

ANDREA SCHARF NAMED COMMENDED STUDENT



The principal, Kevin Wilson, of Wayne Trace High School recently announced that Andrea Scharf has been named a Commended Student in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program. A letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented to this scholastically talented senior.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they

will not continue in the 2013 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students place among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2013 competition by taking the 2011 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

"Recognizing academically talented students plays a fundamental role in the advancement of educational excellence within our nation," commented an NMSC spokesperson. "The young people recognized as Commended Students represent some of the best and brightest minds in the country as demonstrated by their outstanding performance in our highly competitive program." (continued on page 3)

NEW HAVEN FARM MARKET SEASON CELEBRATION!

The New Haven Parks and Recreation Department is getting ready to wrap up our inaugural season of our Farm Market! We have four great weeks left and will end October 25th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. with lots of fun and special activities!

The Market in Schnelker Park on Thursday evenings has been a great success, meeting our goals of bringing fresh local produce and homemade items as well as educational and community outreach opportunities. We've partnered with local businesses to bring families to the downtown area for economy-boosting specials and increased awareness of issues like the cleanliness of our rivers.

Our final market day for the season will feature free fall-themed activities, decorations, and fun! There will be treats for kids, hot chocolate, face painting and costumes! Local artisans have created many items perfect for holiday gifts. Baked goods will keep you warm in the crisp air. Most of the other farm markets have closed for the season, so this is a great opportunity to take home some harvest goodness—apples,

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and the facility updates we are making will cater to our customers' needs to provide the best dealership experience," said owner Jim Stykemain.

The differences to the new Stykemain Chevrolet dealership will be immediately apparent, including an inviting exterior facade with updated signage; a bright showroom featuring a customer greeting station; a comfortable

customer lounge offering free wireless Internet access; and a drive-through service facility.

The new dealership will cost an estimated \$2.3 million. Stykemain estimates that the new facility will add several new jobs at the dealership. Opening is planned for late spring 2013. Stykemain plans to sell all of the dealership's current buildings (continued on page 3)

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Help us celebrate a wonderful first season!

WOODBURN'S FALL FEST IS THIS WEEKEND!

Woodburn's Fall Fest will be this Saturday, October 13th starting at 5:00 p.m. at the community park. Games, food and a lot of fun are on the agenda. Bring lawn chairs and food for the food bank!

At 5:00 p.m. things get started with a 101 Bowl Game, Pond-a-River Putt game, children's games

and face painting. A straw maze will be set up on the basketball court courtesy of the Woodlan FFA, and the Indiana State Police will have a K-9 demonstration. Lots of food will be available including hot dogs, hamburgers, beverages, snacks, and caramel apples. And we can't have a festival without a cake walk

and Lion's Club Donuts! The 50/50 drawing will begin at this time as well.

From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. there will be entertainment by "Robbie & Heidi".

At 6:00 p.m. judging for the Pumpkin Decorating Contest and Apple Pie Baking Contest will begin. (continued on page 4)

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OBITUARIES

Ross L. Ehle, 88, of New Haven, IN died on October 2, 2012 at his home.

Born March 6, 1924 on the family farm in Milan Township, he was the son of the late Edward and Lola Ehle. He



graduated from New Haven High School in 1942. A lifelong Allen County farmer, he also worked for Brueggeman Lumber for over 30 years and was a bus driver for East Allen County Schools. He was a 57 year member of the Harlan Lions Club. He worked on the Lions Youth Exchange program and initiated the International Adult Lions Exchange program in 1989. Ross was "dad" to hundreds of foreign exchange students hosted in his home for over 30 years. He lived by the Lions Motto: We Serve. Ross loved his family, hunting, fishing, farming, his garden and traveling the world to visit his International children. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Haven where he served as usher.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Patricia (nee. Couture); daughters: Nancy (Carl) Louraine of Fort Wayne, Susan Shaheen of Longmont, CO, and LeAnn (Steve) Cooper of Frederick, CO; sons: Steve (Sherry) Ehle of Winter Garden, FL, Gerry (Darlene) Ehle and Michael Ehle both of New Haven, James (Sandi) Ehle of Lantana, FL, and Dennis Ehle of Fort Lauderdale, FL; 19 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and brother, Don Ehle of New Haven.

Preceding him in death were infant daughter, Theresa; grandsons: Dan Cloud, Jason Duey, and Justin Duey; brothers: Mervin and Ralph Ehle; and sister, Mildred

Klopfenstein.

Mass of Christian Burial was October 8, 2012 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 943 Powers St., New Haven. Father James Seculoff officiated. Burial was in St. John the Baptist cemetery.

Preferred memorials for Masses, the Harlan Lions Club and Turnstone Center for Children and Adults with Disabilities.

Mary Ruth Clark, 82, of Paulding died Monday, October 1, 2012 at CHP Inpatient Hospice, Defiance, OH.

She was born November 8, 1929 in Paulding County,



OH, the daughter of John H. and Nora (Westendorf) Worl. On August 19, 1950 she married Edward T. Clark, who preceded her in death on July 18, 1996. She was previously employed as a sales clerk for Elder Beerman, Defiance. She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, the Little Flower Study Club and the Red Hat Society. She was a volunteer at the Paulding County Hospital.

She is survived by three daughters: Kathleen (Lennie) Roth, Connie (Brian) Waters and Kelly (Jeff) Knodel all of Paulding; two sons: Michael (Theresa Davis) Clark of Columbus, OH, and Dr. Daniel (Michelle) Clark of Hillsboro, OH; 11 grandchildren: Adam Roth, Mari Ivan, Sara Pfof, Ann Waters, Carrie Boone, Josh, Jessica and Erin Clark, Jerrod, Alex and Emily Knodel; and nine great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; a daughter, Melanie Ann; two brothers: Walter and Rudy Worl; two sisters: Dorothy Worl and Bertha Holmes; infant great-grandsons: Jacob A. Ivan and Joseph B. Roth.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted October 6, 2012 at Divine Mercy Catho-

lic Parish, Paulding. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Masses; Divine Mercy Catholic Parish; or CHP Hospice. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Kathryn G. Shrider, 85, of Paulding died Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at CHP Inpatient Hospice, Defiance, OH.

She was born November 22, 1926 in Paulding, OH, the daughter of Grover C. and Lovina (Long) Pollard. On June 21, 1943 she married William B. Shrider, who preceded her in death on February 26, 1980. She retired from Hays Albion in 1989. She was previously employed by the former Grizzley of Paulding and Syncro of Hicksville. She was a Life Member of John Paulding Historical Society, Paulding. She owned/operated the Paulding Laundromat from 1958-1962.

She is survived by a daughter, Donna (Lonnie) Schooley of Paulding; three grandchildren: Bruce (Sabrina) Schooley, Dianne (Kevin) Saylor, both of Paulding, and Steve (Vicki) Shrider of Phoenix, AZ; six great-grandchildren: Taylor and Brock Schooley, Lonna and Nash Saylor, and Christina and Vince Shrider; and a sister, Altha Reighter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, Jerry Shrider; a daughter-in-law, Mary Ann Shrider; brothers: Wayne, Ronald and Dean Pollard; a sister, Alice Phlipot; and grandson, Danny Shrider.

Funeral services were conducted October 8, 2012 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to St. Paul County Church Fund; First Presbyterian Church; or Paulding United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Everett Ray Laukhuf, 72, of West Liberty, OH died on Wednesday, October 3, 2012.

He was born August 24, 1940 in Putnam County, OH, to Christian Charles and Josephine Marie (Lee) Laukhuf. He graduated from Payne High School in May 1958. Everett retired from International Harvester Corporation with over 41 years of service. He received Jesus Christ into his heart and life in the middle of August 1965 and was a member of New Richland Baptist Church in New Richland, OH.

Surviving are two daughters: Brenda (John) Lauck of Killeen, TX, and Terri Wilburn of Havana, FL; a son, Keith Laukhuf of Paulding; three grandsons: John Lauck III, Todd Wilburn and Andrew Lauck; a brother, G.V. (Caroline) Laukhuf of Antwerp, and Robert (Barbara) Laukhuf of Haviland.

Preceding him in death were his parents; and two brothers: Donald and Edward Laukhuf.

Funeral services were conducted October 8, 2012 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding with Pastor Steve Smith officiating. Burial followed in Blue Creek Cemetery, Paulding County, OH.

Donations may be made to Pacific Garden Mission. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Dorothy F. Miller, 95, of Hicksville died Wednesday October 3, 2012 at Hickory

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"This is the day the Lord had made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." —Psalms 118:24

Creek of Hicksville.

She was born on February 12, 1917 in Bethesda, OH, the daughter of the late Forrest and Icele (Grooms) Jones. She was a 1937 graduate of Hicksville High School and a 1960 graduate of Fort Wayne Beauty College. In July of 1941, she was united in marriage with Carl Miller. Dorothy was a member of St John Lutheran Church, Hicksville. She volunteered at Community Memorial Hospital for many years and was a member of the Ladies Golf League at Hickory Hills in the 1960's.

Dorothy is survived by her son, Allan (Susan) Miller of Quincy, MI; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl; a daughter, Dianne; two brothers: Charles and James; and a sister, Madeline.

Funeral services for Dorothy were October 6, 2012 at St John Lutheran Church, Hicksville. Pastor James Paulson officiated. Burial was in Lost Creek Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St John Lutheran Church. Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

James Orlando Gillet, 87, of Paulding died Friday, October 5, 2012 at the Gardens of Paulding, Paulding.

He was born September 18, 1925 in Paulding County, OH, the son of Lawrence and Missouri (Dangler) Gillet. On June 20, 1981 he married Betty (Doster) Keck. He retired in 2001 from Braun Industries.

He is survived by four step-children: Joyce Keck of Paulding, Carolyn Jones of Latty, James Keck of Defiance, and Marsha Mericle of Hometown, IN; a sister, Rose Mary Gillet of Van Wert; step-grandchildren; and step-great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife; and three sisters: Violet Thorman, Anna Gillet and infant Florence Gillet.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 10,

2012 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will follow in Hedges Cemetery, Paulding County. Visitation will be 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at Den Herder Funeral Home.

Donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Charlene K. Willett, 64, of Bryan, passed away Thursday, October 4, 2012 at Twin Rivers Care & Rehab Center, Defiance.

Charlene was born in Edgerton, IN on November 16, 1947, a daughter of the late Fern (Copenhaver) and George Bitler.

She will be sadly missed by her daughters: Rhonda (Chad) Robbins of Antwerp and Kimberly (Mike) Akkerman of Grand Rapids, MI; siblings: Marsha Kinder of Paulding and Eugene Bitler of Payne; and five grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, James "Bill" Willett on February 27, 1999; and brother, Allen Bitler.

Her graveside service was at Paulding Memorial Cemetery on October 9, 2012.

Memorials are to Rhonda Robbins. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Violet L. Wells, 84, of Van Wert died Thursday, October 4, 2012 at Colonial Nursing Center of Rockford, Rockford, OH.

She was born June 18, 1928 in Kewanna, IN, the daughter of William D. and Anna M. (Cain) Fall. On July 28, 1948 she married Lynn A. Wells, Sr., who preceded her

in death on August 17, 1999. She was employed by Firestone retiring in 1955 and was an avid NASCAR fan.



She is survived by three sons: Kenneth (Susan) Wells of Jonesville, MI, Lynn P. (Judy) Wells Jr. of rural Cecil, and David (Patty) Wells of Paulding; two daughters: Karen (George) Saxton Sr. and Patricia C. Ballard, both of Van Wert; many grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and many great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Earl (Marg) Fall of North Adams, MI.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and brothers: Arnold, LeRoy, Wayne and Roland Fall; a sister, Mable Roepcik; grandson, George Saxton Jr.; and a great grandson, Bentley Crowle.

Funeral services were conducted October 9, 2012 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Rev. David Meriwether officiating. Burial followed in Scott Cemetery, Scott, OH.

Donations may be made to the Hospice of Mercer County, OH. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com



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Ray "Pinky" Billman, 80, of Antwerp, passed away Friday, October 5, 2012, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Pinky was born in Antwerp on September 30, 1932, a son of the late Thelma (Leaman) and Cecil Billman. He proudly served his country for 11 years in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean and Vietnam Wars, reaching the rank of Staff Sergeant. He worked at Dana Weatherhead, Antwerp and Dietrich Industries, Hicksville and was a school crossing guard in Antwerp for many years. Pinky was a member of the Antwerp United Methodist Church, Antwerp School Board, Antwerp Fire Department and VFW and American Legion Posts. On June 30, 1956, Pinky married Darlene Elwell.

Pinky will be sadly missed by his wife, Darlene; three children: Tony and Judy Billman, and Lisa (Ed) Glass, all of Antwerp; and granddaughters: Amanda Knotts and Adrienne Glass; and great-grandchild, Jonah Knotts.

He is also preceded in death by his brother, Max.

His funeral service was at Antwerp United Methodist Church on October 9, 2012. He was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, with military honors.

Memorials are to Antwerp Music Boosters. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

WCCH ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION IS COMING UP!

The WCCH Annual Benefit Auction will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2012 at the Woodburn Community Center, 22651 Main Street, Woodburn, Indiana. The Silent Auction and Dinner will begin at 4:00 p.m., with the Live Auction beginning at 5:00 p.m. For more information visit www.wcchonline.org/auction or call (260) 760-8342.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Luke 3:17 - What is the wheat in this verse?
2. Luke 3:17 - What is the chaff in this verse?
3. Luke 3:18 - Who was preaching to the people in this verse?
4. Luke 3:19 - Why did John rebuke Herod?
5. Luke 3:20 - What did Herod do to John in this verse?
6. Luke 3:22 - What descended on Jesus after Baptism?
7. Luke 3:22 - Whose voice came from heaven?
8. Luke 3:23 - About what age was Jesus when His ministry began?
9. Luke 3:31 - Who was Nathan the son of?
10. Matthew 1:6 - Who

was Solomon's father? When we start our study on Luke remember these two questions.

