

PPEC EMPLOYEE & BRYAN NATIVE GRADUATES FROM LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



PPEC Accounting Manager Annette Schreiner receives her Cooperative Leadership Edge certificate at the graduation ceremony in Columbus, Ohio, this past December.

Electric cooperatives have long valued leadership — to guide long-term strategic direction, inspire positive change, and empower employees and the community alike. Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative's Accounting Manager Annette Schreiner recently took the lead, completing six courses, a capstone project, and personality assessments to earn her Cooperative Leadership Edge certificate.

This five-month program, held by PPEC's statewide trade associations — Ohio's Electric Cooperatives (OEC) and Indiana Electric Cooperatives — was based in Columbus, Ohio, where Schreiner was assigned a mentor coach, completed in-depth coursework and activities

both in and outside of the classroom, and executed a capstone project. A deep dive into two individual assessments, the DiSC Assessment and the EQ-i 2.0 Assessment, revealed Schreiner's strengths, guiding her through a personal development plan aimed at fine-tuning her leadership skills. Coursework focused on coaching employees, time management, emotional intelligence and conflict, adapting communication approaches, carrying out difficult conversations, and business and finance writing.

"The Cooperative Leadership Edge certificate program is designed to be more than just training; it's

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PATROL REMINDS DRIVERS TO PREPARE FOR WINTER WEATHER

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

Last winter, there were 15,676 crashes on snow, ice or slush-covered roads in Ohio. These crashes resulted in 26 fatal crashes, which killed 27 people, both down from the previous winter.

"Allowing extra time to get to your destination and reducing your speed are fundamental tips for safe winter driving," said Governor Mike DeWine. "Planning, patience, and preparation can mitigate the hazards you might face while driving in cold weather."

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

Remember, Ohio law requires headlights to be on at any time when the windshield wipers of the vehicle are in use. If your vehicle becomes stuck in snow, clear the tailpipe free of all snow and debris to decrease the chance of carbon monoxide poisoning.

"During winter weather motorists need to slow down and use extra caution," said Lt. Tim Grigsby, Lima Post commander. "Remaining calm and knowing what to do if you are stranded along the side of the road can help keep you and your passengers safe."

If your vehicle breaks down or you are involved in

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ROLLING OUT THE RED CARPET FOR PAULDING COUNTY'S 200 BICENTENNIAL YEAR

Ohio Governor DeWine to be Featured Speaker

On February 12th, 2020, Paulding County Commissioner's, along with other dignitaries will be celebrating the Bicentennial of Paulding County with a ceremony to formally launch the county's 200th birthday year.

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine will be the featured speaker, along with other county leaders involved with the Bicentennial Celebration who plan to discuss the past, present, and future of what makes Paulding County such a great place to live.

The Bicentennial Opening Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, February 12 at 6pm at the Branch Christian Church located at 109 N. Main Street on the square in Paulding.

"We are inviting the entire community to mark the beginning of a very special year for Paulding County. Our County's 200th birthday will be a time to celebrate

everything that is truly special about our community," said Paulding County Commissioner Tony Zartman.

The Opening Ceremony is free and open to the public, but seats are limited. Tickets for the public will be available starting January 16th at the Paulding County Commissioner's Office. Following the ceremony, guests will then be invited over to the Paulding County Courthouse where a large-scale gallery of past and present photographs will be on display.

2020 merchandise featuring the official Bicentennial 2020 logo (mugs and t-shirts) will be available to purchase too. With all proceeds benefiting the John Paulding Historical Society. Other prizes will be given away and the Bicentennial Committee will also unveil a special opportunity for Paulding County residents.

"This celebration is all about getting the community fired up with hometown pride," said Kim Sutton, President of the John Paulding Historical Society. "Understanding and appreciating events from our county's history helps us as we find our way in the future."

Community Calendar

- January 8**
 - Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6-8:30pm
- January 13**
 - Pregnancy Loss Support Group @ Hands of Hope, Paulding, 6:30pm
- January 15**
 - Venison Preparation & Canning Seminar @ Antwerp Conservation Club, 6-9pm
 - Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6-8:30pm
 - Free To Grow group @ Cecil Comm. Church, 11:30am
- January 18**
 - Beginner Reloading Class @ Antwerp Conservation Club, 9a-12p
 - Van Wert Night w/FW Komets, 7:30pm
 - Sports Card Show @ Ramada Plaza Ctr, FW, 10a-3p
- January 22**
 - Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6-8:30pm
 - Free To Grow group @ Cecil Comm. Church, 11:30am
- January 24**
 - Paulding Chamber Chili Cook Off @ Branch Christian Fellowship, 11a-1p
- January 29**
 - Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6-8:30pm
- February 1**
 - A Winter Day Outdoors! @ Black Swamp Nature Center, 10a-12:30p
- February 11**
 - Pregnancy Loss Support Group @ Hands of Hope, Paulding, 6:30pm
- February 12**
 - PC Bicentennial Opening Ceremonies @ Branch Christian Fellowship, 6pm

To add your event to the calendar email info@westbendnews.net Continual Events must be resubmitted once per month



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CMH AUXILIARY DONATES WHEELCHAIRS



Shown in the picture along with two of the new wheelchairs are (L-R) CMH Auxiliary Board Members Jeannine Luderman, Brenda Zeedyk and Ruby Walters.

The Community Memorial Hospital Auxiliary recently purchased six new

wheelchairs for use at Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville. The wheel-

chairs will be for general use around Community Memorial Hospital.

TIME

By: Lonnie Lambert, Oakwood Church of Christ

When you write the date, next year remember to write "2020 instead of "2019"? Yes, another year has passed. Have you wondered: where has time gone?

Let's take the time to think about time:

Time is a gift. In each day there are 24 hours, 1,440 minutes, and 86,400 seconds - and every one of them is a precious gift from God. Someone once said, "Time is free, but it's priceless. You can't own it, but you can use it. You can't keep it but you can spend it. Once you've lost it you can never get it back."

Time is brief. Perhaps you can relate to Job's statement about the passing of time: "Now my days are swifter than a runner; they flee away, they see no good. They pass by like swift ships, like an eagle swooping on its prey" (Job 9:25-26).

Time must be invested wisely. We can choose to either use and invest in eternal things or allow to drift by without taking advantage

of the gift we have been given. "See then that you walk circumspectly [or "carefully"], not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16).

Time is limited. It is limited in that we only have a certain amount of time to use and to make the most of it. A big-time sports fan was watching a football game with his grandchildren. He had just turned seventy-five and was feeling a little wistful. "You know," he said to his grandson, Nick, "it's not easy getting old. I guess I'm in the fourth quarter now." "Don't worry, Grandpa," Nick said cheerily. "Maybe you'll go into overtime." *

There is something far better than "overtime" for the faithful child of God!

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

Sin puts us on the path to eternal destruction, the "second death" (Matthew 7:13; Revelation 21:8). But "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him

should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Jesus died on the cross for our sins so that we can be saved from our sins and receive the gift of eternal life (Ephesians 1:7; Romans 6:23). God will save and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

It was once wrote about H.L. Hunt: "H. L. Hunt made millions as a Texas oilman. He was an aggressive businessman with little regard for time. His chief confidant, John, might be called in the middle of the night as quickly as in the middle of the day.

One night at 2:00 AM, Hunt phoned John. He excitedly declared, "John, I just made the greatest trade of my life. I traded the here for the hereafter... I just got saved." *

Trading the here for the hereafter: that is investing time wisely. Won't YOU invest in eternal things by surrendering your life in obedience to the Gospel of Christ? Email: lonnielambert62@yahoo.com

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,
I typically have trouble seeing my New Year's resolutions through. Do you have any suggestions?

I have found some of the following Bible principles helpful:

- Take daily small steps.

The Lord says for us "... to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." (Psalm 90:12) Doing something good daily helps create good habits. Taking large steps often proves unsustainable. The Lord told the children of Israel He would only give them the Promised Land little by little, "lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee." (Deuteronomy 7:22) Too much too soon

often leads to failure.

- Trust God more.

If you could have easily changed on your own, you likely would have done so already. New changes usually take new power. Try trusting these promises: John 15:7 - "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." I Thessalonians 5:24 - "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." I John 3:22 - "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." I John 5:14-15 - "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." You too can say with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Philippians 4:13)

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FOOD NUTRIENT DENSITY

The Christmas and New Year holidays means parties with lots of food.

Have you ever been to a party and you just cannot stop eating even though you are full (stuffed is more like it)? Why do we keep eating? It may be because our bodies are looking for certain foods with essential nutrients that are lacking in our diet. That "hidden hunger" often makes us over eat even though we do not need the extra calories. Pregnant women have urges for different foods to fulfill their bodies demand for essential nutrients needed to produce a healthy baby. In third world countries, some women consume soil (clay) to get iron or other micronutrients missing in their diet. Either their food diet is low in some essential nutrient (low nutrient density) or they just do not have access to foods that have the right essential elements.

Several decade long studies indicate that the nutrient density of the food we eat today is declining. A key finding is that you would have to eat 2X as much meat, 3X more fruit, and 4-5X as much vegetables today to get the same amount of mineral nutrients as food in the 1940's according to David Thomas, 2003. The mineral depletion in 27 vegetables (1940-1991) was 76% for copper, calcium (46%), iron (27%), magnesium (24%) and potassium (16%). The mineral depletion in 10 types of meat (1940-1991) was copper (24%), calcium (41%), iron (54%), magnesium (10%) and potassium (16%). Copper is an important element in vitamins and enzymes that keep people healthy. This nutrient density decline is important because it takes more food to get the same nutrient content leading to excess consumption of empty calories and obesity.

A Kushi Institute study with a shorter time frame (1975-1997) found similar results. In 12 fresh vegetables, calcium declined 27%, iron (37%), Vitamin A (21%), and Vitamin C (30%). Iron in 15 meat dropped 47%, milk 60%, and eight cheeses

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming."

-1 Peter 1:13

and creams (50%). Milk lost 2% of its calcium and 21% of its magnesium. A Scientific American study concluded that today one would have to eat 8 oranges to get the same Vitamin A (Not Vitamin C) as our grandparents did in 1940. While crop yields have greatly increased in the last 70 years, food nutrient density has declined.

One simple explanation is that soil microbes in healthy soils produces healthy plants and animals and a healthy diet produces healthy people. Starting in the 1940's after World War II, farmers started using commercial nitrogen fertilizer which greatly improved crop yields. Plants utilize the synthetic nitrogen from commercial fertilizer instead of amino acids and proteins processed from soil microbes but this was not energy efficient for the plant. The plant needed more energy and essential nutrients to make amino acids and plant proteins, so while yields may have increased, the nutrient density and the protein content of foods started decreasing.

