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MR. & MRS. ANTONIO GONZALES JR. CELEBRATES SILVER ANNIVERSARY



Antonio Gonzales Jr. and Christina (Merritte) Gonzales are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on October 24, 2012. They were married at the Rose Hill Church of God, Paulding on October 24, 1987 by her uncle, Rev. Ran-

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HALLOWEEN FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT DOWNTOWN PAYNE

The Payne Chamber of Commerce is once again sponsoring its "spooktacular" haunted house on Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27. This year's event, chaired by Chamber members Matt and Alyssa Saylor is sure to provide local thrill seekers of all ages an opportunity to be entertained in a safe, yet exciting way.

Proceeds will provide funds to purchase new American flags for the downtown area in 2013.

For a "spooktacular" good time, don't miss Payne's haunted house on Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27, above the Payne Banking Center, 119 N. Main Street in downtown Payne. The thrills begin at 7:00 p.m.!

For questions and/or additional information, contact Matt Saylor in Payne at 419-786-9342.

CORRECTION: iPAD CONTEST

There has been many contest entries received over the past couple of weeks through email and people dropping them off. Ironically, none were received through the fax machine. After close analysis the number given for the fax should have read 419-258-1313. We apologize for the

NEW HAVEN PARKS AND RECREATION INDULGES IN THE ARTS

New Haven Parks and Recreation is excited to announce the 7th Annual Community Art Show. If you love art, culture, community, you'll find it all at the annual opening celebration of artwork from artists in the area on November 2nd from 5:30-7:00 p.m. We invite you to spend a relaxing evening enjoying the grand opening reception, meeting and talking with the artists and enjoying refreshments. Designed and dedicated to those that create and appreciate quality pieces in oil, pastel, watercolor, charcoal, mixed mediums and more, we know you will find art to capture your heart in this family friendly, alcohol free environment. The show is non-juried and will be judged by Mary Ann Davis of Indianapolis, IN.

Can't make it to the opening reception? Artwork will be on display at the New Haven Park Center, 1125 Hartzell Street, New Haven, until November 20th during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m, Monday - Friday.

Also, all artists are welcome to enter as long as they are at least 14 years of age and

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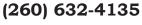
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have done this community service project. Pack 143 is made up of boys in 1st through 5th grade. Doris Hawley is the Pack leader.

reside in Allen or surrounding counties. If you are an artist with original artwork you'd like to display, please contact us for more information, an entry form, drop-off dates and a complete list of rules at (260)749-2212. An entry form can be downloaded at www. newhavenparksandrec.org

In addition, New Haven Parks and Recreation is also hosting an Art Workshop with MaryAnn Davis, November 3-4 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the New Haven Park Center, 1125 Hartzell Street, New Haven. Participants can register for the workshop or learn more by going to www. newhavenparksandrec.org or by calling (260)749-2212.

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Born in Fort Wayne he was raised in South Whitley. He attended Woodburn United Methodist Church, and was a member of Monroeville Masonic Lodge F.A.M. #293. He was a 19 year employee of International Harvester, 15 year employee of Sheller Globe, most of all he enjoyed sharing his time and knowledge with the residents of Woodburn while working at the Woodburn Hardware.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Donna; sons: Troy (Barbara) Dial of Albion, Jason (Lisa) Dial, Jar-

od (Audra Woodcox) Dial, both of Woodburn,; grandchildren: Domnic, Rashel, Alexis; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cous-

He will be welcomed into heaven by his parents: Robert and Ruby Dial; and brothers: Richard and Ronald Dial.

Funeral service was October 22, 2012 at Woodburn United Methodist Church, 4300 Becker Rd., Woodburn. Pastor Terry McDonald officiated. Burial was in Harlan Memorial Cemetery, Har-Preferred memorials are

to Woodburn United Methodist Church or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home. To share online condolences please visit www.harperfuneralhome.com

ELECTION DAY PORK ROAST AT ST. PAUL LU-THERAN CHURCH

roast is scheduled from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on November 6, 2012 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Paulding. St. Paul Men's Group is hosting the evening with shredded pork, scalloped potatoes, applesauce, rolls, and drinks.

An Election Day pork

FINAL REMINDER FOR **VETERANS NAMES**

The deadline for submitting names to be engraved on the Veterans Memorial is October 29. The engraving will be done for Veterans' Day. For more information contact Nancy Lichty at 419-258-2026 or Keith West at 419-258-2232. Please help in our efforts to honor all of our local Veterans.

JUNCTION BIBLE CHRIS-TIAN CHURCH TO HOST **SPIRIT & TRUTH CHRIS-TIAN REVIVAL**

A Spirit and Truth Christian Revival is set to take place at Junction Bible Christian Church on Saturday, November 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Come and experience

the joy-filled music of The Carpenters partnered with a spirit moving, inspired message from David Noel, who is a young evangelist with a timely message that speaks directly to the heart of the sake of Jesus Christ.

FAITH N FAMILY SCHED-ULED FOR OCT 27th!

Come to the Arch (Antwerp Community Youth Cen-

meal. Bring the whole family and let's worship the Lord! Featured speaker for the

ter) at 6:00 p.m. on the 27th of

October for another FREE hot

God is stronger than man's strength"

evening will be John Whiteman. If you are looking for a spiritual boost or just like to fellowship and eat great food, please stop out. If you have any questions please call 419-506-1211.

FORMER MAJOR LEAGUE PITCHER TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT MELROSE

On Sunday, October 28th the The United Methodist Men of Melrose UMC are in charge of the worship service. This takes place at 10:30 a.m. with guest speaker Doug Bair of Cincinnati.

Doug Bair, who grew up in the Melrose area, is a former Major Leage pitcher. He was a member of the world champion St. Louis Cardinals and Detroit Tigers.

Everyone is invited to this service. A potluck meal will be held after the service. Those who plan on staying for this are asked to bring something to share. For more information call

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of

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UMM President Rick Noggle at 419-594-3411.

CLINIC CELEBRATES 15th ANNIVERSARY WITH FREE EVENT!

A vision of starting a free health clinic in northeast Allen County became reality in the fall of 1997 when Christian Community Health Care opened its doors to the public. What began as a small rural outreach project has now blossomed into an organization that serves struggling families from the greater Fort Wayne area and beyond. God has touched many

people through this clinic over the past fifteen years, and that's a great reason for our communities to celebrate! That is why Christian Community Health Care will be hosting their 15th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, November 3, 6:00 p.m., at Church of the Good Shepherd in Leo (14717 Amstutz Road). This is a free event for those people living in Allen County and surrounding counties that are interested in learning more about the ministry of CCHC. The program will include

—1 Corinthians 1:25

a delicious dinner and appearances by guest artists MIMEtime and Christian comedians Bruce Drayer & Dustin Hodel. Guests will also get a peek at future plans for ČCHC and learn about the "Matching Grant Campaign 2012." To reserve a seat, or an entire table of 8, for this event, please call 260-627-2242 or send an email to info@ChristianCommunity-HealthCare.org by October

Christian Community Health Care provides free health services for area families in need of assistance. Volunteer medical personnel offer treatment for simple, non-emergency illnesses. Weekly Acute Care Clinics are scheduled Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, with walk-in patient registration from 6:00-7:30 p.m. CCHC also serves as a satellite location for A Hope Center, providing free pregnancy services. For more information about the services offered by Christian Community Health Care, Inc., or to learn how you can support this important ministry, call 260-627-CCHC or visit their web site at www.Christian-CommunityHealthCare.org.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

- 1. Luke 4:4 How did Jesus answer the devil's question in verse 3?
- 2. Luke 4:5 What did the devil show Jesus from a high mountain?
- 3. Luke 4:7 What did the devil ask Jesus to do?
- 4. Luke 4:8 What did Jesus tell Satan?
- 5. Luke 4:8 Where is the scripture Jesus quoted in the Bible? Check verse references.
- 6. Luke 4:9 Where did satan bring Jesus to?
- 7. Luke 4:9 Where did satan set Jesus?
- 8. Luke 4:10 Where is this scripture verse found?
- 9. Luke 4:12 And Jesus said to satan, what has been 10. Luke 4:13 - When Sa-

tan had ended each temptation, what did he do? Comments or questions

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

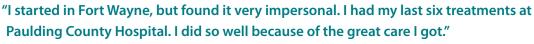
Answers to questions of 10/17/12:

- 1. God
- 2. Holy Spirit
- 3. Jordan 4. The Spirit
- 5. The wilderness 6. The devil
- 7. Forty days
- 8. Nothing
- 9. Was hungry
- 10. Turn the stone to

(It will die) Take a leaf from a branch, lay it carefully aside and watch! Slowly the color fades; the leaf goes limp, curls up and dies. Take a fish out of water; lay it carefully on the ground and watch!



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Frantically it twists; struggle gradually weakens quivers

and dies! Take a Christian away from the fellowship and worship of the church; let him remain at home on the Lord's Day, and watch! Gradually he stops praying, misses the Lord's Day, and watch! Gradually he stops praying, misses the Lord's Supper, frets about activities of others, points an accusing finger at "hypocrites" in the church, and finally he opposes Christianity, and dies! What about you and I? Didn't Jesus tell Peter if you love me feed my sheep? Also, Jesus tells us to keep His commandments. Do you really, really love Jesus? My prayer is that you do.

TIME TO OBSERVE "SAVE FOR RETIREMENT WEEK"

October 21 through 27 is National Save for Retirement Week, established by Congress to remind Americans of the importance of — you guessed it — saving for retirement. So why not mark the occasion by considering ways in which you can boost your own financial resources for those years in which you're officially a "retiree"?

If you're somewhat concerned about your financial prospects during retirement, you're not alone. Check out a few of the findings from the Employee Benefit Research Institute's 2012 Retirement Confidence Survey:

- Just 14% of workers are very confident they will have enough money to live comfortably in retirement.
- Sixty percent of workers report that the total value of their household's savings and investment, excluding the value of their primary home and any defined benefit plans,
- More than half of workers report that they and/or their spouse have not tried to

calculate how much money they will need to live comfortably in retirement.

In these challenging economic times, it can be challenging to pay your living expenses and still have money left over to save for retirement. But you can take some steps to help your cause. Here are a few to consider:

- Pay yourself first. Every time you get paid, move some money — even if it's only a small amount — from your checking or savings account into an investment. Make it easier on yourself by having your bank move the money automatically.
- Boost your 401(k) contributions. Whenever you salary goes up, increase your 401(k) contributions. Your money can grow on a tax-deferred basis, which means it can accumulate faster than if it were placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every
- "Max out" on your IRA. Even if you have a 401(k), you're probably still eligible to contribute to an IRA - and you should. A traditional IRA can grow tax deferred, while a Roth IRA's earnings are tax-free, provided you've had your account at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you're at least 591/2. For 2012, you can contribute up to \$5,000 to your IRA, or \$6,000 if you're 50 or older.
- Control your debts. It's never easy, but try to reduce your debts as much as possible. The less money you need to devote to debt payments, the more you can add to your investments.
- Build an emergency fund. Try to build an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, kept in a liquid account. This fund can help you avoid dipping into your retirement accounts to help pay for unexpected costs, such as a big doctor's bill, a new fur-

The Family of Michael J. Johanns

nace or a costly car repairs.

• Create a retirement income strategy. It's important to project your living expenses during retirement. Then, once you have at least a good estimate, you can create a long-term strategy — involving your investments, retirement accounts, Social Security benefits and all other financial resources — to help you achieve the retirement income you will need. To calculate these figures and develop such a strategy, you may want to work with a financial advi-

National Save for Retirement Week will come and go quickly. But your retirement could last for decades — so do everything you can to prepare

PUT ME IN THE ZOO OR **LEARNING TO FLY**

By: Regan Clem, Riverside **Christian Church**

Have you ever seen an eagle fly?

I have seen an eagle at the zoo. The eagle was locked up in a cage. It was an outdoor cage, probably designed to elicit the feeling that the eagle was in its natural environment. The powerful eagle sat there in the sun, staring at us through the fence. Despite being encaged, the eagle still looked majestic. I couldn't help but think that there is something special about the eagle.

Two times, I have seen an eagle fly in its real natural environment. Once, I was driving over the Hoover Dam and as soon as I crossed over, an eagle swooped down nearly twenty feet from my car only to soar back up. Impressive. It seems almost a disservice to verbalize the experience of seeing an eagle fly because words cannot quite capture the feeling. There is a sense of awe. There is an experience of beauty as if beauty is something tangible. As the eagle flew by, effortlessly, I couldn't help but marvel at the sight.

Let's change gears for a moment. God did amazing things to rescue the Israelites out of Egypt and into the Promised Land: The plagues, the parting of the Red Sea, the miraculous sustenance of manna in the wilderness. He proclaimed to them, "You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself" (Exodus 19:4 ESV).

I love the phrase "on eagles' wings." The power. The swiftness. The beauty. The

ease. The concept is repeated in Isaiah's book: "They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint," (Isaiah 40:31 God freed the Israelites

from slavery in Egypt and had some expectations for them. "Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation," (Exodus 19:5-6 ESV). God desired for His peo-

ple to obey His voice and keep His covenant. Being His people wasn't something that automatically happened by a declaration from God. God did choose them, but the Israelites needed to respond with obedience and faithfulness. Oh, how we long to just be zapped with a magic wand that transforms us into God's people, but we have a choice to make. Daily. Obedience to God or enslavement to the sins of the world. Keeping our end of God's covenant or living selfishly. The choice is ours.

The Israelites had a choice

said that they didn't want to experience God directly (Exodus 20:19). After just experiencing the great, majestic, life-changing power of God, the chosen people chose safety. Instead of flying free and experiencing the world as God intended, they

chose separation between

themselves and God. Instead

of majesty and beauty, they

chose the cage. It's like they

said, "We don't want you,

God. We want someone else

to be between you and our-

selves. We want a zookeeper

too; they chose the zoo. They

to feed us. We want the safety and security of a cage." God wants His people to know Him. When we know Him, we will know His voice. We will be able to act during His timing, properly discerning when to move and how to move. We will serve and not grow weary. As we grow in our relationship with God, we begin to know Him so well that we can dis-

the siren calls of our culture. But the Israelites chose to not know God. And because of that, they missed out. They missed the beauty. They missed the majesty. They missed His glory.

tinguish His voice through

Sometimes we do likewise. And we miss His beauty, His majesty, and His glory.

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Are you flying? Or are you an eagle at a cage in the zoo? The cage is always left open. Just open your wings and fly like you were always intended to.

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.

HOG ROAST AT MARTINI LUTHERAN CHURCH IN NEW HAVEN

Martini Lutheran Church in New Haven will host a Hog Roast on Sunday, November 4, 2012 at Central Lutheran School, 1400 Elm Street, New Haven, IN, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy this meal and share a time of fellowship. The menu will include pork, sauerkraut, sides, desserts and drinks.

