

DRIVE ONE 4 YOUR SCHOOL AT DIVINE MERCY



Erik Miesle (volunteer), Mo Gonzalez, Brian Morris and Dennis Recker standing in front of a 2013 Ford Fiesta.

By: Sue Knapp

Divine Mercy Catholic School parking lot was full of activity on Saturday, May 5th. Integrity Ford of Paulding brought 10 vehicles over for the public to test drive. There were all makes and models of cars and trucks to drive. For each car driven the school received money. 185 people test drove the selection available. The total monies donated to

the Divine Mercy Catholic School came to over \$3,400.

Puckerbrush Pizza from Payne provided a pizza lunch for everyone. Fun was had as people got to drive around in a new car. The cars had all the amenities you could think of and some you've never heard of. Kudos go to Integrity Ford and the test drivers for helping out Divine Mercy Catholic School.

THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS HOSTED BY AMERICAN LEGION POST 297

These are the scheduled events that have been planned and will be hosted by the Payne American Legion Post 297 for Memorial Day, May 28, 2012:

9:30 a.m. – Parade, in which the local Chapter of American Legion Riders will ride

10:00 a.m. – Memorial Service at Wiltsie Cemetery.

12:00 p.m. – Lunch for Veterans and their families. Please bring a covered dish and your place settings.

Meat will be provided by the post. We would like to invite the widows of the recently deceased veterans to join us for the lunch.

—Michael Kennedy, Post Commander

AND THE WINNER IS...

The Mini-Indy Car votes have been tallied, duplicates removed and fake addresses purged. The winner of our contest is Frontier Communications. Close behind in second is Grabill Bank. Frontier will receive our winner's trophy and two great tickets to the Indianapolis 500 Race. Grabill Bank will also receive two great tickets to the race. Thanks so much to everyone who participated. We had over 1100 visits to the voting site and over 850 unique votes.

Please remember to still vote each day for New Haven in the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Community Competition. To make it easier, we now have a shorter address – www.votewesthaven.com

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Louis and Lisa Beregszazi of Antwerp announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Julia Rae to Barry Jay Grant of Antwerp, the son of Phil and Gloria Grant of Antwerp.

The bride is a 2005 graduate of Antwerp High School and is employed at Menards in Defiance.

Her fiancé is a 2002 graduate of Antwerp High School and is currently employed at AccuGear in Fort Wayne and also holds a real estate license with Coldwell Banker.

The couple will exchange wedding vows June 15, 2012 at the Apostolic Fellowship Hall in Latty.

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GREAT CHANGES FOR JOHN PAULDING DAYS

Many new events have been added to John Paulding Days including a Country Concert, The First Annual Redneck Games, and a Craft Market. Those are just a few of the changes. The festival

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OBITUARIES

Viola M. Dobbelaere, 81, of Oakwood died Sunday, May 13 at Estelle's Hospice House, Ocala, FL.

She was born May 28, 1930 in Paulding county, Ohio, the daughter of Arthur I. and Frances E. (Hart) Harrow. On November 4, 1950 she married Morris R. Dobbelaere, who survives. She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding Eagles, Friendly Neighbors Farm Bureau Council, Eagles Lodge #2405, and was a past member of Busy Neighbors Extension Club.

She is also survived by her children: Cathy (Larry) Thornell of Paulding; Cindy (Rich) Skiver of Defiance, Tom (Shelly) Dobbelaere of Paulding, Tim (Tami) Dobbelaere of Oakwood, Carole (Mark) Gross of Paulding, and Denise (Joel) Althaus of Kenton; a brother, James (Jeanne) Harrow of Cecil; two sisters: Marjorie Howell of Paulding, and Joan (Max) Pease of Latty; 19 grandchildren: Tricia (Todd) Nie-thornmeyer, Gary (Amy) Thornell, TJ (Heather) Thornell, Lori (Brad) Baughman, Kim (Chad) Molitor, Krista (Brian) Schroeder, Lana

(Don) Gorrell, Jenni (Jason) Hoffman, Lisa Dobbelaere, Britney Dobbelaere, Desirae (Dan) Hagerman, Adam (Stacy) English, Karli Dobbelaere, Zach (Amy) Dobbelaere, Aaron Gross, Spencer Gross, Preston Gross, Jackson Althaus, and Delaney Althaus; 30 great-grandchildren: Julia, Adam, Elyse, Gianna, Eric, Jessica, Holden, Dakota, Alex, Nick, Annaleise, Eli, Brooke, Hannah, Luke, Logan, Hayden, Kalli, Max, Henry, Alexis, Jacob, Nevayah, Tatem, Hailey, Olivia, Isaak, Raymond, Cole and Claire; brothers-in-law: Fred Grindstaff and Joe Hale; and sister-in-law, Luetta Harrow.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two daughters: Frances Marie and Julie Annett Dobbelaere; a brother, Richard Harrow; two sisters: Mary Louise Grindstaff and Pauline Hale; and a brother-in-law, Clayton Howell.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted on May 21, 2012 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish with Very Rev. G. Allan Fillman. Burial followed in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Masses or a charity of the donor's choice. Online

condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Della Mae Weaver, 74, of Paulding died Saturday, May 19 at the Gardens of Paulding, Paulding.

She was born August 4, 1937 in Oakwood, the daughter of John and Hazel (Babbcock) Rau. On August 30, 1964 she married Robert Louis Weaver, who preceded her in death on March 14, 1998.

She is survived by a son, John Weaver of Paulding; and a daughter, Tina Johnson of Defiance; two sisters: Donna Peters of Defiance, and Darlene Buell of Cecil; a half-brother; a half-sister; a granddaughter; and two great-granddaughters.

She is also preceded in death by a brother; and a half-sister.

Funeral services were conducted May 22, 2012 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Rev. Richard "Bud" Larimore officiating. Burial was in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill.

Donations may be made to Gardens of Paulding Activity Fund. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Dale R. Schaefer, 83, of New Haven, IN went to be with our Lord on Friday, May 18, 2012 at the New Haven Health & Rehab Center.

He was born October 21, 1928 to the late George and Bertha (Cormany) Schaefer in Roanoke, IN.



Dale grew up in Roanoke, then moved to Harlan his high school years where he graduated in 1946. He was a member of the Crescent Avenue United Methodist Church for 53 years.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years who he met on a blind date, Gladys Jean; a son, Paul (Barbara) of Willow Spring, NC; daughters: Jill Smallwood of Fort Wayne, Joann (Lee) Beldock of Woodinville, WA, and Julie (Keith) Kundert of Convoy, OH; grandchildren: Jason (Lauren) Schaefer, Bradley (Hilary) Schaefer, Elysia Smallwood, Erika Smallwood, Nathan Schaefer, and Rheannon (Jeff) Fetters; a sister, Ruby (Harold) Kreaeger of Kendallville, IN; an aunt, Lucille (Lloyd) Siebern; three nieces; and a nephew.

His funeral services are Friday, May 25, 2012 at 12:00 Noon at the Crescent Avenue United Methodist Church, 1232 Crescent Ave., Fort Wayne, IN. Visitation is Thursday, May 24, 2012 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Rd., Fort Wayne, IN and one hour before services at the church on Friday. Pastor Judy Rice will officiate. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials to the church or World Visions.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"God lives in us and His love is made complete in us, we know that we live in Him and He in us, because He has given us His Spirit." —1 John 4:12"

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runs June 7-9. The very popular parade will begin at 7:00 p.m., however families are invited to come down and have dinner and let the kids enjoy the rides beginning at 4:00 p.m. On June 8th and June 9th, the vendors, crafters, and the rides will open at noon. This will give folks working the opportunity to have lunch downtown and will also give families more opportunities to partake in the festivities. And when it comes to rides, that is one of the major changes for this year's summer fest.

Durant's Amusements decided not to participate as the ride company at this year's event, however D & D Putting & Amusements from Continental, OH stepped right in to help facilitate this known tradition in Paulding, Ohio.

Paulding Chamber of Commerce Executive Director is in charge of John Paulding Days and says D & D Putting & Amusements really came in and saved the town festival. "The community really should be grateful that such a family oriented amusement company stepped up for Paulding," says Erika Willitzer. The ride wristbands are very reasonable too.

One of the biggest events will be an Acoustic Country Concert headlined by Country Singers, Daryle Singletary, Ashton Shepherd, and Paulding County's own Pete Schlegel. One of Singletary's most well known hits is "Too Much Fun". Meanwhile, Shepherd is very known for his hit song "Where Country Grows". Pete Schlegel is a native of Paulding County but made his mark in the country music scene by touring with country great, George Jones. He also has had success on the charts with his hit song "It Takes a Whole Lotta Liquor to Like Her." The concert will be held in downtown Paulding, in the parking lot next to Hometown Pizza on June 9th at 8:00 p.m.

Other bands performing are cover band "Venyx" on Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. and on Friday a fan favorite and local band, "Rewind" will take the stage at 8:00 p.m.

Executive Director, Willitzer says the Chamber's Board of Directors really wanted to make sure we created a fun event that was inexpensive at the same time. "I know what a struggle it is with the economy slow and budgets tighter, that's exactly why we made sure that the entertainment prices were reasonable."

Another event families can enjoy is the Craft Market which will be held in the Kiwanis Building right across from the Paulding Courthouse. The hours of the craft show will be Thursday June 7th, 4:00-9:00 p.m. and then on Friday and Saturday, Noon to 6:00 p.m. Festival-goers will be able to see anything from chocolate art to unique lawn ornaments.

And last but not least, residents are invited to participate in the first ever Redneck Games. It will be held downtown as well and folks can participate for free and cash prizes are up for grabs.

Some of the games include, Best Mud Belly Flop, Arm Pit Serenade, and Redneck Horseshoes (that's where you use a toilet seat instead of a horseshoe). The games begin at 11:00 a.m. on June 9th, but registration starts at 9:00 a.m.

For a complete listing of events please visit the Paulding Chamber of Commerce's website at www.Paulding-Chamber.com or call the Paulding Chamber Office at 419-399-5215.

HEARTFELT THANKS

We recently experienced the loss of our dear Mother, Mary J. Hartman. Even though this has been a difficult loss, you our friends, have given us the needed strength to continue on. Words cannot express how much visits, comforting cards, beautiful flowers and your prayers have meant to us.

Our sincere thanks,
—Mark & Christy Hartman,
Kathy & Terry Snyder

GRABILL BANK NAMED MAXI AWARD WINNER

Grabill Bank won two MAXI Awards at the Mega Conference of the Indiana Bankers Association (IBA) on May 2 in downtown Indianapolis. MAXI Awards are presented annually to IBA-member institutions to recognize bank marketing excellence in Indiana. The Bank Marketing Association established the competition in 1981 to encourage and recognize excellence in marketing and advertising efforts of its member banks.

Grabill Bank won the awards in two categories: campaign advertising and special event. The campaign award was presented for newspaper inserts that broke the proverbial "stuffy banker" philosophy by showing business lenders and wealth management specialists in not only their business suits but also how you'll find them after 5:00 p.m. With complete biographies, the community had a chance to learn the personal side of some Grabill Bank staff.

The second award was presented in the special event category. While assisting 8,500 high school students

at the Junior Achievement Finance Park, Grabill Bank created a hands-on initiative for students to start planning for college savings while playing an interactive balancing game of "Give and Take."

These marketing materials were created and produced within our own local market through the direction of the bank and the design and creative efforts of Brand Innovation Group.

"We are extremely thrilled with this recognition of our marketing efforts," stated Meegan D. Siegwarth, Marketing Consultant for Grabill Bank. "It's nice to have these efforts recognized among our peers within the state, but more importantly, this advertising was successful because it achieved its marketing objectives."

CMH LUNCH & LEARN SPEAKERS SET FOR REST OF 2012

Community Memorial Hospital has announced the Lunch & Learn speaker schedule for the remainder of 2012. The Lunch & Learn educational sessions are geared towards senior citizens, but anyone is welcome to attend. There is no charge to attend these events, and a complimentary brunch is provided by the hospital. A nurse is also on hand to take and record blood pressure measurements. Reservations are required each month and can be made by contacting Lori at 419-542-5560.

May 23, 2012 – Fen-Lei Chang, PhD, MD, Neurologist – Stroke/Stroke Network

June 27, 2012 – Jon Myers, RPh, Pharmacy Questions

July 25, 2012 – J. Vemulapalli, MD (Dr. Palli), New Trends in Urology

August 22, 2012 – Samuel Neuschwanger, DPM, Podiatrist – Topic TBA

September 26, 2012 – James Dozier, MD, Neurosurgery – Topic TBA

October 24, 2012 – Andrew Hoffman, OD, Optometrist – Eye Care

November 28, 2012 – Michael Arata, MD, Orthopedics – Topic TBA

December 19, 2012 – Rudy Kachmann, MD, Reversing Type II Diabetes.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

My name is Anna Bartels. I am an exchange student from Isernhagen, Germany. For 10 months I have been living with my host family, the Roughton's. I am a junior at Paulding High School.

