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After sustaining damage from a fire on November 8, 2010 local business owners Larry and Marla Lash have re-built and re-opened Lash Auto Service in New Haven at their original location at 540 Broadway.

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and have added exterior and interior detailing to their list of services.

Owner Larry Lash stated, "We are very excited about the renovations and excited that we will also be able to offer more services to our customers." Lash Auto Service can service any vehicle and specializes in diagnostics, alignments, engine repair and rebuilds. Lash Auto Service also has the capacity to service fleet vehicles and collector cars as well.

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UNITED WAY OF P.C. LUAU RAISES \$2,327

Nearly 150 enjoyed the 2nd Annual United Way of Paulding County Luau fund-raiser on April 14 at the Paulding Eagles. Many wonderful and fun raffle items were donated by business-

Pam Eakins, Fine Jewelry by Ruskaups, Holly-Wood & Vine Florals and Greenhouse, Keystone Salon, Kircher's Flowers, J.T., Lindsey & Company Hair Studio, Marilyn's Petals &



es and individuals in the county as well as board members. These organizations and individuals donated the raffle prize: Ace Hardware, Alco, Antwerp Pharmacy, Sue Beck, Travel Services, Carla's Cut and Curl, Country Times Market,

Vines, Mary Kay, Casey Cook, Myra J's A Salon, S&P Miller Excavating, LLC., Signature Embroidery, Kim Sutton, and Suzanne Rister Law Office.

Winner of the 50/50 was Jeremy Garber.
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KEITH L. MALFAIT NEW VP AT A.E.B.

The Antwerp Exchange Bank Co. is please to announce the employment of Keith L. Malfait as Vice President. Mr.



Malfait will be responsible for opening a loan production office in Harlan, IN to serve our growing clientele in that area. Malfait has 27 years of experience in business development, consumer lending and agricultural lending. He has previously worked at the former Fort Wayne National Bank and Grabill Bank among others. He lives with his wife, Janeil, in the Harlan area and is a native of Woodburn, IN.

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New Haven is excited to announce that former race car driver Merle Bettenhausen will serve as the parade Grand Marshall followed by a meet and greet and autograph session in Schnelker Park. Merle Bettenhausen will be representing the entire Bettenhausen family who raced in the Indianapolis 500. Come out to downtown New Haven on Saturday April 28th.
—www.newhavenbulletin.com

CRUISE-IN BENEFIT FOR LARRY C. WILLIAMS

Larry Williams is a 23 year veteran of the Sherwood Volunteer Fire Department. Many people from Antwerp remember him cooking fish on Friday nights at Merle's.

Larry has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer that has spread to his liver. Proceeds from this event will help cover expenses.

On Saturday, May 5, 2012 at the Little Reservation Station Park (old Sherwood School grounds) US 127, Sherwood from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. a benefit will be held for Larry.

For more information call Jan Lowe at 419-594-3132.

In case of inclement weather the activities will be moved to the Delaware Township Fire Department, SR 18, Sherwood.

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Mark and Laura Bissell of Antwerp announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Audrey Lee, to Colby Allen Feasby, son of Steve and Terri Feasby of Antwerp.

The bride-elect is a 2006 graduate of Antwerp High School and a 2008 graduate of Ravenscroft Beauty College. She is employed as a stylist at Keystone Salon, Antwerp, and as an Administrative As-

sistant at Paulding County Court, Paulding. Her fiance is a 2000 graduate of Antwerp High School and is employed as an Engineer at Atwood Mobile Products, Antwerp.

The couple will exchange wedding vows on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Antwerp.

The deadline for ads and article submissions is Friday at 5:00 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Amy D. Whetstone, 43, of Woodburn, IN formerly of Antwerp, Ohio passed away Wednesday, April 11, 2012.

Amy was born November 8, 1968 in Paulding a daughter of Gloria (Miser) and the late Jack Whetstone. Most of us would remember Amy from Pound-A-River Golf Course in Woodburn, where she worked for over 25 years.

Amy will be sadly missed by her mother, Gloria Whetstone; and step-father, Paul Daeger; brother, Daren (Rebecca Bodnar) Whetstone; and niece, Eva Bodnar-Whetstone.

Her graveside memorial service Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at Maumee Cemetery, County Road 43, Antwerp, followed by a reception at Grant's Reception Hall, 503 E. Canal, Antwerp.

Memorials are to the Antwerp Community Band, 3491 Road 192, Antwerp, Ohio 45813. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

Beulah M. Stevens, 98, of Fort Wayne, IN, formerly of North Adams, MI, and Gull Lake area, died on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at the Town House in Fort Wayne, IN.

Born in Grover Hill, OH, the daughter of Albert L. and Mildred P. (Goble) Foster, she graduated from Michigan State Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI) and taught school in Michigan for 42½ years, missing just five days her entire teaching career. She taught 11 years in Hoxie, 11 years in North Adams, and 20½ years in Addison.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 30 years, Judson H. Stevens, in April 1985; and by three sisters and a brother. She is survived by eight nieces and nephews.

She was a member of Northeastern Baptist Church, Kalamazoo, MI, at the time of her death.

Funeral services were April 23, 2012 at Den Herder Funeral Home, 1000 West Wayne Street, Paulding, OH. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding, OH.

Memorials may be made to RBC Ministries. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Freda M. Lipp, 90, a resident of Paulding the past three years and widow of Harold W. Lipp, passed away on Thursday, April 19, 2012.

Mrs. Lipp was born January 2, 1922 in Ney, OH, a daughter of John and Amelia

(Smith) Elser. She spent her formative years in Ney, OH area and graduated from Ney High School in 1940. On May 30, 1941 she was married to Harold Lipp. The couple lived in rural Defiance, OH, all their married life. He preceded her in death in 1996. She worked at the Ohio Art Company, Bryan, OH, the Bargain Bee, Defiance Library, Speiegel's Catalog Store and volunteered for Lutheran World Relief for several years. For a number of years, she was part of a quilting group at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Defiance, OH. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, St. John's Lutheran Church and Peace Lutheran Church respectively.

The surviving relatives include her children: Carol (Gary) Hume and Gary (Janice) Lipp; five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband; she was preceded in death by three brothers: Clifford Elser, Glenn Elser, Guy Elser; and four sisters: Ethel Obenland, Gladys Carlin, Mary Partee and Mildred Kimpel.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, OH with visitation from 9:00 a.m. until time of services on Wednesday. Burial will be in Riverview Memory Gardens, Defiance, OH.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials directed to Community Health Professionals Hospice; American Cancer Society; or Gardens of Paulding Activity Fund. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Hilda Mae Lyons, 87, of Payne, passed away Saturday, April 21, 2012 at Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center.

Hilda was born in Payne on January 8, 1925, a daughter of the late Viola (Matthews) and Harold Zartman. She worked at Magnavox & Dana Weatherhead. Hilda enjoyed her family, being a member of the Payne Church of the Nazarene and collecting clowns and salt & pepper shakers. On June 2, 1945 she married Donald Lyons, who died November 26, 1995.

Hilda will be sadly missed by her sons: Chuck (Janet), Ray (Judy), Dave and Emory (Margaret) all of Payne; siblings: Olive Dinger, Genevieve Hoaglin, Edie Mills all of Payne, Lennis of Findlay, and Larry (Carol) of Sherwood; 14 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Larry; and siblings: Katherine Fegley, Denene Yenser, John, Wesley, Harold and Bill Zartman, and a great-granddaughter, Tyler McClure.

Services are Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.,

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

“Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

—Matthew 6:34

at Payne Church of the Nazarene, with viewing one hour prior. She will be laid to rest at Wiltsie Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Florine Evangline Ruskaup, 88, passed away Saturday April 21, 2012 in the morning at Van Wert County Hospital.

She was born January 11, 1924 in Van Wert, OH, the daughter of the late Erastus and Cora Bell Jenkins. On October 2, 1939, she married William (Rusty) Ruskaup in a dark green dress from JC Penney. It was her very first new dress. Rusty and Florine met at the Middle Point Quarry when he was working with the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC). They were wed in Covington, KY with a signed note from her parents. Rusty died March 3, 2002. They celebrated 62 happy years together.

She leaves a wonderful family. Her children: Mike (Linda) Ruskaup of Naples, FL, Timothy (Sandra) Ruskaup of Antwerp, OH, Rebecca (Jack) Woodruff of Van Wert, OH, and Nannette (Steve) Ingle of Fort Wayne, IN; her grandchildren: Bradley (Lori) Ruskaup of Boynton Beach, FL, Tracey Reiss of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, Craig (Chris) Ruskaup of Leo, IN, Nicole (Greg) Meyer of Decatur, IN, and Rachel (Dewey) VanWynsberghe of Van Wert, OH; and her great-grandchildren: Jessica Ruskaup of Lake Worth, FL, Emma and Ellee Ruskaup, Una and Siska VanWynsberghe, and Derek and Alex Meyer. She has five cherished sisters: Velma Geisman, Jody Tindall, Helen Eberle, Betty Lewis, and Alberta (Harold) Welker.

Florine was preceded in death by her dear brothers: Albert Anderson, Roger Jenkins, Bob Jenkins, Carroll Jenkins, and two infant brothers: Leo and Russell Jenkins; and one infant sister, Jessie Jenkins; and by her oldest son, Donald Ruskaup; and two of his children Kevin and Kelley Leigh Ruskaup.

Florine was known for her pies. She baked an oven full each time with flour ground by Rusty in their gristmill. They took pleasure in many years camping at France Park in Logansport, IN in their Avion trailer. She was well known by her cackling laugh and hair in pin curls. Florine was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses since 1953.

Friends may call at Brickner Funeral Home on Thursday, April 26, 2012 from 3:00-8:00 p.m. Memorial services will be Friday, April 27, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. with Don Brunner officiating. Calling from 10:00 a.m. until time of service.