For more information call (260)580-3964 or (260) 245-0054. This event is being sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

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past months. It has been a very humbling experience. God bless each

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PAGE 4 - WEST BEND NEWS - OCTOBER 24, 2012 RIVERSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH INTRODUCES DEANNA FOUST



Church is happy to introduce Deanna Foust, the new children's pastor. Deanna is excited to be involved in sharing God's love and teaching His eternal truths to young children.

Deanna is the oldest of three daughters and at the age of 11 (after a first aid and CPR class at the Community Center), she began her adventures in babysitting. She babysat for nearly everyone her parents knew. And she loved it! She went on to become the Nanny of two little girls, worked at a daycare, and served as a camp counselor, dorm parent, and worship leader on Great Lakes Christian College's camp teams for two summers traveling from church camp to church camp. She also currently works at Blackhawk Early Childhood as the A.M. Extended Care Teacher and as the Before

Care Teacher for the kiddo's whose parents need to get to work early.

While finishing up her degree in Christian Education from Great Lakes Christian College, she was blessed to meet her husband Chad. She is further blessed with two children, Carter (age eight) and Tanner (age

Bring your kids to church with you and let Deanna share God's love with them. Riverside Kidz takes place during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning gathering at Riverside Christian Church. Or bring the little kiddos to Promiseland on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m.

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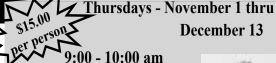
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THE SPICE OF WIFE

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, **Woodburn Missionary** Church

The ability to maintain a marriage commitment is a challenge—a challenge that the hurried 2000's doesn't give us much help with. Our culture punishes those who attempt to endure. When the battle of the bedroom gets too intense, it makes throwing in the monogrammed towel as easy as possible.

Part of the problem is that most people enter a marriage relationship with this preconceived idea of how their spouses will act, think, and respond. Too often we look at our mate as the one who is to bring us happiness. No person, no material possession, no job can bring us true happiness. That is found in Christ and in Him alone.

For a marriage to work, we need to make a commitment before God that we are going to fulfill our marriage vows regardless of what our partners do. After all, I'm the only person over whom I have control. I don't control my wife. I don't want to. Even if I did want to, I can't. She's an individual with a mind of her

Rather than making her actions a requirement for my fulfillment, I need to make my actions a commitment to her fulfillment. If she doesn't respond, I can still experience the blessing of God from knowing I've done my part. But if she responds with a similar attitude toward me, our marriage is doubly blessed.

But it takes work. And discipline. And commitment.

John Fischer, a Christian musician, offers some sound advice along these lines. It seems that John had rented a room from an elderly couple who had been married longer than most people get a chance to live. But even though time had wrinkled their hands, stooped their postures, and slowed them down, it hadn't diminished the excitement and love they felt toward each other. John could tell that their love had not stopped growing since the day of their wedding-over a half-cen-

Intrigued, the singer finally had an opportunity to ask the old man the secret to his success as a husband. "Oh," said the old gentleman with a twinkle in his eye, "that's simple. Just bring her roses on Wednesday-she never expects them then."

The conversation inspired

"Give her roses on Wednesay, when everything is blue', Roses are red and your love must be new.

'Give her roses on Wednesday, keep it shining through, Love her when love's the hardest thing to do.

"Love isn't something you wait for, "Like some feeling creep-

ing up from behind. Love's a decision to give more, "And keep giving all of the

"Give her roses on

Wednesday... "It's easy to love when it's

'When you're in a Friday

frame of mind. But loving when living gets busy "Is what love was waiting

for all the time. "Give her roses on Wednesday..."

HAVE YOU EVER FELT LIKE GIVING UP ON OTHERS?

Winning the Battle for a Generation by: Rick Jones **Defiance Area YFC** I've had the joy and privi-

lege of ministering to young people for the past 35 years and the poem below from a young person impacted by Youth for Christ in Australia truly captures the essence of why we love kids. YFCI President David Wraight writes "I am not much of a poetry fan. In fact one of the things I least liked at school was reading poetry books. But when I read this poem written by a young man in a Youth for Christ program in Australia I was deeply moved. It so eloquently captures the impact that Youth for Christ has on young people who desperately need to know that they are valued and loved. So I thought I would share it with you."

Always There

"A tough nut", I heard the copper (policeman) tell his

Tough? I guess I am, or is it just the hate? They said next time I'd go

Again you were there to take me home and pay the

At school they branded me a lazy young punk.

But they hadn't seen my mother, on the floor dead

And when the church said: 'get lost, you're no use."

They hadn't known my stepfather, the yelling and I don't know what pos-

sessed you to take me under your wing. I guess the answer may lie

in the moving songs that you

But I am thankful for your open door. And the time you give to

For your patience, jokes

and smile. You're the first to believe in me for quite a while.

The time I came home drunk, scratched your car and made you sad.

The time I found you crying 'cos friends said that you were mad.

The days you probably needed to be alone.

The weeks I ate you out of house and home.

Camps you took me on, talks on staying at school.

Late night lifts, a birthday party by the pool.

I don't understand why you were so kind.

What was it that you wanted, what did you have in

I made it hard for you, I didn't deserve it I know.

It cost you greatly when I

told you where to go. Underneath I'm o.k., a little crazy, but I'm real.

I know you see that in me, I know it's how you feel.

But I'm hurting deep inside and I need your loving touch.

I know I've never said it, but I love you so much.

In you I see what's never there in others.

Please never give up on me, or any of the others.

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

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Items can be brought to the church beginning Monday, October 29 and by Wednesday, October 31. Nothing will be accepted after this date. Please do not leave donations outside at the church where rain can ruin them.

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will begin at 7:00 p.m. and include a variety of donated Proceeds from the event

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As the father of Rachel Parrett I was offended by Tami AuFrance's recent letter to the Editor in which she so gleefully vented her hatred of my daughter. I cannot let her attacks go unanswered.

I do not know Tami Au-France and cannot imagine the source of her animosity. No one in my family has ever, to my knowledge, even been so much as discourteous to her. When my son, Harvey, was campaigning in Oakwood quite some time ago, an event referenced by Miss AuFrance in her letter, he went to her door and was immediately pounced upon by her. At great length she self-righteously attacked his sister and our family, instead of discussing his candidacy

At the beginning of her letter Miss AuFrance professed to have a "heavy heart" and to be "frustrated". About what? She answered this question at the end of her tirade when she stated: "Why isn't more being done to Rachel Parrett?" She wants to see Rachel hurt even more than she has been. Why? Because Miss AuFrance, for reasons which I cannot comprehend, would enjoy that. To date Rachel has been

forced by the Wayne Trace School District to resign her teaching position at Wayne Trace High School, a calling which she enjoyed and at which she excelled. For months she has been lied about and attacked on the internet by a small group of detestable individuals who hide behind fictitious names so that they can indulge their malice with impunity. She had to endure a baseless, highly public criminal investigation which lasted several months and ended with the finding that she had violated no laws. She has suffered from countless innuendoes and insinuations. In spite of all of this, Miss AuFrance wants more?

What kind of person derives pleasure from needlessly inflicting pain upon others? A sadist, for one, does. Perhaps, Miss AuFrance, Dr. Phil would have some interesting thoughts about you, and your anonymous internet accomplices', mentalities, motives, and characters.

Miss AuFrance could not resist the opportunity to attack Rachel's brother, Harvey, and me as well for our "crime" of loving and supporting our family member. With obvious and deliberate malignancy, Miss AuFrance repeatedly referred to Rachel in her letter as "Rachel Hyman Parrett" in a clear attempt to belittle and harm our whole family. The mention of Harvey's and my candidacies revealed a political motivation for her diatribe the timing of which I find very suspicious occurring, as it did, less than three weeks before the election on November 6th. I choose to hope and believe that the distinctly political nature of some of Miss AuFrance's remarks were solely the product of her own invidious mind and not prompted by others. Anyone who knows Ra-

chel and the two former students also knows that there was never any "lesbian" relationship between/among them. The former students are now attending a Christian college where they are witnessing to other students. Rachel and her husband are strong Christians. I know this because I know them and attend church with them. Miss AuFrance does not know Rachel and she does not know our family. I feel very sorry for someone who is so filled

No one in my family has ever said or thought that we were "perfect" Christians. There is no such thing. Only Jesus attained perfection. That Rachel supposedly claimed to be such is just one of Miss Au-France's many lies about her. In the midst of my anger and perplexity at Tami AuFrance's behavior and motivations and my doubts about her character and integrity, I will still abide by Luke 6:28.

I urge the Editor of this newspaper to put an end to this subject by not printing any further scurrilous letters regarding this matter.

Yours truly,

—David A. Hyman

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It was my privilege to attend the Paulding County American Cancer Society's survivor and caregiver program last night (October 18, 2012). This was the first cancer society event I have attended since I was diagnosed and treated for breast cancer. I wanted to go to honor one of my caregivers, my husband Greg, as much as I wanted to just celebrate

It was announced that

EDITOR TO THE LETTER

News published a letter to the editor last week and it has received many responses, written and verbal. The last word is published here and no more responses to this or topically similar threads will be printed that started with Tami AuFrance's letter. I've been told over and

over who is to blame. The sides do not agree. Who deserves blame here? Would it matter to assign blame? I don't intend to say one

group is right or one is wrong. The Paulding County Prosecutor has stated his own opinion and everyone knows, but not everyone agrees with the decision. How did we get here?

There is a true story of a girl who struggled at home in an area similar to Paulding County. Her parents acted like they cared but most of the time there was no love or caring for the children. This young lady was invited to church by a friend at school lunch and before long realized she was missing out on a good world, not one filled with hate or envy, but one that truly loved & cared about people and offered an escape from the hell at home.

The mother became jealous and soon would punish this young person by not allowing her to go to church where she found friends and most importantly, Jesus.

Why would a parent do

Her life at home did not get any better and deteriorated from the inside out. Drunkenness and pride ruled the home. The only thing that kept this girl from running away was protection for her younger siblings. It became too much to bear. There had to be an escape! The girl's boyfriend, who also went to church, loved

her senior year they were or another. Denying it only married and she moved out, away from her parents while still finishing her final year of school.

Before long her sister who was a little younger moved out also, this time to grandpa & grandmas. What else could happen? The parents of the girls

never realized how much they were hurting their kids. Soon they divorced. Everyone was being blamed for why this family was falling apart. It came to a point where the young children were seeing the light but the parents hindered reaching it. Selfishness and jealousy ensued and the domino effect happened after that. The more the mom tried to keep the children "locked up" at home the more they wanted to leave. Attempting to punish the children in her battle of wills backfired.

The family was never able to draw close again. Today the siblings barely speak to the parents, and when they do it's not with love or hope. The memories flood back and drown out any happy thoughts that every child should have. The scars are still present even after many years. Amazing enough the parents don't realize how much the family was hurt a life in the past of loathby their selfishness and ar-

Does this sound familiar? Whenever something bad happens I look for someone else to blame. "Me" gets in the way a whole lot. It's much easier to see my neighbors problems or my kid's mistakes than mine. Even after recognizing my faults how can I tell anyone that I did the children of God! it? That is humiliating. "My Fault? Me? Hardly!" I proclaim while everyone else can see the truth...

Everyone reading this

I am tired! The West Bend and helped her and during has been there at one point shows how well we have learned to lie to ourselves.

What if a connection is already broken? No one can change history. Dwelling in the past is like letting someone live rent free in your head. Only the future can be changed now. Regrowing a relationship with a child/ friend/family will take time. Barriers and walls were put up and it takes time and a lot of effort to heal the hurt, and rebuilding the trust that was stripped away in seconds. If you believe it's worth it, it is. What is better: winning the argument and killing the relationship or skipping the stupid & foolish arguments and keeping a friend?

I remember Jesus saying, "Blessed are the peacemakers...

With the recent wars peacekeepers have been used a lot. What is the difference between a peacekeeper and a peacemaker? A peacekeeper maintains relative calm. A peacemaker brings people together to reconcile, turning enemies

Are we working to bring about peace? A house divided against itself does not

There is no point living ing and regrets. Now is the time for us all to become the peacemaker where we can love and support one another. And the family will once again sit around the table, thanking God for uniting them in his kingdom. It's not too late...yet.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called

> —With warnings from experience, **Bryce Steiner**

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dent/Youth involvement. What a great honor for not only our county but for our county schools.

That and a few words with my wonderful cousin, Dick, got me to thinking about caregivers. We all assume that the caregivers would be members of our families, and they are WONDER-FUL caregivers. But there are other caregivers in our lives too. Think about all the people who have a kind word, a loving hug, share a joke or laugh with us. They are also caregivers. I work in the Paulding Exempted Village School system and have found a WONDER-FUL support system of caregivers. Not only the adults I am honored to work with, but the kids I am privileged to see every day. They may never know how much they mean to me now and how much they meant to me while I was working and going through treatment. They would give me hug, a word of encouragement, and alter their actions to meet the demands that were being put on my body by the chemotherapy.

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—Pam Frederick

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR With almost all of the media's attention on the Presi-

dential race, it is easy to look over the fact that there is also a very important choice to be made when in comes to the House of Representatives races. In particular, the 5th District of Ohio has a race going on between incumbent Bob Latta and Challenger Angela Zimmann. The 5th district is a historically Republican district, but I believe that Mrs. Zimmann is a perfect fit for the district. Even though her party affiliation says "Democrat", Zimmann is not a cookie cutter democrat. In fact, Mrs. Zimmann has received an "AQ" rating from the NRA, the highest possible rating a challenger can receive from that organization. Mrs. Zimmann also believes that cutting the deficit and lowering the debt is vital to the recovery of this nation, and that the Affordable Care Act (Aka Obamacare) is flawed, and needs to have changes made to it. Zimmann will also fight for Equal Pay for Equal Work for women, which Mr. Latta

has voted against. Women

currently make 77 cents for

every dollar a man earns.

This means that if a man

makes \$50,000 a year, the av-

erage female coworker doing the same job will only make \$38,500 annually, a difference of \$31.50 a day.

Her opponent, Bob Latta consistently refuses to debate Mrs. Zimmann. This deprives the people of Ohio's 5th district a chance to truly get the most information possible. Latta's refusal to debate Mr. Zimmann shows a lack of respect for his a opponent, along with a disregard for the opinions of the people of the district.

Mr. Latta has shown time and time again that his party is more important to him than the people of the district. Zimmann will be willing to work with both parties in order ensure that the 5th district's best interests are kept in mind. She will not walk the party line as Mr. Latta has, she will walk the people's line. I encourage you to vote for Angela Zimmann for Congress on November

> -Mitchell Peebles, Wauseon, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

No Christian, who knew the beliefs of the Mormon church and believed the Old and New Testaments, would consider Mormons as Chris-

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Mormons believe Native Americans are true descendants of Jewish people, there once flourished a major Jewish civilization in America. the dominant language of America once was Reformed Egyptian hieroglyphics and they believe the Book of Mormon was written in it. Unlike archaeological finds in the letter written to the editor Middle East supporting peoby Tami AuFrance printed ple and events of the Old and New Testaments, there is not one shred of archaeological evidence supporting any of

Joseph Smith claims to have translated golden plates written in Reformed Egyptian hieroglyphics (a language having no evidence ever existed) into English by placing 'seer stones" in his hat, peering in meditating on them and dictating. Here is his wife Emma's testimony given in an interview February 1879 and is quoted on page 99 of the Mormon book titled, The Word of God by Dan Vogel. Emma said, "I frequently wrote day after day, he sitting with his face buried in his hat, with the (seer) stone in it, and dictating hour after hour..."

this happening in America.

