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He has three children: Nicholas (Rebeca) Burkard of Los Anglos, CA, McCalla Burkard of Swanton, OH and Andrew Burkard of Fort Wayne, IN and one grandchild, Joshua Burkard.

Joe is member of Ohio State Bar Association, Paulding County Bar Association, Paulding Kiwanis and an associate member of the Paulding County Republican party. He serves as a member of the Paulding County Revolving Loan Fund and provides volunteer service to Paulding County Habitat for Humanity. Past community service includes a member of the Board of Directors for the Paulding Chamber of Commerce and Development Disabilities of Paulding County.

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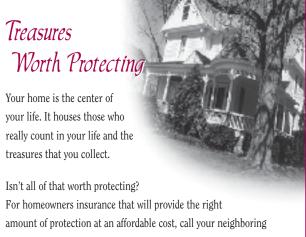


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ter of Roy J. and Eva E. (Schor-

tgen) Rickels. On March 10,

1952 she married Robert W.

Phlipot who preceded her in

death on November 14, 2010.

She was a Girl Scout Leader;

Cub Scout Den Mother and

a member of Ohio Harness

Horsemen's Association. Do-

lores devoted her life to her

children, grandchildren and

loved nature, enjoyed needle-

daughters: Sandra (Joseph)

Weaver of Angola, IN, Janet

(Randall) Goyings of Pauld-

ing, and Debra (Kim) Pol-

ing of Convoy; a son, Robert

(Gina) Phlipot Jr. of Antwerp;

six grandchildren: Kris (Ja-

net) Eby, Ryan (Amanda)

Martel, Robbie Phlipot, Josh

Poling, and Ashley (Nathan)

Long; and eight great-grand-

children; and a brother, Ro-

mane Rickels, Defiance, OH.

her parents; and husband.

She is preceded in death by

Funeral services were conducted February 20, 2012 at

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Paulding, with Pastor Wayne

Karges officiating. Burial

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Goyings,

Miranda (Joe)

She is survived by three

work and played the piano.

great-grandchildren.

She was born August 26,

OBITUARIES

Russell Junior Holtsberry, 79, of Paulding died Saturday, February 11, 2012 at CHP Inpatient Hospice, Defiance, OH.

He was born September 8, 1932 in Paulding County, Ohio the son of Russell C. and Alice V. (Miller) Holtsberry. In 1986 he married Kim L. Holtsberry who preceded him in death in 1990. He was a maintenance supervisor for Hudson Oxygen in California for 18 years retiring in 1990. He was a US Army veteran serving during the Korean and Vietnam Era conflicts. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion.

He is survived by two daughters: Teresa Holtsberry of Tennessee and Laresa Johnson of Paulding; a son, Mark (Lisa) Holtsberry of Paulding; four brothers: John (Shirley) Holtsberry of Ayresville, OH, Charles "Topper" (Rae) Holtsberry of Paulding, Justus (Elvene) Holtsberry of Oakwood, and Rodger (Rose) Holtsberry of Paulding; six grandchildren; and six greatgrandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife; and three sisters: Joan Holtsberry, Iona Dysinger, and Delores Yoh.

Private graveside services were held in Hedges Cemetery, Paulding. Donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com. Den Herder Funeral Home, Pauld-

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Schedule:

Dolores Jane Phlipot, 76, of Paulding died Monday, February 13, 2012 at the

of Paulding died Friday, February 17, 2012 at CHP Inpatient Hospice, Defiance.

maker and a lifetime member and a "Golden Eagle" of the Paulding F.O.E. Lodge #2405 Women's Auxiliary.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; a grandson; a granddaughter; a great-grandson, a greatgranddaughter; a son-in-law; four brothers; and four sis-

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Pastor Eileen Kochensparger will officiate. Burial will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Scipio Cemetery,

Visitation was on February 21, 2012 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, from 2:30-8:00 p.m., where the Paulding F.O.E. Lodge #2405 Auxiliary conducted memorial services at 7:30

Community Health Professionals Inpatient Hospice Services of Defiance, OH. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Max Arthur Smith, 96, of Antwerp passed away Friday, February 17, 2012 at his resi-

Max was born in Antwerp on November 21, 1915, a son of the late Carl F. and Norma C.

or National Humane Society. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh. Dorothy N. Carlisle, 88,

She was born in Spencerville, IN on October 5, 1923 the daughter of Clarence J. and Jane L. (Dorsey) Hissong. On December 23, 1945 she married Gerald "Gib" Carlisle who died on December 7, 1985. She was a home-

She is survived by four sons: Edgar (Mae Lee) Car-

lisle, Roger (Janet) Carlisle, and Dennis (Cheryl) Carlisle all of Paulding, and Ronald (Susan) Carlisle of Antwerp; four daughters: Judith (Lawrence) Densmore of Oakwood, Marsha Bennett, Patricia (Larry) Burkley and Pam Font all of Paulding; a brother, Richard Hissong of Woodburn, IN; two sisters: Rosa Hannah of Bryan, and Virginia Johnston of Traverse City, MI; 30 grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

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he served in the operation of supply points in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany in Patton's Third Army. He was part of a group of soldiers who inspected Buchenwald Concentration Camp the day after it was liberated. He was a member of the

Antwerp United Methodist Church. Max was co-owner of L. Smith & Son, Inc. until retiring in 1983. At that time, L. Smith & Son, Inc. was the oldest Buick dealership and the second oldest Pontiac dealership in the world. On August 9, 1940 he married Hope Eleanor Revert in Wauseon. Max will be sadly missed

by his wife, Hope; son, Rob (Jennifer) of Melbourne, KY; daughter, Carol (John) Chilcote of Antwerp; grandsons: Scott (Nadine) Cottrell of Falls Church, VA and Brad of Lexington, KY; and sister, Dorothy (Ray) Jeffery of An-

Private services were held at Maumee Cemetery. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www. dooleyfuneralhome.com

Leonard F. Zuber, 74, of Payne, passed away Friday, February 17, 2012 surrounded by his family, at his resi-



Leonard was born in Payne on August 1, 1937, a son of the late Isabelle (Wetli) and Frank Zuber. He served in the U.S. Army, from 1960 to 1962. Leonard was a retired farmer, also worked at Dana Corp. and was a Benton Twp. Trustee from 1990 to 2010. He enjoyed pheasant hunting, sports, gardening, traveling and wintering in Florida. Leonard was an avid Ohio State Buckeye fan, but enjoyed his grandchildren's sporting events most of all. Leonard was a proud member of the Divine Mercy Catholic Church Choir. On October 5, 1963 he married Marilyn Leonard will be sadly

missed by his wife, Marilyn; children: Mike (Cindy) of Fort Wayne, Steve (Nicole) of Van Wert, Laura (Rich) Brinkman of Monroeville, IN, Karen (Eric) Overholt of Delphos, Greg (Ruth) of Fort Wayne; siblings: Russell (Carol) of Payne and Beatrice (Leonard) Karr of Garrett, IN; brother-in-law, Gary Wobler of Carmel, IN; former exchange student son, Dan Gadioma of NY, NY; and 13 grandchildren. Also preceding him in

death are his siblings: Arlene Wobler and David.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Payne, on February 21, 2012 with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. He was laid to rest at St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery. Memorials are to Divine

Mercy School. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com John Tuto, 64, of Antwerp

passed away Saturday, February 18, 2012 at his residence. John was born in Fort Wayne, IN on March 4, 1947, a son of the late Ercal (Brown)

and John Tuto.

He was an avid skilled metal fabricator and car enthusiast. John loved spending time with his family and friends. After 37 years of employment at Dana Weatherhead, John

John will be sadly missed by his wife of 40 years, Darlane Jo (Everett); children: Lyn (Ken) Siegel, Tammy (Steve) VanVlerah, John and Troy Tuto; grandchildren: Taylor, John, Mike, Austin, Steven, Samantha, David, and Bradley.

ran his own business, "Tin

Man Fabrication."

He was also preceded in death by his sisters: Connie (Ron) Bergman and Judy

Special appreciation goes to PCH nurses, Cathy and Cindy; his friends: Mark Lucas, Emerson, Hill and Ken, and Debbie Leinweber for their caring support.

Viewing was at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, on February 21, 2012. Private service will be held at a later

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Esther Lucille Stiner, 95, of Antwerp, passed away Sunday, February 19, 2012 at The Gardens of Paulding.

Esther was born in Payne on September 29, 1916, a daughter of the late Ruey (Smalley) and Lonnie Watson. She graduated from Antwerp High School and was a nurses' aid in Coldwater, MI and Van Wert, OH. Esther was a member of the Royal Neighbors of America. In 1950 she married Harry Stiner, who died in 2002.

Esther will be sadly missed by her sister, Mary Boesch Meyer, of Antwerp; brother, Earl (Ruth) Watson of Hicksville; and her nieces and nephews.

Viewing is Wednesday, February 22, 2012 from 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp. Services are Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., with viewing one hour prior at Dooley Funeral

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Marjorie Louise Font, 92, of Paulding died Thursday, February 16, 2012 at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born May 8, 1919 in Van Wert County, Ohio the daughter of Ray B. and Laura Mae (Black) Rogers. On August 28, 1951 she married Forrest G. Font, who preceded her in death on March 14, 1994. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Paulding.

She is survived by a daughter, Marilyn (Randall) Baxter of Galland, TX; two sons: Daniel (Mary) Font of Hampstead, NC, and Richard Font of Paulding; 11 grandchildren; and 25 great-grand-

She is preceded in death by her parents; and husband.

Funeral services were conducted February 21, 2012 at Den Herder Funeral Home with Rev. Greg Bibler officiating. Burial was in Mohr Cemetery, Van Wert County, OH.

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

Marjorie Marie Eakins Evans Sickmiller, of Oakwood, died February 19, 2012 at the age of 100 years old.



