

ROMNEY RALLY REINVIGORATES REPUBLICANS



With the election only a week away the Romney-Ryan Campaign made a surprising move to visit Defiance, Ohio Thursday, October 25. It is clear that Ohio is the key battleground state to win in the 2012 election. The new US 24, soon to be opening in Indiana, has made it much quicker to visit rallies like this from places like Toledo, Napoleon, Paulding

County, New Haven or Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The evening started with a large crowd, with people from the entire region. Why would 12,000 people come to this? To see what Mitt Romney, Presidential hopeful, was all about, and there was number of musicians, including Big and Rich, Randy Owen of Alabama, (continued on page 3)

LIGHTED HOLIDAY PARADE IN WOODBURN

Friday November 16th will be Woodburn's first ever "Lighted Parade" for the holidays. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station and end at the evergreen tree at the corner of College and Main Street. The lighting of the tree will be at approximately 8:00 p.m. There will be hand outs for the children, church choirs, hot chocolate and of course Santa Claus! Save the date and plan to enjoy another event in our town. If you would like to be in the parade call Tonya at 260-255-0075. Your vehicle or yourself must have lights!

ANNUAL VETERANS' DAY DINNER IN PAYNE

Payne American Legion Post 297 will host its annual Veterans' Day Dinner on November 11, 2012 on Veterans' Day Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

All Veterans and their families are invited. The Post will provide the meat please bring a side dish and table ware. Entertainment will be provided following the meal.

EACS ADMINISTRATOR CHOSEN DISTRICT 3 STATE SECONDARY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

The Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP) will recognize Ms. Nicole Singer, Assistant Principal at Woodlan Jr. Sr. High School as the 2012 Secondary Assistant Principal from IASP District 3. Ms. Singer will be recognized on Sunday, November 18, 2012. From the 12 District Secondary Assistant Princi-



pal winners, one will be announced as the 2012 Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year during the ceremony.

District 3 is located in northeast Indiana and is made up of Adams, Allen, Dekalb, Huntington, Lagrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells and Whitley Counties.

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Jeff and Reba Smith would like to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their son, Andrew Smith, to Samantha Savill, daughter of Judy and Gary Savill of Lakeville, IN.

The bride elect is a 2006 graduate of Laville High School and a graduate of the Indiana School of Radiology and is employed by Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

Andrew is a graduate of Brown Mackie College and is a Surgical Technologist at Community Memorial Hos-

pital, Hicksville.

The couple will exchange vows at Ministries Church on November 10, 2012.

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OBITUARIES

Sylvia Sue "Mikee" Miller, 74, of Hicksville, OH, passed away Monday, October 22, 2012 at Hickory Creek of Hicksville, Hicksville, Ohio after a brief battle with cancer.

Mikee was born on September 19, 1938 in Defiance, OH, the daughter of Walter and Mable (Rowan) Sholl. On July 6, 1957, she was united in marriage with the love of her life, Joseph W. Miller.

He survives along with their family dog, Max. Together they raised four children, Michael (Jackie) of Peoria, AZ, Douglas of Woodburn, IN, Jolene (Michael) Gregg of Hicksville and David (Stacy) of Mark Center, OH.

Mikee was also the beloved grandmother to four grandchildren: Chelsie (Joel) Hardman of Fort Wayne, IN, Joseph Gregg of Hicksville, OH and Heidi and Ethan Miller of Mark Center, OH.

Also surviving is her sister, Patricia Bohn of Defiance, OH.

Preceding her in death were her parents; and an infant brother, Bobby.

Mikee was always active in the community, whether it was coaching baseball, county election board, fair-board auxiliary, or Eagle's Auxiliary, she was always eager to help other people. She owned and operated Mike's Lovin Oven Bakery, worked at Spangler Candy Company and Community Hospital in Bryan before retiring from the Dollar General Store in Hicksville.

Mikee was loved by many and was fortunate enough to have many people she included in her extended fam-

ily, both locally and in Arizona.

The funeral service for Mikee was October 26, 2012 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Burial was in Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Defiance County, American Cancer Society, or to the donor's choice. Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

After an extended illness, **Billy Joe Nelson**, 85, passed away on October 22, 2012 in Fort Wayne, IN. Bill was a hardworking and loving man whose greatest enjoyment was building things and spending time with his family. He wasn't happy until his projects were done right. In his eyes, his grandkids were one of the projects that were perfect.

Bill was born on September 22, 1927 to Ruie Nelson in Paintsville, KY. On March 3, 1948, he married Anna (Ethel) Fisher who survives. They had seven children, two daughters: Rita Glass of Fort Wayne, IN and Sharon (Ray Nick) Johanns, Paulding, OH and five sons: Richard (Lydia) Nelson of Slidell, LA, William Nelson of OH, Donald (Lona) Nelson of Suffolk, VA, Roger (Faith) Nelson of Convoy, OH and Kent (Dunia) Nelson of Kodak, TN. He is survived by 20 grandchildren; and 37 great-grandchildren.

Bill worked for 37 years at Fruehauf in Fort Wayne and then provided maintenance at an elderly apartment complex in Fort Wayne with his wife. In retirement, he enjoyed living at Coldwater,

MI and then moved to the Tennessee Mountains that just felt like home.

There will be no services at this time as the family will have a private service in Tennessee at a later date. The family requests memorials to be given to the Parkview Hospice or Alzheimer's Association.

Jo Anne L. Webb, 73, of Antwerp, passed away Thursday, October 25, 2012 at her son's residence.

Jo Anne was born in Antwerp on May 30, 1939, a daughter of the late Mildred (Miller) and August Walkenstine. On June 13, 1983 Jo Anne Married Kim Webb. He passed away Jan. 7, 2003. Jo Anne worked at Dana Weatherhead, Antwerp & Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne. She was a member of the Paulding Eagles and enjoyed painting & genealogy.

Jo Anne will be sadly missed by her children: Jim (Lisa) Mortorff of Antwerp; Linda (Pat) Swann of Woodburn, IN and Patty (Bob) Hathaway of Waterloo, IN; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and sister, Marilyn Harris of Fort Wayne.

She was also preceded in death by her sisters: Kay Brittsan and Jean Smith Rioux; and great-grandson, Jayden Phipps.

Her service was at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp on Tuesday, October 30, 2012. She was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to Paulding Hospice 250 Dooley Drive, Paulding, Ohio 45879. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com
Jean E. Stuart, 85, of

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."
—1 Corinthians 1:8

ZIMMANN QUESTIONS LATTA ON CAMPAIGN ETHICS, DEBATE CHALLENGE

Angela Zimmann, candidate for northwest Ohio's newly competitive Fifth U.S. Congressional District, questioned her opponent, incumbent Congressman Bob Latta, for using taxpayer-paid congressional staff to work campaign events.

According to Congressman Latta's latest FEC report, Theresa Charters, Latta's campaign compliance officer, is the only individual paid through Latta's campaign funds.

However, several of Latta's congressional staffers - who are paid with taxpayer money - have been seen working campaign events, raising ethical concerns for the incumbent congressman.

"Congressman Latta owes our families an explanation as to why their hard earned money is being spent to fund his bid for re-election," Zimmann said.

"The hardworking men and women of northwest Ohio deserve to know where their tax dollars are going, and it is highly unethical for my opponent to be using his taxpayer-paid congressional staff to help run his campaign."

In addition to Latta's questionable use of staff, Zimmann also called out her opponent for his continued refusal to participate in a public debate. Zimmann challenged

Latta twice this week in person to a full debate, but both of her challenges went unanswered.

In an article published Thursday by *The Toledo Blade*, Congressman Latta's spokeswoman Laura Strange - his congressional staffer - explained that Latta would not debate because he is "focused on the issues." The statement from Latta's congressional staffer was made Wednesday at a Perrysburg candidate forum, which was strictly a campaign event.

However, Zimmann believes that if Congressman Latta were truly focused on the issues and were committed to engaging with voters, he would agree to a public debate.

"Voters deserve a full debate so they can hear Congressman Latta and me discuss the issues at length," Zimmann said. "Instead, all that my opponent is willing to provide are 90 second responses to critical issues that require more thoughtful consideration - issues such as job creation and the national deficit."

Meanwhile, the Zimmann for Congress campaign office has received numerous calls from constituents who have tried to contact Latta to ask why he won't debate, but have received no response. Congressman Latta's campaign website contains no phone number for people to contact with their questions or concerns.

art of Fort Wayne, IN, and Thomas (Kelli) of Leo, IN; two daughters: Janet (David) Penn of Naperville, IL, and Connie (Bob) Wilson of Tulsa, OK; a sister, Ethel (Clark) Jewell of Paulding; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Larry Deisler; a sister, Janet Flint; a grandson, Matthew Wilson; and step-father, Clyde Thompson.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 31, 2012 at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church. Burial followed in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials made to St. Paul Lutheran Church or CHP Hospice of Defiance. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Deacon Leonard E. Roth, 61, of Paulding died Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at his residence.



He was born December 28, 1950 in Paulding County, OH, the son of Charles and Frances M. (Wyatt) Roth. On August 21, 1971 he married Kathleen Denise Clark, who survives. He retired from Continental Structural Plastics after 21 years. He was formerly employed by BF Goodrich, Woodburn, IN; International Harvester of Fort Wayne, IN; General Dynamics of Lima, OH, and the former Pawnee Plastics of Paulding. His Deaconate Ordination was May 20, 2006 in Diocese of Toledo.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy Roth of Paulding; a son, Adam (Denise) Roth of Bryan; a daughter, Mari (Bruce) Ivan of Paulding; a brother, Lew Roth of Fort Wayne; a sister, Georgia Wilson of Antwerp; and six grandchildren: Sarah, Greg, Elliot, Nicholas, Owen, and Zach.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Ronald Roth; and grandsons: Jacob Ivan and Joseph Roth.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted October 27, 2012 at Divine, Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, with Bishop Leonard Blair and Father Jacob Gordon officiating. Burial will follow in St. Paul Cemetery.

To honor Deacon Roth's wishes, in lieu of flowers, throws, concrete statuary, etc. the family requests memorials made to Masses; Diocese of Toledo Priests' Retirement Fund; National Retirement Fund for the Religious; or Paulding County Hospice. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com



Paulding died Saturday, October 27, 2012 at CHP Hospice, Defiance, OH.

She was born January 17, 1927 in Paulding, OH, the daughter of John C. and Nettie L. (Ankney) Deisler. She retired from Farm Credit Services in 1989 after 23 years and was previously employed as Secretary for the Principal of the Paulding High School. She was a member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Katherine Lutheran Circle.

She is survived by two sons: Daniel (Cindy) Stu-

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PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL Presents a Community Education Opportunity:
Take Charge... Win the Battle

6 Week Program
Thursdays - November 1 thru December 13
9:00 - 10:00 am
Multi-Purpose Room
PCH Registered Dietician, Emily Cicero will be covering nutrition topics concerning:
• General Weight Loss Tips
• Eating Healthy on a Budget
• Healthy Choices While Eating Out
PCH Certified Personal Trainer, Naomi Nicely Brodbeck will be discussing exercise topics including:
• Weight Loss
• Strengthening Your Core
• Exercise & Strength Training to help those advancing in age

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and Meatloaf who played for the crowd. Meatloaf then gave his full endorsement for Mitt. It's amazing how quickly a large scale production can be put on quickly.

The West Bend News was on hand to cover the event from the beginning. Normally we attempt to keep the news only about local issues, events and people so you will not see a lot of the national election information. This evening was different since the national spot light came to our area.

Protesters to the rally stood outside of the entrance as the crowd poured in. The fireworks started and the candidates speaking moved higher up the political ladder. The Republican candidates speaking included Tony Burkley, Representative Bob and Marsha Latta, Senator Rob Portman, and Governor John Kasich.

Both Rob Portman and the Governor spoke of the major financial turnaround the state has had in the past 4 years since Kasich took office. The state was previously in a \$8 billion deficit and now is in the black.

Many polls of Ohio give Obama a slight edge but three polls in the last several days say it's a equal, but all the others have given Obama a lead ranging only 1-5% and that's enough to get the candidates in Ohio for the next week. According to other news organizations: Polls Thursday that showed potential progress for Obama in Colorado and North Carolina, two states that have been trending toward Romney.

It's a big question this year and as the governor of Ohio said, "It may be the most important election this country has ever had." The show did not disappoint and hard line Obama supporters may have been swayed by the words of the candidates. Not matter your vote, it's been a long time since our area has had an event like this. Lots of pictures at www.westbendnews.net

2012 HALLOWEEN COSTUME COMPETITION IN ANTWERP



The weather was sunny, the costumes were great and a fun time was had by all at the annual Halloween Parade and Costume Judging in Antwerp on October 27, 2012. The Chamber of Commerce sponsored this annual event as well as the Antwerp Police, Fire, and EMS Departments, the Fireman's Auxiliary, Antwerp Rotary, AHS Band, AHS National Honor Society students, Country Times Market, and Regan Clem who was MC for the judging competition. The costume judges were Karen Sanders, Suzanne Rister, Sandra Wann, and Stanley Jordan. All of the contestants were winners but the prize places selected in each age category by our judges are listed below:

GROUP (2 OR MORE, ANY AGES):

1st Place Troy Womack, Laci Roby, Wes Roby
2nd Place Laura Miller, Emma White
3rd Place Emory and Maclaren Ehrhart

2 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER:

1st place Anneliese Zijlstra
2nd Place Alyvia Bell
3rd Place Karlee Couture
3-4 YEARS OF AGE:
1st Place Ethan Marlin
2nd Place Griffen Kosch
3rd Place Danica Anne Lehman

5-6 YEARS OF AGE:

1st Place Taylor Steibling
2nd Place Lucas Lovellette
3rd Place Zane McMichael

7-8 YEARS OF AGE:

1st Place Jaden Pebley
2nd Place Ross Lee
3rd Place Rayni Rister

9 YEARS OF AGE:

1st Place Landon Lee
2nd Place Olivia Stomm
3rd Place Carmen Cruz

10 YEARS OF AGE:

1st Place Karsyn Brumett
2nd Place Ally Swoveland
3rd Place Tabbi Jones

11-12 YEARS OF AGE:

1st Place Samantha McLaughlin
2nd Place Kaitlyn Titus
3rd Place Hannah Schneider

13 AND OLDER:

1st Place Lydia Schneider

2nd Place Abbey McDougall

3rd Place Julia Ryan
2012 GRAND PRIZE WINNER:

Troy Womack, Laci Roby, Wes Roby

IS YOUR CHILD A TARGET OF BULLYING?