Mormons believe Joseph Smith is the true prophet who reestablished God's one true church on earth and Mormon faith alone will dominate and guide the world after Christ's

Mormons believe they will rule the millennium period from headquarters in Independence, Missouri. They believe one must become a temple-worthy Mormon in this life or be proxy baptized. Genealogical research is being done to ensure proxy baptism for every human who ever lived so they too can become worthy members of the Mormon church, the one true

Mormons believe there is an infinite number of gods in the universe and white temple-worthy males may become a god. In 1979 Mormons changed their doctrine to allow blacks the same privilege. The Book of Mormon teaches that God cursed some with dark skin and as they repented their skin became white (2 Nephi 5:21-4, Alma 3:6-9, and 3 Ne. 2:14-6).

Mormonism teaches "Jesus was Lucifer's older brother." This statement is quoted directly from the official Mormon website, http://www.lds. org/ensign/1986/06/i-have-aquestion.

gospel", founded by Joseph Smith is addressed in the Word of God by Galatians 1:8, "But though we, or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that hich we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." Accursed (anathema) means "a person set apart and devoted to destruction, because hateful to God."

Adam Clarke's Commentary on Galatians 1:8 warns, "As in law the receiver of stolen goods is as bad as the thief; so encouragers of such pretended revelations are as bad, in the sight of God, as those imposters themselves. What says the Word of God to them? Let them be accursed. Reader, lay these things to heart."

"Mormonism is clearly, absolutely, completely, and thoroughly a religious cult," wrote Phil Roberts, president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in an op-ed for Baptist Press on 10/18/11.

Christian, give careful thought to deliberately choosing an anti-Christ cult member who denies the central figure of your faith. -Rolland Myers

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This is in response to the

in The West Bend News on October 17, 2012. I'm disappointed that your newspaper would print such blasphemous gossip about a person. The Paulding County Prosecutor Joseph Burkard filed no criminal charges against Rachel Parrett, as I quote the Paulding Progress from September 12, 2012, "Prosecutor Joe Burkard stated in a letter dated September 4 that he found no evidence of criminal violations." I would also like to bring to attention the fact, as recently as three years ago there was another WT teacher that was actually investigated by the FBI. If Mrs. Parrett were truly in the wrong, the issue(s) would be pursued. It is my opinion that Tami Au-France's letter to the editor is strictly politically motivated. Neither David Hyman nor Harvey Hyman have done anything wrong. As a person with a family, I do not always agree with other family member's behavior, (whether right or wrong) however, that does not take away my responsibility to love and support that

I understand there is a CD, a 27 page report along with 80 attachments. However, as a person who owns a cell phone and texts on that phone, I also understand and know from experience sometimes the way I say things in a text is taken out of context and misunderstood by my own friends and family. Ms. AuFrance states in her letter to the editor, I quote, "Rachel and two female students (both now graduates) refer to themselves as "the cord". This is a reference from the Bible." As a professing Christian, I would like to point out that there is no such reference to "the cord" in the Bible and also that according to my Bible there is no such thing as a perfect Christian. Christ died on Calvary to save us all from our sins and I quote Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of

As a resident of Paulding County, I have heard from several different sources that Rachel Parrett was one of the best teachers at Wayne Trace. I will quote one of her former students, "She was one of two teachers I actually learned something from." It is my hope that the resi-

dents of Paulding County will vote responsibly. -Joan Hoisington

Over the past few months,

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

my husband and I have remained silent publicly about any allegations made against me personally and professionally. During that time, we have appreciated the prayers, cards, phone calls, and emails from so many people in this community. However, we would like to take this opportunity to set the record straight regarding the absurd rumors and gossip which are being perpetuated by people wholly unconnected with this situation. I have never and would never abuse a student. I have never and would never disrespect my husband by having a sexual relationship with anyone else. The idea is ludicrous and repellent. Furthermore, taking phrases, comments, and jokes out of context and using them to slander another person is sickening. Inside jokes are rarely understood by those on the outside. I have never and will never consider myself to be perfect. And anyone who would believe that I would consider something as horrific as cancer to be a joke is

We are especially disgusted by the politic-ization of these slanderous remarks. I do not understand what place personal vendettas have in Letters to the Editor. Attacking my family members, especially those running for political office, is juvenile and petty. Whether accosting my family while they are going door-to-door to meet with constituents or spouting vile garbage online while veiled behind anonymous usernames, the effect is the same. My family was not involved in any of this and neither are these so-called concerned citizens who choose to spend their time maligning innocent people and making as-

sumptions about matters of which they have little to no understanding. I have found that in situations where there seem to be conflicting statements, going to the source will usually provide a quick resolution-while going to the masses with speculation and hopes of a scandal obscures the truth. While employed at Wayne

Trace I was simultaneously a

volunteer for Youth for Christ and the on-site coordinator and adult leader for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. And, I was very thankful that the Wayne Trace School system encouraged and supported these organizations. In these capacities, I was more than just a teacher to some of my students. I was a mentor and counselor: a friend. I prayed with students and they shared their personal and spiritual concerns and struggles. This did not occur during class time, nor did it affect the quality of my instruction or the treatment of these particular students relative to other students in my classroom. Greg and I also entrusted the care of our son to several students who babysat for us, but, again, although the nature of my relationship with these students was not strictly teacher/student (but employer/employee), I never acted in an immoral or un-

My resignation from my teaching position at Wayne Trace was not in any way an admission of guilt on my part. Greg and I have been prayerfully considering whether I should be employed outside the home since the birth of our son. When I was notified via my attorney that the school would terminate me unless I resigned, we were shocked. I was denied the opportunity to even speak to anyone on the board or administration in my own defense. Greg and I had to make a difficult choice. Rather than accumulating legal debt and devoting months and months to a lengthy battle to get the school to clarify vague charges of unprofessional conduct, we decided that I would resign. There was little to be gained from a legal fight other than the retention of my teaching position which had lost much of its attraction to me due to the impersonal and disappointing manner in which the school handled this

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have the chance to be a full-

time wife and mother. I have always tried to make other people feel valued and important. I was taught this my entire life. I am blessed to have been raised by a loving Christian family, taught and encouraged by loving teachers and coaches, cared for by spiritual mentors, and married to an ideal husband. It is in my nature to want to make others feel cared for and appreciated whenever possible. Enough is enough. Perhaps the time and energy currently devoted to tearing others down and spreading lies will be devoted to a more noble purpose. There are so many opportunities in our community to do good to our neighbors. I would hope that we are a community that abides by the Golden Rule.

—Rachel Parrett

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing to defend myself and Rachel Parrett from the attacks of this summer. I feel that the best way to get a straight answer in any situation in life is to go directly to the people who are involved and confront them personally. This was not the case when all of these rumors and lies began to circulate. I am the one about whom these accusations were made. My mother never once made an attempt to confront me about this so-called issue, nor did she ever attempt to talk directly to Rachel about it. I returned from a school trip this summer to be driven directly to be questioned at the sheriff's department without a single mention of the way there. She continues to try to pervert an innocent friendship into something disgusting because she does not understand it.

I never was given the chance to voice my feelings or state what really happened to anyone because of the way in which everything was handled. Had I been given the chance, I would have said the exact same thing I have told those closest to me from day one which is that I am extremely grateful to Rachel and Greg for all they have done for me and for my family. I could never thank them enough. All I needed was someone who I could trust to talk to and who genuinely cared about how I was doing and for just someone to listen. This was the role that Rachel played in my life. The Parretts were friends of my entire family. We had dinner in their home many times. My mom always told Rachel she was family and insisted she go on my college visit with us. When my mom told Rachel about her financial difficulties, Greg and Rachel stepped in to make our Christmas special and (I found out later) paid for my sister and my book fees at school. They did this anonymously. I did not know. They didn't even tell my mom because they didn't want to embarrass her. They just wanted to help. They do this for many people. However, the Parretts did not pay for my school trip as some have said. I was blessed to receive a scholarship from someone who I still don't even know.

My relationship with my mom has been difficult for a long time. I believe this attack on Rachel is nothing more than jealousy or a refusal to accept that my mom is no longer making all my decisions for me. Getting ready for college this year, I made many attempts to contact my mom in order to get the rest of my personal belongings from her house since I have moved in with my dad. This has been followed by no cooperation at all on her part. I am currently still trying to get my property from her,

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing to inform you of the appreciation I have for the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities. They were of great support when my child was attending the preschool at Parc Lane. My child was unable to speak properly at the age of 2 and they played a big part in getting him where he is today. The preschool allowed for my child to participate in one on one speech and to intermingle with other children to help boost his speaking ability. The Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities really went the extra mile to help my family and I would recommend voting for the levy renewal this election. - Christa Schultz

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing this letter to express my support for the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities (PCBDD) and the one (1) mill levy that is on the upcoming ballot. This is a renewal, and will not cost taxpayers any additional money. My family has been directly affected by the people who work for PCBDD. We had our son at the doctor for his 2 year check up and were alarmed when the doctor told us he was significantly behind in his speech. He recommended that we get him into speech therapy. That is where the EI class with speech stimulation came into play. Our son was only in the class for just under a year, but even in that short amount of time, we saw a tremendous improvement in his speech and his ineteractions with others. Now he is in Kindergarten and you wouldn't even know that he had a speech delay a

few short years ago! —Staci McKeever

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

but unfortunately through

legal means. Of course I want

reconciliation, but this will

be difficult under the current

mentor to me and I look up to

her as a sister. She was more

than a teacher to me because

of the friendship between our

families and because I was a

student leader in the Fellow-

ship of Christian Athletes.

It was taken out of context

when she said that she loved

me and twisted into mean-

ing some sort of creepy sex-

ual love, which was never the

case. When this was said,

she was referring to love that

has no agenda attached to it

and love that is Christ-like

or reflecting of God. Rachel

was someone who I trusted

to talk to about concerns

on my heart or as a sister in

Christ providing that push

that I needed to strengthen

my walk with God. She is the

kind of person who always

thinks of others and what

they need and that is all she

ever did. I am thankful there

are still teachers and people

in our community who will

go that extra mile to help

others... even when people

try to twist it into something

sickening. I was among many

fellow students who trusted

Rachel enough to just stop

in her room to talk about

school or life or anything.

She made the school a bet-

ter, safer place. I find it sick-

ening that people who I had

believed to be trustworthy

were some of the ones joining

in or encouraging the gossip.

To the people who have been

there supporting us and have

always believed the truth, I

thank you for the encourag-

ing words. I find it unneces-

sary and pointless for the

people who are not directly

involved to continue to gos-

—Sarah Feasby

Rachel has always been a

circumstances.

I am writing this letter to express my support of the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities (PCBDD) and the one (1) mill levy that is on the November 6th ballot. This is a renewal, and will not cost taxpayers any additional money. My family has been directly affected by the people who work

My oldest son, Matthew, was two years old and not trying to talk very much. We were concerned parents. He qualified for the Early Intervention classes. We took him twice a week to school. As I, the mother, watched him week after week being worked with, I saw progress. Not only do the teachers help the kids, they give helpful advice to us

parents as well. My youngest son, Trenton, was a little over a year old. He would go with me when it was a stay day at school. The teacher even detected a problem with the way he was walking. They started him in physical therapy at PCBDD. They worked with him once a week and showed me different exercises to do with him at home. I ended up taking him to a specialist and he got a pair o AFO's to wear for awhile. Thanks to the early detection, he has no problems today! They also helped Trenton with his speech. As the boys finished the Early Intervention Classes, I could really tell a difference!

children, makes friends, and —Joann Bail sadly enough has a girlfriend.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

At two years old, people, (including our pediatrician) started telling us that our son, and second born was lacking in speech and social skills, and like any tried and true mom I scoffed at them and thought, "Really?! He is only two! Let him be a kid for a little while longer!" I had no intentions of starting speech therapy or taking extra measures to help him gain the upper hand. Even more so, I was too stubborn or embarrassed to admit to what I thought was me failing as a mother. Once attention started to shine on our son I realized just how quiet and shy he was, and how I had managed to let him fall by the wayside with cleaning, work, working towards my associates, and being a mother of two. So when people started to tell us about the Early Intervention at PARC Lane, I really didn't see the fuss. What difference could a couple of hours a week really do? And as much as I hate to admit it, and as a woman I rarely have to do this:), but I was wrong. Seeing the interaction he had with the other children, to watch him come out of his shy shell and from under

his older sister's protective,

and often overly verbal wing,

our son became his own. To

this day he talks to other

LELAND SMITH INSURANCE/SHISLER INSURANCE AGENCY



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Services/Shisler Insurance Agency of Van Wert, Antwerp and Paulding have been awarded Platinum ACE status for 2012 by German Mutual Insurance Company of Napoleon. Leland Smith Insurance Services is one of only two Ohio agents to receive this designation for 2012, which is based on their commitment to superior customer service, profitable underwriting and agency growth. The Shisler Insurance Agency of Paulding has been affiliated with German Mutual Insurance Company since 1987. Leland-Smith Insurance Services of Van Wert and Antwerp acquired the Shisler Insurance Agency in August of 2008.

German Mutual Insurance Company President Philip Menzel stated, "We value the twenty-five year relationship and appreciate the values that the Leland Smith Insurance Services/Shisler Insurance Agency brings to German Mutual customers." German Mutual Insurance Company is an expanding property and casualty insurer in Ohio. Established in 1867, the company has over 140 years of insuring Ohioans through premier independent agents. To learn more about Leland Smith Insurance Services and German Mutual Insurance Company, please visit www. lelandsmith.com and www. heartland-ins.com.

Yes, that's right, a girlfriend, and at age five nonetheless! The most important thing is that he is HAPPY! Seeing him now, not shy away, and not being too afraid to try, is a remarkable thing. So if you have hesitations about speech therapy, or early intervention please be reassured that it is a friendly, welcoming environment that is focused solely on your child and their growth. Their method is fun, with a side of education and it has made leaps and bounds. Whenever I hear a mother talk about their concerns for their toddler my first instinct

is to tell them about Denise Kinder and her class. It made a world of difference in my son's life and I know it can do the same for someone in your life! So Please with this next election, please vote yes for the renewal of the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities (PCBDD) Levy. It won't cost you any extra, this is just to keep the same great program that has reached so many! It's programs like this that gives children, our future leaders, an encouraging start to their bright futures!