Our soil biology has changed greatly in the last 70 years due to increased soil tillage and 50-60% less soil organic matter (SOM). Cattle in the 1940's grazed

healthy plants from pastures and soil that had less tillage and more SOM so the meat and the milk was more nutrient dense. Today, livestock (chickens, hogs, cattle) receive most of their food from tilled soils with less SOM. Tilled soils have more bacteria and less beneficial fungi like mycorrhizae to transport back essential nutrients (macro and micro nutrients) to the plant. The SOM is a storehouse for many essential soil nutrients that is needed for a healthy diet. In healthy soils, the mycorrhizae fungi supply the plant with many essential micronutrients needed to produce proteins and enzymes for healthy plants, animals, and people.

To quote microbiologist Dr. Elaine Ingham: "We know more about the stars in the sky than about the soil under our feet." As we move into a new decade, we are starting to unravel the secrets of the soil to produce healthier food. Food nutritionists suggest eating 30-40 different foods each week to get the essential nutrients we need to have a healthy diet. Promoting healthy soil to produce healthy food may make you healthier and help you shed a few pounds. Most doctors agree, you are what you eat!

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a crash, turn on your hazard lights, move your vehicle as far off the roadway as possible, remain in the vehicle, and call #677.

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

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

If you must travel in winter weather, visit <http://www.ohgo.com/> for real-time traffic conditions from the Ohio Department of Transportation. The Patrol's winter driving traffic safety bulletin can be found at: https://statepatrol.ohio.gov/links/Winter_Driving_Bulletin_2020.pdf

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John 3:16

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PPEC Accounting Manager Annette Schreiner with CEO George Carter at the Cooperative Leadership Edge graduation ceremony in December.

a learning experience with measured results throughout the program to gauge impact," states the program description. "Between courses, learners participate in

structured and unstructured activities to refresh, expand, and apply the learned skills."

Schreiner lives in the Bryan area and has been a PPEC employee since March 2011.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Oaklynn Michelle Wells was born to January 1, 2020 to Amber Baumgardner and Johnathan Wells. She weighed 7 lbs 11 oz and was 19 3/4 inches long. She has two siblings Owen and Oktavia Wells.

Grandparents are: Nikki Farley, Chad Baumgardner, Angie Fields, Beverly Justice and Shawn Moore.

Great grandparents are: Bill and Luella Knight, Barn and Rudy Jasso, Deb Fields and Earl Bell.

PAULDING CO. BICENTENNIAL NOTES

By: Caroline Longardner
"The Six-Mile Reservoir Must Go" 25Apr1887
The Six-Mile Reservoir

built for the Wabash & Erie Canal at Antwerp, Ohio in 1842 was needed to provide a constant depth of water to float the canal boats to a depth of four feet in all seasons that the boats were being used.

The St. Joseph Feeder Canal was able to maintain this level to the west until the canal reached Huntington, IN and to the east in Ohio by storing up water sent down the canal during the rainy spring season in Six-Mile Reservoir just east of Antwerp, Ohio. There it joined other water that was caught and held from Six-Mile Creek in Ohio.

This reservoir was part of the 1826 survey that was done for the canal. However, no work was done on the reservoir until 1842. At that time eight ft. tall banks were constructed around its perimeter, which measured about 2 1/2 miles from east to west and about 1 1/2 miles from north to south. It covered 3,600 acres permanently and could, when completely full, cover as much as 14,000 acres.

This reservoir not only kept the canal operating, it also was a haven for wildlife, fisherman, hunters and trappers and migrating wildlife. However, as settlers increased they agreed that the land that it took up could be used as farmland. It was also agreed that many diseases were being blamed because of the stagnant water in the reservoir.

The future of the reservoir came to full light when the Wabash & Erie Canal bed in Fort Wayne was filled by the Nickel-Plate Railroad

and tracks were laid. Shipping by canal in the Antwerp area all but ceased. Antwerp citizens decided it was time to abandon the reservoir and reclaim the land since it no longer provided a source of revenue for them.

In 1886, a signed petition was sent to the State Capitol of Columbus, Ohio stating their grievances and asking for abandonment of the canal from the Indiana/Ohio State Line to Junction, Ohio including the abandonment of the reservoir. The House of Representatives passed the bill, but a large delegation from Defiance, which still rafted logs down the canal to the sawmills, opposed it in the Senate. It was defeated 26-8 in the Senate.

Antwerp citizens became so upset about the "Reservoir issue", that meetings were held where everyone was sworn to secrecy. These were held in the back room of Frank Lamb's barber shop (that was above Oliver Applegate's store in Antwerp). The oath of secrecy was taken beneath a black banner.

It was decided that there would be "NO COMPROMISE" - The Reservoir Must Go! This group planned to use dynamite to destroy the reservoir and would call themselves "The Dynamiters".

Worden Sperry had a gold front tooth and was one of the ringleaders. He also acted on behalf of the "Dynamiters" as he was serving guard duty on the Reservoir. While on duty he would open the gates that led from the reservoir to the canal letting the water run out.

On April 25, 1887 under the cover of darkness between 200 and 300 men traveled by foot, horseback or other means carrying large amounts of dynamite to various places along the canal and reservoir. It is said they did forewarn some people to vacate who lived near the canal. These men wore masks and guns. Some of the group went to Tate's Landing lock, some went to Junction, others dug holes around wooden locks and soaked them with kerosene and placed big packs (50#) of dynamite in the holes.

Exactly at midnight, 100# of dynamite exploded in the direction of Junction, then Tate's Landing blew up and the lock on the reservoir. Soon water was roaring out of the reservoir into the canal.

Gov. Foraker at Columbus, Ohio notified Major Bunker at Toledo the next morning of the destruction. The 16th Regiment were reported to duty in Paulding County on the evening of April 26, 1887. These troops consisted of 9 officers and 53 troops to protect the reservoir and canal from further damage. They were armed with 2,000# of ammo and some Gatling guns which were mounted on the reservoir banks to guard the east and north banks if necessary.

Everything appeared quiet except for rushing water until out of nowhere, rose the Dynamiters. They surrounded and captured the guards at their posts and those not on duty. They did not harm them, but set off another mighty blast of dynamite.

The "Dynamiters" then left the scene and boarded the train at Knoxdale, a small settlement about 1/2 mile north of the reservoir. Worden Sperry was recognized (by his tooth) and later arrested and was released. Ohio sent detectives to Paulding Co. to investigate and locate these guilty parties. Some of these guilty persons temporarily vacated the area. A determined "welcoming committee" met one of the detectives with a noose and he started walking toward Hicksville.

A Sunday religious service was held at the soldier's camp while guarding the reservoir. They were on duty for one week and treated respectfully by the residents. There was only one casualty, a soldier who shot himself by accident on arrival at Cecil.

Gov. Foraker visited Antwerp about 1 month later. A group of citizens met and escorted him to the scene of the destruction. He noted the dilapidated condition of both the reservoir and the canal and the flooded condition of the surrounding country. He promised to try to remedy the condition while he was in office.

A second bill was passed by both houses of the Ohio legislature on May 1888 that called for the formal abandonment of the Wabash and Erie Canal from Indiana/Ohio State Line to Junction, OH. The original Wabash and Erie Canal from Junction to the northeast still operated as the Miami & Erie Canal.

Note: The eastern bank of the Six-Mile Reservoir is still very much visible today — Dec. 2019. County Road 176 was referred to as "the old Reservoir Rd", as it ran up through the middle of the Six Mile Reservoir. Crane Twp. is the flattest twp. in the state of Ohio and is located within the Six-Mile Reservoir. (Paulding Co. is the flattest co. in the state of Ohio). Sulphur water is very evident -CL

SPECIAL MEETING COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP 12/26/19

The special meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Ray DeLong. Council persons present: Kenneth Reinhart, Rudie Reeb, Dean Rister, Mike Rohrs, Keith West, and Jan Reeb.

Also in attendance: fiscal officer Aimee Lichty and Administrator Sara Keeran. Media present: none. Visitors present: none.

Fiscal Officer's Report
Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2019-26: An ordinance authorizing the fiscal officer of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio to amend appropriations and declaring it an emergency

- Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by West, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2019-26. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

- Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by West, to accept ordinance no. 2019-26. 6 Yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2019-27: An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020, and declaring the same an emergency

- Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Jan Reeb, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2019-27. 6 Yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

- Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Jan Reeb, to adjourn the meeting. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

LOOK FOR CHANGES IN RETIREMENT PLANS

It might not have made the headlines, but a recently passed piece of legislation could affect the IRAs and 401(k)s of millions of Americans beginning in 2020. So, if you have either of these accounts, or if you run a business, you'll want to learn more.

The new laws, collectively called the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act, include these noteworthy changes:

- Higher age for RMDs – Under current law, you must start taking withdrawals – known as required minimum distributions, or RMDs – from your traditional IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan once you turn 70 ½. The new law pushes the date to start RMDs to 72, which means you can hold on to your retirement savings a bit longer.

- No age limit for traditional IRA contributions – Previously, you could only contribute to your traditional IRA until you were 70 ½, but under the SECURE Act, you can now fund your traditional IRA for as long as you have taxable earned income.

- Limitation of "Stretch IRA" provisions – Under the old rules, beneficiaries were able to stretch taxable RMDs from a retirement account over his or her lifetime. Under the SECURE Act while spouse beneficiaries can still take advantage of this "stretch" distribution, most non-spouse beneficiaries will have to take all the RMDs by the end of the tenth year after the account owner passes away. Consequently, non-spouse beneficiaries who inherit an IRA or other retirement plan could have tax implications due to the need to take larger distributions in a shorter timeframe.

- No early withdrawal penalty for IRAs and 401(k)s when new child arrives. Typically, you must pay a 10% penalty when you withdraw funds from your IRA or 401(k) before you reach 59 ½. But now, with the new rules, you can withdraw up to \$5,000 from your retirement

plan without paying the early withdrawal penalty, as long as you take the money within one year of a child being born or an adoption becoming final.

Some provisions of the SECURE Act primarily affect business owners:

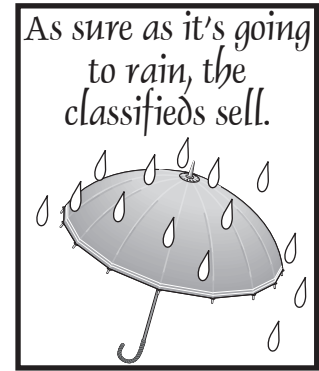
- Multi-employer retirement plans – Unrelated companies can now work together to offer employees a 401(k) plan with less administrative work, lower costs and fewer fiduciary responsibilities than individual employers now encounter when offering their own retirement plans.

- Tax credit for automatic enrollment – The new law provides a tax credit of \$500 for some smaller employers who set up automatic enrollment in their retirement plans. And a tax credit for establishing a retirement plan has been increased from \$500 to \$5,000.

- Use of annuities in 401(k) plans – It will now be easier for employers to consider including annuities as an investment option within 401(k) plans. Previously, many businesses avoided offering annuities in these plans due to liability concerns related to the annuity provider, but the new rules should help reduce these concerns.