Welcome parents, caregivers, district staff, educators and professionals to "Is Your Child a Target of Bullying?" on Thursday, November 8, 2012 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Presenter for the evening will be Sandy Brickner, of the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD).

Participants will gain an understanding of the different types of bullying, symptoms that children display when they are being bullied and the characteristics of a bully. A discussion centered upon interventions and strategies will be shared to assist parents and school personnel create a safer environment for children who may be a target of bullying.

This seminar will take place at Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School, 4915 SR 127, Haviland. Please park on the west side of the building. Enter through the triple set of glass doors.

There is no cost to attend these series of Parent-Professional Trainings. Certificate of Attendance available upon request. Pre-registration is preferred by contacting: Cathy Ruiz, Parent Mentor, Western Buckeye, ESC, Paulding County at 419-263-2512 (select #4 Payne Bldg.) or 419-399-2711 or email Cathy at cruiz@wb.noacsc.org

A VETERAN'S TRIBUTE TO BE MADE

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

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

- Select your photos, preferably in uniform, (please use a jpg format if at all possible)
- Include branch of service, rank, years of service etc...
- Submit it to Mike Knight at mcknight269@hotmail.com
- If you do not have an electronic copy you may drop your photo off at the Antwerp VFW (clearly marked with your name and information) and we will scan the photo and return it to the VFW for you to pick up.

So dig through those old photo albums and find any old military photos you may have. All photos are welcome. We'd really like to give them the honor they deserve.

WT FACULTY RAISE FUNDS FOR PC UNITED WAY



The employees of Wayne Trace Local Schools recently concluded their 2012 United Way campaign drive. Through several generous donations, Wayne Trace was able to contribute \$700 to the United Way of Paulding County.

Shown in the picture above are WT Payne Elementary School librarian Mrs. Carol Stoller; United Way of Paulding County director Mrs. Sonya Herber; and WT Payne Elementary School principal Mrs. Sarah Franz.

VETERANS' DAY DINNER IN ANTWERP

The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW Post 5087 of Antwerp will be hosting a Veterans' Day Dinner on Sunday,

November 4, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. This dinner is exclusively for veterans only.

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

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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Words are inadequate for the gratitude I wish to convey for all the cards, food, phone calls, prayers and visits at Randy's passing. A special thank you to Rev. Fillman and Dooley Funeral Home. The outpouring of community support and compassion the family has been bestowed is overwhelming to say the least.

Nancy Mahr,
Mr & Mrs. Terry Kashner,
Malissa Baxter,
Mr. & Mrs. Reed Mahr

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HOW CAN ONE SING SONGS IN THE NIGHT?

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary

It's in the book of Job where a man named Elihu asks the question, "Where is God Who gives songs in the night?" Such questions are valid ones and often come at the times of bitter pain and suffering. The strongest argument of the atheist has to do with this problem of human suffering. Epicurus, who lived 342-270 B.C., presented three concepts about God and human suffering: (1) if God wishes to prevent evil and cannot, He is not all-powerful; (2) if God can prevent evil and will not, He is not good; (3) if, however, God is all-powerful and all-loving, then why is there evil in the world?

The fallacy in this thinking is the belief that no good can be served by God's allowing evil or suffering. The fact of God's love, wisdom, power, and allowance of suffering are not mutually exclusive concepts. Furthermore, everyone of us will pass through dark valleys sooner or later. If it hasn't done so already, suffering and affliction will eventually become a part of your history as it has the personal history of every single person who has ever lived on this planet.

All of us will become ill; some of us will become permanently ill. It is an illusion that one day all diseases will be wiped out. For all of us, there will be periods of deep pain, suffering, grief, disappoint-

ment, discouragement, and struggle. And each person will one day die.

There are those who give up their belief in God because they do not believe that God is fair. They ask, "What have I done to deserve this?" "Why was my loved one suddenly taken?" "Why are some children born retarded?" "Why did cancer strike MY family?" "Why me?" How will we answer these and similar questions? How can we ever learn to sing "songs in the night?"

Faith in the sovereignty of God. The world is not ruled by chance but by a loving God Who is in control. The Bible says that even a sparrow cannot fall without His notice. And he deeply cares for each of us. Nothing can happen that does not concern God. Jesus sang in the darkest night of His life on earth. The Apostle John sang songs of joy and praise while in exile on the island of Patmos. Paul and Silas sang at midnight after being beaten and chained in prison. And you and I can also sing songs in the night. How? By trusting in God's sovereign care and loving will for our lives. Yes, there will be times of bitter pain and deep, deep valleys. And, yes, there will be times of deep doubt and anger toward God, even for the strongest of believers.

But for the ones who know Him personally, He will also give sustaining grace, mercy, and tremendous peace. Even in the midst of the difficulty. And we, like Job, will also be able to sing songs in the night.

ELECTION DAY COMMUNION AT RIVERSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

On November 6, 2012, Election Day, we will exercise our right to choose.

Some of us will choose to vote for Barack Obama.

Some of us will choose to vote for Mitt Romney.

Some of us will choose to vote for another candidate.

Some of us will choose not to vote.

During the day of November 6, 2012, we will make different choices for different reasons, hoping for different results.

But that evening while our nation turns its attention to the outcome of the presidential election, let's again choose differently. But this time, let's do it together.

Let's meet at the same table, with the same host, to remember the same things.

We'll remember that real power in this world — the power to save, to transform, to change — ultimately rests not in political parties or presidents or protests but in the life, the death, and the resurrection of Jesus.

We'll remember that, through the Holy Spirit, this power dwells within otherwise ordinary people who as one body continue the mission of Jesus: preaching good news to the poor, freeing the captives, giving sight to the blind, releasing the oppressed, and proclaiming the year of the Lord's favor (Luke 4:16-21).

We'll remember that freedom — true freedom — is given by God and is indeed not free. It comes with a cost and it looks like a cross.

We'll remember our sin and our need to repent.

We'll remember that the only Christian nation in this world is the Church, a holy nation that crosses all human-made boundaries and borders.

We'll remember that our passions are best placed within the passion of Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2).

We'll remember that we do not conform to the patterns of this world, but we are transformed by the renewing

of our minds (Romans 12:2). We'll remember that God's strength is made perfect in weakness.

And we'll re-member the body of Christ as the body of Christ, confessing the ways in which partisan politics has separated us from one another and from God.

On Tuesday evening, November 6, make a choice to remember.

Let's meet at the Lord's Table.

Let's remember together.

At 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, all are invited to Riverside Christian Church to share in remembering Jesus together. We will gather together for worship, communion, and prayer. This gathering will take less than half an hour. Anyone, no matter what church you are from or if you are not affiliated with any church, is welcome to share in communion with us. Election Day Communion. We'll remember.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Luke 4:14 - How did Jesus return to Gaililee?

2. Luke 4:14 - What went out in the surrounding region about Jesus?

3. Luke 4:15 - What did Jesus do in their synagogues?

4. Luke 4:16 - Where did Jesus grow up at?

5. Luke 4:16 - What was Jesus custom?

6. Luke 4:17 - What book of the Bible was Jesus reading from?"

7. Luke 4:18-19 - Where is this scripture found in the Bible?

8. Luke 4:20 - What was fixed by all in the synagogue?

9. Luke 4:21 - What did Jesus tell them?

10. Luke 4:22 - How many bore witness to Jesus?

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

Answers to last week's (10/23/12) questions coming up next!

1. Quoting scripture
2. All the kingdoms of the world.

3. Worship him
4. Get behind me
5. Deuteronomy 10:20
6. Jerusalem

7. Pinnacle of the temple
8. Psalms 91:11; Satan only uses part of scripture verses.

9. You shall not tempt the Lord your God
10. Departed from Jesus

Is this your church? Where I and those who worship with us go, this is what we practice. We do not claim to be the perfect church, but we strive to be a church sound in doctrine, active in good works, and united in the bond of peace.

At the Oakwood church of Christ, we believe the Bible is the inspired word of God. Therefore, we insist upon Bible authority for everything that we teach and practice, we believe that we ought to teach what people in the first century were taught, believe what they were taught to believe, and do what they were taught to do. Here where I worship, we will never intentionally do or say anything that would make you feel uncomfortable. We will not ask you to believe anything unless we can give you Bible authority for it. Please read John 14:6.

"HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS" CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, WOODBURN HOLIDAY BAZAAR & BAKE SALE

The annual "Hometown Christmas" holiday bazaar and bake sale of Christ Lutheran Church, Woodburn, Indiana is scheduled for Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The bazaar features a continental breakfast and a lunch full of homemade soups, sandwiches and pies.

The bazaar, which is being sponsored by Christ Lutheran Women, includes a "Cookie Cottage" filled with homemade Christmas cookies, lots of free door prizes, a variety of handmade items and Rada utensils.

Christ Lutheran Church is located on Main Street, Woodburn, IN. Come and join us, and stock up your pantry with holiday goodies.

TWIN OAKS UMC HOSTS ELECTION SUPPER

An Election Supper will take place on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the Twin Oaks United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, located at 200 Main St., Oakwood, OH. Everyone is welcome.

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Fun and fellowship was the rule of the day as six Junior High parochial school volleyball teams travelled to Antwerp for an inaugural parochial school tournament, hosted by Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, at the Manor House Gym. Two pools of teams played through their scheduled games to determine their placements in the finals round. In the finals of third place teams New Haven St. John Catholic defeated Napoleon St. John Lutheran (25-19, 8-25, 15-11). In the 2nd place finals Elkhart Trinity Lutheran came from behind to defeat Huntington Catholic (24-26, 25-14, 15-7). In the championship game, Fort Wayne Lutheran completed an undefeated day (5-0) in beating Monroeville St. John Lutheran in straight sets 25-11, 25-13.

Paying spectators were treated with mementos to remind them of the day including a business card of Mt. Calvary Church and a key chain medallion detailing hope. The six participating teams have asked that the tournament be hosted again next year so that they could again visit Antwerp and participate. The date will be October 19, 2012.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Recently Pete Schlegel while campaigning, knocked on my door. It was refreshing to learn that he is pro-life, supports Veterans (member AMVETS Post - 1991 - Son's) and believes harmony and cooperation needs to replace the divisive partisanship, that has occupied Ohio Government for all too long. For these reasons I am voting Pete Schlegel

for 82nd (State Representative) on November 6th.

Respectfully Submitted,
—W Tom Wiseman,
former Mayor of Defiance

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I Support the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

My daughter has autism. Autism is a devastating disability, which has now become an epidemic nationwide and worldwide. She is now 20 years old and she was diagnosed at the beginning of this epidemic. As she became an adult, I am more aware that state and federal agencies are not planning for or prepared for this epidemic and tragedy. Fortunately our County Board of DD is not only aware of, but can see the importance of this need locally.

Our local County Board of Developmental Disabilities has been a part of our lives for almost 20 years now. I honestly do not know how to thank them or the voters of this county for this help we have received. They have been there every step of the way; have showed genuine care and concern for my daughter and her family. Her needs have been great at times and they are always there with compassion and understanding and a willingness to help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Personally, I was a volunteer member of this board for 4 years, and can say I was in awe of how they manage to

provide services to this community with the funding they have. I am amazed at their dedication, knowledge, and the resources they provide to the individuals of this county with disabilities from birth to adulthood.

I never planned to need the services of PC Workshop or Parc Lane 20 years ago but I am very grateful you were there when the need arose. I will always be a supporter. My daughter and I are very fortunate for the role you have played in our lives, in the past and in the future.

Two very special ladies are Jen Matthews and Lisa Recker for all the support and help you have provided us, especially in the last two years. I don't know where I would be without you. You are truly an example of kindness, compassion, caring, and dedication to individuals with disabilities. The County Board of DD is to be commended for their work and services provided.

For those of you that have never needed the services of Parc Lane and PC Workshop, you are blessed.

For those of us who have a disabled loved one and need the services of Parc Lane and PC Workshop, we are doubly blessed.

Sincerely,
—Angie Buchman,
aka "Sydney's mom"

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to share our experience regarding the PC Workshop Program located in Paulding, Ohio. The program and the staff have been a blessing to both Michael and our family. It is not an easy task to find the right program for a loved one with special needs and the quest to find the "right" program involves intense research, frustration when you find one program meets one goal, and another program meets this goal; with no one program meeting the majority of the individual's goals.

I prayed for God's guidance in finding the right program. After several conversations with staff from several different programs, something kept bringing me back to the PC Workshop program. I contacted staff at the workshop, obtained information and ar-

anged a time for us to tour the workshop with Michael. He enrolled in the program full time in August 2011 and is very proud of his accomplishments. Michael is very excited about what he calls "his program".

The PC Workshop offers individuals the opportunity to obtain work skills. Individuals receive pay for their work, are very active in the community, and participate in a wide array of activities including Special Olympics basketball in which Michael's team came in third in the state. The program services instill structure and self-confidence in the individuals, which plays a major role in self-sufficiency and accomplishment. I strongly believe God has guided Michael to his destination, which has helped him to mature and achieve goals he has set for his life.

If you are looking for a program for your loved one or someone, you know check out the PC Workshop Program and the services they offer. You will be glad you did! I know I am.

—Judy Hale,
Parent

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Here are a few topics regarding the new 24 to consider:

1) The redo of the bridge (phase 2) over the ditch. Engineers missed the first attempt by a long shot.

2) The repaving of Phase 2 and additional cost to the state

3) The ongoing repair of the concrete (east of Webster and west of US 101). No traffic for 2+ years - repairs currently in progress

There is a lack of guardrail on the Webster Road overpass. How many fatalities before this is corrected? Is INDOT looking at savings over safety? Drive to Ohio and see the guardrail wrapped overpasses and exits—they did it right.

Do we even want to mention Ohio has COMPLETED their section of US 24 all the way to Toledo (at 86 miles?) and Indiana has yet to open their 11 mile stretch - possibly three miles in three years!

How many more fatalities will occur on the old 24? The last one was this summer just east of Bruick Rd. I hope they can open the detour lanes at the 469 jog before the snow begins to fly. They were lucky last year.

How many 2-lane construction zones will pop up next year for continuous fixes?

—Dan Garstka,
Indiana taxpayer

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I graduated from Woodlan High School, and my wife as well as my three children graduated from New Haven High School. I have a vested interest and truly care about the community at large.

I am forever indebted to teachers like Mr. Mull, Mr. Miesle and Mr. Martin, just a few of the many qualified and dedicated EACS teachers who continue to make a difference.

It's time we help and support our teachers, especially at the board and superinten-

dent level. We are all in this together.

I have received no funding from special interest groups. The only groups to whom I am indebted are the students, teachers, parents and taxpayers.

The school board and administration are accountable to the community they serve. It is time they review the budget item by item. We cannot continue to make excuses offered by the state; we cannot continue to spend money we do not have, and we cannot continue to ask our taxpayers for more.