I have discovered quite a few differences between my school at home and schools in America. One difference would be the school dances—like the Prom. School dances are new to me since German schools don't offer after school activities (that includes sports). Before coming here the only thing I knew about football or basketball was what I had seen in movies.

School is not the only area where I discovered differences. For the most part I can say that the people are especially different. Americans are known to be really friendly and outgoing people, but I was still surprised.

On Prom day, a group of my friends met and after taking pictures we left for Archbold. We went to "Stella Blue"—a really nice restaurant for dinner. We were rather early for dinner so not a lot of people were there yet.

Seven of us ordered. A little later the waitress came to tell us we would be having an awesome night. Someone had paid for all of our meals! We were stunned and tried to guess who had paid for the dinners. Eventually, we decided the couple who had sat next to us must have paid the bill.

We were all super-excited! That was the nicest thing I've experienced during my stay. I wish I could tell them what that generosity meant to me. It was more than nice and will always be one of my great American memories. Prom was a wonderful night. In June, I will take this amazing memory home with me.

—Anna Bartels

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Our 5th district mis-representative has let us down again! He voted on a strict party line in support of a budget bill that makes him

fat, on the backs of retirees, low income and middle income citizens in his district! Mis-Rep. Paul Ryan came out with another version of a budget bill giving huge tax breaks to oil companies, multi-national corporations, and their rich campaign contributors, and pays for it by stripping funds out of Medicare, funding that helps the working poor, and cuts in the ag budget that will affect many smaller farmers in the 5th district! Instead of crossing party lines, and coming up with a bi-partisan budget, these republican mis-representatives rammed this through with no regard for people home in their districts! And mis-Rep. Bob was bobble-heading right along with the rest of them!

As a former republican, this is exactly why I'm former, these guys care only for campaign contributors, and lining their own pockets with ill-gotten gains! Our mis-Rep. Bob went in a thousand-aire, five years later he's got a \$2.5 million net worth, on a \$174,000.00 a year paycheck! I may be old school math, but unless he doesn't pay for a place to stay, eats free all year, gets around on free cars and gas, (he'd be in jail for all the free!)—this guy is one heck of a stingy spender! Why doesn't he support bills that would actually create jobs in our district? Why's he so against road and bridge spending that would make paychecks that makes the local economy thrive again? How about instead of supporting trade bills that bring jobs into his district instead of bills that export them overseas? That's not where his money comes from! His paychecks are written by foreign-owned corporations, out of state billionaires like the Koch Bros., and he relies on people in his own district that have NO idea how he votes on legislation that affects their parents, their jobs, their kids' future! People in the 5th district deserve BETTER than a mis-representative that's not doing what's best for them, only himself!

I encourage everyone who has the internet to look up his voting record, and see this in black and white! I'll guarantee mis-Rep. Bob's has a sickening amount of money to hang onto his \$174,000.00 a year job! As of March 31st, mis-Rep. Bob's campaign chest has \$390,489.00. This was raised from mostly out of state corporations that have bought his influence! Remember, our congressman is a career politician, he has NO feelings toward small businesses, small farmers, or small communities, only large campaign donors!

Money can't buy everything, remember you have the biggest control against this injustice—YOUR VOTE! All it takes is a simple majority to send this career politician home to find a real job! By the way, he's entitled to lifetime healthcare, a substantial pension check, and campaign funds to play with when he's voted out. All paid for by the US.

—Mike Porter

WLS PACKAGE FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY



Woodburn Lutheran School students packaged over 8,000 meals for starving children. Students raised funds for Kids Against Hunger through their chapel offerings and were then fortunate enough to participate in a packaging event at the school. The benefits of this event were two-fold. Not only will the starving children who receive and eat the food survive and thrive, but our students, who helped package the meals,

learned the importance of looking beyond themselves, towards serving the needs of others. The students saw the cartons of food they packaged and stacked, ready to be sent off to nations where the meals will nourish the body and mind of other precious children. To learn more about Kids Against Hunger and how you can get involved, visit them on their website at www.kah-fortwayne.org.

SECOND LIEUTENANT KREIS, USMC



On Saturday, May 12, 2012, graduating Purdue University senior and New Haven High School Alum (class of 2007), Candidate Nicole M. Kreis became Second Lieutenant Kreis, USMC.

As a track and field athlete at Purdue University, Lt. Kreis was recruited into an officer program in November of 2009, where she was contracted as a United States Marine Corps Officer Candidate. Officer candidates apply for a commission, and must either hold or be making progress toward a bachelor's degree. For those still in college with at least one year of education left join the Platoon Leaders Class (PLC) program. Candidate Kreis completed the Platoon Leaders Class Marine Corps officer commissioning program in the summers of 2010 and 2011.

As a prospective officer, training for Marine Offi-

cer Candidates takes place at the Officer Candidates School (OCS) at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia. All PLC Candidates take two six-week courses over two summers and study a variety of subjects, such as Marine Corps history and regulations, land navigation, tactics and weapons. At the end of these courses, an evaluation is done and the candidate who is accepted has the option of joining the Marines as a fully commissioned second lieutenant once their degree is fully complete.

Lt. Kreis leaves Purdue University with a degree in Movement and Sport Sciences from the school of Human and Health Sciences. As a second Lieutenant, Nicole M. Kreis now carries the emblem of a single gold bar and the pay grade of an O-1. She will attend The Basic School (TBS) in January where she will be trained in

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a variety of specialties in order to lead small platoons of enlisted men and women in combat and noncombat operations. Lt. Kreis hopes to pick up a Public Affairs military occupational specialty (MOS) at the completion of The Basic School.

During the commissioning ceremony, Nicole M. Kreis was given the appointment to officer in the United States Marine Corps by the President of the United States, Commandant of the Marine Corps and the Secretary of the Navy. Her first salute was fellow New Haven Alum and Navy 3rd Class Petty Officer, Bret Gage (New Haven Class of 2007), and her parents Timothy Darnell and Leigh Darnell were present for the pinning.

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"HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO THE QUESTION, WHY?"

Winning the Battle for a Generation column by: Rick Jones, Defiance Area YFC

If there's one question that inevitably will surface in just about everyone's lifetime it will be this; "Why did this happen? Why? Why? Why?"

We live in a world where things happen, sometimes stuff that can't be explained or fully understood. This could lead one to falsely conclude that there is no plan, no greater good, there's no designer in

charge. In fact, all too tragically many choose to foolishly think that there's some "bad karma" responsible for the "Why?"

Regarding the "Why?" question Pastor Dr. W.A. Criswell once observed:

Before a stone was laid in the construction of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, the idea was born in the mind of Sir Christopher Wren. He saw it in his mind and purposed it in his heart.

Before he struck a chisel against the heavy rock marble, Michelangelo saw the mighty Moses in his mind and purposed it in his heart...

Why should it surprise us then that God, the designer and architect of the universe, should have a plan and purpose for His creation? The greater the project, the more necessary the plan.

God has a detailed plan for the universe that governs everything that happens in His creation. The apostle Paul described that plan when he wrote, "Also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will," Ephesians 1:11.

For more information about the work of Youth for Christ, you may contact Youth for Christ at 419-782-0656, P.O. Box 111, 210 Clinton Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512, or email to: defyfc@embarqmail.com

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS TOGETHER!

As part of our celebration of the Antwerp Community Band's twentieth year of making music together, we will present our annual spring concert on Thursday, May 24, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditoria at Antwerp Local School. Part of the program: Sousa's march, the "Transit of Venus", the theme music from the PBS series "Wild America", "Novena", "Kanata Spring," "Tryptich," and in honor of our veterans, "Elegy for a Young American".

You're all invited, so please join us at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday May 24 in the Auditoria!

John Paulding Historical Society & Black Swamp Cruisers Motorcycle Club



Saturday, June 2

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JH & HS STUDENTS: COME "DIG" AT ACYC

On Thursday, May 31, the Antwerp Community Youth Center will be starting a summer student Bible study named "Dig". The digging will commence every Thursday throughout the summer at 10:30 a.m. at the youth center.

The idea behind the Bible study is that the students will each be doing daily readings of Scripture. When we get together, we will discuss what has been read and any questions that might come from these readings or life in general. Please promote the 10:30 Thursday Youth Center Bible study in your church. Together, we will dig.

All Middle School and High School students are encouraged to come dig with us. The discussions will be led by local Antwerp pastors.

THE BEAUTY OF ANTICIPATION

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

A remarkable incident once occurred at a wedding in England. A young man at considerable wealth and social position, who had been blinded by an accident at the age of ten, and who had won university honors in spite of his blindness, had courted and won a beautiful bride. Though deeply in love and truly committed to her, because of his blindness he had never looked upon her face.

A short time before his wedding day, he was treated by a number of specialists who felt that they had achieved a breakthrough. Ironically, the treatment was to be completed on the day of his wedding.

The day finally came, as did the wedding presents and the guests. There were cabinet ministers and generals, bishops and learned scholars in attendance. The young bridegroom, William Montagu Dyke, dressed for his wedding day in anticipation. His eyes still shrouded in bandages, he was driven to the church by his father. The lead doctor who had been striving to restore the young man's vision met them in the vestry of the church.

The bride, Miss Cave, entered the church on the arm of her white-haired father, the admiral, who was all decked out in the blue and gold lace of an officer. The anticipation for her was equally as intense. Her heart was beating

so quickly she could hardly speak. Was her beloved at last going to see her face—the face that others admired, but which her fiance knew only through his fingertips?

As she neared the altar, while the soft strains of the Wedding March floated through the church, her eyes fell on a strange group. Sir William Hart Dyke stood there with his son. And there was the eye surgeon, gently cutting away the bandages from the face of the bridegroom.

Finally, when the last bandage was removed, William Montagu Dyke took a step forward with the spasmodic uncertainty of one who cannot believe that he is awake. A beam of rose-colored light from a stained-glass pane in a church window fell across his face, but he didn't seem to notice it. Did he see anything? Was his eyesight restored? Recovering in an instant his steadiness, and with a dignity and joy never before seen in his face, he went forward to meet his own bride. They looked into each other's eyes, and one would have thought that his eyes would never wander from her face. Finally, he spoke two words: "At last," he said. "At last," she whispered in return.

What a beautiful story. That was a scene of great drama and great joy to both the bridegroom and his bride. And it vividly reminded me of the scene that will take place in heaven when the Christian, who has been walking through this world by faith, shall one day pass from this life, look into the face of the Savior and say, "At last!"

In that moment, as the Apostle Paul tells us, we shall no longer see Him through a glass darkly, but face to face. What a tremendous joy that will be! And what wonderful assurance we have to know that for the believer, one day we shall truly see Christ as He really is.

HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH LONELINESS?

Winning the Battle for a Generation column by: Rick Jones, Defiance Area YFC

In a world where we've never been more "connected," it appears we've never been lonelier. For example, I read a fantastic article chock-full of preaching quotes and stories about the connection between social media and loneliness.

The author of the article says, "Over the past three

OAKWOOD 3rd GRADERS PRACTICE FOR MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM



The Oakwood Elementary third grade students have been busy practicing for their annual Memorial Day Program. Oakwood Elementary students have been performing for Memorial Day for over thirty years. The third graders this year are under

the direction of Mrs. Nancy Wehrkamp and Miss Deb Hornyak. The program will be held on Monday, May 28th beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the gymnasium and ending down at the park. The public is welcome to attend.

decades, technology has delivered to us a world in which we need not be out of contact for a fraction of a moment. In 2010, at a cost of \$300 million, 800 miles of fiber-optic cable was laid between the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange to shave three milliseconds off trading times. Yet within this world of instant and absolute communication, unbounded by limits of time or space, we suffer from unprecedented alienation.

We have never been more detached from one another, or lonelier. In a world consumed by ever more novel modes of socializing, we have less and less actual society. We live in an accelerating contradiction: the more connected we become, the lonelier we are. We were promised a global village; instead we inhabit the drab cul-de-sacs and endless freeways of a vast suburb of information."

How are we to respond to the challenge of living in a tech world that if we're not careful may offer the promise of immediate connection and information as a substitute for meaningful relationships?

Consider with me the quandary our first human representative, Adam faced when after being made in the image of God he found himself all alone.

Genesis 2:18-20 (NLT), "Then the LORD God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.' So the LORD God formed from the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and the man chose a name for each one. He gave names to all the livestock, all the birds of the sky, and all the wild animals. But still there was no helper just right for him."

We were made to have relationship with one another and with God. There's something about having someone right beside us that cannot be met by any other means.

For more information about the work of Youth for Christ, you may contact Youth for Christ at 419-782-0656, P.O. Box 111, 210 Clinton Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512, or email to: defyfc@embarqmail.com

SHEDDING THE SHACKLES

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

A hot air balloon christened "The Silver Eagle II" was on its historic voyage across the Atlantic Ocean and began slowly to sink to a dangerous altitude. Although their ballast and sandbags were already tossed overboard, the crew began to look for other items to lighten the weight of the balloon. They tried chopping part of the gondola, but it was too sturdy; they tried increasing the flame, but their gas supply was getting low. They had no choice: if they desired to reach their goal, Europe, they had to throw away the computer which they used in navigation, the radio which they used in communication, and even some food and clothing. Thousands of dollars of valuable equipment had to be considered loss, so they could obtain their goal.