Marjorie Sickmiller was born on Peach Mountain in Adams County, OH. She was the daughter of John Raymond and Martha Ann (Shoemaker) Eakins. She was a member of Auglaize Chapel Church of God and Gideon's International Auxiliary. She was a lifetime farmer and worked many years for S.K. Wayne Factory in Defiance. As a child, she helped her father plow the fields using

Guest Speaker From:

Mercy Hospital

Department

a team of horses to plant the tobacco crop on Peach Moun-

Marjorie is survived by four sons: DeWayne (Sharon) Evans, and John (Roberta) Sickmiller both of Napoleon, Jerry Sickmiller of Elida, OH, and Joe Sickmiller of Oakwood; four daughters: Winona (Dick) Hays of Oakwood, Janette (Stanley) Coplin of Paulding, Marjane (Lee) Baker of South Lyon, MI, and Judy (Dennis) Baker of Oakwood; a sister, Betty Tanner of Orient, OH; 21 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grand-

She is preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Clyde Evans in 1994; Eryl Sickmiller in 2003; a son, Donald Evans; a daughter, Garnett Evans Noble; a grandson, Stuart Noble; daughter-in-law, Nancy Sickmiller; great-grandson, Samuel David Sickmiller; two brothers: Charlie and Carson Eakins; six sisters: Thelma Iler, Norma Spencer, Beatrice Walkenshaw, Ermith Wellman, and Edra Elliott.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at Auglaize Chapel Church of God, Oakwood with Pastor Christopher Baker, Rev. David Coplin, and Pastor Stan Harmon officiating. Burial will be in Blakeslee Cemetery, Charloe.

Visitation will be 3:00-9:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial made to Gideon's International; Auglaize Chapel Church of God; or a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

WINNING THE BATTLE **FOR A GENERATION: HAS** THE LANGUAGE OF LOVE **BECOME ENDANGERED?**

By: Rick Jones, Defiance Area YFC

In The Book of Babel by Mark Abley, the author says there are 6,000 languages spoken in the world today, but half of them are unlikely to survive into the next cen-Here are some of the lan-

guages on the endangered list: Yuchi, Manx and Mati Ke. I suppose it is to be expected that some languages eventually will cease to be used. We hope there is one language that never will become extinct. That is the language of Concerning the language

of love the Bible says... 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NIV), "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love nevprophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

er fails. But where there are

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Nashville, TN Soles4Souls Inc. has committed to collect and distribute shoes to people living in extreme poverty

PAGE 3 - WEST BEND NEWS - FEBRUARY 22, 2012 and recovering from natural disasters. The shoe charity provides one pair of shoes to a person in need every seven seconds. Since 2005, Soles-4Souls has distributed more than 13 million pairs of shoes because of the generosity and commitment of people and organizations like St. Paul Lutheran Church.

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> Soles4Souls and St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be collecting your new or gently worn footwear and/or donations to make a tangible difference through the gift of shoes. Every donation will support the charity's initiative

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(Continued from Page 5) to distribute shoes to those in

"With tragedies such as the earthquakes in countries like Haiti and Japan, on top of the enormous needs elsewhere, we can use the estimated 1.5 billion shoes taking up space in the closets of ordinary people to change the world one pair at a time," said Founder and CEO of Soles-4Souls, Wayne Elsey. Elsey added, "We need

partners like St. Paul's to get behind Soles4Souls. Donating shoes is one of the most simple yet profound acts you can do, because it will greatly improve someone's life in the most difficult of times.' People and companies in-

terested in donating can visit the organization's website at www.giveshoes.org.

Soles4Souls collects new shoes to give relief to the victims of abject suffering and collects used shoes to support micro-enterprise efforts to eradicate poverty. Soles-4Souls' other two divisions, Clothes4Souls and Hope-4Souls, provide the same relief and support through clothing and other necessities.

INTO THE WILD

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

Into the Wild is the true story of Christopher Mc-Candless, an Emory Univeristy graduate who became fed up with society, traveled the country without any money, and made a trip to Alaska. If you plan on reading the book or watching the movie, please note that this article has spoilers.

Throughout the movie, I struggled with the idea of whether it is wise to go out and discover the "truth" in the wilderness all alone. The idea of isolation has been glorified as a concept in the American psyche ever since Thoreau and his experience at Walden Pond. Our culture is fascinated with the self-sufficent individual. My reaction to the individuality of our culture has been just the opposite. I long to share my life with

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Saturday, February 25 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

All will be held at N&N Quick Stop in Grover Hill

people. I have always thought that God was experienced more in community than in a beautiful meadow alone. This movie made me question that. Would it be good for me to go and experience God all alone for forty days like Jesus did? Should I? As I sat on the couch watching this movie, a real wrestling match was taking place in my mind. Maybe in the end the healthy life is a combination of both isolation with God and a shared life At other times throughout

the film, I envied Christopher and the community he experienced while traveling the nation without any money. Part of me wants that life. At times I have been ready to sell everything and hit the road. I want to share my life with others and have a good time just like he did. It seems like money, selfishness, and material goods get in the way of doing that. When I look around, it seems that the poor and their transparent selves seem to have better community than the rich and their acceptable facades. If I have to become poor to experience life more fully, then that is what I want to do. Then I struggled with the idea of my children. I do not want them to grow up poor. Deep in my core, there is apparently a clinging to the belief that money is essential to happiness or I would be fine with raising my children without much money and material possessions. This movie revealed that about me, and I just do not know what to do.

In the end, Christopher began to die. The movie makes it look like he was poisoned from eating poisonous seeds. Apparently, outdoor experts that know about the plants and the area he was in do not know if that is the real story. He might have just been dying of starvation and thought it was the result of the seeds. Whatever the reason, Christopher was dying alone in the middle of the Alaskan wilderness. Before he died, the movie and his writings seem to show that he began to understand what life was

all about. It took going into

Alaska, living by himself for over 100 days, and dying to figure it out. May we be able to learn the real meaning of life in time to enjoy it. He inscribed in his book,

"Happiness is only real when shared." This is a complete reversal of his previous thought, "You're wrong if you think the joy of life comes from human relationships." It was only when he was faced with death that he made the decision to forgive his parents, throw away his made up name, and take back his real name. There in that "magic bus," Christopher learned to forgive. He heeded the words of the old man that wanted to adopt him: "When you forgive, you love. And when you love, God's light shines on you."

This movie made me long for community, to share my life with people and get to know them. Every day, I need to strive to be what I was destined for. I will try to listen to people who need to share their hurts, wishes, excitements, or any other thing. I will look for ways to help those around me. What a tremendous story. I am blessed to have watched it. I am sad that Christopher

When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another," John

13:31-35 NIV. Happiness is only real when shared. Let us share

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

by: James Potter, Oakwood

All answers can be found in the NKJV of the bible.

Notice the objectives in

1. To consider the circumstances in which Paul ap-

BIBLE QUESTIONS

church of Christ

pealed to Caesar.



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2. To observe Paul before King Agrippa, who said you almost persuade me to become a Christian. Acts 26:28.

- 3. Paul tried before Festus: Acts 25:1-12. 4. Paul's case discussed:
- Acts 25:13-27. Now to the questions:
 - 1. What are the main
- events in this chapter? 2. Acts 25:1 after arriving
- in the province, how many days was it before Festus goes from Cesarea to Jerusalem. 3. Acts 25:2 what did the
- high priest and chief Jews inform Festus about? 4. Acts 25:3 what was the
- real plan of the Jews for Paul? 5. Acts 25:4-5 how did Festus answer the Jews question in verse 3?
- 6. Acts 25:6 how long did Festus remain in Jerusalem? 7. Acts 25:6 after coming
- back to Caesarea how long, before he was brought to tri-8. Acts 25:7 in the many
- serious charges against Paul, how many convicted him?

If you have comments or bible questions call Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022 or James Potter at 419-393-4775. Loved ones, Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ.

Answers to the Bible Ques-

- 1. Concerning the resurrection of the dead I am being judged by. 2. When Lysias the com-
- mander comes down. 3. The centurion was to al-
- low Paul liberty and to allow his friends to visit him. 4. They wanted to hear him
- concerning faith in Christ. 5. He reasoned about righ-
- teousness, self control and the judgment to come. 6. Felix became afraid, and
- said go away for now, when I have a more convenient time, I will call for you.
- 7. Felix hoped Paul would bring money to release him.
 - 8. Porcius Festus
- 9. Felix left Paul bound; He did this as a favor to the Jews. Loved ones please continue to pray and serve God. Also read 2nd Timothy 2:14-15. What do these verses tell you?

WHEN THE BIBLE MAKES YOU UNCOMFORTABLE

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

There's an old saying that says that the purpose of the preacher is to "comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable." There's certainly an element of truth in that saying. Part of the office of the preacher is to proclaim the entire truth of God's Word which includes both encouraging as well as unpleasant passages.

What I find intriguing is that most of us want to be comforted in our afflictions but few of us want to have our own comfort zones "afflicted." Human nature says, "Make me feel good and don't make me have to change." When a person becomes

Christian, he/she is going to go through all kinds of changes—some that are welcome and others that are painful. That's the way the Word of God works. It can give us a pat on the back one moment and a kick in the seat of the pants the next.

I heard of a farmer down in the hills of Kentucky who asked a preacher regarding what he preached about to his congregation week in and

PH: 419-258-2000 • FAX: 419-258-1313 • info@westbendnews.net PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT. STOP DRUG TRAFFICKING NEAR OAKWOOD



In Paulding County, an undercover drug operation that has been ongoing more than seven months led to the arrest of five county residents on February 10, 2012. The Sheriff's office along

with the Oakwood Police Department, the West Central Ohio Crime Task Force and the Paulding County Prosecutor's Office have been coordinating efforts to reduce the number of individuals trafficking in drugs in the Village of Oakwood and surrounding areas. Several months ago, officials fielded complaints from residents about the illegal activity. Officials concentrated their investigation around the sales for prescription drugs.

The old preacher stroked

his chin and drawled, "Well,

I'll tell ya... sometimes I

preaches on love, sometimes

on baptism, and sometimes

don't ya preach occasionally

on the subject of chick'n stea-

"Well, I'll tell ya," replied the old preacher. "I found

that whenever I preach on

that subject, it always tends to

throw a kinda coldness over

many of us to avoid certain

passages and subjects when it

comes to the Bible, isn't there?

The easiest thing in the world

is to only read the portions of

the scripture that encourage

us and to neglect the ones that

mature in our relationship

with Christ, we need to allow

God to chip away at some of

the rough edges in our lives.

And that means we need to

be challenged and confronted

concerning various issues and

Want some practical sug-

gestions for overcoming the

reluctance factors that keep

us from wanting to hear the

WHOLE counsel of scrip-

ture? Pray for openness,

receptivity, and teachable

hearts when it comes to the

Bible, either as you read it or

on Sunday morning, ask that

God will prepare YOUR heart

as well as the hearts of others

who will be worshipping with

you that day. Pray for your

pastor that he or she might

have boldness, freedom, and

God is proclaimed. Verbal-

ize the words of Psalm 119:18

where the psalmist asks God,

Before you head for church

areas of our lives.

hear it preached.

