

Happy New Year

## WOODLAN STUDENT NAMED TO COLTS' ACADEMIC ALL-STAR TEAM



Blake Miller was named to the Indianapolis Colts high school academic all-star team. The Colts, along with the Indiana Football Coaches Association formed a committee to select a senior player representing each offensive position and defensive position

regardless of size school. Blake was named the Tight End. Blake is ranked #1 in the senior class at Woodlan. This makes the second year in a row that a Woodlan player had been named by the Colts. Last season, Zac Bo Haydock made it as a running back.

## CHRISTMAS TREE DROP OFF SITES IN NEW HAVEN

The Christmas tree drop offs will be on these dates: December 26 - January 18

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- New Haven City Hall (Parking Lot)

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## CHP RECEIVES PATIENT SATISFACTION AWARD

Community Health Professionals has been named a 2012 HHCAHPS Honors recipient, a prestigious award recognizing home health agencies that provide the best patient experience.



This annual honor acknowledges the top 20 percent of agencies that continuously provide the highest level of satisfaction through their care as measured from the patient's point of view. The highest performing agencies are identified and ranked by analyzing satisfaction measures covering both performance and im-

provement of care over a 12-month period.

The rankings are presented by Deyta, LLC, a company that provides hospice and home healthcare satisfaction and quality measurement.

"The HHCAHPS Honors defines a new standard of excellence in the patient experience for home health agencies," said Bill Bassett, Deyta Vice President of Home Health. "Identifying the top-performers in the home health industry is our way of recognizing agencies that are dedicated to providing high quality care in a patient-centered approach."

Rankings were compiled from survey results of over 1,800 home health agencies from April 2011 to March 2012. CHP is one of only nine home health and hospice agencies from Ohio to receive this honor out of 241 nationwide recipients.

"A positive patient experience is important not only to our success as an agency, but also to successful outcomes for our patients," said Brent Tow, President/CEO of Community Health Professionals (CHP). "This award is a direct reflection of our staff's dedication and commitment to the well-being of the patients and families we serve. We are excited to have our patient satisfaction rankings among such an elite group of recipients."

CHP is a nonprofit organization with nine offices throughout northwest and west central Ohio, including Paulding, Van Wert and Defiance.

## A NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN



With family and friends as witnesses including two officers, Chief Deputy Mark Butler and Captain Shane Dyson, Jason Landers was sworn in December 27, 2012 by Judge Tiffany Beckman at the Paulding County Courthouse. He will officially hold the office of Sheriff beginning January 7, 2013 at 12:00 a.m.

Jason started off his public service career as a Reserve Patrol Officer under Chief Randy Crawford of the Paulding Police Department before being hired by Sheriff Harrow. Jason has served in various capacities in the Sheriff's Department. He started in 1997 as a jailer and then promoted to Road Patrol soon thereafter. In 2006 he was promoted again to Captain of Road Patrol and this year he was elected as Sheriff.

Landers stated, "Serving the public is the most rewarding assignment I have had in my life next to raising my family."

Jason was not always the man standing tall that he is today. He is the son of Marsha Landers and the late Terrill Landers. He started off in

Paulding Schools and graduated in 1994. He then attended Paulding Basic Police Academy in 1996.

Jason is married to the former Jayme Hughes of Antwerp. They have two sons, Jayvin and Jagger, who attend Antwerp Local Schools.

David Harrow, is nearing the completion of his term as Paulding County Sheriff. Dave has served the area as Sheriff since 1993 and is retiring to South Carolina with his wife Diane, fishing and enjoying life.

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## LOOK FOR SCHOOL DELAYS & CLOSING AT WBN WEBSITE

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**Michael D. Workman**, 52, of Grover Hill died Thursday, December 20 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne, IN.

He was born December 10, 1960 in Daytona Beach, FL, the son of Denver and Margaret A. (Price) Workman Sr. On October 26, 2004 he married Cynthia J. Wayne, who survives.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy Workman of Grover Hill; a son, Matthew Wayne of Grover Hill; a daughter, Cassandra Waggoner of Van Wert; two brothers: Paul (Gina) Workman of Van Wert, and Denver L. Workman of Lima; and a granddaughter, Natilie Mech of Van Wert.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Patrick Workman; and a sister, Annette L. Workman.

Funeral services will be conducted at a later date. There will be no visitation.

Donations may be made in memory of Michael to the family. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com



**James Edwin Hutchins**, 71, went to be with his Lord and Savior on December 25, 2012 at The Hospice House, Charlottesville, VA.

Jim or "Hutch" was born in Antwerp, OH on May 2, 1941 a son of the late Roland and Mary (Evans) Hutchins. Jim is survived by his wife, Ruth Hutchins of Monticello, GA; daughter, Lacey (Stuart) Young of Melbourne, FL; step-son, Russell (Susan) Johnson of Monticello; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; along with numerous other nieces and nephews and their families.

He is the oldest of five children but he was like a brother to their Uncle William E. "Bill" (Carol) Parrett. His sisters are Brenda (Mark) Yoh of Lancaster, PA; Rolana "Lana" Hutchins of Jacksonville, FL; Charla (Edward "Lanny") Stabler of Payne and Lucinda (Jim) Speers of Charlottesville.

He graduated from Paulding High School in 1959, was a long distance truck driver and loved to fish.

Burial will be at Bethel Cemetery in Antwerp, with a memorial service celebrating his life to be held on May 2, 2013 at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp.

Memorials are to The Hospice House Endowment c/o Hospice of the Piedmont, 675 Peter Jefferson Parkway, Suite 300, Charlottesville, VA 22911. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

**Joel Miller**, 67, of Hicksville died Tuesday, December 25, 2012 at his home.

He was born on March 11,

1945 in Fort Wayne, IN, the son of Jacob and Anna (Graber) Miller.

Joel is survived by three daughters: Rose (Dennis) Balfary of Fort Wayne, IN, Sarah (Delbert) Delagrang of Spencerville, IN, Julie (Greg) Gorman of Lake Worth, FL; nine grandchildren; three sisters: Malinda Miller of Decatur, IN, Adella Bassett of Hicksville, OH, Lucy (Warren) Griggs of St. Joe, IN; three brothers: David (Betty) Miller of Tennessee, Reuben (Vickie) Miller of Grabill, IN, Jacob Miller Jr. of Indiana; a sister-in-law Colleen Miller of Hicksville, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Margaret Schwartz; and a brother, Amos Miller.

Funeral services for Joel was held at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville with Pastor Don Delagrang officiating on December 29, 2012. He was buried at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, Ohio. Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

**Ruth M. Johnson**, 92, of Hicksville died Wednesday, December 26, 2012 at Manor House Assisted Living, Antwerp, OH.

She was born on July 5, 1920 in Van Wert, OH, the daughter of the Roy V and Estella (Busch) Baxter. Ruth was a 1938 graduate of Van Wert High School. On November 30, 1939, she was united in marriage with Vernon M. Johnson. He preceded her in death on December 8, 2007. She worked at Dana/Weatherhead, retiring after 30 years. Ruth was a life member of St. John Lutheran Church, Sherwood, OH. She was also a member of the U.A.W.

Surviving Ruth are two sons: William (Judy) Johnson of Hicksville, Edward (Susan) Johnson of Woodburn, IN; a daughter Julia Elaine (Darrell) Brown; seven grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; two brothers: Richard Baxter and Gene Baxter; two sisters: Sharon Conley and Judy Carmichael.

She was preceded in death by an infant son; a brother, Bill Baxter; and a sister, Janet Coffelt.

Funeral services for Ruth was held at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville on December 31, 2012. She was buried at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials may be made to Worship for Shut-Ins or St John Lutheran Church, Sherwood. Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.



**Elma Ruth McClure**, 100, of Grover Hill died Monday, December 17, 2012 at Country Inn Enhanced Living Center, Paulding.

She was born in Paulding County, OH, on December 8, 1912 the daughter of Willie and

Viletta (Taylor) Michael. On January 14, 1934 she married Floyd McClure, who preceded her in death on January 26, 1985. She was a member of Middle Creek United Methodist Church, Grover Hill. She and her husband were life long farmers in the Grover Hill area. She enjoyed raising chickens and crocheting afghans and doilies for family and friends.

She is survived by three sons: Darwin (Sharon) McClure, and Roger (Rosalie) McClure both of Grover Hill, and Gary (Vicki) McClure of Paulding; a sister, Evelyn Roth of Defiance; eight grandchildren: Robin (Phil) Farris, Terry (Lisa) McClure, Michael (Heidi) McClure, Marcia (Fred) Pond, Jodean (Rick) Jones, Jarrick (Anita) McClure, Jennifer (Brian) Aden, and Julie (Shawn) Cook; 17 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

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

Funeral services was held at Middle Creek United Methodist Church, Grover Hill with Pastor William Sherry officiating on December 22, 2012. She was buried at the Middle Creek Cemetery.

To honor Elma's requests, the family asks in lieu of flowers, throws, statuary, etc. donations be made to Middle Creek Church or Grover Hill Food Pantry. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

**Glenn L. Detmon**, 87, of Antwerp, passed away Thursday, December 20, 2012 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Hicksville.

Glenn was born in Oak Harbor, OH on May 9, 1925, a son of the late Lillian (Matzen) and Roy Detmon. He proudly served in the U.S. Army in WWII, where he was awarded the Purple Heart. Glenn was a member of Antwerp VFW Post #5087 and had attended the First Baptist Church. He was an electrician at Phelps Dodge, Fort Wayne. On April 12, 1946 he married Gladys Wonderly.

Glenn will be sadly missed by his wife, Gladys; son, Leslie; daughter, Ramona (Dennis) Fish all of Antwerp; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

His brother, Arnold, preceded him in death.

Funeral services was held at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp on December 22, 2012. Glenn was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery with military honors.

Memorials are to Antwerp EMS, PO Box 1046 Antwerp, OH 45813. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

**James "Casey" M. Clark**, 81, of Paulding died Sunday, December 23, 2012 at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne, IN.

He was born August 5, 1931 in Paulding County, OH, the son of Leo P. and Ethel (Powers) Clark. On April 14, 1956 he married Kathryn A. Buchman, who survives. He was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, and retired from GM Powertrain, Defiance in 1989. He was also a member of Paulding VFW Post #587 and Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council #2584. He was a 1949 graduate of Paulding High School, a US

## SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to name Him, Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."