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

Bible answers to the questions of 10/3/12.

1. Ax
 2. Is cut down
 3. People
 4. Judgment
 5. What should we do
 6. Told them to give to the needy
 7. Collect no more than what is appointed you
 8. Do not intimidate, or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages
 9. Jesus
 10. A fan or a winnowing shovel with which grain is thrown up against the wind in order to cleanse it and separate it from the chaff.
- What is your life? In James 4:13-14 the writer asks, what is your life? In the same verse of scripture, he answers the question by saying, it is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. Our life is brief! At most, a mere few years of preparation time for an eternal home of the soul. Our life is fragile! Our heart can stop at any time. Arteries can rupture, disease can destroy. Our life is certain to end! Je-

hovah has declared that all have an appointment with death and judgment. Hebrews 9:27 says the time of death is uncertain! We do not know how long we will live on earth. May we live each day as if it were our last day—always prepared for judgment?

IN LIGHT OF PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE, ZIMMANN CALLS OUT OPPONENT FOR AVOIDING DEBATE

President Barack Obama and Governor Mitt Romney sparred on the debate floor Wednesday evening at the University of Denver, each offering their plan to rebuild the nation's economy, improve America's health care system, and create more opportunities for middle class families.

Meanwhile, in Ohio's newly competitive Fifth U.S. Congressional District, challenger Angela Zimmann is continuing to call on her opponent, incumbent Congressman Bob Latta, to provide Northwest Ohio voters similar opportunities to see the candidates engage in public debates.

"We can all agree that one major takeaway from last night's debate is that public discourse matters in elections. Anyone seeking elected office has the responsibility of giving the people a chance to see their candidates discuss and openly debate the issues that voters care about," Zimmann said.

"It's what democracy relies on and what the Founding Fathers expected from our representatives."

Zimmann's debate challenge, which was sent to Congressman Latta in a certified letter, has remained unanswered for more than 41 days now, leaving voters to question how long Congressman 'Silent' Bob Latta will continue to dodge his opponent.

"Congress is the people's house, and the people deserve the opportunity to engage with candidates before making their decisions at the ballot box," Zimmann added.

Zimmann is scheduled to attend several candidate forums leading up to the November 6th election and has also agreed to several invitations for congressional debates. However, without any confirmed acceptance from Congressman Latta, there remains no scheduled debate between the two candidates.



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downtown, including all personal property. Chevrolet plans to have 80 to 90 percent of all Chevrolet dealerships complete a facility image program by 2014.

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We sincerely hope this recognition will provide them with additional educational outlets and motivate them in their pursuit of academic achievement.

SENIOR EXECUTIVE CLUB'S NEXT MEETING AT MEADOWS OF KALIDA

The Meadows of Kalida is extending an invitation for all area Senior Citizens to join our Senior Executive Club (SEC) this year. This club is free of charge and is held monthly. A complimentary meal, special presentation and other fun activities such as Bingo, with a \$50.00 Wal-Mart Card coverall, and door prizes are just a part of this exciting club! Now is a great time to get to know or re-connect with those in your community!

Please join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. in the Assisted Living Dining Room.

HAVE YOU FOUND FREEDOM?

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

In the Mariners' Museum in Newport News, Virginia, there's a special display for a rickety, home-made aluminum kayak. This tiny, make-shift boat seems oddly out of place in the midst of displays for impressive Navy vessels and artifacts from significant battles on the sea. But a bronze plaque tells museum visitors the story behind this kayak's heroic makers.

In 1966, an auto mechanic named Laureano and his wife Consuelo decided that they could no longer live under the oppression of Cuba's totalitarian regime. After spending months collecting scrap metal, they pieced together a boat just barely big enough for two small people. Then Laureano jury-rigged a small lawn mower engine on the back of the kayak.

After months of planning, on a moonless September night, sitting back to back and wearing only their swimming suits, they set out in the treacherous Straits of Florida. They had only enough water and food for a couple of days. Finally, after they had floated in open water for over 70 hours, the U.S. Coast Guard found and rescued the couple just

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Was it worth the risk to find freedom? Laureano thought so. Years later, he said, "When one has grown up in liberty, [you] realize it is important to have [freedom]. We lived in the enormous prison which is Cuba, where one's life is not worth one crumb. Where one goes out into the street and does not know whether or not one will return to one's home, because the political police can arrest you without any warning and put you in prison. Before this could happen to us, we thought that going into the ocean, and risking death or being eaten by sharks, is a million times better than to stay suffering under [political oppression]."

There is a deep longing in every human heart to find the spiritual freedom that only Christ can provide. Risking everything to possess our freedom in Christ is a million times better than remaining in spiritual bondage. Perhaps that is why Jesus says, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free," John 8:32.

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: defycf@embarqmail.com

HICKSVILLE'S GRACE UMC HOSTS HARVEST FESTIVAL

October 21 is the date set for this year's Harvest Festival at Hicksville Grace UMC. This year will feature Van Wert's Eric Miglin whose unique jazz styling of popular hymns makes for a stand out worship experience. Since his high school days at Grace, Eric has become a sought after musician, providing vocal and jazz trumpet background for corporate events and performing onstage in shows such as "Annie."

The festival begins with a 10:30 worship service featuring Eric's music. Following the service is a carry-in dinner for which Eric will provide the background music. The public is invited to attend.

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Acolytes completing their training class were recognized with an installation service at St. John Lutheran Church, Hicksville on Sunday. Pictured in the front row are Reece Edwards and Brett Fulk. Second row: Sommer Reinhart, Janice Green, and Samantha Post. Back row: Pastor Jim Paulson and Donald Smith, class instructor. Not pictured is Harlee Shuman.

FREE AUTO CLINIC AT 1ST FRIENDS CHURCH IN VAN WERT

First Friends Church at 210 South Franklin St. in Van Wert will be providing a Free Auto Clinic for area single mothers and widows, this Saturday, October 6th. This is a part of First Friends Church's ministry of being "A Church with Heart, Caring for Our Communities". They will do a free oil change and a multi-point inspection to help area single mothers and widows must pre-register by Friday October 5th by calling Pastor Paul Hamrick at 419-771-9378 to have the correct oil, filters, and schedule a

time for their oil change.

Many area single moms and widows are struggling financially and in this small way, the generous people of First Friends Church and area friends share the love of Jesus. The Lord has richly blessed First Friends Church this year and they believe that to be blessed; you must first be a blessing to others. They have seen God perform many miracles of healings and dozens of family and friends lives transformed by the love of God this year. They are not a big church but they are a growing church that believes in a Big God.

Another new outreach ministry of First Friends Church to area single moms and widows is "The Mr. Fix-it Program". Area single moms and widows, who need minor

repairs on their homes, should call Pastor Paul Hamrick at 419-771-9378 to schedule a time to inspect their project.

WAX ON. WAX OFF.

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

When God asks you if you are ready to follow him and you reply that you are, don't be surprised if it means that you are then lining fields for soccer, sweeping roads, moving furniture, giving cookies, writing encouraging notes, and doing other, what seems to be, menial jobs.

Sand the floors. Paint the fence. Wax On. Wax off.

In the classic 80s version of the Karate Kid - the one where they used karate rather than kung fu - Mr. Miyagi used little tasks to train Daniel to be the Karate Kid. Likewise, we must realize that God, even in our littlest tasks, is at work. He's shaping us into who He wants us to be.

We might get frustrated at times. "God, I've given away kids' clothes. God, I've worked to mend the broken relationship. God, I've sent encouraging letters. Where God? Where, oh where is the meaning in all of this?"

But we must remain focused even when it seems pointless. God is at work, shaping us and those around us into who He wants us to be. Becoming our destined self cannot be realized until we live faithfully today in all of the little things that God calls us to do. We must stay focused on the mission that God has placed on our hearts and realize the truth that Mr. Miyagi taught Daniel-san, "Not everything is as seems."

When Hernan Cortes came to what is now Mexico to conquer the New World, he burnt the ships that he and his army came on. This stranded his expedition at Mexico and brought us the phrase "burn your ships." The idea is that you make your success essential. There is no retreat. Success is the only option.

Cortes placed his soldiers in a place where there would be no going back quickly. They would either win or die. They had to remain focused on the task at hand or there would be no future for them.

When Lot's wife was being rescued from Sodom, she looked back and turned into a pillar of salt. When she longed for the life she once had and lost focus on God's plan, she faced a terrible punishment.

When it comes to the mission of the Lord, are we more like Cortes, focused on God's mission no matter what the cost, or are we more like Lot's wife, longing for the life we have left behind? Those who do not remain focused on God and refuse to do all of the tasks he prompts our hearts to do will not receive the blessing of actualizing our calling.

We each have a mission under God. One, we need to pursue with as much passion as those who once literally burnt their ships. One we must allow to permeate even the little things we do in life.

And it begins with Christ. "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory," Colossians 3:1-3 (ESV).

Corrie Ten Boom wrote, "Look... Look around and be distressed. Look inside and be depressed. Look at Jesus and be at rest."

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Oh, how the earth tries to grab our attention. We know people who die. Boom. We despair. We have pains in our body. Boom. Like an explosion, we're focused on it. We face terrible situations. Boom. We're distressed. Our money doesn't stretch as far as we would like. Boom. We're depressed.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

How does our relationship with Jesus impact our reading habits? Our internet habits? Our movie watching habits? The time we spend with friends? Our work habits? Our family life? Our dreams? Our hopes? Our parenting? Our grandparenting? If it does not change every area of our life, then we need to convert to following Jesus. No lip service, no confession, no baptism, nor any amount of church attendance can compensate for a heart unwilling to change. God is not fooled.

Unfortunately, the way we relate to Him when we compartmentalize Him is skewed. In that setting, He is not our Lord. He's not Savior. He's not King. He's just a celebrity that we like. He's just a book writer who entertains. He's just an entertainer who makes us think. But when His teachings get difficult, we just shove Him back into the compartment we have for Him. We'll let him out when we want him again. But for the meanwhile, we'll lock Him away so that He can't meddle with our life.

Sand the floors. Paint the fence. Wax On. Wax off.

We have a Lord to serve. May we each have the courage, strength, and grace to follow Christ completely.

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

DIVINE MERCY STUDENTS EXPLORE ANCIENT EGYPT



Divine Mercy fifth and sixth graders are exploring ancient Egypt through a webquest. A webquest is an internet guide that allows students to explore information about the ancient Egyptian civilization. Each group member

is working on their own part of a museum exhibit that will be displayed in the classroom. The exhibits will include items such as: hieroglyphics, cartouches, transportation dioramas, farming dioramas, buildings, and burial masks.

SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCHEON AT 1ST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The First Christian Church will be hosting a soup and sandwich luncheon on Wednesday, October 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The menu includes sloppy joes, chicken sandwiches, soups, salads and desserts. First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is located at 1233 Emerald Road, Paulding, Ohio. Carry-outs are available. Everyone is welcome.

VETERANS' TRIBUTE VIDEO TO BE CREATED

In honor of all veterans we will be creating a veterans video to be shown at the Antwerp VFW on Veterans' Day.

If you would like to contribute a photo of yourself or family members here is what you need to do:

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- Submit it to Mike Knight: mcknight269@hotmail.com
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Sun. Oct. 21, 2:00 pm - Edgerton Community Choir
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The auction of the "Best Apple Pies" in Woodburn commences at 7:30 p.m. (also any baked goods left from the Cake Walk).

All of this fun activities will be followed by our Miss Langleigh singing the Star Spangled Banner and end the evening with the summer's long anticipated Fireworks.

This program promises to bring out the spirit of the autumn season in everyone who attends. Come on out to Woodburn and find out for yourself.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Many years ago I moved from Paulding and became a teacher in Florida. A year ago I made it a point into going to the horse races on Labor Day at the Van Wert County Fair. Sort of "a bucket list" thing to do for myself. My Uncle Kenny used to race there when I attended the Paulding Schools and there was no "better" time to go. I went and had a good time. I packed up and went back to Florida. That's when many different friends mentioned to me about The Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival and that I might want to at-

tend some day. So this year I added the Flat Rock Fall Festival to my bucket list things to do. I had heard of all the good things that was happening and I was very pleasantly surprised at what I got to see and do. One of the most difficult things for me to believe is that I had never been to a Flat Rock Fall Festival before, even after all these years that it has been going on.

Staying in a camper close to the back gate and having coffee with Larry Copsey for his 6:00 to 8:00 a.m. shift got my day usually off to a good start. The first day when they fired the cannons to start the day, I thought someone's camper gas LP tanks exploded! Larry set me straight on the cannons. Heading down for pancakes and sausage by the main gate was good but the music just sort of put the unique icing on the morning. They were just a pickin' and a grinnin'. I'm not used to live music with my breakfast and coffee.

I had heard about the shopping opportunities and sure enough about ran out of money before I could get back to the camper. Bucky Seirer sold me a couple of fishing lures and a couple of harmonicas.

The crafts were quite good also. Seeing demonstrations of old farm equipment, husking corn, cutting logs into boards and watching all the long belt pulleys transferring energy. I bet I watched the gentleman making brooms for the longest time. The wooden Gattling Gun carving along with carved revolvers were really neat also. I taught science and I was impressed with Brooks Pendergrast separating water into hydrogen and oxygen

and running a car on the hydrogen.

One of the most important things to me about these kind of festivals is how it brings us together as individuals and a community. Seeing some of my friends and classmates again was especially good for me and made my trip well worth it. The Paulding County Fair and all other County Fairs I believe had this in mind when they began. The Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival definitely has this quality going for it and no doubt is part of its success.

Listening to old stories from the old timers from days gone by while having that breakfast was good for my soul, along with the whole festival. My hat is off to all those people involved in pulling off The Flat Rock Festival and organizers, Bill Vance, workers/volunteers, Fair Board, and County Commissioners that made this event special, not only to me, but many others.