Yet, if we are to grow and

There's a tendency for

The farmer replied, "Why

on heav'n."

the meetin'!"

challenge us.

lyn Yates and Cheri Todd all of Oakwood, as well as Tim May and Jeff Budd, Jr. from Melrose. Lloyd Shelton of Oakwood was also Indicted, however he is currently incarcerated in the Ohio Depart-

chased by officials during this

lengthy investigation were Opana, Fentanyl Patches,

Morphine, Oxycodone and

Dilaudid. The previous men-

tioned drugs are schedule II

on Warrants on Indictment

were Mary Branham, Caro-

Arrested this past Friday

controlled substances.

This investigation is continuing, and more charges are expected to be filed in the near future.

lated charges.

ment of Corrections on unre-

be "DOers of the Word, not just HEARers of the Word." Timely advice for all of us.

to you through His Word.

James tells us that we need to

Even when the subject is something as uncomfortable as "chicken stealing."

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS & DISMISSALS

Admissions:

2/8 - Rita Robinson,

Paulding 2/9 - Kathryn Fannin, Antwerp

Dismissals:

2/10 - Mickey Mowery, Oakwood

2/11 - Rita Robinson, Paulding to Gardens of Paulding

2/12 - Kathryn Fannin, Antwerp

ANTWERP BRANCH LI-**BRARY NEWS!**

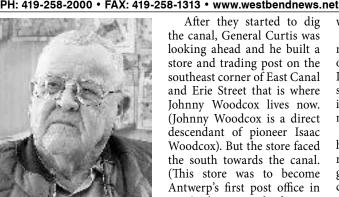
There are several upcoming events that may be of interest at Antwerp Branch Library.

On February 27th at 6:30 p.m. there will be a "Teen Winter Poem Night." Teens can bring their favorite poems to share and an activity will follow.

There is also two active book clubs. Our Adult book club will meet on Monday March 12th at 6:30 p.m. The Teen book club will meet on March 6th at 3:00 p.m. The book clubs are open to new members. Participation only involves stopping in to pick up the current book that will be discussed at the next meet-Story times for children

God's power as the Word of are held every other Wednesday. The next story time date is February 29th at 10:30 a.m. The Library is also look-

"Open my eyes that I may ing to start a Men's book club. see wonderful things in Your Please let contact the Antwerp Branch if you would be inter-And finally, determine in ested! All of the programs are your heart that you will have free and you may call with any the courage and strength to questions at 419-258-2855. obey whatever the Lord says



THE MAUMEE RIVER 1835

By: Stan Jordan

One day sometime ago a lady asked me if I had read the book titled The Maumee River 1835. Well, I haven't, and I couldn't find a copy so I asked Kay Stoller if she ever saw or heard of this book. Kay is a long-term member of the Paulding County Historical Society and she said, "I will inquire at our next meeting."

She found out there is a copy of this book in the Paulding County Carnegie Library but it can't be taken from the library. She knows that I have trouble with steps so she made copies of all the pages that pertained to this area of Crane and Carryall Townships.

I am going to give you some of the interesting items that she brought to me. I really appreciate it and I enjoyed it and I'm sure you will. All this news was taken from the book called The Maumee River 1835.

It states that nearly all action in the area at that time was in section 10 in Crane Township—that is the section where Rochester was located. The general store and trading post of Horatio N. Curtis was across the river to the north of Rochester built in 1835. He traded with the whites and the Indians. They traded furs for fuel, animals and people. He was the Commanding General of the Second Brigade of the 18th Division of the Ohio Militia. They held their meetings and practices at the General's

Rochester was on the south side of the Maumee River at this point. Some old-timers say that this place was also called Craneville between 1835 and 1840 some of Curtis' business was located on this side of the

The Craneville Post Office was also here. The postmaster from 1837-1839 was Nathanial L. Thomas, one of the settlers of that area. The office was closed for awhile and then reopened in 1851 and operated as a post office until 1865. Up until this time, the post office, Rochester or Craneville, was a busy little community.

I don't know if the stage coach stopped here or not. I know there was a stage line that ran from Fort Wayne to Defiance, down through Geoglein, Maysville and to now Indiana 37 and into Hicksville. I know there was a horseback mail route from Fort Wayne to Defiance on the south side of the Maumee in 1837.

These people were part of the First Methodist Church of Paulding County. It probably held services in the home of Hugh Rumyan, a pioneer of the area. The preacher probably came out of the Defiance

district. A David Applegate was the first settler in Carryall Township and he located across the river about where Mrs. Carl Heckman now lives (Township Road 31), that was in 1827. I understand that in the summer when the water was low you could ford the Maumee

there.

After they started to dig the canal, General Curtis was looking ahead and he built a store and trading post on the southeast corner of East Canal and Erie Street that is where Johnny Woodcox lives now. (Johnny Woodcox is a direct descendant of pioneer Isaac Woodcox). But the store faced the south towards the canal. (This store was to become Antwerp's first post office in 1842). There was a bridge over the canal there, what is now SR 49. That was in 1840.

Isaac Woodcox built a tavern and hotel a block west at the south end of what is now South Main Street. At that time it was Hicks Street and what is now Canal Street was Main Street.

Horatio Curtis, Sam Rice and Wilshire Riley named the town Antwerp. All of the businesses and activity took place along the canal and that side

All of the data in that book The Maumee River in 1835 was taken from a journal that was written by William Holgate as he and a couple other people made a journey from Toledo to Fort Wayne.

The Holgates were very big people in Defiance at that time. They had a big house built in Defiance that is still in good repair. There is an Avenue named after them and I think the town of Holgate is in their honor.

Readers: I have read some more literature about this area back in the 1820's to 1845's. So for the next couple issues we'll carry some articles about our forefather's settling here in Carryall Township.

This book The Maumee River in 1835 was written by Louis A. Simonis from a journal by William C. Holgate.

See ya!

SAM RIVERS, INDIAN **AGENT CHAPTER 3: STILL HERE AT GOTHENBURG**

By: Stan Jordan

Here we are at the Goatville Pony Express station. We have had rain, sleet and blowing snow since right after Noon. We are alright, the express rider (Luke) came in around four hours late and nearly froze to death and covered with sleet

Jim took care of the rider's horse and gear. The agent brought Luke in and laid him on the table. He didn't move a bit. He wasn't dead, but sort of stiff. Callie brought out a thick comforter, and Jim and I held it in front of the fire until it was very warm. We had stripped the rider of his clothes clean down to his long johns. Then we wrapped him up in the very warm comforter and laid him back on the table. People were rubbing each of his arms and feet to get circulation back. He soon sort of grunted and went off into a heavy sleep.

We just sat around and drank coffee waiting for Luke, the rider, to wake up, come to, or just make a noise. I guess it was about 3:00 a.m. when he started to stir a little. He moved his arms and legs and then opened his eyes and wet his lips and then he said, "I'm hungry." That was good to

We gave him all his clothes and they were dry and warm now. After he dressed he sat down at the table with all of us and he tore into a platter of hot beef stew over biscuits.

Jim made another pot of coffee and all of us sat around that big table. Even through it is very late we wanted to hear why Luke, the express rider,

Luke said, "It was a nice morning when he headed west out of the Express station at Levington. About noon the sky started to look bad." (That is just what Jim and the others noticed).

Luke said he stopped his horse long enough to rest and refresh himself. He said, "I guess a winter thunderstorm came along as out of the clouds came a crash of thunder that scared my horse and he ran off down the trail towards this place, thank goodness.

'Well, the first hour wasn't too bad because the gravel on the road stuck up through the ice and traveling wasn't to bad. After that walkaway got to be treacherous and not easy at all.

"Boy, was I glad when I could see my horse standing by the road up the trail a ways. He was very scitterly, he was still scared. It took me quite awhile to get up to him and take hold of the harness. I walked and held his halter for the rest of the trip. The freezing rain and cold wind was making my coat very heavy and miserable to walk on the ice. I thought I would collapse before I got to this station. I didn't remember much of the last part. I do remember much of the last part. I do remember seeing the express station looming up in the darkness.

"I am so obliged to all of you folks for taking care of me. I don't remember anything until I woke up laying on the table. That sure was an experience."

It is still snowing outside.

Jim said, "Maybe we could be snowed in here for awhile, so maybe we should watch our supplies. Like only have two meals a day. Breakfast around 8:00 or 9:00 a.m. and then supper around 3:00 or 4:00 p.m., but we do have plenty of coffee." All agreed that would be a good idea.

Jim and I went out in the storm and took care of the animals and Luke's Pony Express horse also. We both commented on how the snow is piling up

Jim had been bustling around in the kitchen, outdoors and back again and he said, "If it's all right with you people I will get supper."

He went out to the potato bin and he found six big nice potatoes and stated, "I will fix what cook's call loaded baked potatoes."

Jim put all six of the potatoes on the hearth as close to the fire as he could. He had gone to his wagon and got a piece of number nine wire about six feet long and bent it into a long u-shape and made a pair of tweezers to turn the potatoes by the fire so they would bake clean through.

Hazel, the station manager's wife, had some dried venison, it looked like beef jerky and Jim took his skinning knife and cut it up as small as he could, like number six shot. Jim took each hot potato and cut from top to bottom length a ridge but left a little on each end so the melted butter wouldn't run out. Every person got a plate with a cut potato on it and Jim set up a line of bowls with hot butter, dried venison, cheese (Callie had made cheese sandwiches for the trip and cut the cheese into small pieces for the potatoes), dill, sage, horseradish, salt and pepper and you filled the baked potato with whatever and how ever much you wanted. Hazel, from her garden, also had some onions chopped up in a bowl if you wanted some.

Everyone was plenty hungry and this huge potato along with Hazel's hot biscuits and coffee, it was fit for a king, and all said so over and over. Jim made another pot of coffee and all sat around the big table and ate, talked and drank coffee until after dark.

Jim looked outside and when he returned he said, "It is still snowing, We are going to be here awhile."

Next week: Still at Gothenburg Pony Express.



By: Stan Jordan

Tom's wife was a dizzy blonde. She was going to make Tom an angel food cake. The recipe said to beat the 12 eggs separately. A neighbor was kind enough to loan her some extra bowls.

Tom wanted a fruit salad for dinner. The recipe said to serve without dressing. So Blondie didn't dress. Boy, was she surprised when Tom brought a friend home for dinner.

Blondie was going to have rice for dinner. It said to wash thoroughly before steaming the rice. She said it sounded silly but she took a bath anyway. It didn't seem to improve the rice at all.