—Matthew 1:21

## NEW HAVEN BRANCH LIBRARY JANUARY ACTIVITIES

### SMART START STORY-TIME

Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29 and Wednesdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:30 a.m. - Enjoy 30 minutes of stories, songs, fingerplays and an easy craft just right for Preschoolers.

January 2 - W is for Winter

January 8 & 9 - M is for Mitten

January 15 & 16 - E is for Elephant and Piggie

January 22 & 23 - P is for Penguin

January 29 & 30 - T is for Trains

### BABIES AND BOOKS:

Thursdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 10:30 a.m. - Adults and their little ones, from birth through age 2, are invited to a storytime just for them.

### TEEN THURSDAY:

Thursdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 3:30 p.m.

January 10 - Game One

January 17 - Brain Challenge

January 24 - BINGO for Books

January 31 - Cook off - Secret Additions Edition

### THOSE WITTY BRITS:

Wednesday, January 16 7:00 p.m. - A book club devoted to British humor. Come and laugh with us. This month we will discuss *Enchanted April* by Elizabeth Von Arnim.

### BUILDING BRAINS

### LEGO CLUB:

Tuesday, January 15, 3:30 p.m. - We will supply the LEGO blocks, you supply the imagination.



Paulding County Area

## FOUNDATION

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

By: Lisa McClure, Paulding County Area Foundation

My how time flies! It's been a year since I was hired as the Executive Director of Paulding County Area Foundation. It has been a joy and a pleasure to work with the people of Paulding County. The kindness and guidance you have offered the "new girl" on the block has been a blessing.

The Paulding County Area Foundation has a simple mission statement. The Foundation is dedicated to receiving, growing and distributing gifts for the benefit of the people of Paulding County. No gift is too great or too small, all donations are appreciated. We are grateful for our donors and for their generosity. We will continue to be accountable to our donor wishes and provide good stewardship for the funds being managed.

Please feel free to call or visit me at Paulding County Area Foundation, 101 E. Perry Street, Paulding Ohio, 419-399-8296.



Jessica Short

## JESSICA SHORT HIRED AS RETAIL LENDER

First Federal Bank has announced the recent hiring of Jessica Short as Retail Lender in Defiance.

Short brings over 13 years of experience to her new role where she will originate both mortgage and consumer loans. She is a graduate of the Defiance Chamber Leadership Program and an active United Way member. She is also a past member of the Exchange Club of Defiance County and past Junior Achievement Secretary. Short currently resides in Archbold, Ohio with her husband, Tony and their two children. Her office is located at 601 Clinton St., in Defiance. Short may be reached by calling (419) 782-5130 or 1-877-367-8178.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PC PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted 12 persons on Thursday, November 8, 2012.

Joseph T. McCoy of Antwerp, DOB 10/13/84, Forgery F-5

Gary A. Hoschak of Paulding, DOB 9/30/53, Rape F-1

Travis A. Dix of Paulding, DOB 2/17/87, Non-support of Dependents F-5

Tobias A. Bassler of Paulding, DOB 6/7/87, Vandalism F-5

Alan J. Deetz of Paulding, DOB 1/2/87, Sexual Offender Registration F-4

Thaddeus W. Lang of Grover Hill, DOB 3/5/90, Theft F-4; Burglary F-2

Amanda S. Resor of Antwerp, DOB 5/31/94, Forgery F-5

Angelo R. Andreotti of Navarre, OH, DOB 5/1/74, Importuning F-5

Brenton S. Clements of Paulding, DOB 6/9/89, Domestic Violence F-4

Ryan A. Douglass of Painesville, OH, DOB 9/24/86, Importuning F-5

Brandon K. Siegel of Paulding, DOB 6/13/91, Improperly Handling Firearms in a motor vehicle F-4

Franklin E. Grimes of Paulding, DOB 12/27/90, Improperly Handling Firearms in a motor vehicle F-4

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# NATIONAL RECORDING ARTIST TO APPEAR AT CANAL DAYS



The New Haven Canal Days Festival Committee together with the New Haven-Adams Township Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce that the Contemporary Christian Music group, Sidewalk Prophets, will be appearing in a free concert during Canal Days on Saturday, June 8, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. in Schnelker Park. This will be the festival's first ever Faith, Family & Friends Night, which aims to bring together all generations and all denominations to celebrate the community of New Haven, Indiana. "These Simple Truths", the Sidewalk Prophet's first release with Word Records, led to a Dove Award for the group as Best New Artist in 2010 and a 2011 nomination for Group of the Year. From that project came the group's first three hits on the Billboard Christian Singles Chart: "The Words I Would Say", "You Can Have Me", and "You Love Me Anyway". The group's current

project features the Sidewalk Prophet's current hit single and title track, "Live Like That." In the ten years since the group's formation, the Sidewalk Prophets have built a reputation as being one of the hardest working bands in the music industry. In the past, the group has toured with such prominent artists as Audio Adrenaline, Kutless, MercyMe and Francesca Battistelli, and will take to the Winter Jam stage in early 2013 alongside TobyMac and Matthew West before gracing the stage at Canal Days in June. The group was co-founded at Indiana's Anderson University by Terre Haute native and lead vocalist/songwriter Dave Frey and guitarist/songwriter Ben McDonald. Other members of the Sidewalk Prophets include bassist Cal Joslin, drummer Justin Nace, and lead guitarist Shaun Tomczak.

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...serving the public as an officer, Sheriff Landers has this advice, "Make good decisions in your youth. You never really know what you are going to do when you grow up, and bad choices can ultimately change your path in life. Seek out your mentors early, and listen to them. Don't just hear them, but let the guidance you are given sink in. As I age, I reflect back on how many people in my life were educating me and encouraging me along the way, and I never caught on. If you choose to be in the public's eye, always know your every move is noticed. Listen, learn and communicate with others, and you will go far in your God-given path. You must always Believe to Achieve!"

If you have any questions, the new Sheriff will be glad to serve you.

## TRAINING OUR "MIDDLE-SKILL" WORKERS

By State Senator Dennis Kruse

In recent years, it has become clear that the needs and demands of America's job market are changing. Now more than ever, employers expect workers to be trained before they begin their new jobs. However, in some fields, prospective employees are not learning the skills expected of them.

Recently, I had the opportunity to present the 2012-2014 platform for the Indiana Institute for Working Families' Skills2Compete Coalition

– a bipartisan group of state leaders focused on combatting the skills gap and lack of credential attainment among our state's adult workforce. In a recent study, the Coalition found there is a growing de-

mand for "middle-skill" jobs, but not enough trained workers to meet this demand.

According to the report, middle-skill jobs currently represent the largest share of occupations in Indiana – approximately 55 percent – and will make up nearly half of projected employment opportunities over the next few years. By 2016, "high-skill" jobs are expected to account for 26 percent of openings, and jobs only requiring a high school diploma will comprise 24 percent of available positions.

However, the Coalition's study discovered that between 1990 and 2005, educational attainment among middle-skill workers increased by just 0.6 percent. This is projected to grow to only 2.1 percent by 2020, far below the growth rate of middle-skill jobs.

This growth in demand has also led to a rapid increase in wages for middle-skill occupations. The Indiana Department of Workforce Development's Hoosier Hot 50 Jobs – a list of high-growth professions – included a number of middle-skill careers, such as dental hygienist, registered nurse and sales representative. These jobs require an associate's degree or less and pay well above the state's median income.

A lack of funding and resources often bar individuals from gaining the job training or education necessary to obtain a middle-skill job. To remedy this, the Coalition proposed the following goals:

- Allow part-time students greater access to state financial aid
- Improve credit transferability between schools and state agencies through a Cross-Agency Credential Measurement system
- Provide more assistance

to students who commute to class by allowing vehicles to be included in Individual Development Accounts – matched savings accounts that help people save toward a lifelong asset.

The Coalition also encouraged expansion of middle-skill job training programs. By accessing these programs in middle school and high school, students can gain essential skills to help them explore career options and more easily transition into full-time jobs, keeping them competitive in a growing pool of global candidates.

Adding more employer-sponsored programs could also improve skills among Indiana's workforce, the Coalition said. It proposed establishing more Lifelong Learning Accounts – employer-matched, portable savings accounts for education and training – and on-the-job training opportunities. Doing so would help reduce the overall costs that accompany gaining new job skills.

The Skills2Compete Coalition's goals are excellent ideas to improve the skill level of our workforce. If we want to keep up with the demands of new businesses and industries, we must focus on ensuring our workers are ready for the jobs ahead of them. In the long-run, these objectives will help Indiana continue to stand out in the global economy as a place where companies can find trained, prepared employees.

What do you think?

## LATTA LEGISLATIVE PROVISION INCLUDED IN PASSED HATCH ACT MODERNIZATION

The U.S. House of Representatives passed S. 2170, the Hatch Act Modernization Act of 2012, a bipartisan bill that includes a provision from legislation introduced by Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) to allow state and local law enforcement officers to run for the office of sheriff without having to quit their current place of employment.

"Local law enforcement officials are highly qualified individuals that have the expertise and practical background to perform duties required by the office of sheriff," said Congressman Latta. "Citizens in communities throughout the nation deserve to elect the best candidate, including deputy sheriffs and other state and local law enforcement officials, as their local sheriff."

Currently, the Hatch Act, which was enacted more than six decades ago, restricts the political activity of individuals principally employed by state, county or municipal executive agencies who have duties connected to federal

funds in whole or in part. Today, there is virtually no local law enforcement agency that does not receive some amount or type of federal funds to enhance its anti-terrorism and emergency response activities.

"Updating the Hatch Act is vital in ensuring more qualified candidates are able to run for the office of sheriff. It is also important that sheriffs are able to participate in the political process once they are elected. I commend Congressman Latta for all his work and efforts to correct this," said Sheriff Mark Wasylshyn, Board of Director of National Sheriff's Association and Treasurer of the Buckeye Sheriff's Association.

"This legislation provides the needed commonsense solution that allows for committed public servants to have the opportunity to run for sheriff without requiring them to leave their current position," Latta concluded.

Latta worked with his colleagues in the House and Senate to ensure language from his legislation, H.R. 498, the State and Local Law Enforcement Hatch Act Reform Act of 2011, permitting state and local law enforcement officers covered under the Hatch Act to be a candidate for sheriff, was included in the Hatch Act Modernization Act. Latta plans to introduce legislation in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress addressing the final two provisions of H.R. 498, clarifying the allowable political activities of a sheriff, and instituting a statute of limitations.