The Apostle Paul never rode in a hot air balloon, but he echoed some of the same sentiments in Philippians 3. He states in Philippians 3:7-8, "But whatever was to my profit, I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for Whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ."

I wonder if there might be some "excess baggage" in our lives that needs to be dumped, that we might reach our ultimate goal of knowing and serving Christ. Are you being weighed down by entrapments that impede your growth in Christ?

Perhaps you are giving some "non-essentials" greater place in your life than is necessary. Perhaps there are some priorities in your life that need re-adjusted. Perhaps you need to not spend so much time dealing with the expedient issues and concentrate more on those that are crucial.

Taking personal inventory in our lives is a painful, yet necessary part of Christian maturity. You don't have to be a hot air balloonist to dump some of your "excess baggage." But you DO need to have the desire to reach higher in your walk with God.

FAITH 'N FAMILY WITH ANGEL FOUNDATION

Angel Foundation of Van Wert is starting a monthly event that would open the doors for people to come and get a good free meal and listen to some very interesting speakers. They are trying to get the word of God into hearts outside of just Wednesday and Sunday. Everybody is welcome to come and enjoy a few hours of good food, great fellowship, and amazing food for our souls. Our speaker on June 9th will be Don Litchfield from Fort Wayne, IN. He has a great story and wants to share it! Also starting on June 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the Angel Foundation (1159 Westwood Dr. Van Wert, Ohio) another hot meal is planned. If you have any questions please call Benji Grant at 419-506-1211 or Doug Cripe at 419-238-5861.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

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

1. You and I should know that in New Testament times there was:

A. One family of God; Ephesians 3:15; 1 Timothy 3:15.

B. One kingdom of Christ Matthew 16:18-19; Colossians 1:13-14.

C. One body of Christ Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:22-23; Ephesians 4:4.

D. One bride of Christ; Romans 7:1-7; Ephesians 5:22-23.

E. One church of Christ; Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 1:22-23; Ephesians 4:4-8.

Comments or questions please 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. Here is something for us to think about.

Is it good bye or good night? A father on his death bed called his two sons to his side. As they came near the bed he said to one of them, "Good night son, I love you." To the other he said, "Good bye son, I love you." The second son noticed the difference and he asked his Father, "Why did you say goodbye to me and good night to my brother?" The dear old man who loved both of them so much replied, "Son, your brother is a Christian and I will meet him in the morning

of eternity, so it's just good night to him, but son you are not a Christian and I'll never meet you again. Unless you change, it is goodbye my son throughout eternity. Think about it dear friend do you want to say goodbye or good night?"

RECIPES FROM A GREAT-GRANDMA

By: Sue Knapp

This is another recipe from Angel Steiner. It is a great for sandwiches and goes well with soup. I have tasted it and it is very good. With herbs and cheese this bread has fantastic flavor!

Focaccia Bread

- Ingredients:
- 2¾ c all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp white sugar
- 1 T active dry yeast
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1 tsp dried thyme
- ½ tsp dried basil
- 1 pinch ground black pepper

- 1 T vegetable oil
- 1 c water
- 2 T olive oil
- 1 T grated parmesan cheese
- 1 c mozzarella cheese

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, stir together the flour, salt, sugar, yeast, garlic powder, oregano, thyme, basil and black pepper. Mix in the vegetable oil and water.

2. When the dough has pulled together, turn it out onto a lightly floured surface, and knead until smooth and elastic. Lightly oil a large bowl, place the dough in the bowl, and turn to coat with oil. Cover with a damp cloth, and let rise in a warm place for 20 minutes.

3. Preheat oven to 450 degrees F (230 degrees C). Punch dough down; place on greased baking sheet. Pat into a ½ inch thick rectangle. Brush top with olive oil. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese and mozzarella cheese.

4. Bake in preheated oven for 15 minutes, or until golden brown. Serve warm.

Enjoy!

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SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 16: THE BUFFALO HUNT

By: Stan Jordan

I haven't written for awhile because everything was quiet at the agency.

The bridge builders changed their minds and made a bridge wide enough for wagons to use—not to meet on it, just one lane traffic. That is sure a blessing to all around here.

The Lieutenant, the bridge crew and our four soldiers all went back to the Fort around the first of July.

I sent a full reprint of everything around here to the General. I hope he has time to read it all.

Moe was in the other day, he is our runner and General Kearney sent him over to see how things are here. I was glad to see him and I prepared a letter to the General and Moe took it back a couple days late.

It is now October 1, 1852 and I asked the General to send over those four boys and the new plow and we would clear up the garden and plow out the pastures and cut the hay crop.

Well, he did that and the boys arrived early last night: Farmer, Hunter, Mo and Slim. It rained during the night and we couldn't work in the garden so the soldiers slept in. Then they came over to the store and played a card game called Euchre. They had a ball—we did too, listening to them.

We worked in the garden all day. Farmer plowed out all of the potato rows and they also brought a wheelbarrow and that was a big help, to get the produce to the barn.

Farmer kept out some good looking plants for seed for next year. Then he hung them up in the barn.

It took about all of one day to cut the hay and put it in the barn. We even raked up all the vines and burned them and Farmer plowed the garden area for next spring. It has been a very busy week

here and we will took one day to get ready for the trip to the Lakota Camp.

We took all three wagons over the new bridge to break it in. Boy, what an improvement! Those boys did a good job!

We got to the Lakota Camp in the middle of the afternoon. So, we rested and sat around and talked the rest of the day. All of the folks who had a lot in the garden have already picked all the produce.

We had to plow out all the potato rows and husk all the corn. Half Moon, the Indian head gardener, took charge of everything. He picked out what he wanted to keep for seed. The wheelbarrow was a big help here in the potatoes and corn.

The natives had already cut the wheat down and harvested it. They sort of threw it up in the air a few times and got rid of the chaff. I think they sort of allotted some out to each family. It took a couple of days to cut the hay and pile it up for winter use. The horses will be sort of penned up on the remains of the hay field and anywhere else where there is any grazing material.

The nights are getting pretty cold now and we don't sit out by the fire too long. The natives came and brought their new blankets.

Little Beaver had spotted one of the buffalo herds the other day and reported it back to Limping Buffalo. He asked me if the soldier boys could go on a hunt and use those rifles and hit enough buffalo for the winter meat.

Well, I couldn't see anything wrong there. The rifle could drop a buffalo a lot easier and quicker than the arrows. So plans were made to take all three wagons, a number of natives and horses, some men and women in the wagons and all with skinning knives.

We left at first light and had to find the herd, we knew it would be five or six miles away and it was more like eight or nine miles.

We got up fairly close and the soldiers shot four at once. Well, that started the herd moving in a hurry. One wagon and all the natives stayed in that area and started to skin the animals out. The other wagons went on and the boys got six more and two calves. One for them and one for us at the agency. See ya!

HARRY MOLITOR



By: Stan Jordan

If you travel down SR 111 from SR 49 to Paulding you will pass a place where the roadside is mowed for a mile on each side, plus both sides of the ditches. It goes from Harrison Twp. and extends over into Paulding Twp. This is so neat and green and trimmed up very nicely. That countryside is very pleasant to see.

That fellow who keeps up that area mowed up, for many years, lives there in that brick house on the right hand side. Let me tell you about him, he is Harry Molitor.

Harry was born over in Paulding Twp. in 1926. His parents were Rudy and Honora Coughlin Molitor. There were two boys on that farm family, John and Harry.

Harry went to Payne to school and graduated from their in 1944. Harry grinned and said it wasn't all that easy. You rolled out of bed, dressed and went to the barn. They had 14 cows to milk and feed 10 horses, then you went in for a farmer's breakfast. They had to clean up and dress for school before they ate. After school all these chores had to be done over—plus gather the eggs and any other small chore Mom had for them.

After he graduated he farmed with his father. They raised sugar beets and that was all hard work. He planted corn with a two row planter and had to set the wire stakes, he was a big 10 year old. At one time they raised 50 acres of tomatoes during WWII and some of the American prisoners from Camp Scott of Fort Wayne were trucked out each day and harvested them. There was never any trouble with the prisoners.

In 1941 he and Dorthy Witt wee married and they had six children: Mike lives in Antwerp; Monica lives in Fort Wayne; Patrick lives in Antwerp; Rita lives in Payne; Harry Jr. lives in Paulding; and Ann lives in Antwerp.

During these years, Harry worked at farming the home place, at Perma Glass and the International Harvester Plant in Fort Wayne. When some of the workers went to Springfield, OH he took his retirement—that was back in 1983.

Over the years (about 20) Harry volunteered with the Paulding County Horse Patrol. A lot of those years he worked with the late Johnny Keeler, Sheriff. He also served on the Horse Patrol in Allen County, IN with Sheriff Bender. This was during a four year period. A lot of this was volunteer and they furnished their own horse and transportation and uniforms.

If you remember that picture at the top of this article, this shows that he always loved horses and riding horses. He worked as a water boy on the threshing ring and had a horse and cart—anything to



be on a horse.

After his retirement from I.H.C. he worked for the Highway Department and mowed the road sides. This was over an 18 year period. That was with a big John Deere.

Harry is a true country boy. He likes to be outside all the time, loves nature and likes to see things grow.

All these years of volunteering on the Horse Patrol, sometimes he had to rush home to make it on time. Sometimes when they worked in Indiana they would drive the pickup and horse trailer to work and leave it at another rider's place so they could get to the job site on time.

"But I tell you, Stan, I loved it all. We had a good job, we made friends and helped a lot of people. No I wouldn't change a thing."

I asked about hobbies. He said his kids and grandkids and great-grandkids come before anything—then it's horses, gardening and flowers. When he was young he played softball. He also likes hunting and fishing. He also went to Canada hunting with Sheriff Keeler. His family always gardened a lot and canned all they could.

Now Harry's big job is mowing the highway and, of course, he mows the lawn and sometimes the pasture. Of course, he buys all the gasoline for his 60" mower. That comes to quite a bit with the price of gasoline. When Harry mows the whole area each week the roadside itself covers over seven miles all together. He says he likes to see it neat and clean and really makes that intersection of SR 111 and Twp. Rd. 61 to be that.

If you remember back when you was a youngster and attended church and Sunday School with your siblings and mother, you learned that old church hymn "Brighten the Corner Where You Are." That friends, is Harry Molitor. See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

Our blonde friend took her Mercedes into the garage for repairs. She told the mechanic it wasn't running right. Of course, she wasn't allowed in the garage work area.

The mechanic came around soon and said, "There she is, it purrs like a kitten."

She said, "What's the story?" He said, "Crap in the carburetor."

After a few seconds, Blondie asked, "How often do I do this?" See ya!

THE CONTINUED DRAMA OF THE MAMMOTH, MAJESTIC, MIGHTY, MUDDY, MAUMEE RIVER RAFT RACE

By: Stan Jordan

The day of the big Maumee River Raft Race is just over the hill. It is June 30. Rumors and unsubstantiated facts are flying thick and thin over the area. I will tell you what I have heard so far. Now no one has told me this—I only heard.

These two fine fellows from Antwerp are good community pushers and back every endeavor, but they have let winning the race push them over the deep edge. I guess the part about them using Bill Fish to propel their raft by using a rear paddle wheel that is hooked to a treadmill has been dropped by the wayside.

Then they scoured the entire southern states to rent a well-stacked, beautiful blue-eyed mermaid to pull their raft over the finish line. I understand they sent out two men to the east, two to the west, two to the south and two to the north to make a diligent search for such a lady. They even inquired of the Swamp People. But to no avail, and they have decided to try some shady, underhanded and devious means. Whoa, hold it, stop everything, grab a root and growl! I just heard a latrine-o-gram about the world wide hunt to find a beautiful, blue eyed mermaid. Those two Antwerp gentlemen who are looking for a nice mermaid to pull their raft in the Great Maumee River Raft Race ran an ad on the World Wide Web asking for a beautiful, blue-eyed mermaid to come and help with the raft race. It gave the wages and all the circumstances.

Well, a reply came from a place called South Bongo Bongo. Now, if your not familiar with that place, South Bongo Bongo is in the southern part of North Bongo Bongo. Well, they flew an airplane 8,375¼ miles to contact the mermaid. She said she had a debit card and will travel. They landed on a small tropical island that is nothing but bamboo.

It was the home of the Bongo Bongo Bamboo Bar. It was a small one room hut made of bamboo sides, bamboo roof, bamboo steps and the landing strip was covered with bamboo fronds. The specialty of the house was warm beer and python burgers and a side dish of roasted cockroaches. The economy here is nil, both of the Bongos use the same city electric plant, that is a Sears Die Hard 12 volt battery.

Well, as near as our boys could figure out, when the bartender got the ad on his laptop the electric power was so weak that instead of asking for a mermaid the message asked for a beermaid. The maid jumped at that in a hurry, anything to get out of South Bongo Bongo. Well, she wasn't a beauty either. I guess the old timers would have put her in the 'mud fence' category. Our boys didn't even have the daily special. They split a glass of coconut milk and excused themselves out of Bongo Bongo.