Blondie found an easy recipe for cookies. It said to put all the ingredients in a bowl and heat it. She said something must be wrong here because when she got back things were just like when she left.

Blondie is going to surprise Tom. If he will buy a bigger oven she will surprise him with a Chocolate Moose.

See ya!

PAGE 5 - WEST BEND NEWS - FEBRUARY 22, 2012 **DIVINE MERCY STUDENTS SHOW THEIR** KNOWLEDGE



Chris Knight, Superintendent of Toledo Diocese Schools, recently enjoyed celebrating the Eucharist with students and staff of Divine Mercy School and visiting the school. After observing Father's lesson with the children, Mr. Knight was quoted as saying, "I think it is safe to say that these students know

their faith! The school has a warm, inviting, nurturing feel that permeates the building. Clearly, there are good things happening at Divine Mercy!" The school is very proud of their students and staff confirming once again Divine Mercy School is one of the best kept secrets in Paulding County!

(Continued from Page 1) cuting Attorney, Joe has made it a priority to not only prosecute criminals but also to bring a voice for victims into the courtroom. He successfully implemented the first Victims Advocate program in 1997 to assist victims of criminal acts.

Three years ago he accepted responsibility to operate the Paulding County Child Support Enforcement Agency when it was learned that the Agency could not pay its expenses from the State and Federal funds it received. After accepting the challenge, the agency was re-organized and no county tax payer general fund money has been used to operate the child support office.

A close relationship has been developed between the Prosecutor's Office and the law enforcement agencies in Paulding County. Access 24/7 has been available to assist law enforcement officials to keep Paulding County a safe place to live.

Burkard's experience in

and out of the courtroom has benefited the Paulding County Community. In the Courtroom he has successfully prosecuted over 1,500 felony criminal cases, and thousands of misdemeanor cases and juvenile cases during his career. Outside the courtroom he has provided legal services to the Paulding County Commissioners, Township Trustees, Board of Elections, Developmental Disabilities, County Auditor, County Treasurer and County Recorder in addition to other county agencies.

I feel that it is important to continue to aggressively prosecute individuals who violate the law and hurt innocent people. The support that is provided by my office to local law enforcement contributes to keeping Paulding County a safe place to raise our families. I want to continue as Prosecuting Attorney and utilize my years of experience both inside and out the courtroom for the benefit of the citizens of our community.



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PAGE 6 – WEST BEND NEWS – FEBRUARY 22, 2012 PAULDING BOYS BASKETBALL RULES THE COURT



Pictured here with their trophy are: Front (l-r) Devin Gee, Michael Dangler, Preston Ingol, Kameron Echols, and James Mourey. Back row (l-r): Coach Dave Stallkamp, Ryan Nicelley, Cameron Doster, Preston Johanns, Tyler Bauer, Griffin Harder, and Simeon Shepherd.

of (13-4).

The team went (7-1) in the

conference and finished the

season with an overall record

not support treating the high

volume of dogs needing medi-

cal care. Most of the dogs that

come into the shelter are ne-

glected, abused, or abandoned

and are in dire need of medi-

cal care. The private donations

received from individuals &

businesses are used to treat the

sick/injured dogs that would

otherwise have to be put down.

There is hardly any money left

and in order for Georgia Dy-

son and Melissa Rassman to

continue doing a phenomenal

job with the dogs, they need

money. All the money raised

from this fundraiser will be

given to the Animal Clinic of

Paulding for the Mercy Medi-

cal Fund for Paulding Shelter

dogs only. In order to make

this happen, a few extra hands

sales. Income will also be gen-

There will be a 50/50 ticket

are needed.

The Paulding 7th Grade Boy's Basketball team recently captured the Western Division Championship of the Northwest Conference.

LYNNE MANSFIELD'S PAULDING DOG SHELTER - FUNDRAISER

A fundraiser sponsored by Lynne Mansfield to raise funds for the Paulding County Animal Shelter will take place at the Paulding Eagles on Saturday, March 24, 2012 from 5:00 pm. til close. A Silent Auction Items and 50-50 drawing tickets will be from 4:30-11:00 p.m. You do not need to be present to win. D.J. Services donated by Jason Pastor 8:00 p.m. - 12

Lynne Mansfield is having a fundraiser for the Paulding County Dog Shelter. The Paulding County Shelter needs funding to treat the injured and sick dogs that come into the shelter. The Medical Mercy Fund was created because the Dog and Kennel Fund could

ing County for donations. Donations can be a new item or a gift certificate. The public can also purchase and donate a new item for the silent auction (store gift cards, home made gift baskets etc.). If you would like to help in this area, please contact Lynn. If anyone who wants to

Five volunteers will be needed

to call on businesses in Pauld-

make a monetary donation for the care of the dogs please call. Lynn can be reached at 419-258-1442 or by email: Lmansf8009@aol.com

WOODBURN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI HOMECOMING NEWS

Our first meeting was held on Thursday, February 2, at the Woodburn Library. We established that we would plan to have an OPEN HOUSE at the old WOODBURN HIGH SCHOOL GYM (now known as the Woodburn Community Center). The open house will begin at 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 14,

Everyone that ever attended WOODBURN HIGH SCHOOL (along with your spouse/guest) is invited to attend. This includes those who attended Woodburn High School, but graduated from Woodlan High School in the years 1960, 1961, and 1962.

We are grateful to the class of 1954 for publishing the graduates by year from 1914 through 1954 in their yearbook. We are now working on updating the addresses. Some of you will be receiving calls to help us or to confirm your address. We will make a concerted effort to locate as many of you as possible. Please help

your classmates, family, and friends. Get your classmates together and enter a float in the parade for more fun and excitement. Our next meeting will be

Thursday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the Woodburn Library. If you are interested in joining the Steering Committee, please come to this meeting. If you have any questions, please contact one of the following Steering Committee members: Bob Wearley at 410-1592; Charlie & Joan Wells at 632-4538; Don & Carolyn Rekeweg at 632-5347; Gloria (Basting) Gerig at 632-5268; and Nancy Mohr at 632-4892.

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL ADDS GLOBAL ONLINE LEARNING

Students at Paulding High are now doing something they have never done before. That is, taking courses online with students in other parts of the world. Thanks to a partnership with Virtual High School Global Consortium, the school now has access to over 400 courses per semester.

Virtual High School Global Consortium (http://www. goVHS.org), the pioneer of K-12 online learning and course design for teachers, today announced the addition of 25 new member schools in 11 U.S. states and two countries this school year.

Designed to supplement a school's classroom curriculum, VHS is a non-profit, worldwide collaborative of schools, teachers and students. VHS member schools have access to over 400 online core, elective, Advanced Placement and honors courses, which are delivered co-synchronously and taught by VHS teachers who actively teach in classrooms at their member schools. All are certified in their specific discipline and have completed a graduate level professional development program in online teaching. Instructors facilitate and continually monitor all courses, engaging students in discussions, and assessing each individual student's progress. On January 25, 2012, stu-

dents at Paulding High school took a VHS course online at their school with classmates and a teacher in other parts of the world. Through enrollment in courses, such as AP® Music Theory, Biotechnology and Latin, students are able to develop global citizenship, 21st century literacies, independent learning and time management skills, as well as get their feet wet in an intended major.

CHOCOLATE & ARTWORK AT COOPER COMMUNITY **LIBRARY**

The 7th annual Chocolate Extravaganza will be held in Cooper Library Community Room on March 16 and 17. This event started as a fund raising event for the new facility of the Oakwood Branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library. Guest lists start forming shortly after the holidays as anticipation begins to mount for the annual event. Within three years another night was added to accommodate all of the chocolate lovers who come from miles

The Event Planners, a fundraising arm of the Oakwood Library Association, try to plan the event around a specific theme to add to the

PH: 419-258-2000 • FAX: 419-258-1313 • info@westbendnews.net fun. Some guests really get into the spirit by dressing according to the theme. Who can forget when unexpected blizzard conditions came on the second night of the affair last year. Yet, the hardy chocolate lovers still showed up for a Cruise on the 'Love Boat'. It may have been snowing outside, but the sun was shining

This year the theme is 'Puttin' on the Ritz' so don't be surprised to see some top hats and a lot of glitz! Over 30 types of chocolate can be expected, as well as entertainment, prizes, and lots of fun. Tickets are available by calling the library at 419-594-3337. The tables seat eight and some have made it an annual affair with their family and friends by buying the entire table... sometimes two! Friday evening is nearly sold out as this goes to press so don't procrastinate too long!

Before the doors open to the chocolate affair, please take time to enjoy the artwork throughout the library. Students of Jim Mullen's art classes have been sharing their framed artwork, changing it seasonally. Along with the wall art there is a tremendous pottery display of Johnny Leatherman's work. The display case is full and larger pieces of his beautiful creations can be found on top of book cases. The contents of the display case also changes throughout the year with many interesting collections.

Anyone who would like to share their collections or framed wall art is invited to do so by contacting the li-

OHIO HOUSE PASSES LEG-ISLATION TO GIVE APNS ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE MEDICATIONS

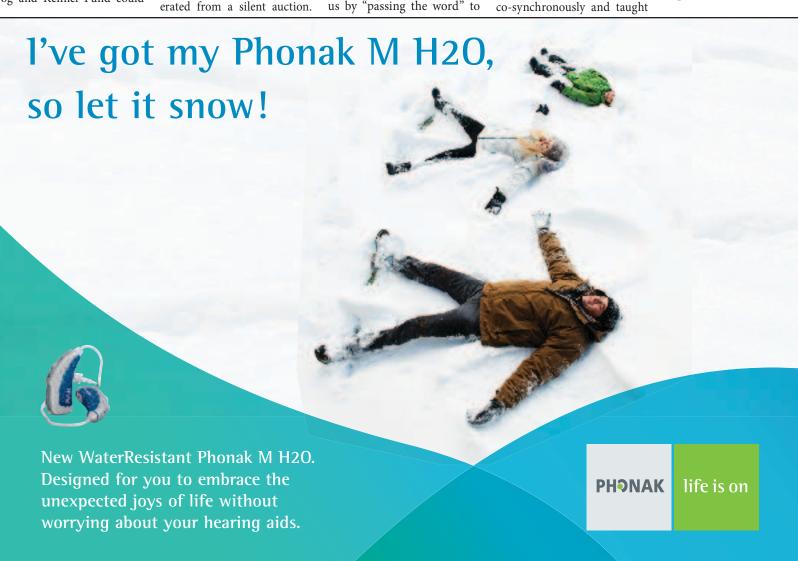
Ohio Chairman of the House Health and Aging Committee Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) has announced that the Ohio House today passed legislation to increase the ability of advanced practice nurses (APNs) to prescribe schedule II medications in certain settings while ensuring patient protection.