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Thomas D. McLaughlin III, 69, passed away Saturday, April 21, 2012 at Manor House Assisted Living in Antwerp. Born in Lima, OH, Tom was a member of Harley Owner's Group. Tom served 25 years as CFO of Board of Directors for Carlsbad Inn. Tom developed the old Antwerp School into The Manor House Assisted Living and Essen House Restaurant. Tom loved fishing in Cabo, traveling, and his family, including his wife, children, grandchildren, and siblings.

Surviving are his wife, Sharon A. McLaughlin; daughters: Maura (Brant) McCarthy and Caitlin McLaughlin; sons: Darrin McLaughlin, Brian McLaughlin, Thomas D. McLaughlin IV; grandchildren: Chaila, Riley, Avery, and Samantha; a sister, Margo (Don) Sullivan; brothers: Larry (Toby) McLaughlin and David McLaughlin; and sister, Maureen (Greg) Howard.

Tom was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret B. (Nan) McLaughlin; and father Thomas D. McLaughlin.

Jr. Mass of Christian Burial is 12:00 p.m., April 27, 2012 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church with calling one hour prior with Fr. Anthony Steinacker officiating. Calling at D. O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road on Thursday, April 26, 2012 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 8:00 p.m. Burial is Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Lima, OH.

Memorials may be made to the Family Education Fund. To view the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

RED HAT SPRING FLING

The Red Hat Spring Fling is set to take place on Friday, April 27, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. Reservations are due by April 25 at the Paulding Senior Center. Call 419-399-3650 to make yours. Come join us for fun and fellowship.

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Winners of the raffles were: Ryan Anderson, Ken Fisher, Randy Shelton, Sheryl Wagner, Marcia Griffith, J. T., Deanna Rhonehouse, Judy Davis, Bernadette Bennett, Dr. John Saxton, Brooke Tressler and Linda Bostelman.

Winner of the two Bus Tour Tickets with Sue Beck Travel/Charter by Star of America, went to Jill Straley from Paulding. Jill will receive her choice of six destination tours during the 2012 Tour year. Call Sue at 419-399-3806 to reserve a seat and treat yourself to an exciting

get-away day trip on one of her charters and enjoy!

The Junk Yard Band from Fort Wayne, IN played their fabulous music for our event to make it special. They played music recognized by all age groups.

"It certainly was an exciting evening, with everyone dressed in their tropical attire. The decorations were fantastic," commented Sarah Sajuan, President of UWPC. "We had an excellent pork dinner by the Eagles."

Board members and officers are President, Sarah Sajuan; Vice President, Karl Mielke; Treasurer, George Carter; Secretary, Kim Sutton; and Trustees Anna Lee Adams, Cindy Wilson, Pam Miller, Pastor Dwayne Richardson, Lynne Roehrig, Bill Shugars and Warehouse Supervisor, David Fisher. Serving as High School Representatives are Jonathan Harper, Wayne Trace; Colin Krick Antwerp; and Kyle Mohr, Paulding.

The organization special events committee is comprised of Sarah Sajuan, Linda Bostelman, Nedra Mielke, Lynne Roehrig, Kim Sutton, and Pam Miller.

Upcoming special events for United Way of Paulding County include:

Saturday, May 12 - Day of Caring, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon along with the with the Antwerp, Payne and Paulding Chambers;

Saturday, May 19 - Armed Forces Day event, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Chief Supermarket parking lot;

Saturday, June 9 - Antwerp Rib Fest, 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

United Way of Paulding County also will be participating in John Paulding Days in June, Paulding County Fair, Antwerp Day in the Park, Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival on September 14-16, and a Halloween Party at the Eagles in October.

United Way has received 76 percent of its fund-raising goal of \$55,501. It is not about meeting a goal, it's about meeting needs. ALL the money raised by United Way of Paulding County STAYS within the county to help Paulding County residents.

If you would like to volunteer and give your time assisting with special events please contact the United Way of Paulding County office 419-399-8240.

In Memory

*Jackie,
As we paint the town pink, we think of you, and the courageous battle you fought against this dreaded disease. We loved you dearly, and miss you so very much.*

- Your sisters

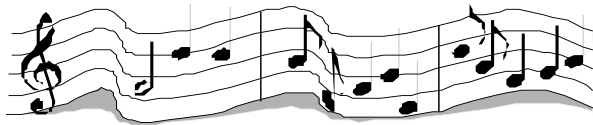
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THE TRUE ISRAEL OF GOD SERIES #4

By: James Wright, First Church of God, Dupont, OH

"And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be unto them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God." Galatians 6:16

I. What Constituted An Israelite Under The Old Covenant?

A. All the offspring of Jacob were called Israelites, "And God said unto him (Jacob)..."

His name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name. A nation and a company of nations shall be of thee." Genesis 35:10-11

B. Every Israelite male was to be circumcised. Genesis 17:10,17:12

II. The Israelite Of The Old Covenant Was Only A Type Of The True Israel Of God Under The New Covenant

A. Natural birth admitted the Jews into the commonwealth of ancient Israel, but the New Birth makes one a member of the spiritual Israel. John 3:3; Psalms 87:5; Galatians 3:26

B. The ancient Israelites were circumcised in the flesh but the spiritual Israelite is circumcised in the heart or spiritual man. Romans 2:28-29

C. The name "Israel" signifies "a prince" or a priest with God. Under the new covenant God's children are priest and kings. Revelation 1:6; 1 Peter 2:9

III. God No Longer Favors One Nation Above Another

A. In every nation those

who fear God are accepted by him. Acts 10:44

B. The natural Jew loses his national distinction when he becomes a Christian. Colossians 3:11

C. Only the saved constitute the true Israel of God today. Romans 11:26; Galatians 6:16

The children of God in the gospel age are spiritually born into the family of God, are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands; they are those, who in every nation are favored with salvation.

This concludes the series until next time. Keep searching for the truth, pray and stay in your Bibles, and God will richly bless you.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

All answers can be found in the New King James Version of the Bible.

For the questions today it is something for you to look up. I will give you the scripture and then you can look it up and next week the answers will be in the West Bend News!

1. Who was called a half baked pancake? The word you will see is cake that hasn't been turned. Hosea 7:8

2. Who were Muppim, Hoppim and Ard? Genesis 46:21

3. Who penned the book of Romans for Paul? Romans 16:22

4. What kind of nuts did Aaron's rod yield miraculously? Numbers 17:8

SOLES 4 SOULS SHOE DRIVE A SUCCESS!



"Changing the world one pair at a time" is the slogan for the Soles 4 Souls organization that collects and distributes shoes to people in need. St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Paulding was able to collect just over 900 pairs of shoes during the month of March for this organization and deliver them to Keller Trucking in Defiance, Ohio, which is a collection point for this worthy cause.

This could not have been accomplished without the

help of the many people and churches in the Paulding area. Know that through your generosity you have helped people in need in over 127 countries and five continents, including the U.S., Honduras, Guatemala, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Swaziland, Uganda, Iraq, Peru, Thailand, and Nepal. Soles 4 Souls has delivered over 15 million pairs of shoes through its five year history, currently delivering a pair every seven seconds.

5. What is the shortest verse in the Old Testament? 1 Chronicles 1:25; name the people.

6. Give the colors of the horses in Revelations 6 in order?

7. Who were Jannes and Jambres? 2 Timothy 3:8

8. Who is the father of all musicians? Genesis 4:21

9. Who was Candice? Acts 8:27

10. What were the two names of the dressmaker raised to life by Peter? Acts 9:36-40

Comments or questions call 419-393-4775 for James Potter or 419-399-5022 for Lonnie Lambert. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ.

Answers to the questions of last week, 4-18-12:

- 1. Malta
- 2. Unusual kindness
- 3. A viper
- 4. Publius
- 5. A fever
- 6. Twin brothers
- 7. Three
- 8. Two years

Church studies continuing:

A. You and I should know, to enter the church you must:

- 1. Hear about Jesus, Romans 10:17.
- 2. Believe in Christ, Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24; Acts 16:31.
- 3. Repent of your sins—this means to turn away from your sins, Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38; Acts 3:19; Acts 17:30.
- 4. Confess faith in Jesus, Matthew 10:32; Acts 8:37; Romans 10:9-10.

OAKWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT AUXILIARY SPRING VENDOR AND CRAFT SHOW

Oakwood Volunteer Fire Dept Auxiliary Spring Vendor and Craft Show on Saturday April 28th, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Oakwood Fire Station, 201 N. Sixth St.

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CENTRAL LUTHERAN STUDENTS EXPERIENCE SIMULATED COMMUNITY AT BIZ TOWN



Volunteer, Don Springer interviewing Sebastian Spieth.

Central Lutheran School's fifth graders got the opportunity to operate a community through a program at Junior Achievement Biztown. CLS students dressed in their best clothes to interview prior to the trip for the jobs that in-

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

April 18th's issue had another of mis-Rep. Bob Latta's digs at President Obama on gas prices. Didn't this guy pay any attention on classes in government in school? It takes congressional actions which are either signed or vetoed by the President to make any difference and I'm tired of these accusations by mis-Rep. Bob every time he puts an article in this paper! What mis-Rep. Bob doesn't say is how his buddies and him withheld legislation that could help our great nation get off of petroleum! He also didn't mention the fact that he voted to eliminate tax breaks for ethanol and biosoy fuels, and supports GIVING multi-billion dollar oil companies huge tax

breaks and government funding that could go to local production of bio-fuels creating more jobs in our district!

