



**JASON LANDERS ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF**

Jason K. Landers has filed his petition, and is a candidate for the office of Paulding County Sheriff. Landers is a lifelong resident of Paulding County. He is a 1994 graduate of Paulding High School, and was a member of the basketball team. After high school, Landers attended Edison State College where he studied Law Enforcement, and was a member of the Edison Charger basketball team.

After college, Landers worked for a local construction company while attending the Paulding Basic Police Academy. He was commissioned as a police officer in Paulding in 1996, and began working as a Corrections Officer in the county jail in 1997. Also in 1997, Landers began his career as a road deputy for the sheriff's office. In 2006, Landers was promoted to his current position as Road Patrol Captain, in charge of road patrol operations. In 2008, Landers graduated from the Police Executive Leadership College of Ohio. Landers has attended

an extensive amount of continuing education in the past fifteen years while employed with the sheriff's office.

Being involved in Paulding County is important to Landers. He is currently the Zoning Inspector in Carryall Township, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Paulding serving this term as Vice President of the Board of Directors, and a Board Member on the Antwerp Ball Association. Landers is the Democratic Central Committeeman for Carryall Township, and sits on the Steering Committee for the Paulding Chamber of Commerce Leadership in Action class. He has coached sports at Antwerp Local Schools, and is a substitute bus driver there. Landers' memberships include; Paulding VFW Post #587, Paulding Eagles #2405, Buckeye State Sheriff's Association, Police Executive Leadership College Alumni Association and St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Landers is married to Jayme Hughes and has two sons, Jayvin and Jagger who attend Antwerp Local Schools. He is a Harley Davidson enthusiast, and enjoys coaching basketball and working outside.

Landers says, "Communication is key to success for a public official. I have worked with officials from urban areas throughout the years, and each time I am thrilled to return to my roots in Paulding County. My wife and I are grateful to work right here and raise our kids in this safe community. I would be honored to serve as your sheriff here in Paulding County."

**ANTWERP NHS BAKES CAKES FOR UWPC!**



The Antwerp Chapter of the National Honor Society held a cake raffle on January 5<sup>th</sup> for United Way of Paulding County. Presenting Executive Director, Amy McCreery with a check from the proceeds are (l-r) seniors Ann Reinhart and Tricia Smalley.

If your organization or

business would like to hold a fund-raiser or event to help UW meet our communities needs, you can call the United Way office at 419-399-8240. Times are tough for so many this year, join hands, open your heart, lend your muscle. Live United!

**COOPER FARMS INSTALLS WIND POWER FOR COOKED MEATS LOCATION**

Cooper Farms Cooked Meats has joined the wind-power revolution, having recently installed two 1.5 megawatt wind turbines. The turbines, which should be fully functioning by mid-February, will provide over 50 percent of the Van Wert plant's power needs, and save valuable natural resources.

Though these only add to the multitude of turbines that are now a part of the Van Wert county skyline, the decision was made through careful research and planning, said owners Jim and Gary Cooper.

"We created a team of individuals whose job it was to explore the possibilities of using wind turbines here at our Van Wert location," said Jim Cooper, CEO of Cooper Farms. "Their finding was that it did make economic and sustainability sense to use wind energy for a portion of our electrical needs.

The two turbines should produce about 60 percent of our electrical needs at the Cooked Meats plant."

Construction work for the two towers began in mid-September of 2011, with work on the foundations. The turbines were delivered by November and installation was complete by December 30, 2011. During the month of January the equipment has been under testing. Full output should be reached by the middle of February.

Cooper Farms has always maintained a commitment to the environment and sustainable practices, making the switch to wind energy, lessening the company's environmental impact, a natural decision.

"This investment was a part of an overall sustainability goal," said Gary Cooper, COO. "We have been investing in a wide variety of projects over the years. All of which help to improve our local environment by reducing our overall use of national resources and becoming more efficient in our use of utilities. Our

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**JERRY ZIELKE ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONER**



Jerry L. Zielke has petitioned and is now a candidate to acquire the Paulding County Commissioner seat currently held by Tony Burkley.

Jerry was born in Paulding and is a 1971 graduate of Antwerp Local School. He earned a degree from International Business College and an Ohio Insurance Licensing education from Hondros College. He also took classes from Northwest Community College in Management-Web Site Development.

Jerry is currently employed at Central States Enterprises LLC in Montpelier, IN as a grain merchandiser/Truck Transportation Coordinator. He has also worked as a insurance field agent, financial advisor and member services representative for Knights of Columbus; was a regional seed Co. sales rep./Agronomy rep. serving OH, IN and MI; and owner/general operator of Zielke Farm Service - Diversified Grain & Fertilizer business.

Other offices that Mr. Zielke has held include board member (president and VP included) of Western Buckeye Educational Service Center (currently serving as Legislative Liaison; board member of Vantage Career Center; board member and legislative liaison of the Ohio Agribusiness Association; member of the Advisory committee of the Ohio State University Northwest Ohio Regional Advisory Committee; former 4-H Advisor and

Junior Leadership Advisor; and very active in the Fort to Port US 24 highway project planning committee.

Jerry Zielke is a member of the following groups and/or organizations: Divine Mercy Catholic Parish; Knights of Columbus; Paulding County Farm Bureau; Ohio Agriculture Coalition Committee; National Rifle Association; Antwerp Conservation Club; Paulding County 912 Patriot group; and the Antwerp ACDC group.

Jerry is seeking the commissioner seat because he wants to provide leadership and fiscal responsibility to the citizens of Paulding County. His top three goals if elected will be: To control county spending and make county government more efficient through shared services programs; To look at ways to expand and increase the number of small and medium size businesses in Paulding County to improve employment opportunities for Paulding County citizens; To work closely with State and Federal representatives to stop over regulations and government rules on businesses and local communities.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Connie S. Williamson**, 62, of Paulding, passed away Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital.

Connie was born in Paulding on December 15, 1949, a daughter of the late Viola (Proxmire) and Donald Craig. She was a volunteer at the Paulding Senior Center. On April 15, 1972 she married Jerry Williamson who died Jan 15, 2005.

Connie will be sadly missed by her daughters: Brenda (Gary) Ross of Paulding and Terry (Thaddeus) Hunt of Bondville, IL; step-daughter, Patsy; siblings: Bob Craig of Montpelier, El-len Hankinson of Putnam, Carolyn Hankinson and Ronald Craig all of Paulding; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Also, preceding her in death was her daughter, Beth Matthews.

Her funeral service was at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, on February 4, 2012. She was laid to rest at Paulding Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials are to the charity of your choice. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)

**Elas Kathleen Prowant**, 87, of Cloverdale died Thursday, February 2, 2012 at Lima Memorial Hospital.

She was born June 14, 1924 in Putnam County to the late Rolley and Leona (Foley) Keller. On June 27, 1948, she

married Harold J. Prowant who died September 4, 2009.

Surviving are her children: Thomas (Mary) Keller of Cloverdale, Stanley O. (Marjorie) Prowant of Pendleton, OR, Beverly N. (Arthur) Muir of Antwerp, and Mickey M. (Heather Davis) Prowant of Cloverdale; 17 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and three sisters: Doris Dienst-burger and Helen Mericle both of Delphos, and Nancy Kleman of Ottawa.

She was preceded in death by a sister: Emogene Rode.

Lelas was a homemaker. She served as Mayor of Cloverdale for 16 years from 1996 to 2011. She was a member of Mandale Church of Christ and the Mayor's Association Council.

Funeral services will begin at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 9, 2012 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Continental with Pastor Justin Sterrett officiating. Burial will follow in Monroe Cemetery, Continental.

Visitation will be from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 and one hour prior to services on Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be expressed at [www.heimmeyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.heimmeyerfuneralhome.com).

**Elva "Bill" L. Ashbaugh Lenhart**, 87, of Melrose died Friday, February 3, 2012 at

CHP Hospice, Defiance, OH.

She was born May 16, 1924 in Scott, OH, the daughter of Pearl and Mary Taylor. On July 4, 1942 she married Carroll B. "Casey" Ashbaugh, who preceded her in death in 1972. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by three sons: Richard (Nancy) Ashbaugh of Grover Hill, Roger (Pam) Ashbaugh of Defiance and Dean (Dawn) Ashbaugh of Reading, MI; a daughter, Barbara (Bob) Switzer of Melrose; 15 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren; two sisters: Jan Vance of Coldwater, MI and Mary Lou Vance of Grover Hill; two brothers: Lewis Vance of Coldwater, MI and Clifford (Mary) McClain of Swanton OH; one foster-sister, Verda Leatherman of Oakwood.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sisters: Ellen Mohr and Opal Vance; two brothers: Doyle McClain and Nelson McClain.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at Den Herder Funeral Home Paulding. Rev. Jerry Webb will officiate. Burial will follow at the Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill. Visitation will be at the DenHerder Funeral Home Paulding one hour prior to services.

Donations may be made to the Family of Elva L. Ashbaugh. Online condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com)

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

"Do not be wise in your own eyes, fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones." —Proverbs 3:7-8

**LENTEN LUNCH SERIES IN PAULDING**



Paulding Ministerial Association meets regarding the upcoming Lenten lunch series. (l-r) Kim Semran (pastor of Church of the Nazarene), Theresa Conley (director of Religious Education, Divine Mercy Catholic parish), Ben Lowell (pastor of Paulding United Methodist Church), Dave Meriwether (pastor of First Presbyterian Church), and Greg Biber (pastor of First Christian Church).

Paulding Ministerial Association invites everyone to the 2012 Lenten Lunch series. Beginning on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 and continuing each Wednesday through March 28, lunch and a brief time of worship will be held at First Presbyterian Church. The gathering begins promptly at noon and will end before 1:00 p.m., so that participants can attend during their lunch hour.

While the six churches of the Ministerial Association (First Presbyterian, Paulding United Methodist, Paulding Church of the Nazarene, Divine Mercy Catholic, St. Paul Lutheran, and First Christian

Churches) rotate providing the meal and the Lenten meditation, all weeks are held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Caroline and Cherry Streets, Paulding.

The Ministerial Association will also be collecting non-perishable food, cleaning products, and personal hygiene items each week for the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry, Paulding, if attendees care to contribute.

For more information, please contact the church office of First Presbyterian Church, 419-399-2438, or any of the churches listed above.