We are all in this together. Let's make East Allen County Schools the gem they once were.

—Robert (Bob) Nelson,
candidate for EACS board

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I've been reading more reports that are coming out about the consulate attack, and can't help but wonder how half of an entire nation would not care or not get it.

For seven hours those brave former SEALS fought off an organized attack, surrounded on the roof top in the midst of heavy machine gun, RPG, and concentrated mortar fire.

I am sure (as a former Security Forces Marine) all the while confident that reinforcements were about to arrive any moment. After all, there were SFG soldiers and a Marine Corps FAST com-

pany not even 1 hour away!

Both groups pride themselves in ready response and their job is to "come to the rescue"!

Yet the President sent no one! This is outrageous!

"In order for evil to triumph, good men must do nothing" is a common quote. In this case it seems that "good men were made to do nothing."

Whose side is Mr. Obama on when he has at his disposal the best "good men" the world has ever seen to stand in the breach and triumph over evil, yet he orders them to do nothing!

Actions speak louder than words! We cannot allow this man to continue!

—C. Joseph Fifer

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have read and reread the Journal-Gazette's editorial and endorsements for school board positions in East Allen County Schools, and I still can't figure out how the reasoning squares with the results.

The underlying premise appears to be that because current superintendent Dr. Karyle Green managed to push through a consolidation plan after years of political infighting, voters should not threaten the momentum gained by this accomplishment. The consolidation plan may indeed be laudable, but it fails to address deep-seated problems that

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OLD DAN & I CHAPTER 11

By: Stan Jordan

While General Guggenheim was here he put our flight plan on the table. It looks like Dan and I go alone again—that is to start with. We leave Aachen, our home base and go on a straight line to the northeast on a course of 19 degrees. We go between Hamburg and Lubck Germany, then on over to Denmark. A total of 500 miles all at a speed of 350 mph and then make a sharp left on a course of 270 degrees for about twenty minutes and we should be a little south of Trondheim and Troyer on the Denmark west coast. The island of Arnun is just off the coast of Troyer Denmark. Again the general thinks a noon raid is as good time as any. So far that has been a good time of the day for a raid.

We will be coming in from their rear and maybe they won't be expecting us from that direction. The other two pilots will meet us over the target at 12:00 noon so we must be careful at who we shoot at.

This is the course of the other two pilots. They leave Aachen and go 300 miles west northwest on a course of 251 degrees over to the east coast of England to just out side of the Shropshire English air base at Yarmouth. They will not land there they will turn north on a course of 13 degrees. It will be 400 miles at a speed of 350 mph about 700 miles total.

Dan and I will leave Aachen around 9:45 a.m. and head out for Arnun, Denmark, right on the course general laid out for us.

The other two plains will be equipped with the best cameras the Air Force has. They will leave Aachen at 10:00 a.m. on there westerly course. Those two pilots followed the plans to the limit and they will be over Arnun, Denmark at lunchtime. Dan and I are right down on the deck and pass over Hamburg and then Lumbck and then over the Baltic Sea. We have not seen any plains of any

kind. We make a big left turn and head for the coast of Denmark.

We both try our guns and all is well. Dan called out, "Look sharp each way over the coast we might not have hit our target on the nose."

Dan drops the speed down to about 250 mph as the coast goes by underneath us. Dan cries out, "Look left and make a sharp turn and go up about 700 ft altitude."

We see no planes and we head down to the left towards that good sized island which is Arnun.

Dan puts two rounds of our 40 mm cannon right through the roof. He put two more rounds down through the first floor of that big building and we have started plenty of fires. We have been getting a lot of anti-aircraft fire already. Then I see two planes with us and thank goodness they are the other Mustangs. I see one of the boys shooting up the place. I'm too busy to watch much. We now have a lot of black smoke over the area.

Dan cried I'm going to circle around and get that big fuel tank at the end of the building. He blew that tank up and its a good thing we stayed up a little ways. That explosion through shrapnel and burning fuel 500 ft in the air. I suppose this all happened in just a few seconds.

Dan said, "Let's start for England."

We are gaining altitude and going about 350 mph like the plans call for. One of the planes caught up with us in a few minutes. After a bit the other plane linked up with us and he had aluminum pieces coming in the wind on his left wing. The other two planes were to take plenty of photographs of the island of Arnun.

The English airbase at Yarmouth knew we would be arriving there about 1:20 p.m. if all goes well. We all landed at Yarmouth after we gave the correct signals. We didn't show off, we just landed and taxied up to our parking tarmac.

About this time, and old Douglas C-47 landed and it taxied right up to our parking area. It was General Guggenheim he had a number of soldiers for guard duty, the ground crews for our ships and the others and some piles of gear all covered with tarps. I suppose it was all top secret material. He also brought his driver, and he was in charge of all the guards on duty.

The general secured a jeep for us and we all went to supper in a group, but it took

three trips for the jeep. The general being a top Joe drove the jeep on all the trips. See ya!

SAM RIVERS INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 38: GETTING BACK TO NORMAL

By: Stan Jordan

The soldier on guard at the gate at first recognized Rooster's horse and that something was wrong with Rooster, and the fact he just left the fort yesterday morning. Then he called the corporal of the guard, so he could get some help.

They grabbed Rooster—he was more sleepy and dizzy than injured—but he told them what had happened and they all helped him off the horse and took him in to see Dr. Grooms to look at his left forearm. As the doc was giving Rooster a once over after he relayed the story of the wolf again, all Rooster could think to say was, "Would you take care of my horse?"

He and I covered about 140 miles in two days and we are both pretty tired. I need to see the doctor, the general, Sam and Callie and the twins. Are they all right?

The nurse helped take off Rooster's clothes. She laid Callie's scarf and shawl off to the side to give them to Callie. He lowered his long johns down to his waist. The nurse washed the blood and mud from his face and he dozed off till the doctor arrived.

Dr. Grooms said, "You should know better than to wrestle with a low bow wolf."

Rooster countered with, "Well he's dead and I'm alive, worn out, but alive."

The doc examined his break pretty good, and said, "I think it is only a broken ulna. You had digs and abrasions on your face and hands. It is good you thought to use a sling on a your broken arm."

He sent a runner down to the carpenter shop to get some light boards for to make a splint. He said he had the bones set right and now the splint goes on. "Your arm is swelled up quit a bit. I will have you come back in three or four days, maybe next Friday afternoon. If the swelling goes down, I will make the splint a little tighter, okay?"

Doc cut the left arm off Rooster's long johns so he could put his arm and splint through the hole. He said, "You wear this splint every minute of the day. You come back Friday and I'll check it over and the nurse will give you a bath."

"Oh no she ain't, I'll wash myself. Ain't no woman give me a bath."

The doc said, "I thought you were brave and tough, you just fought four wolves and won, but I guess you are a little chicken yet. See ya Friday."

Rooster went to see Callie and the twins, and to return her clothes and to tell her and Sam all what had happened, and that he left some dirty dishes on the hearth.

Yes, the house was very cold, but all else was okay. Then yes, I got the barn closed up again. Those wolves could only reach the buffalo meat. We can discard when we go back to the store.

The sergeant major came into the hotel lobby and talked a little bit and made a fuss over the babies a little. He then said to Rooster, "If you can tear yourself away from

the twins, the general would like to talk to you."

Rooster thanked the sergeant, and said, "I will be right down." Rooster reported to the generals office in a military manner. The general gave him the "To be at ease."

The general said, "Now tell me all that you can remember about this incident, maybe we can save some other soldiers some pain and anxiety."

Rooster told him everything and about the cold weather also. The general thought that idea of using a wire to hold his coat closed, since he only had one hand to use, was a very smart idea. It is now into March and the general wanted to hear what Rooster had planned for the coming summer.

Well, we have to go over to the agency and get the fires started and get the house warmed up so Callie and the twins, and Sam of course, can go back to the Indian Agencies. The general asked, "Do you still want to be the liason between the agency and the fort?"

General Rooster said, "I sure do, I like the people and the natives and I like to help and know that everyday we are helping both of those tribes. Most of them want to help themselves, some don't of course, some white folks don't like progress either."

Rooster asked if that new plow that Sam ordered was in yet. The general had said it had arrived and was still in a wooden crate in the warehouse. Rooster said he had talked with Sam about this and since we still have the army's plow over at the agency, why don't we keep the army's plow and you folks keep the new one that's in the ware-

house? We really need that plow in those three locations. The general said, "That could be done and I will talk to Sam about that." They talked on for many minutes yet. See ya!



Sometime back, the Pope came to the United States for a visit. All his life he wanted to visit New York City, and more of that was, he wanted to drive a taxi cab around New York.

So, he hailed a cab and climbed into the back seat. After a lot of talk with the driver, he asked if he could drive the cab.

"Oh no sir, I can't let you drive my cab. I will lose my job, and I have a family and I need all the income I can get. I must not get fired."

"Aw, come on," said the Pope, "I know you won't get fired. I've always wanted to drive a cab in New York City."

"Aw gee whizz your honor, I can't let you drive my cab."

The Pope said, "Now you don't want me to go back to Rome a dissatisfied visitor do you?"

The driver recanted and changed seats with the Pope, and soon the Pope was driving down Broadway.

The Pope was doing a good job, in and out of traffic okay and the ex-driver started to relax a little.

The Pope drove for about an hour and he was doing a good job. He tooted the horn a little and turned and talked

to the ex-driver and was feeling pretty secure. The Pope sped up and all was okay, but after a while a patrolman pulled the cab over.

The patrolman walked up to the window as usual, and he was aghast. He was dumbfounded and mumbled, "What will I do? I can't arrest the Pope."

"I will call in to the desk sergeant!"

"Boss, I've got a big one out here, and I don't know what to do?"

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"No, he's bigger than that."

"Well, is he the major?"

"No, he's bigger than that."

"Well, is he the governor?"

"No, he is bigger than that."

"Well, is he a congressman or senator?"

"No, he's bigger than that."

"Well, is it the president of the United States?"

"No, he's bigger than that."

"Well, who in the world is it?"

"Boss, I don't know who he is, but he has the Pope driving for him."

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 have led to dysfunctional leadership, low morale and the loss of many fine teachers in the district.

These problems were identified in the May 2012 report authored by former EACS superintendent Dr. Daryl R. Yost. The two biggest problems he identified were poor leadership coming from the school board and a central administration that is negatively confrontational.

Yet the Journal-Gazette, like the EACS administration, inexplicably dismisses the report as a "mistake" because of poor timing and Dr. Yost's history with East Allen. These sound like excuses to ignore the serious problems raised in the report by shooting the mes-

senger. The message—and the reality for those who live in the district—is that things need to change. That won't happen if the current board and administration continue to ignore serious problems in their governance of the district.

If the Journal-Gazette wants to credit Dr. Green for her consolidation of the district, it should give the same courtesy to Dr. Yost rather than defend the status quo as desirable "momentum." A rearrangement of bricks and mortar is a poor substitute for a clear vision and a supportive environment that enables teachers and administrators in the field to deliver an excellent education to EACS's students.

—Doug Powers
 www.newhavenbulletin.com

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Every four years we go through an election, and this one probably has the most perilous of consequences that this generation will face. At risk is our entire path of governing, health-care, and taxation. Do we want to be a socialist nation that takes from us the people, giving back, and telling us what to do as the bureaucracy sees fit, or are we to be truly the land of the free and the home of the brave? I wonder how free we will be after January 1, 2013!

The well is about dry, and with Obama spending money like an irresponsibly and economically uneducated teenager, it is time for "Obama Money" to dry up. I will gladly help any man or woman who wants and needs help, but I find it hard to help someone who only wants free money and not work.

I have worked two jobs and have had a small business nearly all of my 39 years of adult life. I take great offense when someone tells me I didn't build it or that I should pay more, simply because I got off my butt and worked sometimes 20 hrs. a day to make life better for my family.

Mr. Obama said no new taxes on the middle class. Have you looked at your electric or phone bill, credit card or banking statement, bought tires or a car battery in the last four years? There are more surcharges, user fees, and who knows what fees than you can shake a stick at. These are not called taxes, but what do think they are? It's a cost to us without

any extra benefit. Many times it is the cost of some new regulation that has to be adhered to and paid only to fill the government coffers. What do you think Obamacare is? Even the Supreme Court says it's a tax of \$2,400 to \$6,800 that the IRS will collect if you don't forcibly buy an insurance plan that you may need or not. Let me decide, not some bureaucrat in Washington! I have talked to three doctors in Paulding county that have told me they don't know if they will stay in business if Obamacare is fully implemented. How does this help me? What about all the other counties across our now dimming country? How does losing hundreds of doctors, or having a panel of appointed nonmedical people deciding many of our healthcare issues help any of us? I have an elderly relative and a friend that has had insurance coverage with their employers for decades. They have been told that there is alternative medical plans that will be available, (Obamacare) so Jan. 1st they will need to purchase new coverage at their own expense. How does this help them? Many of us will all too soon be in that same sinking boat!

For over 200 years it was the American Dream to become successful and live well, but under Obama success has become the same as if you have the Black Plague! Who do you think creates jobs and wealth in this country? Like it or not, it takes wealth to create jobs and prosperity. It's not the guy standing in line with both hands wide open waiting for Obama Money. Teach him a skill and make him responsible for his actions and he will bring prosperity and respect to himself and the country. JFK said in his inaugural address, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country". Free up business and you will free up all of America. Well employed people are happy people and the back bone of productivity.

This administration is in love with being in the spot light and on TV. I'm sure Mr. Obama was carrying the weight of the nation on his shoulders when he was on his most numerous golf outings. What does all this fanfare cost in security and lost productivity? How does this help me? It is time to remove this guy who thinks he is a King or Savior while riding roughshod over the American taxpayer. He acts like a dog with it's tail between it's legs when it comes to standing up to our enemies. He has no backbone to support our friends around the world. The only hope we have for prosperity and world superiority again is to run this incompetent purveyor of untruthfulness out of town on a rail. I will feel much more confident and secure with a proven businessman at the helm than a proclaimed community organizer. A vote for Romney-Ryan is the first step to get us on the right track. Please vote your conscience, economical and biblical teachings for the more moral choice, Romney-Ryan.

—Ron L. Kadesch

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The students of Paulding High School utilized their Homecoming week to raise money for United Way of Paulding County's (UWPC) 2012-13 Campaign. Steven Strayer, UWPC student representative, organized events throughout the week to get students involved and create awareness of

the needs of Paulding County. Shown is Steven presenting the donation to UWPC Executive Director, Sonya Herber. Questions regarding how you can give can and make an impact on our community may be directed to Sonya Herber @ 419-399-8240.