The SECURE Act is the most significant change to our retirement savings system in over a decade. We encourage you to contact your financial advisor, tax professional and estate planning attorney to assess the potential impact on your investment strategies and determine any possible tax and estate planning implications of the SECURE Act.

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PLEASE READ THIS!

By: Stan Jordan

The other day young Mr. Godeke came into the office and we sure had an enjoyable conversation.

Since our first visit, he has gone to college and got his degree, and now he is talking to a school in Grand Rapids, MI and to Ohio Northern about furthering his education.

He has done lots of research on the railroad system in Ohio, old and new. It is all history and very interesting.

A little over 7 years ago, in the August 1, 2012 edition of the West Bend News, Stan discussed the railroad between Antwerp and Paulding that never was. It was assumed that the route was devised by a man named 'Jim' Fitzsimmons for service to his various mills in the area.

Recently, I may have just solved the mystery by mindlessly reading about Ohio's Road of Service; the Akron, Canton & Youngstown Railroad on American-Rails.com. While this road did not exist in the time our little railroad would have been built.

One of the roads it would acquire assets from would be the Northern Ohio Railway, whose history directly ties to where our journey begins.

According to Dr. George Hilton's book, "American Narrow Gauge Railroads," it began as the Cleveland, Delphos & St. Louis organized on March 7, 1881. This project was promoted by James Callery, William Semple, Joseph Boehme, and Dr. Carey Evans to build an expansive and far-reaching narrow-gauge system. The Cleveland, Delphos & St. Louis was to work in conjunction with the Toledo, Cincinnati & St. Louis in opening a through route from Toledo to East St. Louis, head further east to Cleveland, and finally handle coal and iron out of Southwestern Ohio. The Cleveland, Delphos & St. Louis was tasked with reaching Cleveland and would branch from the Toledo, Cincinnati & St. Louis at Delphos, running via Findlay and Medina. The group also

planned two additional extensions, one from Medina to a connection with the Pittsburgh & Western and another from Columbus Grove to Antwerp, Ohio where an interchange would be established with the Wabash Railroad. Much like most grandiose schemes they had little long term success with any of these projects; the Antwerp, and Pittsburgh & Western extensions were organized but never built. When the people at American-Rails.com say organized, they likely mean the Antwerp & Paulding, along with the Antwerp & Puckerbush. Finally providing the story to a mystery that has followed me through the decade. Assuming the connections were completed, the railroad would have run from Columbus Grove, Ohio and probably through the towns of Kalida, Cloverdale, somewhere between Melrose and Latty, Paulding, and finally arriving at Antwerp. One can only imagine how this would have changed the railroading landscape of the area, as both the Wabash and AC&Y would come under the banner of the Norfolk & Western.

I'd like to thank Terry Howarth for providing that map all those years ago which sparked this journey. Stan Jordan who first wrote of the subject, and American-Rails.com for being an outstanding source of railroad history. Without it, I would have likely never figured out the reason for Antwerp's ghost railroad.

See ya!



A man returns home a day early from a business trip. It's after midnight. While enroute home he asks the cabby if he would be a witness. The man suspects his wife is having an affair and he wants to catch her in the act. For \$100, the cabby agrees. Quietly arriving home, the husband and cabby tiptoe into the bedroom. The husband switches on the lights, yanks the blanket back and there's his wife in bed with another man! The husband puts a gun to the naked man's head. The wife shouts, "Don't do it!"

I lied when I told you I inherited money. He paid for the corvette I gave you. He paid for our new cabin cruiser. He paid for our house at the lake. He paid for our country club membership and he even pays the monthly dues!"

Shaking his head from side to side, the husband lowers the gun. He looks over at the cabby and says, "What would you do?" The cabby replies, "I'd cover his ass with the blanket before he catches cold."

A farmer drove to a neighbor's farmhouse and knocked at the door. A boy about 9 opened the door. "Is your mom or dad home?" said the farmer. "No, they went to town."

"How about your brother Howard? Is he here?" "No, he went with mom and dad." The farmer stood there for a minute, shifting from one foot to the other, mumbling to himself, when the young boy says, "I know where all the tools are if you want to borrow one, or I can give dad a message."

"Well," said the farmer uncomfortably. "No, I really want to talk to your dad about your brother Howard getting my daughter Suzy pregnant."

The boy thought for a moment then says, "You'll have to talk to my dad about that. I know he charges \$500 for the bulls and \$150 for the pigs, but I have no idea how much he charges for Howard."

If a fire hydrant has H2O inside, what does it have on the outside? K9P

3 drunk guys entered a taxi. The taxi driver knew they were drunk so he started the engine and turned it off again. Then said, "We have reached your destination." The 1st guy gave him money, and the 2nd guy said, "thank you". The 3rd guy slapped the driver. The driver was shocked thinking the 3rd guy knew what he did. But then he asked, "What was that for?" The 3rd guy replied, "Control your speed next time, you nearly killed us!"

An elderly man is stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and is asked where he is going at this time of night?

The man replies: "I am on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer then asks, "Really? Who is giving that lecture at this time of night?"

The man replies: "That would be my wife."

Round like a shot

Going to bed the other night I noticed people in my shed stealing things.

I phoned the police but was told no one was in the area to help. They said they would send someone over as soon as possible.

I hung up. A minute later I rang again. "Hello," I said, "I called you a minute ago because there were people in my shed. You don't have to hurry now, because I've shot them."

Within minutes there were half a dozen police cars in the area plus helicopters and an armed response unit. They caught the burglars

SHOE REPAIR SHOP



By: Stan Jordan

This little two room building sat on the southwest corner of West Daggett and South Main Street, right out there by the parking lot in what is now the parking lot for the dentist office.

This picture was taken sometime after 1931, you can see the water hydrant.

The shoe cobbler was Joe Barbier Jr., born in 1886 and died in 1955. He is buried in Wiltsie Cemetery with his parents. His father was a Civil War veteran.

See ya!

Editor's Note: Get ready for more historical photos of Antwerp & other communities around Paulding County! Photos here from John Paulding Historical Society.



Joseph Barbier's Shoe Shop in Antwerp in 1924.

red-handed.

One of the officers said, "thought you said you'd shot them."

To which I replied, "I thought you said there was no one available."

Bob, came home drunk one night, slid into bed beside his sleeping wife and fell into a deep slumber...

He awoke before the pearly gates, where St. Peter greeted him and said, "You died in your sleep Bob..." Bob was stunned and replied, "I'm dead? No I can't be! I've got too much to live for. Please send me back!" St. Peter replied, "I'm sorry, but there is only way you can go back, and that is as a chicken." Bob was devastated, but begged St. Peter to send him to a farm near his home. The next he knew he was covered with feathers, clucking and pecking the ground. A rooster strolled past and said, "So, you're the new hen, huh? How's your first day here?" Bob then replied, "Not bad, but I have this strange feeling inside like I'm going to explode!" The rooster replied, "You're ovulating. Don't tell me you've never laid an egg before?" Bob shook his head and said, "Never" Rooster replied, "Well, just relax and let it happen, it's no big deal." Bob did and few uncomfortable seconds later, out popped an egg. Bob was overcome with emotion as he experienced motherhood. He soon laid another egg, his joy was overwhelming. As he was about to lay his third egg, he felt a smack on the back of his head and heard his wife yell, "Bob,

wake up, you're crapping the bed!"

A cabby picks up a Nun. The cab driver stares at her. She asks him why he's staring and he says, "I've always had a fantasy to kiss a nun." She says, "I'll kiss you if you're single and Catholic." The cab driver says, "I'm both!" The nun says, "Pull into an alley." The nun kisses him in a way that would make a hooker blush. Back in the cab, though, the driver starts crying. "I lied. I'm married and Jewish." The nun says, "That's ok. My name is Kevin and I'm going to a Halloween party."

A WOMAN'S POEM:
He didn't like the casserole,
And he didn't like my cake.

He said my biscuits were too hard,

Not like his mother used to make.

I didn't make the coffee right,

He didn't like my stew. I didn't fold his pants,

The way his mother used to do.

I pondered for an answer, I was looking for a clue.

Then I turned around and smacked the shit out of him,

Like his mother used to do.

BENEFITS OF A GOOD VOCABULARY

I recently called an old engineering buddy of mine and asked what he was working on these days.

He replied that he was working on "aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, alumi-

Antwerp Conservation Club

Event Schedule

January 15th - Meat Processing Class, 6-9pm. Registration is open. Go to <http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/> and look for Register online below "Wild Ohio Harvest Community" logo. This is a FREE class.

January 18th - Beginner Reloading Class, 9am - noon. This is a FREE hands on class. Please contact us through our Facebook page or by emailing to garyamabis@gmail.com to register.

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A police officer in a small town stopped a motorist who was speeding down Main Street.

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Due to a power outage, the house was very dark so the paramedic asked Kathleen, a 3 year old, to hold a flashlight high over her mommy so he could see while he helped deliver the baby. Little Connor was born. The paramedic lifted him by his feet and spanked him on his bottom and he began to cry. The paramedic asked the wide-eyed 3 year old what she thought about what she had just witnessed. She quickly responded: "He shouldn't have crawled in there in the

first place, spank him again!"

I rear-ended a car this morning...the start of a really bad day!!

The driver got out of the other car and he was a DWARF!! He looked up at me and said, "I am NOT Happy!" So I said, "Well, which one are you then?" That's how the fight started...

EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 60

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface where you have plenty of room on each side. With a 5lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, then relax. Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit a longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level). After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

What's the difference between a Hippo and a Zippo?

One is really heavy ... and the other is a little lighter!

THE EAGLES

By: Stan Jordan

At lunch today, one of the fellows was telling about the eagles he saw. He was travel-

ing on the River Road west up close to the old Henry Donell Farm and he saw a carcass of a deer on the side of the road and there were seven eagles around it, there was some adults and some young eagles. We all discussed the fact that they were probably all kin, cause they seemed to eat in peace. We all talked about the fact that Chris Walters caught a couple small beavers up on the Maumee in the Mike Culler area. I also heard that one of our hunters caught two badgers, of course, he turned them back into the wild.

We all agreed that the eagles are doing well. See ya!

AHS BASKETBALL

By: Stan Jordan

This is Monday, the 23rd of December and I just found out that the varsity basketball team has started with a 6 - 0 record.

I am very proud of you boys. It's been a long time since we started out with a good record like this.

I guess it was back when the Hormann boys were playing and I see by my Antwerp High School book that they are assisting with the coaching and I'm sure that is a help.

All I can say is: Keep up the good work. I hope you can go all the way.

This is January 2, 2020 and the boys won the SR 49 Tournament.

See ya!

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR FARMER & FARMLAND OWNER INCOME TAX WEBINAR

Are you getting the most from your tax return? Farmers and farmland owners wanting to increase their tax knowledge should consider a Monday, January 13, webinar that will address tax issues specific to this industry.