## BAD THOUGHTS

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

I hate the phrase, "Well, if it is God's will, it will happen." A phrase like that would mean that the growth of Islam was God's will. Mormonism, God's will. Constant war, God's will. The shootings in Connecticut, God's will. The list could go on and on. How asinine. Saying that what has happened and what is happening is God's will ignores the Bible, ignores our reality, and is really a device that will cause us to ignore God.

Two weeks ago, Tim Tebow, who was signed by the New York Jets in the off-season, was leapfrogged for the starting quarterback job. He had been waiting behind Mark Sanchez all year to get a start. The coach decided to not start Sanchez, but he also decided to start the third-stringer instead of Tebow. So Tebow is still the backup. Unfortunately for him, he became the backup to the guy who was his backup.

Tebow said, "I don't have regrets. I believe everything happens for a reason, and it's a learning opportunity for me

and there's a lot I've learned, good and bad."

"Everything happens for a reason." That sounds all good and spiritual. It's nice that he has a good attitude, but the bad theology drives me nuts. True, everything happens for a reason, but when that is uttered in spiritual circles it usually implies that everything happens as a result of God. He's the "reason" they are implying. Lots of things happen due to reasons that are terrible. A kid gets killed in a drunk driving accident, not because God wanted that, but because we live in a fallen world and a person decided to be stupid, drink too much, and decide to drive. Kids get shot in a school, not because God wanted that, but, again, because we live in a fallen world and something went terribly wrong in a young man's head. God is not a puppet master, and we are not His puppets. God will use everything for His glory, but that does not mean that everything happens as a result of a God reason. Every day, things happen that are not what God wants to happen. Outside of His will. Outside of His plan.

I want to propose another phrase today. It's not as catchy as "everything happens for a reason" or "if it's God's will, it will happen," but it contains more truth than those two statements. "If God wills it, then we need to join in and make it happen. Or it won't." He is the solution. He has a plan for humanity and each one of our lives. But we, the church and His people, are the delivery method of that solution and are given the privilege to bring his plan into our reality.

We are free will beings. Just like the coach of the Jets could have chosen to start Tebow. Just like a drunk driver could have chosen to call a taxi. Just like the shooter could have chosen to not be a monster. They weren't being micromanaged by God. He's not in the micromanagement business. Well, at least not all of the time. He's in the prompting business.

We need to be careful to never let those words—that "everything happens for a reason" or "if it's God's will, it will happen"—ever exit our mouths or control the way we live. Try not to even think them. Those thoughts disempower. They belittle our importance as free will beings. They cripple our prayer lives. They stifle evangelism.

God doesn't need us to be puppets for Him to be great. He's already great. He's amazing in the way that He is patient and waits for faithful followers to bring about His will. And we don't need to be forced to be faithful. We need grace to be right with God; our own works cannot do

that. But that grace is available to everyone. Each one of us needs to acknowledge that God knows the solution, the best plan for our lives, and He is waiting for us to be faithful. We have the choice to respond to His plan for our lives by surrendering to His will, loving Him, and loving others. God will use everything to bring about His will. But He is patient. If God wills it, then we need to join in and make it happen. Or it won't.

God knows our passions and our desires. He didn't create us to be a puppets, but to listen to Him and be a doer of His will. I once talked with a friend who is a talented artist and involved in church. I asked him, "So have you ever used your art skills for your church?" And he had never thought about it. That broke my heart. Somewhere we strayed off course and designed a church that didn't have room for each individual's creativity, passions, and dreams. Molded into bringing glory to God, of course. Every gift, every blessing, every talent is an opportunity to be used by God. Don't let the thought that you are a puppet prevent you from dreaming and doing what is on your heart from God. You aren't a puppet. You are a loved creation that has been blessed with passions and abilities.

If God wills it, then we need to join in and make it happen. Or it won't. I don't want to live in a family, a community, a church, or a world where His will isn't happening. It starts with us. In the morning, when we rise, do we decide that we are going to live this day to bring about God's plan or are we going to spend investing in a plan that will eventually turn to dust, our plan. The choice is ours.

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**WILL GOD PROVIDE?**

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

Perhaps this Christmas was an especially difficult for someone reading this article, a time of disappointment or pain. Someone might be questioning, "Where is God in our time of need?" Please read on...

In his December newsletter, Pastor Stan Toler tells this story about a memorable Christmas for his family: "I'll never forget 'that' Christmas morning. On Christmas Eve, the Toler family had gone to bed without a meal because there wasn't any food in the house. Dad had taken my brother Terry and me to a place on Broad Street in Columbus, Ohio, where government food and commodities were to be handed out.

Standing in the long line on a blustery day, Dad suddenly took us by the hand and stepped out of line. "Boys, we're not going to do this," he said, looking into our surprised faces. We both knew that without that government food, we would be going to bed without a meal and would be facing a pretty bleak Christmas Day. My dad said

with a firm voice, "God will provide." We followed him back to the car. The words "God will provide..." echoed in our minds. Two hungry boys didn't quite get the theology of all that.

"The next morning, there was a knock at the door. Dad opened it to familiar faces. Some dear folks from our home church were standing on the front porch. In their arms were shopping bags filled with food. "Merry Christmas," they said as they sat the bags on the porch. After the hugs and words of thanks, we picked up their gifts with indescribable joy and headed for the kitchen. As Mom began to put the food away, my brothers and I could see tears of joy welling up in her eyes. Dad had that "I told you so" smile on his face. Terry, Mark and I understood it now. God had provided.

"I pray that the message of the Savior will burn in your heart with renewed strength and resolve. God has provided. You and I faced a lonely and hungry night away from hope, but God delivered a priority package to a manger cave. The Christ who was born to us, and who died for us, now stands alongside us."

For more information about the work of Youth for Christ, you may contact Youth for Christ at 419-782-0656, P.O. Box 111, 210 Clinton Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512, or email to: defycf@embarqmail.com

**THE REFINER'S FIRE; MALACHI 3:1-3**

**By: James Wright, First Church of God, Dupont, OH**

BEHOLD, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

But who will abide the day of His coming? And who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord, an offering in righteousness.

Here we have another beautiful passage concerning Christ as a refiner, purifying His people. It is fun to take the physical applications, and apply the spiritual applications to the meaning of what is being explained in the passage. Fire in the scriptures can mean two things, one, it can mean a destructive agent or it can be used as a cleansing agent as in Luke 3:16-17, "John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose; he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable." If you notice in these two verses, fire is used in two ways, as a cleansing agent, and as a destructive agent.

Let's look at Malachi chapter three, it speaks of Christ coming as a "refiner and a purifier of silver": What does a refiner do? He is one who applies a tremendous amount of heat to the ore he is about to melt, in this case silver is used, when the dirt and dross comes to the surface, he skims off the dross, and when it is all said and done he can look at the finished product and see his reflection in it. You see that is what Jesus came to do with sinful man. The Holy Spirit is that fire that comes and convicts man of sin, and when we surrender to His will He burns up the dross in our life, and when He is finished He can look at us and see His reflection in us, the image of God. When that all takes place, we can offer to the Lord ourselves, God's born again children, the offering of righteousness to the Lord. God cannot see His reflection through the sin and dross, only when it is removed can God see it. Can God see His reflection in you? I would much rather feel the cleansing fire of the Holy Spirit than to feel the fire that is unquenchable.

**WHY ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?**

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

Why are you a Christian? I ask that knowing that everyone who reads this article is not a Christian. For those of you who are reading this who do not claim to follow Jesus, I have this to propose. Christians are much better people when they are actually trying to be Christians. So if you could challenge your Christian friends to be better Christians, the world would be a better place. There is nothing worse than a lackadaisical or lukewarm Christian. Unfortunately, many Christians are lackadaisical and lukewarm in living out their faith. We all struggle with falling in that rut at times.

This happens when we forget why we are Christians.

So back to you, my Christian friends. Why are you a Christian?

Some might argue that there is a right answer to that question. We are Chris-

tians because Jesus died on the cross for our sins, rose from the grave, ascended into heaven, and established His church to bring about God's will here on earth. All true, but that's not enough. Something opened up that core teaching to you.

What made those truths real to you? Was it someone who showed you love when you felt undeserving? Was it a truth that just clicked? Have you just always grown up in a Christian family and have known no other way? Did you have an amazing roadside experience like the Apostle Paul? Whatever the case, one path doesn't make you better than others. What matters is that you're still heading down that path.

It's easy to cling to some rituals and traditions and think that we are a Christian because we participate in them. I go to church. I take the Lord's Supper. I give my tithe. I do this or I do that. The rituals of baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the like, although important, are not what God is after. He is after the changed life that both practices should instill.

In the Old Testament, the Israelite people used to offer up burnt sacrifices. Burnt sacrifices are crazy to us. In sacrificing the best of our flock to the Lord, we would also lose all of the opportunities to breed him. That is a costly sacrifice. Why sacrifice something that would be beneficial?

If we don't have an element in our Christian walk where we give things up to God, even when they don't make sense like a burnt sacrifice, then we are not walking with God. If we don't have an element of stepping out of our comfort zone and doing illogical things for God, then we are not walking with Him like we claim to. We're just walking with a God that we have made in our image. A god of efficiency, practicality, and pragmatism. An American god for a powerless American religion.

Do you realize that the word Christian actually means "slave of Christ?" If you knew that you were to be Jesus' slave, would you still choose to be a Christian? The conversion message is typically watered down. Come forward and get baptized. Raise your hand and say a prayer. How about become a slave to Jesus? Would things in your life change if you took seriously the call to be a slave of Jesus?

Many believe that the label Christian, which was first given to followers of Jesus in Antioch, was given out of derision. They mockingly said, "You're slaves of Jesus!" But the Christians responded, "That's great! Yes, we are slaves of Jesus." Ever since, followers of Jesus have been known as slaves of Jesus. Except we've forgotten that slavery to Jesus is what being a Christian really means. We've lost the meaning of the word. We confuse following Jesus with being a good member of the PTA, helping out in the community, or doing some other good act of service. We mistakenly think Christianity is some moral code or a framework to make us good citizens rather than enslavement to Jesus.