Currently, APNs have the authority to prescribe medications for terminally ill patients for a 24-hour supply only after the collaborating physician has initially prescribed the drug. Senate Bill 83 removes these limitations for APNs and allows them to prescribe in certain locations, including hospitals, health care facilities operated by the Department of Mental Health or the Department of Developmental Disabilities, or a nursing home. It also grants the Board of Nursing the authority to discipline nurses who self-administer schedule I controlled substances. "Advanced practice nurses

go through years of education and clinical training, and they are qualified to safely prescribe medications that will provide quick pain management for patients," Rep. Wachtmann said.

Within the state of Ohio, APNs undergo extensive training in pharmacology to prepare them to be responsible prescribers of schedule II medications. APNs have been prescribing schedule II medications under certain condi-

tions since 2002. Senate Bill 83 will now be sent back to the Senate for concurrence.





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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT:" BLUE CHIPPERS



Erika Zinser, Sr. Early Childhood Education (Wayne Trace); Kayla Butler, Sr. Health Technology (Van Wert); Tressa Ringwald, Jr. Interactive Media (Lincolnview); and Cora Finfrock, Jr. Culinary Arts (Crestview). Back row (1-r) Courtney Marquart, Jr. Interactive Media

(Lincolnview); Harley-Davidson Lane, Sr. Electricity (Continental); Zach Miller, Jr. Industrial Mechanics (Ottoville); Bart Barthels, Sr. Network Systems (Van Wert); Hope Nehls, Sr. Early Childhood Education (Paulding); and Austin Eschbach, Sr. Precision Machining (Parkway). Unavailable for the picture were Destiny Hines, Jr. Cosmetology (Van Wert); and Taylor Mock, Sr. Cosmetology (Paulding).

Congratulations to Vantage Career Center Blue Chippers for the 2nd quarter of the school year. Blue Chippers are Vantage stu-

dents who have perfect attendance and a 4.0 gpa for the nine week grading period.

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WATCH OUT: A MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY ABOUT SCAM ARTISTS

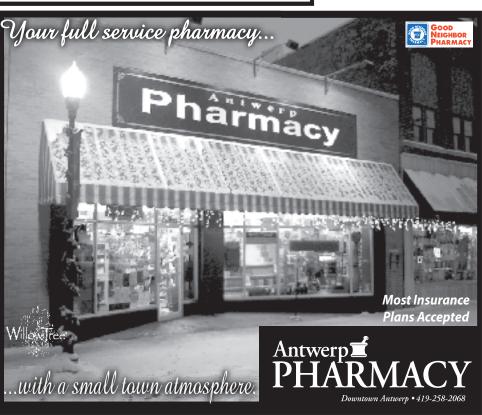
By: Ronald Eschbach, President, Antwerp Exchange Bank Co.

Practically every day there is news about a new scam that is going around or you hear about someone that has been taken advantage of by scam artists. You should believe everything you hear about these situations because they are true. More and more frequently we hear stories at the bank about someone that has been victimized and lost huge sums of cash to these unscrupulous crooks. The old adage of "if it sounds to good to be true, then it probably isn't" applies in most situations. Victims are not always elderly. It can happen to anyone.

With so much information being passed around on social media sites, it is very easy for the scammers to gather personal information about you. Some of the scams that we are aware of involve calls from people you don't know requesting funds to be sent to get relatives out of jail in foreign countries. You might think that this couldn't happen, but it does. Their stories are so convincing that people will fall for it and send money to help before they think to check it out more thorough-

Other scams involve calls telling you that you have won a lottery or sweepstakes and all you have to do to claim the prize is send some money to cover the expenses of sending it to you. Another scheme involves people being told they have been hired to act as a mystery shopper. In every case the caller requests funds to be sent by Western Union.

Sometimes the scammers will send you a check and ask you to cash it and send a portion back to them and keep the rest for yourself to pay for your time and trouble. Of course after you cash the check and wire funds back to them, you get a call in a few weeks from the bank telling you the check you received is no good and you are responsible for replacing the funds. I am writing this to bring attention to the situation involving people getting scammed out of their life savings. Before sending money to anyone for anything, please check with your bank or local law enforcement agencies and get a second opinion.



ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL HOSTS 5TH & 6TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL TOUR-NAMENT

This Saturday, February 25, the Antwerp boys basketball program will host its 13th Annual Boys 5th and 6th Grade Tournament! This year's 16 team tournament looks to be another competitive field, all from northwest Ohio. The tournament will include teams from all three Paulding County schools: Edon from Williams County, Hicksville and Fairview from Defiance County, and Lincolnview and Crestview from Van Wert County.

The Antwerp tournament is pool play format. Games begin early Saturday morning as two four-team pools play each team in their respective pool. The two pool winners will play each other late Saturday afternoon to decide a tournament champion and runner-up.

This sole fundraiser for the boy's basketball program could not be accomplished without the support of all Antwerp 5th through 12th grade player parents, players of all levels, coaches, and many volunteers. Concession items, officials, and concession worker time, is all donated in order to make the fundraiser a success. This year's Concession Chair is Mrs. Jodi Paulson. If you have a food donation or would like to volunteer time, please contact Jodi.

We hope to see you at the Antwerp School on Saturday morning to see some of the areas up and coming talent.

JARETT BUTE BECOMES FIRST EVER DISTRICT QUALIFIER

By: Jeremy Kosch

Being a first year program in wrestling can be difficult. Even seasoned veterans find it at times to be grueling. The Antwerp Archers are a first year wrestling program comprised of all freshmen and sophomores, each with only a couple years of experience at best. Each one of the young Archer wrestlers have seen their share of trials and tribulations, but have endured and improved throughout the season. Although they are young and inexperienced, they have fought and showed the mental and physical toughness of wrestlers who have been doing it for years. That, in itself, has made them suc cessful.

Recently, the Antwerp varsity wrestling squad competed in their first ever sectional tournament on February 17-18, 2012 at Archbold High School. Of the five Archers competing in the tournament, two were able to place in the top six of their respective weight classes. Freshman Jordan Laker placed 6th at 220 pounds, narrowly missing out on the district alternate spot. Freshman Jarett Bute placed fourth at 285 pounds, making him the first Antwerp wrestler to ever qualify for the district tournament. Jarett now travels to Owens Community College for districts on February 24-25.

ANTWERP DOUBLES LADY ACES' SCORE

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The Aces travelled to Antwerp Thursday, February 16 for the Antwerp girls last home game. The Archers started strong and continued until the last buzzer gave Antwerp a 57-25 victory over Hicksville. Shown above is Archer senior AJ Stucke scoring a lay up for Antwerp. More pictures at www.



Wayne Trace took on Fairview at home Friday, February 17. Before the varsity game, the parents walked up with their student athletes and cheerleaders for presentation to the fans. Shown above is WT junior Dalton Sinn, frustrated by Fairview fouls, deciding to dunk the ball! More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



3-point shots giving the early momentum to the Raiders. Wayne Trace won their last home game 71-41 in terrific style. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

PAGE 8 – WEST BEND NEWS – FEBRUARY 22, 2012 COACHES VS. CANCER BASKETBALL GAME HUGE SUCCESS!

Healthy eating, ing active: a slam-dunk for Paulding Exempted Village High School Coach Lyndsi Shininger in the fight against

February 4, 2012-Paulding Exempted Village High School coach Lyndsi Shininger was one of nearly a thousand basketball coaches across the U.S. swapping her loafers for sneakers during the Coaches vs. Cancer basketball game—an effort to bring awareness to the American Cancer Society's vision of a world with less cancer and more birthdays.

Coach Shininger and PEVS staff made a fashion statement as they sported sneakers with their business attire during the Panther's away game with Continental High School on Saturday, February 4, to spotlight the fact that cancer remains a major health concern and everyone can take daily steps to reduce their risk of the disease. For those who do not smoke, eating a healthy diet, adopting a physically active lifestyle and maintaining a healthy weight are the best ways to improve health and reduce risk. In the U.S. more than 72 million people—or about a third of the population—are obese and overweight, conditions that contribute to 14-20 percent of all cancer-related deaths.

Coach Shininger and the Lady Panthers raised a total of \$881.00 that was donated to support the life-saving mission of the American Cancer Society.

"We are excited that Coach Shininger and the Lady Panthers along with council members across the U.S. have joined in the fight against this deadly disease," says Christian Hoeffel, American Cancer Society representative. in the community, they can reach fans in a very influential way with important information about reducing the risk of cancer through healthy lifestyle choices."

Coaches vs. Cancer is a collaborative initiative of the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC), empowering coaches, their teams and local communities to make a difference in the fight against cancer. Since 1993 the initiative has raised more than \$70 million dollars to fund groundbreaking research, provide up-to-date cancer literacy, advocate for public health policies and deliver services to improve the quality of life for patients and their families.

The American Cancer Society combines an unyielding passion with nearly a century of experience to save lives and end suffering from cancer. As a global grassroots force of more than three million volunteers, we fight for every birthday threatened by every cancer in every community. We save lives by helping people stay well by preventing cancer or detecting it early; by helping people get well by being there for them during and after a cancer diagnosis; by finding cures through investment in groundbreaking discovery; and by fighting back by rallying lawmakers to pass laws to defeat cancer and by rallying communities worldwide to join the fight. As the nation's largest non-governmental investor in cancer research, contributing more than \$3.5 billion, we turn what we know about cancer into what we do. As a result, more than 11 million people in America who have had cancer and countless more who have avoided it will be celebrating birthdays this year. To learn more about us or to get help, call us anytime, day or night, at 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org





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UW OF PAULDING COUNTY RECEIVES GRANT FROM PPEC & ITS CUSTOMERS!



Amy McCreery (above) is accepting the generous donation on behalf of United Way of Paulding County from Mr. Ray Etzler of Operation Roundup board.

United Way of Paulding County has received a grant from Paulding-Putnam Electric's program "Operation

Monday, February 6th United Way Executive Director, Amy McCreery was invited to Paulding-Putnam's new offices to accept the grant. United Way of Paulding County received \$5,000.00 for our "Coats for Kids" program. No child should have to

walk to school in tennis shoes or sweatshirts, or not be able to enjoy winter sledding because they don't own proper clothing to keep them warm. Appreciation was stated for all who donated their change by rounding up to the nearest dollar on their electric bills.