Content will focus on important tax issues and will offer insight into new tax legislation and further guidelines that have been released this year.

The live webinar will be held from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and is being offered by OSU Income Tax Schools, which are a part of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) and Ohio State University Extension, which is CFAES'

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PAULDING STUDENTS SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER



On December 20th students from Paulding Middle School spent time at The Gardens of Paulding spreading holiday cheer. Shown in the picture are members of the 8th grade class singing Christmas Carols to the residents.

outreach arm. If you are unable to attend the live webinar, registered participants will receive a link to view the recorded webinar at a time of their convenience. The link will be available throughout the tax-filing season.

The two-hour program is targeted toward owners who file their own farm taxes or who simply wish to arm themselves with more tax information that will help them better plan for tax filing.

Topics to be discussed during the webinar include:

- tax-planning in an unusual year (prevented planting crop insurance indemnity payments, Revenue Protection crop insurance payments, Market Facilitation Program payments, cost-share payments, and disaster-aid payments)
- like-kind exchanges (farm machinery and equipment are no longer eligible for this provision, which is a significant change), how the change in like-kind exchanges might affect state income tax, and how that change might affect Social Security credits and eventual payments
- an estate and gift tax update
- C Corp to S Corp conversions
- qualified business income deductions, which will impact most farm businesses
- qualified business income deductions for sales to cooperatives, which is different from the qualified business income deductions for sales to noncooperatives and is much more complex
- which farmland lease

income might qualify for a qualified business income deduction

• tax issues related to getting out of the farming business

• tax from income related to pipeline construction and easements

• other tax strategies to consider under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

Register at go.osu.edu/farmertaxwebinar.

For more information, contact Julie Strawser at strawser.35@osu.edu or call the OSU Extension Farm Office at 614-292-2433.

GUESS WHO?

Who am I? I am sure you won't have a problem taking a wild guess on who I am.

I have been around for many years (it seems) and worked quite a long time in the Paulding area.

I have always been a curious person and have been known to ask a lot of questions.

Things have sure changed a lot since the 50-60s era and I think my grandchildren know more about computers than I do. However, I try to absorb as much as I can about technology and the new gadgets we see today.



Some people know me as a piano/ keyboard player and I am still pounding the ivories. In fact you can find me on Thursday evenings at the Continental Legion playing with the house band for open mike.

I have many fears with the biggest being a mouse or a

chicken. I have been known to leave my house if anyone sees a deadly mouse or hears a rooster crow. I was always glad I wasn't a farmers wife and have to gather eggs.

Some times I believe my body is falling apart, but I thank God for each new day. It is not a right to live in this world; it is a blessing.

Maybe by this time you have guessed who I am. But if you haven't guessed, I am the columnist who writes a Penny for Your Thoughts.

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SINN'S TREY LIFTS WT PAST WARRIORS



Woodlan junior Alicia McMahon scores 3 points! More pictures at www.westbendnews.net.

HAVILAND - Senior Claire Sinn hit a three-pointer from the corner with six seconds remaining to lift the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders to a 57-55 win over visiting Woodlan Monday night. The Raiders rallied from a 14-point deficit midway through the fourth quarter to improve to 7-3 on the season while Woodlan drops to 10-5 overall.

Wayne Trace, which trailed the Warriors 51-37 in

the final period, outscored Woodlan 20-4 over the final four minutes to rally for the victory.

Woodlan led 18-15 at the end of one quarter before expanding the margin to 27-21 at the intermission. The Lady Warriors posted a 40-35 advantage entering the final period.

Addison Bayman led the way for the Lady Warriors with 16 points, seven assists, four steals and eight rebounds

while Gabby Joyce picked up 11 markers, five boards and three steals.

Alicia McMahan chipped in eight points for Woodlan followed by Abbey Gentz (six), Taya Kitzmiller (five), Avah Smith (four), Dakotah Krohn (four) and Kate Mendenhall (one).

Miriam Sinn scored 14 points to top the Lady Raider efforts while dishing out nine

assists and grabbing four rebounds. Claire Sinn bucketed a dozen markers with four rebounds and two assists while Gracie Shepherd and Katrina Stoller added ten points apiece.

Shepherd topped Wayne Trace with nine rebounds and Rachel Stoller grabbed six boards while scoring eight points. Katie Stoller added the remaining three Lady

Addie Wasvick (four), Hannah Dietel (three), Olivia Baumert (three) and Lydia Dyer (two) completed the scoring for Woodlan.

Wayne Trace was led by Katie Stoller with five markers while Abby Moore, Sydnee Sinn, Christina Graham and Abbie Stoller all scored four for the Lady Raiders.

LADY RAIDERS 30 POINTS BETTER THAN TINORA

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - The Wayne Trace Lady Raiders improved their season record to 8-3 but more importantly they secured their first Green Meadows Conference win with a convincing 30-point win over Tinora 61-31 to start the conference season at 1-0.

Although the Raiders didn't shoot the ball particularly well from the field or from the free throw line they used solid defense to keep the Lady Rams from making much of a dent in the score. The Raiders shot 19-50 from the two-point area and 4-10 behind the arc for 39 percent. At the free throw line the Raiders were 11-24 for just 49 percent.

Tinora made just 5-23 from two-point range and 3-11 behind the arc for 24 percent. At the charity stripe the Rams shot 12-19 for 63 percent. The rebound battle belonged to the Raiders 42-37.

Wayne Trace was led in scoring by senior Claire Sinn with 20 who also collected nine rebounds and picked up five steals. Team mate Miriam Sinn added 16 points on 4-7 shooting from the two-point area and 2-3 behind the arc.

Miriam also collected five steals. Katrina Stoller was also in double figures with 11 points on 4-9 in two-point field goals and 3-5 at the foul line.

Also scoring for the Raiders include Gracie Shepherd with six points and six rebounds, Rachel Stoller three, Katie Stoller two and six boards, Abby Moore two and Christina Sinn one.

The Rams placed seven players in the score book led by Anna Frazer with eight followed by Tristen Norden adding seven and Aaliyah Hunt chipping in six. With the loss the Rams fall to 1-10 on the season and 0-1 in GMC play.

The Wayne Trace Junior Varsity squad eked out a one point win in exciting fashion over Tinora 32-31.

RAIDERS PICK UP CONFERENCE OPENER WIN

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

DEFIANCE - The Wayne Trace Raiders opened their portion of the Green Meadows Conference basketball season on the road last Thursday. The Raiders traveled to Tinora High School where the Raiders put together a solid second half both offensively and defensively to slip past the Rams 45-32. It was Wayne Trace's sixth win in their last seven games. Overall the Raiders stand at 6-3 while the Rams even their mark at 5-5.

Wayne Trace played sluggish the first half scoring just seven points in the first quarter and then followed it up with 10 more in the second frame to go to the locker room with 17 points. Tinora,

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Wayne Trace senior Claire Sinn hit a three-pointer from the corner with six seconds remaining to lift the Lady Raiders to the victory. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

Raider markers.

The Lady Warrior junior varsity posted a 23-21 win

over Wayne Trace behind seven points from Shoey Kooos.

Rachel Emehiser (four),

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ARCHERS ROUT APACHES TO OPEN GMC PLAY



Antwerp's Austin Lichty puts up a basket, scoring 3 point for the Archers! More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - Through one quarter of Thursday's Green Meadows Conference battle between Antwerp and Fairview, the two squads were in a tight contest with the host Archers leading 19-15 after eight minutes of action. However, it was all Archers in the final three periods. The blue and white outscored Fairview 53-21 in the last three quarters as Antwerp rolled to a 72-36 win over the black and gold to improve to 9-0 on the season. Antwerp outscored the Apaches 19-9 in the second stanza to expand the lead to 38-24 at the midway point before extending the margin further in the third quarter. The Archers added 20 more points quarter number three while limiting Fairview to ten, pushing the advantage to 58-34 entering the final pe-

riod. In the fourth quarter, Antwerp sealed the contest by outscoring Fairview 14-2 in the period. Jagger Landers led all scorers in the contest with 24 points while Austin Lichty chipped in 14 and Jayvin Landers posted 11. Luke Krouse (six), Jake Eaken (six), Owen Sheedy (three), Jacob Savina (three), Hunter Grant (three) and Blake Schuette (two) also found the scoring column for Antwerp. Fairview was paced by Russ Zeedyk with eight points while Luke Timbrook and Cade Polter bucketed seven markers each. Other scorers for the black and gold were Caleb Frank (six), Chayse Singer (six) and Cade Ripke (two).

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on the other hand, fared a little better with 20 first half points for a three point lead over the Raiders.

In the second half the red, white, and blue tighten their defense allowing Tinora just seven points in the third quarter and just five markers in the fourth period. While the Rams struggled scoring in the second half the Raiders picked it up a bit offensively with 12 in the third and their best quarter being the fourth with 16 points.

The Raiders placed three in double digits with senior Jace Vining leading the way with 14 followed by Nate Gerber adding 11 and Alex Reinhart putting down 10 on 5-6 shooting. Reid Miller added seven points along with dishing out seven assists. Rounding out the scoring for the Raiders was Trevor Speice with two and Cameron Sinn adding one.

Tinora was lead by the 11 points from Max Grube and eight points from Evan Willitzer. Marcus Grube finished with seven followed by Nolan Shafer with four and Eric Bohn with two. Tinora managed just 11 shots from the two-point area hitting seven of their attempts. From behind the three-point arc the Rams took 22 attempts hitting just 5.

Wayne Trace connected on 14-20 in two-point shots for 70 percent and 4-13 behind the arc. The Raiders collected 21 rebounds to 19 for the Rams while Tinora totaled 13 turnovers to just seven for the raiders.

The Wayne Trace Junior Varsity won over Tinora in rather easy fashion 58-23.

LADY ARCHERS DROP GMC OPENER

SHERWOOD - Antwerp got off to the start it wanted but Fairview responded with a big second quarter and the Apaches took control in the second half to post a 50-35 win in Green Meadows Conference girls basketball action Friday.

The Lady Archers led 12-9 at the end of one period before the black and gold outscored the blue and white 13-5 in the second stanza to take a 22-17 halftime advantage.

Fairview then extended the lead in the third quarter, picking up 17 points compared to Antwerp's seven as the Lady Apaches seized a 39-24 margin entering the final period.

Kiersten Cline topped Fairview with 18 points while Riley Mealer bucketed 16 for the black and gold.

Michelle Marshall and Carrie Zeedyk both chipped in four points for the Apaches followed by Kendall Baker (three), Olivia Ricica (two), Karrie Smith (two) and Cassie Mavis (one).

Karsyn Brumett paced Antwerp with 11 markers while Heather Oberlin also hit twin digits for the Lady Archers with ten points.

Alyvia DeVore chipped in five points for the blue and white with Tiera Gomez (four), Molly Reinhart (three) and Astianna Coppes (two) also scoring.