Sincerely - Lora Lyons



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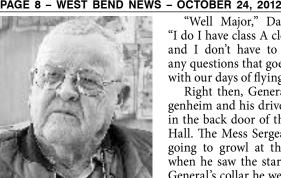
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OLD DAN & I

By: Stan Jordan

We had a good night sleep last night. We are here in our billet in Aachen, Germany. We are to go to breakfast at the base Mess Hall and those two pilots we met yesterday over Minster, and they shot an ME262 off our tail. They are coming over to have shoot the bull as it is very foggy outside and flying is off for a

We met the other pilots, but they had brought along a Major who wanted to see us.

After an hour or so of talking about our flight yesterday and the fun these three pilots had, the Major asked a few questions about our P-51-D Mustang and the fact that we had a rear gunner in it.

Dan answered a few yes and no questions and then he said, "Major, if you want to know anything else you will have to go to General Guggenheim of S-3. He is our boss, we take orders from

mouth Major's The dropped at the curt reply of Dan's and he was about to dress Dan down when Dan said, "Major, what kind of security clearance do you have?"

He said, "Well, I guess none just like another officer."

"Well Major," Dan said, "I do I have class A clearance and I don't have to answer any questions that goes along with our days of flying!"

Right then, General Guggenheim and his driver came in the back door of the Mess Hall. The Mess Sergeant was going to growl at them but when he saw the star on the General's collar he went back to the range and oven, after he gave a hardy hello to the

The general said, "As you were men." And they all settled down again.

Dan introduced everyone all around and told the general about the major's interest in our ship and duties.

The general asked the major who he was and what his duties were and who was his commanding officer? He said he was attached to

Group PR and then to the 5th Air Force General Headquarters, at Boullin in Northern France with General Apple-

"Oh yes, I know Allen Applegate class of 1916 at the Point. I will tell Allen all he needs to know, but major I am busy now I need to talk to the other pilots."

The major rose and left, his ego balloon was busted and laving all over the place.

"Well now fellas," the general said, looking around for an orderly, and said, "Bring us all a pot of coffee and some hot rolls and thank you."

Well, Lt. Meyers and Lt. Hornish I know you boys are both aces and pretty good fighter pilots. I had you attached to me for a while. Is that okay? Do either of you have any leave coming soon?"

They both said no and then the general said, "Let's

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get started." and good hunting.'

"Here on this card is the name of an island off the coast of Tondern and Hoyer Denmark. Read that name and look at the little map. Okay hand me back those cards. Okay," he said. "I have gotten them all back. Fellas this is another S-3 hush, hush flight. Are you fellows all ready to

"Good, I knew you would. You two boys are all attached to me and are on our outfit. All is secret from now on and know written order will fol-

"After lunch, you boys, bring your personal gear and your planes down to the end of the runway. You are with us now, you do not have to explain anything to your captain, I will later.

"This afternoon I will send my driver over with an army truck and you are to go to the ordinance dump and get seven droppable gas tanks. Then he will take you to the ammo dump and get seven clips of five H.E. rounds for our 40 mm cannon. Dan has all the clearance you will need. Our ground crew will attach a drop tank on all the Mustangs. You two pilots will be equipped with the best aerial cameras that we have. You are to fly around that area and the shore line and take all the pictures you can. Dan's plane will be shooting up the buildings. You will only have a short time to do that. Then follow Dan as he will have to get away in a hurry.

"That whole flight is to get a lot of pictures of this area for the big bombers to work with. This place is very important to the Germans. They manufacture heavy water there, whatever that is? That is all I can tell you fellas, good luck

See ya!

SAM RIVERS, INDIAN **AGENT CHAPTER 37: ROOSTER COMES TO**

By: Stan Jordan

Rooster shuffled squirmed around for a while in Callie's rocking chair. He slowly woke up and couldn't figure out where he was and why.

He said, "Oh golly I'm stiff, I'm cold—it's cold in here."

This looks like Sam and Callie's house! Now let me think-oh, my left forearm hurts! Now let me think, I rode Rocket from Fort Kearney here to the Indian Agency. That must have been yesterday. Then I came into Sam's house and lit a fire.

Oh, now I remember I went to the barn for meat and... oh yeah, the wolves attacked me! Yes, I shot one and the others escaped but the one who jumped me, oh golly yes, bit my arm bad and I killed him too! Oh yes, now it is falling together. I have a broken left forearm. I must get back to Fort Kearney as soon as I can, to have Dr. Grooms set me arm. My horse has eaten and will be okay for the trip.

Now let's see, it is about 20 degrees outside and it is about 70 miles to the fort. Rocket and I did that trip yesterday, coming this way. Everything is normal except I cannot use my left arm. If I can remember all of my first aid classes, for a broken arm, you must keep it in a sling as much as possible and don't use it at all if you can get along that way.

Now I must let the fires go out, drain the coffee pot. What is left of the fried deer meat I will put in my right pocket of my over coat.

He then went to Callie's wardrobe and took a good size scarf for a sling, and a shawl to double up on his chest because he can't close his coat all the way.

He can only use his right arm to get on the horse. After a fashion he did get mounted.

He talked to Rocket and padded him a little and told him "We have to go back to the fort at once. I know you are tired out, but we must go

Well I got on the horse okay. I got my right arm into my big coat sleeve and then through it over my back and outside my left arm. It is very hard to do that with only one arm in hand. He had gotten a short piece of soft wire, wrapped one end around a button on one side of his coat and then pushed the end through the other button hole on the other side and drew it together to make it more se-

He said "Rocket we are going to walk awhile so we can limber up a bit."

Rooster said, "By the moon it looks about midnight. With the moon and white snow on the ground we are moving right along." Then he told Rocket to go into an easy trot that he could continue for a long time, and they got on their way-about 70 miles to go to Fort Kearney.

Rooster cradled his arm and sling up against his chest and it didn't hurt too bad. It took a little while for Rooster

and the saddle and the horse to all rise and fall at the same They rode along pretty

good. Rooster hummed and

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sang a little bit to pass the time. There was no wind yet so it wasn't too cold. They came to the Loup River and crossed it where they always did. Rooster found a stump and slid off the saddle and walked around a bit. He also ate some of his dried meat and ate a little snow.

He got on the stump and then onto the saddle. They stayed on the south side of the river, headed pretty much east for a good 30 miles. It is good and daylight now and it is a little warmer in the sun.

The trail from yesterday is easy to follow. About noon they came to the twin maple trees that tell you to turn and go straight south to the fort.

Well, with the swaying of the horse and the warm sunlight, Rooster knew that the horse would go all the way to the fort without any orders. Rooster was dead tired, so he dosed off for a few miles with his head on his chest. He did not see the fort up ahead a couple of miles.

See ya!



Abe and Esther are flying to Australia for a two-week vacation to celebrate their 50th

anniversary. Suddenly, over the public address system, the Captain announces, "Ladies and Gentlemen, I am afraid I have some very bad news. Our engines have ceased functioning and we will attempt an emergency landing. Luckily, I see an uncharted island below us. We should be able to land on the beach. However, the odds are that we may never be rescued and will have to live on the island for the rest of our lives!"

Thanks to the skill of the flight crew, the plane lands safely on the island. An hour later Abe turns to his wife and asks, "Esther, did we pay our Visa and MasterCard bill

"No, sweetheart," she responds.

Abe, still shaken from the crash landing, then asks, "Esther, did we pay our American Express card yet?"

"Oh, no! I'm sorry. I forgot to send the check," she says.

"One last thing Esther. Did you remember to send the installment check for the IRS this month?" he asks.

"Oh, forgive me, Abe," begged Esther. "I didn't send that one, either."

Abe grabs her and gives her the biggest kiss in 40

Esther pulls away and asks

him, "What was that for?" Abe answers, "They'll find

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OAKWOOD TEACHERS RECEIVE TEACHER REWARDS FROM DEFIANCE WALMART



treated to an assembly on September 27th when Defiance Walmart sent two employees to the school to surprise everyone and announce that Oakwood Elementary was chosen as their Teacher Rewards Recipients this year. Twenty teachers' names were drawn and each one received

Cake and punch were provided by Walmart for all of the school's employees. Baskets with treats were provided and each student was able to select a treat.

Teachers who were recipients of the \$50.00 Walmart gift cards were Sharyn March, Kylee Miller, Beth Norbeck,

nell, Deedi Miller, Ellen Williams, Erin Weber, Chuck Schroeder, Nancy Wehrkamp, Caroline Arend, Jaime Daily, Laurie Ball, Kelly Snyder, Jill Hohlbein, Deb Hornyak, Shelly Shinners, Pam Holtsberry, AmyJo Brimmer. Not in photo: Melissa Stork.

UPDATED 1-469 Restriction: Work Continues North of SR 37

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Fort Wayne District announces the restriction will continue in the right lane on northbound I-469, between Exit 25 (SR 37) and Exit 29 (Maplecrest Road), for concrete pavement restoration work. The right lane restriction in this area is expected to be complete by end of October, weather permitting.

Arrow boards, cones and barrels will direct traffic as needed while the work is in progress. The speed limit along I-469 will be reduced to 60 mph in work zones, with temporary speed limits of 45 mph imposed when workers are present, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Motorists may notice periods of time when lane restrictions are enforced, but construction workers are not present. This is due to the curing time required for concrete pavement

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

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BLACKLEGGED TICKS BE-COMING MORE PREVALENT IN OHIO

Hunters and outdoors enthusiasts should be aware of a relatively new tick in Ohio, the blacklegged "deer" tick, according to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Division of Wildlife.

Blacklegged ticks were once considered rare in Ohio, but the state now has likely established populations in 26 counties, most east of Interstate 71 where deciduous forests are present. These small, dark ticks are known transmitters of Lyme disease and remain active throughout the year, including the fall and winter when temperatures are above freezing. Learn more about identifying these pests at www.bit.ly/OHticks.

ODH's website has information and images about tick identification and tick-borne diseases. Visit odh.ohio.gov to learn more. The Center for Disease Control website has further details on Lyme disease nationally at www.cdc. gov/lyme.

Unlike pets and humans, wild animals such as deer are not affected by the black-legged tick and suffer no ill effects from Lyme disease. Additionally, Lyme disease cannot be transmitted by the consumption of venison. Hunters should remember that hunting and dressing deer may bring them into close contact with infected ticks. Be aware that composting deer hides may introduce these unwanted ticks in new areas.

Everyone, especially hunters, should be aware of this new threat and take precautions to prevent tick attachment. Outer clothing should be sprayed with a permethrin-based repellent according to label directions before hunting and allowed to thoroughly air dry. Once dry, the clothing produces no odor. Pants should be tucked into socks or boots and shirts into pants to keep ticks on the outside of clothing. These ticks are difficult to spot on camouflage clothing. All clothing should be carefully inspected for small, dark crawling ticks before entering vehicles and going indoors. Once indoors,

PAGE 9 - WEST BEND NEWS - OCTOBER 24, 2012 PEVS STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT BIOMES AROUND THE WORLD



The fifth grade students from Paulding Elementary are busy studying the different biomes around the world. Students selected a biome of interest, researched it, and created a triarama displaying

what the biome would look like and the wildlife or plants you would find there. Shown in the photo with some of the displays are Sydney Mc-Cullough, Kolson Egnor, and Faith Bauer.

thoroughly check for small, attached ticks.

Remove attached ticks as soon as they are discovered to reduce the risk of contracting tick-borne diseases. For individuals to safely remove ticks from themselves, hunting dogs, or deer, people should use tweezers or their fingers protected by rubber gloves. Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull straight out with steady, even pressure. Do not use petroleum jelly, fingernail polish, alcohol, cigarettes, matches, or other similar methods to try to kill or stimulate the tick to back out. These methods do not work, delay proper removal and may be dangerous.

People should familiarize themselves with the symptoms for Lyme disease by going to www.cdc.gov/lyme. Save the tick in a baggie and note the day of removal on a calendar. If an individual seeks medical attention, bring the tick and mention the known presence of Lyme disease infected ticks in Ohio.

To learn more about ticks, visit http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/Default.aspx?tabid=23053.



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OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY: "I AM SOMEBODY"

The sixth graders at Oakwood Elementary wrote essays about themselves titled "I Am Somebody" in their Wellness class. The students then had to design a poster to go along with their essay. These sixth graders at Oakwood

Elementary wrote "I Am Sombody" essays. Pictured in front are: Asia Arellano and Elizabeth Temple. In the back: Joseph Shaffer, Allison Bronson, Emma Horstman, Katelyn Estle, Chelsi Spears.

LADY ARCHERS END SEA-SON HANGING TOUGH

Antwerp lost to Ayersville in the high school volleyball sectional championships on Saturday, October 20th: 24-26, 25-16, 15-25, 17-25.

Archer stats of the game: Alexis Jones - 9 kills, 13 digs, 20-22 passing Katie Bissell – 22 assists, 6

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Lydia Yenser – 8 kills Tara Richhart - 3 kills 5

Emily Hamman - 5 kills Gabby Zuber - 2 kills Kacy Brumett – 16 digs Avrial Sawyer – 22 digs Maddie Reinhart - 9 digs The Antwerp Archers close the 2012-13 season by losing seven seniors: Morgan

Kacy Brumett, Tara Richhart, and Avrial Sawyer. Final record of the season:

Williamson, Katie Bissell,

Alexis Jones, Lydia Yenser,

CENTRAL LUTHERAN STUDENTS JUMP FOR THEIR HEARTS AND HELP **SAVE LIVES**

Students at Central Lutheran School in New Haven are jumping at the chance to fight heart disease and stroke, our nation's No. 1 and No. 4 killers. On Thursday, November 8th Central Lutheran will host its annual Jump Rope For Heart event to raise money for the American Heart Association, which funds lifesaving heart and stroke research and community and educational programs for our Jump Rope For Heart

teaches students how physical fitness benefits the heart and shows them that volunteering can be a fun and positive experience for the whole community. The need to educate children about the importance of physical activity couldn't be timelier. According to recent studies, about one-third of children ages 2 to 19 are overweight and obese. "By including physical activity into their daily routines, kids can significantly reduce the onset and burden of heart disease," said Ann Acosta of American Heart Association

local spokesperson. "By raising money through Jump Rope For Heart, we are preventing heart disease and obesity for the next generation of Americans. Kids are literally jumping into a heart healthier life while becoming passionate about raising money for other kids with sick hearts."

For over 33 years, Jump Rope For Heart has raised more than \$818 million for the fight against heart disease and stroke. Millions of students have jumped rope and learned about heart health and how nutrition and physical activity can help prevent heart disease and stroke. Jump Rope For Heart is cosponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Central Lutheran School has a heart for this cause. If you would like to help more, call our school office at 260-749-2502, your American Heart Association office at 317-873-3640 or call 1-800-AHA-USA1 (1-800-242-

FALL AUTHOR FAIR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3,

Noon - 4:00 p.m. the Allen County Public Library is hosting an Author Fair in the Great Hall at the Main library. Meet more than 35 authors from the area. Take this chance to view a showcase of books and to attend panel discussions on writing for children, young adults, and adults as well as how to write and publish books. What a great way to get to know local authors and you might even find the perfect book to read or give as a

OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE ESTABLISHING UNIFORM HOURS FOR IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted issued a directive establishing uniform hours for in-person absentee voting on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday before Election

Saturday, November 3, 2012 - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 4, 2012 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monday, November 5,

2012 - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This Directive expands the uniform days and hours for in-person absentee voting established by Directive 2012-35, which remains in effect. As such, Boards are reminded that any voter in line when that day's hours for in-person absentee voting ends, may remain in line to apply for and receive an absentee ballot in person.