Why doesn't he help bio-fuels? Because his never ending source of campaign funding comes from oil companies and he OWES THEM! Record drilling the last couple of years has done NOTHING but increase oil prices! Speculation has been encouraged by Wall St., increasing the price even more! What's mis-Rep. Bob done? NOTHING! How about enforcing our anti-trust laws on the books already to create more competition in the oil business? mis-Rep. Bob's not interested due to campaign funding! This guy has not and will not do anything that will help the 5th district, only his own campaign coffers! Don't forget he's the guy that would rather flatten the village of Melrose rather than help this community with some federal funding to install a central sewer system! Seems odd he can find money for his home town of Bowling Green to help their sewer ills, but a village like Melrose is expendable! Most of the village residents support him in every election, what about this year? —Mike Porter

PC LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE STOPS FOR 4/25 THROUGH 4/30

4/25 - 3:30-4:30, Mandale (church of Christ, SR 66); 4:45-5:45, Grover Hill (elementary school); 6:00-6:30, Melrose UMC; 6:45-7:15, Broughton (across from Town Hall)

4/26 - 9:30, Antwerp Head Start; 3:15-4:15, Auglaize (township fire hall); 4:30-4:45, Five Span (marina); 5:00-5:30, Cecil (in front of Harts)

4/27 - Bookmobile closed for carpet installation

4/30 - 1:00, The Gardens; 2:00, Country Inn

BF GOODRICH RETIREES BREAKFAST

The BF Goodrich breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at The Vagabond Restaurant.



BOOK SIGNING WITH MIKE MULLIN AT THE NEW HAVEN LIBRARY

By: Sue Knapp

If you're an avid reader you'll want to pick up the book *Ashfall* by Michael Mullin. This book depicts a disaster when the volcano under the Yellowstone National Park erupts (The volcano is the reason for the geysers).

It took three years and a lot of research for this book to come about. Michael stayed true to form as far as the volcano is concerned.

Ashfall is the first book in a trilogy. The second book is called *Ashen Winter* coming out October 8, 2012. Check it out at www.michaelmullin-author.com.

Read about *Ashfall's* main character, Alex, and his trials in searching for his parents in a world of darkness, ash and violence.

Ashfall will be shelved in the Young Adult Section at the New Haven branch library.

1st ANNUAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT IN NEW HAVEN

The 1st Annual New Haven Adams Township Fire Department/The HomeBase Company Softball Tournament Fundraiser is set for June 2, 2012 at Havenhurst Park in New Haven, IN.

It will be a Round Robin, then Single Elimination tournament. Awards for participants will be 1st and 2nd place trophies, MVP, and Home-run Champ. Official ASA rules will apply to this tournament.

Deadline to enter is May 23rd and deadline to pay is May 25th. To enter a team or contact of the tournament, please call Lauren Hall at 260-414-3245.

—www.newhavenbulletin.com

EASTBOUND SR 930 RIGHT LANE CLOSURE ON NORFOLK SOUTHERN BRIDGE NEAR CLOVERLEAF

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announces that the eastbound right lane on SR 930 is scheduled to be closed at the Norfolk Southern Bridge, just north of the Cloverleaf at Washington Boulevard, starting Thursday, April 19. The northwest loop from westbound Washington Boulevard to southbound Coliseum will also be closed to accommodate traffic using the northwest ramp from eastbound SR 930 to westbound Washington Boulevard. During this project, the eastbound left lane on SR 930 will have a width restriction of 12 feet. (NOTE: This project is on the railroad bridge just north of the Cloverleaf. It is separate from the bridge maintenance that has been ongoing on the Cloverleaf.)

The restriction is expected to continue until mid-July, when the eastbound right lane and northwest loop will reopen. At that time the eastbound left lane will close; the left-hand lane restriction will not impact the Cloverleaf on- and off-ramps and loops.

The entire project, which will replace and widen the eastbound bridge deck over the Norfolk Southern Railroad, is scheduled to be complete in October 2012, weather permitting.

The contract was awarded to Primco, based on the low bid of \$1.2 million.

INDOT reminds drivers to use caution and consider worker safety when driving through a construction zone. For the latest news and information about INDOT, visit www.in.gov/indot. You can find traffic restriction information at www.traffic-wise.IN.gov. Contact the Fort Wayne District toll free at 866-227-3555.

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS WEEK OF APRIL 23, 2012

DEFIANCE COUNTY:

U.S. 127 at the intersection with Ohio 249 will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for drainage repair. Work is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.

U.S. 24, Ohio 15, Ohio 281 will be restricted to times at various locations during the week for bridge deck cleaning. Work is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.

PAULDING COUNTY:

Ohio 49 at the south edge of the village of Payne will close May 1 until late September for a bridge deck replacement project. Traffic detoured onto Ohio 114, U.S. 127, Ohio 613 and Ohio 500 back to Ohio 49. Work is being performed by Dot Construction, Canfield.

Ohio 49 and Ohio 111 in Paulding and Van Wert counties restricted to one lane through the work zone for a pavement repair and resurfacing project which will continue until mid August. On Ohio 49 the project will take place in the village of Wren; from U.S. 224 to U.S. 30, excluding the village of Convoy; and from the north corporation limit of Payne to the north corporation limit of the village of Antwerp. On Ohio 111 the project will take place from the Indiana state line to Ohio 49. Work is be-

ing performed by Shelly Co., Findlay.

US 127 from the Van Wert County line to Township Road 72 restricted to one lane during the week through the work zone for sealing of pavement cracks. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

Ohio 114 from US 127 to the Putnam County line restricted to one lane through the work zone through the week for berm work. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

Ohio 49 from the Defiance County line to the north corporation limit of Antwerp reduced to one lane through the work zone for berm work during the week. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

VAN WERT COUNTY:

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U.S. 127 north of U.S. 224 restricted to one lane during the week through the work zone for tile work. Work is being performed by Van Wert County ODOT.

WOODBURN HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!

The Woodburn Historical Society has come across boxes of historical transactions from years ago. The Society has memorabilia, cemetery, church and land grant documents, school pictures and memorabilia, family records and genealogy, park memorabilia, just to name a few items.

The Society needs people who are interested in helping to preserve, share and display these historical items for future generations to study and enjoy.

So, if you have a talent and the knowledge to organize displays and archives and have time to share, please come to the Woodburn Historical Society Meeting, April 26 at 7:00 at the Woodburn Library or you may call Jim Bridges at 260-632-4815.

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When: Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 4pm-8pm
Where: Paulding Fish & Game Club
Cost: The cost is \$50 for the class
Call (419)258-1373 or stop into McDougall Firearms in Antwerp to register for the class and to get a list of what will be needed for the class.



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POND-A-RIVER GOLF COURSE
 Dinner and prizes will take place at the VFW Post 587 in Paulding.
 Registration Begins: 1:00 pm Tee off: 1:30 pm (shotgun start)
Cost: \$50/person - Entry fee includes 18 holes, riding cart, dinner & a chance to win a variety of prizes!!
 * Hole-in-One Contest * Door Prizes
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 Contact **Matt Kelly (419-786-8509)** or **Stephanie Hull (419-399-7148)** to register. Or, you can email Matt at mbkelly96@windstream.net or Stephanie at hull_steph28@hotmail.com.
 Want to sponsor a hole? Silver sponsorships are \$25 & Gold Sponsors are \$50. Sponsor signs will be posted throughout the golf course.
 Contact Matt or Stephanie for more details...
 ** All proceeds to benefit the Relay for Life of Paulding County **



ON THE RAFT RACE

By: Stan Jordan

Things are starting to jell for the Maumee River Raft Race. I can now tell you how this came about. Dan Bowers, the owner-operator of the Advance Chassis of Antwerp, told me that over the last few years they always had a Customer Appreciation Day right out at the business site. But he tells me he wants to have an all day "hoopla," where the main line is fun for everyone. Hence, the River Raft Race. That is the topic—a day of fun, no cares, no worries, just live it up on a raft.

Now, the name River Raft Race might be a misnomer and throw you off a little bit. It is not necessarily the first raft to cross the finish line to be the winner. He will get points okay, but the judges will also look at the raft idea—its looks and dedication and the leaning toward a day of fun.

I understand the winner will receive a Traveling Trophy. The name of the raft will be inscribed on the trophy

alright, but the trophy is to be returned and awarded to the winner at next year's race. That winner will bring the trophy and the same rules apply.

In the next few weeks, I will give you some do's and don'ts. There are very few don'ts.

Like Dan said, the order of the day is "have fun."

On race day you will probably be in the hot sun for 6-8 hours. So you should have enough sun screen for all and then some, light long sleeve clothes, and an old pair of sneakers that you don't care if they get wet. You should bring a lot to eat, nibble and chew on and liquid to wash it down with. You really should rig up a sun shade because 8 hours is a lot of sun that time of the year, July 1st.

You and your group should get started on your raft. It is only three months away.

See ya!

THE RIVER ROAD—WEST TO THE STATE LINE

By: Stan Jordan

According to what I have read in the book, *The Maumee River in 1835* by Louis A. Simonis, General Anthony Wayne called the roads the North and South River Roads and they were used extensively by the Army.

We have discussed the places to stay along the Maumee by the travelers—The Quicks, The Spurriers, The Barnes and the best one, The Murphy's Inn.

As I understand The Murphy's Inn was the best one for service and food for you and your horses. I think it was a little newer and probably a little more modern. That was in Section 32 of Carryall Township.

Back in 1785, the U.S. Government appointed Whitmore Knaggs as a Government Indian Agent. He did a good job. He could speak a couple Indian dialects and did lots of interpreting for the government. He was a good man for both sides.

In this time, the Indians gave him 4,000 acres of land, in different areas of Northwest Ohio. The Indians confirmed the grant in 1795 but the U.S. Government would not honor the deal. The government did approve 3,000 acres to his three sons.

James Knaggs received a part for the Potawatomi of 1/2 section of land on the Indiana and Ohio line north of the Maumee River and that was approved and for years was called The Knagg's Reserve.

If you go up the West River Road on past the Pond-A-River Golf Course around the bend and into Indiana, right there is an old school house at the end of Scipio Road.

Well, I think all that land to the north and west of the school, on half of a section, is what history called The Knagg's Reserve, named after the Knagg family.

In some of my readings, I have found a little bit about an area up there by the Indiana and Ohio State Line called New Harrison. Harrison was the U.S. President at that time.