If you would like to learn more or how you can help please contact Amy at 419-399-8240.

first time the Archer Wrestling

Club has ever had four champi-

ons in the same tournament.

CLUB COMPETES IN FIND-

LAY YOUTH INVITATIONAL

The Antwerp Archer

Wrestling Club traveled to

Findlay on Sunday, February

12, 2012 to compete in the

tournament ever was Kaden

Phares. Placing 2nd were Co-

rey Zartman, Tyler Bauer, and

Skyler Octaviano. Earning

1st place in the tournament

were Lance McKeever, Kaden

Steele, and Aidan McAlexan-

der. Other competitors in the

tournament who came up just

short of placing were Luke

McKeever, Alex Ziljstra, Jerry

Davis, and Logan McKeever.

wrestling be sure to stop by

practice on Tuesdays and

Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. in the

If you are interested in

Placing 3rd in his first

Findlay Youth Invitational.

ANTWERP WRESTLING

By: Jeremy Kosch

ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY WRESTLING FIRST GMC RESULTS

By: Jeremy Kosch

The Antwerp High School varsity wrestling squad competed in their first ever GMC Conference wrestling tournament on February 11, 2012. Being a first year program in the GMC conference has been a tough and rewarding learning experience for the Archers. Trying to compete with established programs that have many more years of experience can be difficult, but of the four wrestlers who competed for the Archers in the tournament, two were able to place in the top four of their respective weight

Placing 2nd at 220 pounds was freshman Jordan Laker and placing 3rd at 285 pounds was Jarett Bute who is also a freshman. Overall the Archers are comprised of all freshman and sophomore wrestlers which bodes well for their growth in the coming years as they continue their careers in wrestling. Overall, Ayersville won the team tournament trophy. The Archer wrestlers would also like to acknowledge the Wayne Trace Raiders on their 2nd place finish as a team. This is the highest they have ever placed as a team in the GMC tournament.

ANTWERP WRESTLING CLUB COMPETES IN PAT-RICK HENRY TOURNAMENT

By: Jeremy Kosch

The Antwerp Archer Wrestling Club recently competed in the Patrick Henry Tournament on February 5, 2012. Eight wrestlers competed and all eight wrestlers placed in the top three of their respective weight classes.

Placing 1st were Kameran Johnson, Eli Reinhart, Aidan McAlexander, and Tyler Bauer. Placing 2nd were Avin Johnson and Corey Zartman. Placing 3rd were Jerry Davis and Alex Ziljstra.

This tournament marks the

ANTWERP BALL **ASSOCIATION** MEETING

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There will be a meeting of the Antwerp Ball Association on February 26th at 6:00 p.m. at the Antwerp Local School.

A TAIL OF A STORY!

It was Super Bowl weekend in the Woodburn area and our almost-10 year old Bassett Hound, Charlotte, wanted out at 3:00 or 4:00 a.m. I was surprised to see lots of snow! It was daylight the second time she wanted out, so as she wandered the back yard I surveyed the area and something red was hunkered down by the neighbor's big wooden fence. "Why, it looks like an old red hen," I thought to myself! Charlotte came in and I stood at the door watching to see if the object would move. Sure enough, it finally stood up and there was no doubt—it was an old red rooster! His tail feathers waved in the breeze. He began walking to "Gramma's" yard, across the back from us. He walked around "Mr. Tuttle's" shed (he has lots of cool vehicles and bikes like the TV Tuttles). Finally that rooster came around into view, crossed 'neath "Gramma's" hedge, and began hopping up to grab little branches off the hedge. I could not BELIEVE IT! A rooster in a subdivision! (A country subdivision, mind you—but STILL!).

I called my friend who is a farm lady and she laughed. "He must have gotten lost in the snowstorm last night,"

she explained. Charlotte watched him for days. So did I. He's gone now. A neighbor said Animal Control was called to get him. A co-worker guessed he was probably a Rhode Island Red. I looked online and I'll bet he's right. That rooster's shiny feathers were beautiful in the sunlight against the backdrop of fresh, white snow. I've always been a little scared of chickens-childhood trauma from the cousins (boys) running away. When I rounded the corner of Gramma Walsh's house-BAM! Big old hen flappin' me right in the chest! (Boys drool, girls rule).

I followed the Big Red Rooster in my car one day. Had the window rolled down (manual crank windows, you remember them?) and I was creeping along as he slowly marched up the neighbor's sidewalk. I could've gotten several beautiful shots of him-if I remembered how to use the camera on my flip phone! I pressed and flipped and opened and tried to focus and shoot. Soon my subject had wandered up to the neighbor's porch and I had missed my chance. He was a nice rooster. He didn't charge me, like I've heard they'll do (That's why I was in the car). The last time my husband saw him, the old boy was roosting in the dark on our front roof. When the truck started up, it startled him. The Old Red Rooster flew away cadiwampus across to the neighbor's yard and over a fence. I hope Animal Control found him

some hens to watch over. It was a Super Bowl week-

end I'll never forget. -Lynn Taft,

Woodburn, IN



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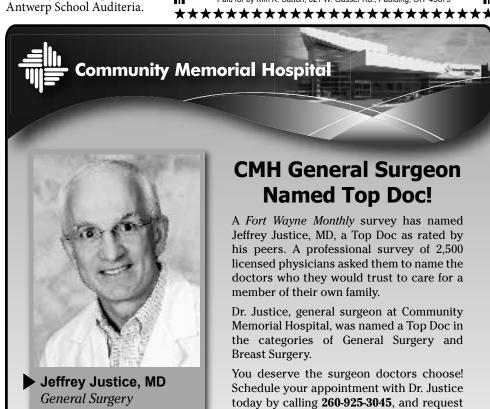
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PESTICIDE TRAINING

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

Farmers, lawncare and andscaping companies, as well as, pest-control businesses and public-health agencies need pesticide recertification training every three years to comply with the pesticide-licensing requirements to maintain their private or commercial applicator's li-

In partnership with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, The Ohio State University Extension's Pesticide Safety Education Program is the primary training provider for licensed commercial and private pesticide applicators n Ohio. Recertification programs are offered at the local and regional levels by county educators and state special-

"This is a vital job-retention program," states Joanne Kick-Raack, director of the Pesticide Safety Education Program. "New applicators need this training to become employed, and existing applicators need to get recertified every three years to keep the icenses necessary for their obs.'

By offering continuing education to Ohio's 28,000 icensed applicators; applicators keep their licenses active and are provided with current pesticide information for personal safety and environmental stewardship. The training also promotes research-based pest management guidelines for applicators as they apply pesticides on farms, neighporhoods, green spaces, and nomes

In 2011, 84 percent of the participants indicated they

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had improved practices to protect the environment after attending this training, while 94 percent said the program is important for maintaining their businesses or jobs.

A complete list of licensing and recertification procedures in Ohio for commercial and private applicators is available at http://pested.osu.edu. This includes a comprehensive list of testing, recertification schools, and new applicator training dates as well as study materials for exam prepara-

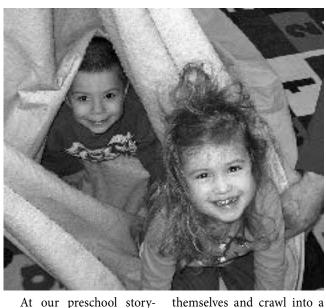
The Paulding County OSU Extension is offering a private pesticide applicator recertification training program on Monday, February 27 in the Extension building. The program begins at 6:00 p.m. To pre-register for the program please call the office at 419.399.8225 or by email at lopshire.1@osu.edu

MARCH HAPPENINGS AT THE COOPER COMMUNITY **LIBRARY**

Cooper Community Library, branch of Paulding County Carnegie Library system has a very busy month planned for March. Starting the month off on Thursday, March 1 at 5:30 in the Community Room will be another "Adult Cooking Class." Susan Pieper will be our guest chef for the evening. This class is limited to the first 17 people who call the branch 419-594-3337 to reserve their spot.

The Oakwood Area Scrapbookers will be meeting for another "Scrapathon" on Friday, March 2, 5:00-10:00 p.m., Saturday, March 3, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 4, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

STORYTIME AT WOODBURN BRANCH LIBRARY



time on Friday, February 17 we read the story the The Mitten by Jan Brett and then the children had the opportunity to be part of the story

animals did in the story. The children pictured in the mitten are Daniel Renner and Joelle Borchelt.

life-size mitten just like the

Call the library to reserve your spot! Everyone is asked to bring a snack to share and your own drink.

On Monday, March 5 the "Children's Pizza Adventures Book Club" will meet 4:00-5:00 p.m. This club is for children in grades 1st through 3rd. Call for more details.

Tuesday, March 6 at 5:30-7:30 p.m. is "Family Movie Night." To find out what the feature presentation is just call the branch. Family Movie Night is always the first Tuesday of each month. Please note that all children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Popcorn will be available. If you would like to bring a drink it must be in a container with a lid.

Monday, March 12 the "Root Beer Float Book Club" meets at 4:00-5:00 p.m. This book club is for children in grades 4th through 8th grade. Call for more details.

Wednesday, March 13 is "Make N Take" day at the branch for all children. Come and make a very special project to take home. The craft will be available the entire

day.
"Thursday Night Owl Adult Book Club" meets the third Thursday of each month in the Community Room, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Contact the library for the current selection the group is reading.

Preschool and Toddler Story Time" will be on Friday, March 2 and then back to Mondays the rest of the month. Monday times are: Toddler at 12:00 p.m. and Preschool at 1:00 p.m. Please note there is no Story Time the week of March 5th

"Mom and Me Hairbow Making Class" has been set for Saturday, March 24, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Materials and snack will be provided. Please call the branch to register for this event.

The month will end with "Children's Cooking Class" on Saturday, March 31 at 10:00 a.m. If your child is in grades 1st through 6th and would like to attend this class, please contact the library to register them. The class meets the last Saturday of each month.