I heard about the strong winds that passed through the county and noticed the Grandstand had a few pieces of green roofing missing. The Grandstand - she has been and seen ALOT in her day and has weathered many a storm—just as many of us have. When she was full of people from the tractor pulls and horse pulls, I thought I saw her smiling from that sense of worth and enjoyment that she was a part of again and originally built for.

Hope to see you all next year.

—Robert Bruce Bryan

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It's Friday, October 5th. I watched the evening news, and heard we're down to 7.8% unemployment! This is wonderful news to anyone who's gone back to work in September! The stock market is over 13,000+, double 4 years ago! I see this, and I think where would we be without the obstructionistic right-wing congress? We could be back to less than 5% if mis-Rep. Bob Latta and his mis-guided leaders were in office to work for their district, passed jobs bills drawing dust in their back rooms! Had they did their jobs they were elected to and swore an oath to do, we'd be so much better than we were in 2009! Their only goal for four years is cut taxes on the wealthiest people, cut benefits to veterans, do away with any tax breaks for wind, ethanol and other re-newable forms of energy! They are owned by oil, multi-national

corporations who get corporate welfare in return for huge campaign donations! President Barack Obama has had NO help from mis-Rep. Bob Latta, which in turn would have been so much more profitable to the rich and corporations! Mis-Rep. Bob Latta has voted wrong on every piece of job-creating legislation that would have had enormous benefits in the 5th district! Stimulus money which could be used to install sewage systems in low-income villages could have put alot of butts in the seats of construction equipment, and paychecks in the wallets of those employees! They support local businesses like Morning Star by buying fuel, pop and snacks! Uncle Fudd'a would sell more lunch specials to these workers, truck drivers, etc! good check shows up in the church coffers, the local dord and GM dealers get sales from these workers! House payments get made, allowing for more property taxes, and interest made by the banks instead of foreclosures, and arrears in taxes! Our national debt could be paid off in a short time by just these simple programs, because when people work, everybody wins! If you believe that, Angela Zimmann is your candidate! She believes this, and also knows that when America's working, we can do anything! If you believe in an obstructionist congressman who's only concerned by his own bottom line, then mis-Rep. Bob Latta's your guy! I want you to remember that he supported the policies of the Bush Administration that put us in this mess to begin with! He's got his pension and lifetime insurance under his belt already, it's time to send him home to enjoy more time to go to Calgary Canada, and look for a Cadillac dealership in his district! He told some people he doesn't drive American-made Cadillacs because he couldn't find a dealership in our district! And as before, I'll end with his statement made to me at one of his one-on-one's in Paulding: "It would make more sense financially to flatten the Village of Melrose and re-locate its residents than help pay for a sewer system with federal funds!" If you think this is sound thinking, vote for mis-Rep. Bob Latta! If you think this is wrong, Angela Zimmann is a better choice for our 5th district!

—Mike Porter

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This is an open letter to all Christians. Now is the time. This pivotal election for United States is clearly in the hands of Christians. Although many Christians are committed to voting November 6th; not all have been united to vote. We must be unified to speak truth and righteousness for our nation. (John 17).

I believe presidential candidate Mitt Romney is a type of King Cyrus from the Old Testament. (Isaiah 44:24-28, 45:1-7, II Chronicles 36:22,23, Ezra Chapter 1). Also I can praise God for His mercy and grace for VP selection of Paul Ryan to further the cause of financial integrity.

Sad to say some Christians have slid into non-God-honoring activities.

Consequently, we have a candidate that is not a first choice; nevertheless it is es-

sential we must vote for him! Time and time again believers have said they would follow God's law and time and time they did not. God enacted punishment to wake them up to set them back on God's path.

We must defeat President Obama and his failed policies of unemployment, Obamatax and U.S. \$16 Trillion debt crisis. (Just to pay off \$1 trillion, paying \$1 a sec. will take 31,000 plus years!). These failed policies are further exacerbated by President Obama throwing out God's Law and U.S. constitutional law.

This is not the time to be distracted. Let us unite together. (Read in Ezekiel 33:1-7 for the voting process and spiritual strategy for people who are believers in the one true God.)

Our task is agreeing and to pray in accord with God's Word. Let us become a loud symphony of God's righteousness. Put on your armor (Ephesians 6) pray for righteousness over this country and voter integrity, II Chronicles 7:14 (Read before and after verses to catch the context). Invite others to this effort. Vote!

Please, fellow Christians, make this election a decision for a God-blessed nation of truth and liberty. Failure will bring us to a crushed nation, no longer able to be the "shining city on a hill"!

—Linda L. Snider

LATTA RECEIVES FRIEND OF FARM BUREAU AWARD

The American Farm Bureau Federation, in conjunction with Ohio Farm Bureau, has recognized Congressman Bob Latta (R- Bowling Green) as a recipient of the Friend of the Farm Bureau Award. Congressman Latta received the award for his support on policies that help to advance and strengthen agricultural communities and rural America.

"As the representative of the largest agricultural district in the state, I am proud to accept the Friend of the Farm Bureau Award. Agriculture plays a vital role, through putting food on our tables, and creating jobs in rural areas," said Congressman Latta. "It's important that the agriculture industry has a voice in Washington and I look forward to continuing to work with the American Farm Bureau Federation on commonsense, pro-growth policies that enhance and fortify America's agricultural communities."

Individuals were nominated by their respective state Farm Bureaus and chosen by the Board of Directors of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

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AM I GUILTY OF DOING THINGS MY WAY?

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

One song that was made famous by entertainer Frank Sinatra that sums up a philosophy of life that many have chosen to adopt is revealed in the words "I Did It My Way." There are far too many examples of what happens when we live by that way of thinking. For example, Raphael Minder of the *New York Times* reports in the August 23, 2012 piece, "Despote Good Intentions, a Fresco in Spain Is Ruined."

For nearly a hundred years a beautiful mural of Jesus had held pride of place in the Sanctuary of Mercy Church in Borja, Spain. The "Ecce Homo" (Behold the Man) style-painting, was completed by Elias Garcia Martinez in the 1930s.

But in August of 2012, an 80-year-old church member named Cecilia Gimenez took it upon herself to touch up the painting. She was right about one thing: the painting needed some work. After decades of moisture buildup, the painting had started to deteriorate, and the colors had started to fade. So Cecilia initiated her do-it-yourself restoration project.

Despite her good intentions, it didn't turn out well. The *New York Times* said that it was "probably the worst art restoration project of all time." A Spanish blog called it "the restoration that turned into destruction." And a BBC article said, "The delicate brushstrokes by Elias Garcia Martinez have been buried under a haphazard splattering of paint. The once-dignified portrait [of Jesus] now resembles a crayon sketch of a very hairy monkey in an ill-fitting tunic."

In later interviews, Ms. Gimenez defended her decision. At some points, she blamed the parish priest, claiming that he had initiated the project. But on other occasions she took responsibility for her attempt to fix the painting. "We've always fixed everything ourselves in this church," she said. "We saw everything was falling down, and we fixed it."

The town council will bring in experts to try to repair her work, but since the painting was originally done in oils directly onto a church wall, they face a nearly impossible task.

It's a good reminder that some projects in life—like restoring your own soul or fixing other people—just aren't good do-it-yourself projects. Proverbs 16:25 (NIV), sums it up for us this way, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death."

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

FOR WHAT WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED?

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

A national leader from Korea was invited to visit the United States. This particular diplomat had never been to America before and was quite excited about the possibility. The time for the big trip arrived and he spent two weeks travelling throughout the United States. He had a productive trip and, upon returning to his homeland, was asked, "What is your most outstanding memory from your trip?"

The man paused, thought for moment, and then said, "That's easy—the large size of their garbage cans."

As I reflected on that story for a moment it struck me: Of all the things this man saw, experienced, and observed while in America, what stuck in his mind was that which Americans throw away. Think about that for a

moment. He remembered most of all the stuff that U.S. citizens trash.

It's a sobering anecdote but representative, also, of the way that many of us remember other people. How many people are "known" for that which they have thrown away? How many people's reputations have been determine by that which they've junked?

Let me give you some examples:

- "That's Leonard. You know him. He's the guy who can't hold a job."
- "Jon? Yeah, he's the one who left his wife last November."
- "See that woman over there? Her name's Sheryl. She was in the top of her graduating class but got involved with alcohol and now her life's a real mess."
- "Who, Stephen? Isn't that the fella whose kids are in and out of trouble with the law? Too bad."
- "She's the older sister of Sue. You know, she's the one who's on her third marriage."

Isn't it tragic when our assessment of an individual consists of that which the person has squandered? And, certainly, I realize that some of the tragedies that befall us are not of our own doing nor completely our fault. However, because of the choices that MANY have made, they have stained their reputation and compromised their integrity so that now others remember them as individuals who basically wasted something precious and valuable.

My encouragement to all of us is to live in such a way that your reputation is something you can be proud of. Live a life of integrity, of compassion, of selflessness, and as an encourager of others so that your name might be one that is held in respect and honor.

It is my desire that when the Lord calls me home, that people will remember me as a loving husband, a devoted father, and a person who sought to make a positive impact on this world for Christ.

I can't think of anything more tragic than to be remembered for that which I wasted. Or to be remembered for the size of my garbage cans.

THANK YOU

We wish to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the many kind, caring people and organizations who so faithfully supported us and Wayne during his years of illness and recent death. We cannot find words to tell you how much your help was appreciated and will always be remembered.

Thank you and God bless you.

—Marceil Gordon, Dan Gordon, Linda Leaders, Debbie Clouse, & families

COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE FOR VILLAGE OF ANTWERP

The Village of Antwerp will hold its regular October Council Meeting on October 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall (instead of the usual third Monday of the month.)

A GUYS TRADITION ONLY FIVE YEARS OLD



Josh Lyons and Brian Knott are celebrating their 5th anniversary at Brian's Barber Shop.

Barber shops have been around for hundreds of years. Through the years traditional barber shops have left us, but not Brian's Barber Shop. Brian's Barber Shop is a traditional barber shop located in downtown New Haven and will be only five years old this November. Big bulky barber chairs, a barber pole that spins outside on the building, hot lather straight razor shaves, a relaxing en-

vironment, and guys talking about sports and what's happening new in town today are topics discussed about at Brian's Barber Shop.

Brian Knott started Brian's Barber Shop on his own and along the way last November, Josh Lyons joined Brian. Brian and Josh are New Haven High School graduates. Brian went to barber school in Indianapolis while Josh attended barber

school in Fort Wayne. Brian has a Business Management degree that he earned at Indiana Wesleyan University. Josh has also completed courses in Fire Science.

Brian's Barber Shop provides a great value on haircuts and services. Brian's Barber Shop is a two chair shop and no appointment is necessary, walk-ins only. Brian and Josh give all types of haircuts. Haircuts that range from your traditional to clipper cuts, military, fades, and line ups are just some of the styles that Brian and Josh give. If you're looking for that traditional barber shop, look no further, Brian's Barber Shop is for you. They will do their best to make you want to come back, every time you need a haircut. Brian's Barber Shop is located in downtown New Haven at 617½ Broadway. Business hours are Tuesday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; phone number is 260-493-2500.

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OLD DAN & I

By: Stan Jordan

After supper, Dan and I looked over the flight plan that the General laid out for us. We have a P-51 Mustang with an auxiliary drop fuel tank and we can go about 1650 miles. We are going to cruise at about 350 mph, till we get to the Baltic Sea.

We have six .50 caliber machine guns that fire forward and we are the only P-51 in the ETO with a rear gunner. That is a twin 20 mm cannon. We also have a 40 mm cannon hung below the fuselage with a clip of five high explosive rounds.

The Gen. thinks it will be over 700 miles each way. We will go over Belgium, the Netherlands, the North Sea, the North Frisian Islands, Denmark, the Baltic Sea and almost to Poland the farthest part in Northeast Germany.

If you remember, General Guggenheim has laid out this course for us to get to the Pennemundi rocket launching area.

We make a big swing out over the Baltic Sea darn near to Poland, this is a point of Germany sticking out into the Baltic Sea and that is where the launching site is. Our S-3 wants that destroyed, and for good this time, if we can.

The Gen. figures if we can be airborne with our P-51D Mustang at 10:55 a.m., and follow the course he has laid out, flying at 350 mph—that is the cruising speed of the

P-51D. We fly for two hours right down on the deck and figuring that Germany is an hour behind us in time, we will arrive at our target at noon their time. We will drop our auxiliary gas tank as soon as it is empty.

Well, we have been over water now for a long time. We have gone over Denmark and now over the Baltic Sea. Dan said, "Try your guns because we are nearly to our target. Be on guard because they will surely have fighters in the air and even though we are coming in from their backside, I'm sure they will be ready for us. They should have the camouflage nets removed by now."

Dan dropped our air speed to about 250 mph as we crossed the coast line into Germany. Dan made a hard right turn as the rockets were in place about two miles to our right. So far all is okay.

Dan hollered, "Here we go!" We can see the rockets shining in the sun and then Dan fired a round into the fuel tanks at the base of the launcher. After he fired the second round into the third rocket base, the first fuel tank burst with a huge fire ball. Then the second tank exploded as the third shell hit the fifth launching site. All is in flames and black smoke as the fourth shell hits number five launching site. The air is now streaked with red as their tracer shells go under us. Whump! The last shell is fired into the last fuel tank. Every site is burning or exploding.

I can feel the ship lunge forward as Dan punched the throttle up against the dash. I can see some red tracers are going through our rudder. I can see German soldiers running around in the area.

Dan, shoots down FW190 who just happened to be crossing our path. I bet he never knew what hit him.

We are running flat out about 480 mph going south

west as the on the course General Guggenheim laid out for us, right down on the deck, between Laback and Schwelin and the Elbe River.

We had gone a few minutes and I saw a blip coming towards our rear. He was gaining on us in a hurry and I opened up with my two 20 mm cannons before he could fire a shot at us. He burst into flames and went down and I got me an ME262.

I see another plane coming from the rear. He is not gaining on us, it has to be something other than an ME262. That jet plane could catch us, but nothing else the Germans got will catch us. We took some machine gun rounds when we were leaving the launching site, mostly in the rudder, plenty of shell holes, but no big damage.