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PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

NOVEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

Paulding Exempted Village Schools has been rated Excellent with Distinction by the Ohio Department of Education on preliminary 2012 District Report Card results. I am thankful for the dedicated faculty, staff, administration and parents that we have working with our children daily. This designation is a direct result of everyone working together to provide a great education for the children of our district.

November 12-16 has been designated as *American Education Week*. The annual theme is "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility". *American Education Week* spotlights the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education from kindergarten through college, and the need for everyone to do his or her part in making public schools great.

The third class of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools Academic Hall of Fame was inducted during Commencement last May. It was truly a pleasure meeting the inductees and learning about their experiences and memories of Paulding Exempted Village Schools. It is time to begin nominations for the Academic Hall of Fame Class of 2013. Graduates of any high school currently within the boundaries of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools district are eligible for nomination. Other criteria for nominations and the application can be accessed on our website at pauldingschools.org under *Academics* and then *Hall of Fame*. All applications are due by February 1, 2013.

Yours in Education,
Pat Ross, Superintendent

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary-Stephanie Tear

Paulding Elementary School has earned the state recognition of Excellent with Distinction for the 2011-2012 school year!! This is an amazing accomplishment for our school. Many students, parents and staff worked hard towards this goal and their hard work and determination has paid off! There are many factors that play into determining this rating by the state of Ohio. Our students not only performed at their grade level or above, but they showed above adequate growth! Please join me in congratulating our incredible students and staff!

As we enter into the holiday season, Paulding Elementary will be working to help others. We want the children to learn that helping others is a way to make the world a better place. We are donating cans of food and participating in a change war for the 'Neighbors in Need' organization. Many students are also involved in the Festival of Trees at the Historical Society. It is important to build character and citizenship and one terrific way to do this is through giving. Making opportunities available for children to give, has been a rewarding part of our year!

It is enjoyable to see parents going to our children as well. The PTO works hard to ensure our students are provided for. The PTO meets monthly and I would encourage everyone who would like to be more involved in our school to attend. It is wonderful to have parent volunteers in the building helping in the cafeteria, on the playground and in the classroom as needed. We will be having a meeting Monday, November 5 at 6:00PM in the library to discuss ideas in making the cafeteria and recess even more successful.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be November 1 and November 8 from 4:30-7:30. Teachers value the parental input and support. Parents are encouraged to contact your child's teacher to set up a conference time. Student progress and plans will be shared as you meet together.

Paulding Elementary wishes each and every family a safe and blessed holiday season. My hope is that you enjoy one another and embrace time together.

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Hello from Oakwood Elementary on the first day of our second quarter! As I type this, we are finishing our inputting of information and finalizing grades so we can print and distribute first quarter grade cards. We encourage families to spend time looking at the grade cards and to work together with children to set a new academic goal or two, to focus on for the next few months.

October was full of lots of special activities at our school! We had Fire Prevention and Safety Day on October 9th where we learned fire safety tips from our local firefighters and EMTs. We participated in National Walk to School Day on October 10th when even our bus students experienced walking a few blocks to school. During the week of Octo-

ber 15-19, we celebrated National School Lunch Week by showing extra appreciation for the job our lunch ladies do each day preparing and serving healthy breakfasts and lunches. October 22-26 was School Bus Safety Week (theme - I see the driver; the driver sees me!); and we want to say a special thank you to our bus drivers for the dedication they have to safely transporting our most precious cargo to and from school each day. The last week of October is also Red Ribbon Week; and we want to thank Ms. Schlatter, our guidance counselor, for preparing several special activities during this week to help us remember, "The best me is drug free!"

While we have had a lot of special extras during October, our main focus is always helping our students make academic growth - improving fluency, comprehension, processing, and problem solving - preparing them to be 21st Century learners and leaders. It is so exciting to watch what is going on in the classroom, to hear the students share what they are learning, and to see the proof of comprehension through their projects. We make a point of using "I can..." statements with our lessons, so your child should be able to tell you what the learning goal of each assignment and project is - please ask him or her.

In early November, we will hold our fall Parent/Teacher Conferences. Conferences are an opportunity for parents to ask questions about what they are seeing their child learn and do in the classroom, on assessments, and for homework. If you have questions or concerns, if you are wondering why your child is expected to master a certain skill, or if you are looking for ideas of how to help reinforce new concepts with your child at home, a parent/teacher conference is the perfect time to address any of these topics. The children who are most successful in school are those who know their parents and teachers are working together in their best interests. By forming a solid team, we can help our children excel.

Oakwood Elementary invites all Veterans to our Veteran's Day Program on Monday, November 12th at 8:15 a.m. We are well on the path to a successful school year! As always, we need and appreciate the support of our whole community to make it happen - thank you for being there for us!

Middle School-David Stallkamp

Hello from Paulding Middle School: A big THANK YOU to everyone that supported our middle school fund raiser. The final totals are in. We netted a profit of \$10,000. The items have been delivered and should be in your hands. If you are writing a check, please make all checks payable to PEVS. Grade cards for the first nine weeks grading period were mailed home on October 24th. Please look over this report very carefully and discuss any pertinent information with your student. For the most part, I have been very pleased with the academic progress of the students. Homework still seems to be a major issue, but we will continue working to get that solved.

Our fall sports seasons have ended. Congratulations to all coaches, players, cheerleaders, and fans for making the fall sports fun and exciting. Now on to the winter sports of wrestling, cheerleading, and basketball. Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday November 1st, and Thursday, November 8th. You will be receiving a letter requesting a conference if the teacher wishes to see you or needs you to come in. If you do not receive a letter and still wish to see your child's teachers, please feel free to contact Marcy at the school office and set up an appointment to do so. *I highly encourage ALL parents to visit their child's teachers to make sure home and school are always on the same page.*

On Tuesday, November 6th, our 8th graders will be taking their annual tour of the Vantage Career Center. We thank Vantage for allowing our students to visit.

On Friday, November 2nd, our students will be treated to an all school assembly. Beginning at 8:15, a program to honor our Veterans will be held in the auditoria.

On Friday, November 16th, we will be holding our annual 6th grade HOG ROAST. This is always a great event and the 6th graders put in countless hours preparing for this day. I thank everyone that is involved and especially those that have donated their time, money, energy, and supplies to help with this event. I would especially like to thank Mr. Ted Wunderle, former sixth grade teacher, who chairs this event every year. He is now retired, but has volunteered to come back and help this year. He, along with Mr. Joel Parrett, Mr. Mark Ball, and Mr. Mike Leach,

stay up all night cooking the hog for the next day's feast. It is always delicious and we look forward to a great meal.

Picture re-take day is scheduled for Thursday, December 6th. Mid Term reports for the second nine weeks grading period will be coming home on November 20th. There will be NO SCHOOL on Wednesday, November 21st or Monday, November 26th. Monday the 26th, is a Waiver Day. School will resume on Tuesday, Nov. 27th. Have a Very Happy Thanksgiving.

I THANK YOU for your continued support of Paulding Middle School and I look forward to seeing many of you at Parent-Teacher Conferences. Have a great month!

High School-Todd Harmon

November is a time for an opportunity our forefathers fought for and have protected to this day in this country, and that is your right to vote. As we use that powerful tool as a means to hold the system accountable, we also want to invite you to Parent-Teacher conferences where we can work with you to hold our children to high standards as they get through the first nine weeks. Conferences will be November 1st and 8th from 4:30 - 7:30 P.M. Our friendly staff looks forward to meeting you and working to help your child.

Thanks to all the fall coaches and advisors for getting students involved in extracurricular activities which are an important part of the student school experience. These opportunities give students the opportunity to develop character and leadership skills which lead to better programs, opens doors up for student opportunities, and build a stronger community. May the upcoming holidays bring family and friends together and let you enjoy that time with each other.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The first parent-teacher conferences for the 2012-2013 year are scheduled for November 1 and 8 from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. These conferences not only provide an opportunity to learn about your student's work but allow you to show your student that his/her education is important to you. Attending the conference will give you ideas on how you can help your child be more successful in school. If you are not contacted for a conference, please feel free to call the school offices to schedule an appointment.

NOVEMBER 6 - ELECTION DAY

All residents are encouraged to vote Tuesday, November 6. This is a great example for the students to see their family members participate in the most basic citizen's responsibility - the right and opportunity to vote.

VETERANS DAY PROGRAMS

All Veterans living in the Paulding School District are invited to attend our Veterans Day Program. At Paulding, the program will be on **Friday, November 2**, in the High School Auditoria, beginning at 7:40 a.m. At Oakwood Elementary, the program will be held on **Monday, November 12**, beginning at 8:45 a.m.

WINTER SPORTS SEASON TICKETS

Tickets for PHS winter sports will be on sale in the commons Nov. 6, 9, 13 during scrimmages, Nov. 23 at Meet the Team Night, and also during lunches the week of Nov 27 at the following prices:

SEASON TICKET:	Adult/Student
Boys' Basketball: (11 games)	\$55/\$30
Girls' Basketball: (10 games)	\$50/\$30
All Sports (all winter sports)	\$75/\$40
Family Pass: (includes grades K-12)	\$200
Student Athlete:	\$10
Boys' basketball presale tickets	are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students . All tickets at the door are \$6.
Girls' basketball and varsity wrestling	are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students at the door.
Jr. High basketball and wrestling, and Freshman basketball	are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students at the door.

FALL PLAY

The PHS Drama Dept. will present "Bad Hair Day" on **Nov. 16-17** in the Auditoria at 7:30pm. Pre-sale tickets are \$8. All tickets at the door will be \$10. Tickets will be on sale in the HS office the week of Nov. 12. Teens at Central High have tried a great new hair shampoo that allows them to have great hair. When suddenly... Talk about a bad hair day! This bad hair epidemic just happens to coincide with a visit from four mysterious strangers on their school campus. Come and see how the students at Central High get revenge in this "hairlarious" comedy.

SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST

The annual Senior Citizen Breakfast will be on Wednesday, **December 12**. All district residents 60 years and older are invited to join us at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast, fellowship and entertainment. Doors will open at 8:15 a.m.. We will be showcasing the talents of

our students from each building. Please call the administration office at 419-399-4656 to reserve a seat.

WALKING FOR EXERCISE

Walkers may use the buildings according to the following schedule: **Oakwood Elementary-Monday-Thursday, 6:30-7:30 a.m. and 3:30-5:30 p.m.** Please use the First Street entrance by the flag poles. **Paulding High School-Monday-Thursday, 6:30-7:30 a.m. on the balcony and 5-6:30 p.m. on the ramp.**

YEARBOOK SALES NOTICE

All high school students will be receiving a yearbook order form in early November. Students may now order their 2012-2013 yearbook online by following the information on the order form, or they may fill out the form and return it to school with a check enclosed (checks should be made out to the Paulding High School Yearbook). A second flyer will be mailed in the spring if a book has not been ordered by then. At that time, the cost of the book will go up from \$50.00 to \$52.00. Students are encouraged to order their book before Feb 1, 2013 to get the book at the current price. Please contact Carolyn Connelly if you have any questions at 419-399-4656 ext. 1157 or c_connelly@pauldingschools.org.

SEARCH FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Our school district is participating in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children from birth through 21 years of age who may have disabilities. Disability, in this instance, means such conditions as hearing impairments, visual impairment, speech or language disabilities, mental retardation or other health impairments, physical impairments, autism and traumatic brain injury. Our school has responded vigorously to federal and state mandates requiring the provision of a free and appropriate public education, regardless of a child's disability. But before we can serve children they must be found. Many children with disabilities are not visible because they cannot function in the mainstream of the community. Also, many unidentified children with disabilities are preschoolers. Parents may not be aware their child has a disability, or that there are programs and services available. Our school district is interested in meeting the needs of the children with disabilities. If you know of a child who may have a disability, contact the school for information or help.

MEET THE TEAMS/ALUMNI GAME/SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPER

A free-will offering soup and sandwich supper by the Junior class will start off 'Meet the Teams Night' on Nov. 23rd beginning at 5:00 in the commons. At 6:00, there will be a girls alumni basketball game for anyone who has graduated from Paulding and wants to play in an 'odd verses even graduation year' game. Meet the Teams will follow at approximately 7:15, then a boys alumni game at approximately 7:45. If we need to move some players to make teams even we will. If you are interested in playing, please contact Coach Brewer at s_brewer@pauldingschools.org or by phone at 419-399-4656 ext 1147.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Varsity Girls Basketball	
Nov. 2	Wauseon@Hilltop-Scrimmage 6:00p
Nov. 6	Riverdale-Scrimmage 5:30p
Nov. 10	Edon-T-Scrimmage 9:30a
Nov. 12	Fayette-T-Scrimmage 5:00p
Nov. 17	Ayersville@OG-Scrimmage 1:00p
Nov. 27	Antwerp-T 6:00p
Nov. 29	Edgerton-H 6:00p
Varsity Boys Basketball	
Nov. 9	Elmwood/Swanton-Scrimmage 5:00p
Nov. 13	Edgerton/Miller City-Scrimmage 5:00p
Nov. 21	Delta@Holgate-Scrimmage 10:00a
Nov. 24	Stryker-Scrimmage 9:00a
Nov. 30	Continental-T 6:00p
Jr. High Girls Basketball	
Nov. 29	Wayne Trace-H 5:00p

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Nov. 1	Parent/Teacher Conf	4:30-7:30p
Nov. 2	Pldg Veterans Day Program	8:15a
Nov. 2	Deadline for Dec 8 ACT Test	
Nov. 5	Band Boost Mtg. Band Room	7:00p
Nov. 7	Athletic Booster Meeting	7:00p
Nov. 8	Parent/Teacher Conf	4:30-7:30p
Nov. 10	PLAN Test	
Nov. 11	OE Veterans' Day Program	8:45a
Nov. 11	OE Student/Month Lunch	
Nov. 15	FFA Chapter Mtg	
Nov. 15	FFA Fruit Sales End	
Nov. 16	MS Hog Roast	
Nov. 16-17	HS Play "Bad Hair Day"	7:30p
Nov. 19	FFA Alumni Meeting-Ag room	7:00p
Nov. 20	MS/HS Mid-Term's sent home	
Nov. 20	Board Mtg. Admin. Bldg.	6:00p
Nov. 23	Alumni Basketball Games	6:00p
Nov. 23	Meet the Team Night-HS Gym	7:30p
Nov. 21	NO SCHOOL (due to teacher conf)	
Nov. 22-23	NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving Break	
Nov. 26	NO SCHOOL-Waiver Day	

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WAYNE TRACE STOPPED EVEN WITH WIN



Wayne Trace took on Fairview Friday, October 26 in Football for the final game of the season. The Raiders demonstrated their prowess once more and finished the game with a 52-22 win. Wayne Trace went 7-0 for the league and 9-1 overall. Having a fantastic season and still kept out of the tournament is wrong. Congratulations guys for a great season! Shown above is Jared Sherry receiving the ball for WT. More pictures at www.archerpics.com

MANOR HOUSE GYM HOSTS FINAL TOURNAMENT OF 2012

The final Manor House Gym tournament event of 2012 will be played this Saturday, November 3, 2012. The event will be a pre-season 6th grade & under boys basketball tournament. Competing teams will be from Toledo (2), Marion, and Paulding County. The Toledo Bulls, Toledo Trinity Lutheran Vikings, Marion Harding Presidents, and a Manor House team of Paulding County players will pit their teams against each other to see how they rate before the regular season begins. Games will begin at 10:30 a.m. and run throughout the day.