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR 2/29 THROUGH 3/6

MS/HS – Breakfast:

2/29 – Egg, ham & cheese croissant, juice, milk

3/1 – Links (sausage), mini

pancakes, juice, milk

3/2 - Gravy (sausage), w/ biscuits, juice, milk

3/5 Breakfast pizza, juice, milk

3/6 - Breakfast southwest bake, juice, milk

MS/HS - Lunch:

2/29 - Whipped potatoes, beef & noodles, bread or Taco bar, assorted fruit, milk 3/1 - Toasted cheese sand-

wich, potato or Tomato soup or pawburger w/bun, baked beans, chips, assorted fruit, 3/2 - Roasted potatoes, breaded chicken w/bun or

Mozzarella sticks w/sauce, carrots w/dip, assorted fruit, 3/5 - Pizza sticks w/sauce,

green beans or Salad bar, bread stick, assorted fruit,

3/6 – Spicy chicken caesar salad, garlic biscuit or Sandwich, oven fries, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:

2/29 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk 3/1 – Assorted cereal, gra-

ham crackers, juice, milk 3/2 – Cereal bar, graham

crackers, applesauce, milk 3/5 - Assorted cereals,

graham crackers, juice, milk 3/6 – Muffin, string cheese, juice, milk

Elementary Paulding – Lunch:

2/29 - Pizza, salad, fruit cup, milk

3/1 – Breaded chicken w/ bun, oven potatoes, fruit cup,

3/2 - Toasted cheese, tomato soup w/crackers, fruit cup, milk

3/5 - Hot dog w/bun, baked beans, fruit cup, milk

3/06 – Chicken alphabet soup, crackers, bread, carrots, fruit cup, milk

Oakwood Elementary Breakfast: 2/29 - Rainbow yogurt,

crackers, fruit, milk 3/1 - Breakfast burrito,

fruit, milk 3/2 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk

3/5 - Mini pancakes, fruit, 3/6 - Sausage biscuit, fruit,

milk Oakwood Elementary

- Lunch: 2/29 - Breaded pork chops,

whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, fruit, milk

3/1 - Taco in a bag, lettuce/cheese, fruit, milk

3/2 - Cheese bread stick w/ marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk

3/5 – Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, gravy,

bread, fruit, milk

3/6 – Ham & cheese stromboli, scalloped potatoes, fruit,

Menus are subject to change.

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR 2/29 THROUGH 3/6

Breakfast:

2/29 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk

3/1 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk 3/2 – Turnover, juice, milk

3/5 – Pizza, juice, milk 3/06 - Egg/cheese/bacon

muffin, juice, milk Lunch:

2/29 - Chili soup, crackers, grilled cheese, fruit, milk

3/1 - Macaroni & cheese, PBJ sandwich, carrot sticks, fruit, milk

3/2 - Cheese pizza, green beans, fruit, milk

3/5 - Breaded chicken sandwich, french fries, fruit,

3/6 – Breadsticks & cheese, broccoli & cheese, fruit, milk

Menus are subject to

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

Paulding Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted 15 persons on Thursday, February 9, 2012.

Michael S. Gonzales, Mark Center, OH, DOB 10/28/1974, Theft, F-5

Varaina C. Dulaney, Defiance, OH, DOB 11/4/1988, Aggravated Vehicular Assault, F-2, Aggravated Vehicular Homicide, F-3

Jacob W. Taylor, Oakwood, OH, DOB 1/25/1993, Unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, F-4, 2 counts Jason L. Fisher, Stryker,

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OH, DOB 2/6/1976, Forgery, Edgar Rubio, Napoleon,

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ing in Drugs, F-2 Jeffery J. Budd, Oakwood,

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When you contribute to a tax-deferred account, your money has the potential to grow faster than it would if you placed it in a fully taxable investment — that is, an investment on which you paid taxes every year. Over time, this accelerated growth can add up to a big difference in your accumulated savings. For example, if you put \$200 each month into a taxable investment that earned a hypothetical 7 percent a year, you'd end up with about \$325,000 after 40 years, assuming you were in the 25 percent federal tax bracket. If you put that same \$200 per month into a tax-deferred investment that earned the same hypothetical 7 percent a year, you'd accumulate about \$515,000 — or nearly \$200,000 more than you'd have with the taxable investment.*

Of course, you will eventually have to pay taxes on the tax-deferred investment, but by the time you're retired, you might be in a lower tax bracket. Furthermore, depending on how much you choose to withdraw each year from your taxdeferred account, you can have some control over the amount of taxes you'll pay.

Clearly, tax deferral can be a smart choice, but what sort of tax-deferred vehicles are avail-

One of your most attractive choices will be your employersponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k). Your earnings have the potential to grow on a tax-deferred basis, and since you typically fund your plan with pre-tax dollars, the more you put in, the lower your annual taxable income. If you're lucky, your employer will even match some of your contributions. Consequently, it's almost always a good idea to put in as much as you can afford into your 401(k), up to the contribution limits, and to boost your contributions every time your salary increases. In 2012, you can contribute up to \$17,000 to your 401(k), plus an additional \$5,500 if you're 50 or older.

Even if you participate in a 401(k) plan, you can probably also contribute to a traditional IRA. Your earnings have the potential to grow tax-deferred and your contributions may be tax deductible, depending on your income level. In 2012, you can put in up to \$5,000 to a traditional IRA, or \$6,000 if you're 50 or older. (If you meet certain income guidelines, you might be eligible to contribute to a Roth IRA, which offers tax-free earnings, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59-1/2 and you've had your account at least five years.)

Finally, if you've "maxed out" on both your 401(k) and your IRA, you may want to consider a fixed annuity. Your earnings grow tax-deferred, contribution limits are high, and you can structure your annuity to provide you with an income stream you can't out-

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LATTA PROVISION SIGNED INTO LAW IN FAA REAU-THORIZATION BILL

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) issued the following statement after the President signed into law the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act, which blocks new regulations on air shipments of lithium batteries by the FAA. The bill, among other things, funds the FAA through fiscal year 2015.

"After a five-year delay and 23 temporary extensions, I commend my colleagues in the House and Senate in passing legislation that helps meet the future needs of the airline industry. Specifically, I am pleased the law blocks federal transportation agencies from placing stricter rules than the international standards on the shipment of lithium batteries on aircraft," said Rep.

Previously, the FAA proposed classifying lithium batteries as hazardous goods, preventing the transport of lithium ion batteries on cargo planes. Millions of batteries are shipped everyday that follow the International Civil Aviation Organization standards for air transport of batteries without any incidents.

Congressman brought attention to the issue back in 2009 when he introduced an amendment in the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee prohibiting the FAA from imposing regulations on air shipments of lithium batteries.

'The safety of the airline industry is extremely important; and this language included in the bill ensures that costly and unnecessary regulations aren't imposed on the transport of lithium batteries, which would only cripple America's manufacturing competitiveness," added Latta.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIREC-TORS MEETING HIGH-LIGHTS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors met Thursday morning in Columbus for its regularly scheduled February meeting. The following are highlights from the meeting. The complete set of meeting minutes will be posted at OHSAA.org in

with the coming weeks.

—The Board was presented with the list of 2010-11 Ohio and Section 2 (Mideast states) coaches of the year, which were nominated by each coaches association to the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) for recognition. Six of Ohio's 23 coaches of the year also received Section 2 honors from the NFHS. A separate press release announcing the state and Section 2 award winners is posted at OHSAA.org.

—The Ohio High School Foot

ball Coaches Association/OHSAA Football Tournament Committee reviewed its recent meeting, which resulted in several proposals to present to the Board of Directors. First, that the Board not adopt any expansion of the current tournament format. (Of note, an OHSAA-appointed Division I Committee has been studying possible changes to the football tour-nament format stemming from enrollment disparities between the smallest and largest Division I schools.) Second, that the Board give the OHSFCA/OHSAA Tournament Committee until July 1 to develop a reclassification concept (in football only) that could move a team up a division(s) if the majority of its regular-season schedule is against schools in higher divisions. And third, that beginning in 2013, Harbin computer points only be earned by defeating schools that are members of the OHSAA or one of the other 50 state associations under the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

—The Board approved the OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Committee's se-lection of Chris Spielman as the OHSAA 2012 Ethics and Integrity Award winner. Mr. Spielman will be honored at the OHSAA's annual scholar-athlete banquet in June.

 Twelve member schools were recently penalized for committing infractions of OHSAA bylaws or regulations. The list of infractions and penalties will be included in the complete set of meeting minutes posted at OHSAA.org, but media members may request the list sooner from Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Information Services.

—The Board approved several additional referendum items that will be voted on by member school principals in May during the annual referendum voting process. The new items will be posted on the OHSAA website.

-The Board reviewed the financial reports from the fall tour-naments, with the exception of football and field hockey, which will presented in April. In cross country, because there are no gate receipts from the four regional tournaments and expenses were higher at the state tournament due to construction of the new course at National Trail, the resulting net loss was higher than in recent years. Despite a crowd of 11,367 at the state cross country finals, which marked the second-highest attendance in the 83-year history of the tournament, the overall net loss from the regional and state tournaments was \$49,708. The golf state tournaments resulted in a net loss of \$9,645, while the girls tennis state tournament resulted in a \$5,388 loss. The soccer regional and state tournaments, which in-cluded a record crowd of 12,059 at the finals, turned a combined profit of \$117,251. The volleyball regional and state tournaments combined to produce a profit of \$78,640. Of of the OHSAA's operating budget comes from ticket receipts at regional and state tournaments.

—The Ohio High School Soccer Coaches Association made a proposal that all fall sports be permitted to begin practice annually on August 1 (unless August 1 is a Sunday, in which case practice would begin August 2). Currently would begin August 2). Currently, fall sports except football may be-gin practice on the first Monday of August, which is August 6 in 2012, thus resulting in nearly a full week of lost practice time prior to the

first contest.

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Schlatter and Randi Jones from Paulding Exempted Village Schools on behalf of the Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative's "Round-up" program. The check was for \$1000 and is to be used towards purchasing t-shirts for the kick-off of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program in Paulding Elemen-

WT BOARD OF EDUCATION **MEETING MINUTES FOR** 2/13/12

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday the $13^{\rm th}$ of February in the Lecture Room of Wayne Trace High School at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Perry Sinn. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nikki Staten. Roll Call: Dick Swary, Duane Sinn, Pat Baumle, Lisa McClure, Perry Sinn

 all present. Correspondence, Recognition of Guests, Hearing of the Public. Nikki State, the head softball coach,

introduced Jessica Ladd the new JV softball coach to the board.