NEW HAVEN FB WIN FIRST SECTIONAL

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The New Haven football sectional against Marion took place Friday, October 19 and the weather kept many fans away. Within ten minutes New Haven had two touchdowns on the board while the field turned to mud. Without missing a beat the Bulldogs pulled another win out of the helmet 43-20. The next game is this Friday (10/26) at New Haven against Norwell. Shown above is New Haven senior Myron Cowherd bringing down #45 for the fumble, turning into a touchdown for NH on the next play. More pictures at www.westbend-



After two wins in a row and looking for the next Woodlan football took on Bishop Luers for their first foray into Sectionals Friday, October 19 at home. Bishop Luers overpowered the Warriors from the beginning and Woodlan couldn't come back, falling 23-8. Shown above is Warrior junior Corbin Smith ready pass with junior Garrett VanBrocklin holding back the Luers defense. More pictures at www.west-

RAIDERS NOW 8-1



Wayne Trace hosted Antwerp to the Football field October 19. The Archers ended up getting two touchdowns, their second best of the season. Wayne Trace had their highest scoring game of the season and came away with the 73-14 win. Shown above is Raider Jacob Dingus and Antwerp's Derek

Smalley vying for control of the ball. More pictures at www.

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WOODLAN & ANTWERP BOTH WIN 1st ROUND SECTIONALS



The Lady Warriors took on Garrett at Fort Wayne Concordia Saturday, October 20th for this year's Class 3A volleyball tournament. Woodlan won the first game in 3 easy sets 25-17, 25-11, 25-17 moving the Warriors to the Championship game against the home team: Fort Wayne Concordia. The first set was close going to the Cadets 25-22. The Lady Warriors chances of moving on to regionals was fading fast with their score dropping on the two successive matches 25-19, 25-18. Shown above is Woodlan junior Morgan Spencer spiking the ball to the Garrett side of the court. Picture by Angie Gerig.



Antwerp took on the Pilots Saturday, October 20 at Bryan HS after winning against North Central on Wednesday at the Volleyball sectional. The first set went into overtime going to Ayersville. The second round went to Antwerp. The last two went to Ayersville for the win. Scores: 26-24 16-25, 25-15, 25-17. Shown above is Antwerp's Emily Hamman and Lydia Yenser successfully blocking Erin Marshall's spike. Antwerp finished the year at 14-10. More pictures at www.

More Volleyball: Paulding vs New Bremen at Lincolnview on October 16: 23-25, 12-25, 25-21, 25-20, 15-10. The game came down the fifth match, but New Bremen took the trophy. Wayne Trace took on Coldwater at Lincolnview on October



New Haven volleyball took on Jay County at Southside High School on Wednesday, October The Lady Bulldogs started the first set strong but Jay creeped ahead slowly. New Haven followed taking the second set by a good margin. Jay County took the win with these scores: 25-16, 14-25, 25-19, 25-20. Shown above is NH sophomore Ashley Greubel bumping the ball with freshman Hadley Decker as back up. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

LADY ARCHERS WIN FIRST **ROUND OF SECTIONALS**

Antwerp beat North Central in the first round of high school volleyball sectionals on October 17, 2012: 25-17, 25-10, 25-20.

Archer stats of the game: Katie Bissell – 24 assists, 9 aces, 4 digs

Alexis Jones - 6 kills, 5 aces, 10 digs

Emily Hamman - 11 kills,

Avrial Sawyer – 2 aces, 12 digs, 22-22 passing

Kaiya Jemison – 4 kills Tara Richhart – 4 kills Maddie Reinhart – 6 digs Kacy Brumett - 5 digs Lydia Yenser – 5 kills Antwerp is now 14-9.

INTRODUCING IAB FINAN-**CIAL BANK**

A ribbon cutting ceremony

was held on October 9, 2012 to introduce iAB Financial Bank the consolidation of Grabill Bank and MarkleBank. The application for interagency bank merger was approved by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Department of Financial Institutions in August. The two bank's individual holding companies merged in 2005, leaving the banks separately chartered, and became Independent Alliance Banks, Inc. (IAB). The banks have had consolidated administrative and operations functions since then but have maintained individual identities. Consolidation has been the plan for several years in order to make the organization more efficient, control costs and better position the company for future growth.

This new bank consolidation allows for processing of customer transactions from a wider service network including 17 branch offices, a Mortgage Center with two regional offices and a Wealth Management Division. The combined organization is nearly \$1 billion in assets with 275 employees. The new bank is governed by the existing IAB Board of Directors.

Management for iAB Financial Bank include Michael C. Marhenke, President and Chief Executive Officer; Kevin J. Himmelhaver, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Gregory A. Smitley, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; Paul J. Grandlienard, Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer; Karen J. Cameron, Executive Vice President/Corporate Services; and Michael A. Rice, Executive Vice President/Op-

erations. Customers can expect to be served by the same people they have worked with in their local community for more than 60 years. "Both banks have been

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FALL JH BASKETBALL SEASON ENDS AT MANOR HOUSE GYM

Tight games were the rule of the day in JH play at the Manor House Gym on Sunday in Antwerp. The day began with the JH girls finals. The Jade team defeated the Red team in the last matchup of the season. Members of the champion Jade team included: Kylie Cramer, Napoleon Lutheran; Kira Pettit, Stryker; Meghan Skeens, Napoleon JH; Bethany Blackwood, Napoleon JH; Becca Johanns, Antwerp; Hillary Straley, Harlan Christian; Julia Rausch, Napoleon Lutheran. The runner-up Red team consisted of: Lydia Schroeder Napoleon Lutheran; Denae Myers, Wayne Trace; Payton Short, Antwerp; Johnie Roth, Hilltop; Maggie Wilson, Antwerp; Brooke Lelonek, Wayne Trace; Lexi Woods Napoleon Lutheran; Anna Straley, Harlan Christian; and Abby Schaper, Hilltop.

The JH boys games were just as competitive. In game one the Orange team: Shane Mohr, Fairview, Jack Sweeney, Sylvania; Ben Mehno, Sylvania; Jacob Miller, Ayersville; Samuel Openlander Napoleon, and Easton Gerkin, Defiance worked hard to better last week's victory but came up short against the Green team: Tim Maneval and Taylor Trent, Hilltop; Dane Hershberger, Woodlan; Gavin Berner, Defiance; Lo-

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The preschoolers at Paulding Elementary were visited by firefighter Jim McCullough. The students enjoyed it as firefighter Jim showed his fire clothes he wears and tools he uses when fighting a fire. He also taught the preschoolers

place and getting down low to get out of a burning building. In the picture is firefighter Jim with several of the preschool students from Paulding Elementary.

gan Thiel and Andy Wang, Hicksville. In game two the Black

team: Brady Stabler, Wayne Trace; Trey Jones, Holgate; Kyle Nicely, Ayersville; Cole Crites, Fairview; Seth Kuhlman, Defiance; and Logan Bradford, Paulding defeated a pesky Royal team: Ian Groves, Fairview; Dylan Peters and Josh Poulson, Antwerp; Alec

Bayman, Woodlan; Elijah Gardner, Lakwood Christian; Bailey Tear, Hicksville; Spencer, Defiance.

In the finals the Black team prevailed to claim the Manor House Fall JH Championship, in a game that went down to the wire, 48-42. Championship week continues with league finals Thursday and volleyball finals on Friday.

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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": AIRBRUSH ARTIST VISITS VANTAGE



Airbrush artist Tom Banks touches up the flames on his



Vantage Auto Body senior Austin Kincaid (Paulding) practices his airbrush technique as nationally recognized airbrush artist Tom Banks observes.

RE-ELECT Lou Ann WANNEMACHER Paulding County Treasurer



Thank you for your past support and I ask for your vote in the November Election.

Tom Banks, Owner of Big Daddy Customs in Enon Valley, Pennsylvania (a few miles outside of Youngstown), came to Vantage recently to show Auto Body Repair students just what they can do if they put their minds to it. Using a dual-action airbrush and water-based paint, Banks demonstrated techniques that use shadow and highlights to transform a car hood into a piece of art, complete with

lightning bolts, flames, and

even a skull.

For the past 6 years, Banks has been teaching custom paint and graphics at Ohio Technical College. He serves as the primary outside demonstrator, traveling to over 30 states inspiring students to pursue his unique craft. Banks makes visits like this to schools throughout the region, hoping to show them what they could one day be capable of with hard work, determination and drive. 'It's not all about me and what I do with an airbrush," Banks said. "I'm showing them what's possible."

"When it comes to airbrushing, it's like coloring a page from a coloring book, except I'm using an airbrush," he told the students, many of which have expressed interest in related automobile ca-

Banks taught himself how to airbrush, and was later trained by world-renowned airbrush artist Richard Markham, who also is an instructor at Ohio Technical College in Cleveland. He said his favorite "medium" to work on is motorcycles, partly because there is more profit in it, but there are other reasons, too. "Everything about the whole process is a little more edgy and raw," he said. Banks' motto: He says he will paint just about anything that will stay still long enough to paint.

All day long, students from a variety of career technical programs at Vantage joined the Auto Body stu-



WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL TO HOST OCKTOBERFEST

Woodburn Lutheran School would like to invite the Woodburn community to their Ocktoberfest, on Sunday, October 28th, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. A BBQ pork lunch will

be served from 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. There will be kid's games, a country store with home-made and baked items, and a silent auction! Stellhorn Photo will be providing a fun Photo Booth. The Photo Booth will take posed photos, or... if you're in the mood for some fun... they offer a variety of props available for some crazy and zany photos!

Please join us for a funfilled day of good food, games, and fellowship!

PARENT TECHNOLOGY **MEETING AT NEW HAVEN**

By: Beth Stauffer

East Allen County Schools recently held a parent technology meeting to train parents on how to monitor student's iPad usage at home and answer any ongoing questions on Thursday, October 18, 2012 at New Haven High School in the audeteria. William Diehl, the Director of Technology, along with technology coaches Keith Madsen, Shelley Jenkins, Michael Starewich, and Kurt Dager, provided presentations for parents at the meeting.

First, parents were given an informative tutorial on how to access the iParent and iStudent areas on the iPad using the iUniversity feature. Screen shot tutorials were also shown to teach parents how to remove and restrict apps on the iPad. Parents have the ability to restrict the app store, iTunes,

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All of the students at Woodburn Lutheran School recently enjoyed a day of fall fun at Lincoln Ridge Farm, Convoy, OH. They took a walk through the Haunted Adventure, worked their way through the Corn Maize, bounced on the Great Pumpkin Jump, climbed up Straw Mtn. and rode back down on the Zip Line along with lots

of other outdoor fun. Before leaving, the students walked to the Pumpkin Patch where they learned how pumpkins grow on big vines and they each picked their own pumpkin to take home. It was all of the volunteers who helped us travel to the farm and Cathy Thomas that made this a most enjoyable day!

and the camera feature on the student's iPad. A statistic was presented to parents that 62% of kids ages 12 to 17 have a cell phone, and while the iPad is heavily restricted and filtered, cell phones are completely unfiltered.

"We are trying to teach an internal locus of control," said Mr. Diehl regarding the joint role between EACS and parents in overseeing the student's use of the iPads. "We want kids to be just like when they get behind the wheel of a car. They're out and there's nobody around, we hope they make the right decisions. This is the same thing. These restrictions are warnings to teach them, hopefully not to be used forever."

Before the end of the evening, parents were given a

tour of My Big Campus, the virtual learning environment that EACS students use. Parents also learned how to view their student's grades on the iPad.

A few fun facts were pre-

sented during the evening's presentation included the following: · Schools districts from

- across the state are calling EACS for help and advice in creating their instructional technology programs
- EACS' iPad rollout was the 21st largest in the entire world!
- 94% of all Fortune 500 companies are now using iPads. EACS students will have a leg up on the competition because of their familiarity with this technology in the future!

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Financial Focus by: Gabe Pollock, Edward Jones Advisor

Election Day is drawing near. As a citizen, you'll want to cast your ballot for those candidates who best represent your views on a range of important issues. But as an investor, you might be wondering how the election's outcome might affect one specific area — your financial outlook.

There's no simple answer, of course. But a look back in time does reveal some points of interest. Most notably, the stock market and the economy have performed well, on average, under every combination of Democrats and Republicans in Washington. But there are differences specifically, the economy has historically grown faster under Democratic presidents and when Democrats had the majority in Congress. On the other hand, inflation has historically been lower during Republican presidencies and congressional majorities, resulting in improved performance for the bond market.

Still, these tendencies don't necessarily have predictive power. Furthermore, when assessing the long-term effect on investment prices, there's strong evidence that market forces — such as corporate earnings, consumer spending and interest rates — are more important than politics or elections.

Consequently, you'll want to stay current on these market forces as you monitor your investment strategy over

But wait — won't your tax situation change, based on who wins the election? Specifically, won't there be changes related to how your investment earnings are taxed?

At this stage, it's hard to predict what these changes might look like, if they happen at all. Keep in mind that the next president, no matter who he is, will need to get his plan through Congress, so whatever emerges in the way of tax changes may look considerably different than what either candidate proposes. That's also the case for oth-

er policy changes, and it's one of the main reasons that you shouldn't "play politics" with your investment portfolio. It's difficult to guess what will happen to policy — and the consequences are frequently different than intended.

Ultimately, your investment success will depend less on the decisions made by a president or Congress and more on the decisions that you make. So, instead of thinking about what the financial markets might do if one party is in power, or focusing too much on how your investment taxes may change if one candidate is elected president, cast your "vote" for solid investment principles, such as buying quality investments, holding them for the long term, staying aware of your risk tolerance and, especially, diversifying your holdings. While diversification can't guarantee profits or prevent losses, it can help reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio — which will make it easier to establish a strategy and stick to it.

Like many people, you'll be interested in the outcome of the election. But when it comes to taking charge of your financial future, don't wait for Washington. You're in charge — you're the one who will need to gather the resources and get the professional help necessary to keep your investments aligned with your long-term financial goals. Don't be distracted by the political rhetoric — and use your power wisely.

ICE CRYSTAL AND SNOWFALL **FORMATION** CONTINUED...