We like to ask the question, "What do I need to give up to follow Jesus?" Instead, with the burnt offering con-

**THE MOST DISGRUNTLED SNOWMAN AT DIVINE MERCY**



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cept in mind, we should ask, "What would it take for me to completely follow Him? What would it look like for me to be His slave?"

What would it look like if I changed my retirement plans into what Jesus would have them be? If instead of living for myself, my family, and the dreams I always had, I invested myself into a radical, crazy, commitment to follow God? What would it mean to my business if I decided to use it to completely follow God? What would it mean to my job, my family, my whole life, if I decided that we were going to be who God wants us to be in every circumstance?

The outward form of obedience to God is merely a sacrifice. The inner form is whole devotion from which outward sacrifice comes naturally. We can have sacrifice without whole devotion, but in doing that, we have ritual with Jesus.

Bob Dylan once wrote a song that said, "You're gonna have to serve somebody. Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord, but you're gonna have to serve somebody."

I think we forget that we have to serve somebody long after the routine of being a Christian sets in. Time begins to fog up the reason we went down this path to begin with. We forget the difference we chose to live for. We become complacent, beaten up, and disillusioned. We forget the dreams that God laid on our hearts. The hopes of restoration and blessings. In the midst of keeping the rituals, we miss out on God's plan in our life.

God has called each of us to something greater than just being routine Christians. He's called us to be His slaves. Slaves who will join in our bringing his kingdom on to this earth as it is in heaven.

When was the last time you did something for God that didn't make sense? When

did you last follow Him?

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**WOODBURN DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS**

The winners of the Woodburn Decorating Contest were: 1st place - Dean and Cheryl Gerig; 2nd place - Garth and Aimee Fiedler; 3rd place - Jeff and Jayne Gerig.

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Guess who will celebrate her "Big 50" on December 24th? Her initials are MABU. She has two sisters and one brother. They all went to Woodlan High School. She married a local guy and stayed in the Woodburn area. As a "YOUNG WOMAN" she had three children...one boy and two girls. As an "OLD WOMAN" she is blessed with two grand-daughters. In spite of her great guitar playing, she has never been recognized as Woodburn's Dolly Parton. But, when it is all said and done, she will always be her Mom and Dad's "little girl", her sisters' "baby sister", and her big brother's "little sister to look after."  
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# OAKWOOD'S SURFIN' SANTA



The fourth and fifth graders from Oakwood Elementary put on an enjoyable Christmas play for their families and the community on Tuesday evening, December 18<sup>th</sup>. The play was titled *Surfin' Santa*. Santa

was played by Riley Noffsinger and Mrs. Claus was played by Sadie Estle. The program was under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Wehrkamp.

# NEW TRICYCLES FOR WTGH PRESCHOOLERS



What a wonderful Christmas for the children in Mrs. Backus' preschool class at Wayne Trace Grover Hill. Latty Apostolic Christian Church donated four beautiful red tricycles for the children's riding pleasures.

# NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

**By: Beth Stauffer**  
According to *USA Today*, some of the most popular New Year's resolutions for 2013 are as follows:  
• Drink less alcohol  
• Eat more healthy food  
• Get a better education/  
• Get fit  
• Lose weight  
• Manage debt/stress  
• Quit smoking  
• Reduce, Reuse, Recycle  
• Take a trip  
• Volunteer to help others  
Do any of these resolutions look familiar to you? I know I am personally familiar with several of them.  
Okay, let me be totally honest with you here. As I was reading this list and came across the resolution to "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle",

I thought to myself, "Really? What kind of person would make THAT their New Year's Resolution?"  
Then, I remembered: I did, in 2007. It was actually the only New Year's Resolution I've ever kept in my entire life.  
Not a very good track record if you consider I've probably been making New Year's Resolutions for at least 20 years (maybe longer!)  
I started to feel bad about being a failure for a little while, then I decided to do what I normally do when something is bothering me: I Google it. I'm sort of glad I did, because I found out that according to Wikipedia, 88% of all New Year's Resolutions fail.  
What this means is that on 12/20/12 the odds in Las Vegas for the world ending on

12/21/12 were higher than the chances of your New Year's Resolution being a success.  
With such a high failure rate, I can't help but wonder... who was the genius that started the whole New Year's resolution trend? And, what can I do to help ensure my resolutions won't fall by the wayside before Valentine's Day?  
The first historical record of how a New Year was welcomed dates back to 2000 BC when the Babylonians would hold semi-annual festivals near the spring and autumnal equinoxes. During the festivals, the Babylonians would pay off their debts in order to start the New Year with a clean slate.  
This practice remained until the days of Roman reign, when the Romans would offer up resolutions of good conduct to the god of beginning and endings, Janus. When the Roman calendar was created, the first month of the year was named 'January' in honor of him, making it the official beginning of every New Year.  
In Medieval times, the knights of old would take what was called a "Peacock Vow" at the end of the Christmas season to reaffirm their commitment to chivalry. (Little wonder knights from medieval days still have the power to make ladies swoon even today!)  
In 1740, John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church, founded Watchnight services as an alternative to the drunken revelry and fun times that New Year's traditionally brings about. During these services, which are sometimes held even in the modern era, Christians have time to confess their wrongdoings in the past year, as well as pray and make resolutions to do better in the coming year.  
Here in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we no longer make vows to re-affirm our commitment to chivalry (although I'm not entirely certain that's such a bad idea). Most of us can't pay off our debts in full to start the year off with a clean, debt-free slate (hello, home mortgage). Almost all of our resolutions fall into the previously mentioned USA Today Top Ten of New Year's resolutions.  
With the beginning of each New Year, we now seek primarily to break with the ingrained patterns of negative habits in our lives. I'm probably not the only who would agree that as a collective society, we have a lot of bad habits worthy of being broken.

As you set about the task of making your New Year's resolution, probably the most important thing to remember is that it is widely accepted by psychologists and other experts that it takes 28 days to change a habit. While that certainly sounds easy enough, we all know if it was really that easy the New Year's resolution failure rate wouldn't be at 88%. If you want to beef up your odds of success, experts say that you should write down your resolutions and keep them in a place where you will see them, share your resolutions with others, and be sure to track your progress.  
Now, if you'd like some non-expert advice from someone who has actually succeeded at keeping one New Year's resolution for over 6 years (go me!), here it is: pick something easy, and pick something extrinsic that motivates you.  
I would also recommend picking more than one resolution, that way you have a 50/50 chance at success.  
That's why my two New Year's resolutions are to walk the dogs more often and get Alex to eat more vegetables.  
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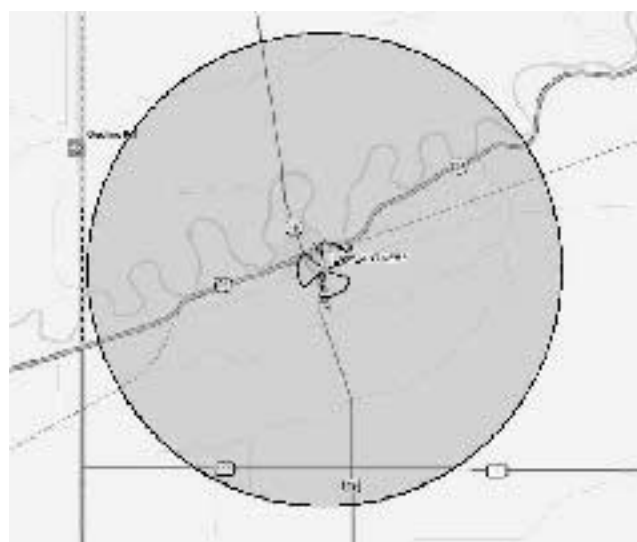
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Cooperative CEO, George Carter, commented that "Economic Participation of the Membership is a key cooperative principle and this is an example of how it works. The Cooperative operates as a non-profit corporation; any funds collected in excess of actual costs are returned to the membership."  
Because the members own the cooperative, the goal of the organization is not to maximize profitability but to cover only its costs. As a not-for-profit corporation Paulding-Putnam returns any revenues that exceed actual expenses. This return is called a Capital Credit.  
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Joel Fields of Cellular Central in Paulding, stated, "The small town of Antwerp

is now part of America's largest and most reliable network! That's something to be very happy about."  
If you have one of the last generation of smart phones, the tower is also backwards compatible with the slower EVDO or 3G speeds.  
AT&T (previously Centennial) and Sprint were the only options available for the area, and now Verizon has been added to the list. For more information contact Joel at 419-399-2377 or stop in and talk to him at Cellular Central, 837 N. Williams St., Paulding.

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**OLD DAN & I CHAPTER 19: STILL AT THE SPAGHETTI AIRBASE IN ROME**

By: Stan Jordan

Well, we are still here in Rome, Italy. The weather up north has turned sour and our airbase at Aachen has been socked in for days, with sleet, freezing rain, and high winds.

Gen. Norm has given the boys all the time they want to sight see old Rome. I guess this is Sunday night November 26, just before Thanksgiving 1944.

Lt. Meyers and Hornish each brought back big pizzas from town. We all met in the officers' lounge of the mess hall. Gen. Norm asked for a couple pots of coffee.

The Mess Sgt. here at the big airbase is the Master Sgt. I imagine he will be glad when our outfit is gone. Nobody here knows anything about us, and they look down on all of us but the Gen.

We gabbed a lot at the officers' lounge for a while and Gen. Norm said, "Lt. Meyers why don't you tell us about yourself? You certainly are a help to us but we don't know much about you."

"Fellows, I was born in Belly Button Arkansa, in 1920. The folks had two boys and a girl.

"Dad and Uncle Hi owned a saw mill and 160 acres that they had inherited from Grandma and Grandpa Meyers.

"I am a twin. We were named Joe and John Meyers. We were a poor family but we had everything we needed.

"Dad and Uncle Hi did all the farming except for about three acres on the other side of the ditch.

"Dad let John and I plant that into a truck garden patch and we sold the produce to the customers up by the highway. But we had to give one half of everything to Mom.

"In the late 1930's they had just paved SR 46 and we built a road side stand and we did quite well. John used this money and bought a 1930 Model A. I took my money and went to Arkadelphia Air-

port and took flying lessons. I had my flying licenses before I enlisted in the air force.

"Brother John went to O.C.S. at Fort Benning, Georgia in the artillery.

"I enlisted in late 1940. I spent most of my training in McDill Air Force Base in Florida. I liked it there.