I'm sure it was on the south side of the Maumee and just inside of the Ohio line.

The land was surveyed and streets laid out and 52 lots drawn up. It was a partnership of Horatio N. Curtis and Oliver Applegate.

Now this settlement operated pretty good for five or six years. But soon the canal went through the town of Antwerp and the railroad was coming and the little settlement called New Harrison just folded up because the people went to Antwerp.

When the railroad came to town the canal wasn't very busy anymore and it went out of business. It was better to use the train.

Progress had come to Antwerp and the rest is history. I am also indebted to Larry Elliott, Mary Fisher and Mary Derck Donat for a lot of facts and figures on this area and time.

Mary Fisher is a descendant of Oliver Applegate. Mary Donat's husband, Kenny, is a descendant of Oliver Applegate.

If you can locate the book, *The Maumee River in 1835*, you will really enjoy reading it.

See ya!

RAY KECK

By: Stan Jordan

Ray Keck of Paulding, is a leader of the Genealogy Society of Paulding County. He was born in Jackson Township on the 20th day of June 1924. He was born at home

on a small farm and the total doctor bill was \$20. Dr. Mouser delivered him. Ray has one brother, Roy, and two sisters.

Ray went to a one room school, the Keck School there in Jackson Township. That school was destroyed by a tornado in 1937. Then he graduated from Paulding High School in 1941. He worked at the Kroger Grocery Store in Paulding until October of 1942, that's when he volunteered for the draft for the Army.

Mr. Keck served 38 months in the Army and 18 months of it was in the South Pacific. He served in two battles in Bougainville in the Solomon Islands and in the Battle of Luzon liberating Manila, the capitol city. He was in Japan for occupation and Tokyo, Sendie and Honscho Island, departed Tokyo December 1945. He was discharged January 1946 in the States.

Ray operated a grocery store and filling station in Broughton. That is where he met Carrie Timlim and they were married in June of 1948 and they lived happily for 54 years. They have one daughter who lives in Hicksville and raised four other daughters. Their son is a minister in Hicksville. He has four grandchildren. He operated the grocery store for four years and then worked for the telephone company at Defiance and then transferred to Paulding and was the local manager when they installed the dial system.

Mr. Keck then was employed by Paulding-Putnam Electric Company from 1956 and retired from there in July of 1986. He retired from the paying job to volunteer at no pay with historical research and copying county records and assembling books placed in the Paulding Carnegie Library and others for the Paulding County Genealogical Society.

We talked a lot about the war in the South Pacific. He also trained a lot with the 9th Mt. Div. in Colorado and then they sent him to the Pacific Islands. Those new P-38 airplanes trained in Colorado also. They had a lot of trouble with the ejection seat in that plane to start with. They left Bougainville and went to New Caledonia, a beautiful American cemetery there. But the sobering fact was they were all American boys lost at Bougainville. He ran into a lot of Co.A boys from Paulding County and the 37th Div. He landed at Leyte Gulf and fought into Manila and helped get some of the American Prisoners out of Los Spanos Prison along with the 40th division. They were just skin and bones, a lot of them died later. Then after the war ended he was sent up to Japan for a few months.

Ray tells me that he put in over 30,000 hours on all the volunteer work in Paulding County. He has received a lot of notable awards for his efforts: National Society of Daughters of American Revolution, Historical Medal of Ohio Genealogy Society Volunteer of the year 1988 and one from the Paulding Chapter of the same for the year of 2002. A Certificate of Achievement for Distinguished Service in Paulding County First Families. He is a life member of F.F.A. in Crawford and Paulding County. The Pennsylvania Historical Society and V.F.W. Post 587

and some other societies. But the one he enjoys the best and they are working on most at is The First Families of Paulding County. They are getting all the old records they can find and the cemeteries and all names and dates they can and making a book of them for the people who want to come to Paulding County and find out about their forefathers. You can find that book at the library or a nearby branch. Ray is very proud of the job and is enjoying the time they put in on it.

I asked Ray about any hobbies he might have had, and he told me hunting, fishing and he used to haul people also. I asked if there was something he didn't do that he would have liked to. He would have liked to have his own supermarket and almost did in Pennsylvania.

Well by golly, Ray, you have led a good useful life. You are almost 88 years old and still very busy. Ray, it was interesting talking with you again, just like always, and once again I thank you for all your help.

See ya!

SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 12: THE GARDEN AT THE LAKOTA CAMP

By: Stan Jordan

The old native that is in charge of gardening is called Half Moon. He is quite elderly but he is tough as nails, he's been around a long time. He knows the soil and elements and he is as proud as he is good.

He and the soldier called Farmer went down to the garden area which is a pretty good sized area. There are 35 wiki-ups in camp and about 164 natives, so they use a lot of food in a year's time.

Actually, the farmer and Half Moon could talk pretty good together, lots of pointing and arm gestures but they understood each other.

The site was on a little bit of a rise from the river and no shade trees close by. That made it easier to keep animals out of the garden.

The farmer told Half Moon that we would plow the garden today and plant it tomorrow and he agreed to that.

So, Farmer got started early and the team and the new plow caused quite a commotion. There were people watching all around.

Farmer made round after round and the team rested every little bit, but the ground was not packed down and the horses moved right along with a furrow plow, called a working plow.

It was like a holiday with the whole tribe watching the soldier boy plow up the whole garden. The sun was going down in the west when Farmer and Half Moon called it a day. Half Moon said that was a little more garden then they ever had before and he nodded a good job.

The squaws had a good

meal in the cook out area. They knew that tomorrow they would be working all day planting and they would be too tired for a big meal.

We all sat around the fire and by golly we understand each other pretty good. It seems that all distrust is gone.

While Elk moved Half Moon up beside Farmer and Limping Buffalo and those fellows talked a lot about tomorrow. Half Moon stood up and looked at the sky and declared tomorrow no rain and a nice warm day.

We all slept in our wagons and the natives went back to their tepees. We didn't even post a guard for the night. The Lakota people are a trusting, respectful and honorable tribe.

We were up at first light and had a good breakfast of pancakes and coffee. We had asked Half Moon to come to breakfast and he did. He brought along a grandson named Pony that Walks. He tasted his pancake and had his first taste of coffee. We enjoyed having him around. He caught on to English pretty quickly. In fact, he will soon be a good interpreter.

The Farmer took his team and his drag and worked the garden down in fine shape. After noon, Half Moon marked the garden off into spots or sections, one for each family. It was theirs to plant and take care of.

Half Moon marked off about three quarters of the plowed ground to family plots. The rest of the area was saved for potatoes and corn. He had a few young braves to plant the potatoes and corn.

Most everyone worked right up until dark, but nearly all were finished planting.

Nearly everyone slept in a little today. It was nearly 8:00 our time when Half Moon came around for coffee. You see, Indians don't keep time of day, like the white eyes do. They go by the position of the sun.

Half Moon talked to Farmer about a tool he has made that has a lot of sharp pegs in the rows and it scratches the soil up and we will broadcast wheat into the cracks and runs. They always do this on a small scale and it works okay.

So both of those fellows drove the team both ways

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Paulding Eagles
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- Thursday Nights - Karaoke with Rick Heffner 6-9 pm
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PAULDING HOSTS TRI-MEET



Paulding took on Spencerville and Temple Christian Tuesday, April 17. Shown above is Paulding freshman Maylana VanCleve (right), competing in the hurdles. Shown left is Paulding sophomore Dylan Carnahan competing at pole vault. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

The Paulding High School track team played host to a tri-meet on April 17th. The boys score was Spencerville (S) in 1st with 89 points, Paulding (P) in 2nd with 79 points, and Temple Christian (TC) in 3rd with 6 points. The girls score was Spencerville in 1st with 88 points, Paulding in 2nd with 74 points, and Temple Christian in 3rd with 8 points.

Boys individual event results:

Discus - 1st Shumate, S, 137'4"; 2nd Vandemark, S, 111'11"; 3rd Schindler, P, 106'3"

Pole vault - 1st Carnahan, P, 11'6"; 2nd Gerivera, S, 9'6"; 3rd Bellowa, S, 7'

110m hurdles - 1st Schuh, S, 16.3; 2nd Carnahan, P, 16.6; 3rd Echols, P, 18.0

1600m - 1st Layman, P, 5:05.8; 2nd McMichael, S, 5:11.4; 3rd Dunakin, P, 5:17

Shot put - 1st Vandemark, S, 43'6"; 2nd Shumate, S, 40'4"; 2nd Shrides, P, 36'9"

High jump - 1st Binkley, S, 5'10"; 2nd Echols, P, 5'6"

3rd Bland, P, 5'4"

100m dash - 1st Grigsby, S, 11.6; 2nd Kruehler, P, 11.9; 3rd Carnahan, P, 12.3

3200m - 1st Layman, P, 11:06.2; 2nd Dunakin, P, 11:30.8; 3rd Vogt, S, 11:52.7

Long jump - 1st Carnahan, P, 18'1"; 2nd Grigsby, S, 18'1/2"; 3rd Young, TP, 14'7"

3200m relay - 1st Spencerville, 9:07.7; 2nd Paulding, 9:09.4

200m dash - 1st Shumate, S, 25.0; 2nd Burnett, P, 25.2; 3rd Lugibihl, TC, 26.5

400m dash - 1st Goecke, S, 58.0; 2nd Bland, P, 58.3; 3rd Goecke, P, 1:02.1

300m hurdles - 1st Schuh, S, 46.6; 2nd Echols, P, 46.7; 3rd Gelivuca, S, 51.5

800m - 1st Burnett, P, 2:15.0; 2nd Meyer, S, 2:18.9; 3rd Munger, P, 2:19.4

800m relay - 1st Spencerville, 1:47.5; 2nd Paulding, 1:51.7

400m relay - 1st Spencerville, 47.5; 2nd Paulding, 48.4; 3rd Temple Christian, 52.8