We can run for an hour before we get to Hanover. The next big city on our return route.

Dan said, "Why don't we eat our sandwich now? The mess sergeant had fixed us up a meatloaf sandwich and an apple." Boy was I hungry!

See ya!



Herb and Thelma had been married for years. It was a good marriage. They both worked and saved their money for retirement. They didn't travel or take a trip for vacation. Thelma always said, "Let's save our money for retirement and old age."

But Thelma came down with an incurable disease. And in a few weeks she passed away.

When she got to heaven and at the Pearly Gates, she was interviewed by St. Peter himself.

Pete said, "Your record is great and you can enter into heaven, but first I must ask you to spell a small word."

That was alright with Thelma and she said that was okay.

Pete said, "Spell the word 'love'."

Of course she did, and St. Peter said for her to enter into heaven.

Well, about twelve to fifteen years later, her husband Herb died.

Thelma had been a true and trusted helper and was stationed at the Pearly Gates when her husband, Herb, arrived at the scene.

Thelma recognized Herb right away and was very friendly to him. They exchanged pleasantries and she asked Herb, "Did you miss me terribly when I left?"

Herb said, "Uh, well not really, after you left I married that cute young blond nurse that took care of you. We traveled a lot. I sold our house and bought one in Florida. I took our savings and bought a cabin in Banf, Canada to spend the hot summer days. We lived in Hawaii a couple years and one year on the French Riviera. Oh yes, we had a good time."

Thelma said to Herb, "Before you can enter into heaven, you must spell a word for me."

Herb said, "Go ahead."

Thelma said, "Massachusetts."

See ya!

SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 35: THE BABIES ARRIVE

By: Stan Jordan

Well, I'm finally writing for myself. Dr. Grooms, the post doctor, said I'm back to normal. In my episode with the bear, I did not have a concussion, just a bad blow to the head with that big bear paw. He said I am a very lucky man because those big bear claws could have torn my ears and face apart.

Now for some more of the happening from the start. I was attacked by the bear last Monday night. I don't remember much of that. I didn't move much until late on Thursday.

I just laid around pretty much until Friday morning. I spent all day Thursday with Callie and talked about that maybe should would have twins. Boy, what a change is coming to our house!

Here at the Fort, all the talk is about the babies—maybe two babies! Everyone thinks it will be soon, that includes Callie. She is ready and anxious to get it over.

Well, it happened, about 4:00 a.m. Saturday: Callie had a little baby boy, and then twelve minutes later, she had another baby boy. Yes, we had a pair of twins! We named the first one Ned and the second one Ted. Dr. Grooms was very happy as well as all of us.

He announced that Ned weighed 6 lb 1 oz and was 20 inches long, Ted weighed 5 lb 12 oz and was 20 inches long.

They were born on Saturday, February 6, 1855. The doctor said he will take care of the record papers. The county records are kept here in the Fort in Nebraska territory.

This was Saturday, and on an army post, not much work was done today. I think every woman in the post came to see the twins, and brought some boy-type wearing apparel. This day was a whole lot more active than a Fourth of July! I think that Dr. Grooms got more credit than I did for this big occasion. But he did do a fine job for all of us.

Dr. Grooms wants Callie and the boys to stay in the post hospital, until next Tuesday. Then they will move to a couple room on the second floor of the guest haus. That word 'haus', reflects some of these folks' German heritage.

Well, things are settling down to a slow buzz now. Callie brought the twins down to the lobby of the hotel. And lots of the wives and mothers come and talk and drink coffee and tell about their own experiences of child birth, and the usual line of kindly advice as women have done for thousands of years.

Well, I haven't written for a few days. Late on Thursday a mid-winter blizzard blew in and we know winter is back. That has been almost a week now and each day that stiff wind changes and blows the snow drift in a different place. The only movement is the stage coach.

Dr. Grooms said he will not let Callie and the boys go back to the Indian Agency until it warms up to about 20 degrees. Right now it is about 20 below zero!

The laddies sit in the hotel lobby and see the twins. The men set and play euchre, and ride the storm out.

See ya!

PAPA OLEY'S GETS NEW OWNERS & NEW LOCATION!



Pictured left to right are Mike Renno, Antwerp Chamber of Commerce President; Dan Fowler and Alison; and Joel and Alison Wiechart are the proud owners of Papa

Oley's Pizza in Antwerp. Papa Oley's has been moved to its new location, with a dining room, to 114 S. Main Street, Antwerp. Papa Oley's is home to many specialties including the Big Papa Pizza.

MAGEE MARSH WILDLIFE AREA TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Access beyond the Sportsmen's Migratory Bird Center located at the Magee Marsh Wildlife Area along the wildlife area road to the beach area, including the boardwalk and beach trails, will be closed, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Wildlife.

This portion of Magee Marsh wildlife area will be closed in order to provide a quality hunting experience for Ohio's sportsmen and woman.

This road closure is in effect starting October 8 through October 27, 2012

and from November 5 through December 1, 2012. Additionally, the road and beach area will be closed during the controlled youth deer hunts scheduled on Saturday and Sunday November 17 and 18, 2012.

The remaining Saturdays and Sundays during this time period hunters, anglers, and wildlife viewer will be permitted access to the beach area and wildlife trails on Saturdays from 2:00 p.m. until sunset and Sundays from sunrise to sunset.

The Sportsmen's Migratory Bird Center and bird center walking trail will remain open for wildlife viewing during the fall hunting season.

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FINANCIAL MOVES FOR A GROWING FAMILY

Financial Focus by: Gabe Pollock, Edward Jones Advisor

When you add a child to your family, either through birth or adoption, it's obviously an exciting and joyful time in your life — and it's also a busy one, as you deal with all the challenges and commitments faced by all parents. However, hectic as your life may be, you'll still need to think about making some key financial arrangements to accommodate your new child.

Here are some suggestions to consider:

- Get a Social Security number. You'll want to obtain a Social Security number for your child as soon as possible.
- Speak with a tax advisor. If you're adopting a child, you might be eligible for federal income tax credits.
- Build an emergency fund. Obviously, a new child

may mean a variety of new expenses. If you aren't prepared for these costs, many of which may crop up suddenly, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments. Such a move could slow your progress toward your important goals, such as a comfortable retirement. To avoid this potential problem, try to build an emergency fund containing six months' worth of living expenses. Put the money in a liquid account so you can access it quickly and without penalty.

- Research options for a special needs child. If you have a special needs child, you may want to explore any available government benefits and consider speaking with an attorney about your legal options.

- Consider disability insurance. You may want to purchase disability insurance, or review your current policy, to ensure your family's needs are covered should you become ill or disabled and cannot work for a while.

- Review your life insurance. It's essential that you maintain adequate life insurance to cover your family's future financial needs, including education costs. While your employer may offer you a group policy, it might not be sufficient to keep up with your growing family. There's no one "formula" for determining the appropriate amount of life insurance, but a professional financial advisor can review your family situation

and recommend suitable coverage.

- Save for college. Given the high costs of higher education, it's never too soon to start putting away money for college. You may want to consider a tax-advantaged account, such as a 529 plan, which offers high contribution limits and provides you with the flexibility to switch beneficiaries, if necessary.

- Review/add beneficiary designations. You may want to change or add beneficiaries to your IRA, 401(k), life insurance, annuities and other accounts.

- Explore a custodial account. You might want to consider a custodial account, such as an UGMA or UTMA, that allows you to transfer assets for the benefit of a child under 21. (Consult with your tax and legal advisors before making this move.)

Of course, you don't have to take care of all these items at once. But by methodically working your way through this list, you will eventually adjust your overall financial strategy to include your new child — which means you'll be helping your growing family make progress toward its important goals.

KEYS TO PREPARING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

By: IN State Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn)

For most of life's challenges, success is based on building a solid foundation with the right tools, experience and support. Preparing for higher education is no exception.

As many high school students look toward graduation day, their parents, teachers and administrators are making it a priority to give them the resources needed to do well in college or vocational school. This can mean the difference between accomplishing goals and falling short of them.

In a recent study by the Indiana Department of Education, it was reported more Hoosier students are taking advantage of post-high school preparatory programs, including the ACT and SAT tests, Advanced Placement (AP) exams, technical education and International Baccalaureate (IB) classes. The study noted student participation in the ACT has increased by 29.2 percent since 2009 and in the SAT, 8.1 percent. AP test participation has surged by nearly 50 percent, and 20.1 percent more students are taking IB classes. There was also a 13.2 percent increase in technical education participation between the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years. Because these programs provide essential skills for after graduation, high schools that offer them add valuable experience that sets apart their students' academic backgrounds.

With programs such as Learn More Indiana's College GO! Week, families and schools are finding more resources to get their students ready for life after high school. Graduation plans, university search engines like College Navigator and tips and tricks for college applications are all worthwhile materials for mapping out the necessary steps to finding and being accepted into the right school. Understanding what a student wants in a school and what is needed to get there are

critical parts of the decision-making process.

As the cost of higher education continues to rise, it is also important for families to explore funding options before applying to college. One useful website, The Indiana College Costs Estimator, explains the financial aid process, provides calculators for determining college costs and offers scholarship search engines, among other resources. A second cost-saving option is beginning higher education at local schools, such as an Ivy Tech Community College campus, and transferring after two years. This helps students earn general education credits while paying less for them.

For students to be successful in their college journey, it is essential to have knowledge of the overall process and potential roadblocks before they begin it. High schools and families must make it a priority to prepare their students for higher education and serve as resources every step of the way.

What do you think?

VANTAGE BOARD MEETS

The Vantage Board of Education held their regular October meeting on Thursday, October 4, 2012. The minutes of the September, 2012 Board of Education meeting were approved, as well as financial statements for August, 2012. The board approved the check register, cash reconciliation worksheet, investment report and a transfer of \$1,200 from the General Fund to the GOALS account.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman introduced Vantage alumnus, Connie Boley, who presented an artistic concept for a permanent display in the student entrance display case. Solar Planet engineer, Dave Dwyer, informed the Board on the design of the green lab, an instructional component of the proposed solar project. He answered questions regarding the pending solar power purchase agreement and the ground-mount solar array design. Kaufman provided the Board with OSFC construction project updates, and commended Director Bob Vennekotter for his diligence in addressing the staff's classroom issues and the general project's construction details throughout construction. Superintendent Kaufman informed the Board that the AEP Ohio Business Incentives (formerly GridSmart) application's initial results show the new building to be 34.2% (458,842 kWh) more energy efficient than the ASHRAE 90.1 2007 standard used as a baseline. An improved thermal envelope, variable air refrigerant flow units, dedicated outside air units with heat recovery, and reduced interior lighting power provide significant savings for the district. Following final occupancy, the district should receive an incentive check for approximately \$55,000. Significant progress has been made on punch lists for phases 2 and 3. Punch lists on phases 4 and 5 are nearing 30 days. Superintendent Kaufman informed the Board that cafeteria vacancies will not be filled at the same number of hours previously required and will not include benefits. The cafeteria operation cannot sustain the costs of benefits for future employees. Two additional items were added to the agenda—a resolution to accept the donation of a Carrier 25 ton HVAC unit from Slagle Mechanical, Inc., currently installed in the swing space (bus barn) and a Community Reinvestment Agreement for Manor House of Van Wert Assisted Living. Director Bob Vennekotter presented the board with enrollment numbers by home school and program. He shared information about two Math teachers - Kelly Horstman and Sherryl Proctor, who are working with Rhodes State College on Science, Technology,

PAYNE 6th GRADERS LEARN ABOUT CELLS



Sixth graders from Mrs. Mead's Science class at Wayne Trace Payne Elementary designed their own models of plant and animal cells during Science class. Gracie, Meagan and Brooke are displaying their plant and animal cell replicas and their diagrams.

Engineering, and Math initiatives to improve transitions from high school math to technical programs. He also updated the board on upcoming events, College Night at Vantage on October 15, OGT test preparations, opening day of preschool, program activities, outstanding student Blue Chippers, and the success of the Ford Drive One 4 UR School fundraiser.

Adult Education Director Pete Prichard reported that the Medical Assisting, CCOS, and CNC Precision Machining classes are full. Adult Education Welding continues to test welders for Ft. Worth Tower's Hicksville facility. An agreement was signed between Vantage and Michigan Institute of Aviation Technology (MIAT) which will enhance Vantage's ability to provide funding for the Wind Turbine Technician program. Work has been completed in Adult Education to provide 63 students with financial aid, which is an historically high number. ABE classes have started and 45 people attended during the first week.

- In new business, the Board:
- Accepted the resignation of Vicki England, cook, effective October 1, 2012;
 - Approve the following Supplemental Contracts Tanya Bunch, Health Technology Clinical Supervisor, Mary Jane Fast, STNA check-off for Health Technology program, Angie Shellabarger, Ashley Cline, Theresa Mengerink, Kelly Horstman, Laura Stocksdale, Katie Drerup and Tillman Karl, all Virtual Learning Graders; Donovan Carnahan, Jessica Everage, Sierra Groves, Olivia Hanson, Brittany Harruff, Bethany Heiser, Ashley Heishman, Chance Hollingsworth, Alicia King,

Angel Lucas, Taylor Moore, Zechariah Price, Raymond Snyder, Jereka Spieth, Austin Steele, Amanda Carlisle, Austin Clark, Benjamin Dwyer, Cora Finrock, Victoria Girardot, Bethanee Grote, Mark Inkrott, John Parsons, Jazzlynn Smith, Julie Whitten, Ashley Wurst, Allan Zimmer, all student banquet workers; Marcia Osenga, Penny Baucom, Cindy Harting, Diane Becker, Annette Klinger, Karen McGilton, Lori Allen, Nancy Keith, Vicki Smith, Mary Ann Hall, all adult banquet workers; and Robin Burns, Banquet Supervisor;

- Employ the following list, as Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled:
 - Cindy Krizan, Health Careers, Roger Roberts, Welding, Karen McGilton, MA Computers;
 - Accept the donation of a 2001 Buick LeSabre, worth \$3,200 from Peter Niagu of Van Wert;
 - Accept the donation of a Carrier 25 ton HVAC unit, worth \$11,000 from Slagle Mechanical of Sidney, Ohio;
 - Rejected resolution to approve Community Reinvestment Act for Manor House of Van Wert Assisted Living;
 - Resolution to authorize the superintendent to negotiate a power purchase agreement with Solar Planet;
 - Recommendation to approve the artist concept presented by Connie Boley.
- The next meeting Board of Education meeting will be held Thursday, November 1, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

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COURSE RECORD SET AT PAULDING XC MEET



It was a beautiful evening for a the Paulding Cross Country meet at the Paulding Fairgrounds on Thursday, October 4. Shown above is Paulding's Travis Jones and behind him is Andrew Layman. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

Thursday, October 4th's weather made for a perfect setting for some high school cross country. Paulding played host at the PC fairgrounds against Ayersville and Edgerton.