By: Josh Steiner

In the past article, I explained how ice crystals and precipitation forms in warm core and cold core clouds. In this article, I will explain what conditions are necessary for snow growth. I will explain the temperatures and humidity levels that are needed for snowfall. Most precipitation in the

mid-latitude regions results from the growth of ice crystals in the glaciated, and "mixed" (region of the cloud that contains both cloud droplets and ice crystals) regions of the cloud layer. This occurs from about the freezing level to -40 degrees Celsius. The glaciated part of the cloud will always occur above -40 degrees Celsius. But this is for spring and summer clouds, where temperature are very warm in the low levels. During the winter, clouds are made up of predominately ice crystals and water droplets, which tends to make them higher above the earth's surface. The cloud droplets that do make up at its lower levels are very tiny. Due to the lattice structure of an ice crystal, it loses very little water to evaporation. What this means is that vapor pressure is less around an ice crystal than it is around a cloud droplet (which means that when the air is saturated over an ice crystal, it is supersaturated over a water droplet, above 100% relative humidity). The vapor pressure "gradient" causes water vapor molecules to move from the water droplet to the ice crystal, and depositing on the crystal causing it grow. In this way, since the ice crystals are in relatively less abundance than are water droplets, they grow at the expense of the massive amounts of water, and continue on the process as they shatter. Eventually, if the thermodynamic profiles favor it, the shattered ice crystals will attach themselves to another ice crystal, and fall to the earth as a snowflake. The snowflake will only reach the earth's surface if the entire temperature profile is below or right

In order for snow crystals to grow most rapidly at the expense of the water droplets around them, certain temperatures are required. In the field of cloud physics, much research has been achieved on the required temperatures for the most rapid snow growth. In most research experiments, it was found that dendrites (the most efficient type of ice crystal) that grow from accretion and deposition grow in the areas of the cloud that are in between -10 and -18 degrees Celsius (14 degrees Fahrenheit to 0 degrees Fahrenheit). These dendrites have the shape of a prism with a hexagonal shape. This is not the only condition that needs to be met for the most efficient snow growth. Another condition includes a relative humidity that is near or over 100%, which will allow the ice crystals to maximize growth. It also helps the situation when strong upper level lift is located in the same thermal layer. Dendrites are not the only

way snow can form. Other

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platelets, and the traditional snowflake. Rimed ice crystals usually form when the precipitation layer has temperatures near or around -4 to -6 degrees Celsius. In this case, the ice crystals tend to be very wet, and allow for a better surface for water to "stick" to. These are the very wet, and large snowflakes that we occasionally see during the late winter and late fall months. Platelets are another type of snow crystal, which are usually very, very small. They tend to form during the coldest winter patterns (namely cold lake effect snow events), where cloud temperatures are below -25 degrees Celsius. They create the sight in the air that makes it look foggy. They are usually the snow crystals that blow very easily, and are the main reasons for visibility problems during winter storms. On the other hand, the traditional snow flake usually forms in relatively warm cloud conditions; colder than with rimed ice crystals, but warmer than dendritic snowflake conditions. They can easily become bigger, but water vapor does not stick to them as

types include rimed ice,

Next week, I will be writing about the myths in the Arctic—Arctic sea ice extent, actual observed temperatures, and winter/summer weather patterns.

well. Normally, snow events

dominated by these type of

crystals do not usually bring

much accumulation (but it is

possible).

Visit Josh's blog at http:// stormcenter oh. blog spot.comor email at storm_reportsjoshua@yahoo.com and post a commment or question you'd like answered.

PAGE 13 - WEST BEND NEWS - OCTOBER 24, 2012 **NEW HAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT SEEKING** INFORMATION ON VANDALISM CASE AT MOSER PARK



A New Haven Parks Department employee stated that surveillance video captured on Sunday, October 14, 2012 shows a pick-up truck entering Moser Park with its lights on at 12:11 a.m. The video showed the headlights going around and around repeatedly and then captured the truck leaving with its lights off at 12:17 a.m. There was extensive damage done to the grass area of the park.

The Parks Department employee discovered the damage to Moser Park and reported it to the New Haven Police DeMonday, October 15, 2012.

The pick-up truck involved appears to be an older model Chevy or GMC 4X4 with a tool box across the front of the truck bed and 3 stickers on the rear window. There are running boards and running lights across the roof of the cab of the truck. The truck appears to be lifted or higher than normal.

If you have any information, you are encouraged to call New Haven Police Detective Jeff McCracken at 260-748-7080.

SECRETARY OF STATE HUSTED RELEASES NEW BUSINESS FILING FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that 6,665 new entities filed to do business in Ohio in September 2012. These numbers are up compared to September 2011, in which 6,143 new entities filed with the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State's office has assisted with 66,734 new business filings to date in 2012 (January-September). This is an increase from the

same time period last year, in which there were 63,026 new business filings.

Though the most visible role of the Secretary of State is that of chief elections officer, the office is also the first stop for individuals or companies who want to file and start a business in Ohio. While recognizing these numbers can't provide a complete picture of Ohio's jobs climate, they are an important indicator of economic activity that Secretary Husted hopes will add to the discussion of how to improve the state's overall climate for business.

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PAULDING & OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS CELEBRATE RED RIBBON WEEK



Shown here are Paulding Elementary fourth grade winners with their ads. In front are Jason Granados, Blake McGarvey, and Devin Elkins. In back are Elyse Manz, Marissa Dobbelaere, Courney Smith, and Baylee March.



Paulding Elementary fifth grade winners with their ads. In front are Sidney Kohart, and Zoe Kochel. In back are Julia McMaster, Joel Schneider, Matthew Schroeder, and Tyler



Pictured here are the Oakwood Elementary advertisement contest winners. In front are Ethan Hill and Megan Dearth (4th graders) and Taylor Long and Samantha Wagner (5th graders). In back are Katelyn Estle, Emma Horstman, and Clay Herr (6th graders).

Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated nationwide from October 23-31 this year. This is a time to encourage young people to make wise decisions about their life such as the decision to be drug free. Paulding Elementary fourth

and fifth graders, and fourth, fifth, and sixth graders from Oakwood Elementary held an advertisement contest to see who could design the most creative ads promoting Red Ribbon Week.

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ZIMMANN REFUTES OP-**PONENT'S ACCUSATIONS** WITH FACTS, CONGRES-SIONAL RECORD

Angela Zimmann, challenger for Ohio's newly competitive Fifth U.S. Congressional District, is facing sharp criticism from her opponent Congressman Bob Latta, who recently launched an ad against Zimmann for "shamefully" distorting Latta's record in Congress.

In his newest commercial, Latta attempts to discredit Zimmann for saying that Latta has voted against manufacturing jobs, women, seniors, and hardworking families in Ohio's Fifth District. However, Zimmann stands by her statements on Latta, saying, "The proof is in my opponent's voting re-

JOBS AND MANUFAC-

According to Latta's advertisement, Latta "fights for job-creating small businesses and stands up to defend Ohio workers." However, Latta has voted numerous times against northwest Ohio workers, including those in the auto industry which makes up one in eight jobs in the region.

In 2008, Congressman Latta voted against the auto rescue loans, risking the economic security of northwest Ohio's workers and communities. Congressman Latta also voted against a bill that eliminated \$11.6B in tax breaks for companies that ship jobs to foreign countries (HR5982).

Despite the fact that Ohio's Fifth Congressional District contains one of the nation's highest concentrations of manufacturing jobs, Congressman Latta was one of only four Ohio congresspersons to vote against a 2010 bill punishing China for devaluing currency, giving foreign competitors an edge against American businesses. The bill - HR2378 - received strong bipartisan support with a vote of 348-

"For my opponent to stand up and say that he is committed to fighting for jobs when he voted against our auto industry and against measures that create incentives for domestic job creation is reprehensible,"

Zimmann said. As a result of Congressman Latta's votes against protecting jobs in northwest Ohio, 38,000 jobs - 12,000 of these in manufacturing- have been lost in Ohio's Fifth District since Latta began his congressional tenure

in 2007. **WOMEN**

One issue that Congressman Latta failed to discuss in his latest advertisement but has been frequently brought up by Zimmann - is the Congressman's record on women's issues.

"Congressman Latta voted twice against paycheck fairness for women without any consideration of the financial burden this may cause women and their families," Zimmann said.

"Pay equity is not a Democratic issues nor a Republican issues. It's simply a matter of fairness - regardless of gender, people deserve equal pay for equal work" (HR1338; HR12).

Latta has also repeatedly voted to defund health

organizations like Planned Parenthood, which provides more than 3 million individuals with health care services, including lifesaving cancer screenings and breast examination (HR3293; HR1).

SENIORS

Although Congressman Latta's most recent advertisement asserts Latta voted to protect senior citizens from billions in cuts under the new health care law, Congressman Latta was one of only 62 House members to vote to allow \$21B in cuts to Medicaid service providers, including nursing homes

Furthermore, Latta voted in favor of a budget that would privatize social security, burdening seniors with an additional \$6,800 in out of pocket expenses (H.Con. Res.112).

VOTED FOR HIS OWN PAY RAISE

During Latta's time in the Ohio State Legislature, Latta voted in favor of increasing his own pay by 21 percent amounting to an additional \$9,247 to his taxpayer-funded salary. Latta's salary has been financed by the taxpayer dollar since 1991, when Latta was first elected to public office as Wood County Commissioner.

DEBATE

In closing her response to Latta's accusations, Zimmann included that she would be more than willing to discuss these issues at length with her opponent so that voters can decide for themselves where the candidates stand.

"If my opponent is concerned that his voting record is not being represented fair-

(HR5613).

By: Beth Stauffer Meadowbrook

Elementary School held the second of its Donuts With Dad days on Friday, October 19, 2012 in the school's cafeteria from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Students with last names beginning with J-Z were encouraged to bring Dad or another special male role model to school for donuts, fruit, coffee, and conversation before the school day started.

owbrook Elementary School.

After breakfast, students were encouraged to take their guest on a tour of their classroom and the common areas of the school.

Current educational research has shown how critical involvement and participation is by a male role model in a student's education. According to the National Center for Educational Statistics,

children in grades 1-12 with a father who is highly involved in their education is associated with a greater likelihood of the student receiving all A's. In fact, according to the National Center for Educational Statistics, a father's involvement in a child's education has even more bearing upon a child's likelihood of earning straight A's than a mother's involvement in the child's education.

Fun events like Meadowbrook's Donuts With Dad is just one way the school is reaching out to involve parents and other role models in each student's education. A similar Grandparent's Breakfast event will be held in February and a Muffins with Mom event will take place in

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ly, then I welcome him to endecisions at the polls." gage with me in a public debate," Zimmann. "Voters in the district deserve to hear

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James Walker Jr, James Walker III, and Al McKinny enjoy a

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DONUTS WITH DAD... ROUND TWO

Despite numerous challenges from Zimmann, Congressman Latta continues to refuse participating in a public debate.

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Hundreds of cars packed the parking lot on Friday, September 28th as Central Lutheran School observed Grandparents' Day. The classrooms and hallways were overflowing with grandparents. Some had traveled only a few blocks while others drove across the state to be part of the special day with their grandchildren. Teachers invited the students' grandparents to visit the classrooms where some were interviewed by the students, some helped with school work, and still others played games with the kids. Later, everyone attended a chapel service together and classes per-

grandparents.

"My husband and I thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and look forward to going each year," said Brenda Schuller. "This special day affords us, the grandparents, the opportunity to meet our grandchildren's teachers and visit their classrooms. Central Lutheran School is and has been a wonderful Christian school with excellent teachers and staff. Our two sons graduated from Central with an excellent foundation to further their academic careers. We currently have three grandchildren attending so we are looking forward to many more Grandparents' Days.'

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ZIMMANN, LATTA FACE **OFF AT FORUM, ZIMMANN ASKS LATTA 'WHY WON'T**

Angela Zimmann, candidate for Ohio's newly competitive 5th Congressional District, and her opponent, Congressman Bob Latta, went head to head Sunday evening at a candidates forum in Bowling Green, where both candidates discussed their plans to improve the region's economy and reduce the federal defi-

YOU DEBATE?

However, the strongest remarks were made near the end of the two-hour event during closing statements, when Zimmann publicly challenged Latta to a full public debate and asked her opponent why her challenge continues to go unanswered.

"This debate is not about me, it's not about Representative Latta. It's about you, the people of Ohio's Fifth Congressional District you, the people that I will be working for in Washington," Zimmann said.

"You deserve to hear the candidates discuss where they stand on the issues, so you can make an informed decision...I hope that we get that chance."

Latta, whose closing statement followed immediately after Zimmann's, refused to acknowledge Zimmann's question, instead attacking the federal government's current handling of the national debt.

Latta's refusal to answer Zimmann's question was not overlooked by members of the audience, with one attendee shouting, "You ducked the question."

To date, the Zimmann campaign has waited more than 52 days for the Latta campaign to respond to Zimmann's request to debate. The original challenge was delivered to Congressman Latta via certified mail.

Zimmann's push for a public debate comes as other Ohio candidates agree to engage their constituents in debate, including Senator Sherrod Brown and challenger Josh Mandel, who debated for the first time Monday afternoon. Republican incumbent Bob Gibbs of Ohio's 7th Congressional District is also scheduled to debate challenger Joyce Healy-Abrams on Tuesday, October 30.

In addition to the debate challenge, Zimmann and Latta focused their statements on how they plan to create more jobs in the dis-

Criticizing her opponent for failing to offer solutions to the problems small businesses and families are facing, Zimmann provided her proposal to create more northwest Ohio jobs and enhance the regional econ-

Żimmann's plan includes improvements to infrastructure - such as bridges and railways – to ensure that the district remains competitive for manufacturers looking to develop and transport goods. Zimmann also proposes closing corporate tax loopholes to incentive businesses to keep jobs local, as well as promoting educational training for jobs that already exist but go unfilled.

NEW RULES FOR FISH POSSESSION, HUNTING PRESERVES PASSED BY **OHIO WILDLIFE COUNCIL**

The Ohio Wildlife Council passed rules to modify the fish fillet rule and other fish and wildlife rules on Thursday, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Division of

Fillets must be kept whole until an angler reaches his or her permanent residence or until the fish are prepared for immediate consumption. There will be no requirement to keep skin on the fillets. This rule will not apply to anglers with a receipt from a fish cleaning house or charter captain, which states the date, number and species of fish. Rules encompassing wild

animal hunting preserves, commercial bird shooting preserves and wild cervids were passed to align with recently enacted legislation (House Bill 389). The Ohio Wildlife Council also passed rules to define the geographical limits on reservoirs and bag limits of selected fish species. For the complete list of rules, go to wildohio.com.

The Ohio Wildlife Council is an eight-member board that approves all ODNR Division of Wildlife proposed rules and regulations. Appointed by Governor John Kasich, no more than four members may be of the same political party, and two of the council members must represent agriculture. Each term of office is four years.

Wildlife Council members include: Charles E. Franks, Newark; Horace W. Karr, Pomeroy; George R. Klein, Akron; Paul P. Mechling, II, DVM, Pierpont; Larry B. Mixon Sr., Ph.D., Columbus; Tim Ratliff, Winchester; Stephen M. Seliskar, Willoughby; and Karen Stewart-Linkhart,

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Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers are having so much fun during the month of October with all of the planned Halloween games and projects! Shown here rolling pumpkins for our game time is from left: Hannah Griffiths, Aubrie Long-

streth and Carter Clemens. After we rolled them with our hands, we tried rolling with our noses! These children are in the afternoon class of four and young five year olds with Mrs. Ann Miller and Mrs. Cheri Collins.