They landed at Antwerp's International Cow Pasture, put the plane in the hanger and locked the door. One lamented, they had lost a week's work at the Bar of Justice plus the expensive airplane gas money. They tell me they're done with raft races and mermaids. From now on their hobby will be shooting pool.

Ben Franklin told me once: "What a tangled web we weave when we start to deceive."

Aw, hogwash!
See ya!

THANK YOU

On behalf of Isaiah Bereszazi, the family would like to express their gratitude for all of those who participated in him being able to come back home! It has been a long road for us. But God is good! Thank you for your visits, food, and prayers. We are greatly blessed to have a community that reaches out to help others. May God bless you as you have blessed us!

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Bring your friends and family out circus morning to watch as a familiar place in your town is transformed into a bustling Circus City. Activities swirl around the grounds as animals are unloaded, the Big Top is erected, and rigging is prepared for performances later in the day. Enjoy the magic and tradition of the American Circus with your family and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Between 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., come watch the raising of the Big Top, then stay for the FREE Tour. This presentation offers a unique face-to-face opportunity for

families, schools, and interested community members to meet and learn all about the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus family and includes a walking tour of the circus grounds. Learn interesting facts about our performers, the history of our show and the different species of animals in our Circus Family. In this presentation we will also address topics such as hygiene, grooming and the veterinary care all of our animals receive.

In recent years the Tent Raising and Morning Tour has become a popular program for families and interested community members. It is presented in a way everyone, young and old can learn many interesting facts about the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus Family and now we have a brand new tent! This is a special part of Circus Day that should not be missed.

On circus day, our performers bring the magic of the circus to life in each 90-minute show. This year's lineup includes an All-Star group of performers and entertainers that include Miss Simone and her amazing single trapeze, Miss Lana's Feathered Friends, Miss Paulina on the Web, The Arlise Troupe on their wild and crazy unicycles, Angel Perez with juggling, The Silverlake's sizzling whips, Karina and her hoola hoops, The Perez Russian Swing. This year we are trying something new with

animal acts. Every few weeks a new act will be contracted out. All with original music written by the talented, Matt Margucci from Los Angeles, California. Our performers are sure to amaze, delight and entertain audience members of all ages beyond your wildest imagination.

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2012 SPRING TEA & STYLE SHOW WELCOME SOLD OUT EVENT

The seventh annual Spring Tea and Style Show was held recently in the Cooper Community Room. Coveted tickets were sold out well in advance and an additional table was added to accommodate those requesting tickets. Anticipation mounts as the 12 hostesses begin to set up their beautiful tablescapes. There were eight veteran hostesses and four preparing their first table at this event. For many it was a team effort enlisting help from friends and family.

Heidi Hicks, a first time hostess, chose 'Tour of Japan' as her theme. Along with help from her aunt, Karen Jacobs, this unique table included live gold fish in the centerpiece along with many clever Japanese touches. Hilary Daniels, with the help of her grandmother, Connie Dobbelaere, was also a first time hostess and chose lemons, wheat and touches of blue for her 'A Summer's Day' theme. Ethel

Jewel attended the 2010 Tea and requested several seats for the 2011 Tea. Since most hostesses fill their own tables, she was told the only way she could be assured that many seats was to hostess a table. She agreed and 'Tea Time in the Garden' was the theme for her many friends and family to enjoy. Rounding out the first time hostess duties was Carol Chatham Sauber with her 'Sundae Tea Table'. Her guests were treated with both calorie free, imitation delicacies along with elaborately decorated real ones they took home as favors.

Among the veteran hostesses was Mary Rickard who attended the first tea and requested to hostess the following year and has participated every year since. 'Tea by the Sea' was her theme this year as guests were asked to relax and pretend they were looking out over the water. Jennifer Manz chose 'Girls Just Want to Have Fun' as her theme with a fun table of bright pink, coral orange, and beautiful live floral arrangements. 'In the Rain Forest' was presented by Susie Thrasher with shades of turquoise, yellow, and bamboo embellishments. Marsha Henke, aka Oakwood's Martha Stewart, didn't disappoint with a flair of feather plumes highlighting her hot pink and black table creation. Phylis Behringer chose red, white, and silver for her table with elaborately folded napkins as the wow factor. Nicole Estle and her mother Sharon Johanns used a quilt as their table covering for their 'Quilted Friendship' theme. Another mother daughter team was LouCinda Horstman and Mary Lou Shisler with an elegantly set table of black and pink with 'Midnight Rose' as the theme. Sue Thomas and Diana Coy joined ideas for their 'A Sunny Day in Napoli' theme. Bright lime, beautiful flowers and china made this an eye catching table.

Guests dined on finger sandwiches, salad and fruit while being entertained with the newest fashions in a style show featuring both clothes and jewelry. Delectable desserts and hot tea were then served as each table conducted a game to determine the winner of the door prize. The Spring Tea is always held on the Saturday before Mother's Day and hostesses are always given the first chance to return. New hostesses can request to be put on the waiting list for the following year. The Tea is organized by the Event Planners and all proceeds benefit the Cooper Community Library, branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library.

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ANTWERP VFW POST 5087 AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS



By: Sue Knapp

The Antwerp Local School held their Academic Awards on May 9, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the school auditoria.

This year, Antwerp VFW Post 5087 gave out four

scholarships of \$500.00 each to Brandon Dunderman, Cassandra Harter (not pictured), Tayler Shaffer and Ellise Wetli. This is the first year that Antwerp VFW Post 5087 has provided scholarships.

2012 "CLICK IT OR TICKET" CAMPAIGN BEGINS

The Indiana State Police seat belt enforcement campaign, "Click It or Ticket" runs now through June 3.

This national campaign takes place over the Memorial Day holiday period and is supported by thousands of law enforcement agencies and traffic safety advocates across the country.

More than 25 law enforcement agencies in Indiana alone will be conducting special day and night patrols to ticket drivers and passengers who refuse to wear their seat belts.

Indiana's seat belt usage rate has increased from 63% in 1995 to 93% in 2011 due

to the "Click It or Ticket" campaigns.

But still, in 2011, in Indiana, there were 3,322 crashes that involved drivers or occupants that were not wearing seat belts and, of those, 202 fatalities.

Statistics show wearing your seat belt increases your chances of surviving a crash by more than 50%.

Drivers will see more law enforcement on the roads during this 15-day period. Special patrols will be around the clock. Drivers can expect to get a ticket if driving without wearing their seat belt.

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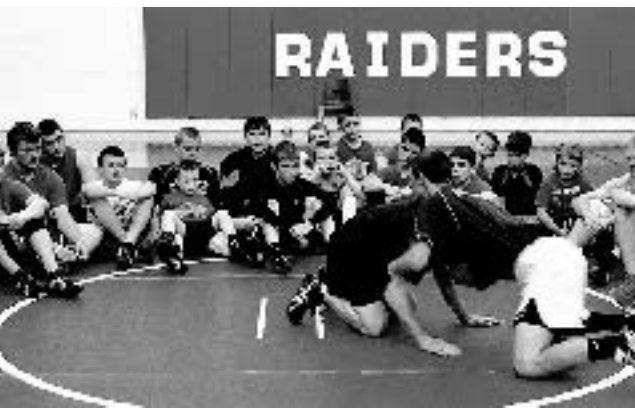
WT GROVER HILL ELEM. ANNOUNCES MAY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Pictured are the Wayne Trace Grover Hill May students of the month. Front row: Sara Sinn, Natalie Torman, Megan Moore, Nate Showalter, Alexis Gibson. Middle row: John Leisure,

Orion Elick, Alivia Miller, Claudia Sinn, Lyrissa Hammons, Natalie Bostelman. Back row: Macy Doster, Nolan Walls, Kaden Landwehr, Josh Shelton, Tucker Antoine. Absent was Whitney Hale.

WRESTLING DAY CAMP AT WAYNE TRACE



Several wrestlers from the local area attended a wrestling camp held Wayne Trace on May 12th. Shown here are Camp instructor,

Josh Faulk, as he demonstrates a move on Wayne Trace Raider Tyler Showalter.

ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE

By: Josh Steiner

Two weeks ago, we began talking about how certain weather variables are measured, such as temperature and moisture. This week, I am going to talk about how pressure is measured and computed, and then plotted on weather maps.

Pressure is defined as the force exerted by air particles on a given surface. Therefore, the mathematical relationship for pressure is F/A or force (in newtons) divided by a certain area (units of square meters). The instrument used to measure air pressure is called the barometer. Over the years, meteorologists have used many different kinds of barometers to measure pressure, each having their own shortfalls. The very first barometer was invented in 1643 by Evangelista Torricelli, which was in fact a mercury barometer. It was composed of a long tube, which was inverted into a dish that held mercury. The top of this tube was closed off so that the mercury could rise and fall freely. When he invented this, he found that the average height of the mercury was 76 millimeters (which in today's units would be mmHg), but it did vary slightly over the course of days. This is one of the reasons why it is important that we have extremely accurate pressure measurements, because pressure is the only weather variable that varies only slightly through time and horizontally. During the 1950's, a barometer called the aneroid barometer came into heavy use, especially in National Weather Service offices. It worked very similarly to the aneroid thermometer (the one with the two metal strips which expanded and contracted with changing temperatures), consisting of a revolving cylinder on which air pressure was recorded, a metal drum which expanded and contracted with changing air pressure, causing a series of gears and levers to move, which caused a writing tool to record the air pressure on the cylinder. These types of barometers have fallen out of wide use after 1990, replaced by digital barometers. The aneroid barometer has to be continually adjusted, due to the fact that sometimes it does not respond to air pressure changes very well, especially if the metal drum isn't as flexible as the manufacturers originally made it. There are other types of barometers such as the digital barometers, which are much more accurate than the aneroid barometer and the mercury barometer, and have become in widespread use in recent years.

With temperatures, no adjustment is needed before placing the observations on the weather maps. But with pressure several mathematical adjustments are made to the observations before plotting them on a weather map. One of the adjustments made to the pressure measurements is an altitude correction. Because of Earth's gravity, pressure decreases rapidly with height, depending on the density of the air, and other factors such as the type of air mass that is located within the region. If weather men plotted the actual barometric pressure at a station, there would be huge differ-

ences in air pressure between the Rocky Mountains and the Great Plains, which would cause inaccurate forecasts of the movement of pressure systems and other weather variables. Using the standard atmosphere and the use of some of the so-called "primitive" equations, meteorologists adjust all station pressure measurements down to sea level, making them much easier and simpler to compare to other stations at different altitudes. This is called the altimeter setting (it is called this because air pilots set altimeters to this pressure). This is not a very common setting of pressure used on weather maps, due to the fact that it is heavily affected by diurnal heating and other mesoscale factors. Because a good deal of meteorologists deal with the synoptic scale of fronts and low pressures, they cannot have variables that are heavily affected by small scale factors, as this could cause inaccurate forecasts. Therefore, a more common type of measurement used is MSLP, or mean sea level pressure. MSLP is computed from the altimeter setting by adjusting the measurement with an r-factor, which is computed before the pressure measurement is made. The r-factor is a numerical value which is computed from the maximum and minimum temperatures in the last 12 hours. This takes out the cycling air pressure that we would normally see on barometers. Using MSLP is very useful, as it helps identify pressure systems, wind shift lines, and frontal systems. Because the mesoscale factors are taken out of MSLP, it is not as useful for severe weather forecasting and other branches of forecasting. After these values are computed, they are plotted on a weather map next to the station's location. After this is done, lines of equal pressure are drawn on the map, either by the hand of a

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human, or drawn digitally by computer software. (There is a caveat to using computer software for drawing these lines. Computers will usually throw out data that does not match up to the rest of the data, or that looks erroneous. In other words, they may ignore some very important parts of the data, which may impact the forecast all together.) A line of equal pressure in meteorology is called an isobar ("iso" which means equal and "bar" which means pressure). Once these isobars are plotted, they are smoothed so that there is not as much "noise" in the data, making it easier for meteorologists to analyze the maps. I will talk more about the use of weather maps in a few weeks.

For next week, I will have an article on how wind is mea-

WT SUPERINTENDENT TEACHES BIKE SAFETY



Mr. Steve Arnold, Wayne Trace Superintendent, stopped by WT Payne Elementary and Grover Hill Elementary recently to give an assembly about bike safety. Mr. Arnold showed the students what he takes with him

when he goes for a long bike ride (record in one day is 150 miles), explained how bikes work, and he discussed various aspects of what is needed to be safe when riding your bike.

sured and plotted on weather maps, with a few parts on the radiosonde at the end. Until then, have a great week!

Visit Josh's blog at <http://stormcenteroh.blogspot.com> or email at storm_reports-joshua@yahoo.com and post a comment or question you'd like answered.

POISON IVY - DO YOU HAVE THE ITCH?

By: Jim Lopshire, PC Extension Educator

Most of us are aware of the phrase, "Leaves of three - let them be!" Although poison ivy is easily identified and should be avoided, countless people experience the painful introduction to the species each year. This is because approximately 85 percent of the population will develop an allergic reaction if exposed to poison ivy, oak or sumac, according to the American Academy of Dermatology.