**EXPLODING MILK**

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

*Braveheart* has a scene where Robert the Bruce betrays William Wallace. Instead of coming in and helping William Wallace as they had planned together, Robert the Bruce sided with the enemy and turned on Wallace. After the battle, Robert the Bruce struggled with having made the wrong choice. He passionately told his father, who had convinced him to make the wrong choice, "I will never be on the wrong side again."

Prior to this, his father tried to alleviate his guilt: "You saved your family. Increased your land. In time you will have all the power in Scotland." To his father, doing the wrong action didn't matter because of all of the benefit that it brought. Robert the Bruce replied, "Lands. Titles. Men. Power. Nothing." In that scene we see true repentance. Robert the Bruce realized that he did wrong for all of the wrong reasons and would never do that again.

Similar to, yet so unlike, Robert the Bruce, we give up what is right for things much less than lands or power. We give up the right path for temporary and momentary plea-

ures. For a little extra money. For just a little bit of control. For a little outburst to get back at someone.

It's easy to watch someone repent in a movie; it's much harder to repent in real life. (Repent is churchy-language for turning back toward God and doing what He wants.) As long as you are not dead, there is still time to head toward God with your life. It is never too late to do what is right.

But it's not easy. Sin stinks. (Sin is churchy-language for not doing what God wants you to do or doing what he doesn't want you to do.) It leaves its stain. When we turn toward God and start doing what He wants us to do with our lives, we have the pain and destruction from all of our past failings to contend with. We can stop sinning, but the ramifications of that sin will continue on into the present.

It's like spilt milk in the van on a hot summer day. Or maybe a few hot summer days.

This summer, we went grocery shopping. Nothing unusual about that. We thought we had unloaded the whole van, but, unknown to us, we left a bag filled with a half gallon jug of milk in the van. This bag went undiscovered for a few days. After discovering it, we decided to give it to the cats. This was when we were moving and the cats lived out in the country while the milk was discovered in the van while we were in town. I was assigned to give the milk to the cats on my next trip out to our home in the country. But I forgot.

The next day, after realizing I forgot and leaving the milk to ferment and expand once again in ninety degree outside of the van weather, I had remembered too late. The milk had fermented and expanded so much that it exploded out of its container. What a big, stinky mess we had on our hands. Rotten milk had spread through the carpet in our van. Horrible. So we quickly removed the half gallon container, but the damage had already been done. Damage that would take a while to clean up. The source of the problem had been removed, but the ramifications of the problem had to be dealt with.

Sin is the same way. If we don't stop it early, the pain and destruction it will cause will only increase the more we ignore or don't even recognize it. Sin must be stopped. Immediately. As soon as we notice the problem. That's what repentance is.

So what is the half gallon container of milk in your life? What are you holding on to that you will regret like Robert the Bruce did? Jesus came to give us freedom from sin, but we have to be willing to give everything up for Him. We have to place His plan for our life above everything else that we value. It's much easier read than done, but I know that God will give you the strength to be who he wants you to be if you seek Him and His will with all you are.

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

**FREE MOVIE NIGHT IN OAKWOOD**

On Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. the Forever His Ministries will be showing the movie *Courageous*. This movie is from the creators of *Fireproof*. The building is located at 230 N. First St., in Oakwood next to Phil's Diner.

**PCRTA TO HOST COFFEE MEETING**

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association will host a coffee from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on Monday February 13 at the Black Swamp Nature Center on Fairground Drive in Paulding. There will be no business meeting and reservations are not needed. Donations for the food pantry and the scholarship fund will be appreciated. All retired school personnel from Antwerp, Paulding, and Wayne Trace school districts are invited to attend.

**MONTHLY SENIOR BREAKFAST AT GARDENS OF PAULDING**

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patients' blood, and occasionally, the Laboratory Manager's office must be used to help with patient overflow.

In the new space, Respiratory and Laboratory patients will enjoy individual treatment rooms.

Space is also an issue in the Laboratory testing area. A peek into the room where the hospital's skilled medical technicians work, finds hardly a square inch of countertop unused. Testing equipment, supplies, documentation, workstations, and employees all compete for limited space in this noticeably cramped area.

In the new space, the Laboratory testing area will be twice the size of the old space, and will have mobile workstations and cabinets that can be easily reconfigured as new equipment is acquired. The expanded testing area will allow the hospital to add more technical workstations, produce test results more quickly, and increase their overall capacity for testing.

And while patient care is always the first priority, Fahs acknowledges that there is also a financial sustainability aspect to the project. "In today's uncertain healthcare environment, our hospital must continue to grow in order to maintain a viable facility, and to continue providing quality healthcare close to home," said Fahs. "Respiratory and Laboratory are two of our highest growth areas, and this expansion will help secure the future of our hospital."

Fahs says there is often confusion from the community as to how the local hospital is funded. Community Memorial Hospital is a nonprofit township-owned hospital, owned jointly by Mark, Milford, and Hicksville townships. Yet, while CMH is a government entity, it does not receive tax funding or operational support from local, state, or federal governments.

Fahs says another common misconception involves CMH's relationship with Lutheran Health Network (LHN). He stresses that Community Memorial Hospital is an independent hospital, not owned or managed by LHN. "We are an independent affiliate of Lutheran," says Fahs. "This affiliation allows us to utilize many of LHN's services and take advantage of group purchasing contracts. However, our hospital does not receive any operational funding from LHN."

So where does the hospital's funding come from? CMH's operating revenue is generated two ways. First and foremost, revenue is generated by patient volume and service delivery. "We are a self-supporting nonprofit hospital," says Fahs. "We keep our doors open by taking care of patients." He says the hospital receives payment for services from Medicare, Medicaid, commercial and managed care companies, and from self-pay patients. Fahs adds that in 2011, Community Memorial Hospital provided \$1.5 million in charity care to patients who were unable to pay.

The second source of revenue for the hospital is philanthropic gifts from individuals, businesses, and organizations. Philanthropy by local residents has been integral to the success of the hospital since the very first facility was built in 1953, says Janis Meyer, President of the CMH Foundation.

The CMH Foundation board members include Meyer, Peter Kennerk, Roger Pence, Roger Strup, Marilyn Burgrave, Lila Wittig, Carol Weidenhamer, Mel Fahs, Michelle Waggoner, and Laverne Miller, MD.

Anyone interested in learning more about the project or making a donation is encouraged to contact Waggoner at 419-542-5566.

**DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC STUDENTS LEARN SCIENCE & HISTORY HANDS-ON**



Divine Mercy Catholic School third and fourth grade students have been learning about different ecosystems as part of the studies. The students then each made dioramas showing the different type of ecosystems. Pictured above the students with their dioramas.



Divine Mercy Catholic School fifth and sixth grade students are learning about the French and Indian War. Students took time to construct their own Ohio River Valley forts; like the French and British did. Pictured are some of the students hard at work on their creations.

**BIBLE QUESTIONS**

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

All answers to questions can be found in the NKJV version of the Bible.

1. Acts 24:9 – How did the Jews react to Tertullus presentation?
  2. Acts 24:11 – How many days prior had Paul's situation occurred in Jerusalem?
  3. Acts 24:12-13 – How did Paul answer their accusations? (Three answers)
  4. Acts 24:14 – According to what did Paul say he worshipped god? Also what did the Jews call this?
  5. Acts 24:15 – What did Paul say he had a hope in God to happen?
  6. Acts 24:15 – Who did Paul say would be resurrected?
  7. Acts 24:16 – Because of the resurrection. What did Paul always strive to do?
  8. Acts 24:17-18 – How did the Jews from Asia find Paul in the temple? (Two answers)
  9. Acts 24:19 – Where did Paul say those Jews from Asia ought to have been if they had anything against him?
- Bible answers from last week:
1. Acts 24:1-9 – the accusers arrive and the accusations were made 1 B. Paul gave his defense before Felix Acts 24:10-21. 1. Felix delayed the judgment, Acts 24:22-27.
  2. five days
  3. Tertullus had traveled with the high priest and elders Acts 24:1 He was an orator; he presented the accusations before Felix, Acts 24:1-2.
  4. A plaque, a creator of dissension among all the Jews worldwide and a ring leader of the sect of the Nazarenes

verse 5 and then verse 6 says he tried to profane the temple. 5. They wanted to judge Paul according to the Jewish law. 6. Commander Lysias came by and took Paul with great violence. 7. He commanded Paul's accusers to come before Felix. Comments, good or bad, or questions call James Potter 419-393-4775 or Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022. Loved ones, continue to study the Bible and pray this is where you will find the truth. Remember God loves us and wants us to hear from each of us and wants to hear from each of us in prayer and Bible study.

**WOODBURN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING UPDATE**

The next meeting of the Woodburn Community Association will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at Woodburn City Hall. This is a change from the regular 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Everyone is welcome. LOOK UP and STEP UP for the betterment of our community.

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Kim Molitor, Au.D. (Doctor of Audiology)  
Peter vanden Berg, M.D., General Surgeon/Wound-Care  
Andrew O'Shaughnessy, M.D., Nephrology  
Richard G. Smith, M.D., Ear, Nose and Throat
- Wednesday**  
Raj Gunda, M.D., Oncology/Hematology  
Kim Molitor, Au.D. (Doctor of Audiology)  
Peter vanden Berg, M.D., General Surgeon/Wound-Care  
Thomas F. Walsh, M.D., Urology  
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Sleep Clinic, James Gray, D.O.
- Thursday**  
Kim Molitor, Au.D. (Doctor of Audiology)  
Samuel Neuschwanger, D.P.M., Podiatry  
Peter vanden Berg, M.D., General Surgeon/Wound-Care  
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- Friday**  
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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

It is with much gratitude that the Antwerp Friends of the Library writes this letter. Several months ago, we sent requests to businesses, individuals, and charitable organizations in our community and surrounding areas seeking financial support to assist in the purchase of new carpeting for the Antwerp Branch Library.

In December, the carpeting was installed. It looks great and highlights the other improvements made by the Friends of the Library and the Paulding County

Carnegie Library. In case you haven't visited for a while, stop by and check out the newly painted book return box, the wonderful shelves in the children's book section, the periodicals and new release bookshelves, and the new carpeting.

The following individuals, businesses, and charitable organizations generously contributed to this most needed improvement: Paulding-Putnam Operation Round Up, Buckeye Hearing Health Clinic, Tri-County Roofing, LaFarge North America, Inc., Lonnie and Linda Bostelman, Bagley Family Chiropractic, Langham's, Floyd A. Ramsier, Attorney, Pierce Automotive, Antwerp Community Church, West Bend Printing & Publishing, Inc., Keystone Salon, Mercer Landmark, Vulcraft, Antwerp Pharmacy, Sarah J. Mowery, DDS, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Veterans of Foreign Wars charity, Dooley Funeral Home, Lindsey & Company, Antwerp Community Development Committee, Fraternal Order of Eagles - Paulding Aerie 2405, Antwerp United Methodist Church, and the O'Donnell family.