OHIO HAS TALENT! AUDITION DATES CHANGED

Audition dates for the sixth annual Ohio Has Talent! competition have changed to November 30 and December 1. The application deadline has been extended to November 27. The top 18 acts will be selected to perform in the February 9, 2013 show at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

Applications are posted at www.comhealthpro.org/Ohio_has_Talent.php or can be picked up at the Community Health Professionals office, 1159 Westwood Dr., Van Wert.

Presented by Community Health Professionals, proceeds from the show will benefit the Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center. For more information call Kim Mason at 419-238-0200.

WBESC NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING ANNOUNCED

Western Buckeye Educational Service Center regular November governing board meeting will be Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Van Wert ESC, 813 N. Franklin St., Van Wert, OH 45891.



Paulding took on Crestview at home for their final game of the season. The Knights held the Paulding score down while they raised theirs. Final Score: 34-6 with the win going to Crestview. Overall record for the Panthers: 0-10. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



MEMORIES MADE AT GROVER HILL WELCOME PARK

By: Lisa McClure, Paulding County Area Foundation

Oh the memories! My earliest memory of the ball park was the annual 4th of July Fireworks. I can remember going early to get a parking spot, not only for the car, but also for a spot on the bleachers. As I grew older, playing "under the lights" was another great memory. Our children had the same opportunity to grow up playing ball in the park. We are privileged to have such a great landmark in our community where we can gather as a family to enjoy the sport of ball, as well as many other activities.

The community has Mr. and Mrs. Ewing (Doc) Mell to thank for the beautiful park we enjoy today. In 1952, they donated 18.5 acres to the Grover Hill Lions Club. This land came to be known as Grover Hill Welcome Park.

Over the years, Grover Hill Lions Club, Grover Hill Park Boosters, Grover Hill Ball Association and many other community members have been faithful stewards providing for the general operation, maintenance and improvements in the park. The time has come for us to see to the needs of the park for future generations, so that they too, can make memories with their families.

A Grover Hill Park Endowment Fund has been established through the Paulding County Area Foundation for the long term benefit of the park. The Grover Hill Welcome Park Association has set a goal to raise \$250,000.00 over a period of three to five years. Annual earnings from the fund will be gifted back to the park for ongoing operation and improvements. The principal balance will provide an ever-lasting benefit to Grover Hill Welcome Park.

For further information about the Fund, please contact Lisa McClure at Paulding County Area Foundation, 101 E. Perry Street, Paulding Ohio, phone 419-399-8296. You may also visit us at www.pauldingcountyareafoundation.net

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NEW HAVEN HIGH STUDENTS REPRESENT EACS AT ANNUAL HEALTHY CITIES HEALTH FAIR



Recently, Matthew 25 Health and Dental Clinic hosted the Annual Healthy Cities Health Fair. Four New Haven High School students were selected to attend the Health Fair on behalf of the district. Ms. Melissa Mace, NHHS Internship Coordinator, Gwen Tomkinson, ESL teacher, and Mimi Khine, ESL Translator also attended the fair with the students. The students attended the full day fair and stated it was "worth-

while". Ms. Nancy Mann, Health Fair Co-Coordinator said, "The students did a wonderful job at this important community event and that it would not have been possible to have it without their participation. The students had sweet spirits and hearts to serve." The New Haven High students selected to attend included, I Sha, Noor Nelah Binti Mohd Khan, Thin Thin Oo, and Ee Tina Moe.

www.newhavenbulletin.com

END OF THE ROPE FOR THE BULLDOGS



New Haven took on Norwell for their second sectional game at home. This game should not have been a problem for the Bulldogs but the refereeing had much to be desired, giving points to Norwell that were never earned on passes never completed. How can the team recover from that? Final score was 20-22. Congratulations on a great 8-3 record. Shown above is senior Anthony Moore preparing to score on the next play. See for yourself at www.westbendnews.net

ANTWERP KINDERGARTNERS LEARN "I SEE THE DRIVER. THE DRIVER SEES ME!"



The Ohio State Highway Patrol participated in the National School Bus Safety week last week at several area schools including the Antwerp Elementary. This year's theme, "I See the Driver. The Driver Sees Me!" reminds children to look both ways and wait for the go ahead from the bus driver before crossing the roadway.

Ohio law requires motorists approaching from either direction of a stopped school bus to stop at least 10 feet from a bus loading or unloading passengers. If a school bus is stopped on a road divided into four or more lanes, only traffic driving in the same direction as the bus must stop.

Throughout the week, troopers across the state of Ohio were highly visible, enforcing the law in and around school zones and following school buses on their daily routes. In addition, troopers could be found riding on school buses looking for motorists passing the stopped school bus and other crash-causing violations.

On Friday, October 26th, the Ohio Inspector Tina Eley, State Trooper J.J. McClain and Inspector Alan Joseph showed the Antwerp kindergarten classes how to properly get on and off of a bus; showed them the danger zone whereabouts; how to use the rear door evacuation; and how to open the emergency windows. Before taking a trek to the bus parked outside the classroom the kindergartners watched a video that demonstrated the 10 Basic School Bus Safety Rules. They all also received their coloring contest pages.

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Antwerp scored two touchdowns Friday against Ayersville. The team had a good night but not good enough to take a victory. Final Score Archers 12 - Ayersville 57. Shown above is senior Kyle Ryan driving the ball toward the end goal. Overall record for Archers: 0-10. More pictures at www.archerpics.com

PCED DIRECTOR, TONY LANGHAM, ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT



The Paulding County Economic Development Board and County Commissioners reported that Tony Langham, PCED Director, has announced his intention to retire in December, 2013. Langham wanted to give ample notice so that budget preparations and a selection process for his successor could be arranged. Langham's history with economic development goes

back to 1993 when he and fellow commissioners, Maurice Wannemacher and Elaine Harp created the first economic development office in Paulding County. Its first full-time director was Sara Keeran. Langham came on board as director in 1999 after a reorganization led to its current structure.

Tony said he thought the future would be bright for the county, our location, the rural work ethic, and the new 4-lane US 24 will help the county move steadily along.

Langham thanked all persons and organizations in the county that have supported the PCED office and its efforts to help with the progress of business in Paulding County.

He stated, "Paulding County is a great place to live and work, and I will always help in any way that I can to support the county even after I retire from this position."

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MANAGING OUR GRADUATION WAIVER SYSTEM

By: State Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn)
The General Assembly's

Select Commission on Education held its last meeting of the year on October 10. The Commission reviewed several education-related topics during the past few months, and

at the last meeting, members discussed issues related to Indiana's high school graduation waiver system.

Currently, a waiver can be granted to a student who

has not passed Algebra and English end-of-course assessments (ECAs) but meets other requirements for graduation. To obtain a waiver, a student must meet five criteria:

- 1) take the ECAs in each subject area he or she did not pass at least once a year after the student takes it for the first time;
- 2) complete remediation opportunities the school provides;
- 3) have at least a 95-percent attendance rate;
- 4) maintain at least a "C" average; and
- 5) meet any other local graduation requirements.

The student must also show he or she is ready for the workforce through teacher and principal recommendation or by completing a post-graduation preparatory sequence.

Recently, there has been concern that these waivers are being abused to inflate schools' graduation rates. According to Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) data, its high school graduation rate increased from 48 percent in 2009 to 64.6 percent in 2011. However, waivers helped nearly 27 percent of these IPS students graduate, even though they had failed state

DIVINE MERCY STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT FIRE SAFETY



The Payne Volunteer Fire Department and EMTs visit Divine Mercy Catholic School to teach them about fire safety! The students learned about what to do if they ever have a fire at their house. They even

got to see the firemen in their gear and had the chance to try it on! The kindergarten class take a break from the fun to take a picture with the fire truck.

tests.

These inflated graduation rates are not unique to IPS. The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) reported 85.7 percent of high school students graduated in the

2010-2011 school year, but the graduation rate was only 78.9 percent when students who had obtained waivers were excluded from the number.

Some believe this trend is bad news for Indiana's young people. Approving too many waiver applications can water down the value of a diploma for students who pass their ECAs. More importantly, it can allow some who are not prepared for life after high school to graduate. To remedy that, IDOE plans to require all students to make a graduation plan in 6th grade and update it in 9th grade. Counselors and the student's parents can then review the plan with the student and decide what to do if he or she does not pass graduation exams. In order to obtain a waiver, students will be required to show evidence of enrollment in a post-K-12 program in addition to teacher approval. They will also have the opportunity to display mastery of content through other tests that are not the state-mandated graduation exam, if needed.

On the other hand, others think claims about graduation waiver abuse have been blown out of proportion. In many schools, these waivers are granted to non-native English speakers who can complete coursework but may not be able to pass the exam needed to graduate. At a previous Select Commission on Education meeting, Indianapolis Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Eugene White said his district has a high proportion of English-language learners and special education students who often request graduation waivers.

Additionally, some education officials argued that many students are poor test-takers, and a single exam may not prove they are ready or not ready to graduate. Allowing waivers may decrease the emphasis on high-stakes testing, giving students the opportunity to show what they have learned in other ways and obtain their diplomas.

Expect legislation in the 2013 session dealing with graduation waiver requirements. This is an important issue for the future of Indiana because we cannot let students slide through high school without demonstrating they are ready for the workforce or college.

What do you think?

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"SCARY" INVESTMENT MOVES TO AVOID

Financial Focus by: Phil Recker, Edward Jones Advisor



A presidential election is almost upon us. But if you have young children or grandchildren, you know what's really important this week is butterfingers, not ballots, and Pop Rocks, not the popular vote.

Yes, it's Halloween time again, which means you'll see plenty of witches and vampires scurrying around. You'll no doubt find these characters more amusing than frightening, but you don't have to look far to find things that are a bit more alarming — such as these scary investment moves:

- Paying too much attention to the headlines — Some headlines may seem unnerving, but don't abandon your investment strategy just because the news of the day appears grim.

- Chasing "hot" investments — You can get "hot" investment tips from the talking heads on television,

your next-door neighbor or just about anybody. But even if the tip was accurate at one point, by the time you get to a "hot" investment, it may already be cooling down. And, even more importantly, it simply may not be appropriate for your individual risk tolerance and goals.

- Ignoring different types of investment risk — Most investors are aware of the risk of losing principal when investing in stocks. But if you shun stocks totally in favor of perceived "risk-free" investments, you'd be making a mistake because all investments carry some type of risk. For example, with fixed-income investments, including CDs and bonds, one risk you will encounter is inflation risk — the risk that your investment will provide you with returns that won't even keep up with inflation and will, therefore, result in a loss of purchasing power over time. Another risk you will incur is interest-rate risk — the risk that new bonds will be issued at higher rates, driving down the price of your bonds. Bonds also carry the risk of default, though you can reduce this risk by sticking with bonds that receive the highest ratings from independent rating agencies.

- Failing to diversify — If you only own one type of investment, and a market downturn affects that particular asset class, your portfolio could take a big hit. But by spreading your dollars among an array of vehicles, such as stocks, bonds and government securities, you can reduce the effects of volatility on your holdings. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification cannot guarantee prof-

its or protect against loss.)

- Focusing on the short term — If you concentrate too much on short-term results, you may react to a piece of bad news, or to a period of extreme price gyrations, by making investment moves that are counterproductive to your goals. Furthermore, if you're constantly seeking to instantaneously turn around losses, you'll likely rack up fees, commissions and possibly taxes. Avoid all these hassles by keeping your eyes on the future and sticking to a long-term, personalized strategy.

You can't always make the perfect investment choices. But by steering clear of the "scary" moves described above, you can work toward your long-term goals and hopefully avoid some of the more fearsome results.

AUGLAIZE FIRE DEPT. AUX. TO HOST SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER

The Auglaize Fire Department Auxiliary will be hosting their annual Soup & Sandwich Supper on Saturday, November 3rd from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the fire station located at the corner of SR 637 and Rd. 169.

A variety of soups and sandwiches will be served as well as pies and other desserts. The women will also have their homemade noodles available. Everyone is welcome.

JPHS GEARING UP FOR FESTIVAL OF TREES 2012: FOLLOW THE BETHLEHEM STAR

It's that time of year when the John Paulding Historical Society becomes a winter wonderland. "Follow the Bethlehem Star" is the theme for this year's festival on November 15-18.

Last year the museum had approximately 2,000 people come to see the trees, listen to entertainment and to see Santa. Hopefully, this year will top that. A new attraction this year will be the Remembrance Tree. Honor a loved one with a star on a 12 foot tree for all to see.

A chili cook off will take place on Thursday, November 15 at 4:30 p.m. Join in the fun with your favorite chili recipe and that evening will also offer the entertainment of the Oakwood Community Band at 7:00 p.m.

On Friday, November 16, a bake sale will begin at 2:00 p.m. hosted by the Latty Apostolic church ladies. A baked potato bar will begin at 4:30 p.m. and the Divine Mercy Choir will sing at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 17, Santa arrives at the museum at 9:00 a.m. after coming from the shopping center down North Williams Street. He will stay to visit with the children and have his picture taken until 11:00 a.m. The Pieper St. Bernards will also be there that morning. Entertainment for Saturday include Brian Holbrook and Blue Grass at 1:00 p.m.

On November 18, Sunday brunch will begin at 11:00 a.m. and continue until 1:00 p.m. with Kenzie Clemens entertaining at 1:00 p.m. The festival comes to a close by 4:00 p.m.

Woody "the talking tree" will be in from the woods all weekend. A silent auction will also be on display for all

attendees bidding pleasure. Each tree has a chance to be named "The People's Choice" and earn a reward.

For more information, please call the museum on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or Eileen Kochensparger at 419-399-5818, or Rose Munger at 419-399-3573.

