au Family. Season Sponsors include Chuck & Karen Koch, StateWide Ford Lincoln, and Van Wert Federal Savings Bank.

For information: Mon - Fri, 10AM - 5PM at 419-238-6722 and online at NPACVW.ORG.

The Niswonger Performing Arts Center is located at 10700 SR 118 S, Van Wert, Ohio.

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE PLAYERS ANNUAL MEETING

The Hicksville Village Players held their Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet at St. Michael's Catholic Church on Sunday, January 13, 2019. There was a wonderful turnout to share a mouth-watering potluck dinner provided by the Village Players and all the members who attended.

After the dinner, the members voted on awards for the 2018 season. The Village Players did four productions this last year: "The Hobbit", "The Monster Within", "Thicker Than Blood", and "A Christmas Story". Following is a list of the winners for 2018:

Best Lead Actor — (Tie) Keith Robinson (Monster Within) & Deano Smalley (Thicker Than Blood)

Best Lead Actress — (Tie) Joda Freese (The Hobbit) & Mercedes Moncivais (Thicker Than Blood)

Best Supporting Actor —

Richard Hall (The Hobbit)
 Best Supporting Actress — Anna Smalley (Monster Within)
 Best Male Cameo — James Greer (The Hobbit)
 Best Female Cameo — Ava Fleehearty (Monster Within)
 Best Newcomer — Merrick Beckler (The Hobbit)
 Best Male Crew — (Tie) Keith Robinson (The Hob-

bit) & James Greer (Monster Within)
 Best Female Crew — Ava Fleehearty (The Hobbit)
 Best Mascot — Smaug the Dragon (The Hobbit)
 Best Set — The Hobbit
 Best Costuming — The Hobbit
 Best Tech — The Hobbit
 Best Show — The Hobbit
 Best Producer — Grant/

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OHIO STATE RESEARCHER CREATES INNOVATIVE MEDICAL GLOVES



An Ohio State University researcher and her team have created the first medical glove that can block radiation while meeting federal guidelines and not triggering allergic reactions.

This glove also will eliminate the need for medical professionals working with radiation to double-glove to follow the federal requirement that they protect against both bloodborne pathogens and radiation.

“Wearing two different gloves on each hand is like doing surgery in boxing gloves,” said Katrina Cornish, an Ohio Research Scholar and holder of the Emergent Materials at the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

The awkwardness of wearing two different gloves leads some medical professionals to use only one set of gloves.

“Then they’re putting themselves at risk,” Cornish said.

The Radiation Attenuation (RA) medical glove Cornish and her team developed uses rubber from guayule, a shrub native to the southwestern United States and northern Mexico. While there are already several types of RA gloves currently on the mar-

ket, the glove that Cornish and her team have created uses guayule natural rubber, which does not cause allergic reactions, according to extensive testing by Cornish and her team.

This is significant because medical professionals typically prefer gloves made from natural rubber because they are stronger, provide better protection against pathogens, and cause less hand fatigue. RA gloves are required for medical professionals performing procedures such as X-rays or radiation treatment of a tumor.

Besides the glove Cornish and her team developed, the other RA medical glove that protects against both radiation and bloodborne pathogens is produced by a company in Italy. But that glove is made from Hevea rubber, which contains proteins that can cause allergic reactions, Cornish said.

Historically, natural rubber gloves have been problematic for people with latex allergies. A Type 4 latex allergy, the more common type, can cause a rash and skin cracking, while a Type 1 latex allergy can be life-threatening.

Gloves made from synthetic rubber typically don’t

cause allergic reactions, but are thicker, less stretchy, and do not offer as much protection against diseases, Cornish said.

“With our glove, you can get all the properties in one glove, and no allergies,” she said.

Besides not causing allergic reactions, the advantages of guayule rubber are that it’s soft, stretchy, and strong.

Using the rubber from guayule, Cornish and her team were able to produce a glove thick enough to block radiation and strong enough to block pathogens, yet thin enough to be flexible and stretchy, making it easy for professionals to work with precision while wearing them.

“You could make the glove 2 inches thick and you would meet the (required federal) specifications, but you can’t move your hand while wearing them,” she said.

As an added benefit, guayule is grown in the United States, while the bulk of the rubber currently used nationwide is imported from Asia.

The glove was developed in partnership with EnergyEne Inc., a Wooster-based startup led by Cornish.

“This is going to be enormously helpful for medical professionals because they’ll only have to wear one set of gloves and they won’t have to worry about getting allergies,” Cornish said.

Cornish will be pursuing Food and Drug Administration approval of the glove, then a licensing agreement to commercialize it. It likely will be on the market within two years, she said.

Along with making medical gloves, Cornish and her research team are creating other rubber products from guayule, including condoms and weather balloons. They also are working on products that can be made from the rubber in a specific kind of dandelion, a cousin of the common garden dandelion.

PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC CO-OP ENLISTS COMMUNITY HELP TO SAVE 1,000 LIVES IN 2019



Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative has a very serious mission: To save 1,000 lives in 2019. And the co-op is enlisting its members’ help throughout the communities it serves — both in Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio — to do this through blood donations.

“One blood donation can save up to three lives,” said Marketing and Economic Development Manager Erika Willitzer. “Most people don’t realize how big of an impact just one hour of their day can have when they make an appointment to donate blood. It could be the most important appointment they ever make!”

PPEC is hosting a blood

tential for development. These projects will help solve those challenges.”

The program requires local governments to provide only 20 percent of funding for land acquisition and construction, with the state providing the other 80 percent. INDOT will fund and manage design and environmental work, as well as provide project management through design delivery, contract letting, construction and inspection.

“Improving high-traffic rail crossings makes our communities safer, creates opportunities for economic development and boosts quality of life,” INDOT Commissioner Joe McGuinness said. “Through the Local Trax program, community leaders, the state and railroad companies come together as financial partners to improve aging railroad infrastructure throughout Indiana.”

Beyond funds provided by the state and local communities, Norfolk Southern Railway, CSX Transportation and Canadian National are investing a combined nearly \$10 million to deliver these local projects.

PRINTING NOT AS EASY AS CTRL+P IN ARTLINK’S 39TH NATIONAL PRINT EXHIBITION

For 39 years, Artlink has showcased the best in contemporary printmedia from around the nation. Although printing for most of us is often as immediate as Ctrl+P, the tradition of hand-pulled prints continues on today. Artlink’s 39th National Print Exhibition seeks to highlight this tradi-

(three), Jack Stuckey (three) and Konner Norman (two) also scored for the Warriors.

Parker Tracey scored a dozen points to lead the way for the Patriots while Cameron Mitchell and Alec Burton both posted 11.

Jaydon Harris and Walter Knapke added nine and eight markers, respectively. Jaylen Holliness-Bell (four) and Nik Smith (one) picked up the remaining points for the Patriots, who improve to 11-2.

drive on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2019, from noon to 6 p.m. at its office: 401 McDonald Pike, Paulding, Ohio 45879. Walk-ins are accepted, but it’s preferred donors make an appointment by signing up for a time slot at www.PPEC.coop/save-1000-lives. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

To meet this ambitious 2019 goal, PPEC needs at least 334 blood donations. But the co-op can’t do it alone — the entire community’s help is needed.

Watch PPEC’s website and social media channels for area blood drives. If you’re interested in setting up or hosting a drive, please reach out to ewillitzer@ppec.coop or call 419-399-1868. The co-op is more than happy to partner with interested groups and help organize blood drives.

“Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood,” states the American Red Cross website. “Blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, children, and those battling cancer.”

A blog post from the American Red Cross explains that many people are nervous about donating blood, but after their first donation say

they are sorry they waited so long.

“If you’re nervous about donating blood, don’t let that stop you from trying,” Willitzer said. “It’s a momentary discomfort for the donor that can provide a lifetime of difference for the patient.”

Donors are encouraged to download the Red Cross mobile app and start Rapid Pass online the day of their appointment to expedite the health history process, cutting total donation time down to a half-hour.

To learn about the blood donation process or commonly asked questions, visit www.redcrossblood.org. To learn more about PPEC’s campaign and to see blood drives in your area, visit www.PPEC.coop/save-1000-lives and follow Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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tional, laborious, and oftentimes tedious, art form.

This juried exhibition features contemporary printmakers across the nation working in all printmaking mediums, including intaglio, lithographs, relief, screenprints, mono-prints, letterpress, artist books, digital prints and print installations. In recent years, the gallery has received over 300 entries for the show, resulting in a unique exhibition each year highlighting traditional techniques and new experimental works.

Artlink selects a juror familiar with printmaking to select the work for the exhibition. This year, the juror will be Monika Meler, printmaker and the Director of Graduate Studies in Art at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She earned her B.F.A. from the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design and an MFA from the Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia.

Monika has completed residencies at Zygote Press, Center for Contemporary Printmaking, Frans Masereel Center, Cork Printmakers, and Women’s Studio Workshop. Solo Exhibits include The Color of Distance and Desire at the Western Colorado Center

for the Arts, The Center That Cannot Hold at FrontierSpace in Montana, and The Distance Between at the Limerick Printmakers Gallery in Ireland.

For more information on upcoming exhibitions, please contact Maddie Miller at maddison@artlinkfw.com or 260-424-7195.

Exhibition Dates: March 29 - May 3, 2019

Opening Reception: Friday, March 29, 5-8 p.m.

Gallery Hours: Tuesday 12-7 p.m., Sunday 12-4 p.m.

Artlink is the center for emerging contemporary art in Northeast Indiana. Free and open to the public, Artlink provides meaningful visual arts experiences to all and encourages conversation about the issues of today.

Artlink was founded in 1978 by a group of art enthusiasts, patrons and artists to promote awareness of emerging artists and art forms. Artlink is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Our mission is to invest in opportunities for diverse visual artists and engage the regional community. The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12-7 p.m. and Sunday 12-4 p.m.

Deano Smalley (The Hobbit) Best Director — Hebon/Grant Smalley (The Hobbit) Thespian Award (for those who have gone above and beyond) — (Tie) Richard Hall & Dawn Patterson

After the awards were announced, the group elected three new members to the Board. The new members are: Jamy Shaffer, James Greer, and Cole Patterson. We would like to especially thank Melody Stevenson, who is leaving the Board, for her service to the Board. The Board then elected, from its members, officers for 2018. The new Board is as follows:

President — Mercedes Moncivais
Vice-President — Peter Greer
Secretary — Brandy Patterson
Treasurer — Dawn Patterson
Members-at-large — Carol Clark, Dick Hall, Keith Robinson, Jamy Shaffer, James Greer, Cole Patterson

The Board and members of the Village Players would like to recognize everyone for the support they received in 2018 and are looking forward to seeing everyone at our productions for 2019. We will have four productions this year: “Harvey”, directed by Peter Greer, in March; “Murder on the Orient Express”, directed by Dawn/Brandy Patterson, in June; “The Foreigner”, directed by Keith Robinson, in September; and “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever”, directed by Mercedes Moncivais, in December. Please check out our Facebook page under “Hicksville Village Players” or this newspaper for updates on our upcoming productions. Come join the fun!!!

GOV. HOLCOMB/INDOT AWARD MILLIONS FOR RAIL CROSSING SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Governor Eric J. Holcomb, Indiana Department of Trans-

portation Commissioner Joe McGuinness, railroad industry leaders and local officials gathered today in Gary to announce the awarding of more than \$121 million in one-time, state matching funds for rail crossing safety improvements through INDOT’s Local Trax matching grant. Launched earlier this year, Local Trax provides funds for Indiana cities, towns and counties to competitively pursue high-priority railroad grade separations, crossing closures and other safety enhancements at railroad intersections with local roads.

“Through the Next Level Roads plan and with the support of the General Assembly, we’re making historic improvements to Indiana’s infrastructure from the first mile to the last mile,” Gov. Holcomb said. “Local Trax funding is targeted toward the highest priority rail crossings where accidents have been frequent, chronic congestion has frustrated drivers and rail crossings have limited po-

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pull away for a 56-39 victory. The two teams were tied at 13-13 at the end of one quarter before the Warriors grabbed a slim 24-23 halftime advantage. However, quarter number three was all Heritage as the Patriots took a 42-26 lead into the fourth quarter.

Joe Reidy had 17 points to top the Warriors with Mendenhall and Wiedenhoft adding five each.

Bayman (four), Ben Reidy

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- FINDLAY, OH - Outdoor enthusiasts interested in learning to prepare and can white-tailed deer meat are encouraged to attend a free informational seminar on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019** according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).
- The seminar will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Antwerp Conservation Club, located at 17814 Road 53, Antwerp 45815.
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Sinful Judging Read Matthew 7:1-5.

18. One who judges others must expect: a) to be hated; b) to be judged himself/herself; c) to be saved.

19. T/F. One who is harsh in judging another can expect harsh judgment for himself.

20. Hypocritical judging is compared to a man trying to get a mote (speck) out of another person's eye when in his own eye he has: a) a splinter; b) an insect; c) a beam (log, plank).

21. T/F. Before trying to correct the wrong in another person's life one should correct the sin in his own life.

In John 7:24 Jesus said, "Judge not according to the appearance, but [judge righteous judgment]." His warning against judging does not mean that sin should not be condemned, nor that we should not rebuke those who are doing wrong. What is forbidden is condemning others while being guilty ourselves. It is not our place to go through life looking for things we can criticize. One should always be compassionate in his thoughts about others. But on the other hand, we cannot approve practices that the Bible shows to be sinful

How To Be Great Read Mark 10:35-45.

22. Who were the brothers who asked for a special position? a) James & John; b) Peter & Andrew; c) Thomas & Matthew.

23. What they requested was to: a) have crowns; b) go to heaven; c) be on his right and left.

24. What was the reaction of the other disciples? a) unconcerned; b) pleased; c) displeased.

25. Jesus said that among the Gentiles (heathen nations) persons who are called great: a) have authority over others; b) are paid well; c) are really servants.

26. Among Jesus' followers the one who is truly great is: a) the one who ministers (serves); b) priests and pastors; c) children.

27. T/F. Christ's example is that he did not come to be ministered unto (served), but to serve.

28. The supreme proof that Jesus came to serve is in the fact that he also came to give his life to be: a) a ransom for a few; b) a ransom for many; c) no one.

ANSWERS: 18. B; 19. T; 20. C; 21. T; 22. A; 23. C; 24. C; 25. A; 26. A; 27. T; 28. B.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,
Should Christians allow themselves to be hypnotized?

Even so-called scientific and medical hypnotists are spiritually dangerous.

Hypnosis has been used for centuries by witch doctors, spirit mediums, Hindus and others. There is no agreed-upon scientific explanation as to what hypnosis is.

God wants us to turn to Him with our needs. Philipians 4:6-7 - "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." II Corinthians 10:5 - "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." We are not to turn to enchanters, sorcerers, and those with spirits of divination, which are called abominations in Deuteronomy 18:10-11 - "There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or is daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer." Don't submit yourself to the power of darkness.