Unfortunately Paulding took 3rd place as a team in HS boys, giving way to Ayersville taking 1st and Edgerton grabbing 2nd.

Individually, Kyle Behringer of Ayersville made a course record of 18:03; An-

drew Jones of Edgerton came in 2nd with 18:21; giving Andrew Layman of Paulding the 3rd place slot of 18:30. Other finishers for Paulding was Travis Jones in 8th, 19:10; Patrick Troyer in 14th, 20:04; Cameron Mohley in 18th, 22:53; and Drayson Wenzlick in 19th, 26:27.

In HS girls, again as a team Paulding took 3rd, Edgerton came in 1st and Ayersville took the middle slot of 2nd.

Finishing 7th for Paulding

was Shayla Shepherd in 23:03. In 10th came Sidney Salinas with 24:09. Three Paulding runners in a row came in 14th, 15th, and 16th and they were Ashley Johanns at 25:31, Sarah Nardone with 25:37 and Brooke Clemens at 25:38. Allison Harpel and Taylor Farr came in 20th and 21st with 28:24 and 28:25.

For junior high the Paulding girls did not have a team finish but Cassidy Clemens finished with a course record of 13:37. For the junior high boys, Paulding took 1st and Edgerton took 2nd (Ayersville did not have a team finish). Paulding finishers included Dayton Pracht in 1st place with a course record of 12:48. Simeon Shepherd grabbed 2nd place in 13:13, while Corbin Kohart took 3rd in 14:40. Griffin Harder snagged the 10th place slot in 17:23 to round out the finishers.

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INITIAL ADULT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT HOSTED AT MANOR HOUSE GYM

This past weekend the Manor House Gym hosted a new event. Mike Harvey, of Fair Play Volleyball, of Grabbill, IN hosted an adult volleyball tournament on the two courts in the gym. Eight adult co-ed teams participated. Teams, comprised of players from Indianapolis, Ligonier, and all over northeast Ohio and northeast Indiana, joined local players Jamie Savage, Loni Walk and Toni Winslow.

The event was hosted as a preliminary event to see how the adult game would play in the gym. Initial feedback indicates there will be future adult leagues and tournaments scheduled for men's, women's, and co-ed teams. For information or upcoming events go to: www.fairplayvolleyball.com

ODNR TO RELEASE MORE THAN 15,000 PHEASANTS STATEWIDE

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Division of Wildlife will release thousands of pheasants at 28 public hunting areas this fall. More than 15,000 ring-necked pheasants are being released to encourage pheasant hunting within the state of Ohio.

Youth-only hunts will be held October 20-21 and October 27-28 prior to the statewide season, which begins Friday, November 2.

Ring-necked pheasants will be released on Friday, October 19 and Friday, October 26 in anticipation of the small-game weekends for youth hunters. Hunters age 17 and younger can hunt statewide for rabbit, pheasant and all other legal game in season during two designated weekends, October 20-21 and October 27-28.

Ohio's small game hunting season begins on November 2, with pheasant releases to take place on Friday, November 1 and the evening of Friday, November 9. The final release of the fall is scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, November 21 to increase pheasant hunting opportunities during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Youth and regular pheasant hunting within the Ring-neck Ridge Area in Sandusky County requires a free permit from the Sandusky County Park District. For more information regarding the issuance of these free hunting permits, contact the Sandusky County Park District Ranger Office at 419-334-4495 or 419-355-706. Pheasant hunting season opens November 2 and remains open through January 6, 2013, with a daily bag limit of two rooster (male) birds. Statewide hunting hours are sunrise to sunset.

ODNR ensures a balance between the wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at ohiodnr.com.

HUNTERS PREPARE FOR OHIO'S FALL TURKEY HUNTING SEASON

Fall wild turkey hunting opens in 48 Ohio counties on Saturday, October 13, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Division of Wildlife. The season continues through Sunday, November 25.

"The warm and dry spring resulted in better nest success and brood survival this year," said ODNR Wildlife Biologist Mike Reynolds. "Although fall turkey hunting is not as popular as spring turkey hunting, more wild turkeys and a six-week season should provide ample opportunities for hunters to harvest a bird for a Thanksgiving feast."

Hunters harvested 1,375 wild turkeys during last year's fall season. According to Reynolds, Ohio currently has a population of approximately 180,000 wild turkeys. An estimated 15,000 people, not counting private landowners hunting on their own property, will enjoy Ohio's fall wild turkey season.

Only one turkey of either sex may be taken during the entire fall season, and a Fall Turkey Hunting Permit is required. Hours are one half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Shotguns using shot, crossbows and longbows are permitted. Hunting turkeys over bait is prohibited, and turkeys must be checked by 11:30 p.m. on the day the bird is shot.

All hunters must still report their harvest of turkeys, but they are no longer required to take their turkey to a check station for physical inspection. Hunters will have three options to complete the automated game check:

- Online at wildohio.com or ohiogamecheck.com.

- By calling, 877-TAG-ITOH (877-824-4864). This option is only available to those who are required to purchase a turkey permit to hunt turkeys.

- At all license agent locations

Game-check transactions will be available online and by telephone seven days a week and during holidays. Landowner hunters who are not required to purchase a fall turkey permit must use the Internet or any license agent to check their turkey. Hunters who tag their turkey as a landowner harvest cannot use the phone-in method. Game will be checked in by all authorized license sales agents. A list of these agents can be found at ohiodnr.com/wildlife/dow/regulations/vendor.aspx or by calling 800-WILD-LIFE.

ODNR Division of Wildlife advises turkey hunters to wear hunter orange clothing when entering, leaving or moving through hunting ar-

reas in order to remain visible to others. Go to ohiodnr.com/wildlife/dow/regulations/hunting_turkey.aspx to view the counties that are open for hunting fall wild turkey.

Additional details regarding fall wild turkey hunting can be found in Publication 85, Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations, or online at wildohio.com.

PANTHERS PARTICIPATE IN KALIDA XC INVITE

On September 29th the Paulding panthers competed in the Kalida Invitational. The varsity girls ran first for the day. The team finished 10th overall. Sidney Salinas ran a 22:37. Shayla Shepherd ran a 22:38. Brooke Clemens ran a 23:43. Ashley Johanns ran a 24:01. Sarah Nardone ran a 25:39. Allison Harpel ran a personal best of 27:15. Taylor Farr ran a 27:16.

The varsity boys competed next and finished 9th overall. Travis Jones ran a 18:53. Andrew Layman ran a 18:59. Patrick Troyer ran a 20:35. Cameron Mohley ran a personal best of 22:06. Drayson Wenzlick ran a 26:20.

Junior high finished the day. Dayton Pracht finished 6th overall with a 13:01. Simeon Shepherd finished 11th overall with a personal best of 13:17. Corbin Kohart ran a 14:35. Shawn Jackson finished with a personal best of 16:05. Cassidy Clemens finished 2nd overall with a personal best of 13:58.

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The Toledo Blade, Toledo's oldest continuing business, enthusiastically endorses challenger Angela Zimmann's race for Ohio's newly competitive Fifth U.S. Congressional District, reversing the publication's previous endorsement of her opponent, Congressman Bob Latta.

In the endorsement, which was published Tuesday morning, the Toledo Blade praises Zimmann for her "ideas, energy, and a commitment to overcoming the stalemate in Congress... she offers pragmatic ideas and a willingness to work with people outside her party to carry them out."

The endorsement continues, "Angela Zimmann is the best candidate to help move

the district, and the country, forward."

The Toledo Blade, which in the 2010 election endorsed Congressman Bob Latta, criticizes the Republican incumbent for his extreme partisanship and votes against Northwest Ohio's economy, including Latta's vote against the auto rescue loans.

"Mr. Latta touts his conservative credentials, but the nation needs neither 'conservative' nor 'liberal' ideas and policies, nor politicians who are bound to them," the Blade wrote. "It needs innovative ideas that work, and elected officials who carry them out in a bipartisan way."

Zimmann, a Lutheran pastor and professor at Bowling Green State University, says the Blade's endorsement signifies that Ohio's Fifth District is ready for new leader-

ship in Congress.

"I am honored to receive the Toledo Blade's endorsement. The Blade recognizes that our focus on putting our hardworking families and Northwest Ohio's industries before partisanship is what this district needs," Zimmann said.

Since announcing her candidacy, Zimmann has been hard at work traveling all fourteen counties included in the newly drawn Fifth Congressional District, making constituents in the district her top priority.

Once a Republican stronghold, Ohio's new Fifth Congressional District has become a highly competitive seat, giving Zimmann the opportunity to unseat her opponent and bring moderate, sensible representation to Northwest Ohio.

WHAT DOES INDIANA MEAN TO YOU? SEN. KRUSE ENCOURAGES 4TH GRADERS TO JOIN STATEHOOD DAY ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST, CELEBRATION

State Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn) urges local fourth-grade students to celebrate Indiana's 196th birthday by entering the annual Statehood Day essay contest and answering the question, "What does Indiana mean to you?" before October 29.

Local fourth grade classrooms are also invited to attend Statehood Day celebrations in Indianapolis on Tuesday, December 11. Space is limited and classrooms must be registered. Teachers can contact Capitol Tour Office Coordinator Jennifer Hodge at 317-233-5293 or jhodge@idoa.in.gov to sign up.

Indiana became the nation's 19th state on December 11, 1816.

"This is an excellent way for fourth-grade students to explore Indiana's unique background," Kruse said. "Every Hoosier is part of what makes our state great today, and I hope participating students will learn how they fit into Indiana's heritage and future."

Kruse added that the essay competition is open to any fourth-grade public, private or home-schooled student and is easy to enter. The following rules apply:

- Essays must include the student's name, teacher's or parent's name, school's name and contact information, including address and telephone number.
- Entries must range from 100 to 400 words, handwritten or typed.
- Students should convey what living in the state of Indiana means to them and highlight things that make them glad to be a Hoosier.

• Essays must be post-marked no later than Monday, Oct. 29. Mailed essays should be sent to: Indiana Center for the Book, 315 West Ohio St., Indianapolis, IN 46202

Judges will choose first, second, third and fourth place winners. The first place winner will be invited to read his or her essay during the December 11th celebration at the Statehouse. For more information about the Statehood Day programs, visit www.in.gov/idoa/2774.htm.

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RAINY AUTUMN NIGHT FOR HS FOOTBALL



Wayne Trace went to Hicksville Friday night October 5. The Raiders delivered another strong beating with a win over the Aces 22-7. Shown above is Wayne Trace junior Jake Gerber from the Friday night game. More pictures at www.archerpics.com



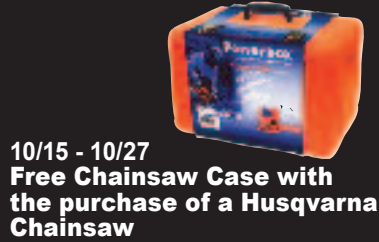
Antwerp went to Tinora October 5. It was cold and rainy! The Rams won against Antwerp 59-8. Shown above is junior Derek Smalley scoring the only touchdown for the Archers. More pictures at www.archerpics.com

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WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 10/1/12

These are the Woodburn City Council meeting minutes from October 1, 2012. Meeting called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Hoepfner, Councilman Abbott, Renner, Gerig, Voirol, Treasurer Sarrazine, Utility Superintendent Walls were in attendance. Councilman Rice - Absent.

Resident requested water adjustment because they do not believe they used the amount of water indicated on their bill. After discussion it was decided to wait a month and see what the usage is on average. A resident pointed out that the house on the corner of Hickory and Bull Rapids has not fixed the hole in their backyard. Office will issue a certified letter stating that if it is not fixed within 10 days the city will fix and bill the resident.

MAYOR:
Randall W. Duhamell has been hired as Police Chief. He has the car at home to clean. He has been familiarizing himself with the community. Cars are scheduled to be marked on Thursday.

Councilman Abbott and Gerig have come in to discuss the outside water rate. After discussion Councilman Abbott made a motion to have the outside rate stay as is until the next water rate study. Councilman Voirol 2nd, all approved, motion carried.

We have three quotes from Engineering firms to do the engineering for the water main project. Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. \$38,000, Wessler Engineering \$49,500.00 and GAI \$41,300. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Gerig to hire GAI, Councilman Abbott 2nd; 3 Councilmen voted yes; Councilman Voirol abstained; motion carried.

TREASURER:
1st reading of ordinance G-12-1205 (police reserve) was read by title only, Councilman Renner made a motion to approve, Abbott 2nd, all approved, motion carried.

Councilman Voirol made a motion to read by title only Ordinance G-12-1203 - Water Rate Hike, Councilman Gerig 2nd, all approved, motion carried.

Councilman Renner made a motion to read in full 3rd reading of Ordinance G-112-1203 - Rate Hike, Councilman Abbott 2nd. All approved, motion carried.

After 3rd and final reading of Ordinance G-12-1203 - Rate Hike Councilman Abbott made a motion to approve, Voirol 2nd, all approved, motion carried.