LADY ACES SHOT DOWN BY PILOTS

Hicksville Lady Aces traveled to Pilot territory, Friday night January 3rd.

The home court advantage rang true on this night as Ayersville dominated their court in JV play. Final score saw a tally on the Pilots winning record: 37-16.

In varsity action, the playing field leveled out with a an nearly even first quarter: 11-10 Ayersville. Lady Aces rallied in the 2nd quarter posting 18 markers to Pilots 12. Lady Pilots put ammunition in their drive during the 2nd half of the game gaining another 17 in the 3rd, but leveling out to the final buzzer. It was a narrow win for the Lady Pilots: 46-44.

Score by the Quarter:
Hicksville - 10 18 10 6 = 44

Ayersville - 11 12 17 6 = 46

Scorers of the Game:
Hicksville - K Schroeder 13, L Bergman 9, M Crall 9, I Smith 8, A Slattery 3, K Phillips 2

Ayersville - K Dockery 18, T Addington 14, K Okuley 12, M Froelich 2

PANTHERS TAKE THIRD IN BRYAN TOURNEY

BRYAN - Paulding rebounded for a 55-38 win over Stryker in the consolation game of the Bryan Holiday Classic last week in a battle of the Lady Panthers.

Paulding jumped out to a 14-10 advantage after one quarter before expanding the margin to 29-19 at the midway point of the contest.

The maroon and white took a 41-32 lead into the final period before wrapping it up by outscoring Stryker 14-6 in the fourth quarter to seal the victory.

Chelsi Giesige scored 24 points to lead the way for Paulding with Janae Pease bucketing nine and Sadie Estle recorded eight.

Jalyn Parrett, Sydney McCullough and Audrey Giesige all scored four points for the maroon and white. Maggie Manz also had two markers for Paulding.

Stryker was paced by Kallista Blevins with 13 points and Sage Woolace bucketed eight markers.

Abigail Grice and Emilyanne Cox scored five points apiece for Stryker and Kinsey Myers added four. Haylee Fulck posted two points and Makenzie Cadwell picked up one to round out the Williams County squad's scoring.

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RAIDERS POST WIN OVER RED DEVILS



Cameron Sinn gets fouled on a two point basket, sending him to the line for a free-throw. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Saturday night basketball was hot in The Palace as Wayne Trace boys basketball hosted the Red Devils of Arlington. JV Raiders started the night. This neck & neck match up ended with a Raider win: 38-36.

Moving onto Varsity play, Cameron Sinn assisted the Raiders with an early lead over the Red Devils in the first quarter, 24-15. Vining and Gerber were instrumental in keeping the Raiders in the lead with Jace contributing 20 points and Nate chipping in 16 points for the game total. Arlington made a 2nd quarter recovery attempt in the 3rd scoring 19 to Raid-

ers 11. This momentum just couldn't be maintained as Wayne Trace went on to outscore in the 4th, leaving the margin to a Raider victory. Final score: 67-52

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 24 18 11 14 = 67

Arlington - 15 8 19 10 = 52
Records: WT (7-3); Arlington (8-3)

Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace - C Sinn 14, N Gerber 16, J Vining 20, R Miller 7, T Speice 4, A Reinhart 5, C Crosby 1
Arlington - B Gast 16, J Vermillion 12, Z Thornton 6, T Webb 9, C Lafferty 5, T Comstock 2, T Speyer 2

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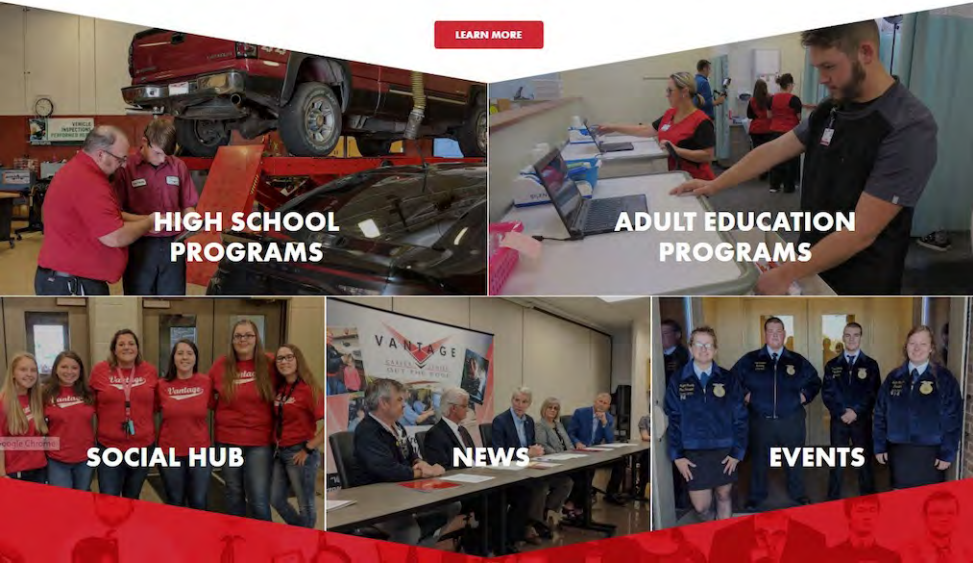
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Vantage Career Center has launched a fresh redesigned website and (Free) new mobile app for Android and Apple users, featuring the latest news and pertinent information devoted to keeping our students, parents, associate school districts, industry leaders, and community members connected and engaged.

dia platforms, current news, student highlights, fast facts and upcoming events. The goal of the website redesign is to allow our community members to more effectively stay informed of district goals and engage in student life and achievements. Viewers may access the website redesign at www.vantagecareercenter.com.

are especially encouraged to download the district's free mobile app to their smart devices, as it aims to enhance engagement in student education by efficiently providing information and improving student decision-making. To download the (FREE) new mobile app, go to the App Store on your device. Search for "Vantage Career Center." Click Get or Install. Once the app installs, be sure to opt into notifications to receive important events and updates on your phone or tablet. Notification settings are available for high school or adult education.

"As a Career Technical Center, we strongly emphasize utilization of technology, and are committed to providing state of the art technology for our students and community," says Superintendent Rick Turner. "Our Website Redesign/New App initiative not only reflects our commitment to this priority, but hopefully will provide users with more tools and easier access to the programs and services offered at Vantage Career Center."

To learn more about technology initiative in and out of our classrooms, we invite all parents and students, associate school districts, and community members to our annual Vantage Open House on Monday, February 24 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m., where an informational booth will be set up for questions. Guests can also tour the state of the art facility, speak with instructors, see demonstrations, engage with local employers, and enjoy amazing food samples from local restaurants. Get The Edge at Vantage Career Center.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

AUGLAIZE TWP

12/30/19 West Christina L West Thomas B to West Christina L; 22314 Sr 637 Oakwood Oh 45873; 2 acres; Pt E1/2 Nw1/4 Auglaize Twp S-27

BROWN TWP

1/20/19 Baker Stanley Kirk to Woolbright Royal Jr; 106 N Sixth St; 0.2379 acres; Lot 25 O.p. Oakwood Vill

CARRYALL TWP

12/30/19 Temple June Louise to Someday Properties Llc; 113 N Main St; 0.0771 acres; Lot 1 Ne Cor 28X120 Daggett 3Rd Add Antwerp V

PAULDING TWP

12/31/19 Allen Scott M to Bortel Austin S; Rd 87; 0.413 acres; Lot 14 S-16 Pldg Twp Noneman Melody Acres

12/31/19 Allen Scott M to Bortel Austin S; 10763 Rd 87 Paulding Oh 45879; 0.413 acres; Lot 13 S-16 Pldg Twp Noneman Melody Acres

12/31/19 Bissell Patricia J Etal to Dugan Charles H Dugan Sharon A; 9840 Sr 111 Paulding Oh 45879; 0.402 acres; Lot 6 S-16 Pldg Twp Noneman Melody Ac

12/30/19 Griffiths Bonnie L Trustee to Coughlin Eathon K; 767 N Dix St; 0.1122 acres; Lot 22 Noneman 2nd Add Paulding Vill

12/30/19 Griffiths Bonnie L Trustee to Coughlin Eathon K; Dix St; 0.1102 acres; Lot 23 N 40Ft Noneman 2nd Add Paulding Vill

12/31/19 Varner Jamie M & Varner Kristina K to Sinn Joshua Hart Riley; 0.172 Acres; Pt Rr Right Of Way Map 82-1-A Outlots S-12 Paulding Vill

WASHINGTON TWP

1/2/20 Pruden Carolyn K Le to Pruden Christopher L Etal; Rd 193; 8 acres; Pt N1/2 S1/2 Sw1/4 Ne1/4 Washington Twp S-27

1/2/20 Pruden Carolyn K Le to Pruden Christopher L Etal; Sr 114; 37.52 acres; Pt N1/2 Nw1/4 Washington Twp S-29

1/2/20 Pruden Carolyn K Le to Pruden Christopher L Etal; Rd 183; 55 acres; S1/2 Npt E1/2 Sw1/4 Washington Twp Sec 4 Paulding Dist

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Amanda Vandiver, Park Hill, MO; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Bruce A. Osborn Sr., Grover Hill, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant shall have no contact with victims; Jury trial vacated; Fines and costs shall be taken from bond

Rusty E. Gibson, Oakwood, OH; Domestic violence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; No unlawful contact with victim; Complete 20hrs of community service; Risk assessment; Complete Hands Down book; Remain medication compliant

Kelly Bussing, Paulding, OH; Unauthorized use; Case dismissed at defendants costs

Keith A. Boreani, Fort Wayne, IN; Distracted driving; Count B dismissed; Defendant took course

Avery Edwin Coplin, Paulding, OH; Domestic violence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Fine suspended on condition no further violations in 6 months; Shall have no unlawful contact with victim; Shall maintain general good behavior

Symone E. Harley, Kalamzoo, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

James M. Spadafore Jr., Bingham, MI; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Drake Michael Sanders, Grover Hill, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Daniel J. Sams, Perrysburg, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Joshua D. Finfrook, Paulding, OH; Domestic

violence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Shall have no contact with victim; Maintain general good behavior

Isiah B. Faron, Harrison Towns, MI; Possession of marijuana; Case dismissed per state; Costs waived; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use be they arresting agency

Isiah B. Faron, Harrison Towns, MI; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Defendant's fines and costs to be taken from bond; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Joshua D. Finfrook, Van Wert, OH; Criminal trespassing; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; No contact with victims

Julian Rider, Oakwood, OH; Theft; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing in open court; Case shall be bound over

Julian Rider, Oakwood, OH; Theft; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing in open court; Case shall be bound over

Isiah B. Faron, Harrison Towns, MI; OVI/under influence; Guilty; Fines and costs to be taken from bond; Defendant may attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail; 87 jail days reserved; Proof of financial responsibility provided; DIP must be complete by 3/27/20

Kameron W. Forrer, Payne, OH; Driving under fra suspension; Case dismissed at state's request

Marvin H. Taylor, Oakwood, OH; Driving under suspension - failure to rein-

state; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay fines and costs today

Yolanda Cuellar, Archbold, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Michael S. Brodbine, Troy, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ronald L. Blankenbeckler, Mark Center, OH; Failure to control; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay or collections 5/29/20; Shall pay \$20.00 per month commencing 1/31/20

Alfred R. Congdon, Paw Paw, MI; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant took course

Dalton J. Franklin, Payne, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant took course

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SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681

Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:

STEVEN R. PLUMMER, Plaintiff, VS.