MARINE PRIVATE SAVAGE GRADUATES FROM MARINE CORPS

Nicholas Savage recently graduated from the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, SC. After a 10 day liberty, he will be working with



the Mansfield, Ohio Marine Corps Recruiting Office for two additional weeks before continuing his S.O.I. (School of Infantry) training at Camp Geiger in Jacksonville, NC for five weeks. Upon completion of training, he will then go to M.O.S. (Military Occupational Specialty) for further training.

Nick is the son of Kent and Theresa Savage of Loudonville, OH. Nick has a sister, Tashia and two brothers, Tyler and Cody who is currently in the Marines serving as a security specialist. Nick is the grandson of Peg Savage of Antwerp.

WANTED, ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHERS!

The Paulding County Carnegie Library is putting out the call for citizens who may be fluent in both Spanish and English to help with English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. The need exists in Paulding County for these types of classes and the library is willing to offer the space and the computers to make it happen. We just need someone who is able to teach. If you think you might be willing to help, or would like more information, contact the library at 419-399-2032.

LONG TIME LIBRARY EMPLOYEE RETIRES

Long-time library employee, Diana Coy, has announced her retirement from the Paulding County Carnegie Library. The library will hold an Open House for Mrs. Coy on Wednesday, October 31, 2012 from noon until 6:00 p.m. Please join us as we celebrate and honor Diana's



27 years of library service. The Open House will be held on the main floor of the historic Carnegie library in Paulding.

"LET THE DIGGING AND BUILDING BEGIN" EACS BREAKGROUND ON TWO SITES

EACS officials, students and community members broke ground on the Woodlan Campus project on September 21 and the Heritage Campus project on October 24.

The Woodlan Project is targeted to be complete in March 2014 and the Heritage Project is targeted to be complete May 2014.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Karalina Faith Sterrett was born on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 10:53 a.m. at Van Wert County Hospital. She was 7lb 10oz and 20 inches long.

Her parents are Justin and Kelly Sterrett of Payne. Her older siblings are Dalton (17), Alexis (7), Larissa (6), and Jonathan (3). Her grandparents are Greg and Beth Bollenbacher of Payne, Paula Metzger of Van Wert, and the late John Sterrett of Van Wert.

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**CC BANKS PRODUCTION PRESENTS
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Live theater at its finest will once again return to Riverside Family Center, State Route 49, in Antwerp, Ohio on November 9, 10, 11. CCBanks Productions current production of *The Kitchen Witches*, a comedy by Caroline Smith, is directed by Chris Banks. "This promises to be one of the funniest shows we have produced, thanks to an excellent script and outstanding cast," states Banks.

The play begins with the last episode of "Baking with Babcha," a cable-access show featuring Ukrainian cuisine, and hosted by the very non-Ukrainian Dolly Biddle, using a fake Eastern European accent.

The show is interrupted by also-canceled TV cooking show host, Isobel Lomax, who threatens Dolly with a lawsuit for making repeated disparaging remarks about Isobel. The resulting confrontation generates huge viewer response (at least huge for cable-access) and a management decision to have Dolly and Isobel do a show together, under the direction of Dolly's son, Stephen. As the play progresses, the two loose-lipped foodies reveal embarrassing facts about each other's past, and keep upping the ante on their physical confrontations, usually involving food that is thrown or applied directly to the rival cook's

face, prompting Stephen to increase exponentially his daily intake of headache remedies. The stinging one-liners and the laughs don't stop until the curtain call.

Crystal Banks, brilliantly plays the more physical and demonstrative of the pair, playing out larger-than-life physical comedy bits worthy of Lucille Ball in her prime. She also exhibits flawless timing in her delivery of every line her character says.

Julie Hall is a revelation as Isobel and gives a perfect interpretation of her sharp-tongued character's devastating one-liners, making her character a side-splitting cross between Martha Stewart and Ethel Mertz.

What makes these two smart, pretty women so special in their respective roles is their utter fearlessness when it comes to looking or acting silly or getting down and dirty in their physical confrontations. These are two superb comic actresses at the top of their game and willing to do whatever it takes to stay there.

Joshua Hahn is equally important to the production in the role of Stephen Biddle, and his is, in many ways, the most challenging part in the play. Stephen has to be the referee between two strong female personalities, both of whom know how to push his buttons. Hahn delivers a masterfully balanced performance that shows the character's restraint in the face of extreme stress.

Jennifer Thomas plays Robin, the stage manager of the television studio where the show "Kitchen Witches" is being filmed. Her tough, goth character speaks vol-

umes without her saying a word.

Director Chris Banks also designed the set for the show that works perfectly with the unique space at Riverside Family Center.

The Kitchen Witches will be presented Friday and Saturday, November 9 and 10 at 8:00 p.m. with an optional dinner catered by Grant's Catering of Antwerp at 7:00 p.m. Dinner Theater tickets must be reserved in advance for dinner and show. Sunday, November 11 at 2:00 p.m. with no option of dinner. Call in advance for reservations at 419-506-1085 or purchase at the Antwerp Pharmacy because seating is limited.

FROM THE CITY OF WOODBURN MEETING CHANGE

There will be a public meeting at Woodburn City Hall on November 7th at 6:00 p.m. The topic that will be discussed is annexation.

PAULDING COUNTY BOE EARLY VOTING OFFICE HOURS

The following are the Office Hours at the Paulding County Board Of Elections for early voting:

- Wednesday, October 31, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, November 1, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, November 2, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 3, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 4, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, November 5, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

'OPERATION KIDS SIGHT' EXPANDS TO MORE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS



Dr. Laughlin performs a cover test for eye alignment on a student.

As the school year is off to a solid start this fall for our area's youngest, many are receiving more in-depth vision screenings with the help of local Lions and Dr. Kara Laughlin of Grabill Eye Center. New partnerships with local schools, along with the Lions Club owned Pediavision machine, are allowing a higher level of testing than ever before.

In the past, the Lions' "Operation Kids Sight" targeted preschoolers, but Dr. Laughlin saw an opportunity to expand the use of the Pediavision locally to older students when she joined the club. In the 2011-2012 school year over 250 Northeast Allen parochial grade school students were tested with the machine. In East Allen County Schools, previously only certain lower income schools had access to the technology through a Parkview program. Grabill Eye Center has now helped expand it to all schools in the district and should add close to 1200 more students having the more advanced screening this school year. Saint Francis nursing students also lend a hand while gaining clinical experience.

According to Dr. Laughlin, "Our primary goal is to catch amblyopia or 'lazy eye' as it is also called, while it is still treatable or preventable." This condition can occur even if the eyes are fairly straight, but doctors run out of time to get a bad eye better after a critical period of brain development ends in pre-teen years. If uncorrected, amblyopia can permanently affect best vision, depth perception, and the ability to qualify for certain jobs throughout adulthood. "Unfortunately, because we all have two eyes, kids will rarely complain about poor vision in just one," notes Dr. Laughlin. Amblyopia has many causes and can sometimes be missed by just reading the eye chart. Now in addition to that, Indiana state laws for vision screenings are used as a guide with the Pediavision software and also for binocularity, or eye alignment issues, tested by the doctor.

The state requires stu-

dents in Kindergarten, Third and Eighth grades be tested. Fifth grade is also routinely tested locally, as well as any students where the teacher is suspicious of a vision problem. Testing also includes children already in glasses or contacts to see if an update might be needed.

The Pediavision is a hand-held instrument attached to a computer program that quickly measures if a student might need glasses by using an infrared camera. Abnormal amounts of nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, or too much difference between the two eyes trigger a "referral" status and a form is then printed out to go home with the notice to parents. A comprehensive eye exam with an eye doctor is recommended if this or any of the other screening tests are outside the state's normal values so the proper treatment can be obtained. "This follow-up is so important, and cost shouldn't prevent it," says Dr. Laughlin. If you or someone you know cannot afford the eye exam for a student that did not pass the screening and you don't have insurance, there is a voucher program through the public school nurses called "Sight for Students" or contacting your closest Lions Club for help offsetting the costs is another option. Amblyopia can also run in families, so siblings of children with detected problems, or those who have parents with vision problems, should also be considered for a comprehensive eye exam if one has not yet been performed.

The remainder of this year's vision screenings will be completed in coming weeks. "My staff and I really do enjoy getting out of the office and volunteering in the community this way. These are fun and rewarding partnerships for sure!" says Dr. Laughlin. If you have questions, you can contact her office at 260.627.1091. For more info on Grabill Eye Center, you can also visit www.grabilleye.com. The website for local Lions is indianalions25b.org if you need assistance or are interested in joining a club.

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GARDEN & OUTDOOR ITEMS: Kawasaki 110 three wheeler • (2) Honda Big Red three wheelers • Yard Machines MTD 5 HP 24" snow blower with 5 forward & 2 reverse speeds • Craftsman 158cc gas lawn edger/trencher • Rally 3.5 HP 20" cut push mower • Giant Cutter 22" cut push mower • Lawnboy 22" cut push mower • Homelite gas weed eater • Push & pull behind spreader • Craftsman 3.5' pull behind aerator • Agri-Fab 3.5' lawn leaf sweeper with bag • Wheel barrow • garden tools including scoop shovels • spade, shovels & pitch forks • 19 bags of Earthgro top soil • Many galvanized various size livestock tanks • Antique steel wheel cultivator • Boxes of new heavy duty 10 quart buckets & many other buckets • Tarps • Galvanized wire & fencing • Animal cages & traps • Croquet set • Wood fence posts • 7' metal hog gates • Wire rabbit hutches • Green snow fence • 2 Gallon sprayer

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LUMBER: Hundreds of 2 x 4 x 4' slats • Large pile of 1 x 6 x 8' rough sawn • Much misc. size 1/8 & 1/4 plywood • Large pile of native lumber • (3) Full length treated utility poles • Short length treated utility poles • Long steel utility pole • Longer length 2 x 4 & 2 x 6 boards • Much misc. assortment of lumber and wood pieces.

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2012 FARMERS MARKET ENDS SEASON



By: Kayla Frederick
New Haven Parks and Recreation hosted a special end of the season celebration for their first Farmers Market. The celebration took place at Schnelker Park on October 25th. The festivities included the Soarin' Hawk Raptor Rehabilitators who had a showcase of live birds and also provided educational information about the birds. There was also an assortment of apples, squash, pumpkins,

gourds, and some delicious apple cider! You could also purchase a variety of crafted goods, including necklaces, decorations, aprons, and cornhole bags. The goal of the Farmers Market was to bring families out to meet local farmers and crafters, and I think it's safe to say it was a success! Hopefully this will return again next year. I was glad to see something like this offered here in New Haven!

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WTPE HOLDS ANNUAL "FUEL UP TO PLAY 60" KICKOFF



Pictured here are (l-r) Austin Conlon, Brock Worden, Molly Crosby, and Jake Gerber.

On September 21, Wayne Trace Payne Elementary held its annual "Fuel Up to Play 60" Kickoff. Fuel Up to Play 60 encourages youth to eat healthy and move more and studies suggest that well-nourished, physically active kids can be better students. Helping students prioritize healthy eating and physical activity may help them perform better and contribute to their long-term health. And as an added bonus, Fuel Up to Play 60 can also get teachers and staff eating healthy and moving more. A healthier school benefits

everyone! The theme this year is "Teamwork Works BUT You Have to Work as a Team!" Each class decided on a class nickname and mascot. Mrs. Pfeiffer, WTPE's Lead Advisor for Play 60, created a fun video showing all of the students and their mascots. She invited four outstanding WT high school students to come to the kickoff and answer questions that each class had about eating healthy, being active, and teamwork. The Little League Cheerleaders also performed a special "Fuel Up!" cheer.

ROAD CLOSED FOR HALLOWEEN IN NEW HAVEN

Broadway Street from Powers Street to Lincoln Highway in New Haven will be closed Wednesday, October 31, from 4:30 until 7:30 p.m. for the Downtown Businesses Trick or Treat event.

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HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

By: Beth Stauffer

Halloween is right around the corner, and New Haven Police Chief Stephan Poiry wants to remind all citizens to have a S.A.F.E. Halloween:

S - Swords, knives and similar costume accessories should be short, soft and flexible

A - Avoid trick or treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

F - Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.

E - Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them, and limit the amount of treats that you eat.

In addition to remembering the acronyms for a S.A.F.E. Halloween, Police Chief Poiry stated "Obviously, we don't want kids getting hurt running through yards. If the kids have on costumes that don't fit properly, or if the masks obstruct their vision, that can cause a problem. For safety reasons, we don't want kids in the roadways, and we don't want kids playing hide and seek in the leaf piles by the street."

According to Chief Poiry, the New Haven Police Reserves will be out in full force on October 31st during trick-or-treat hours. "We'll have patrol cars going out through the neighborhoods. If anyone sees anything suspicious, feel free to flag down a police officer with the concerns that they may have," added Chief Poiry.

Trick-or-treating hours in the City of New Haven are on Wednesday, October 31st from 6:00-8:00 p.m. New Haven Mayor Terry McDonald is asking all motorists to exercise extra caution during this time as children venture through neighborhoods and cross intersections and to remind parents to have children visit only those houses with their lights on.

In addition to the city wide trick-or-treating times, there are several upcoming community sponsored events where families can safely trick-or-treat together:

Trunk or Treat at the Central Lutheran School parking lot is on Friday, October 26, 2012 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Admission is one can of food for the New Haven Food Bank.

Community Halloween Carnival at Schnelker Park is on Wednesday, October 31st from 5:00-6:30 p.m. (or while supplies last). Children will receive treats and can participate in games and other Halloween fun. This event is sponsored by the New Haven Adams Township Parks and Recreation Department.

Trick-or-treating at the Downtown Businesses on Broadway is on Wednesday, October 31st from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Local business owners will be passing out treats and the New Haven Adams Township Fire & EMS trucks will be on display for all the little ghouls and goblins to see.

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OHSAA'S SPORTSMANSHIP, ETHICS AND INTEGRITY COMMITTEE HONORS 29 SCHOOLS

The OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity (SEI) Committee has announced that 29 member schools have been selected to receive school sportsmanship awards for the 2011-12 academic year. The 29 schools met the 'Respect the Game Challenge,' while 24 of those schools also earned the prestigious Harold A. Meyer Award. The list of recipients was accepted by the OHSAA Board of Directors at its regularly scheduled meeting last Thursday, October 18.

This is the second year the OHSAA's revised three-tiered process for the Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity school awards has been implemented.

In order to meet the 'Respect the Game Challenge,' schools must complete a comprehensive checklist that confirms the various sportsmanship, ethics and integrity programs within their school. Besides developing a well-planned, educational program on sportsmanship, the form reminds schools to develop a comprehensive student-athlete campaign; a coaches campaign; a student body, student support group, parents and fan campaign; and a public address announcers campaign. Schools that have met the challenge will receive a "Respect The Game" banner that can be displayed in a prominent area of the school.