Warrants were read, Councilman Voirol made a motion to approve, Councilman Gerig 2nd, all approved, motion carried.

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Crosby Excavating bill for retaining was presented, Councilman Voirol made a motion to pay in full, Councilman Renner 2nd, all approved, motion carried.

At last meeting it was decided that in order to get the meeting minutes on the website and in the paper sooner we would process the meeting minutes the next day and council would have the opportunity to sign off on the meeting minutes. We implemented that procedure. Councilman Voirol made a motion to approve meeting minutes, Councilman Gerig 2nd, all approved, motion carried.

Resident at 5206 N State Rd 101 was notified that mosquitoes had tested positive for West Nile in his yard and to take precautions. I will be attending a State Board of Accounts called meeting on 10/18/2012.

SUPERINTENDENT WALLS:

Would like to resolve the issue of the service contracts for the generators. Water leak in the Hamptons fixed and we were losing 30,000 gallons a day. There is a leak on Woodburn Road that will be fixed on Wednesday. Mayor told Ryan to proceed with getting the tires on the trucks. Ryan stated that they are getting the leaf wagon ready. Office to put in days of pickup in the paper before it begins.

COUNCILMAN ABBOTT:

I would like to thank the New Haven Police Chief - Steve Poiry for all the help securing our new Police Chief. I would also like to thank the residents who came in for the rate hike hearing. Even when things were said that they did not want to hear everyone listened and it was recognized and appreciated.

COUNCILMAN RENNEN:

No report

COUNCILMAN RICE:

Absent

COUNCILMAN GERIG:

Councilman Voirol and I have reviewed the covenants for the Industrial Park and have concluded that the paper Schrader's made up covers it all.

COUNCILMAN VOIROL:

Questioned Superintendent Walls about number street signs. Ryan to check into cost. Also, talked with the new Police Chief about construction he would like to have done at the Police Station. Police Chief will bring in estimates for approval.

Councilman Voirol made a motion to adjourn, Councilman Abbott 2nd, all approved, motion carried. 8:30 p.m.

Notes prepared by Holly Sarrazine - Clerk Treasurer.

VOLLEYBALL RESULTS



Antwerp took on Montpelier October 4 for a home Volleyball match and won in 3 sets. The Lady Archers made the win look easy by nearly doubling the opposing score every match. Shown above are Antwerp seniors Tara Richhart and Alexis Jones block the shot. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

AUDITIONS SOUGHT FOR OHIO HAS TALENT

Auditions are being sought for the sixth annual Ohio Has Talent! show in Van Wert, OH, featuring area and statewide acts competing for cash prizes.

Auditions will be held November 2nd and 3rd to select the 18 acts that will perform in the February 9, 2013 show at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert. Audition applications are due October 26 and are posted at www.comhealthpro.org/Ohio_has_Talent.php.

Winners from the show will be awarded prizes of: \$500 - first place, \$250 - second place, \$100 - third place based on audience votes.

Proceeds from the show will benefit a nonprofit hospice. For more information contact Kim Mason at 419-238-0200.

CORRECTION

There was a name misspelling in the Wayne Trace Honors Awards posted in last week's West Bend News. Under the Third Honors (3.0-3:29) section, Haleigh Garner's first name was spelled incorrectly.

OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD AT THE NEXT PAULDING AFTER HOURS

What's the reason behind the OZ Business After Hours' theme? Last week the Paulding Carnegie Library hosted the Wizard of Oz in the children's room. The library is all decked out like the Land of Oz. So, make sure you make time in your schedule to mingle and network on October 11th, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Paulding Library.

WOODLAN PROPELS TO ACAC VB CHAMPIONSHIP



Woodlan junior Burgundy Price passes with a perfect bump in their ACAC semi-final volleyball match-up against Adams Central. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net.

By: Jeff Abbott

Tori Bontrager had 14 kills and 3 blocks to help propel Woodlan past Adams Central in the ACAC girls volleyball tournament and advance the Warriors to the championship match. Lauren Braaten had 2 serve aces and 13 assists in the match. In the championship match, Woodlan methodically put away Leo in straight games to win the tournament. The Warriors countered every move Leo tried to make in the match to beat the Lions 25-22 and 25-12. Hannah Robbins had 10 kills and 2 aces and Rachael Sowles added a pair of aces in the match

ACAC VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The ACAC volleyball tournaments were hosted at Heritage High School.

Tuesday, October 2:

Opening Round - Adams Central vs. Southern Wells: 25-8AC, 25-7AC; Woodlan vs. Heritage: 25-12W, 25-16W; Bluffton vs. Garrett: 25-11B, 25-22B; Leo vs. South Adams: 25-20L, 22-25SA, 25-9L

Thursday, October 4:

Semi-Finals - Woodlan vs. Adams Central: 25-15W, 23-25AC, 25-23W; Bluffton vs. Leo: 17-25L, 10-25L

Championship Match - Woodlan vs. Leo: 25-22W, 25-12W

U.S. SPORTSMEN'S ALLIANCE BESTOWS TWO PATRIOT AWARDS

The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance (USSA) awarded one of its highest honors on two longtime sportsmen's advocates. The honor—the Patriot Award—is awarded to people who have contributed throughout their lives to the protection and advancement of sportsmen's rights. The recipients were recognized before 1,000 of their fellow hunters, anglers and trappers at the 16th annual U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance "Save Our Heritage" Rally in Columbus, Ohio.

The first honoree, Michael J. Budzik, is a former Chief of the Ohio Division of Wildlife. During his tenure, the state opened up hunting on Sundays and defeated a ballot issue to ban mourning dove hunting. Since his retirement, Mike has volunteered for USSA and many candidates for office that support the right to hunt, fish and trap. He has been instrumental in fostering dialogue with governors, senators and candidates for the White House.

The second recipient was Congressman Bob Latta. Latta, who currently represents Northwest Ohio's 5th district in Washington, has a 100% pro-sportsmen voting record in Congress, and when he previously served in Ohio's Senate and House of Representatives. Bob has been



The Lady Bulldogs took on Dekalb at home Tuesday, October 2. The game started well for New Haven but soon ended up in the Baron's court. Shown above is senior Miranda Braun slaming the ball over the net. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

instrumental in protecting hunting license dollars from being used to bail out budget deficits, and most recently voted to protect, and open, federal lands to hunting access. Impervious to the partisanship that paralyzes Washington D.C., when it comes to sportsmen's rights, Latta has never wavered.

"The Patriot Award is

not awarded every year," explained USSA President and CEO Bud Pidgeon. "It is reserved for only those few who have gone far beyond the call of duty in defense of our great outdoor heritage. We are thrilled to give the award to Mike and Bob, and look forward to our work with them on behalf of sportsmen."

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MUDDY MESS AT PAULDING HS HOMECOMING



The field was slippery at Friday's football game. The game happened to be Paulding's homecoming also. Paulding took on Allen East. The first half went in AE's favor which eventually game them the win, but Paulding pulled a few stops and ended up making headway on the scoreboard. The final score was 35-18. Shown above is junior Cody Jarrell intercepting the pass which led to the first touchdown for Paulding. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

LIONS JUST GET BY WARRIORS AT BALL STATE

By: Jeff Abbott

A fumble in their own end zone recovered by the Leo defense was just enough for the Lions to get by Woodlan 25-20 in ACAC football played at Ball State University in Muncie on a Saturday afternoon. Leo scored first on a touchdown pass from for 27 yards and the PAT put the Lions up 7-0. Woodlan took the lead, getting a scoring strike of 66 yards from Corbin Smith to TJ Sewell and the Warriors converted the two-point conversion for a 8-7 lead. A Leo punt pinned the Warriors deep and the Lions' defense recovered a loose ball in the Woodlan end zone for a touchdown and Leo took lead at 15-8 following the two-point conversion. A 16 yard touchdown pass play from Waters to Busche late in the second quarter built the lead to 22-8 at halftime. Woodlan trimmed the lead in the third quarter when Corbin Smith connected with Greg White for a 16 yard touchdown pass and the Warriors trailed 22-14. A field goal in the fourth quarter pushed the Leo lead to a 2 possession advantage at 25-14. Woodlan picked off a Leo pass and ran it back 20 yards for a score to get to 25-20, but the Leo defense kept the Warriors from getting closer and pick up the conference win for the Lions.

Score by the quarter:

Leo - 7 15 0 3=25

Woodlan - 8 0 6 6=20

L - Stephens, 27yd pass from Sam Waters (Ferran kick)

W - TJ Sewell, 66yd pass from Corbin Smith (Greg White pass from Corbin Smith)

L - Munson, fumble recovery in end zone (Leiter run)

L - Busche, 16yd pass from Sam Waters (Ferran kick)

W - Greg White, 16yd pass from Corbin Smith (pass failed)

L - Ferran, 23yd field goal

W - Greg White, 20yd interception return (pass failed)

ANTWERP HS BOYS TAKE 2ND IN HOME XC MEET

Despite the rainy afternoon on October 2nd, the high school cross country teams of Holgate, Tinora, Hicksville and Antwerp met up at Riverside Park in Antwerp to run.

In junior high, Drake Gerken of Antwerp finished in 4th with 13:31; Matthew Dooley took 6th with 14:01; Evan Hilton snagged 7th with 14:04; Brandon Laney finished in 8th at 14:31; and Josh Ehlinger landed 10th at 15:38. Brooke Hatlevig and Kenzie Hart finished for the girls at 14:34 and 16:47.

In high school boys, Hicksville raced to the 1st place slot, followed by Antwerp in 2nd, Tinora in 3rd and Holgate in 4th.

Individually, Sam Williamson ran across the finish line in 2nd at 17:28 followed by Colin Krick in 3rd at 18:08. A couple minutes away in was Chase Gerken at 20:02; Isaac Reinhart at 20:20, Matt Reinhart in 21:38, Jerett Godeke with 22:45, Mason Gerken at 22:53, and Ryan Hatlevig with 23:41.

For the high school girls, Bailee Sigman finished first for the Archers at 22:38, Kayla Burns made 24:53 and Maggie Reinhart landed a time of 31:32.

EARLY VOTERS IN LUCAS COUNTY REPORT RECEIVING WRONG BALLOT

October 2nd marked the first day that Ohio voters could cast their ballots for the November election, but early reports indicate that some Lucas County voters aren't receiving the proper ballot.

According to Kurt Young, General Counsel and Ohio Democratic Party Observer for Early Voting, around 8:30

Tuesday morning a voter in Maumee, which was recently redistricted into the Fifth Congressional District, was given a ballot that included Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, who is running for the Ninth Congressional District.

The Maumee voter's ballot also included the Toledo Public School Levy. Neither Congresswoman Kaptur nor the TPS Levy should have appeared on the Maumee ballot.

After receiving notification, the Zimmann campaign quickly responded, joining voter protection groups and the Ohio Democratic Party to alert Dan DeAngelis, Deputy Director of the Lucas County Board of Elections, of the improper ballot.

Zimmann's campaign manager, Dan Lipner, urged the importance of the Board of Elections to ensure that voters are receiving the proper ballot.

"We have the responsibility of making sure that our elections are fair and that Ohio's voters can cast their votes with confidence knowing that they are being given the correct ballot," Lipner said.

Although this is the only confirmed case of an improper ballot being issued, which was likely caused by employee error, the Ohio Democratic Party and Zimmann's campaign are monitoring other polling locations to ensure correct ballot

distribution.

Due to Ohio's most recent redistricting, many voters have expressed confusion and frustration in determining their respective districts, including Ohio's newly competitive Fifth U.S. Congressional District.

LATTA AWARDED WITH U.S. SPORTSMEN'S ALLIANCE TOP HONOR

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"It is a great honor to receive the Patriot Award. Throughout my entire life and during my tenure in public service, it has been very important to work to preserve and advance the values, traditions, and rights of sportsmen and sportswomen in the United States," said Latta.

Congressman Latta currently serves at the Vice-Chairman for the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus and has continually supported legislation to promote and protect the betterment of sportsmen and sportswomen alike.

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meet Sammy Safe Eyes and listen to his safety song! We made some new friends and had a great time learning about our eyes!

Shown here with staff members Mrs. Debbie Tope, Dr. Larry Tope and Mrs. Elizabeth Dasher (a preschool

mom - yay!) are Hailey Clem, Grady Arend, Landon Dasher and Annabella Huber. These children are in the morning class of three and young four year olds with Mrs. Cheri Collins and Mrs. Ann Miller.

ODNR DIVISION OF WILDLIFE PROVIDES MANY YOUTH HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

Ohio's youth hunters will have several opportunities to learn and improve their hunting skills this fall. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Division of Wildlife offers many ways for families to hunt together and create lasting traditions in the state's outdoors.

Waterfowl - Youngsters age 15 or younger who wish to pursue waterfowl may do so statewide on public and private lands, on Saturday and Sunday, Sept 29-30 in the Lake Erie Marsh Zone and North Zone. On November 23-24, the South Zone of Ohio will be open for young hunters. Hunters 15 years of age and younger must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult 18 years or older (no more than two youths per adult). More details regarding waterfowl zones, bag limits and licensing requirements can be found in Publication 5295, 2012-2013 Waterfowl Hunting Seasons on wildohio.com.

Small game - Hunters age 17 and younger may hunt statewide for rabbit, pheasant and all other legal game in season during two designated weekends, October 20-21 and October 27-28. Quail also may be taken in 16 designated open counties.

Pheasant releases for young hunters will occur prior to these dates on the following state wildlife areas: Resthaven, Oxbow, Berlin, Killdeer Plains, Camp Belden, Grand River, Spencer, Wellington, Delaware, Dillon, Caesar Creek, Rush Run, Fallsville, Tiffin River and Darke, as well as Charlemont Metropark in Lorain County and Ring Neck Ridge in Sandusky County. A permit is required to hunt the Ring Neck Ridge Area. The free permit can be obtained from the Sandusky County Park Office by calling 419-334-4495 or the Sandusky County Park District Office at 419-637-2900.