"I came over to the ETO in a P-38 outfit. I really liked that ship but it was cold all the time. As soon as they got the P-51's perfected, I transferred over to the 589<sup>th</sup> fighter wing. I loved this plane.

"I have always tried to be a good pilot and a good soldier. I have eleven kills. I am really glad that I got picked to fly with you boys and Gen. Gugenheim.

Belly Button? Yes it's about all there is half way between anything. Lt. Joe said, "Fellows I love to fly. I will fly anything just to stay up in the sky. That fellow who wrote about the Wild Blue Yonder, had me in mind.

"After we whip the Germans and the war is over, I want to fly for one of those big airlines back in the States.

"I will have to go somewhere and learn to fly multiple engines."

Gen. Norm spoke up and said, "Fellows I have information that soon all engines will soon be diesel and of the jet variety. A German named Adolf Diesel has garnered all the patents on the diesel engine. For instance that new German plane ME262 has two jet engines and will fly over 550 mph.

"I think within five years, after the wars, in all the airline planes will have two, three, or four big jet engines."

Lt. Meyers said, "I don't care who I fly for, I just want to fly. I love being up there in the Azure Blue."

See ya!

**NORTH/SOUTH ROADS IN CARYALL TOWNSHIP SOUTH OF THE RIVER**

By: Stan Jordan

1. The first road east from the Indiana line is C-11. I couldn't find a name for that road.

2. The next road to the east is TWP-21.

3. The next road is the Shaffer Road, T-33.

4. The next short road is 43. It was called the Barker Road.

5. The next road to the east is T-51 or called the Murphy Road.

6. The next road is T-61. I couldn't find a name for it.

7. This is road 71. I couldn't find a name for it.

8. The next road is only a mile and a half long and is road 77.

9. The next road is number 83 and on the old map's it is called the Wunder Road.

10. This road is C-87 and referred to as the Briceton Road, and the old name for this road was Hazelet Road.

I hope you can understand this. I'm not to sure about some of the printing because it is so old.

See ya!

**SAM RIVERS INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 46: LOUP RIVER TRIBE**

By: Stan Jordan

The Loup River Tribe's Chief is Broken Lance and his shaman is named Pale Moon.

Gen. Kearney said, "If there are any blankets at the fort, we will get them for you. If not I will try to get them for next year when we come you plow your garden area next April."

Farmer and their garden-er, Bubble Bee, had been discussing next year's planting for some time and these two fellows became fast friends.

A lot of plans were made for next spring and after a couple of hours the Loup River Tribe mounted up and rode back to there village.

We sat and talked and Billy looked the area over and remarked about the fine job the post engineers had done here at the Calamus Village.

Rooster made some coffee and soup along with some biscuits and we ate, bundled up and watched the fire burn and crackle.

We are back at the agency now, it was a long trip and we turned in early.

We all rested today. We sat around the fire in the warm sunshine. Gen. Kearney said, "We will start back to the fort early in the morning."

Well, all the boys are gone now and it is Callie, Yellow Tulip, the twins, and I. We had a small Thanksgiving dinner right here at the agency.

We didn't do much for Christmas or New Years. We did have a lot of snow and wind, but we stayed inside where it was nice and warm.

It is now the middle of March 1857. We are going to mound up in the morning and journey over to Fort Kearney.

Rooster was here the other day to check on us. He told us that Billy Metzger had been assigned to Fort Kearney as the post Veterinarian. As the old fellow had retired.

When Rooster was here the other day he said that Gen. Kearney would like to have another carry-in dinner in celebration April 1, like we did last year. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

So Callie, Yellow Tulip, the twins, and I left the agency on Wednesday and arrived there at the fort Thursday evening March 29, 1858.

The boys are older now and Ned talks all the time, Ted is pretty quiet most of the time. Everyone was glad to see us and the twins. There are a couple other children here and they play together all the time.

Well, what a day we had. Lt. Billy Metzger held a seminar on Horses Hooves and the Do's and Don't on your animal. Rooster did a lot of

tricks in callisthenics and running. A number of the soldiers did some trick riding.

One corporal CPL had his squad do some fancy drills and rifle routine. You could tell those boys where proud of their squad.

Some fellows showed off there ability on a horse and mounting also. This lasted up to supper time and we all ate and sat around until dark.

See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

The mother and daughter were walking down the street on a beautiful warm morning. The daughter had just returned from the Olympics where she had won a gold medal in Gymnastics.

The local Priest met them and they had a nice visit about the young lady's ability and what she had done to win her gold medal.

So she leapt up into the air and did a couple of somersaults to the rear and then forward. Then she did some cartwheels and went both directions on the sidewalk and then finished up with a flourish right in front of the good Father.

The Priest said, "Oh my goodness! That is great. Who was your teacher and coach?"

The mother said, "Well I was."

And she went ahead and did every exercise her daughter had done and came back to the group and talked a little.

Across the street was two older ladies from the parish, they could see everything that went on but they couldn't hear any of the conversation. One lady exclaimed to the other, "Oh my goodness! Look what the good Father is giving out for penance today!"

See ya!

**MONTHLY SENIOR BREAKFAST AT GARDENS OF PAULDING**

The monthly senior breakfast at Gardens of Paulding will take place this next Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. Any seniors are invited free of charge.

**FLEXIBLE CASH RENT FOR YOUR FARM**

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

Fluctuating markets and uncertain yields make it difficult to arrive at a fair cash rental rate in advance of each crop year. To address this problem, some landowners and tenants use flexible lease agreements in which the final rental rate is not determined until after the crop is harvested. The final rental rate is based on actual prices and/or yields attained each year. A recent survey showed that flexible leases accounted for nearly 12 percent of all cash leases in Iowa.

Flexible leases have the following advantages: 1) The actual rent paid adjusts automatically as yields or prices



Stan Jordan, writer for the West Bend News, is visited by Santa Claus (Jim Munger) at the Senior Center in Paulding, Ohio on Monday, December 24. Stan loves Christmas because of all the family he gets to see.

fluctuate, 2) Risks are shared between the owner and the tenant, as are profit opportunities, and 3) Landowners are paid in cash - they do not have to be involved in the decisions about crop inputs or grain marketing.

The North Central Farm Management Extension Committee has recently updated three lease bulletins that have been widely used by farm landowners and farm operators to evaluate lease arrangements. This article highlights the bulletin, "Fixed and Flexible Cash Rental Arrangements for Your Farm" (NCFMEC-01).

The purpose of this newly revised publication is to help grain farmers and landowners develop a fair and equitable cash rental agreement and assist them in making sound decisions based on a reasonable evaluation of resources. The first section of this bulletin (Part I) addresses whether a fixed cash-rent lease arrangement should be used. Part II discusses how to develop an equitable fixed cash rental rate. Part III outlines methods for developing a flexible cash rental lease and their advantages and disadvantages. Part IV discusses the importance of putting the agreement in writing. A sample lease form is also included.

This newly revised North Central Region bulletin titled "Fixed and Flexible Cash Rental Arrangements for Your Farm" is available at the "AgLease101" website under the "Document Library" tab at: <http://www.aglease101.org/>

**SECRETARY OF STATE HUSTED ANNOUNCES DECEMBER BUSINESS PROFILES**

Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that as part of an ongoing effort to recognize the impact of Ohio businesses, December's Ohio Business Profile will highlight businesses across the state that contribute to Ohio's economy and fall under the "Winter Wonderland" theme.

"This month we have a wide variety of businesses that impact Ohio's economy,"

Secretary Husted said. "As we prepare for winter, let's not forget about all of the fun activities there are to participate in during this festive season across our great state."

Companies profiled this month include:

- Mad River Mountain - Zanesfield, Ohio - Ohio's largest ski resort and home of the Midwest's number one terrain park.

- Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra - New Concord, Ohio - A semi-professional community orchestra that operates in partnership with Muskingum University.

- Ma and Pa's Horse Drawn Sleigh and Carriage Rides - Burton, Ohio - Providing winter adventure horse drawn sleigh rides and other seasonal fun since 2000.

- EnterTRAINment Junction - West Chester, Ohio - Known for the world's largest indoor train display along with an A-Maze-N Funhouse.

- Pine Tree Barn and Farms - Wooster, Ohio - Some of their top sellers include furniture, Christmas decorations and we cannot forget their Christmas trees.

- OhioHealth Chiller Ice Rinks - Dublin, Ohio - The coolest place for family fun with ice hockey leagues, ice skating lessons, and public ice skating.

Launched in June 2011, Ohio Business Profile has helped raise awareness about companies registered and doing business in Ohio that are creating interesting products, offering outstanding service, contributing to their local communities and employing Ohioans in the process. Each month, a handful of diverse businesses linked together by a common theme are featured on the Secretary of State's website at [OhioBusinessProfile.com](http://OhioBusinessProfile.com), where Ohioans are encouraged to go to submit companies they feel are deserving of recognition in future months.

Secretary Husted's office also releases a monthly report of new business filings in Ohio. Recent data has shown that the number of newly-registered businesses in Ohio is up for the year as compared to the same timeframe last year.

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**WAYNE TRACE HS FALL SPORTS AWARDS**



Cross Country – Staci Wenninger, GMC Academic Winner, Coaches Award; Madi Poling, MVP, GMC Honorable Mention; Rebecca Hamrick, Most Improved; Natalie Sinn, GMC Academic Winner; Logan Fast, Most Improved; Arlen Stoller, MVP, 1<sup>st</sup> Team GMC; Jonny Krouse, Coaches Award; Andre



caption 2: Cheerleading – Shannon Borroff, Coach's Award; Brittany Jenkins, MVP; Jessica Offerle, Most Improved Varsity.

**ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING NOTES 12/20/12**

The Antwerp Local School District Board of Education held their regular monthly Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 20, 2012, at the Antwerp Local School Board Room. Board President Mr. Mark Ryan

welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting.  
Middle/High School Principal Mike Bute's Report:  
a. Common Planning Time – Thanks Middle School Staff for their time  
b. End of First Semester  
c. Choir Concert – Congratulated Mrs. Smith and Students for an outstanding performance

d. Band Concert – December 20<sup>th</sup>  
e. Athletics and Winter Tournaments – Girls Route 49 Tournaments hosted at Antwerp  
f. Archery Club at the Manor House  
Elementary Principal Travis Lichty's Report:  
a. Spelling Bee – 12/17/12 at 1:15 – Congratulations to Derek Reeb 8th Grader and Thanked the Custodial Staff for their help  
b. Third Grade OAA results – 85%  
c. Waiver/Inservice Day 1/22/13  
Superintendent Pat Ross's Report:  
a. Transition Update  
b. Race to the Top Update  
c. January Organizational Meeting  
d. Cathy Barnett – Technology Coordinator gave a Technology Update

Treasurer Kristine Stuart reviewed the current financial reports and monthly expenditures with the Board. The Treasurer also updated the board on the process of the online payment system. Antwerp Local School District is offering parents/guardians a new secure & convenient way to pay for school lunches and school fees with a debit/credit card. The new service is through SPS EZPay. In addition to paying fees, the parent/guardian can also check their child's account balance. The district hopes to have this service up and running by the first of February.

In the business portion of the meeting, the Board approved the following items:  
• Approved an Advance draw on Real Estate Taxes from the County Auditor.  
• Set the Organizational Meeting for Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 5:00p.m. with the regular January Meeting to follow, and appoint Mark Ryan as President Pro-Tem for the Organizational Meeting.

• Approved Cord Ehrhart as head Track Coach for the 2012-2013 school year.  
• Approved Garry Rodenberger as head Softball Coach for the 2012-2013 school year.  
The Board meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. with no additional Board action. The 2013 Organizational Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 starting at 5:00 p.m. with the regular meeting to follow in the Board of Education room.

**ACAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT DRAW**

**Tuesday, January 8** – Boys' game at 6:00 p.m.; Girls' game at 7:30 p.m. – Adams Central at Woodlan; South Adams at Leo; Bluffton at Heritage; Southern Wells at Garrett

**Wednesday, January 9** – Boys' Semi-finals; 6:00 p.m. – Adams Central/Woodlan winner vs South Adams/Leo winner; 7:30 p.m. – Bluffton/Heritage winner vs Southern Wells/Garrett winner

**Thursday, January 10** – Girls' Semi-finals; 6:00 p.m. – Adams Central/Woodlan winner vs South Adams/Leo winner; 7:30 p.m. – Bluffton/Heritage winner vs Southern Wells/Garrett winner

**Saturday, January 12** – 10:00 a.m. Boys' Championship; 12:00 p.m. Girls' Championship



Football – Front: Brock Worden, Junior Mr. Fitness, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team GMC Offensive Tackle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team GMC Defensive End; Cade Harvey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team GMC Wide Receiver; Caleb Mead, Coaches Award; Ryan Kortokrax, Senior Mr. Fitness, Heavyweight Mr. Fitness, 1<sup>st</sup> Team GMC Offensive Guard, 1<sup>st</sup> Team GMC Defensive Tackle, 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-State Offensive Line; Devin Wenzlick, 1<sup>st</sup> Team GMC Offensive Tackle, 1<sup>st</sup> Team GMC Defensive End; Jake Gerber, GMC Honorable Mention Defensive Back. Back Row: Jake Arend, Overall Mr. Fitness, GMC Honorable Mention Receiver; Aaron Stoller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team GMC Center. TJ Blackmore, Varsity MVP, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team GMC Offensive Guard; Korbin Showalter, 1<sup>st</sup> Team GMC Wide Receiver, 1<sup>st</sup> Team GMC Defensive Back, 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-State Offensive End; Colby Speice, Offensive MVP, 1<sup>st</sup> Team GMC Quarterback, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team GMC Linebacker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-State Quarter Back; Tyler Showalter, Defensive MVP, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team GMC Linebacker; Justin Speice, JV Most Improved; Connor Arend, Freshmen Mr. Fitness; Jared Sherry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team GMC Running Back; Jacob Dingus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team GMC Defensive Back.

**MARINES DOWN WARRIORS**

By: Jeff Abbott  
Hamilton only had 4 players score, but all 4 hit double figures and the Marines downed the Woodlan Warriors 75-71 in boys' basketball. The loss was the second in a row for Woodlan after the Warriors had their 5 game win streak ended on Saturday. The Marines led 13-8 after the first quarter and hung on the rest of the way for the win. Jaylin Bennett had 22 points for Woodlan and Shawn McGettigan added 20 for the Warriors.

Score by the quarter:  
Woodlan – 8 17 17 29=71  
Hamilton – 13 16 20 26=75  
Scorers of the game:  
Woodlan – Bennett 22, McGettigan 20, Gerig 9, Williams 8, Mendenhall 4, White 4, Lortie 2, Stieglitz 2  
Hamilton – Rote 23, Stephens 21, Kelley 17, Converset 14

**OHIO'S BECOMING AN OUTDOORS-WOMAN PROGRAM OFFERS PHEASANT HUNTING WORKSHOP**

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Division of Wildlife, in cooperation with Ohio Outdoors-Woman Inc. and Cherrybend Pheasant Farm, is hosting a one-day pheasant hunting workshop on March 16, 2013.

A random drawing will be held to select 20 participants. Registrations must be received by January 10, 2013, and the random drawing is January 11, 2013. The program will be held at Cherrybend Pheasant Farm, located at 2326 Cherrybend Road, Wilmington, OH 45177.

Registrations are available at wildohio.com by clicking on the Becoming an Outdoors-Woman tab. Registrations can be submitted via email to aquatic.education@dnr.state.oh.us or mailed to:

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman, 2045 Morse Road, Building G-1, Columbus, Ohio 43229-6693.

The program includes classroom instruction, guide fees, firearms, ammunition, clay targets and lunch. All participants must provide proof of completion of a hunter education course and possess a valid Ohio hunting license.



Boys Golf – Front: Andrew Moore, Varsity Most Improved, GMC All-Academic; Grady Gudakunst, MVP, GMC 1<sup>st</sup> team, GMC All-Academic. Back: Corbin Linder, MVP, GMC 1<sup>st</sup> team; Derek Langmeyer, Coach Award, GMC 1<sup>st</sup> team. Not pictured: Zach Mansfield – 2<sup>nd</sup> team GMC.



Girls Golf – Michala Elliott, Honorable Mention GMC; Karla Mosier, Most Improved, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team GMC. Back: Emilie Linder, MVP, First Team GMC; Paige Rahrig, Coaches Award, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team GMC.



Volleyball – Seated: Sylvia Young, Honorable Mention All-County; Tanya Sinn, GMC Honorable Mention, Dist. 7 Honorable Mention; Estie Sinn, Most Improved Freshman; Brenda Feasby, Most Improved Varsity. Back Row: Lauren Speice, Honorable Mention All-Co; Krystal Wannemacher, MVP, GMC 1<sup>st</sup> Team, Dist. 7 2<sup>nd</sup> Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Co.; Mackenzie Swary, Most Improved JV; Madison McClure, Coaches Award.

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**PHS WRESTLERS WIN AGAINST AYERSVILLE**



Kage Seals working on his pin. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

Paulding hosted their only home wrestling meet Monday, December 17. Paulding took on Ayersville and Columbus Grove at home in Wrestling. The boys did great, but lost the first meet against Columbus Grove. The end result was all teams heading home 1-1. Grove defeated Paulding, Ayersville defeated Grove and Paulding defeated Ayersville.

**Columbus Grove 44, Paulding 32:**

- 106 - Keysor (CG) pinned Seals (P)
- 113 - Salinas (P) win by void
- 120 - Minck (P) win by void
- 126 - Seifker (CG) win by void
- 132 - Schroeder (CG) win by void
- 138 - Wesley (P) win by Dec 12-0 over Stechs (CG)
- 145 - Mock (P) Pinned Schroeder (CG)
- 152 - Smith (CG) pinned

**Grubb (P)**

- 160 - Gladwell (CG) Tech falled Jarrell (P) 17-2
  - 170 - Benroth (CG) pinned Deatrick (P)
  - 182 - Johnson (CG) win by Dec over Valdez (P) 3-1 OT
  - 195 - Schindler (P) won by Maj Dec over Selhorst (CG) 19-10
  - 220 - Ash (P) pinned Wiswasser (CG)
  - 285 - Shaffer (CG) pinned Manz (P)
- Ayersville 54, Columbus Grove 29:**
- 106 - Keysor (CG) pinned Howard (AY)
  - 113 - Grennay (AY) win by void
  - 120 - Behringer (AY) win by void
  - 126 - Alvarado (AY) pinned Siefker (CG)
  - 132 - Shreve (AY) pinned Schroeder (CG)
  - 138 - Stehschute (CG) tech falled Z. Fackler (AY)
  - 145 - Ogle (CG) pinned E Fackler (AY)
  - 152 - Clark (AY) pinned

**Smith (CG)**

- 160 - Gladwell (CG) pinned Fry (AY)
- 170 - Benrothe (CG) pinned Olivarez (AY)
- 182 - Akney (AY) pinned Johnson (CG)
- 195 - Bergeron (AY) pinned Selhorst (CG)
- 220 - Fry (AY) pinned Wiswasser (CG)
- 285 - Freis (AY) pinned Shaffer (CG)

Paulding wrestled Ayersville after the Pilots took on the Bulldogs. Paulding worked hard and surprised the heck out of the Defiance County team after pulling a 41-39 victory. Initial results show Seals, Minck, Wesley, Mock Jarrell and Ash all had pins for the Panthers and Deatrick won by decision.

**Paulding 41, Ayersville 39:**

- 106 - Seals (P) Pinned Howard (AY)
- 113 - Minck (P) pinned Grennay (AY)
- 120 - Kelly (AY) wins by void
- 126 - Alvarado wins by void
- 132 - Shreve wins by void
- 138 - Wesley (P) pinned Fackler (AY)
- 145 - Mock (P) pinned E Fackler (AY)
- 152 - Clark (AY) pinned Grubb (P)
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**WT WRESTLING 5<sup>th</sup> AT LCC HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT**

The Wayne Trace wrestling team traveled to Lima Central Catholic on December 29<sup>th</sup> to compete in a 16 team tournament. Battling more than just tough competition, many on the team would not be in top form from battling illness. Aaron Miller, currently ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in the state and a big point scorer, would not even make the trip with the team.