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CARDIOVASCULAR AND THORACIC SURGEONS NOW SEEING PATIENTS AT CMH





In addition to the recently announced expanded cardiology coverage, Community Memorial Hospital has added three cardiovascular and thoracic surgeons to its Specialty Clinic lineup. Lutheran Medical Group physicians, Vincent A. Scavo, Jr., MD, Alan C. Peterson, MD, and Christopher A. Danby, MD are now seeing patients at CMH.

Lutheran Medical Group's cardiothoracic surgeons perform procedures such as aortic valve replacements, heart bypass surgery, heart transplants, and surgeries and therapies for thoracic aneurysms on patients with all types of heart conditions. The cardiothoracic surgical team works together and



devices, and medications to help ensure the best possible outcomes for patients.

Vincent A. Scavo, Jr., MD, specializes in minimally invasive off-pump coronary artery bypass, esophageal, and thoracic noncardiac surgeries. Dr. Scavo graduated from Purdue University in 1990, where he played varsity football and received Phi Beta Kappa honors. He earned a medical degree from Loyola University School of Medicine in Chicago in 1994 and was elected to membership in the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. In 2002, he completed general and cardiothoracic surgery residencies at the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Alan C. Peterson, MD, assisted in the development of northeastern Indiana's cardiac surgery and transplant programs. Prior to that, he served as assistant professor of thoracic surgery at the University of Michigan Medical Center and as chief of cardiothoracic surgery at the Ann Arbor Veterans' Administration Medical Center. He also served as the senior registrar

in cardiothoracic surgery at Great Ormand Street Hospital for Sick Children in London. In 1986, Dr. Peterson was one of 15 investigators worldwide in the experimental Jarvik-7 artificial heart program, and he was on the team that implanted northern Indiana's first artificial heart in 1987. Today, he serves as the principal physician consultant for the artificial heart program at Lutheran Hospital. Christopher A. Danby,

MD, completed a general surgery residency at Eisenhower Army Medical Center in 1991 and served two years as staff general surgeon at Winn Army Community Hospital in Fort Stewart, Ga., where he became skilled in videoassisted surgical procedures. Dr. Danby completed a cardiothoracic surgery residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 1995, where he remained as a staff cardiothoracic surgeon for two years. During that time, he served as medical director of the School of Perfusion Technology, as quality assurance coordinator of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery and as an assistant professor of surgery for the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences.

"We're excited to have these three skilled physicians here at CMH," said Mel Fahs, CEO. "They will be familiar faces to many, as they have performed surgery on many individuals in our community. The difference is that now our patients can see these physicians right here in Hicksville - close to home."

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VOLLEYBALL BRACKETS ANNOUNCED AT MANOR HOUSE GYM

The bracket has been established for the youth volleyball league at the Manor House Gym. The seeded, 12 team, single elimination tournament is the culmination of the fall league. Teams from all around the area have battled for five weeks to determine their spot on the bracket.

In the first matches of the day at 9:00 a.m., replacement team Wayne Trace (0-0) will play Defiance (3-2), while Paulding 6 (1-4) will play Fairview Gold (1-4). The 10:00 a.m. games will pit Fairview Apaches (2-3) against Edon (2-3) and also Fairview Black (0-5) against Paulding 5 (2-3). Games at 11:00 a.m. will be #4 seed Ayersville (4-1) against the WT/Defiance winner and #2 seed Lincolnview (4-1) against the Paulding 6/Fair-

view Gold winner. At Noon, #3 seed Antwerp (3-2) will play the Fairview Apaches/Edon winner and #1 seed Van Wert (5-0) will play the Fairview Black/Paulding 5 winner. Semi-final games will be at 1:00 p.m. before the center court is set up and the finals are played at 2:15 p.m.

Stop in at the Manor House Gym in Antwerp and check up on how well these young ladies have improved over the course of six weeks. There is an admission at the door.

WARRIORS END REG. **SEASON WITH WIN OVER BRUINS**

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan finished their regular season with a straight games triumph over SAC opponent Northrop. Rachael Sowles had 4 serve aces for Woodlan and Hannah Robbins and Burgundy Price each had 8 kills in the match. The Warriors next head to the Concorida volleyball sectional with a match against Garrett on Saturday, October 20 at 12:30 p.m.

Scores of the game: 25-21W, 25-15W, 25-9W

WARRIORS TAKEN DOWN BY PANTHERS

By: Jeff Abbott

Snider took 3 of 4 from Woodlan to defeat the Warriors in girls volleyball at the Panthers' gym. Woodlan won the third set of the match before the Panthers took the next set to secure the win. Burgundy Price and Tori

PH: 419-258-2000 • 260-246-8843 • info@westbendnews.net Bontrager each had 13 kills for the Warriors

Scores of the game: 19-25S, 14-25S, 25-19W, 22-25S

ODNR TO REPORT WHITE-TAILED DEER HARVEST NUMBERS WEEKLY

Deer hunters and members of the media can keep up with Ohio's deer harvest numbers throughout the season at wildohio.com.

The deer harvest report will be posted each Wednesday by noon throughout the hunting season. Each report will compare the total harvest for the same number of hunting days for each year. the report will include deer killed by longbow, crossbow, shotgun, handgun and muzzleloader.

The value of the new reports will be realized most during the early archery season. The early archery harvest tends to be a very good predictor of how the rest of the seasons will fare, assuming weather conditions are aver-

The ODNR Division of Wildlife will continue to issue press releases on the traditional season comparisons. The direct link to the website is http://bit.ly/ohiodeerharvest.

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The featured speakers will be Mary Slattery, RN, and Katy (Slattery) Maistros, RN. Both mother and daughter are Registered Nurses, and will discuss changes in nursing over the years. Mary worked at CMH for 35 years, primarily in Obstetrics, but

also in Med-Surg. Katy was a CMH scholarship recipient and worked at the hospital for several years when she was just out of nursing school. She will also discuss her time serving in the Peace Corps and her current training to become a certified nursemidwife.

Other activities taking place will include the CMH Auxiliary's Festival of Trees and a silent auction.

All proceeds from the Legacy Luncheon support the Foundation's scholarship program. Last year, the Foundation awarded four \$1,500 scholarships to local individuals pursuing a career in the medical field.

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PREPARING GARDEN SOIL **FOR THE WINTER**

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

Now is the time to prepare the garden soil for winter. Begin by removing any diseased or insect-infested plant material from the garden that may shelter overwintering stages of disease and insect pests. If this plant material is left in the garden, you are leaving an inoculum of diseases and insects that will begin to reproduce next spring and add to your pest problems.

Some options for infested plant material from the garden is to burn it, where legal. Burning will kill any diseases or insects that may be in plant wastes. Spread the ashes on the garden to get the benefit of mineral nutrients. If burning is not feasible, haul the diseased material away from the garden.

For the plant material not diseased or insect-infested, place this residue on top of the soil to be tilled under or better yet in the compost pile. Crop residues from healthy plants, such as the roots, leaves and stems, are a valuable source of organic matter, and will break down to improve the texture of garden soil. Organic mulches, such as straw or grass clippings, can also be tilled into the soil.

Clean-up also gives you the chance to add compost to the garden. Compost contains highly nutritious, decomposed plant material and beneficial organisms and is an excellent soil builder. By spreading compost and other wastes on the soil and working the plant material into the soil, you are adding nutrients to the soil for next year's crop. The beneficial insects and microorganisms in the compost will help integrate the compost with the soil, and the added humus will improve soil structure.

If you wait until spring to add organic material to the garden, it may not have time to decompose and add its valuable nutrients to the soil by the time you are ready to plant, and you may have to delay planting to a later date. Fresh manure can also burn young seedlings. By adding these materials in the fall, you give them time to decompose and blend into the soil before planting time.

Fall is the ideal time for getting prepared for next year's gardening season. Garden cleanup or "sanitation" at the end of the growing season is a way to reduce the risk of the plant disease potential for the following season and

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The library boasts a delightful children's department with many activities. For adults, there's a cozy reading room with the most recent reading material, as well as internet connection throughout the building. A kitchen and meeting room are also available to the pub-

The Oakwood Library Association, an active support group of the Cooper Community Library, has set up an Endowment Fund, administered by the Paulding County Area Foundation. Annual earnings from this fund will be used for the support and operation of the Library. Through your financial assistance, the Association will use the funds to assist with programming, books and maintenance to the building, which houses the Library.

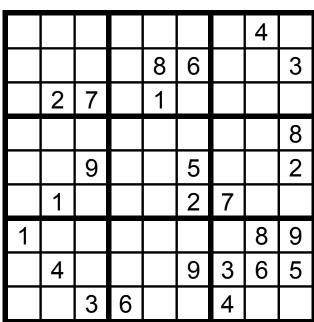
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Paulding Chamber Commerce held a ribbon cutting at River Run Grill (formerly Cabbage Patch Restaurant) on October 12, 2012. Pictured from left are chamber director Erika Willitzer, owners Jason and Kayla Lee, and Paulding Chamber

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Western Buckeye ESC Govern-ing Board held their regular monthly Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednes-day, October 10, 2012 at the Paulding ESC office. Board President Mr. William Poe

II welcomed Board members and school

personnel to the meeting.

Treasurer Gary Ginter reviewed the current financial reports, investments

and the monthly expenditures with the

cussed the next Biennial Budget Proposal which includes Fiscal Year 2014 and Fis-cal Year 2015 and the potential impact

the FY14 and FY15 Biennial Budget could have on our area school districts. Again, the next Biennial Budget is only in the

discussion stages and will not formally come out until last spring or early sum-

Superintendent Brian Gerber dis-

to this new business venture and plan on being very community oriented. mer of 2013. Mr. Gerber also discussed the 21st Century Grant at Wayne Trace Junior High School and the potential positive impact the grant could have on the middle school students. He commended

Board Member Jason Land-

ers. The restaurant is located

at the intersection of Ohio 111

and 637 on the west end of the

Five Span Bridge. Owners Ja-

son and Kayla Lee are devoted

work they are doing with students regarding 21st Century Grant monies. In the business portion of the meet-ing, the Board approved the following

Ashley Shepherd and Matt Krites on the

Western Buckeye ESC Board Agenda October 10, 2012:

A. Motion to accept the resignation

of Rebecca Johns from the Paraprofessional position at Allen County ESC, effective September 22, 2012.

B. Motion to employ Debra Nolte, Paraprofessional for the Allen County ESC system, effective 9/24/2012, for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year,

remainder of the 2012-2013 school year, salary and benefits as presented.

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regular Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center will be on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Van Wert ESC office located in the Thomas

Edison Early Childhood Building

LINCOLNVIEW OVER **FAIRVIEW IN VOLLEYBALL FINALS**

The Lincolnview Lancers avenged their only loss of the season defeating the Fairview Apaches 15-10 in the third set of the championship match. One week earlier Fairview closed the regular season with a win over Lincolnview. Lincolnview came into the tournament as the #2 seeded team. The Lancers knocked out Paulding and Wayne Trace before matching up against Fairview in the finals. Fairview took a little longer route in defeating Edon and Antwerp in two set matches before taking three sets with extra points to knock out undefeated #1 seed Van Wert 18-16 in the third match. Runner-up Fairview closed their season with a 6-4 record. Van Wert closed out at 7-1. Tournament champion Lincolnview ended 8-1. The Lady Lancers and

coach Jackie Miller were treated to ice cream cones by the Ice Cream Depot. Participating for Lincolnview are Riley Byrne, Kerstin Davis, Morgan Miller, Avery McCoy, Aidia Welch, Carly Wendel, McKenzie Sealscott, Cody Miller, Lakin Brandt. Participating for Fairview are Carly Wendling, Kinsey Dietrich, Kamryn Bolland, Riley Collins, Ali Mavis, Kendyl Kime, Rose Zeedyk and Katie Crites.

ODOT CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS WEEK OF OCTOBER 22.

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Defiance County:

Ohio 15 north of U.S. 24 to the Williams County line will be restricted through the work zone for sealing of pavement cracks. Work is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.

Ohio 15 over U.S. 24 will be restricted through the work zone on the southeast side for replacement of the concrete approach to the bridge. Work will likely occur on Monday and Tuesday of the week, weather permitting. Work is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.

Ohio 49 just north of Ohio 249 closed June 4 for a culvert replacement project. The project has been delayed due to issues with the stability of the organic peat soil in the area which will require additional monitoring and engineering. The project has resumed with an anticipated completion before Thanksgiving. Traffic detoured onto Ohio 249, Ohio 2, Ohio 567 and Ohio 34 back to Ohio 49. Work is being performed by Miller Brothers Construction, Archbold.

Paulding County:

Ohio 111 east of U.S. 127 will be restricted through the work zone for sealing of pavement cracks. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

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Ohio 637 south of 111 will be restricted through the work zone for sealing of pavement cracks. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

Ohio 49 in the village of Payne will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for sealing of pavement cracks. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

U.S. 127 north of Paulding will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for drainage tile repair. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

Putnam County:

Ohio 634 between U.S. 224 and County Road N is now open.

Ohio 694 one mile east of Ohio 115 will be reduced to one lane through the work zone at times for ditch cleaning. Work is being performed by Putnam County ODOT. Ohio 65 at the south edge

of Ottawa is restricted to one lane through the work zone for a project adding turn lanes at the Williamstown Road intersection. Work will continue through mid November. Work is being performed by Shelly Company, Findlay.

Ohio 613 between Putnam County Road 5 and Mc-Comb restricted to one lane through the work zone for a pavement repair and resurfacing project which will continue through early November. Work is being performed by Shelly Company, Findlay.

Van Wert County:

Ohio 116 in the villages of Monticello and Venedocia will be reduced to one lane through the work zone for tree trimming. Work is being performed by Van Wert County ODOT.

Ohio 49 south of Willshire will be reduced to one lane through the work zone for tree trimming. Work is being performed by Van Wert County ODOT.

Ohio 18 in Ohio City closed October 15 for five days beginning for construction of a sanitary sewer. Traffic detoured onto Ohio 81, U.S. 127 and Ohio 709 back to Ohio 118. Work is being performed by Santignon Excavating, Celina.

STATEMENT FROM OHIO **SECRETARY OF STATE JON HUSTED**

Regarding the U.S. Supreme Court's denial of a stay of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals' decision in Obama v. Husted, all of the following may be attributed to Ohio Secretary of State Jon Hus-

"Despite the Court's decision today to deny our request for a stay, I firmly believe Ohio and its elected legislature should set the rules with respect to elections in Ohio, and not the federal court system.

"However, the time has come to set aside the issue for this election.

"Today I have set uniform hours statewide, giving all Ohio voters the same opportunities to vote in the upcoming presidential election regardless of what county they live in."