Meeting the 'Respect The Game Challenge' is the precursor to being considered for the Harold A. Meyer Award. That award, named in honor of the late OHSAA commissioner from 1969 to 1977, is presented to schools that demonstrate via a PowerPoint presentation they have completed an eight-part program that promotes sportsmanship, ethics and integrity in their schools and communities. The applications and presentations were judged by students from Ohio Dominican University, in collaboration with the OHSAA staff. First year winners receive a banner to hang in a prominent area of their school. Schools that had previously received the award were presented with the banner the first year they won and subsequently receive the numerals corresponding to the year(s) the award has been earned. The Meyer Award has been presented every year since 1992 and Bay Village Bay is the only high school that has won the award every year since its inauguration.

The last tier of the SEI awards is the Commissioner's Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship. The SEI committee is still determining which schools will receive this award, but finalists come from the Harold A. Meyer Award entrees that submitted a public service announcement (PSA). The winners of the Commissioner's Award will be honored at the state basketball tournament. The following is the list of schools that have been selected for the 'Respect the Game Challenge' and the Harold A. Meyer Award.

2011-12 "Harold A. Meyer Award" and "Respect the

WOODBURN'S FALL FESTIVAL A SUCCESS!



Woodburn's Fall Fest on October 13th was a success even with the rainy weather. The shelter house was the place to be with the fireplace burning with a fall aroma.

The pumpkin decorating contest winners:

Ages 3-6 - First place Jaxon Keller; Second place Autumn Dager; Third place Daniel Dager

Ages 7-12 - First place Adashia Smith; Second place Jennifer Renner; Third place Gavin Dager

Ages 13-18 - First place Anthony Schuckel

The winners of the apple pie baking contest:

First place Sandy Virolo; Second place Taylor Heckley; Third place Cyndi Keller.

With children's games, Trick or Treat Safety, food cooked by our Woodburn Fire Department, taffy apples, popcorn, beverages and entertainment by Robbie and Heidi the evening was filled with laughter and friendly conversation. The fireworks were shot off and enjoyed by all! For pictures check out the city's website at cityofwoodburn.org

"Respect the Game Challenge" Recipients:

**Indicates first time applicant*

Amelia High School (Batavia); Bay High School (Bay Village); Bedford High School; Bishop Watterson High School (Columbus); Coshocton High School; Cuyahoga Heights Middle School; Chaminade Julianne Catholic High School (Dayton); *Heskett Middle School (Bedford); John Sells Middle School (Dublin); Johnstown-Monroe High School; LaSalle High School (Cincinnati); Nagel Middle School (Cincinnati); North Ridgeville High School; Norwayne High School (Creston); Norwayne Middle School (Creston); Ross High

School (Hamilton); Saint Ursula Academy (Cincinnati); Stow-Munroe Falls High School; *Sycamore Jr. High School (Cincinnati); Teays Valley East Middle School (Ashville); Teays Valley Middle School (Commercial Point); Valley View High School (Germantown); West Carrollton High School; West Holmes Local Schools (Millersburg)

"Respect the Game Challenge" Recipients:

**Indicates first time applicant*

*Archbishop Hoban High School (Akron); *Indian Hill High School (Cincinnati); Kenston High School (Chagrin Falls); Loveland High School; *Steele High School (Amherst)



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PAYNE 5th GRADERS CREATE TIME LINES



Students in Mrs. Stouffer's and Mrs. Saylor's Payne Elementary 5th grade social studies classes learned about different types of time lines

first quarter. The students then created their own personal time lines to share in class. Sam, Kiera, and Brittney show their time lines.

UNDERSTANDING OUR NATION'S ELECTORAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

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

As Election Day approaches, many Americans are making their final decisions as to who will get their votes on Nov. 6. However, in our presidential race, citizens in some states feel their vote "doesn't count" in the grand scheme of things. Much of this has to do with the U.S. Electoral College system and how it influences the outcome of our elections.

Developed in 1787 by the framers of the U.S. Constitution, the Electoral College system was created as a compromise between two viewpoints on how presidential elections should be managed. Some politicians were concerned a popular election would be uncontrolled, giving too much voting power to residents of highly-populated regions who may be more familiar with the candidates. The other proposal was to let

Congress select the president - an option many believed to be tyranny.

The framers' solution was to have citizens vote for a group of electors - the Electoral College - who would then cast votes for a candidate. Under this system, each state has a number of electors equivalent to its number of U.S. senators (two per state) plus its number of U.S. representatives, which depends on the state's population. In Indiana, we have two senators and nine representatives, giving our state 11 electors.

Over the decades, the workings of the Electoral College have changed greatly. The Framers, who were opposed to having political parties, intended for voters to choose electors who were regarded as men of high character and intelligence, and for those electors to then choose the president based on qualifications instead of following the desires of the general population.

The system developed very differently. Early in our na-

tion's history, newly formed political parties began to dominate the list of candidates for electors. A voter wanting a Federalist to be president would vote for all of the Federalists' electors, and a person wanting a Democrat to be president would vote for all of the Democrats' electors. Today, our election ballots shortcut this process by simply asking voters if they want to vote for the electors of Candidate A or the electors of Candidate B.

Even now, there are conflicting opinions on the Electoral College system. One of the most notable controversies involving this system came during the 2000 presidential race between George W. Bush and Al Gore. Although Gore won the popular vote, Bush received five more electoral votes and, therefore, won the presidency. This was the first time the popular vote and electoral vote had different winners since the 19th century. It raised many concerns about how well the system represented American voters.

Some opponents believe the system over-represents lesser-populated states by giving them more electoral votes and, therefore, more voting power than they would have under a direct election. This allows those states' particular interests to get too much consideration, some argue.

The Electoral College also sets up a system where candidates pay more attention to "swing states" - states that are not firmly Republican or Democrat. Nominees spend a considerable amount of time and resources in big swing states with a large number of electoral votes, such as Ohio, Florida and Pennsylvania. This keeps candidates from campaigning in states they assume are voting for the opposite party.

However, many others think the Electoral College is beneficial to our elections. Because it requires a distribution of popular support in many states to be elected, it forces candidates to campaign across the country instead of only particular regions. Without this system, only highly-populated regions would matter in the election, and nominees would neglect rural areas in favor of big cities. Through this system, the country is more unified in its selection of a president than it would be through a direct election, they say.

Proponents also note the Electoral College gives more power to minority groups. These groups are typically concentrated in states with a large number of electoral votes, so even small ethnic minority groups or special interest groups can make a major difference between winning all of their state's electoral votes or none. Because of that situation, candidates often devote much attention to reaching minority groups, allowing people who would normally be ignored in campaigning to have a bigger voice.

It will be interesting to see how the Electoral College system affects this year's presidential election. Current polls show the race is neck-and-neck, and every vote will count in deciding who will lead our country.

I encourage all eligible voters to vote on November 6 and seriously consider this question: What do you think?

SECRETARY HUSTED: TWO WEEKS BEFORE ELECTION DAY, MORE THAN 1.6 MILLION OHIOANS ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF VOTE EARLY OPTIONS

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that with just two weeks to go before Election Day, more than 1.6 million Ohioans have either cast or requested an absentee ballot for the November 6 general election.

"Whether by mail, or in person, Ohioans are turning out to vote," Secretary Husted said. "Not only is the 2012 election running smoothly so far, but every voter has the same level of access thanks to work we've done to ensure uniformity in how Ohio's elections are run."

Voters choosing to vote in person prior to Election Day can check voting hours available to them by visiting www.MyOhioVote.com. All hours are uniform across the state of Ohio.

Voters choosing the vote by mail option have until Saturday, November 3, 2012, at noon to request an absentee ballot from their board of elections. All are encouraged to do so sooner rather than later to allow more time for boards to process and send the ballot and for voters to complete and return them.

Secretary Husted noted that all voters who have already received an absentee ballot by mail still have a few weeks to get them. Completed absentee ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by Monday, November 5, 2012, or delivered in person to the county board of elections by the close of the polls on Election Day. It is important to note that if a voter has requested an absentee ballot by mail and then decides to vote in person on Election Day or during remaining early voting hours, they will be required to vote a provisional ballot. This is an important security measure to ensure boards of elections can verify that only one ballot has been cast per voter.

Additional information about absentee voting is available at www.MyOhioVote.com.

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.

Based on an informal survey of Ohio's 88 county boards of elections, as of Friday, October 19, 2012:

- 1,427,805 voters have requested absentee ballots to vote by mail.
- Of those, 618,861 absentee ballots by mail have been cast.
- 18,681 military and overseas voters have requested ballots.
- Of those, 5,176 military and overseas ballots have been cast.
- 189,190 Ohioans have cast an absentee ballot in person at the board of elections or designated early vote center.

'TEAM NOAH' HITS WT GROVER HILL ELEM.



Mrs. Davis' sixth graders had a small fundraiser for Noah Karacson, an 8th grader from Hicksville. Noah is fighting Ewing's Sarcoma. They sponsored a hat day for

Team Noah for the Wayne Trace Grover Hill building. Pictured is the class with one of the signs that was hanging in the school.

WAYNE TRACE GROVER HILL ACCELERATED READERS



Wayne Trace and Grover Hill students have been working hard on getting their reading points. 100 Points—Katie Stoller, Rachel Stoller,

Abbie Stoller, Faith Meraz, Miriam Sinn, Claudia Sinn. 200 Points—Krista Markley, 300 Points—Ellie Stoller and Andrew Sinn.

THANK YOU

My family and I would like to thank the amazing community of Hicksville and all the sponsors, businesses and the surrounding communities for all the support for our family. Words cannot express how we feel. We want to thank all that was involved in all the fundraisers and benefits. God has brought the communities together in such a way that I know I am not fighting alone.

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SAFETY FIRST THIS HALLOWEEN WITH ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers were recently visited by two of our favorite Paulding Police Officers (and past preschool parents - yay!). Officer Gonzales and Officer Weidenhamer talked with our children about taking off our masks when crossing the street, not eating our candy until we get home, and staying with our parents while trick or treating. We learned a lot

and told the officers "thank you" for the treat bags they brought for us! Shown here from the left are: Grady Barton, Officer Krista Gonzales, Hayden Gorrell, Jack Schweller, Officer Gina Weidenhamer and Caleb Cox. These children are in the morning class of four and young five year olds with Mrs. Cheri Collins and Mrs. Ann Miller.

GIRLS SCOUTS, BOY SCOUTS AND CUB SCOUTS START THERE ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Antwerp residents should have found a plastic bag hanging on their front door this weekend.

Girls Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scout Troops of Antwerp will participate in an annual food drive October 27 through November 3.

Scouts will be placed marked plastic bags on the doors of all Antwerp residents Saturday, October 27 for residents to fill with non-perishable food items, which will be donated to Antwerp food bank.

Scouts will return to collect the bags between 9:00 a.m. and noon on Saturday, November 3. Residents should leave the bags on their front steps. Residents may also drop off items at the Antwerp food bank at the Antwerp United Methodist Church.

The Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts are active, community service organizations in which young persons are led by adult volunteer leaders in a variety of activities designed.

place beginning Wednesday, October 31, in the left lane on northbound I-469, between Exit 21 (US 24) and Exit 25 (SR 37), for concrete pavement restoration work. The lane restriction in this area is expected to be complete by mid-November, 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.traffic-wise.IN.gov. Contact the Fort Wayne District toll free at 866-227-3555.

NORTHBOUND I-469 RIGHT LANE RESTRICTION THIS WEEK FOR MAINTENANCE WORK

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announces that the northbound RIGHT lane of I-469 is currently restricted between Exit 11 (US 27) and Exit 15 (Tillman Road) due to maintenance work. The restriction will remain in effect until Thursday evening, November 1, weather permitting. Although the lane will be restricted for approximately four miles, INDOT will be working on small sections within that area during the construction period.

Reminder: Beginning Wednesday, October 31, the LEFT lane on northbound I-469, between Exit 21 (US 24) and Exit 25 (SR 37), will be restricted for concrete pavement restoration work. The lane restriction in this area is expected to be complete by mid-November, weather permitting.

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UPDATED I-469 RESTRICTION: WORK MOVES TO NORTHBOUND LEFT LANE

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Fort Wayne District announces new restrictions will take

THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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shading can give students of all ages exposure to STEM jobs and possibly spark an interest in pursuing a career in the field. This type of experience provides students with more information about the long-term benefits of becoming involved in STEM education.

However, all of this begins with teacher preparation. If a math or science educator is not knowledgeable, it can affect a student's understanding and interest in STEM fields. Change the Equation reported that as of 2011, only 67 percent of science teachers in Indiana took three

or more advanced science courses in college. If we are to fully prepare our students for a future in STEM careers, we need more teachers with a strong grasp of content.

While there are multiple ideas about how to best prepare our schools and students for STEM education, it is clear there is a demand for young people with these skills that our state must address. As the General Assembly looks at education standards this upcoming legislative session, it is my hope STEM learning will be taken into consideration.

INCREASING ACCESS TO STEM EDUCATION IN INDIANA

As our state's science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) sectors continue to expand, there is an increasing demand for students with knowledge and skills in these fields to become leaders. Change the Equation - a nonprofit group aimed at improving STEM education - reported that, in Indiana, STEM skills have remained in demand despite the economic downturn. There are 2.4 STEM jobs for every one unemployed person in the state, while there are five unemployed people for every non-STEM job. U.S News and World Report estimates STEM jobs will grow 17 percent by 2018 - nearly double the rate of non-STEM jobs.

Many employers unfortunately have not found the talent they need to fill these vacancies and stay competitive. In order for college graduates to meet this growing demand, they must develop STEM skills early in their education. Indiana schools are ready to confront this challenge.

Change the Equation makes several recommendations for promoting STEM learning in our state. While Indiana tests students in science, it does not hold schools responsible for student performance. Currently, math and English are the only subjects with accountability standards attached to them. The organization also reported time spent on science instruction in elementary schools has decreased in our state - from three hours in 1994 to two hours in 2008. By placing renewed emphasis on science, our schools could encourage STEM learning early in students' education.

It is also important to encourage learning outside of the classroom. Giving students hands-on experience in science and technology allows them to make a connection with STEM fields and understand how they could fit into them. Field trips, after-school clubs and job

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On October 15, 2012 over 40 FFA students and advisors from Coldwater Tri-Star, Crestview, Fort Recovery, Lincolnview, Jay County, Marion Local, Paulding, Parkway, St Henry, and Versailles, parents and sales team attended the 2nd annual Mercer Landmark Leadership Banquet in Celina.