I remember attending a pastors' meeting years ago where they had a guest speaker. He had been a medical hypnotist. He trusted Christ and began to study what the Bible said in many portions concerning occultist practices. As he compared them to his training and practice, he became convicted and gave up his lucrative career. He gave himself to admonishing pastors to warn their people to steer clear of hypnotism.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

FROM DOLLS TO "TECH"

By: Doris Applegate

Many of us remember the song "Hello Dolly" or "Dolly", the cloned sheep or perhaps using a dolly to move something around. I had some friends named Dolly and of course when I was a child I played with dolls pretending to be a "mommy".

Now I'm wondering if little girls even know what dolls are. With "woman's lib" and the move to get rid of motherhood from our culture and children holding "smart" phones instead of dolls, perhaps girls will not understand how to be a good mother when the time comes.

The "web" and the "net" of our "tech" society is surely a trap and a snare that is pulling our youth into a bottomless pit. As parents, we need to see the danger surrounding our children and start to "guide them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). How sad it is that precious, innocent children are allowed to hold in their hands a device that allows them to see perverse and evil images that block their minds

DONATION GIVEN TO HELP CHILDREN IN PAULDING COUNTY



Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Treasurer, Melinda Walters, presented a \$250 check from the Mt. Calvary congregation to Jennifer Ramsier with Christmas for Kids. The money will be used to help in purchasing coats for children throughout the Paulding County area.

from the pure and good.

Many folks think that their children aren't exposed to the "bad" stuff but wake up! It is available to their peers and others. This is a spiritual battle for the very souls of our youth. Satan comes to "steal, kill and destroy" (John 10:10) and this is one of his greatest tools ever invented.

Children are a blessing and gift from God and need our loving care, guidance and Godly training. Only a "great awaking" from our apathy and careless unconcern will these little lives be rescued. Only God is able to bring sanity, restoration and healing to our minds and our children.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of WISDOM and all who live it will have insight" (Psalm 111:10). We need to "cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Corinthians 7:1). Our decision about this matter will affect our eternal state and is of the utmost important.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION DISCUSSED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

How to respond to illegal immigration will be explored at Lifetree Café on Wednesday, January 23 from 6:30-7:30pm.

The program, titled "Kids Without a Country: An Illegal Immigrant's Story," features the filmed story of Reyna Grande, who crossed the border with her family illegally when she was 9 years old.

The Lifetree program explores the challenges facing immigration reform, including issues surrounding children of illegal immigrants.

Grande, now a teacher and author, describes the border crossing and her subsequent life as an undocumented alien. She's the author of The Distance Between Us.

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

COOPER FARMS DONATES NEARLY 210,000 POUNDS OF PROTEIN IN 2018

In 2018, Cooper Farms donated nearly 210,000 pounds of meat, helping to fulfill a need for protein at area foodbanks.

The products, a variety of cooked, ready-to-cook and canned meat items, were donated to not only foodbanks, but also for area events and organizations.

"It is important to us that we make sure to give back to the communities where we do business," said Gary Cooper, COO. "We wouldn't be here if it weren't for the people who live here and all of our dedicated team members. Our dad taught us the importance of community many years ago, and that's a lesson we will never forget."

Many of the donations provided were for benefits or fundraising events being held in the community. Since meat is the most expensive part of a meal, the donation allows the organizations to eliminate a big expense and raise more money for their cause.

"We give financially through our Cooper Family Foundation, but as a meat company we can also provide food for events, organizations and community members. It is great to be a position where we can do this," said Cooper.

Some of the top recipients of donations included the West Ohio Foodbank, receiving more than 62,000 pounds, the CALL Food Pantry, receiving over 28,000 pounds and the Warrior Food Project, receiving nearly 20,000 pounds of donated protein. Defiance area churches received more than 13,000 pounds of meat in 2018. About Cooper Farms:

Growing healthy live turkeys, chicken egg layers and hogs and producing quality food products has been a tradition for the Cooper family of northwest Ohio for three generations. Founded in 1938 by Virgil and Virginia Cooper, Cooper Farms is still family owned and operated. Today, with the help of our team members, Cooper Farms is a leading food supplier, selling a variety of delicious fully cooked and ready-to-cook turkey, ham and chicken products to customers throughout North America. Visit www.cooperfarms.com or www.facebook.com/cooperfarms for more information.

PAMELA S. CLARK NAMED FINALIST IN 2019 STEVIE® AWARDS FOR SALES & CUSTOMER SERVICE

New Heights Educational Group (NHEG) Founder and Director, Pamela S. Clark, was named a Finalist in the 2019 Stevie® Awards for Sales & Customer Service

Category: Business Development Executive of the Year

Status: Finalist category in the 13th annual Stevie® Awards for Sales & Customer Service and will ultimately be a Gold, Silver or Bronze Stevie Award winner in the program.

<https://stevieawards.com/sales/2019-stevie%C2%AE-award-winners>

The awards are presented by the Stevie Awards, which organizes several of the world's leading business awards shows including the prestigious International Business Awards® and the Stevie Awards for Great Employers.

The Gold, Silver and Bronze Stevie placements from among the Finalists will be revealed during a gala banquet on Friday, February 22, at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada. More than 600 professionals from across the globe are expected to attend.

More than 2,700 nominations from organizations of all sizes and in virtually every industry, in 45 nations, were evaluated in this year's competition. Finalists were determined by the average scores of more than 150 professionals worldwide who worked in seven specialized judging committees. Entries were considered in 93 categories for customer service and contact center achievements, including Contact Center of the Year, Award for Innovation in Customer Service and Customer Service Department of the Year. Sixty categories were considered for sales and business development achievements, ranging from Senior Sales Executive of the Year to Sales Training or Business Development Executive of the Year to Sales Department of the Year. The rest of the categories recognized new products and services, and solution providers.

The New Heights Educational Group continues to grow its online and offline presence. In the last year, it's doubled its internet radio show audience with over 151,000 listeners, its bi-monthly magazine reached over 55,000 viewers, and its online tutoring program has offered new affordable and unique pre-recorded and live courses. Furthermore, it has expanded a variety of its events such as the annual

schoolbag giveaway event where it offered more bags, hats and scarves and so much more.

Pamela Clark, Executive Director, stated: "I'm truly blessed for not only the recognition this award brings to our work, but for the over 70 volunteers that make us successful. We wouldn't be able to offer any of the above programs without our fantastic team of volunteers. I'm so proud of all of them and this fantastic organization that many hands have built."

"The 2019 judges were very impressed by the caliber of this year's nominations, which set another record for this competition. The quality of the accomplishments outlined in every Finalist nomination was remarkable," said Michael Gallagher, president and founder of the Stevie Awards. "We look forward to announcing the Gold, Silver, and Bronze Stevie Award placements in Las Vegas next month."

Details about the Stevie Awards for Sales & Customer Service and the list of Finalists in all categories are available at www.StevieAwards.com/Sales.

ABOUT THE STEVIE AWARDS

Stevie Awards are conferred in seven programs: the Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards, the German Stevie Awards, The American Business Awards®, The International Business Awards®, the Stevie Awards for Great Employers, the Stevie Awards for Women in Business and the Stevie Awards for Sales & Customer Service. Stevie Awards competitions receive more than 12,000 entries each year from organizations in more than 70 nations. Honoring organizations of all types and sizes and the people behind them, the Stevies recognize outstanding performances in the workplace worldwide. Learn more about the Stevie Awards at www.StevieAwards.com.

LATTA TO SERVE ON SUBCOMMITTEES; CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) has been selected by Congressman Greg Walden (R-OR) to serve on the Energy and Commerce (E&C) Subcommittees on Energy and Consumer Protection and Commerce (CPAC) during the 116th Congress. As previously announced, Latta will also serve as the Republican leader on the Communications and Technology subcommittee.

Latta served as the Chairman of the CPAC Subcommittee, then known as the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection (DCCP), last Congress. In that role, he authored the SELF DRIVE Act, legislation that would establish a Federal framework for autonomous vehicles. That legislation was approved by the E&C Committee 54-0 and passed the House floor on a voice vote. Latta also introduced the SMART IoT Act which passed the House of Representatives.

Congressman Latta also served on the Energy Subcommittee during the 115th Congress. In that role, he authored legislation with Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-CA) to protect the electric grid from cyber attacks,

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In addition, he has been an advocate for policies that encourage advanced nuclear technology.

"I'm honored to have the opportunity to serve on these three subcommittees," said Congressman Latta. "On the newly named Consumer Protection and Commerce Subcommittee, I'll be able to continue leading on the policy issues facing new technology like self-driving cars and the Internet of Things. On Energy, I'll keep working on implementing the policies that have seen the U.S. become the world's largest oil and gas producer and focus on the need to increase the resiliency of our energy infrastructure."

Both of these subcommittees are in addition to my Republican leader role on Communications and Technology.

"These positions put me in a unique position to implement policies that help the people of Ohio's 5th Congressional District. Whether it's expanding access to broadband in rural areas, boosting American energy production and keeping prices low for consumers, or helping our farmers and manufacturers use cutting-edge IoT technology - these subcommittee assignments will help deliver results for my constituents."

"Congressman Latta has been a vocal supporter on the Energy and Commerce Committee for American energy production, reducing barriers to implementing technology, and expanding access to broadband," said E&C Republican leader Greg Walden.

"On these subcommittees, Bob will be able to continue his efforts from his time as the Chairman of the DCCP Subcommittee last Congress and be a strong voice for energy policies that create jobs and ensure energy security."

In addition, I have the utmost confidence in Bob in his role as the Republican leader on the Communications and Technology Subcommittee."

The Consumer Protection and Commerce Subcommittee's jurisdiction includes interstate and foreign commerce; the Federal Trade Commission, including sports-related matters; consumer affairs and consumer protection, including privacy; data security; consumer product safety; motor vehicle safety; product liability; and regulation of travel, tourism, and time.

The Energy Subcommittee's jurisdiction includes national energy policy; the Department of Energy; the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; energy conservation; utility issues; energy generation, marketing, reliability, transmission, siting, exploration, efficiency, cybersecurity, and ratemaking for all generated power.

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ANTWERP ELEMENTARY 2ND 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2018/19

All A's

3RD GRADE: Elise Meyer, Braxton Peters, Kati Phares, Franco Rivera, Bryceton Barker, Wyatt Cline, Tucker Doster, Brayden Fuller, Lilly Halsey, Anneliese Zijlstra, Kora Zuber

4TH GRADE: Briley Bagley, Josie Hahn, Gabriella Snyder, Payleigh Dickess, Eliana Hormann, Keira Spyker

5TH GRADE: Hampton Rogge

All A's and B's

3RD GRADE: Hudsyn Bagley, Gage Barker, Carter Baumert, Anabelle Bidlack, Gabriella Brandenburg, Reese Franklin, Camden Herber, Taylor Lockhart, Jason McKay, Mark Nye, Allie Rice, Dana Smith, Alyvia Bell, Chloie Evilsizor, Aaden Friend, Gabriella Gross, Taylor Hogans, Avery Honigford, Arianna Hosler, Kaira Jones, Noah Lucas, Clara Rohrs, Anabelle Saylor

4TH GRADE: Aliyah Brown-Kiessling, Hailey Clem, Ava Coney, Aiden Dunderman, Reese Durbin, Blayner Hogrefe, Cheyenne Maynard, Nathan Sanders, Clare Ehrhart, Keegan Gray Wyckoff, Lexy Hicks, Emily Laker, Tyler Overman, Madison Schmidt, Roman DeLong, Blake Gribler, Aiden Hook, Emery Jones, Ethan Marlin, Michael Rohrs

5TH GRADE: Kalli Billman, Krystal Bradbury, Marcelo Cruz, Amelia Graham, Aubrey Hammer, Griffin Kosch, Lilly McKay, Zaine McMichael, Sara Farr, Dylan Hahn, Nichole Kennedy, Raelynne Zuber

INDIANA HS ENROLLMENTS RELEASED

INDIANAPOLIS - Indiana high schools found out where they ranked across the state in enrollment recently as the Indiana High School Athletic Association released the numbers for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

Carmel High School is the largest school in the state with an enrollment of 5,286 students.

Amongst local high schools, Homestead is the largest and ranks 20th overall with 2,424 students in the top four grades. Northrop (2,032, 33rd) and Snider (1,860, 39th) are the only two other local schools in the top 50.

Other area schools in the top 200 are North Side (1,550, 58th), Wayne (1,369, 71st), South Side (1,358, 73rd), New Haven (1,043, 100th), Bishop Dwenger (1,015, 105th), Leo (965, 110th), Angola (885, 118th), Concordia (740,

FIRST 2019 ANTWERP STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Pictured with Laker are Mr. Wade Sisson, Antwerp Academic Boosters advisor, and Mr. Lichty, Antwerp Middle and High School principal.

Seventh grader Caleb Laker was named Antwerp Middle School's first Student of the Week for 2019. Mrs. Alyssa Saylor nominated Laker because he has already started implementing the Archer Way, a new program at Antwerp Local, by making eye contact, being attentive, and being respectful to adults. Middle school Students of the Week are announced every Friday in the library in front of the entire middle school student body.

145th), Heritage (593, 176th), Garrett (591, 177th), Bishop Luers (542, 195th) and Woodlan (525, 200th).

The remainder of the ACAC schools and their rankings are Jay County (987, 107th), Belmont (692, 157th), Bluffton (478, 217th), Adams Central (371, 269th) and South Adams (352, 280th).

MVNU, KENYON COLLEGE TO CELEBRATE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University, in partnership with Kenyon College and the Knox County community, will present the 16th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Breakfast on Monday, Jan. 21, from 9-11 a.m., in Peirce Hall, Thomas Hall on the Kenyon College campus. With the theme "Sisters in the Struggle: Pioneers of the Civil Rights Movement," the breakfast and program will feature speaker Dr. Leslie Harris, Professor of History, Northwestern University.

The event is free and open to the public. Registration, required by Jan. 14, can be made by contacting Hallie Logan at Kenyon College, 740-427-5223, or Trinia Huddleston at MVNU, 740-397-9000 ext. 4600.

The annual event is sponsored by The MLK Legacy Committee, Kenyon College and MVNU.

The morning's program will also include breakfast, presentation of the 2019 Beulah Apostolic Award, the MLK Essay contest recipients, and First-Knox National Bank and PNC Bank Book Award winners.

There will be special musical guests and community responses from Kenyon College President Dr. Sean Decatur, MVNU President Dr. Henry W. Spaulding II, Mount Vernon Mayor Richard K. Mavis and Gambier Mayor Kachen Kimmel.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is a private, four-year, intentionally Christian teaching university for traditional age students, graduate students, and working adults. With a 327-acre main campus

in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and several convenient Graduate and Professional Studies locations throughout the state, MVNU emphasizes academic excellence, spiritual growth, and service to community and church. MVNU offers an affordable education to more than 2,200 students from 31 states and 22 countries/U.S. territories.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

OHSAA Executive Director Jerry Snodgrass also updated the Board on what many schools are doing this weekend as part of the OHSAA's statewide Military Appreciation Night.