1600m relay - 1st Spencerville A, 3:58.7; 2nd Paulding

A, 4:03.2; 3rd Spencerville B, 4:17.6

Girls individual event results:

Discus - 1st Johnson, S, 104'4"; 2nd Kohart, P, 84'9/4"; 3rd Miller, S, 82'73/4"

Pole vault - 1st Salinas, P, 9'6"; 2nd Miller, S, 9'; 3rd Simon, P, 7' & Riley, S, 7'

100m hurdles - 1st Kahle, S, 17.4; 2nd Miller, S, 17.5; 3rd VanCleve, P, 18.1

1600m - 1st Adams, S, 5:51; 2nd Johanns, P, 6:15; 3rd Clemens, P, 6:29

Shot put - 1st Walt, S, 34'2"; 2nd Kohart, P, 30'3"; 3rd Bousher, S, 27'8"

High jump - 1st Shuherk, P, 5'2"; 2nd Purdy, S, 4'8"; 3rd Post, S, 4'8"

100m - 1st Weller, P, 13.5; 2nd LaFountain, P, 13.7; 3rd Mulholland, S, 13.9

3200m - 1st Hardesty, S, 12:49; 2nd Clemens, P, 13:58.9

Long jump - 1st Rone, TC, 12'10"; 2nd Clemens, P, 11'4 3/4"; 3rd Keiber, S, 11'3"

3200m relay - 1st Spencerville, 10:41.0; 2nd Paulding, 11:23

200m - 1st Weller, P, 29.7; 2nd Rone, TC, 29.9; 3rd Kahle, S, 30.3

400m - 1st Wurst, S, 1:09; 2nd LaFountain, P, 1:09.4; 3rd King, S, 1:14.6

300m hurdles - 1st Kahle, S, 53.9; 2nd VanCleve, P, 54.4; 3rd Kesler, P, 57.3

800m - 1st Brown, S, 2:34.6; 2nd Salinas, P, 2:42.7; 3rd Adams, S, 2:43.6

800m relay - 1st Spencerville, 1:59.1; 2nd Paulding, 1:59.4

400m relay - 1st Paulding, 56.4; 2nd Spencerville, 1:01.4

1600m relay - 1st Spencerville, 4:37.2; 2nd 4:44.4

(Continued from Page 5) over the ground and got it ready. Half Moon wanted to sow the seed himself, and it was all right by us.

We ended up at the campfire that night, we smoked the pipe a couple times and Half Moon talked a lot to Farmer about working up some more ground like he did for the wheat.

Farmer looked at me and I agreed for him to do it. We are really not on any schedule. The soldiers are to go back to Kearney when I am finished with them. It was plenty dark when we turned in that night.

What Half Moon wanted

to do was plow up a few acres both ways and broadcast some hay seed like he did the wheat.

He showed some to me and it looked like some hay that back east was known as timothy. It is good for cattle in the winter. So, Farmer worked up a few more acres and Half Moon broadcast the seed.

I guess it was late in the morning when Farmer and Half Moon finished planting the hay field. The other boys and I had loaded all of our gear into the wagons and harnessed up the teams. We shook hands all around and said our good byes.

Limping Buffalo came forward and gave Farmer a good luck charm for all the hard work and knowledge that he imparted during the gardening. It is like the charm they gave to Billy Metzger some time ago. He is allowed to wear it on his Army uniform.

I guess it was about high noon when we headed south back to the agency at Broken Arrow.

See ya!

SECOND STEPS, LLC IN NEW HAVEN

Lisa Compton, the owner and founder of Second Steps, LLC, first worked with the SBDC while developing a plan for another business, SensoryCritters.com that she and her husband Bob Compton opened in 2005. This business retails products to aid in development and therapy for children with sensory processing disorders. It became apparent to the company's owners that there were unmet needs in the market to provide clinical therapy and support for affected families. As a result, Ms. Compton started Second Steps, LLC to meet these identified needs for Applied Behavior Analysis services and social skills classes.

The NE ISBDC worked with Lisa Compton and Second Steps to complete pre-opening sales projections and cash flow strategies as well as providing legal structure direction. Additionally, the SBDC worked with the client in creating graphic designs and logo prototypes, marketing strategies and press releases relating to the Grand Opening and new service offerings for the new business, and has continued to provide market strategy implementation coaching.

Opening this business in August 2010 has allowed for new therapy services to be offered to the greater Fort Wayne market, consolidated existing offerings into one location, and the addition of six full time and five contracted employees.

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WOMEN'S INTRO TO FIREARMS EXERCISE AT ANTWERP CONSERVATION CLUB

The Antwerp Conservation Club will host a Women's Introduction to Firearms Exercise on Saturday, April 28, 2012. This class will last from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The class will introduce women who are unfamiliar with firearms safe handling and use. For more information, please contact Chris Robinson at 419-206-8476.

WAYNE TRACE SOFTBALL & BASEBALL



Wayne Trace softball took on Crestview Wednesday, April 18 at home. Crestview dominated the field from the beginning, winning 5-0. Shown above is Raider sophomore Brenda Feasby hitting the ball. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Wayne Trace boys had a double header against North Central Saturday, April 21. Wayne Trace lost both with a score of 4-8 and 5-8. Shown above is junior Caleb Mead getting on first base after the catcher dropped the ball on the last strike. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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NEW HAVEN BASEBALL HITS WOODLAN WITH SHUTOUT



The Bulldogs took on Woodlan at the Warrior Ball field Tuesday, April 17. New Haven slowly worked their score up while keeping Woodlan scoreless. The final score was 4-0. Shown above is New Haven senior Derek Wallace hitting the ball to left field. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Paulding SB took on Ottoville Local at home Saturday, April 21. It was a cold and breezy day, but the Panthers were on fire beating Ottoville 6-1. Shown above is Panther senior Kristen Beck pitching her infamous change-up befuddling her opponents! More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Bryan Softball went to Antwerp Thursday, April 19. The Archers were in perfect form pulling off another win 5-0. Shown above is senior Ann Reinhart sliding into home safe! More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

CHAMBERLAIN PITCHES NO-HITTER

Jayla Chamberlain tossed her first no-hitter of the season as the Archer girls defeated Bryan 5-0 Thursday afternoon. Chamberlain struck out twelve Golden Bear hitters while issuing two walks. Offensively the Archers were led by AJ Stuck who stroked a double and a single while scoring two runs and driving in two to lead a 13 hit attack. Kelsey Titus and Ann Reinhart also chipped in with two hits a piece.

LADY ARCHERS PICK UP A PAIR OF WINS IN DH

The Archer softball team picked up a pair of victories over the weekend with 4-2 and a 6-1 wins over visiting North Central.

Jayla Chamberlain picked up both wins on the mound allowing only 8 hits in both contests while striking out 16.

At the plate AJ Stuck went 3 for 4 on the day with two singles and a triple. Cheyenne Miller-Sweet chipped in with a single and a double and two RBI's while Tricia Smalley added two singles and an RBI. On the day the Archers picked up twelve hits.

NEW VARSITY BOYS LEAGUE BEGINS

The Manor House Gymnasium is hosting a new varsity boys basketball league on Sunday afternoons. The league consists of boys players from schools all around the area. Players are divided up per OHSAA guidelines. Teams play two league games per day until May 20 when there will be a league tournament. All boys in Indiana or Ohio in grades 8 through 12 (or homeschooled) are invited to play. Registrations will be taken until tip-off at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. For information contact Tim Copey at 419-506-0108. Proceeds continue to benefit the Manor House Gymnasium improvements.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS & DISMISSALS

- Admissions:*
 3/26 - Serena Antigo, Bryan
 3/28 - Anna Jordan, Defiance
 4/1 - Eleanor Fellers, Paulding
 4/4 - Barry Gray, Paulding
 4/7 - Mildred Myers, Oakwood
 4/10 - Eileen Jeffrey, Paulding
 4/11 - Karen Dangler, Paulding
 4/13 - Linda Akers, Defiance
- Dismissals:*
 3/27 - Richard Stroup, Melrose
 3/28 - Serena Antigo, Bryan
 3/30 - Anna Jordan, Defiance
 4/4 - Eleanor Fellers, Paulding
 4/7 - Mildred Myers, Oakwood to Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne
 4/12 - Barry Gray, Paulding
 4/13 - Karen Dangler, Paulding
 4/13 - Eileen Jeffrey, Paulding

WHEN BAD WEATHER PREVENTS PLANTING OR DAMAGES CROPS

Steve Maurer, State Executive Director for Ohio's Farm Service Agency (FSA) would like to remind producers to report the acreage to your local FSA office within 15 days of the final planting date of the crop, when bad weather prevents planting or damages crops. This applies to all crops, whether covered by crop insurance, not covered by insurance, or covered by FSA's Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP). Final planting dates vary among counties and crop types.

Producers who have their crops insured through a private crop insurance company should contact the insurance agent immediately and advise them of the damaged crops. Additionally, for those crops covered under FSA's NAP, producers should immediately contact their local FSA office to report the acres and file a CCC-576, Notice of Loss Application. "Producers with NAP coverage should report their losses within 15 calendar days of crop damage from natural disaster, so the loss can be appraised and production counted before the crop is put into another use, abandoned or destroyed," said Maurer.

Crops not covered with a private insurance or NAP policy should still be reported to the local FSA office, and producers should file a Notice of Loss Application. This will provide FSA with a historical record of your crop should disaster assistance become available.

For more information about reporting prevented planting or failed acres, contact your local FSA office.