Antwerp Friends of the Library welcomes new volunteers. We meet bi-monthly, typically on the last Monday of the month. If you are interested in joining the group, please call the library at 419-258-2855.

With regards,

—Angie Carnes,

Antwerp Friends of the

Library member

**PAULDING PRESCHOOLERS CELEBRATE WITH "BIRTHDAY" PARTY**



Mrs. Fohner's AM preschool class at Paulding Elementary have been working very hard to remember their birthdays! The ENTIRE class can now tell you the day they were born. To celebrate this great accomplishment, they will be celebrating with a "birthday" party—full of

cake and ice cream, of course! Shown are (back row): Evyn Stuchell, Brianna Bermejo, Hopeful Rose, Gracy Kashner, Jalyn Klopfenstein; (middle row): Abigail Shuherk, Olivia Breckler, Selenia Laguna, Sabrina Dix; (front) Kaitlynn Breedlove and Sienna Shultz.



Mrs. Fohner's PM preschool class at Paulding Elementary have been working very hard to remember their birthdays! The ENTIRE class can now tell you the day they were born. To celebrate this great accomplishment, they will be celebrating with a "birthday" party—full of cake and ice cream, of course!

Shown here are (back row) Gavin Coil, Josiah Akom, Karson Mudel, Kaitlyn Goings, and Nevaeh Bannister; (middle row) Boston Font, Daniel Vogelsong, Alaynah Calvert, Addisen Lehman, and Elora Vega; (front) Gavin Williams, and Rileigh Sanders.

**PAULDING SWCD ANNUAL TREE SEEDLING & NATURE SALE BEGINS**

The Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for tree seedlings and wildflower mixes. Orders are open to the public, and will be accepted until March 1<sup>st</sup>.

The tree seedlings being featured are: Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce, White Pine, American Arborvitae, Red Bud, Lilac, Red Maple, Red Osier Dogwood, White Flowering Dogwood, Eastern Red Cedar, Red Oak, Swamp White Oak, Black Walnut, Sugar Maple, Sycamore, Scotch Pine, American Cranberry, Cherry, and Forsythia. Along with the seedlings, we will be offering two types of Native Wildflower Mixes for sale: Midwest Mix and Bird and Butterfly Mix.

The seedlings are being sold individually. Customers have the option of either purchasing one species or mixing and matching their orders. If you are looking

for a species not listed please contact the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District office for assistance.

Order forms, including color pictures and descriptions, are available at the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District office located at 503 Fairground Drive, Paulding, or call (419) 399-4771 and one can be either mailed or emailed to you.

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**LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS CAN PARTICIPATE IN BUCKEYE HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

The Buckeye Heritage Festival committee is currently accepting applications from local nonprofit groups or community organizations who wish to setup a food booth or fundraising activity at the May festival. Those interested are encouraged to contact Carol Weidenhamer at 419-542-5690.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Buckeye Heritage Festival will return to the Defiance County Fairgrounds in Hicksville, Ohio, May 18-20. The festival is a living history event showcasing a historical timeline from the Native Americans through approximately 1860. The three-day event will feature pioneer exhibitors and demonstrators, historical presentations, crafters, a flea market, music, food, children's activities and more.

The festival is organized by the Community Memorial Hospital (CMH) Foundation. More information about the festival can be found at [www.buckeye-heritagefestival.com](http://www.buckeye-heritagefestival.com).

If you have additional questions, please contact: Carol Weidenhamer, Community Memorial Hospital, 208 N. Columbus Street, Hicksville, OH 43526, 419-542-5690, [csw@cmhosp.com](mailto:csw@cmhosp.com).

**WBESC ANNOUNCES FEB. BOARD MEETING DATE**

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center regular February governing board meeting is set for Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Paulding ESC Office located at 202 N. Cherry St., Paulding, OH 45879.

**RECIPES FROM GREAT-GRANDMA**

By: Sue Knapp

Sauerkraut is this week's recipe. Many women don't care for sauerkraut and won't cook it. This recipe could very well change your mind. Pull those britches up and be a woman and try this. I think you'll be surprised.

This recipe comes from my nephew. He and his brother have a hog roast up at their lake cottage every summer, and friends, family and neighbors gather for a day of fellowship at the lake. Everyone brings a side dish and this is one of the more popular ones.

**Sauerkraut**

1 lb. sauerkraut, drained

caraway seeds

1 can diced tomatoes

Mix these three ingredients and put in a casserole.

Several pieces of bacon cut in 2-3" pieces

Push each piece of bacon into sauerkraut mixture every 2".

Cover the top with brown sugar. Bake at 350 uncovered for 45 minutes

I hope you like it!

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**EL PASO SAM, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 1: SAM & CALLIE GET MARRIED**

By: Stan Jordan

El Paso Sam and Slim Jim Martin arrived in North Platte, Nebraska Territory right at Christmas time in 1851.

The fellows had to go to the livery stable and take care of the animals and equipment. When Billy Metzger was with them he always did that chore and they sure miss him now.

After they took care of the animals, they walked down the street to the North Platte Hotel. When they walked through the front door Callie looked up from her job and ran to Sam and gave him a hug and a kiss that was a little more than friendship. Everyone stood around and shook and how-died for a bit then things settled down.

*If you will remember, Callie is the hotel owner's niece but she is also Sam's girlfriend and more than that even. Things was sort of slow in the hotel lobby so Callie could spend a lot of time with Sam.*

All went into the restaurant and got a table in the corner and the happiness flowed like spring rain.

They all had the evening meal and talked quite a bit. Slim went on upstairs to bed, but they all agreed to meet for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. right here at the same corner table.

Callie Thorton was born in Cape May, NJ in 1825. She graduated from high school there and had a year at the Community College.

Cape May is on the sea shore and damp most of the time. She didn't like anything about this area, so she went west to North Platte to work for her uncle in his hotel. That is where she met El Paso Sam Rivers.

If you will remember, Sam was born in Como, Mississippi in 1824. He went on west in his late teens and worked for the El Paso Devil's Gate Stage Coach Line. He got quite serious with a girl there, but she wasn't so serious and Sam left El Paso and worked his way on west to the desert southwest and was a civilian scout for Colonial Stockton in California Territory. He left that outfit and worked his way back to Santa Fe, New Mexico Territory. He caught a ride with a wagon outfit going back to Independence, MO. He met Slim Martin there and signed on with a wagon train going west to Fort Bridger, Wyoming Territory. That was in 1848, and he and Slim are still together having just disbanded the 3M Wagon Train.

So Sam proposed to Callie and she accepted readily. Those two just seemed to be made for each other. The wedding was set for the day after tomorrow in the hotel lobby at 11:00 a.m. on December 31, 1851. Slim Martin was the best man and Callie's Aunt Nellie stood up with Callie. Aunt Nellie also gave her mother's wedding ring to Callie because there was no jewelry store in North Platte.

After the wedding there was a fine dinner for all the folks and friends, and it lasted well into the evening.

Jim, Callie and Sam all discussed when they would head east to Fort Kearney. Callie could be ready in three days, and then the boys could load all her belongings in Sam's wagon. Jim was ready to go anytime.

Sam wanted to be in Fort Kearney before the first of February so he could start his new job by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Sam is to be the Indian Agent

for the Lakota Nation. It was located in Broken Bow, Nebraska Territory. The building was already built and ready for occupancy.

Callie had all her clothes packed and in a few trunks and bags, and she had some furniture and a dandy bed complete with mattress and bed clothes. That is just fine because Sam doesn't have hardly any possessions because he has been on the road in a wagon train for about three years.

Well, they left North Platte and headed east to Fort Kearney. Jim's wagon went first and broke a trail for Sam's wagon. Callie sat with Sam's buffalo robe and was plenty warm, but she wasn't used to all the bouncing the wagon got from the holes in the snow on the trail, but it really wasn't all that bad.

She was a good rider, she knew she would have to get used to the trail riding as it is around two hundred miles to Fort Kearney.

*Next Week: On the Trail to Fort Kearney*  
See ya!

**THE FLOOD OF 1834**

By: Stan Jordan

Friends, I have been reading a book called *The Maumee River in 1835*. It is very interesting about a terrible flood in 1834. This book takes place from a journal written by William C. Holgate by Louis A. Simonis. As near as I can find out this flood was far worse in the area than the flood later in 1913.

Mr. Holgate tells about some hard times in the area from Huntington, IN to Maumee City and the Maumee and the Auglaize River from St. Mary's to Defiance.

Snow had fallen in the fall of 1831 and stayed on the ground all winter. Now the people had food and provisions at this time but the wild animals didn't. There was so much snow the animals could not find any game and they got out of hand.

Some of the Indians ran out of food and some died of starvation. The wolves would eat those and even some that weren't dead yet. The wolves would only attack people when they had the majority or when they knew they would be successful. But people could not venture outside and the wolves howling at night kept the Fort Wayne people in a nervous state. This caused the people to use up all their supplies and the cupboards were bare.

When Mr. Holgate visited the area in April of 1834 it was one of their most miserable years. The high water from the flood just swept away all the corn and all the hay that had been cut. Hogs and corn were the staple of everyone. The people eat the corn like in hominy and pone and other ways to cook it. The pigs eat the corn to make fat and there wasn't any corn left for seed to plant the new season and it took about three years to get this back to normal. This was three years of darn thin rations for people and animals. The horses could eat grass in the summer but had no hay for the winter. They had no wheat for flour. Just think about that for awhile.

This lasted into the third summer season. No corn or wheat for flour, that is the basics of their existence for day to day! The nearest neighbor was miles away and through a thick forest and knee deep mud. This starvation period covered the place called the Midwest.

From the Greenville Treaty the Indians could stay in the area if they adopted the white man's ways and were not war-like anymore. Well, some did stay, only about 10%. They were promised an annuity system once a year. Now I don't know what this consisted of but there was no food to give to them and a lot of the tribe starved. The wolves ate some of the very weak ones.

Folks, if you're interested in this, I will have some more next week.

See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

Our teacher asked what my favorite animal was and I said, "Fried chicken!" She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right because all the kids laughed.

My parents always told me to tell the truth and I did because fried chicken is my favorite animal.