Also of note, the Board was updated on the recent Op-Ed from NFHS Executive Director Karissa Niehoff and OHSAA Executive Director Jerry Snodgrass, written to parents of student-athletes to address poor behavior directed at officials during games. The letter is posted at: <https://bit.ly/2Mbw6q5>

The Board reviewed the list of Ohio coaches who were recently honored by the NFHS (National Federation of State High School Associations) for the 2017-18 school year. Thirteen Ohioans were named Coach of the Year for Section 2 (Midwest eight state area) and four of those coaches were named the NFHS National Coach of the Year for 2017-18, including East Canton's Lee Sternberg in boys cross country, Columbus Academy's Anne Horton in field hockey, Cincinnati Indian Hill's Amy Dunlap in girls soccer and Gahanna Lincoln's Roger Whittaker in girls track and field. The complete release from the NFHS is posted at:

<https://ohsaa.org/news-media/articles/ArtMID/2006/ArticleID/426/2017-18-National-Coaches-of-the-Year>

By a 9-0 vote, the Board approved additional referendum items that OHSAA member schools will vote on during the annual referendum voting period in May. The approved items include two constitution proposals, five bylaw proposals and two bylaw proposals specifically for 7th and 8th grade schools. Each member school principal is responsible to vote on behalf of the school and voting will be conducted electronically for the first time in 2019. Details are posted at: <https://ohsaa.org/School-Resources/referendum-voting>

By a 9-0 vote, the Board approved a recommendation from the OHSAA staff to change the start date for the 2019-20 wrestling season competition to be Thursday, December 5, 2019 rather than the initial published start date of Friday, December 6.

Since the Board's last meeting, 27 member schools were penalized for committing infractions of OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations. The list of infractions and penalties is always included

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6 there will be a 50/50 drawing and Friends of the Parks will also have a Spring Fundraiser at Paulding Eagles. At that time they will be hosting a raffle for the new kayak. She also said that if you would like tickets you can talk with Linda Hodges or Lori Manon and they will get you connected. Manon also encouraged everyone to like their Facebook page.

Commissioner Mark

ed in the complete meeting minutes, but media members may request the list in advance from Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Communications, at tstried@ohsaa.org.

The Board reviewed the attendance and financial reports for the fall tournaments in field hockey, golf, girls tennis and soccer. The field hockey state tournament drew 1,751 fans and the entire tournament, including the district qualifying tournaments, results in proceeds of \$10,396. The golf state tournaments drew 3,767 fans and resulted in a loss of \$44,858. The girls tennis state tournament drew 1,016 fans and resulted in a loss of \$2,118. The soccer state semifinals and championship games drew 16,746 fans and resulted in proceeds of \$46,431.

The volleyball, cross-country and football postseason financial reports are expected to be presented at the February Board meeting.

The Board approved the sports manuals and tournament regulations for the OHSAA's spring sports. The manuals and regulations will be posted on each of the spring sport pages at OHSAA.org.

LATTA STATEMENT ON THE DECEMBER JOBS REPORT

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) released the following statement on the December jobs report which showed the creation of 312,000 jobs and wages growing 3.2% since last year - the highest wage growth since 2009.

"December's job reports doesn't show any signs of an economy slowing down. Americans are receiving higher wages, 312,000 new jobs were created, and the labor force participation continues to grow as 163,000 workers came off the sidelines and joined the workforce. The addition of 32,000 manufacturing jobs also is a positive note in the report. This closes out a big year for job creation and wage growth brought about by pro-growth policies like the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. With control of the U.S. House of Representatives now changing hands, we can't stop this momentum by burdening our small businesses and families with higher taxes and more regulations."

Holtsberry stated that he is a big advocate of the Parks District. He believes it seriously helps the quality of life in the county.

Hodges stated the Parks Board meets every third Wednesday each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Business Innovation building on the county courthouse square. They would love for people to input and help. All donations to the Friends of the Parks are 501c3 tax deductible.

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YOU AND I AND THE TRI-STATE AREA

By: Stan Jordan

You have heard me brag about living here in the tri-state area many times, I hope you can handle one more episode.

Just this morning (January 4th) on the TV there are bad rain storms in the northwest, floods and acres of mud and muck, it covers everything like a blanket.

In the midwest there is a lot of severe storms and blizzards, on the highways lots of wrecks and traffic can't move.

In Texas and some of the south, are ice storms or inches of rain. In the east it is lots of rain and this brings floods. This same storm runs from Florida up the east coast and then ties up all the road traffic and into the New England area as rain, wind, snow and ice.

Here in our fine area we have had many days of spring like weather. I have written many times that our geographic location is one of the best in the nation. You bet, I am thankful.

See ya!

EAGLE NEWS

By: Stan Jordan

The leaves are gone now and the crops have been harvested and I am getting reports of people seeing more wildlife. A lady told me about seeing four eagles out by CR 63 the other day, two adults and two without the white head. Now probably that was their last spring chicks. They would be almost a year old and therefore pretty good size.

Then a man who lives north of Hicksville said he saw an adult couple along side of the road working on a deer carcass, the car didn't seem to bother them.

There is an exchange student here from Argentina staying at the boss's house and she tells me that they have eagles in her area at home.

Kenny Donat was telling me about a pileated woodpecker he saw the other day.

He said he was pecking on a big oak tree and the chips were flying. He also told me about a couple of adult eagles that rest real often in an old dead oak tree back in his woods. An interesting talk.

See ya!

A WEEKEND

By: Stan Jordan

When I came to work this morning, the boss said, "Hello, how did your weekend go?"

I was about to say, "Just like any other" and I stopped to think for a minute and by golly, I had a pretty good weekend.

On Saturday morning, our group was going to go to the pancake house in Payne, but one person didn't feel good and another had an appointment somewhere, so we didn't go.

Along about 2:00, I went down to the "O" to get some lunch and as I sat there, a fellow came up and asked, "Do you remember me?" I stammered a little bit, because I never remember names, oh yes, I should. He said then, "I am one of the three boys from Butler who comes into the West Bend and get our printing done."

"Oh heck yes! Sit down and we'll talk."

I was sure glad to see him. There was three of those retired men, all military veterans, they come from over around St. Joe and Butler. The one boy would fix up a work order for their printing and the other two and I would have a ball. We talked about eagles and wildlife, army stuff and the St. Joe pickle factory.

Then he said, "I don't do the running for the American Legion anymore. I haven't been to the West Bend News for months. Charlie died some time ago and the other guy, Bill, is practically an invalid, so I don't do the running, but I do like to come over here to the 'Big O' with my boys."

Those three old timers came to Antwerp to get their printing done and then would go to the "O" for a little rest and relaxation.

Sitting there and talking with that old timer sure made me a fine weekend.

See ya!

TIME TO GO

By: Stan Jordan

Whether you live in the northern hemisphere or the southern hemisphere, some of the biggest activities of the day are eating, sleeping,

your daily job and using the restroom. It might seem odd, but that is the daily fare all over.

Here in the heart of this country, we have all kinds of industry. We have lots of construction going on everyday and when nature calls there is a port-a-potty or so in the area. Or if you are a worker in the vegetable fields or maybe in the big valley in California of vegetables, grape fruits or whatever, in the area is a port-a-potty or so. That is the law, the employer must provide an area and the necessary equipment. That is a very good rule and I think it works out o.k.

But now if you are traveling by airplane, while you're still in the terminal, I recommend the last thing you do before boarding for your flight, is use the handy restroom. The facilities on the plane is a torture chamber. The guy who designed that chamber thought that everyone is tall and skinny and that is not true. It is better to go before you get on the plane.

The world over, you are a pointer or a sitter, and the guy who invented the port-a-pot should be national hero.

See ya!

AN OLD, OLD TALE

By: Stan Jordan

This story is 100% true, I just never told it. All the people are gone now, except me.

The scene is Berneck, Germany in the later part of July, 1945. Our whole company was billeted in this small town. Ours was the headquarters platoon and we were in the local hotel called the Berneck Haus. We soldiers had the top floor and the officers had the ground floor company office.

There was two men from the captain's tank and four men from the second tank. The driver of the captain's tank, I will call Sam, he and I are the main people in this story.

Sam had been watching a German girl who lives down the street a ways. She wasn't much, the main thing about her, to me, was her boots. I had never seen a woman wear knee length boots. They were black and shiny, I imagine good leather. Anyways, Sam followed her home one night, he came back after dark and was all scratched up. Lots of red marks on his face and I was asleep and he woke me up and said, "I want you to help me, do me a favor."

So, I got dressed and he didn't tell me anything much, but I figured he had made a deal with this woman.

"Is this illegal?" I asked, and he said, "Well, maybe, but I am going to help this girl," so I knew he was getting something out of the deal.

This girl came from some other town, she had a car hidden down town, no petrol... 'gasoline' for it and can't get any, anywhere, so she can't go home. Well Sam promised her ten gallons of good tank gasoline and that is where I came in. He wanted me to take my Thompson and be his guard and also hold the flashlight while he poured the gasoline into the gas tank of the German car.

Sam had already siphoned the gas out of our tank and had filled two, five gallon G.I. cans. He carried both cans and I walked along.

The girl had given him the door key to let us in the build-

ANTWERP STUDENTS DESIGN CATAPULTS



Seniors Austin Chirgwin and Gene Garrett explain how catapults work and demonstrate one to fifth graders Dylan Hahn, Kendall Simonin, Leigha Doster, and Ruby Pease.

Students in Mr. Cord Ehrhart's Engineering Your Future (EYF) class at Antwerp High School recently designed their own cata-

apults, used 3D printers to print them, and then created assembly directions for the catapults. In January, the EYF students visited

the fifth grade classrooms to help the elementary students assemble and use the catapults.

ing, it was right there on Main Street. We went ahead and done the job and returned to our hotel room.

Now that was late July and a number of us was sent back to the States about that time and I never heard anything about it. I done the favor but never heard of any outcome. Sam had remained in Germany when I returned to the States.

See ya!

OUR LEADERS IN WASHINGTON

By: Stan Jordan

I haven't written much lately about the chaos with our so called elected representatives in Washington. Some of their actions are silly and some are down right senseless.

The one boy is acting like a spoiled brat that stretches the truth a lot. The other side are some people who just got some muscle and are throwing it around.

This so called shutdown has gone far enough, it has not accomplished any thing except the hardship of hundreds of thousands everyday government workers. They have not been paid for over a month and it looks like it will be another month with no pay day. This is down right un-American. I believe in a day's pay for a day's work. These people are just plain American and they are not being treated right.

It is certainly time for those hard-headed brats to get together and govern our country right.

See ya!

ACAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Friday afternoon and evening was the date set for the ACAC Wrestling tournament for high school wrestling in the Northeast Indiana area. The following are the results of the evening.

- 1 Adams Central 256.5
- 2 Jay County 254.0
- 3 Bluffton 193.0
- 4 Southern Wells 174.0
- 5 South Adams 116.0
- 6 Woodlan 90.0
- 7 Heritage 87.5
- 106 - 1st Wyatt Corkwell, BLF; 2nd Logan Bauman, SA; 3rd Dylan Garringer, JC; 4th Aiden Cummings, AC; 5th

Mitch Hoot, W

1st Place Match
Wyatt Corkwell (BLF) 30-3, So. over Logan Bauman (SA) 22-9, Fr. (Dec 6-4)

3rd Place Match
Dylan Garringer (JC) 26-10, Fr. over Aiden Cummings (AC) 15-20, Fr. (MD 15-4)

5th Place Match
Mitch Hoot (W) 12-18, Fr. over Forfeit Forfeit () 1-2, . (For.)

113 - 1st Landon Bertch, BLF; 2nd Blake Maloney, SW; 3rd Lita Chowning, JC; 6th Forfeit of SA; 6th Forfeit AC

1st Place Match
Landon Bertch (BLF) 31-1, Fr. over Blake Maloney (SW) 17-15, Fr. (Fall 1:14)

3rd Place Match
Lita Chowning (JC) 9-9, So. over Forfeit Forfeit () 3-1, . (For.)

5th Place Match
Forfeit (AC) 1-2, . over Forfeit (SA) 1-2, . (DFF)

120 - 1st Michael Rupp of SA; 2nd Evan McAfee of AC; 3rd Zakk Atkins of JC; 4th Grant Bultemeier, BLF; 5th Mason Smith of H; 6th Forfeit, W

1st Place Match
Michael Rupp (SA) 26-2, Jr. over Evan McAfee (AC) 14-11, Fr. (Dec 7-2)

3rd Place Match
Zakk Atkins (JC) 23-10, Jr. over Grant Bultemeier (BLF) 19-8, So. (Fall 0:33)

5th Place Match
Mason Smith (H) 14-11, Sr. over Forfeit (W) 1-3, . (For.)

126 - 1st Blayne Daniels, JC; 2nd Alex Currie, AC; 3rd David Kahn, BLF; 4th David Rogers-Potter, W; 5th Cain Clark, SW; 6th Conner Young, SA

1st Place Match
Blayne Daniels (JC) 27-7, Fr. over Alex Currie (AC) 30-4, Fr. (Dec 6-4)

3rd Place Match
David Kahn (BLF) 21-12, So. over David Rogers-Potter (W) 17-8, So. (Fall 0:39)

5th Place Match
Cain Clark (SW) 7-14, Fr. over Conner Young (SA) 11-

16, Fr. (MD 14-2)

132 - 1st Logan Mosser, AC; 2nd Austin Hoy, H; 3rd Dylan Hernandez, BLF; 4th Camron Gage, JC;

5th Cameron Grove, SW; 6th Dylan Segebart, W

1st Place Match
Logan Mosser (AC) 33-1, Sr. over Austin Hoy (H) 15-4, Jr. (Fall 0:57)

3rd Place Match
Dylan Hernandez (BLF) 27-9, So. over Camron Gage (JC) 13-17, Fr. (Dec 7-1)

5th Place Match
Cameron Grove (SW) 11-11, So. over Dylan Segebart (W) 11-19, So. (Fall 3:00)

138 - 1st William Fiechter, SW; 2nd Cayden Shaffer, AC; 3rd Ian Ruiz, JC; 4th Chris Heintzelman, H; 5th Noah Thompson, BLF; 6th Forfeit, W

1st Place Match
William Fiechter (SW) 28-5, Jr. over Cayden Shaffer (AC) 17-6, Jr. (MD 16-4)

3rd Place Match
Ian Ruiz (JC) 8-12, Fr. over Chris Heintzelman (H) 6-9, Jr. (Dec 2-1)

5th Place Match
Noah Thompson (BLF) 9-23, Fr. over Forfeit (W) 1-3, . (For.)

145 - 1st Logan Macklin, AC; 2nd Josh Beeks, SW; 3rd Jordan Schricker, JC; 4th Elliot Apps, BLF; 5th Isaac Manning, W; 6th Jasen Clay, H

1st Place Match
Logan Macklin (AC) 20-3, Sr. over Josh Beeks (SW) 31-5, Jr. (MD 8-0)

3rd Place Match
Jordan Schricker (JC) 29-6, Sr. over Elliot Apps (BLF) 7-17, Fr. (Fall 1:00)

5th Place Match
Isaac Manning (W) 4-22, Fr. over Jasen Clay (H) 5-21, Fr. (Dec 13-6)

152 - 1st Thomas Hemmelgarn, JC; 2nd Coleman Beeks, SW; 3rd Blake Heyerly, AC; 4th Tyler Andrews, H; 5th Dan Herschberger, W; 6th Nathan Jones, BLF

1st Place Match

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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

PHS HOUSE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Paulding High School has chosen their House Students of the Month for January. They are from left to right: Palmarium- Audrey Giesige, Excellentia-Jaret Miller, Triple V-Jacob Eblin and Stupendum-Macy Iler.