WOODLAN GETS REVENGE



One of the few games Woodlan softball lost last year was to Snider. This year was different. The girls were focused and hitting the ball while keeping the Panthers from scoring. Final score: 3-0. Shown above is junior Lauren Braaten hitting a double. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Paulding took on Wayne Trace baseball at home Friday, April 20. The Panthers won in a shutout victory 10-0 in the 5th inning. Shown above is senior Dylan Egler scoring for the last point with his teammates coming out praising the win. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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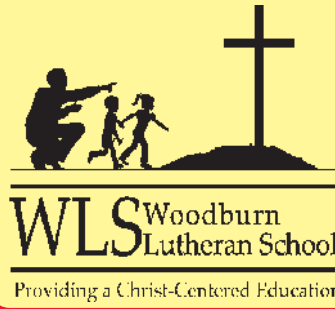
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PAYNE ELEMENTARY "WALKS" TO HAWAII!



WT Payne Elementary used their "Fuel Up to Play 60" funds to purchase pedometers to be used to track steps. The goal was to see if a student could "walk to Hawaii" by the end of the school year. If they did, then the students could have a "Hawaiian Luau Day." The project was started in October, and it took only 20 weeks to walk over 4,500 miles to "get to Hawaii!" The students dressed in their Hawaiian attire, had a fruit snack (which was also pur-

chased with "Fuel Up to Play 60" funds), and got to do a lot of fun Hawaiian activities like "Island Hopping" (Around the World-Basketball), "Surfing" on scooters, doing the Limbo, Hula Hooping, and playing Beach Ball Toss using beach balls and beach towels. They also got to listen to some fun music.

Payne Elementary teachers plan to do the same challenge next year. The goal is to get to Hawaii in less than 20 weeks.

IT'S TIME FOR REGISTRATION!



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers are inviting you to join us on Monday, May 7 at the preschool from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for registration for the fall! All parents of three,

four and five year olds; give us a call and get on the list for next year. See the ad on the front page of the West Bend News for all the information! Walk ins are welcome!

CELEBRATING THE PAST, BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE: PAUL HARDING HIGH - EAST ALLEN UNIVERSITY

On Sunday, May 6, 2012 from 1:00-5:00 p.m., East Allen County Schools will recognize Paul Harding High Alumni and introduce

the East Allen University Class of 2016! The afternoon will be filled with excitement and memorable games, activities and networking.

The schedule of events is as follows:

1:00-2:45 p.m. - Paul Harding Alumni Basketball game with former men and women players. During the game alumni, teachers and administrators will be recognized for their years of service and dedication to Paul Harding High.

3:00-4:10 p.m. - There will be a display of hallways by decade. Each decade team will display photos, clothing, and items during that particular decade.

4:15-5:00 p.m. - Ceremony introducing the East Allen University Class of 2016

For more information please contact Tamyra Kelly, at 260-446-0100 ext. 1050 or by email tkelly@eacs.k12.in.us

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NEW HAVEN TO HOST "COUNTY NIGHT OUT" EVENT MAY 1

The Allen County Board of Commissioners announced that the city of New Haven will host the next "County Night Out" on Tuesday, May 1. The event will be held in the police training room of the New Haven City Administration Building, 815 Lincoln Highway East, from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m.

"County Night Out" features an open-house format designed to allow citizens the opportunity to meet the Commissioners and other elected officeholders face-to-face and obtain information about programs and services offered by various County departments. Some of the departments which will be represented at the meeting include the County Sheriff, Highway Department, NIRCC, County Treasurer, Building Department, County Recorder, the Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health, County Parks, and the Department of Planning Services.

"Last year was our first time using this format," said Commissioner Nelson Peters. "Residents told us they appreciated the chance to spend time speaking one-on-one with us, getting their questions answered and learning about services our departments provide."

In addition, New Haven Mayor Terry McDonald and representatives from the city's Police, Fire, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works departments will be in attendance. "We look forward to our 'Night Out' with our partners in County government," Mayor McDonald said. "This gives our residents the opportunity to discuss issues with their elected officials and departmental leaders. This format is unique and will hopefully lead to more collaborative events with our two governments in the future."

For more information about "County Night Out," contact the Commissioners' Public Information Office at 449-7671.

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WOULD YOU DRIVE A MILE TO SAVE A LIFE?

Everyone knows that with a cancer diagnosis comes with many hardships and barriers for a cancer patient. One of the greatest barriers to a cancer patient is simply getting to and from cancer appointments and treatments; cancer

patients often cannot afford to drive to appointments or are physically unable to drive themselves. That is why your American Cancer Society needs your help!

The American Cancer Society is looking for volunteers who are willing to save lives by driving a few miles. The American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program is coming to Paulding County, with your help. The Road to Recovery program needs volunteers who are willing to give a few hours of their time to provide FREE transportation for cancer patients to and from their treatments. Volunteers only need to have a reliable vehicle, current driver's license, proof of auto insurance, and attend a FREE Road to Recovery training. Training for this program is simple, easy, and FREE and only requires a few hours of your time. Volunteer drivers make a big difference in a cancer patient's life by providing them with access to life saving procedures and treatments.

Want to volunteer to become a driver? Attend the next Road to Recovery Training! The next training is on Thursday, April 26th from 12:00-1:00 p.m. at the Defiance Regional Hospital Conference Room, 1200 Ralston Ave, Defiance. There is no fee to attend, but registration is requested. To register, call 1-888-227-6446 ext. 5104. If you want to volunteer but this date does not work for you or if you would like more information about this program, you can call Jessica West, Health Initiatives Representative for your American Cancer Society, at 1-888-227-6446 ext. 5104 or email to Jessica.West@cancer.org.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 4/11/12

This 11th day of April, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley, Fred Pieper and Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
Warrants documented as 187137 through 187230 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUESTS:
Amy Kauser, Jaclyn Buchman, Meredith Davis, OMUG Conference, Dublin OH - April 30 and May 1, 2012

Tiffany Beckman, Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College, Dublin OH - May 3 & 4, 2012

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 160):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2012 Annual Appropriation in the Juvenile Court Computer Fund 160: 160-001-00001, Juvenile Court Computer/Expenses, AMOUNT: \$59,000

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Corey Walker, Paulding County Department of Job & Family Services - Mr.

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES AT DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL



The Divine Mercy Catholic School kindergartners took some time to remember their loved ones in heaven. On balloons they wrote messages of

love to pets, friends, parents or even God. They enjoyed releasing the balloons and guessing the reason they blew in all different directions.

Walker met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss the viability of Paulding County DJFS and Defiance County DJFS sharing services. Mr. Walker explained other counties in Ohio are leaning toward shared services. Mr. Walker noted that significant savings can be realized for participating counties in staffing alone, as several positions could be shared.

David Wagner, IMPAC - Mr. Wagner, Marketing Representative for IMPAC, met with the Commissioners to discuss returning policy/procedure of the Hasler postage meter. The Commissioners recently installed a Pitney Bowes postage meter. Mr. Wagner suggested running the postage out of the Hasler meter as opposed to trying to transfer the postage to the new Pitney Bowes meter. When the postage is exhausted, the meter will be returned to IMPAC.

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Financial Focus by: Gabe Pollock, Edward Jones Advisor

Not long ago, the Federal Reserve (Fed) announced that it plans to keep short-term interest rates near zero until late 2014. The Fed initially pushed rates to that level in 2008, in an effort to stimulate economic growth. Clearly, low interest rates have a wide-ranging impact — but what effect will they have on you, as an individual investor?

If you need income from your investments, then the continuation of ultra-low interest rates may be a matter of some concern, particularly if you own certain types of fixed-income investments, such as certificates of deposit. While CDs are insured, offer return of principal at maturity and provide regular interest payments, they are not risk-free. With low interest rates, you risk losing purchasing power.

Still, fixed-rate vehicles may well have a place in your portfolio. If you're even somewhat dependent on your investments for income, you may need to broaden your search. Here are a few ideas to consider:

****Build a bond ladder.** Long-term bonds, by their nature, are more subject to interest rate risk than shorter-term vehicles. In other words, interest rates are more likely to rise during the life span of a longer-term bond — and when rates go up, the prices of existing bonds will fall. To help lower this risk, you may want to build a “ladder” of bonds of varying maturities. Then, if market interest rates are low, you'll still have your long-term bonds earning higher rates, but if rates rise, you can take advantage of them by reinvesting the proceeds of your maturing short-term bonds. But remember to work with your financial advisor to evaluate whether a bond ladder and the securities held within it are consistent with your investment objectives, risk tolerance and financial circumstances.

****Dividend-paying stocks.** You can find companies that have paid dividends for many consecutive years — and in some cases, increased their dividend payout each year. In 2012, companies listed in the S&P 500 are on track to pay out more than \$252 billion in dividends, a record amount,

according to data compiled from Standard & Poor's. (Keep in mind that the S&P 500 is an unmanaged index and is not available for direct investment.) Of course, stock prices will fluctuate in value, and you may receive more or less than your original investment when you sell. Historically, dividend-paying stocks have been less volatile than non-dividend-paying stocks. Be aware, though, that companies can lower or discontinue dividend payments at any time without notice. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

****Refinance your mortgage.** Today's low rates are good news for borrowers. With tougher standards in place, it may not be as easy to refinance a mortgage as it once was, but if you qualify, you may want to think about refinancing. You may be able to save quite a bit of money on your monthly payments — and lower payments can translate into a greater cash flow. Plus, if you don't need all the savings, you can put some of the money into an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or another retirement savings vehicle.

Ultimately, an extended period of low interest rates is just one more factor to consider in creating and adjusting your investment strategy. Work with your financial advisor to help ensure low rates won't affect your income needs.