White-tailed deer - A youth deer-gun season will be open statewide, November 17-18. Hunters holding a valid youth hunting license and youth deer permit may take deer of either sex during this season in accordance with existing bag and deer-zone limits. Young hunters, regardless of age, must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult, 18 years or older, when hunting during this season.

Wild turkey - It is not too early to begin planning for the spring youth wild turkey hunting season for 2013. A statewide spring youth wild turkey season will be offered on Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21. This hunt is open to youths age 17 and younger.

Controlled hunts - The ODNR Division of Wildlife also offers several controlled hunts for young hunters throughout the season. Applications to participate in these hunts are accepted June 1-July 31. Applications are available at the division's five district offices and on the division's website. The applications may also be submitted by mail or online. There are controlled youth hunts for white-tailed deer,

HIGHLAND TERRACE 'MUFFINS WITH MOMS' A HUGE SUCCESS!



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wild turkey and waterfowl.

To participate in the upcoming youth hunts, all young hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult and must abide by all regular hunting hours and bag limits. A valid 2012-13 youth hunting license, along with the appropriate permits, is required. For complete details on all of Ohio's youth hunting seasons, refer to the 2012-2013 Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations booklet, call 800-WILDLIFE (800-945-3543) or go online to wildohio.com.

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GARDEN SPIDERS

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

Our granddaughters were visiting recently and the oldest wanted something interesting to do. I suggested finding the two large spiders and their webs in our circle drive flower bed. So, our granddaughter and her mother decided to see if they could find these large spiders I had seen recently while weeding the flowerbed. These colorful large spiders were easy to see and find.

The exciting thing about the excursion was the number of spiders found in the flowerbed. What started out as two spiders became an adventure as the number of spiders grew to five, then six and finally eight. These large black and yellow colored spiders were about 1 inch long and hang head down in the center of the web which has a bold zigzag pattern that is built into their web.

Next, we went online to learn more about these spiders. These large spiders taking up residence in the flowerbed are called black and yellow garden spiders and are the females of the species. The males are much smaller and quite inconspicuous. Often the males are found lingering on the edge of the female's web.

They usually build a new web every night by recycling the previous night's web.

Towards evening, the spider will eat the old web, rest for an hour or so, and then spin a new web in the same general location. Most orb weavers spin spiraling sticky threads on non-sticky support lines that radiate outward from the center hub. The actual catching area is the sticky spiraling part of the web. As the spider waits for prey to get caught, it sits in the hub with head down.

Garden spiders have poor vision and locate their prey by feeling the vibration and tension of the threads in their web and then quickly, by turning the captive with their legs, use silk to wrap the victim. The prey is bitten before being carried to the center of the web or to a corner where it is eaten. Anything inedible is cut out of the web and dropped to the ground.

We usually do not notice garden spiders in the landscape until late summer and early fall when they have matured. Earlier in the year young immature garden spiders build smaller webs in low vegetation. As they grow, their webs get bigger.

Although they are large and intimidating, their bite is only dangerous to people who experience severe allergic reactions to insect and spider bites. Even then, the bite would likely cause no more discomfort for most individuals than a wasp or bee sting.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE @ THE DAY OF CARING!



Vantage Student Ambassadors (front): Eric Durre (Wayne Trace), Austin Meyer (Ottoville), Cora Finfrock (Crestview), (back): Madison Braun (Van Wert), Dylan Lawson (Paulding), Bethanee Grote (Ottoville), and Samantha Stose (Delphos St. Johns) unload a truckload of food delivered to the Salvation Army Food Drive.



Vantage Medical Office Management students and their teacher, Paula Getz, converge in the same grocery store aisle as they shop for Day of Caring Food Drive items.



I: Vantage senior Health Technology students Jesse Bowyer (Van Wert) and Megan Martin (Delphos St. Johns) take a break from their bloodmobile registration duties to hang with the Red Cross Blood Drop, Vantage's own Mandie Tennant (Lincolnvlew).

The 14th Annual Van Wert County United Way "Day of Caring" was held on Friday, September 22, 2012. Vantage Career Center is proud to have been part of such a successful day. More than 75 Vantage students participated to help make a difference.

The senior Medical Office Management students and their teacher, Ms. Paula Getz, purchased groceries for the Vantage food drive from money collected from the Vantage high school programs. In all, over \$1,000 was donated. Vantage students and staff were able to contribute over 3,000 non-perishable food items to the Salvation Army this year.

Providing some much-needed muscle to load and unload the donated food on and off the collection trucks were students from the Vantage Building and Grounds program and their teacher aide, Mrs. Brenda Wurst.

The Vantage Student Ambassadors, along with teacher aide Mrs. Nancy Keith and American Studies teacher Mr. Tony Unverferth worked at the Salvation Army Food

Drive, helping to unload, sort, count, box and store donated food items from around the county.

Mrs. Reesa Rohrs and her senior Health Careers students volunteered their expertise at the bloodmobile held at Trinity Friends Church Family Life Center. Using what they've learned from class and their practical experiences, they performed duties on the bloodmobile floor and in the kitchen and canteen to assist the American Red Cross and insure that things went as smoothly as possible.

Although Mrs. Robin Burns and the Culinary Arts class stayed at school, they participated in the day's activities by preparing delicious chicken noodle soup (with homemade noodles) and potato soup for the Red Cross workers and the volunteers at the bloodmobile.

Community service projects provide a real opportunity for students to learn how to work well with others. Being able to give help without expecting anything back in return, is an important lesson in life.

ANGELA ZIMMANN EARNS HIGHEST GRADE FOR NON-INCUMBENT FROM THE NRA

Angela Zimmann, Democratic challenger for Ohio's newly competitive Fifth U.S. Congressional District, recently received an AQ ranking from the NRA, signifying a strong pro-Second Amendment stance.

The AQ ranking, which Zimmann received Monday, is the highest grade a non-incumbent candidate can earn.

Zimmann is one of only three Democratic candidates from Ohio running for U.S. Congress to receive

the AQ rating, staying true to Zimmann's message that she does not walk the party line.

"Support for the Second Amendment and gun rights is part of our national heritage," Zimmann said. "I'm proud that my support of our Second Amendment has been recognized."

Zimmann's opponent, incumbent Congressman Bob Latta, frequently touts his A+ rating from the NRA as an advantage against his opponents, including Robin Weirauch. However, with Zimmann's AQ rating, Latta no longer holds the same leverage on gun rights as in previous races.

FSA REMINDS PRODUCERS THAT ALL COUNTIES IN OHIO WERE DESIGNATED AS PRIMARY OR CONTIGUOUS NATURAL DISASTER AREAS

Steve Maurer, the State Executive Director for the USDA Ohio Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers about the U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretarial designation on September 5, 2012. All of Ohio's counties were designated as primary or contiguous agricultural natural disaster areas due to drought and excessive heat that occurred from February 1, 2012 and continuing.

This gives all qualified farm operators in the designated areas the opportunity to file an application for low interest emergency (EM) loans from USDA's FSA, provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of

their actual losses. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.


USDA FSA has a variety of programs, in addition to the emergency loan program, to help eligible farmers recover from adversity. Other programs available to assist farmers include the Emergency Conservation Program, Federal Crop Insurance, and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

Interested farmers may contact their local FSA county office for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs.

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Pictured here are the Auglaize-Brown class of 1944 (l-r): Madonna Breckler, Jerry Sholl, Helen Maddock, Don McClure, and Helen Spitalne.

The Auglaize-Brown class of 1944 held their annual gathering on October 1, 2012 at Uncle Fudd's Diner in Melrose, OH. It has been 68 years since the class graduated from Auglaize-Brown High School

in Oakwood, OH. There were originally 23 members of the graduating class. There is a total of nine living members as of today. They plan on meeting next year on the first Monday in October.

LATTA RECEIVES NRA ENDORSEMENT & TOP RATING

The National Rifle Association Political Victory Fund (NRA-PVF) has announced the endorsement of Congressman Bob Latta for the general election in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Along with the endorsement, the NRA-PVF recognized Congressman Latta with an "A+" rating for his pro Second Amendment voting record.

"Bob Latta has a proven record of defending the Second Amendment," said Chris W. Cox, chairman of NRA-PVF. "Because of his strong support of our rights, Latta has earned an "A+" rating and

endorsement from the NRA-PVF."

"As a staunch advocate of the Second Amendment in the U.S. Constitution, I am honored to receive this endorsement and will continue to defend a citizen's right to keep and bear arms. The Second Amendment is a fundamental American right that allows us to protect ourselves, and it has also allowed for recreational communities to flourish, such as the hunting and the sportsmen communities, which create American jobs and support our economy," Congressman Latta stated.

The NRA-PVF issues candidates ratings and endorsements based on a non-partisan ranking system that reviews voting records, public statements, and responses to the candidate questionnaire. The A+ rating is the highest attainable rating that a candidate can receive. Congressman Latta has been endorsed by the NRA-PVF in previous elections and is one of four Congressional candidates in Ohio who received the A+ rating.

THE MEADOWS OF KALIDA HOSTS SPECIAL NIGHT FOR FAMILIES OF RESIDENTS

The Meadows of Kalida, provider of senior living and health services, recently hosted a Family Night that all participants enjoyed.

Each year, the campus offers an art competition among its residents called Living Colors, in which residents are encouraged to express their feelings through the use of watercolor painting. For the past year, residents have partnered with Awakening Minds to create their wonderful paintings. Finally, residents at The Meadows Kalida were given the chance to showcase their best art works at a recent Family Night. On the day of the event, families and friends enjoyed the art displays while entertainment was provided by Charlie Doecker.

Wine was provided by Hillside Winery in Gilboa and VINO Bellissimo in Lima which added to the overall ambience of the evening, making the Family Night and Art Walk a success!

"Our commitment to a

servant leadership culture and our dedication to providing exceptional customer service that exceeds our customers' expectations are the cornerstones of our operating philosophy," commented Stephanie Clark, Executive Director at The Meadows of Kalida. "Being able to provide our residents and families with meaningful and engaging events where they can come together to enjoy each other and our staff is very important to us. Everything at a The Meadows of Kalida is focused on meeting our goals of home, hospitality and health-care."

The Meadows of Kalida offers a full range of personalized senior living services, from assisted living, to skilled nursing and rehabilitative services. Our senior living services are delivered by staff specially trained to honor, and enhance the lives of our residents through compassion and commitment to exceeding customer expectations. To learn more about The Meadows of Kalida, please visit www.meadowsofkalida.com.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 9/24/12

This 24th day of September, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

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

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Warrants documented as 191688 through 191763 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUESTS:

Brian Gorrell, Ohio CSEA Directors' Assoc. Training, Columbus OH - October 1 & 2, 2012

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 September 19, 2012, Warrant numbers 191508 through 191639 in the amount of \$31,982.44; 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.

IN THE MATTER OF CREATING AND APPROPRIATING TO NEW EXPENSE LINES IN FUND 282 - COMMON PLEAS COURT SPECIAL PROJECTS:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create the and appropriate to the follow-

ing expense line items in the Common Pleas Court Special Projects, Fund 282:

282-001-0002 - Salaries - \$2,800.00

282-001-00003 - Medicare - \$40.00

282-001-00004 - Workers' Compensation - \$0

282-001-00005 - PERS - \$400.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 045):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2012 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the CDBG Fund (Fund 045):

045-001-00001 CDBG/CDBG Expenses

AMOUNT: \$29,078.27

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 182):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2012 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Capital Improvements Fund (Fund 182):

182-001-00001 Capital Improvements/Capital Improvements

AMOUNT: \$31,300.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-003):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2012 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-016-00007/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings & Grounds/Contract Services

TO: 001-003-00014/General Fund/County Treasurer/Bank Fees

AMOUNT: \$195.59

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS - NORTH & EAST ELEVATION ON THE PAULDING COUNTY COURTHOUSE:

On September 10, 2012, the Traditions Group submitted a proposal for emergency repairs of the north and east elevation on the Paulding County Courthouse. Now, therefore the Paulding County Board of Commissioners did accept the proposal from the Traditions Group for emergency repairs of the north and east elevation on the Paulding County Courthouse in the amount of \$8,880.00, with payments to be made as follows: \$2,960.00 due upon mobilization, \$2,960.00 due when project is half completed, and \$2,960.00 due upon completion of the project.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Jane Gray, WPAU radio station - Ms. Gray met with the Commissioner for her weekly interview. Commissioner Pieper discussed the work currently being done on the Courthouse. The Traditions Group has finished the emergency roof repair project and will now begin weatherization work on the Courthouse tower. Tin flashing, tuck pointing, repairing the chimney brick, and caulking and painting the windows will be the project's main focus. The Traditions Group specializes in repairing and restoring historical buildings. Commissioner Burkley commented the Flat Rock Fall Festival was well attended and mother nature certainly cooperated by providing beautiful weather for the weekend activities. The Festival provides an excellent opportunity for local entrepreneurs and non-profit organizations to earn money for their cause. Mr. Burkley noted the Fall Festival works with the Paulding County Agricultural Society for the use of the fairgrounds. The Paulding County Commissioners offer the use of the OSU Extension Building at no charge. Mr. Pieper noted the Paulding County Dog Warden is reviewing the applications for Assistant Dog Warden. The Commissioners await her recommendation before taking any further action. Mr. Burkley commented on the new awning at the Board of Election building, saying, "It needed a face lift." Jane Gray mentioned the tree assist program at Paulding County Soil and Water Conservation District. She commented several county residents took advantage of monetary assistance in replacing some trees that were either damaged by the wind storm or insect infested.

SEN. KRUSE DISCUSSES EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT WITH ISU LEADERS

Indiana State Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn) recently met with Indiana State University (ISU) officials to discuss utilizing the institution's resources to improve education in Indiana.

Kruse and fellow state senator Jim Banks (R-Columbia City) reviewed proposed projects with ISU President Daniel Bradley and Executive Director of Government Relations Greg Goode. One of these ideas would create the "Principals Academy of Indiana," a leadership workshop for public school principals.