Thomas Hemmelgarn (JC) 24-8, Sr. over Coleman Beeks (SW) 17-6, Sr. (Fall 3:59) 3rd Place Match
 Blake Heyerly (AC) 14-9, Fr. over Tyler Andrews (H) 15-5, Jr. (Fall 2:19) 5th Place Match
 Dan Herschberger (W) 22-10, Jr. over Nathan Jones (BLF) 9-22, So. (Fall 0:52) 160 - 1st Jed Perry, SW; 2nd Dirk Herschberger, W; 3rd Paul Faurote, AC; 4th Khari Coleman, BLF; 5th Dakota Lairson, JC; 6th Jacob Plattner, SA 1st Place Match
 Jed Perry (SW) 34-2, Jr. over Dirk Herschberger (W) 13-12, Sr. (Fall 2:30) 3rd Place Match
 Paul Faurote (AC) 24-5, Jr. over Khari Coleman (BLF) 18-16, Jr. (Dec 3-0) 5th Place Match
 Dakota Lairson (JC) 8-7, So. over Jacob Plattner (SA) 4-12, So. (Fall 2:30) 170 - 1st Parker Bates, AC; 2nd Jacob Duncan, SW; 3rd Logan Dietel, W; 4th Cody Richards, JC; 5th Tristan Bertsch, BLF 1st Place Match
 Parker Bates (AC) 26-1, Sr. over Jacob Duncan (SW) 25-10, Jr. (Dec 8-4) 3rd Place Match
 Logan Dietel (Woodlan) 11-18, Jr. over Cody Richards (JC) 11-19, Sr. (Fall 0:51) 5th Place Match
 Tristan Bertsch (BLF) 7-12, So. over Forfeit 1-2, 182 - 1st Mason Winner, JC; 2nd Monty Hill, AC; 3rd Thomas Herman, SA; 4th Devin Johnson, BLF; 5th Clay Smith, SW 1st Place Match
 Mason Winner (JC) 30-2, Jr. over Monty Hill (AC) 14-5, Sr. (Fall 1:20) 3rd Place Match
 Thomas Herman (SA) 15-11, So. over Devin Johnson (BLF) 3-4, So. (Fall 1:42) 5th Place Match
 Clay Smith (SW) 10-20, Fr. over Forfeit (H) 1-3, . (For.) 195 - 1st Chandler Chap-

man, JC; 2nd Jacob Manley, AC; 3rd Jacob Birkmire, H; 4th Cole Meeks, SW; 5th Cameron Farmer, BLF; 6th Caleb Augsburger, SA 1st Place Match
 Chandler Chapman (JC) 8-0, Sr. over Jacob Manley (AC) 25-7, Sr. (MD 10-1) 3rd Place Match
 Jacob Birkmire (H) 14-8, Sr. over Cole Meeks (SW) 15-17, Jr. (Dec 7-5) 5th Place Match
 Cameron Farmer (BLF) 17-16, Fr. over Caleb Augsburger (SA) 1-3, . (Fall 3:50) 220 - 1st Jashawn Berlanga, AC; 2nd Lucas Schmit, JC; 3rd Connor Ray, H; 4th Spencer Clark, SA; 5th Jacob Landis, BLF; 6th Forfeit, SW 1st Place Match
 Jashawn Berlanga (AC) 30-3, Sr. over Lucas Schmit (JC) 19-8, Sr. (Fall 0:48) 3rd Place Match
 Connor Ray (H) 15-9, Sr. over Spencer Clark (SA) 19-12, Sr. (Dec 5-1) 5th Place Match
 Jacob Landis (BLF) 9-20, Fr. over Forfeit (SW) 1-3, . (For.) 285 - 1st Andre Hughes, SA; 2nd Cooper Jacks, JC; 3rd Devin Lotter, AC; 4th Nick Sprankles, BLF; 5th Kole Helmke, W; 6th Tucker Corwin, SW 1st Place Match
 Andre Hughes (SA) 25-3, Sr. over Cooper Jacks (JC) 13-20, Jr. (Fall 1:27) 3rd Place Match
 Devin Lotter (AC) 14-12, Jr. over Nick Sprankles (BLF) 17-15, Sr. (Dec 3-1) 5th Place Match
 Kole Helmke (W) 2-2, So. over Tucker Corwin (SW) 3-13, Jr. (Fall 0:28)

USDA LAUNCHES SECOND ROUND OF TRADE MITIGATION PAYMENTS

At the direction of President Donald J. Trump, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue launched the

second and final round of trade mitigation payments aimed at assisting farmers suffering from damage due to unjustified trade retaliation by foreign nations. Producers of certain commodities will now be eligible to receive Market Facilitation Program (MFP) payments for the second half of their 2018 production.

"The President reaffirmed his support for American farmers and ranchers and made good on his promise, authorizing the second round of payments to be made in short order. While there have been positive movements on the trade front, American farmers are continuing to experience losses due to unjustified trade retaliation by foreign nations. This assistance will help with short-term cash flow issues as we move into the new year," said Perdue.

Secretary Perdue announced in July that USDA would act to aid farmers in response to trade damage from unjustified retaliation. President Trump directed Secretary Perdue to craft a short-term relief strategy to help protect agricultural producers while the Administration works on free, fair, and reciprocal trade deals to open more markets to help American farmers compete globally. In September, USDA initiated three programs to aid American agriculture in sustaining the short-term damages associated with the trade disputes and securing long-term, stable export markets.

Details of programs currently employed by USDA:

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) has been administering MFP to provide the first payments to almond, corn, cotton, dairy, hog, sorghum, soybean, fresh sweet cherry, and wheat producers since September 2018 for the first 50 percent of their 2018 production.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is administering a food purchase and distribution program to purchase up to \$1.2 billion in commodities unfairly targeted by unjustified retaliation. USDA's Food and Nutrition Service

(FNS) is distributing these commodities through nutrition assistance programs, such as The Emergency Food Assistance Program and child nutrition programs. So far, USDA has procured some portion of 16 of the 29 commodities included in the program, totaling more than 4,500 truckloads of food. AMS will continue purchasing commodities for delivery throughout 2019.

Through the Foreign Agricultural Service's (FAS) Agricultural Trade Promotion (ATP) program, \$200 million is being made available to develop foreign markets for U.S. agricultural products. The program will help U.S. agricultural exporters identify and access new markets and help mitigate the adverse effects of other countries' restrictions. The application period closed in November with more than \$600 million in requested activities from more than 70 organizations. FAS will announce ATP funding awards in early January.

Market Facilitation Program

Producers need only sign-up once for the MFP to be eligible for the first and second payments. The MFP sign-up period opened in September and runs through January 15, 2019, with information and instructions provided at www.farmers.gov/mfp. Producers must complete an application by January 15, 2019 but have until May 1, 2019 to certify their 2018 production. The MFP provides payments to almond, cotton, corn, dairy, hog, sorghum, soybean, fresh sweet cherry, and wheat producers who have been significantly impacted by actions of foreign governments resulting in the loss of traditional exports. The MFP is established under the statutory authority of the Commodity Credit Corporation CCC Charter Act and is under the administration of USDA's FSA. Eligible producers should apply after harvest is complete, as payments will only be issued once production is reported.

#10 OWENS DOMINANT IN SIXTH STRAIGHT WIN

By: Chris Schmidbauer, Sports Information Director

Toledo, OH -- The No. 10 ranked Owens Women's Basketball program may not be mighty in numbers, but the team doesn't seem to be showing any signs of slowing down. The Express outscored the visiting Bryant & Stratton Bobcats by 14 in the second and third periods to claim a 87-52 win for their sixth straight victory.

Owens would hold just a six point lead after the first period at 20-14. But in the final ten minutes before halftime, the Express stepped on the accelerator and were able to build a 20 point lead heading into halftime. Liliana Velazquez caught fire from three, hitting four first half treys to help the Express build that double digit lead. Shyah Wheeler also had 11 first half points to help pace the Express.

Owens showed no signs of slowing down in the third quarter either. The Express

would open the period on a 10-0 run to push their lead to 30 points off of a Wheeler layup with 7:41 to play in the third. The Express would push that lead as high as 36 points on the back of a Taylor Works three with 3:10 to play in the third period. With a healthy lead in hand heading to the fourth, Owens would cruise to their 35 point victory over Bryant & Stratton.

The story of the game was the contributions from the starting five. All of the Express starters finished in double figures scoring wise, led by Shyah Wheeler with a game high 27 points. The Elida, OH native used her quickness to get easy buckets in transition, which helped spur the Express scoring surge in the second and third periods. Wheeler also had nine rebounds and five steals in the contest.

Moreina Moore had a healthy stat line as well. The freshman scored 18 points on 8-17 shooting, and she also had eight rebounds and a team high seven assists. Taylor Works turned in another solid performance as well with 16 points, including 5-6 from the free throw line, and the sophomore also had six rebounds and five assists. Velazquez, who was hot from three in the first half, came up a point

(Continued from Page 1) county in the Journal Gazette Regional Spelling Bee presented by STAR Financial Bank on March 9, 2019. The Regional Spelling Bee will be held in the Purdue Fort Wayne Rhinehart Recital Hall at 10:00 a.m. The winner of the Regional contest will go on to compete in the National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C.

Individual school champions are:
 Antwerp Elementary School: Keira Spyker, Grade 4
 Antwerp Middle School: Madisyn Peters, Grade 6
 Christian Home Educators of Paulding County: Trina Wiegand, Grade 7
 Divine Mercy Catholic School: Caleb Cox, Grade 5
 WT Grover Hill Elementary School: Jarrett Jewell, Grade 6
 Paulding Elementary School: Olivia Franklin, Grade 5
 Oakwood Elementary School: Max Stork, Grade 6
 Paulding Middle School: Sarah Wong, Grade 7
 WT Payne Elementary School: Alicia Bahena, Grade 5
 Wayne Trace Junior High School: Josh Sheeton, Grade 8
 Mr. Doug Grooms, Special Services Coordinator for Van Wert City Schools will be the Pronouncer. Judges for the Spelling Bee are Mr. Joe Linder, Principal, Divine Mercy Catholic School, Mr. Kevin Wilson, Principal,

shy of tying her career high in points, finishing with 15.

Whitney Thames continued to be a rebounding machine for the Express. Thames had her third straight double digit rebound game with 15 in the game against the Bobcats, pushing her season average to 10.7 rebounds per game. Adding her 11 points into the mix, it was the freshman's third double-double on the season. Over the last three ball games, Thames is averaging 15.7 points per game and 15 rebounds per contest.

As stated earlier, this is the sixth win in a row for the women's basketball team, which is a season high. Owens is now 11-7 overall and they still are 5-1 in the OCCCAC.

The Express are scheduled to be in action again this Saturday afternoon against Clark State at home. With inclement weather expected in the Northwest Ohio on Saturday, a decision on whether the game will be postponed will be made before the end of the week. Should the Express play the Eagles on Saturday, tip off is scheduled for 1 PM at the SHAC. Stay tuned to OwensExpress.com and the Owens Athletics Twitter feed regarding this weekend's games.

WT Grover Hill Elementary, and Mr. Tim Manz, Director of Curriculum and Testing, Wayne Trace Local Schools. Mr. Paul Jones, Principal at WT Payne Elementary will prepare the physical arrangements for the Spelling Bee.

The Antwerp Exchange Bank and the Antwerp VFW Post #5087 are sponsoring the awards for the event, which include cash awards, gift cards, trophies for the champion and runner-up, and medallions for all the contestants.

Contestants are reminded to report to the WT Payne Elementary School Library at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, with an alternate date of Thursday, February 7th.

For additional information, contact Ashley Shepherd, at Western Buckeye ESC by calling 419-399-4711 or by emailing her at aspherd@wbesc.org.

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ARE ROBOCALLS FRUSTRATING YOU?**By: Bryce Steiner**

“Do not hang up. This is not a sales call.” is a familiar sound and is something many Americans deal with everyday. But what is it really? The opportunity presented itself, of course, through a robocall, to speak with ‘Brett’ when I pressed 1 instead of 9. Pressing “9” is supposed to remove you from their call list as required by federal and state laws. Over the last few months, I have pressed “9” many times and yet my number is still on this list for these daily annoyances, just like my friend, Stan Jordan.

It has gotten to the point where people don’t answer their phones anymore because more often than not they are likely a fake call.

This would be equivalent to email spam! If you don’t have an email account, you have no idea what you are missing! (note the tone of sarcasm there?)

Whether it was a government funded back brace, car warranty extensions, your favorite politician telling you how to vote, or getting that free trip to the Bahamas – the robocalls know you need something! Even though you have told them many times you do not!

Some are also not easy to detect and that is because they are doing something called “spoofing”. What that means is it is spam calls from who-knows-where acting like it’s a local number. If that was all it did it wouldn’t be so bad, but what they do is make sure to change the Caller ID every time they call so you really can’t block them. You end up with a huge long list of blocked calls and many of them are legitimate numbers and might be people you know. Spoofing is a real problem for tech support these days.

What is the purpose and why do they not follow the rules? Robocalls are cheap and easy compared to paying live people to call and blanket areas. It’s just a computer making thousands of calls per day. Even if it gets 2% of people to press ‘1’ it was a success! Not only that, but for everyone who answered it’s now on a live number list with the enemy now knowing you do answer!

Not only is this annoying but it harms legitimate local business and calls because people don’t want to answer any calls anymore.

It has been illegal for quite some time for companies/institutions to spam your cell phone and if you are on the national ‘Do Not Call’ list

then you shouldn’t get any, but it shows that just because there is a law doesn’t mean it is being obeyed. The national ‘Do Not Call’ list is equivalent to using a tennis net to stop a flood! It’s not going to happen! There are plenty of rules made by Congress concerning robocalls, but enforcing those rules is a whole ‘nother challenge on its own. It’s nearly impossible and probably won’t get cracked down on because politicians use these same methods regularly during election season. Instead, the attorney generals of each state give you advice on how to handle them yourself because it’s the only way to actually help.

In mid 2018, Congress passed a law that would allow phone companies to use methods to identify and stop calls at the request of users. Several phone companies that do this now include: T-Mobile, AT&T, and Verizon; although Verizon charges for this service – the others do not. You can search on the internet for your provider’s method to activate this option.

Along with activating services from your cell provider, you can also do some things on your own:

*Setup a call service - this makes the call press a number to get someone. It can filter out robocalls much easier, at least for now.

*Install apps like TrueCaller, and Should I Answer that blocks unwanted calls

If you have some time on your hands, you can also play with the people on the other end! For instance, you get a spam call that claims to be Microsoft tech support and that your computer is having problems. They will tell you to click the Start menu on the bottom left. You can ask questions like, “Is that my left or your left?”, or “how do you spell ‘start’ in Spanish?”, and then after about half hour of wasting their time you say “I don’t have a Start menu on the Mac”.

The FCC says, “If you own a vehicle and a phone, you may receive calls from scammers posing as representatives of a car dealer, manufacturer or insurer telling you that your auto warranty or insurance is about to expire. The call will include some sort of pitch for renewing your warranty or policy.” Even though it sounds like it’s being helpful, it’s not.