MICHELLE REYES, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. Cl 19 096

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 30th day of January, 2020 at 10:10 a.m., the real estate located at:

415 Fox Avenue, Payne

Parcel Number: 04-23S-006-00

417 Fox Avenue, Payne

Parcel Number: 04-21S-041-00

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

Said premises appraised at Eighteen Thousand and No/100 (\$18,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second sale will be held on the 13th day of February, 2020 at 10:10 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
www.pauldingohsheriff.com

Glenn H. Troth, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681

Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:

CHEMICAL BANK, A DIVISION OF TCF NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff, VS.

WANDA M. ZIEGLER, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. Cl 19 152

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 16th day of January, 2020 at 10:05 a.m., the real estate located at:

15864 State Route 613, Paulding

Parcel Numbers: 21-33B-003-00 and 21-33B-004-00

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

Said premises appraised at Forty-eight Thousand and No/100 (\$48,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second sale will be held on the 30th day of January, 2020 at 10:05 a.m.. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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James L. Sassano, Attorney for Plaintiff

VANCE ANNOUNCES PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONER CANDIDACY



Cecil, OH - Clint A Vance, a former board member for Paulding Exempted Village Schools and Vantage Career Center, formally announces that he will run for the Republican party's nomination for County Commissioner in the March 17th primary for the seat that commences on January 3rd, 2021.

Vance, who was edged out in the 2018 Republican primary for commissioner by Mark Holtsberry believes the county is at a turning point for its leadership. "Young, inspiring leaders are what this county needs right now to be taken to the next level." He continued, "After being unsuccessful in 2018, there was no way I could give up at such a crucial time for this county, so I continued working!"

In 2018, after the election, Vance was appointed by the commissioners and continues to serve on the Planning Commission Board. He is also a board member and serving as treasurer for Community Revitalizing Paulding (CoRP) and serves as Vice-President for the John Paulding Historical Society and President for Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County. He is in charge of Paulding's Tunes, Brews & BBQ; an event held in June and August that helps raise money for downtown revitalization.

In 2019, Clint attended the National Main

Street Conference in Seattle, Washington where he brought back ideas and shared them with the villagers throughout the county.

When he isn't farming, Clint assists Paulding County Economic Development Director Jerry Zielke in his office with current projects happening around the county along with social media updates. "I hope my actions speak louder than any words from my opponents. I would be humbled and honored if the voters would consider supporting me!"

ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS



On December 13, a vehicle was stopped for failing to stop at a stop sign. The driver was cited for the stop sign violation and for driving under suspension.

On December 17, a person requested an officer assistance in retrieving a vehicle that a person in the North Garden Apartments had. The officer said they would be willing to assist when they were ready to retrieve the vehicle.

On December 19, the Paulding County Sheriff's office requested the Antwerp Police keep watch for a white truck with mud on it. Officers were told the truck had just tore through the cemetery on County Road 43. Anyone with information is requested to contact the Paulding County Sheriff's Office or the Antwerp Police Department.

On December 20, at 3:30 p.m. an officer witnessed a man fall out of an apartment building and on to the side-

walk. The officer assisted the man and the man assured the officer that he was just intoxicated and just fine. He helped him back into his apartment.

On December 20, a domestic dispute was recorded at a residence on Shaffer Road. The case was investigated and forwarded to the Paulding County Prosecutor.

On December 21, a car/deer motor vehicle accident happened on North Main St. The deer was removed from the roadway.

On December 21, a vehicle was stopped for failing to stop at Erie and Canal Sts. The driver was cited for the stop sign violation and for having a suspended motor vehicle license. The owner of the vehicle was cited for wrongful entrustment.

On December 23, at 2:09 a.m. a motor vehicle accident occurred on East River St. The accident was investigated and the driver was cited.

On December 23, the Paulding County Juvenile Court was assisted by the police of an alleged unruly child delivering paperwork.

On December 23, a domestic dispute was reported at North Garden Apartments. The case was investigated and discovered it was a verbal argument only and no physical or threats took place.

On December 27, a resident reported to an officer, three weeks earlier someone tried to look in his girlfriend's window. The officer asked if they actually saw someone. The person replied they saw footprints in his bag of leaves. The complainant was encouraged to report incidents immediately rather than wait three weeks.

On December 30, a warrant was executed at a Harman Road residence for suspected drugs. Meth and drug paraphernalia was found.

On December 30, a call was received of a mother using drugs in front of her child. The case was investigated and the mother was arrested and transported to Paulding County Jail. The child was placed with a family member.

On January 2, a vehicle was stopped for speeding. The driver was cited for speeding, open container, and cigarettes laced with marijuana.

If you would like to report any suspicious activity or if you have any questions, please contact the Antwerp Police Department, 419-258-2627, as they are always ready to serve the residents of the village!

USDA ANNOUNCES DETAILS OF THE 2020 AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK FORUM PROGRAM

USDA announces details of the 96th Agricultural Outlook Forum program (PDF, 94 KB), which takes place February 20-21, 2020 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, Virginia.

The 2020 Forum is themed The Innovation Imperative: Shaping the Future of Agriculture. The Forum's plenary panel and several breakout sessions will focus on the central role science and innovation play in driving future growth and addressing challenges facing farmers.

Speakers will highlight some of the cutting edge technologies and emerging trends and their implications for the future of agriculture. Topics include scientific advances in corporate food safety strategies, and farming practices for extreme weather uncertainties.

The Forum's program will begin with a presentation by USDA Chief Economist Robert Johansson on the Department's outlook for U.S. commodity markets and trade for 2020 and the U.S. farm income situation.

In addition to science and innovation, the 2020 program will cover five key areas:

- Managing risk and ensuring sustainability
- U.S. agricultural trade and global markets
- Commodity outlooks
- Rural economy
- Food and nutrition

The USDA offers a pre-forum field trip for early arrivals. This year's trip will include a visit to an urban commercial rooftop farming enterprise, and a trip to USDA's Agricultural Research Center in Beltsville, Maryland, to share USDA research on food genetics and pollinator health.

The Agricultural Outlook Forum brings together more than 1,500 participants each year from the U.S. and around the world, including producers, processors, policymakers, government officials, and nongovernmental organizations. The Forum's program includes more than thirty sessions and one hundred expert speakers.

To register for the 2020 Agricultural Outlook Forum, visit www.usda.gov/oce/forum.

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

January 7, 2020
Paulding County Commissioners
115 N. Williams Street
Paulding, Ohio 45879
Contact Austin Serna at 419-784-3882

To All Interested Persons, Agencies, and Groups:

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

- Project Name: Paulding County, Village of Cecil Sanitary Improvements
- RLF Waiver Program
- Village of Cecil
- Source of Federal Funds: RLF Waiver Program
- Purpose: Improve sanitary sewer infrastructure
- Identification of Multi-Year Project
- Location: Village of Cecil
- Estimated Cost of Project: Village of Cecil Sanitary Improvements (\$85,000)
- (RLF Waiver Program)

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

The Paulding County Commissioners has prepared an Environmental Review Record (ERR) for each of the projects listed above. The ERR(s) documents the environmental review of the project(s). The ERR(s) is (are) on file and available for the public's examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 8:00 a.m.

THE WEST BEND NEWS
Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2019-26 on December 26, 2019, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Fiscal Officer to amend appropriation amounts for 2019.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2019-27 on December 26, 2019, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance makes appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures for fiscal year ending December 31, 2020, for the funds and in the amounts as set forth in said Ordinance.

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

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

To All Interested Persons, Agencies, and Groups:

On or about, but not before, January 23, 2020, the Paulding County Commissioners will submit a request to the State of Ohio for the release of Federal funds under Section 104 (g) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; Section 288 of Title II of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as amended; and/or Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended; to be used for the project(s) listed above.

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

The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the Paulding County Commissioners may use the Federal funds, and the State of Ohio will have satisfied its responsibilities under the

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended.

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

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

Objections to the Release of Funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the State of Ohio. No objections received after February 7, 2020 (which is 15 days after it is anticipated that the State will receive a request for release of funds) will be considered by the State of Ohio.

The address of the certifying officer is:

Tony Zartman, President
Paulding County Commissioners
115 N. Williams Street
Paulding, OH 45879

LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids properly endorsed "Bid for Collection, Transportation and Disposal of Residential Solid Waste within the Village of Antwerp, Ohio" shall be received by the Village Administrator of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio at the Village Administrator's Office, 503 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio, until 12:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The principal items of the Required Services include the Regular Weekly Collection Service of Acceptable Waste generated by Residential Customers located within the Village of Antwerp, Ohio and the Bulky Waste Collection Service from Residential Customers located within the Village of Antwerp, Ohio. The Bidder is made aware that the Required Services include regularly scheduled collection from Public Buildings and Locations at no charge.

Copies of the Village of Antwerp map are on file in, and can be obtained from, the Village Administrator's Office, 503 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio, where they may be examined and obtained at any time during regular business hours without charge.

Bidders must use the prepared Bid Forms available at the Village Administrator's Office to submit their Bids. Bids must contain the names of every person or company interested therein. Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond or

Cashier's Check in the amount of 10% of the total bid price as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, a written contract will be entered into by the Bidder and the Village. The Bidder to whom the contract is awarded will be required to furnish a Surety Bond or a Letter of Credit on a solvent bank made payable to the Village of Antwerp, Ohio in the amount of three (3) months of the total bid price, to be renewed at the end of the first year if the option to extend the contract for one (1) additional year is exercised, and at the end of the second year if the option to extend the contract for a third year is also exercised, and at the end of the third year if the option to extend the contract for one (1) additional year is exercised, and at the end of the fourth year if the option to extend the contract for one (1) additional year is exercised for the faithful performance of the Agreement.

The Village of Antwerp reserves the right to waive any and all formalities or irregularities in any Bid or in the bidding, to accept any Bid which is deemed lowest and best and to negotiate contract terms with the successful Bidder. The Village of Antwerp shall have the absolute right to reject any or all Bids.

Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for the opening of the Bids, but no Bid may be withdrawn for at least ninety (90) days after the actual opening thereof.

Capitalized terms shall have the meanings defined in the Bid Documents.

By order of the Council of the Village of Antwerp.

2020 PAULDING SWCD TREES AVAILABLE



Photo of the Sargent Crabapple tree, a new offering 2020 (CREDIT: Purdue Extension).