I told my dad what happened, he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said he loves animals very much. I do too, especially chicken, pork and beef. Anyway my teacher sent me to the Principle's office. I told him what happened and he laughed too. He told me not to do it again.

The next day the teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was? I told her it was chicken. She asked me why? I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken. She sent me back to the Principle's office. He laughed and told me not to do it again.

I don't understand, my parents taught me to be honest but my teacher doesn't like it when I am.

Today my teacher asked us what famous person we liked most? I told her 'Colonel Sanders'. Guess where I am now?

Thanks go to Sandy Wann for providing this story.  
See ya!

**THE FELLOW RODDER**



By: Mike Mckeever

This week's featured car is a 1970 426 Hemi Superbird. This car comes from a Hicksville resident, Scott Conley.

Scott's passion for the Superbird started when he was 17 years old working at a race shop in Hicksville. They had a customer bring one in and he got a chance to work on it. At that point he knew that someday he was going to have one of these cars.

One day Scott got a Hemi motor and decided it was time to build a Superbird. The one he got started its life as a Roadrunner out east. He had done some looking on the internet for parts and thought this was going to be easy till he found that those parts were not up to the standard he wanted in his car. The nose and the wing came from Canada, others from all over the US and some of the parts were just nonexistent. Those are the ones he had to make dies for and make himself. It wasn't long before he found out this was not an easy build. Scott comments that about ten times in the build it almost returned back to the air-grabber Roadrunner.

Some of the facts about these cars are that they were all hand-built by two companies in the US. They all started as Roadrunners that were made for racing. Things like a window plug that goes in the rear window opening. The original window has a dip in the glass and it created turbulence in the wind tunnel. So they welded a sheet metal plug in to make a flatter smaller glass. That's why they all have vinyl tops. The front fenders were cut off, folded over and a different nose installed. The hood was cut back and an exten-

sion installed to mate up with the new nose, and of course, the big wing on the back that everyone just loves. These are the things Scott had to duplicate and did probably better than the original. There were 3,000 cars built, some of them never sold till they returned them back to the Roadrunner, crazy as that sounds but true! Now it might sound easy but just ask Scott—it's not! He told me a story about a set of correct Hemi exhaust manifolds at a swap meet that never made it to the table before someone got them for \$1,000. That is just how pricey things are for this car.

The detail in this total frame of restoration job that took three years is just amazing. If you went to the dealer in 1970 this is what it would be. It was said that at any one time there would be a dozen magazines on the fender looking to make sure all the wires were lying correctly in relationship to the original along with any blemishes of overspray in the engine compartment. When you fire it up the loudest thing is the fan, which made Scott mad for two months. He was used to a race Hemi with open headers and a big cam. This thing is as quiet as a mouse, but original. Don't forget it is a Hemi Superbird 426 with duel fours, four speed and 355 rear gears and built for racing, it defiantly is no mouse.

I hope you get a chance to see this amazing car at a show this summer and you will see what I am talking about being a true muscle car that Scott hit a homerun with.

If you would like your car featured please contact me at ratsandros@live.com

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**LADY RAIDERS OUTSCORE ANTWERP**



The Lady Raiders travelled to Antwerp Thursday, January 2nd to take on the Archers. Antwerp struggled against Wayne Trace's early lead, but soon recovered. The Raiders won against the Archers 43-39 in a tight game. Shown above is WT sophomore Lauren Speice attempting to block senior Ellise Wetli's jump shot. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

**WAYNE TRACE JH WRESTLERS WIN BIG AT GMC**

The Wayne Trace Jr. High wrestling team, which has earned the name "The Fab 5", had 4 champions and 1 runner up at the GMC Wrestling Conference Tournament held on Saturday, February 4th at Edgerton High School. George Clemens IV, 86 lbs was crowned the GMC conference champion for the second year. He finished his season with a 30-1 record, he is the team's only 8th grader. Also finishing in 1st place along with their season record: Brandon Laney, 98lbs. 27-4; Ruger Goeltzenleuchter, 110lbs. 21-10; Caleb Schultz, 116lbs. 22-8; and Steve Torman, 150lbs. 27-3.

As a team the Raiders finished in 4th place. Individual team scores: Ayersville, 129; Tinora 111.5; Fairview 106; Wayne Trace 88.5; Edgerton 84.5; Hicksville 71; and

Antwerp 47.

**WT WRESTLING CLUB COMPETES IN 2012 OAC GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

On Sunday, February 5th, members of the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club competed in the 2012 OAC Grade School Districts. The tournament was held at Oregon Clay High School in Oregon, Ohio. Wrestlers finishing in the top 4 qualify for OAC State, with 5th and 6th place finishers as alternates. Grade School State will be held at the Covelli Center in Youngstown, Ohio.

Placers for WT: 2nd Hunter Long, 3rd Brendon Dingus, 5th Jarrett Hornish and Hunter Showalter.

Wayne Trace also had participants in the Patrick Henry Bidy Tournament on Sunday. Placing 1st for WT: Brendon Bidlack, and Kameron Bevis, 2nd.

**GMC ANNOUNCES ALL CONFERENCE SCHOLAR ATHLETES WINTER 2012**

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce their "All Conference Scholar Athletes" for the winter of 2012. To be eligible for this honor, the athlete must be a senior, participate and letter in a recognized sport or cheer-leading and have a 3.5 GPA or better after seven semesters.

**ANTWERP:**

Ellise Wetli 3.9; Jessica Marlin 3.8; Thomas Taylor 3.7; Bryant Mielse 3.7; Zachary Dunlap 3.6; Tricia Smalley 3.6

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Ryan Behringer 4.0; Kaleigh Martin 3.9; Kyle Kissner 3.9; Emily Luderman 3.9; Charlie Florence 3.8; Jennifer Zachrich 3.7

**EDGERTON:**

Jimmy Radabaugh 3.8; Brooke Clark 3.7; Caleb Day 3.6

**FAIRVIEW:**

Gregory McCullough 4.0; Ryan Singer 4.0; Brett Fitzwater 3.9; Abigail Schwarzbek 3.9; Kalieb Crites 3.8; Sydney Vance 3.8; Zachary Batt 3.7; Haley Clinker 3.7

**HICKSVILLE:**

Tyler Monroe 4.0; Jessica Hornish 4.0; Jacob Thiel 3.9; Hannah Jurick 3.8; Megan Headley 3.7; Logan Husted 3.6; Hayley Hesselschwardt 3.6

**HOLGATE:**

Erin Mack 4.0; Morgan Keeterle 4.0; Haley Clemens 3.6

**TINORA:**

Theresa Brumbaugh 4.0; Megan Grimes 4.0; Breanna Zipfel 3.9; Kayla Thomas 3.9; Audrey Behrman 3.7; Casey Liska 3.7; Mykaela Flory 3.7; Jacob Mahnke 3.6; Kaitlyn Rethmel 3.6; Dylan Hall 3.5

**WAYNE TRACE:**

Tyler Arnett 4.0; Rachel Long 3.9; Sarah Feasby 3.8; Zach Cotterman 3.7; Kari Myers 3.7

**PUBLIC SALE OF TICKETS BEGINS SOON FOR OHSAA STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS**

Plenty of all-session and single-session tickets will be available for the 2012 Ohio High School Athletic Association Boys and Girls State Basketball Tournaments, and public sales of tickets for both tournaments will begin soon through Ticketmaster or in person at The Ohio State University's Jerome Schottenstein Center, the site of both state tournaments that take place in March.

Boys state tournament all-session ticket sales begin on Monday, February 13, at 10:00 a.m., and single-session ticket sales begin Monday, March 12, at 10:00 a.m. The boys state tournament is March 22, 23 and 24.

All ticket sales — both all-session and single-session — for the girls state basketball tournament also begin on Monday, February 13, at 10:00 a.m. The girls state tournament will be held March 15, 16 and 17, a week earlier than the boys.

Tickets can be purchased in person at Ticketmaster locations (including most Kroger stores), by calling Ticketmaster at 1-800-745-3000 or by going on-line at ticketmaster.com. Ticketmaster orders will also include applicable service charges. To avoid service charges, tickets can be purchased in person in Columbus at the OSU Athletic Ticket Office, located in the southeast corner of the Schottenstein Center with office hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The 37th Annual OHSAA Girls State Basketball Tournament schedule is as follows:

**Thursday, March 15** – 1:00 p.m. Division IV semifinal; 3:00 p.m. Division IV semifinal; 6:00 p.m. Division III semifinal; 8:00 p.m. Division III semifinal

**Friday, March 16** – 1:00 p.m. Division II semifinal; 3:00 p.m. Division II semifinal; 6:00 p.m. Division I semifinal; 8:00 p.m. Division I semifinal

**Saturday, March 17** – 10:45 a.m. Division IV final; 2:00 p.m. Division III final; 5:15 p.m. Division II final; 8:30 p.m. Division I final.

Tickets for the semifinals of the girls state tournaments are good for admission to both games in the same division.

The 90th Annual OHSAA Boys State Basketball Tournament schedule is as follows:

**Thursday, March 22** – 10:45 a.m. Division IV semifinal; 2:00 p.m. Division IV semifinal; 5:15 p.m. Division III semifinal; 8:30 p.m. Division III semifinal

**Friday, March 23** – 10:45 p.m. Division II semifinal; 2:00 p.m. Division II semifinal; 5:15 p.m. Division I semifinal; 8:30 p.m. Division I semifinal

**Saturday, March 24** – 10:30 a.m. Division IV final; 1:30 p.m. Division III final; 4:30 p.m. Division II final; 8:30 p.m. Division I final.

**WARRIORS DEFEAT STARFIRES**



Woodlan took on South Adams at home Saturday, February 4. South Adams took an early lead, but by half time Woodlan was down by only 1 point. The 2nd half brought the momentum completely to the Warrior side of the court giving the win to Woodlan 70-59. Shown above is Warrior junior Corbin Evans scoring for the home team. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)



The lady Panthers took on Miller City at home Tuesday, January 31. The speed and height was with Miller City the entire game, taking the win 65-35. Shown above is Paulding senior Abby Pease attempting a shot for the Panthers. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

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# THE CHEERLEADERS PERFORM



The Wayne Trace cheerleaders brought another cheer routine to the boys basketball game against Antwerp that was anything but routine. The performance by the young ladies was incredible and demonstrated how demanding such a production can be. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

## CMH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Scholarship applications for the Community Memorial Hospital (CMH) Foundation Scholarship Program are now available. The foundation's scholarship program assists students pursuing a career in healthcare. Applications are available from high school guidance counselors, at the CMH front desk, and online at [cmhosp.com](http://cmhosp.com). Application deadline is March 23, 2012.