“During the call – which often begins automated or pre-recorded – you may be instructed to press a certain number or stay on the line,

then asked to provide personal information, which potentially can be used to defraud you.”

Scammers are basically hackers using social engineering to get knowledge from you that makes it sound like they know information about you. The IRS has also had scammers act as if they were from the government. They have a page dedicated to detecting those who are trying to defraud you. “The IRS reminds people that they can know pretty easily when a supposed IRS caller is a fake. Here are five things the scammers often do but the IRS will not do. Any one of these five things is a tell-tale sign of a scam. The IRS will never:

1. Call to demand immediate payment, nor will we call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.

2. Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe

3. Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.

4. Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

5. Threaten to bring in local police or other law-en-

forcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.”

You can report scams here: https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/requests/new?ticket_form_id=39744 of course, you probably won’t get satisfaction. The best thing that we all as individuals can do is realize that the government cannot protect us from these robocalls and scams. You therefore need to become somewhat skeptical and become knowledgeable on these subjects.

While writing this article I got another robocall even though I have it setup on my phone to block suspected robocalls. It showed it was from Toledo on the caller id. It was calling my phone for my vehicle warranty, saying I should have already received paperwork in the mail letting me know my warranty was nearly up. Yes, this was a scam. I have had no car that had a warranty in years, so how could it be nearly up? The new technology may help, but the important thing to keep in mind is to keep your guard up even if it sounds legit. Things may not always be as it seems. With appropriate action you can educate yourself, slow down the calls, and not get scammed!

ADDINGTON LEADS PILOTS PAST ARCHERS

From the outside Antwerp’s Tiera Gomez puts up a shot, attempting score for the Archers! More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - Amanda Addington score a dozen points and the Ayersville Pilots rallied from an early fourth quarter deficit for a 43-37 victory over Antwerp Fri-

day night in Green Meadows Conference basketball action.

The Lady Pilots improved to 6-8 overall and 2-1 in the conference with the victory while Antwerp drops 3- in all

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games and 0-3 in the league. Felicity Eichler aided the Pilots cause with nine points. Taylor Addington and Ashlee Tressler each posted seven markers for the Pilots while Kryshel Dales and Alexis Samlow had four apiece. Ayersville led 10-8 at the end of one quarter before Antwerp answered and took a 22-20 halftime advantage. The Lady Archers still led 33-31 at the end of three periods but the Pilots rallied by outscoring the Archers 12-4 in the final eight minutes of action.

Heather Oberlin topped the blue and white with 16 points and Karsyn Brumett posted nine markers.

Other scorers for the Lady Archers were Tierra Gomez (five), Alyvia Devore (three), Astianna Coppes (two) and Chelsea Johanns (two).

Antwerp hits the court again on Thursday when it welcomes in Hicksville (7-7, 1-2 GMC) before traveling to Crestview in a non-league action.

Ayersville hosts Edgerton (6-7 overall, 1-2 GMC) on Thursday before the Pilots travel to Fort Jennings on Tuesday.

PANTHERS GET NON-LEAGUE WIN OVER PILOTS

PAULDING - The Paulding Lady Panthers recorded a 64-54 win over visiting Ayersville Monday night in non-league girls basketball action at the Jungle.

The maroon and white doubled up the Pilots in the opening quarter in posting a 10-5 advantage before extending the margin in the second quarter.

Paulding added 22 points while Ayersville picked up 19 in the second quarter as the Panthers took a 32-24 lead at the midway point of the game.

However, Ayersville rallied in the third quarter by outscoring the Panthers 20-12 to even the game at 44-44 entering the final period.

The fourth quarter belonged to the Panthers as the

PANTHERS ROLL TO NORTHWEST CONFERENCE VICTORY



caption: Paulding's fantastic game against Delphos Jefferson was assisted by Senior Bailey Manz, shown here getting a foul as he drives into the key to put a up layup! More pictures at westbendnews.net

PAULDING - The Paulding Panthers used a 23-7 third quarter scoring advantage to pull away from Northwest Conference foe Delphos Jefferson for a 66-41 win over the Wildcats at

the Jungle Friday night. After holding a slim 16-15 lead at the end of one period, the maroon and white extended the lead to 29-22 at the midway point of the contest.

maroon and white outscored the Pilots 20-10 in the final eight minutes to seal the 64-54 victory.

Chelsi Geisige led the way for the Lady Panthers with 22 points while adding three rebounds and three steals.

Bri Townley recorded 16 points, seven rebounds and three blocked shots for Paulding with Sadie Estle posting a dozen markers, eight boards and a steal.

Janae Pease and Audrey Geisige each finished with four points for the Lady Panthers while Asia Arellano

and Sydney McCullough had three markers each.

McCullough and Audrey Geisige both dished out a pair of assists while Pease brought down four boards and Leigha Egnor had three rebounds.

Pease also had a pair of steals for the maroon and white.

WARRIORS NIP EAGLES FOR 14th WIN

FREMONT - Woodlan hit the road Wednesday night in girls basketball action and the Lady Warriors flew past host Fremont 35-27.

The victory improves the Lady Warriors to 14-6 on the season while Fremont drops to 11-7.

After one quarter, the two teams were knotted at

Paulding then took complete control in the third quarter, outscoring the Wildcats by 16 points in the stanza to widen the lead to 52-29 at the end of three quarters.

Fletcher Cook paced the way for the maroon and white with 19 points, including a trio of three-pointers, while Jacob Eblin added a trey and finished with nine markers.

Jaret Miller and Bailey Manz both totaled eight points while Blake McGarvey and Carson Shull posted seven markers each.

Payton Beckman (four), Evan Edwards (three) and Hunter Kauser (one) completed the scoring for Paulding, which improves its record to 4-7 in all games and 2-2 in the Northwest Conference.

Ian Wannemacher scored 14 points for the Wildcats with Jeffrey Caputo and Derek Long both bucketing nine markers.

Hunter Mericle finished with five points while Colin Bailey posted three and J.T. Taviano picked up a free throw for the Wildcats, who remain winless in three league games and a dozen contests overall.

The Panthers travel to Ada in Northwest Conference action on Friday before hosting Holgate and Ayersville on Monday and Tuesday in non-league action.

6-6 before Fremont outscored Woodlan 7-4 in the second period to seize a 13-10 halftime advantage.

Woodlan narrowly cut into the deficit in the third quarter, picking up ten points while the Eagles added nine as the Warriors pulled within 22-20 at the end of three periods.

The fourth quarter belonged to the Lady Warriors, though, as Woodlan outscored the host Eagles 15-5 to rally for the 35-27 victory.

Addison Bayman paced the Lady Warriors with 19 points on the evening while Dakotah Krohn chipped in six markers.

Hanna Albertson and Gabby Joyce each recorded three markers for Edgerton

PANTHERS HOLD OFF WILDCATS TO GET NWC WIN



Paulding Senior Asia Arellano enters into the game in the last minute of the first quarter, receives the pass, and sinks a 3 point basket against the Van Wert Cougars! More pictures at westbendnews.net

DELPHOS - Chelsi Geisige hit four three-pointers and scored 15 points to lead the Paulding Lady Panthers past host Delphos Jefferson 51-49 Thursday night in Northwest Conference girls action.

The maroon and white also got 13 markers and a pair of treys from Audrey Geisige along with nine points and a dozen boards from Sadie Estle.

Janae Pease picked up seven markers and ten rebounds as well with Bri Townley finishing with five points and 11 rebounds.

The Panthers and Wildcats were tied at 8-8 at the end of one quarter before Delphos Jefferson took a 23-21 halftime advantage.

Paulding rallied in the

third quarter, picking up 14 points while holding the Lady Wildcats to 11 as the Panthers grabbed a 35-34 lead going to the final eight minutes of action.

The maroon and white then outscored Delphos Jefferson 16-15 in the fourth quarter to post the victory.

Aly Lindeman scored 15 points for the Lady Wildcats with Delaney Deuel and Kaylee Buzard chipping in ten markers each.

Addy Stewart recorded nine markers for Delphos Jefferson followed by Brooke Brinkman with four and Mallory Bridges with one.

The Lady Panthers return to action on Thursday when they host Ada in Northwest Conference play.

with Abbey Gentz and Kate Mendenhall bucketing two apiece.

Fremont was paced by Bella Dangerfield with 14 points and Macayla Guthrie chipped in eight markers for the Eagles. Grace Schmucker and Sydney Applegate both had two points as well for the Eagles and Madelyn

Cress picked up one. Applegate also topped Fremont with six rebounds while Cress had four. Schmucker added three boards and a pair of assists with Jada Rhonehouse totaling three points and two steals. Samantha Kuhn picked up three rebounds as well for Fremont.

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RAIDERS GRIND OUT GMC WIN OVER EDGERTON



The Raiders struggled in the first quarter to post points against the Bulldogs. Wayne Trace's Jace Vinning got the ball rolling with this three point basket! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports-writer

HAVILAND - "It was a grinder," said Wayne Trace coach, Jim Linder, following the Raiders come-from-behind win. Wayne Trace defeated Edgerton in a key GMC contest last Thursday 47-38 after trailing by as many as 10 in the first half.

"We changed defenses in the second half and went from a zone to man. We held them (Edgerton) to just 17 points in the second half and found a way to win," commented Coach Linder.

Early in the second frame, a Logan Showalter bucket had the Bulldogs in control 15-5. Raider junior Jace Vining came to the rescue, caught fire, scoring a trey followed by a two-pointer to pull the Raiders a little closer 19-14. Following a Braydon Cape basket, Reid Miller was fouled going to the rim with

2.4 seconds remaining. Miller, who was battling some game day sickness, canded both freebies to send the Raiders to the locker room at the break trailing 21-16.

The second half saw the Raiders creep back in it with Vining dialing in from long range to open up second half play. The Raiders finally knotted the score at 25-25 when Josiah Linder bucketed a close range two-pointer. The Raiders were not finished as Nate Gerber followed with a long three-pointer from the deep corner. After trailing by as many as ten points in the first half the Raiders regained the lead 28-25 midway through the third quarter. The red, white, and blue would hold a three-point advantage heading into the fourth frame 32-29.

However, Edgerton would not go away and managed to take a 34-32 lead with Jaron

RAIDER'S DEFENSE HOLDS EDGERTON TO 19 IN WIN

By: Joe Shouse, Sports-writer

EDGERTON - Last Friday Wayne Trace traveled to Edgerton and before the Saturday snow storm hit the Lady Raiders buried the Bulldogs 51-19. With the win the Raiders sit atop the Green Meadows Conference at 3-0. Ayersville, Fairview and Holgate stand at 2-1 with the Raiders hosting Fairview on Thursday.

Wayne Trace jumped out early and never let off the gas,

posting an 18-3 lead after one quarter of play. Both teams duplicated the same score in the the second stanza with the Raiders taking a convincing 36-6 lead at the break.

Defensively the Raiders continued to shine in the third quarter, holding Edgerton to just two points and taking a 43-8 advantage into the fourth period. Edgerton scored 11 points in the final eight minutes with the Raiders posting eight.

Senior Kaylee Shepherd finished with 12 points to lead the Raiders offensively,

Cape hitting from close range followed by a trey from team mate Colin Gray.

Alex Reinhart asserted himself both as a scorer and rebounder and connected on a couple of free throws with 4:17 remaining, bringing the score even at 36 a piece. The Raiders would not trail again, outscoring the Bulldogs 11-2 in the final 3 1/2 minutes.

"We really struggled to score in the first half but we had some kids step up and grind it out. I can't say enough about Jace Vining, Alex Reinhart and Reid Miller. Jace gave us a huge lift offensively, hitting some big shots when we were struggling. Reid was not feeling well but he gutted it out the entire game. Alex came off the bench and had another great outing," said Coach Linder.

Miller finished with 10 points, hitting all eight of his free throws including four in the final minute. Reinhart was perfect shooting the ball, hitting his three field goal attempts and both free throws for eight points and snagged seven rebounds. Vining finished with 12 points along with five rebounds.

Nate Gerber had a strong showing, finishing with a double-double, 14 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Raider attack.

For the Bulldogs, who fall to 6-4 overall and 1-1 in GMC play, was led by Braydon Cape and Logan Showalter, who each posted 12 points.

Wayne Trace shot 38 percent from the floor on 16-42 while the Bulldogs managed 36 percent on 16-44. The Raiders had the upper hand at the free throw line hitting 12 to just four for Edgerton. Wayne Trace also won the battle of the boards 35-26.

With the win the Raiders improve their overall mark to 11-2 and remain perfect in the Green Meadows Conference at 3-0.

In the Junior Varsity contest the Raiders prevailed 33-19.

Shepherd was perfect from the field hitting all five of her two-point field goal attempts. Claire Sinn, also in double-digits collected 11 points along with five assists and two steals. Katrina Stoller added eight and Tiffany Sinn contributing seven, hitting all four of her free throws. Rachel Stoller scored four points with the freshmen leading the Raiders with seven rebounds.

Sadie Sinn scored four followed by Miriam Sinn with three and Sara Edwards chipping in two. Miriam Sinn added five assists and four steals.

With the win, their 12th in a row, the Raiders improve to 13-1. Edgerton falls to 6-7 overall and 1-2 in the league.

Edgerton placed six players in the score book with Megan Sullivan leading the way with six markers followed by team mate Ally Cape adding five.

The Raiders shot 46 percent (19-41) from the floor and hit 8-10 from the foul line. Meanwhile, Edgerton shot 28 percent (8-29) while hitting just 2-8 from the line. The red, white, and blue, won the rebound battle with 29 to 25 for the Bulldogs. Edgerton struggled offensively, turning the ball over 28 times to 16 for the winners.

In the Junior Varsity contest it was the Raiders powering past the Bulldogs by 19 with a 34-15 win.

ARCHERS FLY BY PILOTS FOR GMC WIN

DEFIANCE - Antwerp hit the court running and never looked back Thursday night in Green Meadows Conference boys basketball action as the Archers flew by host Ayersville 59-32.

Eleven different players scored in the contest for the blue and white, led by 13 from Luke Brewer and nine by Jayvin Landers.

Ty Rebber chipped in eight for the Archers, who improve to 8-3 overall and 2-1 in the league.

Keaton Altimus (seven), Austin Lichty (six), Luke Krouse (four), Blake Schuette (three), Jagger Landers (three), Austin Chirgwin (two), Cole Seslar (two) and Boston Dunderman (two) also scored for Antwerp.

Antwerp led 17-9 at the end of one period and pushed the margin to 30-14 at the intermission. The Archers took a 44-21 lead into the final quarter.

Ethan Becher paced Ayersville with eight points and Jacob Berner chipped in seven.

Other scorers for the Pilots included Evan Clark (four), Anthony Cook (three), Ryan Clark (three), Lukas Calhoun (three), Kallen Brown (two) and Devan Rue (two).

Antwerp will return home for a huge Green Meadows Conference showdown Friday night as undefeated Hicksville (11-0, 3-0 GMC) visits the home of the Archers.

The Archers then hit the road to North Central (6-7) for a non-league battle on Saturday.