Poison ivy is identified by its characteristic compound leaf consisting of three leaflets. The leaflets are two to four inches long, dull or glossy green with pointed tips. The middle leaflet is generally larger than the two laterals. The leaves are positioned alternately on the stems.

A mere touch of the foliage can result in a skin rash that can be accompanied by a relentless itching sensation and blisters. Symptoms may become evident within 12 to 24 hours after contact with the plant, or they may take three to four days to appear. The rash-causing substance

called urushiol (yoo-roo-shee-ol) is an oily compound present in all parts of the plant.

The oily toxin retains its potency even after plants have been killed. The oil can be carried on clothing, tools, pets, and in smoke, and it retains its toxicity for as long as a year or more. Smoke of burning poison-ivy plants can cause allergic reactions inside the lungs of susceptible people.

Most people do not respond to the toxin the first time they contact the plant, but they become more sensitive with repeated exposures. Sensitivity to poison ivy varies among individuals, and children are usually more susceptible than adults.

If you come in contact with poison ivy, wash immediately with dishwashing soap and cool water. This activity may not decrease the severity of the reaction, but it will lessen the chance of spread.

Fluid contained in blisters is not allergenic. You can not spread poison ivy from person to person. Urushiol will be absorbed by the skin within 30 minutes of exposure. Once the oil is absorbed by the skin it can no longer be passed to another person.

There are various creams and ointments that are sold over the counter to help relieve the itching sensation from a poison ivy rash. If you think you inhaled smoke from burning poison ivy, or had an open cut/sore exposed to poison ivy, or a severe rash breaks out, seek medical attention.

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ALLISON AREND EARNS "SUPERIOR" @ 2012 STATE SCIENCE DAY

On Saturday, May 5, 2012, Paulding Middle School sent nine students to participate in the 2012 State Science Day held at The Ohio State University. These nine students received "Superior" ratings at the District Science Day held earlier in the year at Ohio Northern University.

Paulding Middle School is pleased to announce that 7th Grader Allison Arend, son of Dana and Caroline Arend of Oakwood, received a "Superior" rating at this State compe-

dition. The other eight Paulding Middle School students: Christine Clapsaddle, Allison Harpel, Shawn Jackson, Cade McGarvey, Molly Meeker, Estee Miller, Chantal Monnier, and Kourtney Thomas, all did a fantastic job and received an "Excellent" on their projects.

This year, 1,211 students participated in the State Science Day from 297 schools in 67 counties across the State of Ohio.

ACRE/DCP PROGRAM ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

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MR. & MRS. RANDY SLATTMAN CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Mr. and Mrs. Randy Slattman of Antwerp celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on May 8, 2012. Randy and Brenda were married in Defiance, OH on May 8, 1987. They have been blessed with four children: Ashley, Randall

(Scarlette), Paula and Megan. Randy and Brenda are expecting their first grandchild in August.

They will be taking a cruise to the Western Caribbean this summer.

remind Ohio producers who have not contacted their local FSA Office about DCP or ACRE enrollment to do so before the sign-up deadline ends. It is important producers contact their local FSA office to set up appointments before the June 1, 2012, deadline.

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For more information about the DCP/ACRE programs please visit your local FSA office.

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529 PLAN CAN HELP WITH COLLEGE FUNDING AND ESTATE-PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS



Financial Focus by: Gabe Pollock, Edward Jones Advisor

Now that another school year is drawing to a close, your young children are a step closer to the day when they'll be heading off to college. Of course, as you're probably aware, higher education doesn't come cheap — and the costs seem to continuously climb. You can help your children — or even your grandchildren — meet these expenses by investing in a 529 plan. And this college savings vehicle offers estate-planning benefits.

As a college funding vehicle, a 529 plan offers some significant benefits. When you contribute to a 529 plan, your earnings accumulate tax free, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses. (Keep in mind, though, that 529 plan distributions not used for qualified expenses may be subject to federal and state income tax and a 10% IRS penalty.) Furthermore, your 529 plan contributions may be deductible from your state taxes. However, 529 plans vary, so be sure to check with your tax advisor.

And the lifetime contribution limits for 529 plans are quite generous; while these limits vary by state, many plans allow contributions well in excess of \$200,000. Plus, a 529 plan is flexible: If the child, grandchild or other beneficiary decides against college, you can transfer the unused funds to someone else, tax and penalty free.

Now, let's turn to a 529 plan's estate-planning benefits. If you think that you may need to reduce the size of your taxable estate, and you also want to create a legacy you may be able to enjoy during your lifetime, you may find that the 529 plan offers a solution for you. When you establish and contribute to a 529 plan, the assets leave your estate — but they don't

leave your control. If your named beneficiary decides against college and you don't have another family member to whom you can transfer the account — or if you simply change your mind about funding the 529 plan — you can get your money back at any time, although, as mentioned above, you'll have to pay taxes, and possibly a 10% IRS penalty, on the earnings.

Your contributions to a 529 plan also qualify for the \$13,000 annual gift tax exclusion, so you can give large amounts each year without incurring the gift tax.

In the investment world, you can find many vehicles that can help you make progress toward one goal. But it's far less common to find something that may give you a boost toward two. And when the two goals are helping a child or grandchild go to college and lowering the value of your taxable estate — while still maintaining control of your assets — you've got an investment worth considering. So consult with your tax and financial advisors to determine if a 529 plan is right for you. And if it is, think about taking action soon, because the more years you can contribute to a 529 plan, the better the outlook for both your future student and your estate plans.

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ARCHERS HOSTS HS TRACK INVITATIONAL



Antwerp hosted their high school track invitational Friday, May 4 with great weather. Shown above is senior Ellisse Wetli running the 100 meter dash. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

On Friday, May 4th the Antwerp Archers' track team played host to the HS track invitational. In the boys' division, Fairview (F) came out

on top in 1st with 156; Delphos Jefferson (DJ) took 2nd with 84; Wayne Trace (WT) landed 3rd with 67; Antwerp earned 4th with 66; Edgerton and Paulding split 5th with 61; and Blackhawk Christian rounded out the evening in 6th with 28. In the girls' division, Delphos Jefferson came away in 1st with 121; Edgerton took 2nd with 101; Paulding landed 3rd with 90; Wayne Trace came in 4th with 89.5; Fairview in 5th with 74.5; Blackhawk Christian took 6th with 23; and Antwerp rounded it out in 7th with 22.

Boys individual event results:

Discus - 1st Dunlap, A, 149'3"; 2nd Arend, F, 131'5"; 3rd Kortokrax, WT, 128'5"

Shot put - 1st Kortokrax, WT, 52'7"; 2nd Dunderman, A, 47'6"; 3rd Lee, A, 44'1"

Long jump - 1st Cuilford, F, 19'6.5"; 2nd Olwin, WT, 18'8.5"; 3rd Carnahan, P, 18'8.75"

High jump - 1st Peebles, E, 6'2"; 2nd Schwarzbek, F, 6'; 3rd Winright, E, 5'10"

Pole vault - 1st Edinger, DJ, 11'; 2nd Gerren, E, 11'; 3rd Giovel, E, 10'

4x800m - 1st Paulding 9:03; 2nd Blackhawk, 9:05; 3rd Fairview, 9:10

110 High hurdles - 1st Biglous, DJ, 15.33; 2nd Lambert, F, 16.03; 3rd Timbrook, F, 16.44

100m - 1st Tobin, F, 10.99; 2nd Mox, DJ, 11.3; 3rd Biglow, DJ, 11.51

4x200m - 1st Delphos, 1:34; 2nd Fairview, 1:36; 3rd Wayne Trace, 1:38

1600m - 1st Graham, F, 4:51; 2nd Krick, A, 4:54; 3rd Lengacher, BC, 4:58

4x100m - 1st Delphos, 45.2; 2nd Fairview, 45.7; 3rd Wayne Trace, 47.89

400m - 1st Tobin, F, 49.69; 2nd Winright, E, 53.25; 3rd Huss, A, 53.66

300 Low hurdles - 1st Biglow, DJ, 43.11; 2nd Schwarzbek, F, 43.36; 3rd Echols, P, 44.37

800m - 1st Barnett, P, 2:08; 2nd Eisel, F, 2:10; 3rd Swygart, BC, 2:12

200m - 1st Tobin, F, 22.52; 2nd Gallmeier, DJ, 23.57; 3rd Mox, DJ, 24.2

3200m - 1st Graham, F, 10:45; 2nd Krick, A, 10:47; 3rd Layman, P, 10:58

4x400m - 1st Fairview, 3:48; 2nd Paulding, 3:35; 3rd Wayne Trace, 3:51

Girls individual event results:

Discus - 1st Gutting, E, 118'3.5"; 2nd Long, WT, 115'7.5"; 3rd Siebenaler, E, 109'5"

Shot put - 1st Gutting, E, 36'; 2nd Siebenaler, E, 35'7"; 3rd Noggle, WT, 32'

Long jump - 1st Stoll, E, 16'9.25"; 2nd Stockwell, DJ, 15'10"; 3rd Wetli, A, 14'5.2"

High jump - 1st Boggs, DJ, 5'4"; 2nd Shuherk, WT, 5'2"; 3rd Goergens, DJ, 4'8"

Pole vault - 1st Salinas, P, 10'; 2nd Stockwell, DJ, 9'; 3rd Ankney, F, 7'

4x800m - 1st Paulding, 10:51; 2nd Delphos, 10:57; 3rd Wayne Trace 11:12

100 High hurdles - 1st Mannio, F, 17.23; 2nd Bishop, DJ, 17:63; 3rd VanCleve, P, 18.05

100m - 1st Stoll, E, 12.8; 2nd Weller, P, 12.99; 3rd Culler, F, 13.57

4x200m - 1st Delphos, 1:50; 2nd Wayne Trace, 1:54; 3rd Fairview, 2:02

1600m - 1st Fiedler, BC, 5:46; 2nd Breninger, F, 5:52; 3rd Cvikel, E, 6:03

4x100m - 1st Delphos,

53.5; 2nd Fairview, 53.8; 3rd Paulding 54.53

400m - 1st Boggs, DJ, 58.86; 2nd Zartman, WT, 1:02.1; 3rd Teman, DJ, 1:05.2

300 Low hurdles - 1st Stoll, E, 46.85; 2nd Mannino, F, 50.47; 3rd VanCleve, P, 51.2

800m - 1st Sigman, A, 2:39; 2nd Shepard, WT, 2:40; 3rd Ulm, DJ, 2:44

200m - 1st Stoll, E, 27.09; 2nd Stockwell, DJ, 28.7; Weller, P, 28.98

3200m - 1st Fiedler, BC, 12:55; 2nd Criker, E, 13:18; 3rd Weller, P, 28.98

4x400m - 1st Delphos, 4:23; 2nd Paulding, 4:30; Wayne Trace, 4:33

PAULDING COUNTY 4-H COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Paulding County 4-H Committee awarded scholarships to three Paulding County 4-H Graduating Seniors. The purpose of this scholarship is to help young people continue their efforts toward becoming a self-directing, productive, and contributing member of society. This year's 4-H Scholarship winners are: Amber Simpson, daughter of Charles and Susan Simpson of Cecil, Ellisse Wetli, daughter of Daniel and Patricia Wetli of Antwerp, and Gary Klopfenstein, son of Roy and Deborah Klopfenstein of Haviland.

VANTAGE BOARD HOLDS MAY MEETING

The Vantage Board of Education met in the new Community Room on Thursday, May 3, 2012. The minutes from the April 12, 2012 regular board meeting and the April 18, 2012 special meeting were approved along with financial statements for the month of March, 2012. There was a resolution to approve a three-year contract with Julian and Grube as the GAAP compiler commencing with FY12 and a resolution to approve the updated five year forecast. The board approved the amended appropriations and revenues for FY12.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman presented updates on the renovation/construction project, employment, and the solar agreement. Director Bob Vennekotter reported on the Manufacturing Open House, Bloodmobile, the STEM Pipeline project, contest results, the Interact club trip to Haiti, the FFA Banquet, final exam schedule, COMPASS testing, and the upcoming move for teachers and staff.

Adult Education Director Pete Prichard reported on the Adult Education Accreditation Progress Report, which was completed and submitted two weeks ahead of schedule, professional development, the change from Alternative Energy to Advanced Energy Academy, customized training for FW Towers, (FWT, LLC), Hicksville, for 200 welders, and upcoming classes and schedules.