Report of the Treasurer

A. Discussion on the moving to master contract with Microsoft for soft ware and updates eliminate individual software license and update all pro-gramming and keep current year over year. Everyone would be operating with most current software. Checking pricing comparison to current method will look at in more detail in March

B. Business Consultant at request of Duane Sinn contacted OSBA and was given name of business consultant. treasurer to contact for proposal. Possible updates to forecast:

Some change due to increase in student counts.
D. Public Records Training Requirement for new and re-elected board

Treasurer's Consent Agenda Items: A motion by Duane Sinn to approve the following consent agenda items:

A. to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2012 Board Meeting;
B. to approve the investment report

and payment of bills as presented for Januarý 2012;

C. to approve the following fund advances ahead of grant money: Ed-Jobs Fund \$1,259.10; RttT \$1,122.00; AP Grant \$172.66; Title I \$1,107.12; Title VI-B \$10.00; Title II-A \$570.01 E. to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commis-

sion and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying to the County Auditor as follows: 4.00 Mills, 23.70 Mills, 2.20 Mills, 1.25 Mills, .50 Mill
F. to appoint the Treasurer as board designee to attend required Public Re-

cords training for Mr. Pat Baumle and Mr. Dick Swary;

*Before we pass the consent resolution, are there any items you would like to move from the consent agenda to the discussion agenda for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes? Seconded by Pat Baumle. Roll Call

Vote: Duane Sinn, Pat Baumle, Dick Swary, Lisa McClure, Perry Sinn - all aye Motion Passed Payne Elementary Report – Sarah

Franz, principal

1. Ian Vogel was our Spelling Bee Winner and competed at the County Spelling Bee. He did not place, but he did a very good job. He was a great

representative for Wayne Trace Payne Elementary. 2. I will be doing the final round of observations for those not up for contract renewal this month and will begin

that reflectal fins finding and will begin the third round for those who are up for contract renewal. It has gone very well, and I continue to be impressed with our teachers. They have worked hard to incorporate differentiated instruction within their lessons. 3. At the 2-hour delay in January, the teachers worked in the Curriculum, Data and Evaluation committees. We

Data and Evaluation committees. We continue to work on aligning the new and revised standards. We are working on having that in place for K, 1st and 2nc to teach next school year.

4. The PTO is again planning the Annual Family Fun Night. We have a tentative date set for March 9th. That is always a fun event for the students and

always a fun event for the students and dards for the OAA. The teachers have

also worked very hard to help those at risk students since we do not have the tutor this year. They have been working all year on the standards, and are incor-porating more test skills and strategies as the date comes closer. 6. We will miss our retiring teachers next year and will work hard to find

good, competent, qualified candidates to fill those positions. Once they are posted internally and we know what positions will need to be filled, we will work on beginning the posting and interview process.

Wayne Trace High School Report
Kevin E. Wilson, principal
March 12th is the first day of testing

for this year's OGT. We again will run on a two hour delay schedule. Students in grades 11 and 12 who have already met this graduation requirement will be permitted to come in on the 2-hour delay. Students in grades 7 and 8 will be working on OAA test preparation. Students in grade 9 will be taking the off year OGT test and reviewing it with

their teachers.

Vantage Visit: Our sophomores were able to visit Vantage on Monday, February 1. There are 85 students in the tenth grade and it looks like around thirty students who have indicated an

thirty students who have indicated an interest in attending Vantage next year. OAA/OGT Challenge: Last year we came up with a creative method to motivate our students who are to take the OAA or OGT. After a discussion with some of the teachers I began thinking about how competitive our students are. Looking for a way to implant that competitive spirit into the OAA/OGT. competitive spirit into the OAA/OGT review was the goal. So, this year we again are going to take each grade level and split them into teams. The goal of this competition is for the students to work together and encouraging their teammates to do the very best they can be. A point system has been created which will help us determine the winning team. Students will earn points for their team based on the following; ten points will be given for Advanced, eight points for Accelerated, five points for Proficient, three points for basic, and one point for limited.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Awhile back I wrote about receiving a request for donations by a political party and the letter I sent them of why I refuse to support them.

On Friday, February 10 I received another shock thanks to our poor government and it's leaders. I went to have my taxes done and figured on doing good this year. I made less money in my shop due to the economy but had to 'bite the bullet' and paid more tax so I'd get more back. Guess What? O'Bummer and his bunch have eliminated two of the credits that would have given me around \$600 back. I use my tax return for my own recreation: golf, car cruises and gas. I didn't even get enough back to play four

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If I go to vote this year I will not vote for any Republican or Democrat. If I can't vote as an Independent I will walk out. My vote will not support some rich failure who only cares about his paycheck and the heck with the rest of

-Gregg Gorman

RECIPES FROM A GREAT-GRANDMA

By: Sue Knapp

My sister-in-law from Florida asked me for a recipe for shredded chicken sandwiches. I could have looked on the internet for one, but if the recipe is not my own I like to get it from a person I

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Paulding Middle School recently held it's annual Science Fair. It took place on Friday, February 10, 2012. Seventh Grade Science teacher, Leann Favorito, organized and ran this event. Pictured here are the 36 students that each received a "SUPERIOR" rating on their project and will now move on to District Science Day at Ohio Northern Uni-

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versity on March 24, 2012.

Students are: front row (1r) Daleigh Davis, Christine Clapsaddle, Brenna Schmidt, Bailey Pieper, Molly Meeker, Victoria Meadows, Estee Miller, Jordan Shull, Lauren Hill, Courtney Thomas and Haylee Simonin. Row 2: (l-r) Bailey Meyer, Logan Bradford, Cade McGarvey, Sean Jackson, Dayton Pracht, Morissa Rue, Taylor Manz, Bridgett Moore, Sierra Bullard, Chella Vargas, Tatem Stallard, Taylor Jackman. Standing Row 3: Logan Seals, Aaron Horstman, Clystal Ramirez, Kori Wolfrum, William Deisler, Preston Johanns, Matthew Martinez, Cheyenne Lucas, Ava Moats, Brittany Brown, Chantall Monnier, Brooke Weidenhamer, and Allison

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Shugars; Brenda J. Crawford,

Director and Janet L. Com-

mers, Deputy Director

LATTA APPLAUDS FCC

RULING ON RURAL PHONE

Congressman Bob Latta

Communications

(R-Bowling Green) said a new

Commission (FCC) declara-

tory ruling on call quality and

phone call completion would

help improve phone service

for rural communities. The

FCC's order stems from the

Rural Call Completion Task

Force's investigation into

the issue. Over the past year,

Congressman Latta asked the

FCC to investigate and ad-

dress the growing problem of

phone service in rural areas,

and in September, the FCC

established the Rural Call

issued this ruling in order to

ensure rural communities

can continue to thrive," said

Latta. "In the fast-moving

world in which we live, fami-

lies, farmers, small businesses

and government entities all

rely on instantaneous com-

munication. It was critical the

Commission address these

issues because poor phone

service adversely affects fam-

ily and business communica-

tions, as well as public safety,"

telephone carriers who fail

to complete calls are engag-

ing in unjust or unreasonable

practices prohibited by sec-

tion 201 of the Telecommu-

nications Act. The FCC also

clarified that a phone car-

rier remains responsible for

service to its customers even

when contracting with third-

party providers, warning that

failure to meet legal obliga-tions puts at risk telephone

the Subcommittee on Com-

munications and Technology,

which has jurisdiction over

quality complaint, please call

1-888-225-5322 or 1-888-835-

NOTE: To report a service

Congressman Latta sits on

carriers' licenses.

the FCC.

5322 (TTY).

The FCC reiterated that

added Latta.

"I am pleased the FCC has

Completion Task Force.

The Board of Elections of Paulding County, Ohio, wishes to inform voters that the PRIMARY ELECTION will be held on Tuesday, the 6th day of March, 2012 at the following locations:

AUGLAIZE TWP - Fire House at SR 637 & RD 169

BLUE CREEK - Haviland Community Center, 201 Vine ST

BROWN EAST & OAK-WOOD and BROWN WEST & MELROSE - Oakwood Fire & EMS Station, 201 N Sixth

ANTWERP VILLAGE and CARRYALL TWP - Antwerp Catholic Church Hall, 303 W Daggett ST

CRANE TWP & CECIL - Cecil Fire House, 301 Third

EMERALD TWP - Township House at RD 133 & RD BENTON TWP (Payne

Village) and HARRISON TWP (Payne Village) - Payne Legion Hall, 229 N Main ST JACKSON TWP

BROUGHTON - Township House at RD 126 & RD 131 PAULDING VILLAGE 1, 2 and 3 - Paulding Co. Exten-

sion Bldg. at Fairgrounds LATTY TWP & GROVER HILL - Township House, 204

PAULDING TWP & LAT-TY VILLAGE - Township House at SR 500 & RD 87

WASHINGTON - Township House, SR 114 &

For the purpose of choosing the following offices: to nominate and vote on the following Democratic or Republican CANDIDATES:

Delegate and Alternates for President; U.S. Senator; Representative to 5th Con-District; Justice of the Supreme Court (commencing 1-1-13 & 1-2-13 and unexpired term ending 12-31-14); Judge of the Court of Appeals (3rd District commencing 2-9-13); Member of the State Central Committee - 1 Man & 1 Woman (1st District); State Senator (1st District); State Representa-tive (82nd District); County Commissioner (commencing 1-2-13 & 1-3-13); Prosecuting Attorney; Clerk of Court of Common Pleas; Sheriff; County Recorder; County Treasurer; County Engineer; Coroner; Members of County Central Committee for each

precinct. The minor parties of Green and Libertarian also have candidates: Green party - U.S. Senator; and Libertarian party - U.S. Senator and Representative to Congress (5th District).

The polls for the election will open at 6:30 a.m. and remain open until 7:30 p.m. on election day. PLEASE VOTE and help make Paulding the county with the best voter turnout in Ohio.

Should you have any questions, you may contact the Paulding County Board of Elections at 105 East Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879, telephone number: 419-399-8230. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 NOON and 1:00-4:00 p.m. The office will have extended hours until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 2nd for in person absentee voting, the deadline for in person absentee voting. The office email

address is paulding@ohiosec-

PAULDING TAKES WIN IN TOUGH BATTLE retaryofstate.gov and website can be found at http://elec-



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Paulding took on Bryan at home Saturday, February 18 following Senior night. It was not an easy win for the Panthers. The score was nearly the same until a minute before halftime when the home team rallied to have a nine point lead at the half. Shown above is Paulding senior Anthony Arellano earning two points. More pictures at www.westbendnews.

The Panthers earned the win on this game against the Golden Bears. They finished the game with a 64-57 win bringing their record to 10-9 for their last home game. Shown above is Panther senior Jacob Bauman nailing two points to the Paulding score. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net







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