"This would be a joint effort between university staff members and principals," Kruse said. "Participating school leaders would have the opportunity to learn from others in their field, sharing ideas and best practices for education administration. This could be especially useful for principals of low-performing schools who are looking for ways to help their students succeed."

The legislators and university officials also discussed reinventing the Bayh College of Education through the introduction of new teaching methods for education students that would provide these future educators with essential, up-to-date classroom tools.

"This is the best time to reach our teachers," Kruse said. "Helping them hone first-class teaching skills early in their college careers will better prepare them when they stand in front of a classroom for the first time. We can build on Indiana's tradition of great teaching by introducing these skills as soon as possible."

Kruse is currently serving as co-chairperson of the Select Commission on Education, created by the General Assembly to review strengths and weaknesses in Indiana's public education system prior to the 2013 legislative session. He said the goal of this committee and the meeting with ISU is to improve communication between the General Assembly and education leaders throughout the state.

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"STRONGER THAN A BULLY" ASSEMBLY AT LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



Oakwood and Paulding Elementary Schools were host to an assembly on September 26-27 called "Stronger Than a Bully." This assembly was sponsored by Cooper Farms. Pictured above is Mr. David Mitchell, the presenter, with Heather Cooper represent-

ing Cooper Farms and several students from Oakwood Elementary. The students are (from left) Elizabeth Pollock, Nicholas Gee, David Speiser, Hannah Van Scoder, Ashleigh Densmore, and Kacy Hornish.

PAULDING COUNTY'S ROBOTICS TEAM COMPETE AT 4-H ENGINEERING NATIONALS

By: Staci Hiler, 4-H Program Assistant

Paulding County 4-H Robotics team competed at the 62nd National 4-H Engineering Challenge held September 23-25 at the West Lafayette, Indiana. The first Robotics team from Ohio was made up of four Paulding County 4-H Members. The team consisted of Gary Klopfenstein,

Matthew Klopfenstein, Arlen Stoller and Alec Kuhn. There were 14 members from Ohio that competed at this National Competition.

The team members spent a lot of time preparing for this competition. VEX robot kits were used in the competition and the teams had approximately 24 hours to design and construct their robot to do specific tasks. Gary and Matthew Klopfenstein placed first in the Asynchronous challenge where they had to program their robot to do a specific task, where they had to

grab a tape measure and get the distance of how far they had to program the robot to go. The team whose robot was closest to the correct distance after three attempts won the competition.

Arlen Stoller and Alec Kuhn took third place in the Remote Control portion of the contest. Their robot had to pick up billiard balls and drop them down planks of pipes. The team did a great job at the competition and was glad to be representing Team Ohio, as well as, the Paulding County 4-H Program. They said this was a wonderful opportunity and they enjoyed getting the chance to meet new people from different states.

LATTA STATEMENT ON SEPTEMBER JOBS REPORT

The Labor Department released its latest job numbers, reporting the unemployment rate at 7.8 percent. 114,000 new jobs were added during the month of September, while manufacturing lost 16,000 jobs. Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) issued the following statement on the September jobs report:

"Today's unemployment report is far from the 150,000 new jobs we need to create each month just to keep pace with the population growth. This month's report showed the jobs number for those underemployed and those who have given up looking for work remained at 14.7 percent, while the latest economic report showed a decline in economic growth by 1.3 percent. President Obama's economic policies continue to weaken our economy, putting us in the slowest path to recovery in 70 years.

"Each time I visit with small business owners in Ohio, my faith in the American entrepreneurial spirit is renewed by the hard work and ingenuity of these individuals, who have dedicated their lives and capital to build their businesses and employ people within their communities.

"Democrats in Washington have put politics before the nation's jobs and debt crisis for too long. I remain determined to working towards policies that reduce federal spending, cut the over-burdensome regulations on farms and business owners, and provide incentives for these businesses to grow, expand, and put America back on the path to economic prosperity," concluded Latta.

LHN BARIATRIC CENTER ANNOUNCES OCTOBER INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Lutheran Health Network Bariatric Center announced today two information sessions will be offered during the month of October:

Thursday, October 11, noon-1:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 18, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Each session takes place in the Lutheran Weight Management Center, which is located at the northeast corner of the Rehabilitation Hospital of Fort Wayne, 7970 W. Jefferson Blvd., on the Lutheran Hospital campus. Most sessions last slightly longer than an hour. Call 260-435-7844 for additional information or visit LHNBariatrics.com.

The LHN Bariatric Center offers a comprehensive, medically supervised weight-loss program that serves patients in northeastern Indiana, southern Michigan and northwestern Ohio. The program offers three surgical options:

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Lutheran Health Network announced late last year that its bariatric center had been approved for renewal as a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence[®] by the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery and the Surgical Review Corporation. The ASMBS Center of Excellence designation recognizes surgical programs with a demonstrated track record of favorable outcomes in bariatric surgery. The LHN Bariatric Center was first recognized as an ASMBS Center of Excellence in 2008.

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MAYOR MCDONALD ANNOUNCES OFFICIAL TRICK OR TREAT HOURS IN NEW HAVEN

New Haven Trick or Treating Hours - October 31st 6:00-8:00 p.m.:

The City of New Haven has set its official Trick or Treat hours in New Haven for Wednesday, October 31, 2012 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. "Additional police officers and other officials from the Fire Department will be on staff during this period to ensure the safety of everyone," said Police Chief Steve Poiry.

OAKWOOD PRESCHOOLERS CELEBRATE FAMILY DAY



Friday, September 28th the preschool students and families celebrated our first Family Day. Students came to school with a family member and traveled to each of the

three preschool classrooms to make a game to take home and practice preschool skills. Pictured above is Trenton and his mom, Joann, working on sorting lids in various ways.

Mayor McDonald is asking all motorists to exercise extra caution during this time as a northern venture through neighborhoods and cross intersections and to remind parents to have children visit only those houses with their lights on.

Downtown on Broadway - 5:00-7:00 p.m.:

Mayor McDonald is also encouraging everyone to bring their kids to downtown New Haven and venture down Broadway where local business owners will participate in handing out treats to children from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Fire & EMS vehicles will also be on display for the kids.

Schnelker Park - 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.:

If you don't want your child going door to door for treats, the Halloween Carnival is scheduled from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at Schnelker Park in New Haven where children are invited to receive treats

and participate in games and other events. This event is sponsored by the New Haven Park Department and is free to the public.

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SAMPLE NEW HAVEN

By: Beth Stauffer

On Saturday September 29, 2012 the 6th Annual Sample New Haven was held on Broadway on a lovely autumn afternoon. Taste testing tickets were available to the public outside of the Post Office, allowing participants to feast on a virtual feast of samples from some of New Haven's finest eateries. Participants could also participate in a Stop-n-Shop scavenger hunt by visiting local businesses to collect clues to be used in deciphering a secret message. Those who correctly guessed the secret message were then entered to win a prize in a drawing sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

At the Broadway Deli, owners, Dan and Renee Moore, were passing out samples of a delicious enchilada soup and cake balls. A little further down the street, Curves owners, Dave and Mickey Hill, were making balloon animals and passing out goodies to the youngsters in attendance.

Outside of the Navy Club, volunteer Paul Knoblauch, was passing out pizza samples fresh from the kitchen along with information about the Navy Club. The Navy Club's kitchen is open to the public, and the public is welcome to attend featured entertainment by area bands on Saturday night.

New kid on the block, Andy's Knock-Out Chicken, proved to be popular with the Sample New Haven taste testers on Saturday. Owners, Mark and Laurie Anderson, passed out samples of their tasty chicken, ribs, and potatoes until running out around

1:00 p.m. Never fear, though — beginning on October 18th, you'll be able to grab carry-out Andy's Knock-Out Chicken from their new location on Broadway most days of the week!

Domino's Pizza shared slices of its new pan crust pizza with the crowd.

Richard's Restaurant set up a temporary location on Broadway to pass out samples of warm vegetable soup, creamy potato soup, and my son Alex's very favorite, pumpkin pie.

The Bulldog Pub was busy serving up a veritable feast outside of their location on Broadway consisting of tacos, beans, rice, tortilla chips and a zippy freshly made salsa.

At the New Haven Bakery, owners, Nancy and Katie Branning, were passing out several different varieties of flavored donut holes and an enticingly scented warm apple cider.

Over at Carousel Ice Cream, who participated in the Sample New Haven event for the first time this year, the shop was bustling with taste testers enjoying either a small scoop of Carousel's home-made ice cream or Italian ice. Personally, I tried the mint chocolate chip and it was delish!

Providing entertainment at the event was DJ Double K, Kevin Kohrman, who played an upbeat mix of music from the downtown gazebo for taste testers to enjoy as they strolled along Broadway. The TAG art company was also on site face painting and drawing caricatures for the children.

Businesses participating in the scavenger hunt included Carousel Ice Cream, New Haven Bakery, Bulldog Pub, Brian's Barber Shop, Ruhl's Furniture, Peter Franklin Jewelers, Domino's, Computer Crack A Jack, Navy Club, Broadway Deli, Bob's Barber Shop, and Forever Friends.

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NATIONAL SPEAK UP SURVEY CAMPAIGN LAUNCHES

eTech Ohio announces the launch of the 2012 national Speak Up survey project in Ohio. All K-12 schools and districts (including private, parochial, virtual and charter schools) will be called on to participate in this annual census of educational technology initiatives. The Speak Up survey is the largest collection in the country of authentic, unfiltered stakeholder input on education, technology, 21st century skills, schools of the future, and science and math instruction. It runs through December 14, 2012.

"Partnering with Speak Up allows us to refine the process of assessing Ohio's educational technology landscape, and lets us take that effort further," said eTech Ohio Interim Executive Director Greg Davidson. "Speak Up data is not only useful on the local level, but is also a key component of congressional testimony and advocacy efforts in Washington. We are delighted to retain educational technology assessment as a core service while folding it into a national conversation."

Conducted annually since 2003, Speak Up solicits data from more than 2.6 million education stakeholders, including teachers, administrators, parents and students. Survey results are made available to participating districts at no cost, and are used for planning, budgeting, assessment, grant

participation and more. "The rapid pace of technology growth and innovation in the classroom can leave little time for reflection," said Sarah Luchs, Chief Learning Officer. "Data from the surveys is an invaluable resource on its own, but the process of completing the surveys is equally important. This is an opportunity for districts to assess their position and be sure that they are leveraging every opportunity for growth in their educational technology efforts."

As the state's emphasis on digital learning and assessment has grown, data collection and survey activity has also increased statewide. "Multiple surveys are underway in Ohio, and they are all important to our ability to provide quality opportunities to students," said Luchs.

Though historically eTech Ohio's Biennial Educational Technology Assessment (BETA survey) has been a key resource in measuring technology needs and use, Ohio's participation in Speak Up allows for streamlining among initiatives. Previous BETA teacher survey material has been folded into the 2012 Speak Up questionnaires. Additionally, BETA 2012 will consist of one building survey, to be completed by technology and/or building staff during the October 3 - December 14 time frame.

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NEW MANAGER AT RACK & HELEN'S

By: Beth Stauffer

One of downtown New Haven's favorite hangouts, Rack & Helen's Bar & Grill, recently welcomed new General Manager, Scott Connally, into the fold. Scott joins the establishment after working as an Executive Manager for Target remodeling the various stores in the area. Instead of uprooting his family, which consists of wife Kristina and children Sam and Emma, and moving to Detroit, New Haven native Scott opted to stay close to home and jumped at the chance to work for the Anderson family when it presented itself over the summer.

Scott, a longtime customer of Rack & Helen's, said "I've been coming to Rack's for many years, my wife and I would come about once a week for date night. I loved coming here. I loved the food, I loved the service, and I loved the staff. I couldn't think of a better place to work."

Since coming on board at Rack & Helen's, Scott has spent a considerable amount of time learning every single job in the restaurant. "My first day, I washed dishes and tomorrow I will be behind the bar. I would never ask the staff to do anything that I didn't know how to do or couldn't do," Scott told me.

Scott's presence as General Manager at Rack and Helen's may make long time customers wonder what other changes are in store for the much loved, long-time fixture on Broadway Street. Rack & Helen's owners, Pat and Myra Anderson, along with their son, Wes Anderson, all remain very much an active part of the daily operations of the business. Adding Scott's role as General Manager essentially makes him the daily go-to guy at Rack's, while freeing Wes Anderson up to run the other side of the Andersons business, JW Anderson Catering and Events. Of course, Wes will continue to oversee the operations of the establishment in its entirety right alongside his parents, Pat and Myra.

When asked what he envisions for the future as the new General Manager of Rack & Helen's, Scott said, "The main thing is, nothing is going to change as far as the day to day business. The service will remain the same and the food will remain the same. Now, New Haven will just have the added benefit of JW Anderson Catering and Events."

While talking with Scott about Rack & Helen's on

September 14th, something he said struck me as being very true: "Rack and Helen's is not just a bar in downtown New Haven."

Indeed, in the days since then it seems I've seen just how very involved Rack and Helen's is with the New Haven community at large. Rack and Helen's, and the Anderson family, recently provided the game ball at New Haven High School's most recent and highly anticipated football game against Carroll. You would be hard pressed to find a NHHS home football game without Rack & Helen's

presence, from providing the football team with a team meal this week to selling their delicious chicken dinners in conjunction with the Football Boosters. Rack and Helen's is also a consistently generous supporter of New Haven's annual community festival, Canal Days. In recent years, they have sponsored both the popular Kid's Day in Schnelker Park as well as the festival shirts the workers and volunteers wear during the week of Canal Days.

So, when Scott Connally says that Rack and Helen's isn't just a bar in downtown

New Haven, I really think he might be on to something. Perhaps Scott said it best when he said, "Rack and Helen's is a family, its great service, its great food, its great ambiance. It's a fantastic place."

For more information about Rack & Helen's delicious lunch specials, drink specials, or to see their upcoming calendar of events, check out their website at www.RackandHelens.com. You can also connect with Rack's socially online via Facebook, Twitter, and Foursquare.

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