In new business, the board: —Employed the following list of employees, as needed, as scheduled: Marcia Osenga, Kari Casto, and Jerry Robinson - LPDC committee member; Amy Grothouse, Theresa Mengerink, Beth Evans, and Susan Farr, all Resident Educator Mentors; Leigh Carey, Health Technologies Instructor;

—Resolution to increase the number of working days for the position of Special Education Coordinator from 183 to 188 days;

—Accepted the resignation of Alex Roppilla, Alternative Energy Academy Lead Instructor to accept the position of Trade & Industry Coordinator, effective April 18, 2012;

—Employed Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Karen McGilton, Connect Ohio Instructor, Alex Roppilla, Trade & Industry Coordinator;

—Resolution to approve the 2012-13 Student Handbook;

—Resolution to reinstate the national travel for staff per the Superintendent's approval;

—Resolution to reinstate the \$40 per day meal reimbursement for overnight travel;

—Amended its previously adopted version of the Ohio Department of Education's Special Education Model Policies and Procedures to substitute the revised chart;

—Resolution to approve the Rothaker-Lampe equipment bequest;

—Held the first reading of NEO-LA new, revised, or replacement policies as presented.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the new Community Room.

WOODLAN SOFTBALL RECORD AT 27-1



Woodlan took on Wayne at home Thursday, May 17. The Lady Warriors softball had another fantastic game and came through with a 14-4 win in the 5th inning. Shown above is junior Erika Brandenburg with a bunt in the 5th inning. Their record includes the wins against Belmont from the weekend of May 19. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Antwerp girls played their 1st round District game against Pettisville at Bryan on Tuesday, May 15. The game went all seven innings and Pettisville won 7-1. The Lady Archers softball team had a fantastic season with a 17-6 record. Shown above is Antwerp freshman Cheyenne Miller-Sweet sliding into second. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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Mr. and Mrs. Steve and Tiara Bremer of Woodburn, IN proudly announce the engagement of their son, Brandon Kent Bremer, to Amy Lynn Vogelsinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom and Lynn Vogelsinger of Glen Ellyn, IL.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Glenbard West High School in Glen Ellyn, IL and Butler University with a degree in secondary education.

She is currently employed at Carmel High School as a history teacher. Brandon is a graduate of Woodlan High School and Purdue University, West Lafayette, with a degree in accounting. He is currently employed at Stanley Black & Decker as a technical accountant.

A June 23rd wedding is planned in Lisle, IL.

PARK TALK: WHY ARE THE TREES IN HEATHERWOOD PARK BEING CUT DOWN?

Unfortunately Heatherwood Park, New Haven, has fallen victim to the Emerald Ash Borer. There are a total of 19 Ash trees and one Boxelder tree that have died and need to be removed. We were aware of the Ash trees in the park last fall but were hoping that we would have several years to prepare for the worst, but the condition of these trees turned terribly bad in the last six months. Bark was falling off, limbs were dropping and the parks department knew it was either remove the trees or close the park for safety reasons. The contractor is cutting down the trees and removing the limbs. To save money the park department will remove the stumps later this year when time allows. The parks department will start planning on tree replacement as funds become available. In the next month or so Allen County, IN will have a contractor in the park debrusing along the creek similar to what happened along Moeller Rd.

—Mike Clendenen, Superintendent New Haven-Adams Township Park & Recreation Department
www.newhavenbulletin.com

WOODBURN BRANCH LIBRARY JUNE EVENTS

SMART START STORY-TIME:

Fridays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:30 a.m. - This Story-time features finger plays, songs, stories of various lengths and crafts.

YARN LOVER'S GATHERING:

Thursdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28, 7:00 p.m. - If you already know how to knit or crochet or if you want to learn how to knit or crochet join us at Woodburn. We have people that can help you get started or teach you new techniques. Join us for a creative evening.

WOODBURN LEGO CLUB:

Monday, June 11, 4:00 p.m. - Grades 3 and up can create with Legos. Feel free to bring your own Legos with you if you like. There will also be Legos at the library for you to

use. And, of course, snacks.

PIZZA AND POP:

Tuesday, June 12, 6:30 p.m. - Invite your dad for an evening of dad stories, FISH RACING, and Pizza. Preregistration is requested by Friday, June 8, if you would like to attend.

INTERNET, WORD PROCESSING & E-MAIL HELP:

By appointment. We offer computer classes. No previous computer knowledge is necessary. Each class lasts one hour. Call for an appointment.

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SECOND GRADE:

Therin Coyne, Raydyn Egnor, Alexander Franklin, Kyle Klinker, Xander Kohart, Kate Laukhuf, Jeremiah Molitor, Brenna Moore, Joel Reinhart, Jeffery Stephenson, Serenity Trammell, Malia Wittwer, Izabel Anderson, Corbin Daulton, Morgan Hefner, Austen Joseph, Brooklyn Lee, Kaden Merritt, Brian Rittenhouse, Cameron Stoller, Gavin Taylor, Ty Tinlin, Rylee Troth

THIRD GRADE:

Zoey Burkley, Emma Crosby, Misti Klopfenstein, Athena Maclin, Carlee Mead, Chloe Parker, Sam Rager, Natalie Schultz, Trevor Speice, Riley Stoller, Gage Tinlin, Draven Hanicq, Owen Manz, Eli Moore, Joe Mungler, Waylon Smallwood, Jacob Stouffer, Ryan Wenninger

FOURTH GRADE:

All A's - Sydney Coyne Nathan Gerber Reed Zartman

All A's & B's - Danee Krouse, Max Laukhuf, Kiera Roddy, Chloe Thompson, Gage Waltmire, Evalyn Kohart, Kylie Pfeiffer, Kali Reel, Kaitlin Vest, Brittney Bauer, Morgahn Butler, Cale Crosby, Elicia Franklin, Jayde Garcia, Madeleine Laukhuf, Austin Pierce, Jordan Speller

FIFTH GRADE:

All A's - Clark Laukhuf, Wyatt Stabler, Matthew Stouffer, Reece Thompson, Madison Coyne, Carissa Laukhuf, Josiah Linder

All A's & B's - Alec Anderson, Ethan Crosby, Cassidy Knott, Ellie Moore, Chloe Stabler, Brooke Greulich, Olivia Klinker, Levi Manz, Julianne Roop, Meagan Speice, Ashley Thrasher, Madilyn Brigner, Anne Eklund, Evan Mohr, Kaylee Shepherd, Caden Bland, Alli Hefner, Gracie Laukhuf, Kristen Rittenhouse, Austin Smith, Haleigh Stoller

SIXTH GRADE:

All A's - Kalin Gerber, Erica Mohr

All A's & B's - Owen Brigner, Joel Johnson, Kyle McClain, Haley Rittenhouse, Quinton Stabler, Trisha Strickler, Ian Vogel, Joey DeBoer, Noah Glass

GRACE COLLEGE SIGNS PAIR FROM WAYNE TRACE



Pictured are (l-r) Sarah Feasby, JoEllen Fickel. In back, Grace coach Scott Blum, Wayne Trace coach Gus Davis, and Wayne Trace athletic director Jim Linder.

Grace's women's basketball team has added two players from Wayne Trace High School for the 2012-13 campaign in Sarah Feasby and JoEllen Fickel.

Feasby is a 5-foot-10 forward who earned honorable mention status for All-State in Ohio last season. She won First Team honors for Ohio's District 7 and for the Green Meadows Conference as a senior and was Second Team Northwest Ohio as well.

"I chose Grace because I wanted to go to a Christian college, and I really felt God has it all taken care of for me in going to Grace," Feasby said. "I'm looking forward to being a positive role model to others around me and to give my all, all the time."

Feasby, who is the daughter of Rex and Kathy Feasby, has been heavily involved throughout her time at Wayne Trace. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Relay for Life and Wayne Trace's Student Council.

She plans to study math education while at Grace. Feasby also was an All-Conference performer in volleyball and softball at Wayne Trace, even earning GMC Player of the Year status as an outside hitter for her senior year volleyball team.

Grace head coach Scott Blum had this to say about Feasby: "Sarah [Feasby] is

very athletic, rebounds the ball well and can score around the basket. She loves the Lord and loves the game of basketball. We are excited to have Sarah join our family."

Fickel, a 2011 graduate, is a 6-foot post player. She was honorable mention All-State in 2011 and earned First Team honors in the Green Meadows Conference and Ohio's District 7.

"I wanted to play basketball with fellow believers who are focused on God, which is why I came to Grace," Fickel said. "I want our team to be focused on God and to play in such a way that only he could get the glory."

Fickel, who is the daughter of Blane and Claudia Fickel, was a standout softball player at Wayne Trace. She played first base and set the school record for batting average when she batted .500.

Outside of athletics, Fickel served as president of the Future Farmers of America and was also the school's homecoming queen in 2010.

Coach Blum had this to say about Fickel: "JoEllen [Fickel] is a diamond in the rough. I believe she will have a great career when it is all said and done. She brings size and athletic ability and can score inside and defend multiple positions. She is a godly young lady that will make an impact in our program and our campus for the Lord."

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RUMSCHLAG - HART



Amy Lynn Rumschlag of Fort Wayne, IN and Kory James Hart of New Haven, IN are engaged to be married on June 30, 2012, at Lakeside Garden in Fort Wayne, IN. The bride-elect is the daughter of Denis and Rebecca Rumschlag of Decatur, IN. She is a 2003 graduate of Belmont High School, and a 2007 graduate of Ball State University with a bachelor's degree in public relations.

She is employed at STAR Financial Bank as a marketing project administrator. Her fiance is the son of James K. Hart of New Haven, IN and the late Kelley K. Hart. He is a 2004 graduate of New Haven High School, and a 2008 graduate of Indiana Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He is employed at BAE Systems as a sourcing engineer.

EACS 'READ 180' STUDENTS AWARDED FOR TREMENDOUS GROWTH!



As a means of celebrating the tremendous growth demonstrated by the students in EACS middle school Read 180 classes, the students were taken to a Tin Caps game that featured many schools as their special guests for the day. The expected gain over the course of the year for a student in Read 180 is 100 points in Lexile scores. Many of the EACS students in the Read 180 pro-

grams have demonstrated growth that is 3-4 times the expected gains! This field trip provided those hard working students with the positive reinforcement they deserve for their improvement in reading! Tickets to the game were provided at no cost to the students as well as a hot dog, bag of chips, and a drink that the students had for lunch.

EACS 2012 TOP TEN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

- NEW HAVEN HIGH:**
1. Kayla Chin, IPFW
 2. Ben Fox, Indiana University
 3. Courtney Loudon, Purdue University
 4. Tyler Purvis, Purdue University
 5. Hannah Salerno, Ball State University
 6. Carrie Vachon, IPFW
 7. Kayla Fendel, IPFW
 8. Amanda Stecker, Ball State University
 9. Justin Lothamer, IPFW
 10. Oreonna Shepherd, University of Indianapolis
- WOODLAN JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL:**
1. Nolan Bigelow, IPFW
 2. Rachel Biddle, Purdue University
 3. Alyssa Chandler, Purdue University
 4. Alex Emehiser, Purdue University
 5. Brandon Hathaway, IPFW or Saint Francis University
 6. Zachary Haydock, Saint Francis University
 7. Nwe Oo Khin, IPFW
 8. Lily Keller, Purdue University
 9. Sarah Pringle, IPFW
 10. Courtney Widdifield, Ball State University

ODOT CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS WEEK OF MAY 21, 2012

- Defiance County:**
- Ohio 249 between Hicks-ville-Edgerton Road and Behnfeldt Road restricted to one lane through the work zone for drainage repairs. Work is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.
 - Pavement sawing will take place at the following locations during the week with traffic maintained through the work zone. Work is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.
 - Ohio 49 at Jericho Rd.
 - Ohio 281 between Kessler Road and Harris Road
 - Ohio 249 between Beer-bower Road and Kramer Road
 - Ohio 49 just north of Ohio 249 will close on June 4 for 45 days for a culvert replacement project. Traffic detoured onto Ohio 249, Ohio 2 and U.S. 6 back to Ohio 49. Work is being performed by Miller Brothers Construction, Archbold.

- Paulding County:**
- Ohio 637 between Ohio 613 and Ohio 111 restricted to one lane through the work zone during the week for drainage tile repair. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.
 - Ohio 111 between U.S. 127 and Ohio 637 restricted through the zone during the week for pavement repair. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.
 - Ohio 637 from south of Ohio 111 to the Van Wert County line restricted through the zone during the week for pavement repair. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.
 - Ohio 66 and Ohio 613 in Paulding County restricted to one lane through the work zone for a pavement repair and resurfacing project which will continue until mid August. On Ohio 66 the project will take place from the Putnam County line to the Oakwood north corporation limit. On Ohio 613 the project will take place from Ohio 66

to the Putnam County line. Work is being performed by Gerken Paving, Napoleon. Ohio 49 at the south edge of the village of Payne closed 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 being performed by Shelly Co., Findlay.

Van Wert County:

- U.S. 30 between U.S. 224 and Ohio 49 restricted at times to one lane through the work zone for drainage repairs. Work is being performed by Van Wert County ODOT.
- Ohio 116 between Ringwald Road and Reidenbach Road will be closed for three days beginning May 29 for a culvert installation project. Traffic detoured onto Ohio 709, U.S. 127 back to Ohio 116. Work is being performed by Van Wert County ODOT.
- Ohio 81 in Allen and Van Wert counties will be restricted to one lane through the work zone beginning May 21 for a pavement repair and resurfacing project which will continue until early August. The project will take place from U.S. 127 to Ohio 66. Work is being performed by LICA Construction, Berne, Indiana.
- 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 being performed by Shelly Co., Findlay.