By: Patrick Troyer, Paulding SWCD

Believe it or not, it is once again time for the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District Spring Trees! This year includes the return of many of your favorite tree species along with several new species that are carefully selected native tree species and tree packs that are suited for our area. Our annual event is running now through March 20th, 2020 and features a return of many favorites with the introduction of some new species and new products besides trees.

Below are the species making a return year, complete listings can be found in the guide:

- American Arborvitae
- Colorado Blue Spruce
- Norway Spruce
- Eastern White Pine
- Pin Oak
- Bald Cypress
- Domestic Apple
- Red Bud
- Butterflybush
- Black Chokeberry
- Ohio Buckeye
- Sugar Maple
- Red Maple

New this year, the Paulding SWCD is adding Sargent Crabapple, Pasture Rose, and Tulip Poplar to our tree offerings. Tree seedlings are priced per seedling. Trees are either

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

In addition to individual tree offerings, we are adding in four tree packs for 2020. The following tree packs are available: Beauty Pack, Pollinator Pack, Wildlife Pack, and Deer Food Pack. The Beauty Pack has two redbuds, two serviceberries, two lilacs, two flowering dogwoods, and two black chokeberries. The Pollinator Pack has two red osier dogwoods, two choke cherries, two American plums, two meadowsweets, and two pasture rose trees. The wildlife pack contains two swamp white oaks, two American hazelnuts, two ninebarks, two American Plums, and two red osier dogwoods. Lastly, the Deer Food Pack includes two each of the following species: American Hazelnut, Chinkapin Oak, Persimmon, Domestic Apple, and Coralberry.

Once again for 2020, we have more than just trees! New this year, we will be offering wildflower seed packets, and tree tubes to protect those newly purchased tree seedlings. The wildflower seed packets are a nice addition to help promote planting of native species that benefit the homeowner for aesthetics but also the animals and pollinators we are trying to protect. Seed packets are being offered in one-ounce packages that can cover an area of 270 to 390 square feet, depending on the species seed size in each mix. As part of the wildflower offering, we have three mixes which include: Annual & Perennial Wildflower Mix, Annual Wildflower Mix, and Butterfly/Hummingbird Mix.

The Annual & Perennial Wildflower mix is showing the second year and beyond, changing color and texture as it matures. This mix includes species such as Corn Flower

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

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

A return offering for this year are tree tubes and bark protectors. Tree tubes and tree bark protectors are a good investment to consider for your trees, especially if you have young trees that you are attempting to establish and protect from wildlife who can damage them. For 2020, we have Max Grow Tree Tube Shelters and Tree Bark Protectors. Max Grow Tree Shelters protect seedlings from animals, wind damage, and climate conditions and comes with pre-installed ties and netting to go over the top to protect young saplings. They have a flared top to protect the plant as it emerges from the tube and cuffed bottom for added support with a vented top to allow the plant to properly harden off or dry out in moist climates. In addition, this product has an unvented bottom to protect seedling from chemical overspray along with "Razor Line" so tube slits as tree grows.

Tree Bark Protectors are also a good option to consider. In this product design, trees are shielded by open mesh, which prevents moisture and mildew from building. Also, the protectors will not harbor insects and animals and will not inhibit growth. These tubes are more attractive than other solutions and are designed to blend in. They are flexible and easy to install.

Order forms for 2020 will be due March 20th by 4:00 p.m. Orders will come in the week of April 13th. A postcard reminder will be sent to all customers to inform of pickup dates and times. If you would like an order form and guide of all trees/plants available, you may stop in our office (900 Fairground Drive), call 419-399-4771, visit

our website at www.pauldingswcd.org and look under "Tree/Fish Sales", or "Like Us" on Facebook at Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District. Included in this guide you will find helpful information that will aid in your selection of trees, shrubs, wildflower seed, and tree tubes/ bark protectors.

USDA ANNOUNCES FELLOWSHIPS TO DEVELOP THE NEXT GENERATION OF AGRICULTURE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE) announced fellowship opportunities to connect USDA resources with faculty and staff at Hispanic Serving Institutions, 1994 Tribal Colleges and Universities, and 1890 Land-Grant Universities.

"We are excited to build upon the more than 20 years of success of the E. Kika De La Garza Fellowship Program to offer additional opportunities to empower faculty and staff from our partner institutions to holistically develop the next generation of agriculture," said OPPE Director Mike Beatty.

The purpose of these fellowships is to connect participants to USDA and other federal resources while focusing on student development. Fellows will receive access to long-term collaboration opportunities, and then share what they learned with students and colleagues at their home institutions.

The E. Kika De La Garza Fellowship Program is designed for faculty or staff at a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) or Hispanic-Serving School District. HSIs are accredited colleges and universities with at least 25 percent Hispanic student enrollment. Currently, there are more than 500 HSIs in 21 states and Puerto Rico, serving more than 2 million students. See the 2020 the E. Kika De La Garza Fellowship Program application (PDF, 1.2 MB) for details.

The Terra Preta do Indio Tribal Fellowship is designed for faculty and staff from 1994 Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) and Secondary Education Superintendents, Principals, Agricultural and/or District Level Teachers working for Bureau of Indian Education designated high schools. See the Terra Preta do Indio Tribal Fellowship application (PDF, 257 KB) for details.

The Booker T. Washington Fellowship is aimed at faculty and staff at an accredited 1890 Land-Grant University and Secondary Education Superintendents, Principals, Agricultural and/or District

A NIGHT OF MAGIC IN CONVOY OHIO



James Mitchell



Rick Reader

The ConvoY Historical Society presents a "Night of Magic" in the ConvoY Opera House, 111 S. Main Street, ConvoY OH on February 22, 2020 beginning at 7:00 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

On stage for Act I will be Fort Wayne's Magician James Mitchell at 7:00 p.m. James said that while cleaning out the attic I unpacked my old magic equipment and performed an effect for one of my daughters. From that moment on, I was hooked and started learning more and more, eventually joining several magic clubs and began performing shows and start-

ed my company. What began then as a hobby has flourished into to me performing professionally for audiences of all ages. I am passionate about entertaining and amazing my audiences.

Act II will be Fort Wayne Comedian & Magician Rick Reader. He said he is at home on any stage rambling through his comedy & magic routines. He will not let you get bored during his act. Rick has appeared on radio & television throughout the US, Canada & Europe.

All seats are reserved. Questions? Contact Dave Thomas at 419-749-1144 or 260-639-2083.

Level Teachers working for an 1890 Land-Grant University feeder high school. See the 2020 Booker T. Washington Fellowship application (PDF, 349 KB) for details.

Each program offers opportunities for Education Fellows and Science Fellows. Education Fellows participate in a week-long program in Washington, D.C. scheduled to start June 15 and end on June 19, 2020. Science Fellows participate in a two-week program, consisting of one week in Washington, D.C. and a second week at a USDA research location, ending on June 26, 2020.

The application deadline for all fellowship opportunities is 11:59 p.m. on February 12, 2020.

WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 11/18/19

Woodburn City Council held its meeting on November 18, 2019.

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls as well as Councilmen Voirol, Gerig, Watts, Martin and Renner were in attendance. Chief Parker was not present. Josette with Big Brothers Big Sisters was also present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: The solar panels are in process of being set up this week. The leaves are still in process of being picked up this week but due to the recent weather, it may take the majority of the week to catch up.

Mayor's Report:

The mayor went over details to the council regarding work being done on the clean closure project. The rip rap will be

tested in each quadrant. If it is not contaminated, then it will not have to be removed. Regarding the parcel of land that was presented to the city for possible purchase, the mayor and the property owner could not come to mutual terms at this point. Consequently, no future arrangement is being considered at this time. The mayor presented a request from one of the city police officers to attend a training event. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to fund this request with \$500 from the General Fund PD Promotions line item and up to \$1,000 from the Economic Development Income Tax Miscellaneous item that could reimburse the officer after providing receipts. This is based on the chief's agreement to this proposal. A second by Councilman Watts, all in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report:

The meeting minutes were presented from the November 4th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the meeting on November 4th as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Warrants were presented. After inspection, Councilman Voirol moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Watts, all in favor. The clerk-treasurer handed out the potential list of meetings in 2020 for consideration. Any suggestions should be presented for discussion as soon as possible.

Councilman's Report:

Councilman Martin mentioned that on the corner of Ash and Clovedale, the owner has a large truck that is parked on the corner. This parking is legal, but it can be hazardous as it blocks the view of the street. If a visit doesn't change the resident's mind, then a letter will be sent to encourage them to move the vehicle as they are able. Councilman Renner is asking about possible road improvements within Westwood Estates. The mayor suggested that this will not occur in 2020 but will be evaluated in subsequent years. Councilman Renner would like to see this happen in the near future.

Audience:

Josette showed the council a movie describing her organization after explaining a little about herself and her organization. She presented information for the council to share with the community and asked for volunteers to join this program.

Councilman Voirol moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Watts, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

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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

RAIDERS TAKE FIFTH AT TROY INVITE

TROY - Wayne Trace hit the road on Saturday to the Troy Wrestling Invitational where the Raiders came home with a fifth place finish as a squad.

Individually, the red, white and blue brought home a trio of first place finishes.

Gabe Sutton claimed the title at 113 with a pin of Covington's Brian Morrison in 48 seconds. Hunter Long also captured the championship at 132, defeating Miami East's David Davis 13-5 to win by major decision. Eli Moore won the 160 pound weight class, taking an 11-8 decision over Troy's Carlos Quintero.

Northmont won the tournament with 235-1/2 points while Wayne finished second at 204 and Covington placed third with 186-1/2. Miami East took fourth place at 178-1/2 points and Wayne Trace seized fifth with 157 points. No other local schools took part in the tournament.

Sutton also recorded victories via pin over Miami East's Chance Rust (1:47), Sidney's Enrique Loaiza (2:29), Wayne's Isaiah Woolum (3:32) and Greenville's Drayk Kallenberger (2:35).

Long defeated Greenville's Ben Hartzell 23-8 for a technical fall win in the opening round before pinning Northmont's Cody Jenkins in 3:23. Long then recorded a pin of Sidney's Isaac Edwards in 3:30 and followed that up with a pin of Northmont's Ryan Stowers in 29 seconds.

Moore picked up wins over Sidney's Julian Barge (21-5, technical fall), Troy's Tyler Plunkett (pin, 1:46), Lima Senior's Dalton Hahn (pin, :54) and St. Xavier's Noble Nwankwo (7-0).

Other placers for the red, white and blue were Jarrett Hornish taking third place at 120 while Samuel Moore placed fifth at 138. Jacob Graham also picked up a fourth place finish in the 285 pound weight class.

Hornish defeated St. Xavier's Will Dixon via an 11-2 major decision win in the opening round before pinning Sidney's Kaden Wolaver in 35 seconds. Hornish also pinned Covington's Banks Koffer in 12 seconds in the third round but dropped a 10-1 major decision to Covington's Cael Vanderhorst.