OWENS & CLARK STATE DOUBLEHEADER POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER

By: Chris Schmidbauer, Sports Information Director

Toledo, OH -- Due to the forecasted inclement weather, Owens's doubleheader with Clark State tomorrow will be postponed.

The two teams will make up the games on Sunday January 27 with tip off times at 1 PM for the women's game and 3 PM for the men's game. Both games will be played at the SHAC. Owens men's and women's teams will next play against Edison on Wednesday January 23.

WARRIORS GET BYE TO SECTIONAL SEMIS

INDIANAPOLIS - The Indiana High School Athletic Association released the 2019 girls basketball sectional pairings on Sunday with schools finding out their potential tournament opponents around the state.

In Class 3A Sectional 22 at Fort Wayne Concordia, the Woodlan Lady Warriors picked up a first round bye as they await the winner of Concordia and Bishop Dwenger in the sectional semifinals.

Concordia and Bishop Dwenger will play on Tuesday, January 29, with the winner battling Woodlan in the semifinals on Friday, February 1.

Also, in sectional play on January 30, Garrett takes on New Haven followed by Leo playing Angola. Those two winners also return for action on February 1.

OAKWOOD KA SMARTIES SHARE THEIR ART WORK



The KA Smarties at Oakwood Elementary have been discovering lots of facts about penguins. Sharing their penguin art projects are Lucy Riethman and Elizabeth Boff.

The sectional championship will then be held at Concordia on Saturday, February 2.

Another Class 3A Sectional that features local teams will take place at Norwell.

In Sectional 23, host Norwell takes on Belmont in the opener on January 29 with the winner battling Heritage on Friday, February 1.

On Wednesday, January 30, Marion will play Bishop Luers and Columbia City squares off with Mississinewa as those two victors also return on February 1.

The sectional championship at Norwell is also slated to be on Saturday, February 2.

ANTWERP JH GIRLS' SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE AT HOME

On January 17th, the junior high Lady Archers ended their regular season at home with Crestview. The 7th grade played a tough game and lost 46-23. Scoring was led by Haley Hammer and Samantha

Sheedy both with 8, Aewyn McMichael 5 and Caydence Shull added 2. The 7th grade ends the regular season with a record of 8-8.

The 8th grade left it all on the court tonight as well. They lost 37-17, scoring was led by Aerial Snyder with 6, Hayleigh Jewell 5, Lydia Krouse 4 and Kearnstyn Pierce with 2. The 8th grade ends the regular season with a 5-11 record. 8th grade GMC tournament has been postponed until January 26th.

SHAWNEE OVERPOWERS COUGAR COUNTRY

Van Wert girls basketball played host to the Shawnee Indians of Lima, OH on January 17, 2019. The Lady Cougars lagged behind Shawnee in the first quarter, 13-8. In the second, Van Wert were able to score 3 more points than their opponent bringing the half-time score to 17-19, Shawnee holding closely to their lead. After the half, Shawnee's momentum was

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not to be touched as Van Wert's only scorers were Jackson and Phillips each with one two-point field goal. The Cougars made a last ditch effort in the final quarter to retaliate at the net, but couldn't close the gap to claim a home win. The final score of the night was a Shawnee victory, 44-33.

Score by the Quarter:
Van Wert - 8 9 4 12 = 33
Shawnee - 13 6 11 14 = 44

RAIDERS CRUISE, DEJARNETT PICKS UP 100TH CAREER WIN

By: Joe Shouse, Sports-writer

LIMA - Wayne Trace rolled to their 13th win of the season with a 44-25 shellacking over Lima Central Catholic. Highlighted by the non conference win was Raider Head Coach Bethany DeJarnett's 100th career win. In her six season DeJarnett stands at 100-34.

In the contest, the Thunderbirds scored the first three points to take their only lead. Wayne Trace answered with a 14-0 run and never looked back improving their season mark to 13-1.

"We got off to a good start," said DeJarnett. "We were aggressive from the opening tip-off."

Holding a 19-9 lead after the initial eight minutes, the Raiders would respond with the first nine points in the second stanza for a 28-9 margin.

In the third quarter, LCC

made a brief run to pull within 13 at 34-21. However, the Raiders would answer with the Sinn trio leading the offensive surge. Claire Sinn rattled home two free throws followed by a Sadie Sinn two-point goal and two free throws by Miriam Sinn for a 40-23 Raider advantage.

The Lady Raiders were paced by junior Claire Sinn with 17 points along with four steals and three assists. Also in double digits was Sadie Sinn who chipped in 12. Kaylee Shepherd tossed in six points with team mate Miriam Sinn adding two markers along with six rebounds, five steals and four assists, in a solid performance on both ends of the court.

Starter Katrina Stoller finished with one-point while freshman Rachel Stoller came off the bench and added six points and five steals.

Wayne Trace was on target from the two-point area, hitting 14-27 for 52 percent. The Raiders connected on 3-11 from behind the arc. The red, white, and blue finished with 21 rebounds, 11 assists and 17 steals while committing just nine turnovers.

Rosie Williams led the Thunderbirds in scoring with 15 of her team's 25 points. LCC out rebounded the Lady Raiders 29-21 but committed 23 costly miscues. The 'Birds even their season mark at 8-8.

In the Junior Varsity

CHOW LINE: MEAL KITS & OTHER FOOD DELIVERY SERVICES SHOULD INCLUDE A FOCUS ON FOOD SAFETY



I'm using a meal kit delivery service for the first time. What do I need to be aware of when ordering, and when the food arrives?

Meal kit delivery and food preparation services have grown in popularity in recent years, with revenue in that sector expected to grow to over \$10 billion in 2020, up from \$1 billion in 2015, according to Statista, Inc., a New York-based market and consumer data firm.

Ease and convenience are some of the factors for that

increase, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. But, it's important that safe food handling methods are used when receiving food through a mail delivery service, especially when receiving perishable foods, food safety experts say.

Whether it be a subscription meal kit, mail-ordered food, or groceries delivered to your home from a local grocery store, home-delivered food must be handled properly to ensure food safety, the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-

match-up the Raiders turned back the young Thunderbirds in convincing fashion 38-16. Katie Stoller finished with 14 points to pace the Raiders in scoring followed by nine points from Tiffany Sinn. Riley Troth and Kenadie Daeger each added six markers for the winners who improve to 9-1.

LANCERS PULL AWAY TO KNOCK OFF ARCHERS

VAN WERT - Lincolnview led at the end of one quarter as the Lady Lancers recorded a 48-39 win over visiting Antwerp Tuesday night in girls basketball non-league action.

The blue and gold doubled up the Archers in the opening quarter, posting a 10-5 margin at the end of eight minutes of action. Antwerp trimmed the deficit to 21-18 at the midway point of the contest before Lincolnview took back control in the third quarter.

The Lady Lancers scored 14 points in the period while holding the visiting Archers to five as Lincolnview grabbed a 35-23 margin going into the final period.

Brianna Ebel topped the Lincolnview cause with 15 points while Adia Welch and Lana Carey chipped in ten markers each.

Annie Mendenhall also had six points for the blue and gold with Lakin Brant

posting five and Sierra Adams finished with two.

Antwerp was paced by Heather Oberlin and Astiana Coppes, both of which ended with 13 points.

Tiera Gomez bucketed five markers for the blue and white and Chelsea Johanns finished with four. Alyvia Devore and Kendyl Miller also had two points each for the Lady Archers.

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vention (CDC) said in a posting this week.

Consumers are advised to research a company and its practices regarding food safety before placing an order. One thing to consider is whether the company offers instructions for safe handling and preparation of the food, including cooking temperature, with each shipment, the CDC said.

It's also important to research, if possible, how the company deals with food that is delivered at an unsafe temperature. For example, perishable foods—especially meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs—should not be left at room temperature for more than two hours. When this happens, the food can enter the "danger zone," a range of temperatures between 40 and 140 degrees Fahrenheit at which bacteria grows most rapidly.

"It can be difficult for consumers to gather information on the practices and policies of meal delivery services in order to make an informed decision regarding food safety," said Abigail Snyder, an assistant professor and food safety field specialist for the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) at The Ohio State University.

"However, checking the temperature of perishable foods when they are received, cooking raw meat products to the appropriate USDA-recommended internal temperature, and checking the delivery for damage or leaks that can lead to cross-contamination are practices consumers can implement themselves," she said.

Additionally, the CDC recommends that you:

- arrange for the food to be delivered when someone is at home so that it can be refrigerated quickly instead of being left outside for extended periods of time.

- find a safe space for delivery if no one will be at home when the food arrives. Food should be delivered to a cool, shaded, and secure location where pests and rodents can't access it. Let the company know where you would like them to leave your box.

- examine both the box and the packaging in which the food was delivered. If you ordered perishable food such as meat, seafood, poultry, eggs, or dairy, look for stickers on the box that say "Keep Refrigerated" or "Keep Frozen."

- make sure that the company used insulated packaging and materials such as dry ice or frozen gel packs to keep all of the perishable food cold in transit.

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OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY DECEMBER SOM



Oakwood Elementary December student of the month are: Front row: Balan Miller, Baylor Kilgore, Lauryn Bernal, Carlen Wright. Middle row: Marcello Rohda, Phenoix Clements, Rylee Cox, Cadence Schwab. Back Row: Max Stork, Jack Woods, Kadence Thomas, Lily Lamond.

EXPRESS COMEBACK FALLS JUST SHORT AGAINST BOBCATS

By: Chris Schmidbauer, Sports Information Director

Toledo, OH -- After trailing by 23 at halftime, the Owens Men's Basketball staged a furious comeback that fell three point short against Bryant & Stratton on Wednesday night. The Express were actually able to take a one point lead twice in the game's final

four minutes, but the Bobcats made a crucial layup off a turnover with nine seconds remaining, to seal the fate of the Express.

Owens had a chance to tie the game as time expired, but Aamir Solomon's three did not fall, and the Express lost 74-71.

The comeback started when Jordan Grayson got hot from behind the arc. Grayson hit a pair of threes on consecutive possessions, one of which ended up as a

four point play after a Bobcat foul. The seven points cut the Bryant & Stratton lead to 11 with 9:35 to play in the second half. A pair of DiMarius Hill layups would cut the Bobcat lead to just single digits, and then Solomon would nail to three pointers from the left wing to put the Express down just three points with 5:56 to play in the ball game.

Owens would tie the game up at 66 all on a pair of free throws by Kemet Hartman with 4:39 to play in the game to set up a furious finish for both teams. The two teams would trade the lead a twice down the stretch, and Sharif Saleem's layup with 32 second left tied the score at 71. But Owens would send the Bobcats' De'sean Reed to free throw line where he made the first but missed his second. Owens would grab the rebound, but Antonio Solomon would steal the ball and make a a layup to seal the Express's fate.

Owens had four players finish in double figures. Aamir Solomon led the Express with 20 points on 8-18 shooting from the floor. He also finished with four rebounds and three assists. Sharif Saleem his second double-double of the season, finishing with 10 points and a team high eleven rebounds on the night.

Jordan Grayson would finish with 14 points, six rebounds and five steals, while fellow freshman, DiMarius Hill, finished with 12 points and four rebounds.

Owens fell to 2-16 overall, and they remain winless in the conference at 0-6.

The Express are scheduled to be in action again this Saturday afternoon against Clark State at home. With inclement weather expected in the Northwest Ohio on Saturday, a decision on whether the game will be postponed will be made before the end of the week. Should the Express play the Eagles on Saturday, tip off is scheduled for 3 PM at the SHAC. Stay tuned to OwensExpress.com and the Owens Athletics Twitter feed regarding this weekend's games.

NEW HAVEN BASKETBALL ROUND-UP

On January 9th, New Haven boys basketball fell to Bishop Dwenger, 61-56.

Smithey led Dwenger with 25 and Thomas Latham led

New Have with 18 points and 7 rebounds.

Score by the Quarter:
New Haven - 18 11 17 10 = 56
Bishop Dwenger - 18 13 14 16 = 61

On January 11th, the New Haven boys basketball beat Leo, 64-57.

New Haven outscored Leo 9-2 in Overtime to secure the victory. New Haven was led in scoring by Donovan Lewis 17 pats and Jaden Harris 13 pts.

Score by the Quarter:
New Haven - 25 7 9 14 9 = 64
Leo - 23 12 8 12 2 = 57
On January 15th, New Haven beat Garrett, 57-43.

New Haven was led by Thomas Latham with 14 points and 11 rebounds and Deante Causey had 10 points and 11 points.

Score by the Quarter:
New Haven - 10 16 21 10 = 57
Garrett - 6 11 11 15 = 43

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Randall A. Collins, Oakwood, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Charge amended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; pay or collections date set for 1/25/19

Yvonne M. Gonzales, Oakwood, OH; Child endangerment; Case dismissed per state; With prejudice; Costs waived

Tasha L. Cardoza, Paulding, OH; Attempted theft; Case dismissed per state; Without prejudice; Costs waived

Briana M. Miller, Columbus, OH; Turn signals; Guilty; Pay fines and costs

Kami S. Aldrich, Grover Hill, OH; OVI/under influence; Count A dismissed at the state's request

Kami S. Aldrich, Grover Hill, OH; OVI suspension; Guilty; Remove from SCRAM on 1/18/19; Proof of insurance provided; Pay or collections 7/26/19; Shall pay \$50.00 per month commencing 1/25/19; 87 jail days

James A. Samples, Defiance, OH; No operator license; Guilty; Pay or collection 8/30/19; Shall pay \$20.00 per month commencing 1/25/19

Aaron S. McMillan, Scott, OH; Obstructing official business; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing in open court; Bond modified; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding Common Pleas Court

Aaron S. McMillan, Scott, OH; Resisting arrest; Preliminary hearing waived; Bond modified; Case shall be bound over

Aaron S. McMillan, Scott, OH; Endangering a child; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing; Bond modified; Case shall be bound over

Bruce D. Stephens Jr., Fort Wayne, IN; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Blake S. Dolt, Oakwood, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dedron D. Harris, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

James M. Schindler, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ronnie L. Retcher, De-

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,

PAULDING COUNTY:

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vs.