FROM THE PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney, Joseph R. Burkard, announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted six persons on Thursday, May 10, 2012.

Bruce D. Lee - Paulding, DOB 10/30/1968, Possession of Drugs F-5

Taylor J. Reichert, Grover Hill, DOB 7/14/1992, Breaking & Entering F-5, Theft M-1

Jodi L. Perl, Paulding, DOB 11/6/1984, Possession of Drugs F-5

Michelle M. Rooks, Cecil, DOB 9/12/1986, Theft F-5

Michael S. Gonzales, DOB 10/28/1974, Failure to Appear F-4

Chris A. Thomason, Paulding, DOB 1/31/1956, Breaking & Entering F-5

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle 5/16/12"

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

COUNTY WIDE REAL MONEY REAL WORLD PROGRAM



Pictured here is Chris Johnson with FSC Securities giving financial advice to Emily Derck and Allison Taylor of Antwerp during the County Wide Real Money Real World Program at the Paulding County Extension Office.

The Paulding County Extension Office hosted the Real Money Real World Program for all three county schools on May 16th with over 120 students participating in this program. Real Money. Real World. is an active, hands-on experience that gives young people the opportunity to make lifestyle and budget choices similar to those they will make as adults. This county wide program is sponsored by the Ohio State University Extension Paulding County, Ag Credit, and Williamson Crop Insurance. The simulation took place at the Extension Hall with over 30 community members volunteering their time to make this program a success. Prior to the simulation, students went through lesson plans where they were given a career with a month salary, along with a certain number of children. Students then arrive at the simulation and go to each of the 12 stations and

make decisions and choices on their housing, transportation, food and clothing choice along with a variety of other station. Students then complete all 12 stations and go to the finish line to see how, or if they were able to make it on their salary for one month. This gives students hands on experience on how their career choices can affect their lifestyles and futures. This program was a huge success and the Ohio State Extension Office plans to have this program every year.

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ANN'S PRESCHOOLERS LEARN A BUTTERFLY'S LIFE CYCLE!



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers were recently able to watch the entire life cycle of the butterfly in their classroom! Tiny caterpillars arrived in our mailbox from California and we watched them grow and grow until it was time for them to make their chrysalis. Then, we waited—not so patiently—

for our butterflies to emerge (which we actually got to witness!). Shown here is the release of one of our beautiful Painted Lady butterflies. Shown with "flutter" are from left: Mallory Fisher and Conner Coutts from our afternoon class of four and young five year olds. We LOVE our butterfly unit!

AREA CHILDREN ENJOY MAKING A VASE FOR MOM



"Make a Vase Party" at the Ladybugs Floral in Woodburn was a success! The event was the 1st annual party for 2-10 year olds to design assorted vases for their mom for Mother's Day. Above is Isabel with her grandmother

putting the final touches on her vase. Children used yarn, glitter, butterflies, silk flowers, beads, and a lot of imagination to make their vase a special gift for Mom's special day.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 4/16/12

This 16th 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 187257 through 187356 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on April 11, 2012, Warrant numbers 187138 through 187229 in the amount of \$155,506.02; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the board of county commissioner. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-015):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct the County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation for the following:

TO: 001-015-00010/General Fund/Election Board/Salaries/Precinct Workers

AMOUNT: \$310.00

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO A THREE YEAR PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH CORSA:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby agree to enter into a three year participation agreement with County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (CORSA), for liability insurance purposes, effective May 1, 2012, and ending April 30, 2015.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Erika Willitzer, Paulding Chamber of Commerce - Ms. Willitzer met with the Commissioners to discuss the John Paulding Days festivities. She announced June 7, 8, and 9, 2012, as the dates for this year's JP Days. Ms. Willitzer reported the rides will be on Williams and Perry Streets this year, with an entertainment tent on Hometown Pizza's side parking lot. Activities will kick off at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday and will begin Friday and Saturday at 12:00 p.m., running until 9:00 p.m. all three days. Ms. Willitzer noted special activities are being planned by the Paulding County Senior Center. She has also arranged high school band and cheerleader performances, as well as games, county music, craft show (at the Kiwanis Building), Miss Paulding County competition (at Paulding High School Auditoria).

Jane Gray, WPAU radio station - Commissioner Zartman reported on John Paulding Days, stating the dates to be June 7, 8, and 9, 2012. Commissioner Burkley discussed the County employee health insurance review scheduled for later today. He stated the Commissioners would be hearing a review from Wells Fargo Insurance Services, as well as looking at other options from a couple of other providers. Mr. Zartman noted the appointment with Maumee Valley Planning Organization at 10:00 a.m. is to discuss an infrastructure project in the County. Commissioner Pieper stated John Brownlee of CORSA would be reviewing the County's liability insurance. He also noted he would be attending the Senior Center Steering Committee meeting today. Commissioner Pieper is also the Paulding County representative for NOCAC and the Area Office on Aging. Mr. Zartman explained the Eaton Farm tour is to take a look at an erosion issue along one side of the acreage. He noted how fortunate the county is to have this donation of land to utilize for children's services within the county.

Jim Machock, Carrie Briggs, Wells

Insurance Services; Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Mr. Machock presented a ten-month review of County employees health insurance activity. There are currently 34 single policies and 29 covered under family policies. Mr. Machock reminded the Commissioners the plan year runs from June through May, with May being the open enrollment month. He reported claims paid are down \$49,000 from 2011. Mr. Machock announced a new federal requirement for self funded plans, being a certified audit of reserved funds from an actuary. He presented a renewal plan for 2012-2013 for the Commissioners' review.

Bud Koenig, Cooper Farms; Dennis Miller and Matt Davis, MVPO - Mr. Miller announced CDBG funds will be used for Cooper Farm's truck wash facility to be located east of Oakwood on SR 613. Mr. Koenig stated approximately 40 acres will be developed for a truck wash facility. Mr. Davis was happy to announce that CDBG is able to fund 50% of the project.

John Bergman, Auglaize County Commissioner; Susan Paul, Coresource - Ms. Paul presented a MEBC (Midwest Employee Benefit Consortium) proposal for Paulding County. She explained MEBS has been in existence since 1993, with five counties and 1300 employees participating. She noted the plans vary by county with Coresource being the administrator. Ms. Paul then reviewed the benefit options and explained the wellness programs, reserves, and funding.

John Brownlee, CORSA; and Don Foltz, Foltz Insurance Agency - Mr. Brownlee was pleased to announce the premium for 2012 for liability insurance through CORSA dropped 2.55% from \$145,157.00 to \$141,549.00. He also noted a savings of \$3,504.00 due to participation in the Loss Control Incentive program. Mr. Brownlee then explained a couple of new enhancements on 2012's policy. He also presented a prepared benefit report from CORSA. The Commissioners voted to enter into an agreement for this year's liability coverage.

Kevin Burns, DeHayes Group - Mr. Burns presented a self-funded employee health insurance rate comparison through American Fidelity with BAS being the Third Party Administrator.

David Wagner, IMPAC - Mr. Wagner met briefly with the Commissioners with instructions on returning the Hasler postage meter.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 5/2/12

This 2nd day of May, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Fred Pieper, and Nola Ginter, Clerk; Absent: Tony Burkley

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
Warrants documented as 187707 through 187771 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on April 30, 2012, Warrant numbers 187632 through 187705 in the amount of \$3,156.59; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the board of county commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

TRAVEL REQUESTS:

Lou Ann Wannemacher, Spring Treasurers' Conference, Dublin OH - May 15-18, 2012

Amy Kauser, Manatron Training, Columbus OH - April 1-May 1, 2012

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
A motion was made by Mr. Tony Zartman to go into executive session at 11:34 a.m. with the Prosecuting Attorney to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fred Pieper. All members voting yea. At 11:48 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Jim Machock, Wells Fargo Insurance Services - Mr. Machock delivered employee health insurance paperwork to be signed for the period June 1, 2012, through May 31, 2013.

Tony Langham, PCED - Mr. Langham reported on Paulding County Economic Development's quarterly board meeting held on April 17, 2012. He stated PCED membership is going well and there has been good response and support from the community. Mr. Langham feels, in general, the economy is climbing. PCED has been working together with the Marshall Area Foundation in the transition of directorship and duties. Mr. Langham also reported there is a vacancy on the PCED board which is to be filled by someone with mayoral experience. Requests for volunteers have been sent. Mr. Langham then noted development at US 24 and SR 49 is progressing. He also announced he would be attending the open house at

NEW HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL 'TALENTED TENTH' ATTEND IPFW CAREER DAY



Recently, the New Haven High School "Talented Tenth" male mentoring group attended the IPFW annual career day. The young men were able to learn about professions they are interested in majoring in at the collegiate level. The term "Talented Tenth" is to describe the likelihood of 1 in 10 black men becoming leaders in today's society. The

twelve New Haven High male students were nominated by a staff member who recognized they had the ability to become a leader and/or mentor. Members will be added to the group on an annual basis. The group will present several projects during the 2012-13 school year. The overseer of the group is Mr. Keith Edmonds, Assistant Principal.

MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY ROCKETS GO UP, UP AND AWAY!



Meadowbrook Elementary 5th graders teamed up in pairs to first study rocketry and then to build rockets as a part of their Art curriculum. Rockets were constructed from plastic soda pop bottles

for their bodies and water with air pressure became the fuel. All rockets were recently launched on the school grounds as the entire student body watched.

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Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher presented the County's Investment Report as of April 30, 2012. She then reviewed the revenue summary display for investment interest earned. Ms. Wannemacher reported on tax delinquencies, stating prior year delinquencies are steadily being collected. She credits this to several delinquent accounts being on payment plans. The county employee health insurance income/expense report for April was reviewed.

Travis McGarvey, County Engineer - Mr. McGarvey reported SR 49 is closed for deck replacement on the bridge across Flat Rock Creek. Heavily-loaded vehicles are to follow the commercial detour. Mr. McGarvey and the Commissioners discussed options for the demolition of the old jail.

Jane Gray, WPAU radio spot - Commissioner Zartman discussed the Joint Auglaize River Sewer Project. This project is Paulding County's first sewer project and the Commissioners felt it was in the County's best interest to contract with an outside source for maintenance services. Because this is a joint project with Defiance County, the Commissioners have elected to contract with the Defiance County wastewater treatment personnel. Paulding County sewer system users will be notified of the procedure to follow if there are maintenance issues. The Defiance County Sheriff's office will be the back-up contact. This maintenance agreement will be evaluated at the end of the first year to see if it is efficient. Mr. Zartman then commented on the recent Memo of Understanding (MOU) between Defiance County Commissioners and Paulding County Commissioners

for the sharing of the director of both counties' Department of Job and Family Services. The state has been pushing for consolidation of services as they continue to reduce funding to county agencies. With Defiance County's Job and Family Services director retiring, the timing was right to be proactive in sharing the position. Mr. Zartman noted Mr. Walker has gained the respect of both County Boards of Commissioners. He also commended Corey Walker for being dedicated to the Paulding County agency.

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WOODBURN BRANCH LIBRARY YARN LOVERS KNOT CANCER CAPS



The hat makers: (l-r) Jerri Carpenter, Linda, Clegg, Genie Bishop and Sheila Lothamer.

The Woodburn Branch Library Yarn Lovers group have been crocheting and knitting for charity this spring. They have been making cancer caps for the last few months. This week they sent a box full of hats to Wig and Hat Boutique at the Paulding County Hospital Home Care Services

in Paulding, OH. The Wig and Hat Boutique is partnered with the American Cancer Society. Anyone experiencing hair loss as a result of cancer treatment can receive a free hat or a free brand-new wig. The hats will also be available at the Hicksville Pharmacy.

SALARIES & FINANCIAL AUDIT - MAIN TOPICS OF DISCUSSION AT WESTERN BUCKEYE ESC BOARD MEETING

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held their regular monthly board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at the Paulding ESC office. Board President Mr. William Poe II welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting. Salaries and the Annual Financial Audit were the main topics of discussion during the WBESC Board meeting. During the 2011-2012 school year WBESC employees took a 0% pay increase. Certified and Non Certified employees will receive a 1% increase for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year. Superintendent-Brian Gerber, Treasurer-Gary Ginter, Assistant Treasurer-Linda Clark, and Director of Business-Paul Clark opted out of their pay increase. "Administration and fiscal staff believed it was the appropriate action to take in order to cut cost and save some money by waiving their pay increase. However, we

strongly felt a need to award our certified and non certified staff a 1% increase since they took a 0% increase during the 2011-2012 school year. The WBESC staff members working in the trenches who are housed in the school buildings throughout Paulding County and Van Wert County are doing a tremendous job for our partner schools. They are dedicated hard working people who seldom complain about anything.

"We are working very hard to keep cost down at the WBESC. Over the past year we have taken several steps towards the goal of operating as lean as possible. We sold the Van Wert office building as a means to offset the 32% funding cut we have experienced since 2007. The monies generated will not completely offset the funding cuts, but it will help. We decreased our service fees in 2005 and haven't raised them since. We have also absorbed a fiscal position, eliminated an LPDC position and a paraprofessional position. We will continue to look at ways and means to operate as lean and as efficient as possible."