The scholarship program supports students who are preparing for careers in the following areas: nursing, respiratory care, radiology, laboratory services, pre-med, medical assisting, pharmacy, health information management, and physical, occupational, or speech therapy. Established in 2001, the program has awarded \$45,000 in scholarships.

Applicants must reside in Mark, Milford, or Hicksville Townships; or, live within the

Ohio school districts of Hicksville, Edgerton, Antwerp, or Fairview; or, live within the Indiana school districts of Woodlan, Eastside or Leo.

Four \$1,500 scholarships are available. One scholarship is reserved for a high school senior who resides in Mark, Milford, or Hicksville Township; one is for a senior attending high school within the hospital's service area; one is for a student who is currently in college; and one is for a CMH team member attending college.

Three of the scholarships are named for individuals whose contributions to Community Memorial Hospital were substantial: Rachel Hofmeister and Stevie Boon, both former Directors of Nursing, and Betty Altman, former RN and Board Member.

If you have additional questions, please contact: Carol Weidenhamer, Community Memorial Hospital, 208 N. Columbus Street, Hicksville, OH 43526, 419-542-5690, [csw@cmhosp.com](mailto:csw@cmhosp.com).

## REP. WACHTMANN TO NOMINATE INTERESTED STUDENTS FOR LEGISLATIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

State Representative Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon), in conjunction with the Ohio Association of Career Colleges and Schools, is promoting the 2011-2012 Legislative Scholarship Program.

The Legislative Scholarship Program offers over 340 scholarship opportunities with more than \$1,100,000 to graduating high school seniors in Ohio. The primary objective of these scholarships is to provide students with the education and training necessary to obtain a job in an Ohio business or industry. Available scholarships may cover one-half tuition, or specific amounts that would assist the recipient in obtaining a certificate, diploma, associate's degree or bachelor's degree. The costs of the scholarships are borne by the 52 participating member schools and colleges. No state funds are involved.

As part of the application process, each applicant must obtain the signature of a member of the Ohio House of Representatives or the Ohio Senate on the Legislative Nomination Form. Representative Wachtmann would like to assist any student in the district who is interested in applying to the Legislative Scholarship Program.

"The Legislative Scholarship Program provides an excellent opportunity for recent high school graduates to adequately prepare for life in the workforce," Representative Wachtmann said. "This program acts as an avenue for students to gain the higher education and training they will need to be competitive in Ohio's job market. I am pleased to support any student interested in the scholarship program."

Scholarship packets have been distributed to local high schools in the district. Additional forms can be retrieved from the Ohio Association of Career Colleges and Schools' website [www.ohiocareercolleges.org](http://www.ohiocareercolleges.org). The scholarship application deadline is April 2, 2012.

Regarding inquiries about the Legislative Nomination Form, Representative Wachtmann may be reached by calling (614) 466-3760, e-mailing [District75@ohr.state.oh.us](mailto:District75@ohr.state.oh.us), or writing to State Representative Lynn Wachtmann, 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

## WARRIOR WRESTLING SENDS 5 TO REGIONALS

By: Jeff Abbott

Snider coasted past the field to take the New Haven Wrestling Sectional. The Panthers had 5 champions, 5 runner-ups, and will send 13 wrestlers into regionals. New Haven finished in second with Bishop Luers at third. Cody Zink was the champion at 145 for Woodlan and the Warriors advance 5 into the regional

# Paulding County's Students of the Month

JANUARY 2012

Paulding County has great students and we want to recognize them and their achievements. Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. has teamed up with the West Bend News to bring you this information. We will be delivering different schools' students each month from Paulding county. Congratulations to these young people!



Kelly Zartman has been selected for Wayne Trace as the Student of the month. She is the daughter of Tony & Angie Zartman.

Kelly has been in many school activities including FFA, where she has acted as Reporter, Secretary and Vice President. In FFA she has gone to state twice in State Food Science with the team, and received her FFA degree.

Kelly is a 4.0 student and has participated in Scholastic Bowl, basketball, volleyball and track (3 year varsity letter) and a member of the National Honor Society. She currently serves as Student Council President.

Outside of school Kelly has been in 4H for 9 years. She enjoys showing horses and pigs and placed at the Ohio State Fair last year with her horse. Great job Kelly!

Ann Reinhart has been selected as the West Bend News Student of the Month. She is a senior at Antwerp High School.

Ann is the daughter Rose and Jim Reinhart and has an older sister and two younger brothers. Ann participates in Softball, Cross Country, Band, Show Choir and also a member of National Honor Society. For Solo & Ensemble she was in the high school clarinet quintet and received a division II, "excellent" rating.

In the fall, Ann is planning to attend Wright State University and is currently undecided on a major. Congratulations to Ann for all of her accomplishments.



Paulding Middle School is pleased to select 8th grader, Matthew Martinez, as their West Bend News "Student of the Month." Matthew is an EXCELLENT student that attained a perfect 4.0 GPA for the second nine weeks grading period and has accomplished this tremendous feat many, many times throughout his middle school career.

Matthew also participates in band, football, basketball, and baseball, as well as being an active participant on the Paulding Middle School Science Olympiad Team and the Science Fair. His Science Fair projects have always taken him on to District competition where he has received numerous "Superior" ratings. Matthew is an exceptional role model for his peers. Matthew is the son of Melissa Martinez of Paulding. Congratulations Matthew for doing a great job!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE FINE STUDENTS AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

## Oakwood Ball Association Sign-Up

Registration Deadline is FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>

Mail forms to: Mandy Woods, 8335 Road 187, Oakwood, OH 45873 or

Attend open registration at the Cooper Community Library on Saturday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> 10am-12 or Tuesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> 5:30-7pm

Questions? contact Mandy Woods at (419) 594-2872 or [alwoods95@yahoo.com](mailto:alwoods95@yahoo.com) with any questions.

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Boys (ages 9 and up) 9:30 am -10:30 am  
Girls (ages 9 and up) 10:30 am- 11:30 am

For more information or obtain a registration form, go to [www.pauldingball.com](http://www.pauldingball.com)

## 2012 REGISTRATION

Registrations for 2012 season are now being accepted! Registrations will be accepted at the Kiwanis building on

February 25<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Registrations will ONLY be accepted at open registration Feb. 25 and March 3 at the Kiwanis building from 9:30 am - 11:30 am OR send your registration and money to: Paulding Youth Ball P.O. Box 281 Paulding, OH 45879

Registration forms are available to download at [www.pauldingball.com](http://www.pauldingball.com)

meet.

New Haven Wrestling Sectional:

Snider 248, New Haven 161, Bishop Luers 123, Heritage 118.5, Concordia 110.5, Homestead 109.5, Woodlan 106.5, Wayne 104, South Side 75.5

Woodlan wrestlers advancing to regionals:

106 - Hoot, 113 - Knepp, 126 - Hammon, 138 - Dela-grange, 145 - Zink



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**ANTWERP BOYS BRING DOWN RAIDERS**



The Archer boys travelled to the Palace Friday, February 3. The Archers started strong but soon lost the lead to WT's three point shots. The top score changed sides several times with Antwerp keeping small gain at end, winning 54-50 in a very exciting match up. Shown above is Antwerp junior Noah Ganger scoring and being fouled by Raider senior Austin Speice. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

**WARRIORS OUTSCORED BY LIONS**

**By: Jeff Abbott**  
Leo's uptempo offense was too much for Woodlan as the Lions downed the Warriors 115-91 in ACAC boy's basketball at the Lions' den. Leo outscored the Warriors in each quarter to pull away for the win. Woodlan had 5 players in double figures in scoring but Cage Corner led the high-powered attack for Leo with 23 points, one of three Lions to top 20 points in scoring. Brock Hines topped the Warriors with 18 points.  
Score by the quarter:  
Woodlan - 21 24 25 21=91

Leo - 27 25 31 32=115  
Scorers of the game:  
Woodlan - Hines 18, Whitlow 14, McGettigan 14, Emehiser 11, Schwartz 11, Harris 8, Bennett 6, Evans 6, Gerig 2, Patterson 1  
Leo - Corner 23, Waters 22, Busche 21, Hardin 15, Stephens 12, Horn 9, Robbins 5, Phillips 4, Beer 2, Thatcher 2

**LADY WARRIORS SNAG WIN OVER RAIDERS**

**By: Jeff Abbott**  
Lauren Ehle led Woodlan with 16 points and had 7 rebounds to give the Warriors a 65-63 win over Southern Wells in girls' ACAC basket-

ball on the home court. Burgundy Price and Brooke Gerbers each added 15 points for the Warriors. Mallory Preston has 22 points for Southern Wells. Woodlan trailed by 6 at the end of the first period and by one at the half before overtaking the Lady Raiders in the third period and then hanging on for the win in the final stanza.