COREY A. CARNAHAN, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. Cl 18 0132

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Jacqueline M. Wirtz, Attorney for Plaintiff

fiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Misty Dawn Owens, Oakwood, OH; Theft; Pled no contests, found guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Shall have no contact with Paulding Subway; 20hrs of community service; Complete Thinking For A Change Program; Maintain general good behavior; Restitution \$20.00

Dustin P. Jackson, Antwerp, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Dustin P. Jackson, Antwerp, OH; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Leonard J. Feeney III, Melrose, OH; Failure to reinstate; Guilty; Pay or collections 7/26/19; Shall pay \$50.00 per month commencing 2/22/19

Matthew D. Straley, Paulding, OH; Wrong plate; Pled no contest, found guilty; Proof of financial responsibility not provided; Defendant to provide proof of insurance by 1/18/19; Pay or collection 2/22/19

Ray Conley, Toledo, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Nicholas W. Lowe, Stryker, OH; Trafficking in drugs; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing in open court; Bond conditions modified; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding Common Pleas Court

Nicholas W. Lowe, Toledo, OH; Possession of drugs; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing in open court; Bond conditions modified; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding Common Pleas Court

Nicholas W. Lowe, Toledo, OH; Possession of drug instrument; Defendant waived

the preliminary hearing in open court; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding Common Pleas Court; Bond conditions modified

Jamie Rodriguez-Avila, Detroit, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Andrew Stafford, Paulding, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Andrew Stafford, Paulding, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Aaron T. Lemon, Columbia City, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

April E. Manz, Paulding, OH; Failure to yield from private drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

BROWN TWP

1/14/19 Rakes Johnny G to T3 Properties LLC; State St; 0.1722 acres; Lot 403 & E1/2 Vac Alley Patterson Add Melrose Vg

CARRYALL TWP

1/15/19 Us Bank Trust Na Trustee to Doctor Caleb Joseph; 16273 Rd 7 Antwerp Oh 45813; 5.007 acres; Pt N1/2 Sw1/4 Carryall Twp S-18

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HARRISON TWP
1/15/19 Core Capital Properties Llc to National Premier Investments LLC; 221 E Townline St; 0.1981 acres; Lot 13 E Pt Less N 45Ft Block E Payne Vill

JACKSON TWP
1/15/19 Bok Brett A to Bok Brett A Bok Christina G; 10745 Rd 151 Oakwood Oh 45873; 3.42 acres; Pt Ne1/4 Ne1/4 Jackson Twp S-13

1/10/19 Hoeffel Lee E Hoeffel Paul E to Hoeffel Lee E Hoeffel Paul E Trustee; Rd131; 60 acres; 1/4Sw1/4&W1/2Ne1/4Sw1/4 Jackson Twp S-22

1/10/19 Hoeffel Lee E Hoeffel Paul E to Hoeffel Lee E Hoeffel Paul E Trustee; Rd131; 40 acres; Sw1/4 Sw1/4 Jackson Twp S-22

LATTY TWP
1/11/19 Fast Pamela to Trece Ronald R Trustee Trece Karla J Trustee; Sr 114 Grover Hill Oh; 113.5 acres; Pt W1/2Se1/4 & Ne1/4Se1/4Latty Twp S-23

PAULDING TWP
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1/16/19 Durre James P Durre Laura A to Durre Laura A; 750 Hoover Ave; 0.1653 acres; Lot 60 Noneman Add Paulding Vill

1/16/19 Durre James P Durre Laura A to Durre Laura A; Hoover Ave; 0.1653 acres; Lot 61 Noneman Add Paulding Vill

LATTA NAMED REPUBLICAN LEADER OF E&C COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) has been named Ranking Member of the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Technology (C&T) for the 116th Congress by Committee Ranking Member Greg Walden (R-OR). Jurisdiction of the subcommittee includes electronic communications, emergency and public safety communications, the Federal Communications Commission, the National Telecommunications and

PHS STUDENTS EXPLORE CAREERS IN CONSERVATION



To help introduce themselves to careers in agriculture and environmental sciences, students participated in an icebreaker activity where they had a card fastened to their back and were challenged to try and guess their career by asking their classmates a series of questions.

By: Patrick Troyer, Paulding SWCD

What do I want to do after high school? This is a question that lingers on the mind of many high school students trying to study the many options that exist in front of them weighing the pros and cons of each. Do I go to college? Do I enter the workforce? Are there opportunities for me in my hometown? Students in Mr. Sam Hatcher's Economics class were given some guidance in answering some of these questions as they explored careers in conservation and agriculture.

As we all know, agriculture plays an important role in our well-being and that of our nation. Students were asked a series of questions noting their need for farmers to eat their food and to provide the materials to produce their clothing among many other things. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there were 856,300 agricultural jobs as of the most recent data available in 2016. The World Bank estimates

that just 2% of the total United States labor force is employed in the agricultural industry. Of the careers available in agriculture, 20% require a college education.

Students were provided additional statistics of the need for individuals to fill positions. The Bureau of Labor Statistics writes that on an annual basis, 400,000 people are needed to fill positions yet only about 100,000 jobs are being filled each year meaning the opportunities are endless in this particular industry. What opportunities exist in our area for those wanting to enter the Ag Industry? We first covered opportunities that exist with Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs).

In the early 1900s, conservation was not widely practiced with soil being eroded away due to wind or water erosion. On May 12, 1934 the worst dust storm rolled across the great plains blocking the sun and leaning films of dust everywhere. President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Soil

Conservation Act establishing the Soil Conservation Service within the US Department of Agriculture to promote soil conservation, yet farmers were still skeptical of the Federal Government. States then set up SWCD's in each of their counties with Ohio Establishing the first SWCD in 1941, with Paulding County forming in 1949. Federal, state, and local officials work to achieve the common goal soil natural resource conservation on urban and rural lands.

What opportunities exist with an SWCD? There are opportunities to for technicians, educators, and more recently nutrient specialists. Technical Assistance and Education are at the core of the opportunities available at an SWCD. An SWCD technician aids in the design, promotion, and facilitation of several conservation practices such as water control boxes, cover crops, soil testing, grassed waterways, drainage issues, and manure storage facilities to name a few. The Nutrient Specialist is tasked

THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

with being the local eyes and ears on the ground ensuring that nutrients are being properly applied to the ground and working with producers on ways in which they can effectively manage their nutrients. An SWCD educator's job is to work with all ages and occupations to become aware of natural resource concerns by offering programs which bring issues such as erosion, pollution, and wildlife conservation to light. This is a great opportunity for those interested in environmental education.

To learn about the vast opportunities offered in an agricultural/environmental career, students took part in a mixer activity. Each student was handed a card with a different career that was fastened to their back so they could not see the occupation. They then walked around the room asking other students yes-or-no questions to try and figure out what their mystery career might be. Students could ask questions such as "Do I work

outside" "Do I work with animals". Once they felt they figured out their career, they sat down in their seats. Once most students were in their seats, they read the example on their career card and shared with the class what they liked or disliked about that career. This activity was a great way to introduce students to careers that may be available to them in addition to those they might not have known existed.

Do you know how many careers are available in the agricultural/environmental career field? To name a few: energy consultant, soil conservationist, agronomist, ecologist, wildlife wastewater engineer, civil biologist, hydrogeologist, game warden, fish & wildlife technician, soil scientist, forester, naturalist, biologist, hydrologic technician, and the list could go on and on! If you would like this program or a similar one for your group, contact the Paulding SWCD by phone at 419-399-4771 or email patrick.troyer@pauldingswcd.org.

Information Administration, and technology generally. Congressman Latta served as Chairman of the Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection Subcommittee last Congress.

Latta was Vice Chair of the C&T Subcommittee in the 114th Congress and served on the subcommittee in the 115th Congress.

"I'd like to thank Congressman Walden for the opportunity to serve as Republican Leader on the Communications and Technology Subcommittee," said Latta. "The way we communicate and use technology plays a significant role in our daily lives. In this capacity, I'll be able to advocate for policies that will

help consumers, grow our economy, and spur innovation. One area I've focused on in Congress has been increasing access to high-speed broadband and closing the "digital divide" - an important issue to the people I represent in Northwest and West Central Ohio. In addition, the rollout of 5G promises to revolutionize our communications infrastructure, and this subcommittee will play a critical role in developing the necessary policies to ensure the United States maintains its place as a leader of this cutting-edge technology. I look forward to working with my colleagues on these issues and more during the 116th Congress."

"Congressman Latta has been a leader on Communications and Technology issues during his time on the Energy and Commerce Committee," said Energy and Commerce Committee Republican Leader Greg Walden (R-OR). "Bob served as Vice Chair of this Subcommittee during my time as C&T Chairman, and he has always been a strong advocate for policies that remove barriers to implementing technology and boosting economic growth. In this role as the Republican Leader of this subcommittee, I have the utmost

confidence that he will continue his efforts to find policy solutions that focus on spurring innovation, empowering consumers, and creating jobs."

LATTA AUTHORS RESOLUTION TO HONOR GOLD STAR FAMILIES

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) has introduced a resolution, H.Res. 39, honoring Gold Star Families by designating March 2, 2019 as "Gold Star Families Remembrance Day." The resolution would honor and recognize the sacrifices made by the families of military members who gave their lives to defend freedom and protect America. This March 2 will be the 90th anniversary of President Calvin Coolidge signing legislation to approve and fund the first Gold Star pilgrimage, enabling Gold Star families to travel to the gravesites of their loved ones who died during World War I. In addition, the resolution encourages communities across America to perform acts of service and good will on that date.

The term Gold Star family is derived from families that flew flags during World War I. A blue star on the flag meant that an immediate family member was serving in the U.S. armed

forces. If the family member was killed in action, the blue star was replaced with a gold one. Gold Star Mother's Day is celebrated the last Sunday in every September, but there is no day dedicated to the entire family that is affected by the loss of a loved one in combat.

"It's long past due to honor the family members of those that have lost their lives in service to their country," said Latta. "The wives, husbands, fathers, mothers, children, brothers, and sisters of our service members all sacrifice while their loved ones are in the military. When a member of the armed forces gives their life in defense of our nation, it's the family members that must live with that loss. On the 90th anniversary of legislation establishing the first Gold Star pilgrimage, we should recognize their sacrifice and name March 2nd as a day dedicated to Gold Star families."

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CUFFS & COLLARS

Field reports from ODNR Division of Wildlife Officers

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

Just prior to the 2018 deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Chad Grote, assigned to Marion County, was contacted about a social media post. The caller said that the post included a picture of a young lady posing with a dead deer and a shotgun. Officer Grote checked harvest records and found that she had not checked in a deer. He contacted the young lady and her father who both admitted that they had gone out together and each had shot at the deer that was harvested. The daughter had a hunting license, but she did not have a deer permit. Her father had both a hunting license and a deer permit. Instead of checking in the deer accurately and contacting a state wildlife officer about the mistake of harvesting a deer with a firearm before the start of the season, the pair butchered the deer and did not check it in. They then disposed of the carcass in a small stream. Officer Grote issued each of them summonses for their violations, and both were found guilty in the Marion Municipal Court. They paid \$326 in fines and court cost and were sentenced to 10 days of jail which were suspended.

While on patrol prior to the deer archery season, State Wildlife Officer Patrick Muldovan, assigned to Licking County, and State

PAULDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DECEMBER 2018 SOM



December student of the month are: Front Row: Bindy Font, Sawyer Hunt, Bethany Antigo, Brylee Thompson, Braxton Hanenkratt, Jayce Setser Kolten Ringler. Middle row: Ellen Huelsmeyer, Anabel Martinez, Eva Shull, Presley Barnes, Alayna White, Makenna Adams, Luci Martinez, Taelynn Parrett, Sophie Hull. Back row: Mr. Puthoff, Colton Hunt, Sheyenne Shepherd, Nataleigh Bidlack, Ty Jackson, Kyra Jackman, Myrriah Manz, Esperanza Kline, Max Daeger

Wildlife Officer Supervisor Bill Bullard received a Turn In a Poacher (TIP) report regarding a deer that had been killed the day before. The person believed to be responsible for killing the animal denied he had killed it. However, pictures had been taken showing the suspect with the deer the day prior. The man was issued a summons for possessing a dead deer without properly tagging it and paid \$256 in fines and court costs.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

During the 2018 deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Nathan Kaufmann, assigned to Huron County, received a complaint about out of state hunters crossing property they did not

have permission to be on to gain easier access to property where they had permission to hunt. After speaking with the complainant, it was clear that the hunters were no longer on the property. The next morning, Officer Kaufmann received information from the same complainant that the hunters had again crossed his property. Officer Kaufmann arrived at the complainant's property and located two sets of boot tracks in the fresh snow that had fallen overnight. Officer Kaufmann followed the tracks to a tree stand where he contacted one hunter. A second hunter soon arrived in the same location, and both were issued a summons for hunting without permission. Each hunter appeared

in court and paid \$175 in fines and court costs.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

One evening during the fall, State Wildlife Officer Nick Turner, assigned to Harrison County, and State Wildlife Officer Craig Porter, assigned to Jefferson County, were conducting surveillance along a rural road where they had received several reports of deer being shot. While sitting at their location, they observed a truck traveling toward them while casting three spotlights from three different windows. The officers initiated a traffic stop on the truck, which had West Virginia license plates. An inspection of the vehicle uncovered a loaded rifle, several spotlights, and knives

covered in deer hair and blood. All items were seized as evidence. During the investigation, the officers determined that the men were responsible for a deer killed on that road within the previous week. Officer Turner contacted the West Virginia DNR, who sent officers to the suspect's home. The West Virginia officers recovered 17 deer heads that had been killed illegally within the past two weeks, including a large antlered deer. The suspects were issued several summonses and ordered to appear in court. After the men were convicted, they were ordered to pay a total of \$3,000 in fines and court costs and \$9,784.86 in restitution for the large antlered deer. The men also spent 10 days in jail and had their hunting privileges suspended for 10 years. The spotlights, knives, deer parts, and rifle were forfeited to the ODNR Division of Wildlife. Additional cases are pending in West Virginia.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

In September 2018, State Wildlife Officer Brad St. Clair, assigned to Noble County, received a report of a woman digging ginseng without permission. The landowner was able to provide valuable information which allowed Officer St. Clair to identify the woman. Officer St. Clair then contacted the woman, who admitted to digging ginseng without permission on the landowner's property. In addition, Officer St. Clair discovered the woman had

digged ginseng several times that month and failed to keep records as required by law. She was issued citations for digging ginseng without permission and failing to keep accurate and complete records. The woman appeared in the Noble County Court and the Cambridge Municipal Court where she was found guilty. She was ordered to pay a total of \$644 in fines and court costs.

In November 2018, State Wildlife Officer Ted Witham, assigned to Jackson County, received a phone call about hunting violations that had occurred on the second day of the youth deer gun season. Officer Witham responded to the area and was able to speak with both the caller and a landowner. The caller had seen someone wearing camouflage walk onto the landowner's property while carrying a shotgun. A short time later, the caller had heard a gunshot and then witnessed the suspect drive a truck back to the woods and load up the deer. The landowner had not given anyone permission to hunt on his property. Officer Witham was able to locate the suspect, who admitted to killing a doe on the property with a shotgun. The suspect was found guilty of hunting without permission, hunting without a deer permit, taking a deer with a firearm during the youth only firearm season, and failing to game check the deer. He was ordered to pay \$610 in fines, restitution, and court costs, lost his hunting privileges for one year, and forfeited



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Rights Commission. Only one winner out of hundreds of entries is selected to receive recognition from each grade level! Cody will be formally recognized and his essay showcased at an award ceremony in Columbus on Feb. 28th.

ed the shotgun used in the crime.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

On the opening day of the deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Jason Keller, assigned to Warren County, received a call from a local hunter who informed Officer Keller that someone was hunting without permission on private property close to where he was currently hunting. Officer Keller responded to the area and was speak-

ing with the hunter when he heard an ATV engine start nearby. Officer Keller went into the woods in search of the ATV operator, whom he caught up with about a half mile away. On the ATV were two hunters, one of which was using an illegal rifle to hunt deer. After speaking with the pair, Officer Keller discovered other wildlife violations that had been committed. Both individuals were charged with hunting without permission in ad-

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dition to numerous other charges. The two defendants pleaded guilty in the Lebanon Municipal Court and paid \$1,746 in total fines and court costs. In addition, the hunter who was using the illegal rifle had his hunting privileges revoked for two years.