John Romines, Vice President of Seed & Agronomy Sales of Land O' Lakes spoke to the crowd. He explained that if the world was your fist, farmers have an area smaller than a knuckle to raise enough food to feed everyone. John commented that most voters are 2-3 generations away from the farm so do they understand where their food comes from? John addressed the FFA chapters to make sure that they understood what

it really means to wear that blue jacket.

This banquet is to reward those FFA chapters that helped at the Answer Plots by Winfield. Each year Winfield challenges us as a company with a goal, this year was to see how many acres were represented by attendees. There were over 71,000 acres present at the Answer Plot days. The FFA chapters earned over \$3,000 for attending and helping at the Answer Plot Days. Parkway FFA Chapter was awarded an additional \$500.00 and a trophy for having the most attendees at the plot.

Mercer Landmark is fortunate to be able to work with companies that have the same passion and attitude towards FFA. Winfield, Croplan, Syngenta, NK Seeds, Monsanto, and Asgrow/Dekalb and their

representatives were privileged to award \$3,000 worth of scholarships.

One of the activities that we do at the FFA chapters to ask was to be creative and nominate someone in the community that they felt showed support of FFA and the agricultural society. We asked them to look at an individual that has taken opportunities and overcome adversity and has stayed prosperous through it all. Coldwater Tri Star made a video of their nomination and Barb Uhlenhake and Family were awarded the "The Farmer of the Year."

Darren Deffenbaugh, General Manager of Mercer Landmark concluded the evening. He told the FFA Chapters that we will be providing more hands on education at the Answer Plots and giving them broader access to our business units to allow the students to discover more avenues of interest for employment and that agriculture is a great career.

RABBIT, PHEASANT & QUAIL HUNTING SEASONS BEGIN IN NOVEMBER

Ohio hunters should begin preparing for the hunting seasons of some of the state's most popular game species with ring-necked pheasant, cottontail rabbit and bobwhite quail. The hunting seasons for upland game begin on Friday, Nov. 2, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Division of Wildlife.

The state's cottontail rabbit population has been very good recently. However, Nathan Stricker, project leader with ODNR's Olentangy Wildlife Research Station, said rabbit populations tend to go through an up-and-down cycle every seven to 10 years.

"Rabbit numbers are lower this year, but this type of decline is expected with this cycle," said Stricker. "Regardless of these cyclical changes, cottontail rabbit populations are excellent throughout Ohio and provide plenty of opportunities for a family hunting outing."

Quail and pheasant populations may be lower than previous years, and Stricker said quail and pheasant are heavily dependent upon quality habitats on private lands provided by the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Williams and Defiance counties in northwest Ohio have strong pheasant populations because of the habitat contributions by local landowners. Upland game populations are responding positively to habitat programs in other areas around the state, especially in counties with significant enrollment in the Scioto Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program and Quail Buffer practices in CRP known as CP33.

Cottontail rabbit hunting continues through Feb. 28, 2013. Ring-necked pheasant hunting is open through Jan. 6, 2013. Both seasons are closed during the statewide 2012 deer-gun hunting season, Nov. 26-Dec. 2.

Rabbits, pheasants and quail may be hunted from sunrise to sunset. The daily bag limit for all three species remains unchanged from

last year at four rabbits, two pheasants (roosters/males only) and four quail.

Hunters are reminded that snowshoe hares are not legal game in Ohio and should not be hunted. Snowshoe hares were recently reintroduced to northeastern Ohio after nearly a century of absence. They are brown early in the season, which makes them resemble cottontail rabbits. To avoid confusion between cottontail rabbits and snowshoe hares, portions of Geauga and Ashtabula counties will be closed to all rabbit hunting from Nov. 2-Dec. 2. At that time, hunters will be able to distinguish between the two rabbits since most snowshoe hares will have turned white by early December.

Two restricted hunting zones cover portions of Geauga and Ashtabula counties. The first restricted area encompasses parts of Geauga and Ashtabula counties and is bordered by U.S. Route 6 to the north, U.S. Route 322 to the south, Kile Road to the west and State Route 534 to the east. The second restricted area is in Ashtabula County bounded on the north by Cork-Cold Springs Road, on the west by Windsor-Mechanicsville Road, on the south by New Hudson Road and on the east by U.S. Route 45. A map of these two areas can be viewed in the 2012-2013 Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations and at wildohio.com.

Pheasants are released on selecting hunting areas throughout the state by the ODNR Division of Wildlife prior to opening day of the pheasant season, the second Saturday of the season, Nov. 10 and Thanksgiving Day.

Bobwhite quail hunting is open in 16 counties in southern Ohio: Adams, Athens, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Highland, Jackson, Meigs, Montgomery, Pike, Preble, Ross, Scioto, Vinton and Warren. The season continues through Nov. 25.

Additional hunting information is contained in the 2012-2013 Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations, which are available where hunting licenses are sold, online at wildohio.com or by calling 800-WILDLIFE.

ATTENTION DEER HUNTERS!

By: **Jim Lopshire, PC Extension Educator**

This season, hunters should be aware of localized outbreaks of a common white-tailed deer disease called Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease, also known as EHD. The Ohio Department of Agriculture's Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory has confirmed 13 cases of EHD in deer across the state including Paulding County.

State animal health officials stress this viral disease occurs annually in deer herds across North America but is usually confined to more southern states. The severity and distribution of the disease is highly variable and unpredictable.

Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease outbreaks typically begin in late summer or early fall and end with an insect-killing frost. Officials believe the dry summer in

WOODBURN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME BENEFIT



There was a lot of milling around at the Woodburn Community Center on Saturday, October 20th for the Woodburn Christian Children's Home Annual Benefit Auction.

The silent auction room was lined with many tables showing off the wares to be awarded to the highest bidder. The live auction room boasted a roll top desk and a 'Get out of the Doghouse' gift bag that included a huge chocolate, caramel nut apple from Debrands and gift certificates from Lopshire's

Flowers, Texas Road House, Bob Evans and a one night stay at John Klopenstien Sweets and many other items to tempt us. The crowd was very generous with their bids.

The money from the auction keeps the children's home running especially through the winter months.

This was the 8th annual benefit auction for the children's home. WCCH relies solely on donations and benefits to survive. The benefit auction earned over \$50,000 this year.

Ohio has contributed to the current outbreak. As shallow ponds and creek beds dry up, deer and insects are congregating around fewer bodies of drinking water, enabling the virus to spread more rapidly.

White-tailed deer contract Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease from biting midges, which typically live near water. The disease cannot be spread from deer to deer, deer to human, or deer to livestock. According to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, EHD does not pose a serious threat to livestock.

Once infected, deer show symptoms within 5-10 days.

Infected deer initially lose their appetite, show little to no fear of humans, grow progressively weaker and disoriented, often salivate excessively, and become unconscious. Many deer die within 36 hours of the onset of symptoms.

State wildlife officials stress that this disease does not impact humans or the safety of consumed deer meat. However, deer that appear unhealthy or sick should never be taken for food, and should be reported to a local wildlife officer. Again, once Ohio experiences an insect-killing frost, the midges carrying the disease will die.

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2011 SIGN-UP FOR SURE PROGRAM BEGINS

Steve Maurer, State Executive Director for Ohio's Farm Service Agency (FSA), announced the sign-up period for the 2011 crop year Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program has begun. "Any eligible producer who suffered losses during the 2011 crop year is encouraged to visit their local FSA office to learn more about the SURE program and how to apply," said Maurer.

The SURE program is part of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm Bill). Under the 2008 Farm Bill, SURE authorizes assistance to farmers and producers who suffered crop losses caused by natural disasters occurring through September 30, 2011. All eligible farmers and producers must sign-up for 2011 SURE benefits before the June 7, 2013 deadline.

To qualify for a SURE payment, the producer's operation must be located in a county that was declared a disaster for 2011 and have at least a 10 percent production loss that affects one crop of economic significance. Producers with agricultural operations located outside a disaster county are eligible for SURE benefits if they had a production loss

greater or equal to 50 percent of the normal production on the farm.

All of Ohio's counties received a primary Secretarial Disaster Designation or contiguous Secretarial Disaster Designation during 2011. This means that all counties in Ohio can apply for SURE benefits as long as all other eligibility requirements are met.

To meet program eligibility requirements, producers must have obtained a policy or plan of insurance for all insurable crops through the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and obtained Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on non-insurable crops, if available, from FSA. Eligible farmers and producers who meet the definition of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource or beginning farmer or producer do not have to meet this requirement. Forage crops intended for grazing are not eligible for SURE benefits.

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HUNTERS SUCCESSFUL DURING EARLY MUZZLE-LOADER SEASON

Muzzleloader hunters killed 314 white-tailed deer during last week's early muzzleloader season, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Division of Wildlife.

Total deer kills from the season include 130 at Salt Fork Wildlife Area, 121 at Wildcat Hollow and 63 at Shawnee State Forest. That total is down slightly from 357 deer killed during the 2011 early muzzleloader season (161 at Salt Fork Wildlife Area, 154 at Wildcat Hollow and 42 at Shawnee State Forest). Early muzzleloader hunters killed 516 deer in 2010 (254 at Salt Fork Wildlife Area, 176 at Wildcat Hollow and 86 at Shawnee State Forest).

The early muzzleloader season started on Monday, October 15 and closed Saturday, October 20. The season was only open at Salt Fork Wildlife Area, Wildcat Hollow and Shawnee State Forest.

Ohio's various deer hunting seasons, coupled with a healthy population, gives hunters a good opportunity

for success. Archery season opened September 29 and runs through February 3, 2013. Youth deer gun season is November 17-18. Deer gun season is November 26-December 2 and December 15-16. The statewide muzzleloader season is January 5-8, 2013.

Hunters may donate venison to food banks, which will help feed the hungry in their area. The ODNR Division of Wildlife is proud to partner with the organization Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH) to help pay for the processing of donated venison for this excellent cause. Hunters who donate their deer to a participating local food bank are not required to pay the processing cost as long as funding for the effort lasts. Hunters are encouraged to find more information about this worthwhile program online at fhfh.org.

To learn more about all of Ohio's deer hunting seasons and requirements, hunters are advised to review the 2012-2013 Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations or visit wildohio.com.


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Her garden is an obvious testament to a budding horticulturist with not just green beans, but Calypso beans, wax beans and edible soybeans. She has several potato varieties and other vegetables. "Sabrina always has her eye out for new or unusual varieties when the garden magazines start arriving during the winter," said her mother, Anita. Her collections aren't confined to the garden. She has a dwarf pomegranate with a tiny fruit developing and a miniature fig tree in pots so she can bring them into the house during the winter.

Even at her dinner chair is evidence of a green thumb. She has a sack of seeds she has collected from her garden to use next spring hanging on the back of it.

Before going on to the National competition, Sabrina won the Indiana 4H Horticulture competition held at Purdue University. Last year as an eighth grader, she won the Indiana Junior division. The contest consists of three parts, a specimen identification, a test of horticulture knowledge and a judging class. Some of the specimens were just twigs without any leaves, but to Sabrina, it's not, 'just a stick', it has lots of clues and markers about what tree or shrub it came from.

The National Horticulture contest travels across the country and this year was at the Wisconsin Dells. The National contest is put on by NJHA and is open to 4H and FFA winning teams and individuals. Founded in 1934, NJHA was the first organization in the world dedicated solely to youth and horticulture. It strives to help young people develop skills in and obtain an understanding of horticulture. Horticulture is often thought as gardening, but to Sabrina and many others, it is so much more. It's the biotechnology of the future.

When asked about future plans, Sabrina replies she would like to, "do something with Horticulture." Plants have always had an appeal to Sabrina. "When she was just toddling around, she would make her way to the flower bed and start picking. The flowers she was picking brought her such joy, I couldn't tell her 'no,'" explained her mother. Little did mom know she was

already 'studying' for her future National Title.

Sabrina is a freshman at Canterbury High School, Fort Wayne, IN. She lives at home with her family in rural New Haven.

**DERBY GIRLS COME TO BELL'S RINK**

By: Beth Stauffer

On Friday, October 19, 2012, the Fort Wayne Derby Girls rolled into town for a special night of roller skating at Bell's to raise funds for their 2013 season. It may (or may not) be a well-kept secret that Bell's Skating Rink is sort of the home base of operations for the Fort Wayne Derby Girls; three days a week, the Derby Girls flock to Bell's from all over the area: from Decatur, Auburn, Fort Wayne, and other nearby locales for practice. There are between 40 and 50 Fort Wayne Derby Girls, ranging in age from 18 to 51; each team consists of 20 Derby Girls.

In addition to the 18 and older Fort Wayne Derby Girls, there are also two junior divisions that the team sponsors: the Fort Wayne Derby Brats, made up of girls ages 9-17 and the Tootsie Rollers, ages 5-8. These groups both practice at Bell's Skating Rink in New Haven.

Tick Uhoff, a Fort Wayne Derby Brat and the daughter of Fort Wayne Derby Girl Thrill McCoy, said the reason she decided to try out for the Derby Brats is "Because my Mom was in it and I thought it was cool. I want to be like her." When asked what she likes the most about being a Derby Brat, Tick Uhoff

added, "You can hit someone and knock them down and not get in trouble for it. The competition is fun, too."

Sister Christian, a relatively new Fort Wayne Derby Girl in her second season on the team, is a blocker. She came to be interested in the Derby Girls after a friend brought her to a Bout, and then a few months later her sister heard about tryouts for the Derby Girls. "I went and it just fit," said Sister Christian. She admits that one of her favorite things about being a Derby Girl is the notoriety. The other thing? "I saw on Facebook someone

posted that they had to go to a chiropractor after taking a hit, and I'm like, 'Hey, I did that!' I was proud of myself!" added Sister Christian with a smile.

In spite of their penchant for dishing out a few bumps and bruises in the name of sport, the Fort Wayne Derby Girls more than make up for it with the charity work that they do in Northeast Indiana. Thrill McCoy, one of the Fort Wayne Derby Girls and the Head of Fundraising, said that "We are a not for profit group. Since 2005, the Derby Girls have given away over \$100,000 to Women's

& Children's charities." The Derby Girls achieve this by participating in such events as 'Bust A Move' with Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana and by hosting Charity Bouts during the spring.

Eric Dunlap, whose family owns Bell's Skating Rink, donated 50% of all admissions and concessions sales to the Derby Girls on Friday night. "The Derby Girls have practiced at our facility for the better part of 5 years, and we help them out with fundraisers," said Mr. Dunlap of Friday night's event. "Anybody who's about helping women and children, I'm all for."

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