Hornish got past Greenville's Andrew Stachler with a pin at the 2:48 mark to take third place.

Samuel Moore was pinned by Covington's Austin Flick in 2:52 in his opening round match and dropped a 24-9 technical fall to Shawnee's Mason Adlesh.

However, he rebounded to get past Wayne's Braxton Lawson in round three and pinned Covington's Kaden Hughes (33 seconds) before winning an 11-8 decision over Troy's Carlos Quintero to claim fifth.

Graham opened his day with a pin of Wayne's Evan Tengesdahl in 1:30 and followed that up by pinning Greenville's Colton McCarty in 4:00. After pinning Norwalk's Brian Jones in 1:33, Graham fell to Wayne's Jacob Padilla in 30 seconds.

In the third/fourth place match, Arcanum's Jayden Heltsley picked up a pin of Graham in 3:47.

WINNING COMES AT A COST

The Wayne Trace Junior High Wrestling Team traveled to the Antwerp Invitational for their first meet of 2020. The team placed 4th place overall, with seven out of the twelve wrestlers able to take home medals and stand on the podium at the end of the day. There were several milestones throughout the day for the wrestlers. As a team, they supported each other through those milestones and focused on further growth to come.

Graiden Troth continues his undefeated eighth grade wrestling career. With a tough bracket for the day, he stepped on to the mat ready to dominate. Every shot he took had purpose, especially in an overtime where a take-down meant a win. Troth has shown that he is a force to reckon with in the 110 pound weight class. Kamryn Sutton also took home a championship for the 80 pound weight class. Kamryn made a goal first thing in the morning and followed through the entire day. He demonstrated that you have to have a vision going in to have success coming out. Standing on the top of the podium proves that. Maddox Treece had a very competitive bracket filled with a lot of heavy hammers. Maddox was able to secure a spot in a very physical championship round that left him with a swollen, black and blue eye. Treece came out as the winner of the match by one point. Before taking his place on the podium, Maddox said, "Winning comes at a cost" when talking about his eye.

There were also a few runner-ups on the day. As an eighth grade returning wrestler, Conner Blankenship has shown that winning does not come easily. Blankenship had a couple of tough matches on the day that tested his durability, endurance, and strength. Conner was able to secure a second place spot on the podium at the end of the day. Corbin Kimmel also came in second place Saturday. Kimmel has been wrestling up to the 92 pound weight class and giving up 10 pounds each meet. He has still managed to secure solid take downs, reversals and pins. In the championship match, he was unable to keep up with the hammer from Liberty Center who ran a lot of arm bars and tilts. Blake Schultz is the third wrestler to come in as a runner up for Wayne Trace. Blake had a long day to wait until he finally was able to wrestle. His opponent caught him in a move and was able to pin him unfortunately, sending him straight to second place. Asa Ames also represented Wayne Trace on the podium in fourth place, scoring points for the team. Asa persevered through the day and never gave up.

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WHEN WEEDS TALK



A weed is any plant out of place, but what is the real purpose of weeds? Weeds, ecologically, are the first plants to inhabit nutrient deficient or disturbed soils. Most weeds grow in soils that are high in nitrates and are bacteria dominated. By studying the type of weeds that grow on your farm, you can start to figure out what conditions are limiting. The real purpose of weeds (believe it or not) is to improve the soil. Many weeds act as collectors of deficient soil minerals. Mother Nature does not like bare soils, so she finds something to grow (weeds) that improve soil so that other plants can grow.

Each plant is an indicator of the conditions that exist in that field and indicates why some agronomic crops (corn, soybeans, wheat, hay) growth may suffer. Weeds give us a clue to what factors are either limiting or in excess. For example, the common dandelion seems to thrive in bringing calcium (Ca) back to the soil surface. It has a deep taproot, 3-4 feet deep and when the crop decays, it releases Ca and into the soil for other plants and adds soil organic matter (SOM). Dandelions often grow in soils that may be poorly drained, lacking or low in Ca, and high in potassium (K). As the soil starts to heal, different plants start to dominate. Weeds turn to grasses, turn to shrubs, turn to woodland and then forests and this is called natural succession.

Here are some common weeds and what they may or may not tell us. Foxtail species predominate in fields that are worked a little too wet in the spring. Phosphorus (P) and Ca may be low but may be higher in K and some micronutrients. Calcium allows soil to move apart while magnesium tends to bind soils tightly together. These poorly drained soil starts to crust and crack and there is a lack of soil air movement in the soil, creating anaerobic (lack of oxygen) conditions. Foxtail become a problem and with ponding water, fall panicum starts growing. Most farmers would attempt to solve this problem by tilling the soil, but excessive tillage makes matters worse. Foxtail have tiny fibrous roots that are adding SOM and are attempting to aerate the soil naturally. Adding lime, avoid working wet soils, and growing a good cover crop after the main crop may improve foxtail weed issues over time.

Other weeds: Common Ragweed fields tend to be

Sudoku solution from page 7

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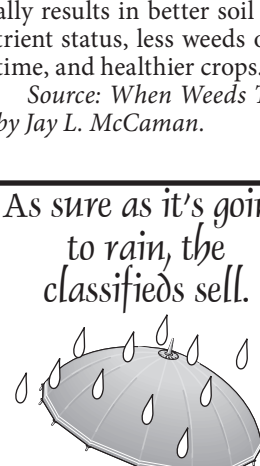
low in Ca and K but high in P and many micronutrients. The soils tend to have better drainage but are low in SOM. Adding lime and K fertilizer may help control this weed. Giant Ragweed loves highly fertile fields with low SOM, poor drainage, and generally a hard pan. Use a multi-species cover crop to breakup the hard pan to add SOM. For Canada thistle, fields tend to be low in Ca, P, Manganese (Mn), and Copper (Cu) but high in K and iron (Fe) with low SOM, low porosity, poor drainage, and anaerobic (low oxygen) soils. Like foxtail, tillage may not help especially when soils are wet in the spring. Adding the nutrients that are missing and increasing SOM with manure or cover crops may help.

Hard to control weeds like pigweed (Palmer Amaranthus), water hemp, and marehail also thrive in low Ca and P fields with high K and low humus. Palmer does better on highly porous soils with high sulfur (S), iron (Fe), and copper (Cu) and lower moisture (sandier soils) while water hemp loves poorly drained (high clay) soils. While Palmer has many seeds (250-500K) per plant, the seeds have a low survival rate. Marehail like high Mn but does well on compacted soils with anaerobic (low oxygen) field conditions. Palmer and marehail like bare disturbed soils without competition, so planting a cereal rye crop early with radish can generally help reduce the population of these weeds.

Many of my statements are based on general observations and individual field situations may vary greatly. Cereal rye, radish, and sorghum or Sudan or multi-species cover crops can out compete many weeds and have an allelopathic (natural herbicide) effect on most weeds. Keeping soils healthy generally results in better soil nutrient status, less weeds over time, and healthier crops.

Source: When Weeds Talk by Jay L. McCaman.

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K&P MEDICAL TRANSPORT PURCHASES M&M MEDIVAN ASSETS



Defiance, OH: K&P Medical Transport recently purchased the assets of M&M Medivan of Defiance to add to the breadth of service offered and increase capacity to facilitate expansion throughout Ohio. Prior to the purchase, K&P Medical Transport consisted of 45 cars and 5 ambulettes.

K&P Medical Transport assists individuals with non-emergency transportation from facilities including nursing homes and assisted living facilities to hospitals and other medical facilities for services such as dialysis, or for hospital to hospital transport.

The addition of ambulance service enhances the wide range of transportation solutions K&P provides to all Ohio residents through partnerships with public and private entities,

including county agencies, medical and educational facilities, insurers and employers.

Located on Elliott Road in Defiance, K&P Medical Transport is under the direction of President Steve Walz and Vice President Adam Wagner. "K&P's acquisition of Medivan aligns perfectly with our mission to fulfill medical transportation needs and all mobility needs necessary to independent living and quality of life in the communities we serve," stated Walz.

About K&P Medical Transport: K&P Medical Transport has been in business since 2013, offering Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT), operating in 13 counties throughout Ohio, and transporting to Indiana and Michigan regularly.

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Payne, Ohio - 2019 has been a good year for Taylor Made's Payne, Ohio plant with the installation of a cutting-edge digital printer and the addition of two glass fabrication cut and edge lines. 2020 promises new jobs.

Taylor Made will obsolete their old silk-screening processes within the next two months and replace them with new technology. The high-tech digital printer and new equipment coming online will help the plant compete in the competitive world market of curved tempered safety glass. Taylor Made produces glass products and window systems for the marine, construction, agricultural, and sport utility markets. The new equipment represents an investment of roughly \$1.5 million.

The next step for the Payne facility begins in early 2020. Taylor Made is combining its current glass tempering business with a portion of the company's windshield assembly business. The move makes way for new business opportunities at their Kendallville, Indiana plant and brings 40 new jobs to Payne in the process. Brian Lichty, the plant's general manager, expects to begin hiring in January with the positions coming online in February of 2020.

Although the job market is tight in Northwest Ohio, LCI is counting on local talent taking the endeavor to the highest levels of performance as it competes with manufacturers from around the world to service their markets.

Since purchasing the family owned business in 2018, LCI has not only made significant financial investments into plant upgrades, but has also been investing in Taylor Made's workforce. LCI's core mission is making lives better by developing meaningful relationships with co-workers, customers and the local community.

LCI is investing in local team members through leadership development focused on winning, team play with trust, honesty, integrity, candor and caring about people with a positive attitude. The plant has a dedicated development coach who works with young and seasoned leaders alike, guiding them in their roles as servant leaders. Taylor Made even has a dream manager who helps team members identify their dreams and develop a plan for achieving them.

Maybe the most visible initiative to our local community is LCI's goal of giving back 100,000 hours of community service. In 2019, Taylor Made's local team members volunteered over 1,800 hours giving to and supporting local schools, parks, homeless shelter, youth sports clubs and the county fair- grounds. You may have also noticed the well-kept section of highway SR 613 which the plant adopted in 2019.

2020 promises to be a record-breaking year for Tay-

lor Made and LCI who are proud to be growing their business in Payne, Ohio. For more information on the expansion activities and how you might play a role, please contact Brian Lichty at (419) 263-3301. If you have a non-profit in need of volunteers, please also contact Brian.

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VENISON CANNING & PREPARATION AT ANTWERP CONSERVATION CLUB

Outdoor enthusiasts interested in learning to prepare and can white-tailed deer meat are encouraged to attend a free informational seminar on Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

The seminar will be held from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Antwerp Conservation Club located at 17814 Road 53, Antwerp, OH. It is free of charge, but preregistration is required by January 14 as space is limited.

Personnel from the ODNR Division of Wildlife and Antwerp Conservation Club will cover topics including how to pressure can venison, a great way to save freezer space and preserve meat and how to

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