Wayne Trace wrestled hard all day and remained towards the top of the team rankings. When the final team scores were tallied, the Raiders would be in 5<sup>th</sup> (188.5), Paulding 4<sup>th</sup> (189), Carey 3<sup>rd</sup> (195), Coldwater 2<sup>nd</sup> (221), and Cuyahoga Heights (239) would be team champs. "I don't make excuses, but it is clear the team was not at full strength today. Not having Aaron and our 220 pounder really left some points out there that we normally earn," commented Coach Clemens.

Individually, the red, white, and blue would place ten wrestlers. Tim West would earn the team some points, but would finish just off the podium in ninth place. Matt Baxter, Jacob Dingus, Josh Reel, and Justin Pierce would all finish in 7<sup>th</sup> place. Zaine Cotterman would be the lone Raider in sixth place. Dustin Taylor and Daron Showalter would each garner a fifth place on the day.

Three Wayne Trace wrestlers would find themselves in the finals. Of these three, only Tyler Showalter would fall short of being crowned champion. He would face an opponent from Northeastern touting a 20-1 record. Both wrestlers would trade points in the match until Showalter fell by pin. He would be the only runner up for the day.

Undefeated wrestler, George Clemens, would dominate in the early rounds. His stiffest competition coming from a Coldwater wrestler that he would hang a major decision on with a score of 15-2. He would find himself in the finals, an underdog, to a Cuyahoga Heights wrestler. In a highly competitive match that the lead was swapped six times it would all come down to who would score last. Clemens stunned the crowd when it was him: score 9-8. With that win, George pushes his record to 21-0 and bumped himself up to being ranked tenth in the state at 106.

Being crowned champion at 160, Sawyer Temple would quietly handle all of his opponents. Wrestling three opponents in the early rounds, Sawyer would methodically go about his business. He would pin all of his opponents in the early rounds. In his championship match, he would face a solid wrestler from Tinora. He would be in control of this match, when the Tinora wrestler would sustain an injury that kept him from finishing the match. Sawyer would push his record to 20-1 and is currently ranked tenth in the state.

"We had some huge wins today. Anytime you can knock off a number one seed, or a wrestler seeded above you, that's a big win. Sawyer looked dominate today, and George really matured in that finals match. Many of the kids are looking better, getting better. We have a break to hopefully get healthy and improve on some things," stated Coach Clemens.

**WOODLAN GIRLS WIN AT ANTWERP**



The Lady Archers hosted Woodlan Saturday, December 29 in a difficult game of basketball. The Warriors outscored Antwerp in the first half 27-16. The third quarter Antwerp scored 13 to Woodlan's 9. The fourth quarter was only one point difference with the second half going to Antwerp ladies scoring more, but the win went to Woodlan from the first half lead, 51-43. Shown above is Antwerp's Kaiya Jemison attempting a shot with Woodlan's Jaryn Malfait knocking the ball away. See more pictures or the highlights in the video at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)



The young Panthers took the early lead in the first half on the cold blustery December 21 game. By the mid-to-late second quarter Paulding was ahead 22-12 and by the half the Pirates had rebounded the score 22-17.

The short lived comeback wasn't enough for Bluffton to leave with the win. Paulding came on strong in third, finishing that period with an eight point lead. The fourth quarter, gaining another basket for the 10 point lead and finished the game 46-36. Coach Brewer lead a strong full court defense that proved quite effective for this game. Shown above is Lance Foor scoring for Paulding basketball. More pictures & video at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)



Garrett goes to New Haven: The Lady Railroaders took the rails to New Haven Friday, December 28. The Lady Bulldogs had a good game until the end of the 2nd half when Garrett pulled ahead and the ladies couldn't stop the trend. The win went to Garrett with a 50-23 score. Shown above is Ja'Nyia Grundy attempting a shot in the 4th quarter. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

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**PC TIGERS WIN BIG!**



On December 10, 2012 the PC Tigers played against Van Wert Cougars. The game went

gundy Price had 21 points for the Warriors and Brooke Gerbers had 20.

Score by the quarter:  
Heritage - 18 15 18 15 4=70  
Woodlan - 21 17 10 18 12=78  
Scorers of the game:  
Heritage - Bradtmueller 18, Knapke 17, Beckman 13, Saalfrank 10, McGraw 8, Biberstine 4  
Woodlan - Price 21, Gerbers 20, Hostetler 12, Malfait 11, Ehle 10, Williams 4

**LADY SAINTS PULL WIN OVER WARRIORS IN FINAL MINUTES**

By: Jeff Abbott

After overcoming a first quarter deficit, Woodlan led Bishop Dwenger through the second and third periods, but couldn't put the Lady Saints away and Dwenger came back in the final 8 minutes to take a 53-47 win over Woodlan in girls basketball. Ally Christman had 2 early three-point field goals to help the Lady Saints take the lead 11-7 in the first quarter. Dwenger went on 4-0 run to start the second period and build their lead to 15-7. The Woodlan defense picked up pressure on the Saints and the offense responded to come back to tie the game at 20-20 midway through the quarter. With momentum, Woodlan built their lead to 29-22 at the half. Christman scored Christman had 7 third quarter points to help the Lady Saints trim the deficit to just 1 point at 38-37 at the end of the third period. Bishop Dwenger regained the lead at the midway point of the final period and then Christman helped seal the game for the Saints by hitting 8 free throws down the stretch. Christman finished with 19 points for Bishop Dwenger. Lauren Ehle and Haley Hostetler each had 12 points for Woodlan.

Score by the quarter:  
Dwenger - 11 11 15 16=53  
Woodlan - 7 22 9 9=47  
Scorers of the game:  
Dwenger - Christman 21, Gibson 11, Fisher 9, Adgalanis 4, Mueller 2, Maxwell 2, Henline 2, Jenkins 2  
Woodlan - Ehle 12, Hostetler 12, Gerbers 9, Malfait 6, Price 6, Williams 2

**LADY WARRIORS DOMINATE TIGERS**

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan dominated Bluffton from the start and rolled past the Lady Tigers 58-36 in girls' ACAC basketball. The Warriors had a 16-4 advantage at the end of the first quarter and led 32-12 by halftime. Four players hit double figures for Woodlan with Haley Hostetler getting 17 points.

**WOODLAN FALLS TO JETS IN ACAC BASKETBALL**

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan came up a little short in their bid to extend their winning streak to 56

games, falling to the Adams Central Jets in boys' ACAC basketball, but it wasn't for lack of effort. The Warriors took the Jets to double-overtime in the hanger at Monroe. Woodlan was unable to ground Dalton Combs of Adams Central as the senior hit for 45 points on the night to lead the Jets and all players in scoring. Woodlan had a 3 point lead late in the fourth period, but Combs hit a three-pointer as time ran out to force the first overtime. Shawn McGettigan was one of four Woodlan players to get double figures in the scoring department, getting 19 in the game.

Score by the quarter:  
Woodlan - 16 20 12 12 9 9=78  
Adams Central - 18 16 13 13 9 16=85  
Scorers of the game:  
Woodlan - McGettigan 19, Evans 17, White 15, Bennett 11, Gerig 6, Mendenhall 4, Williams 2, Burden 2, Stieglitz 2  
Adams Central - Combs 45, Luginbill 16, Byerly 10, Baumer 8, Harris 4, Black 2

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**ROUTE 49 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**



Friday, December 28 Antwerp held the first round of boys Route 49 tournament. Hicksville won the first match against Edon 45-35. The second game was Antwerp vs Edgerton. The first quarter ended with the Bulldogs ahead by one point. By the end of the 2nd quarter Edgerton was only slightly ahead but the second half proved to be too much for the Archers, falling to Edgerton by 11 points. Final score 50-39. Shown above is senior Braeden Hormann scoring for the Archers. More pictures at www.archerpics.com



Wayne Trace takes on Woodlan at home Friday, December 28. The Raiders JV won against the Warriors with a 60-27 point lead. The Varsity game was close the entire first half with a 14-12 score at the end of the first quarter. The second half the Raiders slowly raised the difference against the Warriors and finished with a 64-48 victory. Shown above is Dalton Sinn of Wayne Trace dunking the ball. More pictures and video at www.westbendnews.net

Woodlan: White 8, Mcgettigan 8, Gerig 8, Williams 2, Burden 3, mendenhall 2, Stieglitz 5, Bennett 9, Gustin 3; Wayne Trace: Gudakunst 12, Spiece 11, Arend 2, Linder 14, Sinn 8, Wenzlick 2, Kortokrax 15  
Woodlan 12 8 14 14 48; Wayne Trace 14 18 13 19 64

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**WARRIORS TAKE OUT PATRIOTS IN OT**

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan led by as many as 7 points in the first half and Heritage came back in the second half to send the girls' ACAC basketball game to overtime with the Warriors going on an 8-0 run to open the extra period and get the win 78-70 over the Patriots. The Warriors had 5 different players score in the opening stanza, led by Brooke Gerbers getting 10 of her 20 points in the quarter as Woodlan took an early advantage over Heritage. The Patriots trailed by 5 at the half, then outscored Woodlan 18-10 in the third period to take a 3 point advantage into the fourth quarter. Katie Saalfrank of Heritage hit a field goal with 3 seconds left in regulation to force the overtime on the Warriors home court. Woodlan capitalized on 3 Patriot players

fouling out and scoring the first 8 points of the overtime to help seal the game. Burgundy Price had 21 points for the Warriors and Brooke Gerbers had 20.

Score of the quarter:  
Heritage - 18 15 18 15 4=70  
Woodlan - 21 17 10 18 12=78  
Scorers of the game:  
Heritage - Bradtmueller 18, Knapke 17, Beckman 13, Saalfrank 10, McGraw 8, Biberstine 4  
Woodlan - Price 21, Gerbers 20, Hostetler 12, Malfait 11, Ehle 10, Williams 4

**LADY WARRIORS WIN IN OT**

By: Jeff Abbott

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**MAKE SOME NEW YEAR'S (FINANCIAL) RESOLUTIONS FOR 2013**

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



is still tough, and it can be challenging to avoid taking on new debts. But the less debt you have, the more you can invest for your retirement and other important objectives.

• Rebalance your portfolio to accommodate your risk tolerance. If you spend too much time worrying about the ups and downs of your investments, then your portfolio's potential for volatility may be too great for your individual risk tolerance. On the other hand, if you continually see little growth in your holdings, even when the financial markets are going strong, you may be investing too conservatively — especially if you are willing to take on some calculated risk to potentially boost your returns. So review your portfolio at least once in 2013 to see if it needs to be "rebalanced" to fit your risk tolerance.