INDY 500 PARADE UPDATE

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway announced that they will conduct the “2012 Back Home Again in Indiana Decoration Program” to celebrate the Indianapolis 500 the LSAA Tournament. Three other C.L.S. wrestlers were also All-City Champions: Jonyvan Johnson (90), Ryan P mile race. In 2011, the City of New Haven was selected as one of the top 10 finalists out of 200 cities for this program and they will compete again this year. Participating in the ‘Back Home Again in Indiana Decoration Program’ is open to all cities and towns across the State of Indiana. This event will be judged by a celebrity panel that includes legendary Indianapolis 500 drivers and Hoosier celebrities. The winning community will be awarded \$20,000 from the IMS to better the community. For its community project, New Haven would utilize any prize monies from this event to complete the Veterans' Memorial in Schnelker Memorial Park. After a special tribute to our military from Colonel Augustine with the U.S. Air Force, the Air Force Honor Guard will present the flags followed by a military fly-over during the opening ceremony. New Haven Mayor Terry McDonald will then wave the green flag and start the parade at 11:00 am on Broadway and Main.

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THE FELLOW RODDER



By: Mike McKeever Jr.

This week's featured project ride is a 1954 GMC step side; it comes from Paulding resident, Dave Dotterer.

The 1954 GMC line of trucks was a year for significant design changes which included a wide range of ½, ¾ and 1-ton configurations. Windshield was now a curved one-piece glass without center vertical dividing strip. Cargo bed rails were previously angled, now horizontal. Tail lights round instead of rectangular. Grille changed from five horizontal slats to crossbar design commonly referred to as a “bull nose” grille, similar to modern Dodge truck grille. A new rear bumper with a dip in the center to allow space for license plates. Chrome grilles and bumpers and a color-coordinated interior were an option. Some other options for 1954 included power brakes, two-tone paint, electric windshield wipers, heavy-duty rear springs, heavy-duty radiator, heavy-duty generator and tinted glass—yes, tinted glass! The trucks could come with various non-standard rear

axle ratios. Officially these trucks were known as Advanced Design, even though they probably appeared aged in their final moments, today they are often referred to as First Series. That alone, makes them benchmarks of GM truck history. The design of GMC/Chevrolet's 1954 step side pickups was short-lived; making surviving examples such as this GMC 250-series rare to find.

'54 was the first year that power steering was offered in many models. Automatic transmission is available for the first time as a paid for option. The engine for all trucks was an overhead-valve in-line six-cylinder displacing 248.5 cubic inches (4.1 liters), with a cast-iron block. The engine had a power rating of 125 horsepower, an increase over that of the previous year. It featured hydraulic valve lifters and a single-barrel carburetor, a man's working truck.

Dave's truck started as a \$400 truck and after he sold the tires, rims, frame, bed and few other things he didn't need, he had made enough money back and more. Dave

has been working on this truck off and on for seven years now. It started out as a one ton with a nine foot box. Most of his parts are from Craigslist, Ebay and swap meets. Dave has had other rides in the past, of show quality and always worried about them so much it took the fun out of them. So his ideas for this truck are to make a low buck drivable truck that ‘the world won't stop if he gets a stone chip,’ kind of a rat rod per say, with flat black or primer when finished. The truck sits on a lowered S10 frame, which was a job in and of itself, getting it to fit right. He had to make a new core support for the radiator along with some body trimming, bending, fabricating here and there. The S10 frame gives this truck a nice stance to it. The floor of the cab, believe it or not, is from an old washer machine. Steel is getting costly and why not use what you got? It looks good in there, he bead-rolled it and it looks like a factory floor—just better quality steel is all. He has a V-8 GM 307 out of a 68 Bellaire and a 700R4 overdrive transmission sitting in it. The truck has a bright red vinyl seat; it came from Craigslist out of a '66 Chevelle. The guy selling it just had it re-covered and then decided he wanted buckets instead. So, Dave picked it up to show case his '54 GMC with his '55 Buick dash. That's right, Dave cut welded and cut some more a '55 Buick dash in his truck. The original dash just did not have enough character for him (narrow and flat). He found a car being scrapped and took the dash out. Let me tell you this dash looks great with all the curves, it looks just like it

was made for the truck. I especially like the way it wraps around to match into the door panel body lines (Great job, Dave!). Dave mentions that, it all sounds good until you start doing it. See, the steering column didn't line up and then the gauges were off centered—just tons of work getting it to look right. He states he has almost as much time in the dash as he does the whole truck at this point.

Dave, you have a nice truck started here. Keep up the good work and we hope to see you on the road soon. I see your ideas for the truck and appreciate them. I would like to thank you for sharing it with us and also for keeping another piece of American automotive history alive.

If you got a ride you would like featured please contact me at ratsandros@live.com.

WHY ARE THEY TEARING UP THE SIDEWALKS IN ANTWERP?

If you are wondering why Antwerp is getting new sidewalk corners, Administrator Sara Keeran states that it's been 17 years since the sidewalk corners have been put in. Because the streets are being repaved, it is a federal regulation that textured pads be put in at all corners for the blind. They can feel the pad with their feet or cane, and it tells them that they are at an intersection.

These new curb ramps are a part of the Department of Transportation paving project in the Village of Antwerp. Also, around the first of May, AEP will replace at least three power poles in Antwerp Village.

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Andrew O'Shaughnessy, M.D., Nephrology
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Wednesday
Raj Gunda, M.D., Oncology/Hematology
Kim Molitor, Au.D. (Doctor of Audiology)
Peter vanden Berg, M.D., General Surgeon/Wound-Care
***Thomas F. Walsh, M.D., Urology**
Ft. Wayne Cardiology, Cardiology/Echocardiograms
Sleep Clinic, James Gray, D.O.

Thursday
Kim Molitor, Au.D. (Doctor of Audiology)
Samuel Neuschwanger, D.P.M., Podiatry
Peter vanden Berg, M.D., General Surgeon/Wound-Care
Ft. Wayne Neurological Center, Neurosurgery
The Medical Group of Ft. Wayne,
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FRACTION TOURNAMENT AT WOODLAN INTER-MEDIATE SCHOOL



Woodlan Intermediate School Fraction Champions and Runner ups: (front row) Noah Funk, Tyler Wenger; (back row) Kadi Kelly, Julia Troyer, Ana Bullerman, Jack Stuckey.

The students in the 5th grade classrooms at Woodlan Intermediate School competed in fraction tournaments this spring. The tournament was a double elimination, head to head, bracket tournament. Students competed against each other in adding, subtracting, dividing, and multiplying fractions. The tournament was a wonderful review of curriculum standards for math before the

spring ISTEP test.

All of the students displayed fine sportsmanship and academic achievement. Mrs. Price's runner up was Ana Bullerman and her champion was Jack Stuckey. Mrs. Salzbrenner's runner up was Noah Funk and her champion was Kadi Kelly. Mrs. Gibson's runner up was Julia Troyer and her champion was Tyler Wenger.

OHIO SENATE PROVIDES FARMERS A FRAMEWORK TO BETTER MARKET PRODUCTS

The state's number one industry received a big boost today as the Senate approved a plan to give Ohio farmers the opportunity to better market their products while simultaneously working to meet or exceed recently enacted federal food safety standards.

Sponsored by State Senator Cliff Hite (R-Findlay), Senate Bill 309 creates voluntary agricultural marketing agreements which would allow Ohio's farmers to work together to meet the demands and safety expectation of the consumer. By entering into these agreements, farmers will be able to provide stable markets for products like fruits, vegetables, and dairy products. This program also creates the opportunity for further job growth within the industry.

"The agriculture industry has been a long-standing catalyst for jobs and economic development throughout Ohio," said the bill's sponsor. "These marketing agreements will not only grow a collaborative relationship among our state's famers, but also empower them by allowing them to assist in promoting and protecting their products."

Senator Hite worked closely with the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and the Ohio Produce Growers and Markers Association in crafting the legislation. The agreements require no additional cost to the state as they will be self-supporting through fees paid by participants. The Ohio Department of Agriculture will assist in establishing any of the agreements.

Ohio is currently home to more than 1,000 food processing companies and is a national leader in agriculture production. One in seven Ohioans work in the agriculture business and the industry contributes more than \$107 billion to Ohio's economy.

DIVIDING PERENNIALS

By: **Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator**

Perennials that are overgrown, declining in overall growth, not blooming quite as nicely as they should, or the center of the clump has died out should be divided to improve health, growth, and appearance. A good rule of thumb is to divide perennials during the opposite time of the year when the plants normally bloom. However, most perennials can be divided just about any time of the year providing that one provides extra care to get the plants established after dividing, especially during warm weather. It's easier to divide perennials in the early spring when they are smaller and easier to handle. Now is a great time to divide those that bloom in the summer or fall.

Begin by digging out around the edge of the plant and lift the entire plant, leaving as much of the root system as intact as possible. Or, if one wants to "share" a portion of a perennial, dig around the outside edge and lift a segment of the plant.

If the perennial has fibrous roots, such as coreopsis and daisies, one can use a spade, pitchfork, or knife to divide these. This type of root system can be pulled or teased

apart. Make sure that there are at least 2-3 shoots and a good mass of roots. If the plant has fleshy, thick roots, like the peony and daylily, use a sharp knife or even a hacksaw to cut pieces of the root, making sure that there are a few buds or "eyes" remaining on the fleshy root.

Ornamental grasses can quickly become thick and woody and are sometimes quite difficult to divide. People have been known to use axes and even chainsaws to cut through the root mass! Try to divide these early before they get so difficult.

After digging, discard any roots that are dead, rotted, or mushy. Plant the divisions immediately or as soon after dividing and water to keep the roots moist. When dividing, take advantage of the empty root space and add organic matter prior to replanting.

A common maintenance chore in a perennial garden is that of dividing. There is no set rule as to when to divide perennials. Some may need division every 3-5 years, some 8-10 years and some would rather you not bother them at all. Watch for the signals as perennials will let you know when they would like to be divided.

THE NORTHWEST OHIO MAYORS & MANAGERS ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS AND PASSES RESOLUTION

Mayor Craig Stough from the City of Sylvania has recently been elected new President of The Northwest Ohio Mayors and Managers Association for 2012-2014. Serving with Mayor Stough is, Mayor Robert Heidenschler from the Village of Dupont as first Vice President, Mayor Max Fetterman of the Village of Liberty Center as second Vice President, and Marc Thompson, Administrator, Village of Ottawa Hills will continue to serve as Secretary/Treasurer.