Score by the quarter:  
Southern Wells - 19 11 16 17=63  
Woodlan - 13 16 22 14=65  
Scorers of the game:  
Southern Wells - Preston 22, Herr 12, Rhodes 9, Perry 6, Morton 5, Carter 4, Prible 3, Fate 2  
Woodlan - Ehle 16, Price 15, Gerbers 15, Knoblauch 8, Hostetler 7, Malfait 4

**IHSAA GIRLS' BASKETBALL 3A SECTIONAL AT GARRETT**

This year's IHSAA Girls' Basketball 3A Sectional tournament will be played at Garrett High School in the following schedule:

**Tuesday, February 6, 6:00 p.m.** - Garrett vs Leo; 7:30 p.m. - Bishop Dwenger vs Woodlan

**Friday, February 10, 6:00 p.m.** - Angola vs Garrett/Leo winner; 7:30 p.m. - Concordia vs Bishop Dwenger/Woodlan winner

**Saturday, February 11, 7:30 p.m.** - Championship Game

**LADY WARRIORS FALL 2 POINTS FROM WIN**

**By: Jeff Abbott**  
North Side jumped out to a 13-8 lead after the first quarter and built the lead row 29-20 and then hung on for a 53-52 win over Woodlan in girls' basketball. The Warriors outscored North Side in the second half 32-24 as they fell just 2 points short of getting the road win. Burgundy Price led the scoring for the Warriors with 15 points.  
Score by the quarter:  
Woodlan - 8 12 14 18=52  
North Side - 13 16 13 11=53  
Scorers of the game:  
Woodlan - Price 15, Ehle 9, Malfait 8, Hostetler 7, Gerber 7, Knoblauch 6  
North Side - Miranda 19, Jones 14, Lewis 6, Freeman 5, Slaughter 4, Moore 3, Rucker 2

**PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR 2/8 THROUGH 2/21**

*MS/HS - Breakfast:*  
2/8 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk  
2/9 - Links (sausage), mini pancakes, juice, milk  
2/10 - Gravy (sausage) w/ biscuits, juice, milk  
2/13 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk  
2/14 - Cheese sauce with tator tots, sausage, juice, milk  
2/15 - Egg, ham & cheese muffin, juice, milk  
2/16 - Breakfast hot pockets, cheese sauce, juice, milk  
2/17 - No school, Parent/Teacher Conferences  
2/20 - No School, Presidents' Day  
2/21 - Egg and sausage burrito, juice, milk  
*MS/HS - Lunch:*  
2/8 - Munchers (cheddar) chicken fajitas or Salad bar, bread stick, assorted fruit, milk  
2/9 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes or Popcorn fish & shrimp, oven potatoes, roll, assorted fruit, milk


2/10 - Personal pan pizza, celery w/dip or Corn dog w/ chips, baby carrots w/dip, assorted fruit, milk  
2/13 - Popcorn chicken bowl, dinner roll or Salad bar, bread stick, assorted fruit, milk  
2/14 - Salad (chicken chunk), pretzel bread stick or Sandwich & oven fries, assorted fruit, milk  
2/15 - Walking taco w/ salsa & sour cream or Potato bar, bread stick, assorted fruit, milk  
2/16 - Pasta w/meatsauce, salad, garlic toast or Honey mustard tenders, green bean casserole, roll, fruit, milk  
2/17 - No school, Parent/Teacher Conferences  
2/20 - No school, Presidents' Day  
2/21 - Salad (mandarin chicken) egg roll or Sandwich & oven fries, assorted fruit, milk

*Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:*  
2/8 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk  
2/9 - Cereal bar, crackers, applesauce, milk  
2/10 - Cereal bar, crackers, applesauce, milk  
2/13 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk  
2/14 - Muffin, cheese stix, juice, milk  
2/15 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk  
2/16 - Cereal bar, crackers, applesauce, milk  
2/17 - No school, Parent/Teacher Conferences  
2/20 - No school, Presidents' Day  
2/21 - Muffin, cheese stix, juice, milk

*Paulding Elementary - Lunch:*  
2/8 - Pizza, salad, fruit cup, milk  
2/9 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, fruit cup, milk  
2/10 - Hot dog w/bun, baked beans, fruit cup, milk  
2/13 - Crackers w/taco salad, lettuce/cheese/salsa, fruit cup, milk  
2/14 - Sloppy joe scoops, green beans or peas, fruit cup, milk  
2/15 - Chicken fajita wrap, lettuce/cheese/salsa, fruit cup, milk  
2/16 - French toast, hash-browns, sausage, fruit cup, milk  
2/17 - No school, Parent/Teacher Conferences  
2/20 - No school, Presidents' Day  
2/21 - Vegetable beef soup, crackers, bread, fruit cup, milk

*Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:*  
2/8 - Egg, bacon & cheese breakfast pizza, fruit juice, milk  
2/9 - Breakfast burrito, fruit juice, milk  
2/10 - Assorted cereals, crackers, juice, milk  
2/13 - Ham & cheese hot pocket, fruit juice, milk  
2/14 - Pancake on a stick, fruit juice, milk  
2/15 - Egg, bacon & cheese breakfast pizza, fruit juice, milk  
2/16 - Breakfast burrito, fruit juice, milk  
2/17 - No school, Parent/Teacher Conferences  
2/20 - No school, Presidents' Day  
2/21 - Pancake on a stick, fruit juice, milk  
*Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:*  
2/8 - Pizza casserole, lettuce salad, bread stick, fruit, milk  
2/9 - Chicken fajitas, green beans, fruit, milk  
2/10 - Cheese pizza, corn,

Woodburn Lutheran School  
**Student of the Month - January '12**



Jaxson Fleek, son of Nick and Sarah Fleek, is the West Bend News student of the month. Jaxson is a first grader at Woodburn Lutheran School. Jaxson is a hard-working, conscientious student who is always interested in learning more about God's world. He treats all his classmates with respect and love. We are happy to have Jaxson as part of our Woodburn Lutheran School family. Congratulations Jaxson. Keep up the good work!

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fruit, milk  
2/13 - Breaded chicken w/ bun, corn, fruit, milk  
2/14 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, fruit, milk  
2/15 - Beef burrito w/sauce & cheese, lettuce salad, fruit, milk  
2/16 - Taco soft wrap w/ lettuce/cheese, fruit, milk  
2/17 - No school, Parent/Teacher Conferences  
2/20 - No school, Presidents' Day  
2/21 - Corn dog, baked beans, fruit, milk  
*Menus are subject to change.*

*(Continued from Page 1)*  
large investment in these two turbines is just another example of our sustainability initiatives."  
Each tower has a total height of 421 feet. Components of the turbines were made in both the USA and China. Cooper Farms has also utilized a variety of local contractors during the construction of the two wind turbines. One Energy of Findlay, Ohio was commissioned to head the project while local contractors fulfilled needs for stone driveways, concrete, field tile repair, turbine installa-

tion and electrical work.  
While no other wind turbines are planned for Cooper Farms at the moment, both Coopers acknowledge that it is not out of the question.  
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**Payne Ball Association**  
**2012 REGISTRATION**  
Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 9-11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 6-7:30 p.m.  
WT Payne School Cafeteria

**BASEBALL SKILLS CLINIC**  
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**Saturday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 2012**  
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# PAULDING VS EDGERTON WRESTLING



The Edgerton wrestling team went to Paulding for the wrestling match that was previously scheduled to be at Wayne Trace Tuesday, January 31. The young people did well on both sides, but in the end Edgerton finished with a 43-27 lead. Shown above is Aaron Mock of Paulding (on top) wrestling Jared Palarski, Bulldogs. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

On January 31, the wrestlers of Paulding High School played host to the Edgerton Bulldog wrestlers. Edgerton took home a team victory: Edgerton 43, Paulding 27. We had a hard fought dual that came down to the wire but in the end we lost a couple tight matches that we needed to pull off to win the meet. We knew going in that we were giving up 18 points in voids, so we had to win all the close matches. We started at 170 and we knew Knecht was tough. He is a senior who is also a former district qualifier. We hung with him but to expect a freshman to pull off a win against a kid like him is asking alot. We did battle back with three of the next four weight classes picking up pins. When we got to the top of the lineup we needed Sidney to get the W, but Gabe is a tough freshman and we just couldn't find a way to sop his offense. After getting our only void at 113 Aarron Mock, a first year wrestler picked up a huge win for us by the score of 14-12. However, they had three voids in a row and with one match left at 160 we just didn't

have enough steam to come back. Edgerton is tough this year, and we saw some good competition which shows our young guys what they need to work on. We plan on getting back in the room and hitting it hard these last two weeks before sectionals. Our guys are determined so I think we will be ready. Individual results: 106 Santa-rita (Edg) dec, Salinas (P) 14-4 113 Foster (P) win by void 120 Mock (P) dec, Pularski (Edg) 14-12 126 double void 132 Muehlfield (Edg) pinned Hemker (P) :57 138 VanVleet (Edg) won by void 145 Edg won by void 152 Sheets (Edg) win by void 160 Elliot (Edg) pinned Hahn (P) 1:22 170 Knecht (Edg) dec, Deitrick (P) 7-1 182 Mohr (P) pinned Bonewitz (Edg) :41 195 Herman (Edg) pinned Schindler (P) 4:46 220 Ash (P) pinned Goelzleuchter (Edg) :09 285 Jarrell (P) pinned Cade (Edg) :36

# LATTA ANNOUNCES U.S. MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) has announced his nominations from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District for consideration for acceptance into the United States Air Force, Merchant Marine, Military and Naval Academies in the Class of 2016:

- U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado
  - Nathan Downs, Bowling Green, Otsego High School
  - Samantha Gomez, Northwood, Lake High School
  - Jacob Kissell, Gibsonburg, Gibsonburg High School
  - Marshall Kobylski, Bowling Green, Bowling Green High School
  - Caleb Lipscomb, Perrysburg, Perrysburg High School
  - Owen Repp, Tiffin, Tiffin Columbian High School
  - Matthew Showman, Willard, Willard High School
  - Ben Timmons, Burgoon, Lakota High School
  - Brittney Wolford, Woodville, Woodmore High School
- U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York
  - Jake Borkosky, Perrysburg, St. John's Jesuit High School
  - Levi Brake, Ohio City, Lincolnview High School
  - Jacob Brehmer, Swanton, Swanton High School
  - Nathan Downs, Bowling Green, Otsego High School
  - Brandon Glenn, Fostoria, Fostoria High School
  - Jacob Kissell, Gibsonburg, Gibsonburg High School
  - Benjamin Kleman, Fort Jennings, OSU-Lima
  - Marshall Kobylski, Bowling Green, Bowling Green High School
  - Andrew Miller, Perrysburg, St. John's Jesuit High School
  - Owen Repp, Tiffin, Tiffin Columbian High School
  - Scott Smith, Monroeville, Willard High School
  - Justin Stoll, North Fairfield, University of Findlay
  - Ben Timmons, Burgoon, Lakota High School
  - James Wert, Norwalk, Norwalk High School
- U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland
  - Joseph Curtis, New London, New London, High School
  - Nathan Downs, Bowling Green, Otsego High School
  - Benjamin Kleman, Fort Jennings, OSU-Lima
  - Marshall Kobylski, Bowling Green, Bowling Green High School
  - Caleb Lipscomb, Perrysburg, Perrysburg High School
  - Andrew Miller, Perrysburg, St. John's Jesuit High School
  - Owen Repp, Tiffin, Tiffin Columbian High School
  - Scott Smith, Monroeville, Willard High School
  - James Wert, Norwalk, Norwalk High School
  - Brittney Wolford, Woodville, Woodmore High School

# ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS FOR 2/8 THROUGH 2/21

- 2/8 - Breaded chicken on bun or Deli wrap, breaded beans, grapes, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Pineapple crisp
  - 2/9 - Ham & cheese on bun or Taco dog, peas, banana, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Fruit
  - 2/10 - Chicken quesadilla or Egg salad sandwich, celery & carrots, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cook's choice
  - 2/13 - Cheeseburger or Fish on bun, corn, peaches, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Egg salad w/crackers
  - 2/14 - Heart shaped chicken nuggets or Meatball sub, salad, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Fruit
  - 2/15 - BBQ mix or Pizza-burger on bun, mixed fruit, tator tots, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Fruit
  - 2/16 - Pancake wrap or Burrito, hashbrown, OJ, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Pudding
  - 2/17 - Cheese pizza or Ham salad sandwich, cole slaw, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cook's choice
  - 2/20 - No school, Presidents' Day
  - 2/21 - Burrito or Polish sausage, carrots, peaches, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Ham salad w/crackers
- Menus are subject to change.

# WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR 2/8 THROUGH 2/21

- Breakfast:*
- 2/8 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
  - 2/9 - Egg/cheese omelet, hashbrowns, juice, milk
  - 2/10 - Turnover, juice, milk
  - 2/13 - Pizza, juice, milk
  - 2/14 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice milk
  - 2/15 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
  - 2/16 - Egg/cheese omelet, hashbrowns, juice, milk
  - 2/17 - Turnover, juice, milk
  - 2/20 - No school, Presidents' Day
  - 2/21 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, mill
- Lunch:*
- 2/8 - Nacho chips, meat/cheese/salsa, corn, fruit, milk
  - 2/9 - Cheeseburger sandwich, tator tots, fruit, milk
  - 2/10 - Fiestado, tossed salad, fruit, milk
  - 2/13 - Breaded chicken sandwich, seasoned fries, fruit, milk
  - 2/14 - Breadsticks w/cheese, broccoli w/cheese, fruit milk
  - 2/15 - Chicken fajita, shell/cheese, lettuce/salsa, sour cream, corn, fruit, milk
  - 2/16 - Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, butter, fruit, milk
  - 2/17 - Mini corndogs, baked beans, fruit, milk
  - 2/20 - No school, Presidents' Day
  - 2/21 - Chicken nuggets, french fries, fruit, milk
- Menus are subject to change.

# WHO IS TALLER THAN AN EMPEROR PENGUIN?



The children at Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool are finishing up a unit on penguins. We had to research to see how tall a King Emperor Penguin (approx. 43") is and then drew one on a piece of paper. We then had the children stand by our drawing to see if they would be as tall as a King Emperor Penguin. Shown here from the left are: Deklyn Schweinsberg, Darcy Taylor (the birthday girl) and Carter Bashore. These children attend the morning class of three and young four year olds with Mrs. Cheri Collins and Mrs. Ann Miller.

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**HERE'S HOW TO INSURE A GREAT VALENTINE'S DAY**

**Financial Focus by: Phil Recker, Edward Jones Advisor**



Valentine's Day is almost upon us. To celebrate, you may want to present your loved ones with chocolates, flowers or any number of other traditional gifts. But if your valentine also happens to be your spouse or your life partner, you also might want to show your love in another way — by making sure you have adequate insurance.

Just consider some of the things that life insurance can do for you and your family:

**\*\*Pay off your mortgage —** With sufficient life insurance, your family can remain in their home should anything happen to you.

**\*\*Educate your children —** College is expensive, and it seems to get more costly every year. If you were to die prematurely, your life insurance proceeds could help pay for your children's education.

**\*\*Help fund retirement —** Term insurance consists of just a death benefit. But "permanent" insurance policies, such as whole life or universal life, a tax-advantaged savings

component that could help pay for your retirement and help keep you financially independent — which means you won't have to worry about being a "burden" to your grown children. Furthermore, proceeds from your life insurance policy could help your surviving spouse retire more comfortably.

**\*\*Help protect your business —** If you're involved in a family-owned business enterprise, you can structure a life insurance policy to help preserve the business or transfer it to the next generation.

**\*\*Pay for estate taxes —** If your estate is sizable, it could generate estate taxes. Life insurance proceeds can help your heirs pay these taxes.

Clearly, life insurance offers a variety of benefits. But how much do you need? And what type do you need? You might hear that your coverage should be worth around seven or eight times your annual salary. But there's really no one-size-fits-all formula. In determining how much life insurance you require, you should consider your age, your income, the size of your family, the amount of your mortgage, whether your spouse has a retirement account, your financial goals and other factors. Your financial advisor can help you assess these variables to determine the appropriate level of coverage.

One final word on life insurance: Don't wait too long before purchasing a policy or upgrading your existing one. Your life insurance premium is based, in part, on your age, so the sooner you act, the better. Also, the time to buy life insurance is while you are healthy, because poor health

could prevent you from obtaining coverage.

As important as it is, life insurance isn't the only protection you and your loved ones may need. During your working years, you are actually more likely to become temporarily disabled, due to injury or illness, than you are to die. If you weren't able to work for a while, you could help your family maintain its lifestyle if you had an adequate disability income insurance policy. Your employer might offer you some coverage as a benefit, but it might not be sufficient, either in terms of income or the length of the disability covered. Consequently, you may want to explore an individual disability insurance policy.

When you think of romantic Valentine's Day presents, "insurance" probably doesn't pop up right away. Yet, by making sure you've got all the coverage you need, you may actually be giving your loved ones the greatest gift they'll ever receive.

**OHSAA TO CONTINUE TO STUDY COMPETITIVE BALANCE ISSUE**

Members of the Ohio High School Athletic Association's Competitive Balance Committee met at the OHSAA office Tuesday, January 31, and came to the consensus that they will continue to study the competitive balance issue, Commissioner Daniel B. Ross, Ph.D., said. The issue came to the OHSAA's attention a few years ago when a group of member school administrators expressed concern over the high number of state championships being won by non-public schools, even though non-public schools make up only 17 percent of the Association's membership. The Competitive Balance Committee first met in January 2010.

Discussion on Tuesday included the possibility of reassessing the referendum issue that was narrowly defeated by the membership last spring, whereby schools would be placed into tournament divisions based on a sport-by-sport athletic count that included a school boundary factor, a socioeconomic factor and a tradition factor. The committee also discussed a recent letter that was sent to the OHSAA Board of Directors from a member school superintendent who requested that the Board place a referendum issue on the upcoming ballot to separate OHSAA tournaments between public and non-public schools.

"We had some very healthy, open dialogue, and I believe everyone on the committee felt as though we had a chance to review all of the issues and concerns that have come up since last spring's referendum voting, the August survey that was conducted with over 300 member school principals and recent meetings of both a competitive balance subcommittee and a committee to study the enrollment disparity that exists in Division I," Ross said. "We even addressed how some legislative issues that have been raised could impact Ohio's schools."

Ross said an update will be provided to the OHSAA Board of Directors during the February 15 board work session and that the competitive balance committee hopes to

reconvene later in February in an attempt to determine the direction to take next.

"It is possible a referendum issue dealing with competitive balance could be placed on the ballot for the May voting by the membership, but at this point it's premature to speculate what, if any, proposal the Board of Directors may approve."

**VANTAGE BOARD HEARS FROM COSMETOLOGY STUDENTS**

At the regular monthly Vantage Career Center board meeting, the minutes from the January 5, 2012 Tax Budget, Organizational and regular board meeting were approved along with financial statements for the month of December, 2011.

Before Superintendent Staci Kaufman presented updates on the renovation/construction project, she invited Cosmetology instructor Amy Grothouse to discuss the new airbrush makeup system purchased for the program. Several students were in attendance to model the airbrush makeup. Grothouse also updated the Board on the typical educational and competitive event expenses currently paid by student fundraising. Superintendent Kaufman discussed the positive impact which student fundraising has on several student experiences at Vantage, in addition to competitive events, and asked that the Board consider funding the co-curricular competitive events registration and related travel expenses for students at the local and state level. Director Bob Vennekotter announced the Blue Chippers for the 2nd quarter, reviewed sophomore visitation day activities, BPA regional contest results, and upcoming activities.

Adult Education Director Pete Prichard reported on the legislative seminar in Columbus, progress with the Alternative Energy Academy classes, and upcoming customized welding training for a new employer in the area.

In new business, the board: —Accepted the resignation of Nancy Moore, Network Systems instructor, for the purpose of retirement effective June 1, 2012;

—Employed Mary Jane Ebinger, Bistro Cooking class and Alex Rompilla, Jr., Computers as Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled;

—Approved the contract with NOASCS for internet access service agreement effective July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013;

—Appointed Staci Kaufman as Vantage Career Center's representative on the Putnam County Tax Incentive Review Council;

—Resolution to approve the Agreement and Release and Waiver of Claims between Cindy Krizan and the Vantage Career Center Board of Education;

—Resolution to award contracts to the low bidders for Site Work and Abatement for the Vantage/OSFC renovation/building project;

—Resolution to approve the Community Reinvestment Agreement between Jerry & Marcia Etzler and Vantage Career Center;

—Resolution to approve an increase in the siding bid package estimates not to ex-

**WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH NAMES JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**



Jill Ross



Carlee Sinn



Staci Wenninger



Gabby Gudakunst



Madison McClure



Michaela Harris

Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School is proud to announce their Students of the Month for January. They are 7<sup>th</sup> grader Gabby Gudakunst, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Michaela Harris, 9<sup>th</sup> grader Jill Ross, 10<sup>th</sup> grader

Madison McClure, 11<sup>th</sup> grader Staci Wenninger, and 12<sup>th</sup> grader Carlee Sinn. The students each received a Raider Pride - Pay Forward T-shirt in recognition of their honor.

ceed \$305,000;

—Held the first reading of NEOLA new, revised or replacement policies.

The Superintendent requested an executive session for the purpose of discussion

of employment of personnel. The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vantage Cup & Saucer Restaurant.



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**FROM OAKWOOD GLEANER ARBOR JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> MEETING NOTES**

Helen Maddock acted as president, Virginia Brown had the prayer followed by the pledge. There were 28 in attendance including 4-H clubs and Girl and Boy Scouts. Rose Wright gave out our Samaritan funds to each group and they told us about their activities. Stacy Hiler for OSU/Ext spoke on 4-H. There are 2011 members this year and 2011 was the best camping at Camp Palmer ever - 108 campers and 22 counselors. The theme this year is "A Place Where Dreams Come True".

Rev. Bill Sherry apologized to us about the town council donating the dumpster for town clean up last time, but the Gleaner Arbor did. The town would like to have the Arbor man their dumpster this spring. We think we can do this. He also made a plea for heating help for the needy. He also has funds for a cooking class in April and for eight months to help people cook more efficiently. He is looking for cooks.