On a more positive note, Western Buckeye ESC has received the Auditor of State Award. The Auditor of State Award is given to those entities that file timely financial reports in accordance with GAAP, as well as receive a "clean"

audit report. The "clean" audit report means that the WBESC financial audit did not contain findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, single audit findings or any questioned costs. Clean and accurate record-keeping are the foundation for good government, and the taxpayers can take pride in Western Buckeye's commitment to accountability. "I am very happy for our fiscal people. Gary Ginter and Linda Clark work very hard to make sure all the "I's" are dotted and all the "T's" are crossed. They take great pride in their work and function very well as a team." Board President William Poe II and the other WBESC Board members commended the administrative team for the proactive steps they are taking in order to operate a very efficient but lean organization.

Treasurer Gary Ginter reviewed the current financial reports, investments and the monthly expenditures with the Board.

In the business portion of the meeting, the Board approved the following items:

Consent Items - WBESC:

A. Motion to extend the following non-teaching contracts, effective at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year:

Jeana Fisher, PTA - 2-year limited; Nicole Jefferson, OTA - 2-year limited

B. Motion to extend a one (1)-year Certified Contract to Harry Florence as an Intervention Specialist, effective at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year as per salary schedule.

C. Motion to approve a 1% base salary schedule increase for the 2012-2013 school year for all certified employees, non-certified employees, and 2-year Associate Degree employees on approved salary schedules.

D. Motion to approve a 1% salary increase for the 2012-2013 school year for all other employees who do not have a schedule placement. The following employees have waived the salary increase: Brian Gerber, Gary Ginter, Paul Clark and Linda Clark.

E. Motion to adopt the following resolution:

"Whereas, the Board of Education previously adopted the Ohio Department of Education's Special Education Model Policies and Procedures, which included an Appendix "A" that consists of a chart that summarizes when the District must send Prior Written notice, Informed Consent and Procedural Safeguards Notices; and whereas, the Ohio Department of Education re-

cently revised the chart; now, therefore, be it resolved, the Board of Education amends its previously adopted version of the Ohio Department of Education's Special Education Model Policies and Procedures to substitute the revised chart, which is attached hereto, for the original Appendix "A".

F. Motion to establish the week of May 7-11 as Staff Appreciation Week in order to honor the staff of Western Buckeye ESC.

G. Motion to approve a resolution for Antwerp Local Schools, Paulding Exempted Village Schools, Wayne Trace Local Schools, and Van Wert City Schools to align with Western Buckeye Educational Service Center as required by Ohio Revised Code 3313.843, effective July 1, 2012.

H. Motion to approve an additional five (5) days for Matt Krites for Technology services, salary at his current rate.

I. Motion to approve out-of-state travel for Paula Lugibihl and Marge Greve to attend a training session on April 11, 2012.

J. Motion to engage the Auditor of State's Office - LGS to perform annual audit for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, cost not to exceed \$5,000.

Consent Items - NOACSC:

A. Motion to approve the Auditor of State's Financial Audit of NOACSC for FY10 and FY11.

B. Motion to approve the NOACSC policy manual as presented, effective July 1, 2012

C. Motion to approve a cost of living adjustment of 2% for all NOACSC salary schedules for FY13 and FY14.

D. Motion to accept all staff Memorandums of Understanding as presented.

E. Motion to approve all non-administrative and administrative staff contracts as presented in the Director's Report.

F. Motion to approve the FY13 Holidays as presented in the Director's Report.

G. Motion to approve the \$500,000 appropriation of funds to the "Transfer to NOACSC COG" account.

H. Motion to approve the Executive Director's contract.

The Board meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regular Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center will be on May 9, 2012 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Van Wert ESC office located in the Thomas Edison Early Childhood building.

PCH HELPS ANTWERP CHURCH WITH WHEELCHAIR DONATION



Pictured are Brenda Wieland, Paulding County Hospital and Robert Boyd.

The First United Presbyterian Church in Antwerp has had a problem, some of their elderly members have difficulties managing the steps and the ramp to get into the church for services. They tossed around some ideas when a suggestion was made to contact the Paulding County Hospital and see if they could help out. The hospital maintenance department located an unused wheelchair, which they cleaned and polished up and donated to the church. The wheelchair will assist people with disabilities so they can attend Sunday services. "The Hospital was great to work with, they didn't hesitate all to help out and answer a prayer," said Robert.

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Mrs. Sandy Dobbelaere and her high school Sculpture class are shown with some of the animals they made this semester. In the photo are the giraffe and zebra with students gathered around them. Other animals were also designed and put outside in the

school yard on display. Some of the other animals were a fruit bat, dolphin, elephant, and panther as well as others. Show with Mrs. Dobbelaere and the animals are the students who designed and created them.

SURE DISASTER PROGRAM DEADLINE APPROACHES FOR 2010 CROPS

Ohio Farm Service Agency (FSA) would like to remind producers that they have until June 1, 2012, to apply for assistance for 2010 crop losses under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program. The program provides crop disaster assistance payments to eligible producers on farms that have incurred crop production or quality losses.

FSA wants to ensure that all eligible producers are aware of the approaching deadline. SURE covers producers on farms in disaster counties that incurred crop production, crop-quality losses or both, but in order to qualify, you need to file in a timely manner. FSA encourages anyone with questions to visit their local FSA office.

A producer interested in signing up for SURE for their 2010 crops must do so before close of business June 1, 2012, at the county FSA office servicing the producer.

For more information or to apply for assistance please visit your local FSA office.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS & DISMISSALS

- Admissions:
- 5/7 - Garrett Kever, Antwerp
 - 5/9 - Christine Wood, Paulding
 - 5/10 - Mary Ann Shelton, Haviland
 - 5/11 - Avon Bond, Paulding

- 5/12 - Dorothy Potts, Paulding
- 5/13 - Rose Glass, Payne Dismissals:
- 5/9 - Garrett Kever, Antwerp
- 5/12 - Christine Wood, Paulding
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Terms: \$5,000 down (non-refundable) day of sale, with balance due on or before July 2nd. 2012 All announcements made day of auction take precedence over printed material.
Taxes: Prorated
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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 4/18/12

This 18th 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 187366 through 187453 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Claudia Fickel, Northwest District Meeting, Wauseon OH - April 27, 2012

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR A BUSINESS VISA CARD:

The Board of County Commissioners of Paulding, Ohio, does hereby authorize Randy Swary of First Financial Bank, 201 North Main Street, Paulding OH, to apply for a Visa BusinessCard on the County's behalf.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Defiance County Commissioner Thomas Kime to go into executive session at 1:48 p.m. to discuss employee compensation for the Director of the Department of Job & Family Services. The motion was seconded by Paulding County Commissioner Tony Burkley. All members voting yea.

At 1:55 p.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 078):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2012 Annual Appropriation in the Infrastructure Projects, Fund 078:

078-001-00001, Infrastructure Projects AMOUNT: \$481,824.60

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss County employee health insurance issues.

Aaron Timm, Paulding County Engineer's Office - Mr. Timm had questions about several odd jobs that need done at the OSU extension building. He also reported being approached by the Agricultural Society to dismantle an old ticket booth at the Fairgrounds and asked permission to do so. Permission was granted. Mr. Timm also reported that he and Jason Landers will be attending an underground storage tank training. The Commissioners then spoke to Mr. Timm about the abandoned vehicle at the old jail as well as assistance in filling in a wash-out at the Eaton farm.

RJ Kunkle, Don Miller, Tradition Group; Jack McGraw, restoration consultant - Mr. Kunkle discussed several options for the Courthouse roof. Mr. Kunkle also alerted the Commission-

ers about the heavy equipment on the courthouse lawn and potential damage to the sidewalks. Next meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 30.

Ann Pease, Clerk of Courts - Ms. Pease presented quarterly reports for her office as well as the Title Office. Reports showed a breakdown of the fees collected for the first quarter. She also reported the Title Office continues to be busy. Ms. Pease is pleased with the recent 'face-lift' in the Title Office. She noted the computers in the Clerk's Office are ten years old and she will be looking at replacing them soon.

Greg Reinhart - Mr. Reinhart is the Defiance County Sewer District manager. He shared that the Defiance County Sheriff's Office currently fields emergency calls related to the Defiance County Sewer system. The Sheriff's Office then contacts the appropriate personnel to address the issue. Mr. Reinhart recommended that the Auglaize Sewer Project's Paulding County residents follow the same protocol when reporting problems. Notices will be included in monthly billing statements to Paulding County users when the project is closer to completion.

Otto Nicely, Thomas Kime, James Harris, Defiance County Commissioner; Jack Graf, Defiance County Department of Job & Family Services; Joel Potts, Ohio Department of Job & Family Services; Corey Walker, Paulding County Department of Job & Family Services; and Joe Burkard, Paulding County Prosecutor - The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the viability of sharing services between Defiance and Paulding County's Departments of Job & Family Services. A Memo of Understanding was submitted for review by the Commissioners and Prosecuting Attorneys of both counties. Mr. Harris stated there are various issues that would have to be worked through. Mr. Kime noted they are definitely interested in further analyzing the situation. Mr. Potts shared that while utilizing on-line application for benefits eases the paperwork for consumers, there is still much to be done by employees to determine eligibility and prevent fraud. He encouraged the Commissioners to move forward and examine the shared services concept, noting the state is supportive this type of cost savings.

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Appointments to view the facilities can be made with the Fiscal Officer by calling (419) 399-2032. Appointments are available from Monday - Friday 9:00am-4:00pm.

All qualified firms interested in providing the specified contracting services should contact the Fiscal Officer at (419) 399-2032 or mstahl@pauldningcountylibrary.org to obtain the required information package.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Guaranty in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3375.41 (D) in the form described in the Instructions to Offerors. Each bid shall conform to applicable ORC requirements; the bidder must use the forms included with the Request for Proposal.

No Bidder may withdraw its bid within ninety (90) days after the bid opening. The Library reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids, to reject any or all bids, and to conduct such investigation as necessary to determine the responsibility of a bidder.

BIKE RALLY/POKER RUN TO BENEFIT JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The John Paulding Historical Society and the Black Swamp Cruisers Motorcycle Club are joining together to sponsor a bike rally/poker run June 2, 2012. Registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the museum on Fairground Drive in Paulding. The rally will begin at 1:00 p.m. and bikers will travel throughout Paulding County viewing a variety of historical places. The route will be approximately 50 miles.

Lunch will be available for

a donation and open to the public.

The museum operates on fund raisers such as this throughout the year. All proceeds will benefit the museum.

Be sure to check out the front room at the museum for a display of Paulding businesses. The stage area has a display of sewing items, including patterns and sewing machines.

A new display is being planned in barn number 2. The families in Latty have donated the infamous Latty jail to the museum. The jail has received a new face lift

and looks great. Another recent donation to the museum was given to us by the Griffis family of Tipton, OH. A cash register that was used in their grocery store has been added to barn number 1 along with an 8 foot display cabinet.

Many of you will remember Jay Gould on WOWO radio station. We have a high chair that was given to a young Paulding County child by Jay in the late 50's-early 60's and still in good condition.

Maybe you have something you would like to donate to the museum. Come in any Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and check us out.

RIGHT TO READ WEEK & PIRATES DAY AT PAULDING ELEMENTARY



Right to Read Week was held at Paulding Elementary during the week of May 7-11. Approximately 50 students put on a performance on Thursday, May 10th at 7:30 p.m. titled "Pirates". The play was under the direction of Mrs. Dawn Sloan. Pictured above is the students as they are ready to begin their performance.

ANTWERP'S SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL GETS READY TO ROLL

Sara Keeran, Antwerp's Village Administrator, has been informed from ODOT that the Antwerp SRTS project to establish safer pedestrian access along the west side of Harrmann Road from the Antwerp School to Canal Road and then along Canal Road from Harrmann Road westerly to Koos Drive has been selected for funding. ODOT would like to fund the section of sidewalk that is incomplete on school property. The award is contingent on the community developing education and encouragement programs during project development. The amount of the award is \$187,000.

HELP NEW HAVEN WIN \$20,000

New Haven was just notified that we're in the Top Ten for the Indy 500 Competition. Here's where we need your help - part of the judging is how many votes each community can get in the next week. Voting is live NOW! Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/votene-whaven> each day from now till next week and vote for New Haven! We really appreciate your support. The winning community will receive \$20,000 from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. We're hoping to receive the money to continue work on Schnelker Veterans Memorial Park.

Mayor Terry McDonald said, "Since February, our committee has worked very hard in this 'Back Home Again in Indiana Decoration Program', and for the next week, the public will have a chance to vote for their favorite community, so we're asking for everyone's

continued support."

Executive Assistant and Committee Co-Chair Deb-Anne Smith added, "We are so excited by the tremendous amount of spirit and support from residents in the community by getting involved and decorating the city, sharing personal au-

tographed collections, personal stories, coming out to the parade and car show, and helping us on facebook. Now we need your votes."

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