LATTA RE-INTRODUCES BILL TO PROHIBIT THE DISPOSAL OF FETAL BODY PARTS IN LANDFILLS

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) has re-introduced pro-life legislation, the Protecting the

Dignity of Unborn Children Act, which would prohibit the disposal of fetal remains in a landfill or navigable waters and impose strict penalties on violators. Under this bill, remains that were disposed of in these areas would be subjected up to three years in prison, a fine, or both.

"It is truly horrific that some abortion providers have disposed of baby body parts by dumping them in landfills," said Congressman Latta. "There should be no excuse for showing this lack of dignity to these innocent babies, and it's time to make clear that this is

wrong. I will continue my work to protect life, and that means having laws on the books that ensures the unborn are treated with respect."

While various states have laws prohibiting the practice of dumping fetal remains in landfills, there is no Federal law prohibiting the practice.

LATTA PRESENTS CONGRESSIONAL AWARD SILVER MEDAL TO SYLVANIA'S KAREN PAN

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) presented Sylvania's Karen Pan with a Congressional Award Silver Medal during an event at the Sylvania City Council Chamber. The Congressional Award was established by Congress in 1979 to recognize initiative, service, and achievement in young people. To earn the award, recipients must be between the ages of 13 1/2 and 24, set goals in four different program areas, and meet specific benchmarks in pursuit of those goals. The four program areas are voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition/exploration.

Karen Pan, a graduate of Sylvania's Northview High School, completed the voluntary public service portion of the award through the foundation of a music nonprofit, the Toledo Initiative for Musical Collaboration, Research, and Education (TIMBRE). The nonprofit performs free music events for the community. For personal development, Karen created pieces of music to perform at these events. To accomplish the expedition/exploration portion,

Sudoku solution from page 13

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

she took the nonprofit overseas to Vienna, Austria to perform at the Summa Cum Laude International Music Festival. For physical fitness, Karen participated in cheer-leading at Sylvania Northview. All Silver Medal winners must spend more than 400 hours over a minimum of 12 months to achieve the award.

Karen is currently a student at the University of Pennsylvania.

"I commend Karen for her dedication, commitment, and initiative in achieving the Congressional Award Silver Medal," said Latta. "This award was established by Congress in 1979 to recognize teenagers and young adults who are getting involved in their local communities and investing in their own personal development. I always appreciate the opportunity to meet with young people that are giving back, and Karen's efforts through the nonprofit she founded are inspiring. Congratulations to Karen on her achievement!"

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 1/2/19

This 2nd day of January, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtzberry and Cindy Peters, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Warrants documented as 248016 through 248038 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING "THEN AND NOW" PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS:

This 31st day of December, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtzberry and Cindy Peters, Clerk

Mr. Mark Holtzberry moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on December 26, 2018, Warrants numbered 24971 through 247014 in the amount of \$20,735.06; and

WHEREAS, it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF REDUCING THE 2018 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 239):

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to reduce the 2019 Annual Appropriation in the Probate/Juvenile Tech Grant Fund (Fund 239); to-wit: Fund/Dept/Acct 239-001-00002/Pro/Juvenile Tech Grant/Contract Services Current Appropriation \$2,000.00 Change (+ OR -) - 776.00 New Appropriation \$1,244.00

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE NORTHWEST OHIO COMMUNITY ACTION (NOCAC) BOARD:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint Mr. Mark Holtzberry to serve as the Commissioners' representative on the Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission (NOCAC) Board for the year 2019.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE AREA OFFICE ON AGING OF NORTHWESTERN OHIO, INC.:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint Mr. Mark Holtzberry to serve as the Commissioners' representative to the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc., for the year 2019.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint Mr. Mark Holtzberry to serve as the Commissioners' representative to the Paulding County Senior Center Steering Committee for the year 2019.

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING A HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2019:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby adopt the following holiday schedule for 2019 and will be closed on said days as follows: January 1, 2019, Tuesday, New Year's Day; January 21, 2019, Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr.; February 18, 2019, Monday, President's Day; April 19, 2019 (close at noon), Friday, Good Friday; May 27, 2019, Monday, Memorial Day; July 4, 2019, Thursday, Independence Day; September 2, 2019, Monday, Labor Day; October 14, 2019, Monday, Columbus Day; November 11, 2019, Monday, Veterans' Day; November 28 & 29, 2019, Thursday & Friday, Thanksgiving; December 24 & 25, 2019, Tuesday & Wednesday, Christmas

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint the following member to the Planning Commission; to-wit: Travis McGarvey, 3 year term expiring December 31, 2021

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

• Joe Burkard, County Prosecutor - Mr. Burkard met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss county business.

• Tayler Coy, SWCD Nutrient Management Specialist and Dan Foust, SWCD District Administrator - Mr. Foust informed the Commissioners that the SWCD state audit findings were released to the public. Mr. Foust also introduced Mr. Tayler Coy as Soil and Water Conservation District new Nutrient Management Specialist. The position is grant funded and will last through 2020.

• Laurie Lucas - Ms. Lucas met with the Commissioners regarding a complaint about dogs barking excessively and lack of a return call from the Dog Warden. Commissioner Zartman recommended that Ms. Lucas call the Sheriff's

office and Commissioner Klopfenstein assisted Ms. Lucas with information where to file a small claim for nuisance.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 1/7/19

This 7th day of January, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Zartman, Mark Holtzberry and Cindy Peters, Clerk absent: Roy Klopfenstein

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Warrants documented as 248079 through 248256 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST:

• Sandee Buffington, Toledo District Meeting, Findlay, OH - January 4, 2019

• Mark Holtzberry, NOCAC Board Meeting, Defiance, OH - January 10, 2019

• Travis McGarvey, CEO Conference, Columbus, OH - February 7-8, 2019

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING "THEN AND NOW" PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS:

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on January 2, 2019, Warrants numbered 248023 through 248038 in the amount of \$79,620.70; and

WHEREAS, it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Tony Zartman. Upon the call of the roll, the following vote resulted:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holtzberry to go into executive session at 11:40 a.m. with the County EMA Director to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tony Zartman. All

members voting yea.

At 11:50 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2019 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 078):

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2019 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Infrastructure Projects Fund (Fund 078), to-wit: 078-001-00001/Infrastructure Projects/Infrastructure Projects AMOUNT: \$ 517,924.44

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2019 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 009):

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2019 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Engineer's Gas Tax Fund (Fund 009); 009-001-00002/Engineer's Gas Tax/Office Salary, AMOUNT: \$36,949.00; 009-001-00008/Engineer's Gas Tax/Equipment, AMOUNT: \$50,000.00; 009-001-00011/Engineer's Gas Tax/Contract Projects, AMOUNT: \$1,450,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2019 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 280):

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2019 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Sewage Permit Fund (Fund 280), to-wit: 280-001-00003/Sewage Permit Fund/Other Expenses, AMOUNT: \$2,225.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2019 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-031):

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2019 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Commissioners' Miscellaneous Fund (Fund 001-031), to-wit: 001-031-00013/Commissioners' Misc/Trial Expenses AMOUNT: \$200,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2019 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 170):

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2019 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Wireless 911 Fund (Fund 170), to-wit: FROM: 170-001-00005/ Wireless 911/Equipment TO: 170-001-00012/Wireless 911/Upgrades AMOUNT: \$45,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 078):

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Infrastructure Projects Fund (Fund 078); to-wit: FROM: Pay-in #120176 TO: 078-001-00001/Infrastructure Projects/Infrastructure Projects AMOUNT: \$80,782.36

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners do hereby enter into a lease agreement with Mr. Earl Baldwin, of Cecil, Ohio, for the leasing of one barn located at 12990, Road 192, Cecil, Ohio. A copy of said lease is on file in the Commissioners' Office; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, the lease shall begin the January 1, 2019 and terminate on December 31, 2019.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING AN ENTITY ADMINISTRATOR FOR SYSTEM AWARD MANAGEMENT:

WHEREAS, you must have an active System Award Management (SAM) registration in order to submit applications using grants.gov; and

WHEREAS, information is required to activate System for Award Management (SAM), manage the Entity's registration record, its associated users and their roles to the Entity; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners do hereby appoint Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer, an authorized representative of the County, as Entity Administrator in System Award Management (SAM).

IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING FEES FOR EMA TELEPHONE AND INTERNET SERVICES:

WHEREAS, EMA obtains grant funds from the State of Ohio for reimbursable expenses to help operate the EMA office in Paulding County, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners do hereby set fees for 2019 and subsequent years for the County's EMA office at \$14.45 per phone line for three (3) phones and \$63.95 per month for internet service effective January 1, 2019; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that fees will remain in effect until changed via resolution.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

• Judge Beckman, Common Pleas Judge - Judge Beckman met with the Commissioners to discuss inquiries about capital cases and handling budgets and how much they cost. She had met with another Judge to get an idea on the cost of the trial. (See resolution above for trial expenses).

• Carol Temple, County Recorder - Ms. Temple met with the Commissioners to discuss what agreement she has for

computer hardware in her office.

• Lou Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Lou Wannemacher informed the Commissioners of the SAMS DUNS requires an appointment.

• Megan Sierra, PC Workshop and Becky Suvar, WMEA - Ms. Sierra met with the Commissioners and Ms. Suvar to discuss recycling needs within the county. Ms. Sierra has been doing some research and PC Workshop at this time cannot handle the entire recycle program. Ms. Sierra will need some help to be able to participate and is willing to be a part of the county recycle program. Ms. Sierra and Ms. Suvar are going to check with Eric Recycling for possible options in working with the Workshop and the Commissioners to develop a plan for the county's future recycling needs.

• Deb Guilford, PCBDD - Ms. Guilford met with the Commissioners to discuss tax exemption status for the PC Workshop building. We did receive one bid for the Workshop property and it was approved for \$185,000. PCBDD assisted the Workshop with the transaction the last two years and will assist with the third year. Ms. Guilford noted that the hot and cold water lines need replaced at the DD building. Bids are due on 1/17/19 for those repairs.

• Skyler Maassel, Assistant Dog Warden and Chris Howe, Dog Warden - Mr. Howe informed Mr. Zartman that he talked to a gentleman on 1071 with all of the dogs. Mr. Howe commented that the owner of the residence informed him that most of the dogs are not his. He is training coon dogs for other people. Mr. Howe informed the gentleman that he has to have tags for all of the dogs. Commissioner Zartman asked if Mr. Howe about returning phone calls. Mr. Howe commented that the kennel phone has been down. The phone has been fixed and is currently in working condition.

• Ed Bohn, EMA Director - Mr. Bohn met with the Commissioners regarding the Nixle 360. Mr. Bohn's assistant has received numerous phone calls from upset people. Mr. Bohn pointed out that the flood warning notifications have been eliminated. Mr. Bohn also noted that to get the EMPG grant funds reimbursed, the Commissioners need to pass a resolution for telephone and internet service invoicing for 2019. (See resolution above).

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KIWANIS TALKS ABOUT KIWANIS



Pictured is Shaun Matakoto on the left and Stan Searing on the right.

Paulding, OH: This week Kiwanis member Stan Searing introduced fellow Kiwanian Shaun Matakoto to talk about Kiwanis. As Ki-

wanis members the club's mission is to help children in our community as well as around the world; but what else does Kiwanis do?

Matakoto, who has been a member of Kiwanis clubs in Wyoming, Colorado, and Idaho before landing here in Paulding enlightened the club on some other extraordinary things Kiwanis does.

Founded in 1915 with 8,400 clubs spread across 96 countries, Kiwanis' motto is Serving the Children of the World. A key objective of Kiwanis is to provide a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities. Some of the world-wide assistance provided by Kiwanis includes international disaster relief, 911 victims children's fund, and the elimination of neo-natal tetanus.

Matakoto then shared the expectations of being a Kiwanian which include attending club meetings regularly, participation in fundraiser/service projects, demonstrating pride of membership, and encouraging others to join. The Paulding Kiwanis club has helped our children in the community experience a new sport for the first time or educated new parents by providing them and baby with books and information on early literacy, while also donating to many other causes that directly affect the well-being of our children.

The club thanks Shaun for sharing his plethora of information and passion for Kiwanis. Paulding Kiwanis is lucky to have a leader like him with the drive and passion he has for the club. Kiwanis members will meet next Thursday over lunch.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

On January 15, 2019, Abel Joseph Landwehr made his debut, weighing 8 lbs 5.8 oz and 19 inches long.

Parents are Ashley Rooks and Jeremy Landwehr and he joins his sister Paisleigh.

Grandparents are: Melissa Rooks, Payne, OH and Richard Landwehr, Cloverdale, OH. Great grandparents are: Sue and Joe Rooks, Cecil, OH and Richard and Dianne Landwehr, Cloverdale, OH.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Arielle Roquet and Kenneth Dougal welcomed baby girl Evelyn Rose Dougal on January 19, 2019, weighing 6 lbs 7 oz. and 19 inches long.

Evelyn has two siblings: Aliya Neace and Anya Pepple. Grandparents are: Katrina Thompson (Hicksville), Dee & Greg Pepple (Hicksville), Brad & Nicki James (Missouri), and Duane Thompson (Hicksville). Great grandparents are: Kathy & Dale Davis (Frankfurt, OH), Leonard

& Kathy Ferrell (Nashville, TN), and Kevin & Joni Garber (Paulding, OH).

ANNUAL WINTER TOURNEY GETS ORGANIZED

The Annual deck shuffleboard, pool, snooker and quiz tournaments are gearing up for another great tournament. Entry deadline for this year's tournament is February 15, 2019. Send entries to Lynn Lichty, 7874 Rd. 424, Antwerp, OH, 45813.

INDOT KICKS OFF 2019 PAINT THE PLOW CAMPAIGN

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces the kick off of its 2019 Paint the Plow campaign, a community outreach program designed to promote safety and awareness of INDOT's Winter Operations all year long.

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

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BODY SHOP: polishes; prep & finishing material; lots of metal shelving; cabinets; tool boxes; Auto rotisserie machine for Chrysler; Auto rotisserie machine for GM; 6V & 12V battery chargers; Lenco power dent puller; Milwaukee metal chop saw; torch set & cart; portable sand blaster; Lincoln 225 amp stick welder; Unic Blast-Vac sand blaster; floor jacks 2-5 ton; 4T porta powers w/ attachments; 30" sheet metal brake on wheels; paper masking rack; frame clamps; 10T power post; many specialty racks & pullers; Dean-Best-Way portable auto-lift for Best Auto uni-body frame rack aluminum manual measuring system; air powered Bay lift; 14x25 down draft paint booth w/ air make-up unit and fire suppression unit; jack stands; 20T bottle jack

OFFICE & MISC: file cabinets; computers; monitors & printers; Sharp AR-M 37 digital imager copy machine; fans; roll around ladder; Honda 11 HP pressure washer; many gently used tires; 21" LawnBoy lawn mower; misc. new & used auto body parts

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Matthew Grothaus, MD

Orthopedic Surgeon

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Community Memorial Hospital
 Community Room 1 and 2
 208 Columbus Street
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