Jamie Merriman from Oakwood Horse Helpers spoke on saving horses. She has been to Canada nine times and to a New Jersey feed lot and writes to government officials every day for help. Right now she has a donkey that was hurt by a goat.

We worked on our Samaritan funds conclusion. Ruth Benien took pictures and asked us to let her know ideas to improve meetings. Kelley Tumblin thanked us for the bottle caps for cancer patients and adjourned the meeting. Helen Maddock had caramel and pop corn, kool-aid, hot chocolate and coffee. She suggests that we snack first and during meeting.

Next meeting is February 27, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Latty's Country Inn with the Arthur

youth group helping us entertain.

—Bonnie Pier, reporting

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"With the tough economy and a strained state budget, I understand that expanding book collections in libraries in the Fifth District may be difficult," said Congressman Latta. "I highly encourage all libraries to take advantage of this opportunity," added Latta.

Interested libraries may contact the Washington, D.C. office at (202) 225-6405 to inquire about what books and materials are available. Books are free of charge to recipients.

In 2010, Congressman Latta helped secure books for Lake High School's book collection through the Surplus Books Program after the devastating tornados that struck Wood County, in addition to supplementing the collections of several other 5<sup>th</sup> District libraries.

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 1/19 - Joyce Burckholter, Antwerp; Joyce Wyatt, Paulding to Gardens of Paulding  
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**"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS**



Vantage senior Culinary Arts students Emily Flaugh, from Wayne Trace (left) and Lexi Cummings (right) from Lincolnview, put the finishing touches on the buffet in the Cup and Saucer Restaurant.

At Vantage Career Center, students find the "best of both worlds". They receive a first-class career technical education while meeting all of the academic requirements for high school graduation. In addition to Trade and Industry programs, Vantage also offers specialized education in Service careers described below.

Due to the tremendous advances in the medical field, outstanding career opportunities are available to students in our Health Technology program. Many health care workers provide basic bedside care, taking vital signs such as temperature, blood pressure, pulse and respiration. They may also prepare and give injections, collect samples for testing, feed patients and assist with bathing and personal hygiene. Students complete a State Approved Nurse Assistant Program and learn medical terminology, medical insurance and computer skills. Health Technology students assist at the annual Vantage Bloodmobile. They learn a wide-range of medical techniques and experience clinical instruction at health-care facilities. In this Tech Prep program, they develop work ethics, medical skills, and patient care skills.

In the Early Childhood Education program, high school students discover that working with young children can be very rewarding. This program prepares students to work in a licensed child care facility, operate a day care center, become a nanny or teach young children. Students create and provide developmentally appropriate preschool materials for children, learn the day-to-day operations of a state-licensed preschool, and explore careers that deal with the education of young children. In addition to receiving instruction in planning and conducting lessons, the students apply principles of child development and child psychology as they prepare the children for kindergarten. Upon completion, students are prepared for college and immediate employment in the childcare field.

The Culinary Arts program is the starting line for many students who are interested in careers in restaurant services and hospitality management. Students in this program operate the Cup and Saucer Restaurant, a full-service restaurant located at Vantage, which is open to the public three days a week throughout the school year. This two-year program is also the foundation for students who plan to pursue further education for chef training or food service management. Students have the opportunity

to become "Serve-Safe" certified and to receive the ProStart Certificate of Achievement. The Culinary Arts program is a ProStart career building program that gives students a "taste for success"! After graduation, students are prepared for professional culinary programs, immediate employment, and further education.

Avantage (French for "new beginnings") is the name of the Vantage Cosmetology Salon, a fully certified and licensed program by the state of Ohio and open to the public two days a week throughout the school year. Students create, cut, style, color and recommend hair designs for clients. They use advanced techniques to deliver a wide-range of skin care and nail treatments while experiencing a full-service salon environment. Students completing the program, achieving the requirements of the state board of cosmetology and passing the state examination, have the opportunity to graduate as a licensed cosmetologist. They will be prepared for immediate employment in a salon/day spa, advanced licensure, and further education.

If you are interested in finding out about any of these fields or have questions, please call Ben Winans, Student Services Supervisor at 419-238-5411 or 1-800-686-3944 ext. 140 or email him at winans.b@vantagecareercenter.com.

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After graduating from college and earning his license to practice law, Harvey returned to his home county, where he works with his father in their firm, Hyman and Hyman, Ltd. Last summer, Harvey married Caci Craig, daughter of Robert and Gloria Craig, and they reside in Paulding.

Harvey has a broad range of experiences, from a summer job installing drainage tile on Paulding County farms, to an internship with United States Congressman Robert Latta. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Paulding Chamber of Commerce, is the Paulding County Bar Association President, and regularly attends church with his wife at the Paulding Emmanuel Baptist Church. He looks forward to continuing his community involvement and raising a family in Paulding County.

"I will be a fair, focused, and full-time Prosecutor for the people of Paulding County. I want to help make Paulding County a safe place to raise a family. I have always felt that, no matter where school or travel took me, Paulding County is my home. My grandfather was Paulding County Prosecutor and served as Judge of two

Paulding County Courts. My father was an Assistant Prosecutor and is an accomplished attorney and Judicial Candidate. I intend to continue that heritage. I have successfully handled well over 100 criminal cases, dealing with everything from speeding tickets to felonies. Instead of protecting the people of Paulding County one at a time as I have as a defense attorney, I want to protect the all the people of Paulding County every day as your County Prosecutor."

**BRING SPRING IN THE HOME**

**By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator**

Buckeye Chuck has seen his shadow meaning spring is still six weeks away. Why not bring spring into your home by forcing tree and shrub branches into bloom. Most flowering shrubs are fairly easy to force, while trees are more difficult. Some of the easiest tree or shrubs to force into bloom are: Forsythia, Pussy Willow, Honeysuckle, Crabapple, Redbud, Magnolia and Flowering Dogwood.

Early spring flowering trees and shrubs form their flower buds in the fall before the plants go dormant. After a period of at least eight weeks of temperatures below 40 degrees Fahrenheit, branches can be cut and forced into bloom. The later in the winter you cut the branches, the shorter the forcing time becomes.

Carefully prune out branches so not to injure the plant or ruin its shape. Use sharp pruners, and cut branches at least 12 inches long. Select branches with a large number of flower buds. These are often on younger branches. Make sure you are looking at flower buds and not leaf buds. The flower buds are usually larger and rounder. If in doubt, cut a few buds open to look for leaf or flower parts inside.

If possible, collect the branches when temperatures are above 32 degrees Fahrenheit. If the plant material is frozen when collected, submerge the branches in a tub or pail of water for a few hours. This allows buds and stems to quickly absorb water and begin to break dormancy.

Next, put the branches in a container or bucket which will hold them upright. Place the stem ends immediately in warm water and re-cut one inch from the base of the stem. This will help prevent air from entering the stem through the cut end, blocking water uptake. Remove any buds and twigs that will be under water.

Once the stems are in the container, place the container and branches in a dimly lighted, cool location. Spray or mist the branches two or three times a day to prevent the buds from drying out. Also, change the water in the container daily during the forcing period. Daily changes of water should inhibit the growth of bacteria and fungi which could interfere with the absorption of water by the branches.

Finally, when the buds show color, move the branches to a lighted room. But don't put them in direct sunlight. At this time they can be removed from the storage container and arranged in the desired manner. Be sure the arrangement has an ample water supply at all times. To prolong its beauty, place the arrangement in a cool location, particularly during the evening.

**ANALYZING WILD AND DANGEROUS ANIMAL OWNERSHIP IN OHIO**

**By: State Senator Cliff Hite**

It has been more than three months since 56 wild and dangerous animals were released in Zanesville, an event that caught the nation's attention. We can all clearly recall the photos and coverage that surrounded those events. Throughout Ohio, discussion and debate continues as to whether the tragedy could have been prevented had the proper laws been in place. It is without question that residence of Ohio must never again be subject to such a calamitous event.

Though it occurred hundreds of miles away from the 1st Senate District, much of my time has been devoted to this issue due to my service as Chairman of the Senate Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee. This committee has been tasked with reviewing the

events that occurred on that day and formulating ways by which it can be avoided in the future.

My involvement with the issue began in October when Governor Kasich convened a taskforce to present recommendations on how to better regulate the ownership of wild and dangerous animals in Ohio. The taskforce was assigned to devise new standards and requirements. In recent months, I have been working with my fellow legislators, agency officials, animal experts, and interested parties to formulate new legislation to safeguard Ohioans. Thus far, I am pleased with the commitment displayed by those who have been working on this matter and hope to continue our collaboration as we move forward.

Drafting legislation of this nature has been a tireless endeavor, especially for a bill that sounds as simple as this one. Often, the most simplistic bills entail the most strenuous and strategic work, but I am honored to have people like Jack Hanna assisting on the bill. Jack Hanna is the Director Emeritus of the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium and one of the primary proponents of the legislation. His expertise and contribution has provided an exceptional tool in our pursuits and we are lucky to have him in Ohio. He continues to work with us in preparing what we anticipate will be the right legislation.

I hope to have more to report in the coming weeks as a bill is introduced that will hopefully provide logical and responsible resolution to the ownership of these animals in Ohio. Furthermore, I am grateful for the opportunity to lead the Senate Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee and to work with my colleagues to craft sound reforms. Though this issue is delicate and vital for the well-being of our friends and neighbors, I am pleased to see so many people sharing their insight on how to move ahead.

As always, I am grateful for your support and ask that you contact me should you wish to share any thoughts or concerns on the issues we face. I can be reached by calling (614) 466-8150, through email at SD01@senate.state.oh.us, or by writing me at State Senator Cliff Hite, One Capitol Square, Ground Floor, Columbus, OH 43215.

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Wayne Trace Payne Elementary School's 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from Mrs. Mead's and Miss Martz's classes earned a special award. Many of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students were

treated to pizza from Puckerbrush Pizzeria in Payne. They earned this treat because of their excellent behavior, study habits and making good choices.

**ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL TO HOLD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Antwerp Elementary is now scheduling appointments for its Kindergarten Registration and Screening which will be held on March 29 and 30. Antwerp now offers all-day, every-day kindergarten. If your child will be

five years old before August 1, 2012, please call the elementary office at 419-258-5421, ext. 2200, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to schedule your appointment. According to state law, all children must complete kindergarten before entering first grade. Please call today to schedule your appointment.



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