CMH NOW HAS 24/7 **ICU COVERAGE**

Community Memorial Hospital (CMH) has contracted with Hospital Care Group (HCG) to provided 24/7 coverage for its Intensive Care Unit (ICU) program. CMH's ICU serves young adult to geriatric patients who are critically ill as a result of surgery, injury, or acute illness. Symptoms may include acute respiratory failure, cardiac instability, or multisystem organ failure. The ICU patient may require cardiac monitoring, specialized nursing care, or pharmacologic treatments not provided in less acute hospital areas.

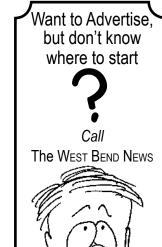
Since the introduction of its ICU program in 2009, CMH has provided excellent high-level care for critically ill patients. This service allows patients to receive high-quality individualized care close to home, avoiding transfers to larger hospitals farther from home.

Founder of HCG, Khurrum A. Shaikh, MD, and his staff will provide 24/7 coverage of CMH's ICU. Prior to opening HCG, Dr. Shaikh pioneered Parkview Hospital's hospitalist program, which has now grown to 14 physicians seeing 120 patients per day. Dr. Shaikh is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

"Dr. Shaikh is a dynamic, energetic, team-oriented physician," said Jane Zachrich, Chief Nursing Officer and VP Patient Services. "His extensive clinical and leadership experience makes him a perfect fit for our hospital. We are thrilled to partner with Dr. Shaikh and HCG to provide this high level of care at CMH."

All of CMH's ICU Registered Nurses (RNs) are Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certified in addition to completing additional courses in critical care education. At least one ICU nurse is in house at all times.

For more information about Community Memorial Hospital's ICU program, please contact Jane Zachrich, Chief Nursing Officer and VP Patient Services at 419-542-5567



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TRACT 5: 19 ACRES WITH 2 ACRE POND AREA. Most of the remainder of acreage is tillable with a 75 foot access off of Campbell Road and a 50' easement access off of Bull Rapids Road. There is some roll in the terrain for a potential walk-out building site near the pond. Most of the soils are Morley silt loam with some Pewamo silty clay along the ditch bottom.

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The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors met October 18, 2012 at the OHSAA office in Columbus for its regularly scheduled October meet-ing. The following are highlights from the meeting. The complete set of meeting

minutes will be posted at OHSAA.org.

• The OHSAA's Sportsmanship,
Ethics and Integrity Committee has an
ounced that 27 member schools have
met the Respect the Game Challenge
and 24 member schools have received the Harold A. Meyer Award. A separate press release will be distributed in the near future that will name the award recipients. More information about the school sportsmanship awards program can be found at: http://www.ohsaa.org/news/ Magazine/Winter2011/PG11.pdf

• The financial report from the 2012

regional and state track & field tournaments was presented to the board. At the state tournament, the two-day total at-tendance was 27,277, which marked the third-highest attendance for the track state tournament in OHSAA history.
Overall, the regional and state tourna-

ments resulted in a profit of \$24,360.

• Last year, the OHSAA formed a committee of coaches and school administrators to study out-of-season coaching and skill instruction regulations. It is expected that the board will vote on a is expected that the board will vote on a proposal from the committee in the near future after reviewing the proposal and gathering feedback from the Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (OIAAA) and the various coaches associations.

 Seven member schools were recently penalized for committing infractions of OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations. The list of schools and their penalties is always included in the complete meeting minutes posted at OHSAA.org, but media members may request the list earlier via email from Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Information Services. • The OHSAA and the Jerome Schot-

nstein Center at The Ohio State University have partnered to create 168 premium seats that will be sold for the 2013 boys basketball state tournament. The seats will include various amenities. Further

will include various anienties. Furture details will be announced later this fall.

• The tournament regulations for the OHSAA's winter sports were approved by the board and will be posted on the respective sports pages at OHSAA.org.

• The state tournament draw in ice becken were held and will be posted at

hockey was held and will be posted at OHSAA.org. The regional and state draws for the girls and boys basketball tournaments were tabled and will be held at the next board meeting.

Sudoku solution from page 17

GMC ANNOUNCES 2012 FALL SCHOLAR ATHLETES

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce their All Academic Athletes for the fall of 2012. To be eligible for this hon-

or, the athlete must be a senior, participate and letter in a recognized sport or cheerleading and have a 3.5 GPA or better after six semesters. **ANTWERP:**

Jesse Wilson 3.89; Morgan Willamson 3.87

AYERSVILLE:

Angelica Moreno 4.00; Justin Flory 3.99; Emily Thieroff 3.99; Emily Cramer 3.90; Grant Snow 3.90; Nikki Schroeder 3.85; Kyle Wank 3.80; Hannah McKibben 3.78

EDGERTON:

Tony Weber 3.72; Ronnie Richardson 3.60; Nicole Jones 3.58; Devin Cape 3.53

FAIRVIEW:

Kasen Culler 4.00; Bradi Hill 4.00; Emily Macsay 4.00; Kyle Thomas 4.00; Jessica Stairhime 3.95; Emily Wells 3.95; Jacob Whitman 3.95; Brad Nester 3.91; Jared Elchinger 3.88; Jacob Hoffman 3.88; Isaac Bustos 3.80; Lydia Hall 3.79; Corinna Gegers 3.71; Jessica Schwiefert 3.71; Renee Meyer 3.66; Matt Meyer 3.66; Kyrsten King 3.62; Sarah Polter 3.59; Jacob Daniel 3.58; Melanie Wolfrum 3.54

HICKSVILLE:

Terin Betz 3.95; Eric Vetter 3.71; Conner Yoder 3.62; Austin J. Laney 3.6

HOLGATE:

Landon Grim 4.00; Jarid Jones 3.97; Brandon Gustwiller 3.89; Emily Wayne 3.79; Jacob Aelker 3.75; Chelsea Fleetwood 3.67

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CLUB:

Monday, November 12, 4:00 p.m. - Grades 3 and up can create with Legos. There will also be Legos at the library for you to use. And, of course, snacks.

WOODBURN CLUB:

Wednesday, November 14, 3:00 p.m. - Each meeting will include a game, a reader's theater, a craft and a snack with book sharing. Each time you attend you will receive a sticker to add to your Woodburn Kids Club Sticker Book.

November 14 – Taking to the sky, airplanes

HÓLIDAY MAIL FOR **HEROES:**

November – Please join us in making holiday cards for our U.S. service members and veterans. This is your chance to say "thank you" and lift the spirits of these very special Americans. All materials will be provided.

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SECRETARY HUSTED: ABSEN-TEE BALLOT REQUESTS TOP ONE MILLION

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Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted today announced that Ohio's county boards of elections have received more than 1.1 million requests to vote by mail, including more than 13,000 requests for military and overseas ballots. In addition, more than 59,000 Ohio voters have already cast their ballots early at their local board of elections or designated absentee voting centers. Today marks 28 days before

Election Day and Ohioans are already taking full advantage of the wide menu of options they have to vote in this election," Secretary Husted said. "The fact that nearly 1.2 million Ohioans have acted to be part of the early voting process clearly demonstrates how easy it is to vote in

Information provided below is based on an informal survey of county boards of elections as of Friday, October 5, 2012. 2012 General Election by

the Numbers: • 7.9 Million Ohioans are

- currently registered to vote. • 1,120,682 absentee ballot applications to vote by mail
- have been received as of Friday. • 13,100 military and overseas absentee ballots have been
- requested as of Friday. • 59,353 Ohioans have already cast an absentee ballot in person.
- Nearly 6.9 Million absentee ballot applications were sent out to Ohio voters over the course of two statewide mailings. (Initial: 6,488,648; Supplemental:
- 92,900 voters and counting have updated their address online at www.MyOhioVote.com.



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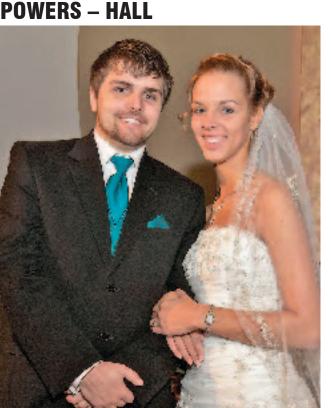
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Rachel Powers and Grant Hall were married October 13, 2012 at Pinehills Church in Fort Wayne, IN.

Participating in the celebration were Ölyvia Cooper, maid of honor and bridesmaids Megan, Elizabeth and Lydia Powers, sisters of the bride.

Best man was Cody Hall, brother of the groom and groomsmen Nick Woodring, Josiah Clark and Stephen Craft, friends of the groom.

MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH HOSTS JH VOL-

The Antwerp Mt. Calvary

Lutheran Church (LCMS)

will be hosting a parochial junior high school volleyball

tournament on Saturday, Oc-

tober 27, at the Manor House

Gym. There will be six teams

participating from four coun-

ties, in two states, in this

year's event: Napoleon, OH

St John Lutheran; Monro-

eville, IN St. John Lutheran;

Huntington, IN Huntington

Catholic; New Haven, IN St.

John Catholic; Fort Wayne,

IN Emmaus Lutheran; and

Elkhart, IN Trinity Lutheran.

Games will begin at 10:00

a.m. and run through the fi-

nals played at 3:30 p.m. This inaugural event is going to

be observed by coaches from

other schools outside the area

and more teams are already

inquiring about future paro-

chial school events from as

far away as Indianapolis and

Please join Mt. Calvary

Lutheran as we welcome

these young ladies into

Paulding County. This volley-

ball tournament combines an

opportunity for fellowship of

competition while support-

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growth and knowledge as we

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sus Christ in a welcoming and

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LEYBALL TOURNAMENT

WELLNESS 4 EVERYONE CANAL DAYS 5K MEETING

reside in Fort Wayne, IN.

The flower girl and ring

The bride is a 2010 home-

bearer were Esther and Isaiah

Powers, siblings of the bride.

school graduate from New

Haven, IN and will graduate

this semester from the mas-

sage therapy program at Ivy

uate from Woodlan High

School and is currently em-

ployed in heating and air con-

ditioning. The Hall's presently

The groom is a 2011 grad-

Tech.

DATE SET

A Wellness 4 Everyone Canal Days 5K have set Tuesday, November 6th as their next meeting from 3:45-4:30 p.m. at the New Haven Parks Depart-

Agenda for the evening include the following items:

- School Participation (A minimum number per school will be determined for participation)
- Business Teams (Great for Spring Corporate Wellness!)
 - Fundraising
- 6 Week Spring Training Program
- Lunch Break CampaignsCommunity Training
 - Work Training SitesDistance and Time Train-
- ing Templates
- Event transportation op-
- Marketing and Social Me-
- Awards

• Determination of adding

Teleconferencing into meetings will be an option for those unable to attend in person or happen to be in other areas of the state. New Haven Parks and Recreation Office is located at 1125 Hartzell Road, New Haven, IN 46774. For questions, call or email Kerri Zurbuch, at 260-433-0024 or kerri@wellstrategiesinc.org

SECRETARY HUSTED TO APPEAL FEDERAL COURT DECISION TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that he will ask the U.S. Supreme Court to make the final determination on whether the General Assembly of the State of Ohio or the federal courts should set Ohio election laws. Husted will be appealing the Friday decision by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Obama v. Husted. Regarding this decision, all of the following may be attributed to Secretary Hus-

"This is an unprecedented intrusion by the federal courts into how states run elections and because of its impact on all 50 states as to who and how elections will be run in America we are asking the Supreme Court to step in and allow Ohioans to run Ohio elections.

"This ruling not only doesn't make legal sense, it doesn't make practical sense. The court is saying that all voters must be treated the same way under Ohio law, but also grants Ohio's 88 elections boards the authority to establish 88 different sets of rules. That means that one county may close down voting for the final weekend while a neighboring county may remain open. How any court could consider this a remedy to an equal protection problem is stunning.

"As a swing state, we in Ohio expect to be held to a high standard and level of scrutiny when it comes to elections. However, it's troubling that the federal courts have failed to recognize that there isn't another state in the union which can claim Ohio's broad menu of voting options and opportunity to vote. In Ohio, ALL voters already have at least 230 hours available to vote in person prior to Election Day, ALL registered voters received an application to vote by mail and ALL voters still have the ability to vote during the 13-hour window on Election

'While I will be asking the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold Ohio law through the appeals process, the last thing I want to see is a nonuniform system where voters will be treated differently in all 88 counties.

'Since some boards of elections have already started to take action on hours of operation for the three days before Election Day, I am going to take time to consult with all 88 counties before crafting a directive to set uniform hours should the state not be successful upon appeal."

SECRETARY HUSTED: THREE WEEKS BEFORE ELECTION

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that with three weeks to go before Election Day, more than 1.4 million Ohioans have either cast or requested an absentee ballot for the November 6 general

"While many other states prepare for an Election Day that's three weeks away, in Ohio more than 1.4 million voters are actively taking advantage of their opportunities to vote early," Secretary Husted said. "We're two weeks YOUR FULL SERVICE MEAL SOLUTIONS SINCE 1951

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into early voting and the elections process is running smoothly across Ohio."

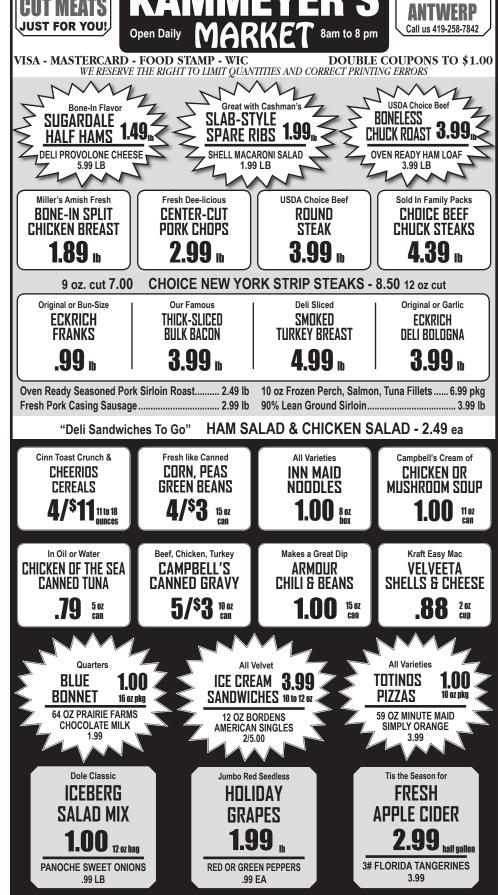
2012 General Election by the Numbers

- 7.9 million Ohioans are currently registered to vote.
- Nearly 6.9 million absentee ballot applications were sent out to Ohio voters over the course of two statewide mailings. (Initial: 6,488,648; Supplemental: 394,094)
- 246 total hours available to vote in person prior to Election Day in Ohio (including the last weekend). • 750 hours possible to vote
- absentee by mail during the absentee voting period.

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- 1,268,635 voters have requested absentee ballots to vote by mail. -Òf those, 280,300 ab-
- sentee ballots by mail have • 15,975 military and over-
- seas voters have requested ballots. -Of those, 2,607 mili-
- tary and overseas ballots have been cast. • 124,073 Ohioans have
- cast an absentee ballot in person at the board of elections or designated early vote center.

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