Four new board members were also appointed, including: Mayor Jeff Snook from the Village of Vanlue, Mayor Greg Gerwin from the Village of Gibsonburg, Mayor Aaron Montz from the City of Tiffin, and Mayor Eric Keckler from The City of Fostoria. They join existing board members:

Mayor Douglas Johnson from the City of Bryan, Mayor Terry Dockery, Sr. from the Village of Continental, Mayor Lowell C. Krumnow from the Village of Elmore, Mayor Greg White from the Village of Paulding, and Mr. Jon Go-

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Back row: Mac Kensey Bendele (Ottoville) Jr. Building & Grounds, Harley-Davidson Lane (Continental) Sr. Electricity, Harley Noll (Parkway) Jr. Health Technology, Austin Eschbach (Parkway) Sr. Precision Machining, Cora Finrock (Crestview) Jr. Culinary Arts, and Hope Nehls (Paulding) Sr. Early Childhood Education. Unavailable for the picture was Gary Carter (Van Wert) Jr. Welding.

chenour, Administrator for the Village of Swanton.

In addition to the election, a Resolution opposing any action by the Ohio Governor or General Assembly to take control of local income tax collection and/or administration away from municipalities and centralize such control within a state agency or third-party entity was passed. A copy of this resolution in its entirety may be found at www.nomma.us.

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DIVINE MERCY STUDENTS LEARN EYE SAFETY



The students at Divine Mercy Catholic School in Payne had an eye-opening experience with Dr. Tope from Paulding. Dr. Tope shared information and safety about eyes. Pictured is the kindergarten class learning a song about eye safety.

PCAF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & DINNER



By: Sue Knapp
The Paulding County Area Foundation held their business meeting and dinner at Grant's Reception Hall on Friday, April 13 with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. Lisa McClure, Executive Director of PCAF along with Dr. John Saxton, President of PCAF, led the meeting. Dr. Saxton presented a plaque for his work with the PCAF. Also recognized was Pam Miller and Kay Langham. Lisa McClure recognized the 2012 contributors and dinner sponsors. Matt Reineck gave the financial report. Larry Wenninger recognized the tenant farmers and also gave a small history of the Foundation's creator. He also stated that 2011 was the best year for the farms. The Girls Barbershop Quartet from the Paulding High School Ensemble entertained with the Singing Hopkins Sisters singing the National Anthem. Karl Mielke was nominated as a new trustee of PCAF.

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle 4/18/12"

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5	4	9	7	3	8	1	2	6
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LAWN CARE: WEED & FEED

By: Len Schrock, Scotts STI Graduate, Grabill & Woodburn Hardware

Now that warmer weather is here, the time has come to feed your lawn again or for the first time (whichever one applies to you). In this article, I'll give you some information about perennial weeds, how to pick a good weed & feed, and give you some tips on how to apply it.

Perennial weeds such as dandelion, plantain and clover are present in the lawn all year long. In winter, the plants may wither and disappear, but their root systems are still alive and well... just waiting for spring and warm weather to reappear as eyesores in the lawn. As warm weather arrives, new leaves begin to grow, and the weeds begin their "crowding out" tactics to take over the lawn. Summer annual weeds, such as chickweed, oxalis, spurge and purslane also begin to invade.

Control of these pests is done by applying a post-emergent control. The granular materials must adhere to the leaves of the plant in order to be effective, because the ingredients enter the plant through the surface of the leaves, primarily.

It is this reason that no perennial weed control should be applied when rain is forecast within 24 to 48 hours of the application, and why irrigation or lawn traffic should be delayed for this time period.

There are also some ready-to-use and concentrate post-emergent weed controls in a liquid and granular form. Some of them are rain proof in hours.

Timing of post-emergent weed control applications, including those using combination "weed & feeds" is important if the lawn owner is to get the maximum benefit from the product.

As a general rule, the application should be made when the weeds are actively growing. The application is recommended, therefore, in mid-to-late spring. In most of the northern part of the U.S., this means an application should be applied some time in April or May... when temperatures are between 60-90 degrees F.

Another time, which is often overlooked but is an excellent time to control weeds, is in early fall... from mid September through early October. Weeds are actively growing then and they are susceptible to control because they are naturally translocating nutrients to their roots... as well as the control material.

All applications should be made on a lawn that is wet from sprinkling... or from early morning dew. These weed controls should not be used on newly planted grass until it has been mowed at least four times. If you kill weeds in a lawn, wait one month before you overseed.

Unlike digging or pulling weeds, weed controls get rid of the weeds roots and all... so they cannot grow back from root stubs that may be left in the soil. This is not accomplished overnight. Instead, the weeds slowly disappear, over a period of a few weeks.

The controls are absorbed through the leaves of the

weeds, which is why rain forecasted or traffic on the lawn should be delayed for 24 to 48 hours after applying a weed control... so the granules will not be knocked from the leaves. Once the material is absorbed by the plants, the weed control action begins.

Just as in straight fertilizers, and in pre-emergent weed controls, the ability to produce a product in which each granule contains a mixture of all ingredients, including the weed control, gives high-end products the ability to produce superior results, every time.

"Simple mix" products, which place the herbicide materials on an inert carrier along with the fertilizer granules, get less predictable results because only 1/4 of the weed & feeds contents carry the weed control. Results are invariably disappointing.

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APPLEING AWAY

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

There is a view in Christianity that leads to a false sense of security. Thankfully, not everyone who has that view actually lives it out in practice although they will adamantly defend it. We'll get to that view later, but let's begin with dealing with a false sense of security.

In 1976, two young guys had developed a personal computer that they thought

people would be interested in buying. All they wanted to do was pursue making more, selling them, and developing the concept further.

These two men, Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak, went to Atari and said, 'Hey, we've got this amazing thing, even built with some of your parts, and what do you think about funding us? Or we'll give it to you. We just want to do it. Pay our salary, we'll come work for you.'

And Atari said, "No." So then we went to

Hewlett-Packard, who Wozniak was working for at the time, and HP said, 'Hey, we don't need you. You haven't got through college yet.'

Atari and HP missed opportunities because they had a false sense of security. They thought they were heading in the right direction and didn't need this new approach. As of Friday, April 13, HP is worth 5.84 billion dollars and Atari is worth 38.05 million dollars while Apple, the company they both refused to take on, is worth 580.65 billion dollars.

A false sense of security that is the result of success can cause us to miss opportunities because we think things are just fine. False security can drown out our sense of adventure.

Let's flash forward to the present time. Apple is now the heavyweight of the computer field, worth more than twice the value of Microsoft. And they are invulnerable to malicious programs, or so they try to make us think. Right on their website they state, "With virtually no effort on your part, OS X defends against viruses and other malicious applications, or malware." Lulling their users into a false sense of security.

Thanks to Apple's marketing, many Apple users think they are invulnerable to malicious software. But just the other week over 600,000 Apple computers were infected with the Flashback Trojan. Roel Schouwenberg, a senior researcher at Kaspersky Lab, a leading antivirus software company, who has analyzed the malware said, "Mac users have been led to believe they're safe and turned off their paranoia filter. There is a lot of easy prey out there."

A false sense of security that is the result of pride and complacency can cause us to compromise ourselves by doing things we shouldn't do. This leads us back to our view on the subject at hand. Many Christians have a false sense of eternal security that leads them to miss opportunities for what Jesus wants them to do and compromise their convictions and do things they shouldn't do.

I can't do a thorough Bible study in this article, but I will give you some of the key verses. Read the context around them to get a better picture because Scripture isn't intended to be read in little bites like this.

"The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels," (Rev 3:5 ESV). One's name would not need to be blotted out if it could not be removed.

"Have fallen away," (Hebrews 6:6 ESV). This section in Hebrews talks about the impossibility of restoring one who has fallen away. The phrase "fallen away" implies that one can leave.

"But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called 'today,' that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin," (Hebrews 3:13 ESV). The writer of Hebrews would not give a warning if becoming hardened by sin was not possible.

"If you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain," (1 Corinthians 15:2 ESV). The Bible is full of instructions to hold fast, continue on, and remain in the teaching they originally received. These instructions would be unnecessary if those in the faith were guaranteed to never stray out of it.

As for the verses that seem to emphasize that nothing can pluck us from God's hand. They're right. Nothing can pluck us from God's hand. However, that doesn't mean we can't flee God's presence. The early church was going through a lot of trials and persecution. These verses emphasized to them that they could not be removed from the presence of God's presence nor from receiving His gracious, saving grace.

Nothing in this world has the power in itself to damage our spiritual relationship with God. Our spirit is invulnerable to the physical unless we allow the bad situations we go through to create doubts in us that we allow to fester into inaction or sin.

So when the world is telling us to compromise, we don't because no amount of suffering or pleasure is worth giving up God's grace and calling. When circumstances attempt to deceive us into being inactive, we will refuse because we know that God's work is not done here yet.

Thankfully, most Christians who disagree on the big, theological concept still agree on the practical ways to live it out. And in that, we can continue on bringing about the will of the Lord on earth as it is in heaven while we rest assured that nothing in this world can remove us from God's grace—except for ourselves.

As Teddy Roosevelt once said, "God save you from the werewolf and from your heart's desire."

You can read more of Regan's writings at www.regansravings.blogspot.com or stop in to worship God with him and his church family on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at Riverside Christian Church. Located at the corner of 192 & SR 49.

CLEANING UP THE ANTWERP RIVERSIDE PARK



By: Sue Knapp

Pictured here are some of Antwerp's concerned citizens cleaning up the Riverside Park. Mark Greenwood headed up the project. The park will be ready for the summer


due to the hard work of these volunteers: Denny Meyer, Mayor VanVlerah and his family; Mr. Rangel, Biology teacher from AHS; students from AHS; Antwerp Rotary and Boy Scouts.

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