• Get some help — Navigating the investment world by yourself is not easy. For one thing, there's a lot to know — different types of investments, changing tax laws, the effects of inflation, interest rate movements, and much more. Furthermore, when you're making investment decisions on your own, you may have a hard time being objective — so you might end up investing with your heart, and not your head. The need for knowledge and objectivity point to the advantages of working with an experienced financial professional — someone who understands both the financial markets and your individual needs and goals.

• Call your bank. Provide your bank with a copy of the police report. If you have a debit card, report it stolen, and have the bank issue you a new one with a new PIN (personal identification number). Unlike credit cards, debit card providers may leave you responsible for unreported losses and fraudulent charges. You may also be charged overdraft fees. Your bank can notify major check verification companies to keep stores from accepting checks from your account.

• Call your credit card companies, and report your cards lost or stolen. You may be told to cancel your cards, but that is not necessary. Canceling your cards may cause other problems and may complicate your credit score. Every card issuer has a set of procedures for handling lost or stolen cards, and if you report a card as missing, you will not experience as many issues as you would with a canceled card. It is important to act quickly with department store charge cards, which often have looser security procedures in place.

• Notify a major credit agency. Call one of the three agencies—Equifax, TransUnion or Experian—and ask for a fraud alert to be placed on your credit report; they are required by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to share information with the other two bureaus:

\* Equifax: [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)  
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One or two months after you have reported your cards stolen, get a copy of your credit reports to check for fraudulent activities by visiting: [www.annualcreditreport.com/cra/index.jsp](http://www.annualcreditreport.com/cra/index.jsp)

Once again, it's time to make some New Year's resolutions. This year, in addition to promising yourself that you'll hit the gym more often, learn a new language or take up a musical instrument — all worthy goals, of course — why not set some financial resolutions?

Consider these suggestions:

• Boost your retirement account contributions. If your income will rise this year, consider putting more money into your employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k), 403(b) and 457(b). You typically contribute pre-tax dollars to your plan, so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. Plus, your money can have tax-deferred growth potential.

• Don't over-react to the headlines. Lately, you've heard a lot about the "fiscal cliff," political paralysis, the debt ceiling and other Really Scary Topics. These issues are not insignificant — but should they keep you from investing? After all, in any given year, you won't have to look hard to find warnings and negative news events — and many people do use these ominous-sounding headlines as a reason to head to the investment "sidelines" for a while. But if you're not investing, you're unquestionably missing out on opportunities to make progress toward your financial goals. So, instead of focusing on the news of the day, make your investment decisions based on the fundamentals of those investments you may be considering, along with your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

• Keep whittling away your debt. Over the past few years, Americans have done a good job of lowering their debt burdens. Of course, the economy

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The police report may also help you obtain a new driver's license, since most bureaus of motor vehicles (BMVs) will ask for a copy of the report. The BMV will issue you a new driver's license, with the same number as the old one. Having a lost license report on file could help if, in the future, someone hands over your original license to the police for an administrative summons.

These aren't the only financial resolutions you could make for 2013 — but if you follow through on them, you may well need to make fewer ones when 2014 rolls around.

**WHAT TO DO IF YOU'VE LOST YOUR WALLET**

You've looked everywhere, called the places you've recently visited, and asked friends to check their cars or houses. It's nowhere to be found. Now what?

Losing your wallet or purse is one of life's biggest disruptions, and time is of the essence in protecting your bank account and identity from fraud. You should act within 24 hours. Following are key steps to take in the event of this predicament. The order the tasks are completed is not important, but do be sure to complete all of them.

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**iAB FINANCIAL BANK MAKES CLOTHING DONATION**

iAB Financial Bank recently donated nearly 400 pounds of clothing to a medical clinic in Pierre Payen, Haiti. The clinic, started by the late Dr. Victor Binkley and his wife, Donna, provide medical assistance to the underserved in Haiti. A monetary donation was also made to assist in the shipping of the clothes.

"Our iAB employees were extremely generous in donating to help others less fortunate," stated Michael C. Marhenke, President & CEO of iAB Financial Bank. "I couldn't be more proud of the staff and their commitment to making a difference."

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**EACS BOARD'S NEW FACES LOOK TO BREAK THE MOLD**

**By: Sarah Janssen, The Journal Gazette**

One opposes the district's iPad initiative and plans to avoid "joining the good old boy network."

Another favors a highly involved school board, both in district operations and in the community.

The third believes board members bring attendance-area rivalries into the boardroom.

On January 8, Arden Hoffman, 56, Bob Nelson, 55, and Chris Baker, 45 — newly elected East Allen County Schools board members — will become official members of the board during its first meeting of the year.

The three — all East Allen graduates who campaigned for change — join a board that made significant changes in the past four years, including the passage of a redesign plan that closed and consolidated schools and a technology initiative that put iPads in the hands of almost every student in the district.

But in recent months, the board's meetings have become a public arena for disagreements and bickering over contracts, policies and past board decisions.

Current board members are Stephen Terry, Bill Hartman, Neil Reynolds and Terry Jo Lightfoot, who was the only incumbent re-elected in November.

Hartman, a six-year board member, said he's excited about the new members. He hopes Nelson and Baker, both Adams Township residents, will help finalize the redesign project in that area after a failed referendum for construction projects.

"I'm looking forward to the energy and commitment to East Allen County Schools of the three new members," he said.

All three have acknowledged the challenges facing not only the board but also the district. They hope to bring a fresh perspective, each from a different view.

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**DONATION TO WAYNE TRACE SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPT.**



The Apostolic Christian Church in Latty, OH, recently conducted an auction/fund-raiser for the purpose of raising money for the county schools' special education departments. Shown in the picture is Mrs. Joni Wenninger (center), representing Apostolic Christian Church, presenting a \$2,200 check to Mrs. Laurie DeLong, Director of Student Services for the Wayne Trace Local Schools.

Mr. Steve Arnold, Wayne Trace Superintendent, is on the left. The money from this donation is earmarked for educational supplies and materials for Wayne Trace special education students. Wayne Trace officials would like announce their appreciation of the Apostolic Christian Church for its generous donation and continued support of education in the Wayne Trace school district.

**BUSINESS EXPANSION IN PAULDING TOWNSHIP**



Kirk and Elaine Stoller are expanding their honey business in Paulding Township on CR 92 just east of Latty, by building a new facility. The new building is 10,628 square feet and was granted an Enterprise Zone real estate tax agreement as an incentive written by

Paulding County Economic Development. Caption: Pictured here (l-r) are Elaine Stoller, Kirk Stoller (Kirk Stoller Enterprises) being awarded a plaque for expanding in Paulding County by Tony Langham (PCED).

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# PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

## JANUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER

### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,  
In case you have not heard, Mrs. Pat Ross is leaving Paulding Schools to become the Superintendent at Antwerp effective January 1, 2013. Please join me in thanking Mrs. Ross for the time and effort she spent here at Paulding and wishing her the best of luck in her new position.

The Paulding Board of Education decided to hire an Interim Superintendent to help with the transition between superintendents while they are actively searching for a permanent replacement. The Board has employed me to fill the role of Interim Superintendent until a permanent replacement can begin later this school year. I started my career in education as a teacher at Crestview Schools for eighteen years and have been an administrator and superintendent for the last twenty-three years at Crestview Schools, Van Wert City Schools, and Western Buckeye Educational Service Center. Most recently, I completed a similar interim superintendent position at New Bremen Schools.

I am excited about this opportunity to work at Paulding Exempted Village Schools. Paulding Schools have a strong tradition of academic and extra-curricular excellence. Our school district is blessed with great students, strong family and community support, and dedicated teachers and staff. This combination of ingredients has produced a school atmosphere where high standards and hard work come together to produce high achievement. This achievement has recently been documented with the release of Paulding's 2011 - 2012 Local Report Card by the Ohio Department of Education where we received an EXCELLENT with Distinction rating.

The recent school shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School was a terrible tragedy. Please know that the safety of our children is a priority. We practice for emergency situations and constantly evaluate our policies and procedures. On behalf of our school district, I ask that you keep those in Newtown, Connecticut in your thoughts and prayers.

As a final note, I invite you to become an active part of our school district and to get involved in the lives of our young people by attending as many of the student activities as your schedule allows. Please feel free to visit me at my office in the Paulding Administration office, call me at 419-399-4656 or e-mail me at j\_basinger@pauldingschools.org at your convenience if you have any questions about our school district or anything in this community newsletter.

John Basinger, Interim Superintendent

### NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

**Paulding Elementary-Stephanie Tear**  
My deepest hope is that every family is enjoying their time together this holiday season. The tragedy in Connecticut forces us to reflect on the most important and precious things in our lives. This holiday season I hope you are looking at your loved ones with appreciation and taking time to let them know how much you care for them.

At Paulding Elementary we strive to make safety a top priority. We will continue to implement procedures to maintain the safest environment possible. Our caring and wonderful teachers and staff are patiently taking time with children to ensure that they feel safe. It has always been a goal at Paulding Elementary for our children to feel loved and to feel safe. We will continue to work towards these goals with diligence and focus.

Another goal at Paulding Elementary is that each and every student makes adequate academic growth. Teachers meet with Mrs. Tear weekly in grade level meetings to discuss student progress. Most discussions are based on student data. We are implementing and monitoring the progress of specific interventions. This collaborative opportunity gives teachers time to generate new ideas and strategies.

Recently the local Geography Bee Test was given to Fourth and Fifth graders. Paulding Elementary Fourth Grade First place winner was Bailey March. Fifth Grade First place winner was Jacob Deisler. The first place winners will participate in the District Geography Bee to be held January 3rd. Many students are working towards the Spelling Bee in January and the Battle of the Books competition, as well.

Third grade parents of Paulding Elementary students are invited to learn more about their child's Ohio Achievement Assessment results and what they mean to each child, our school, and our district. The students in grades 3-5 have been presented with the in-

formation and are recognizing the importance of student ownership and goal setting. The home/school connection is vital to student success, so we hope to have great attendance at the January 14th meeting. We hope parents will make it a priority to attend. PES has also implemented a Building Level Team, made up of ten teachers, which will be instrumental in making positive decisions for PES as we are constantly working towards school improvement. A family survey was sent out and data gathered and formatted to analyze. Overall, the parents are generally pleased with the teachers and feel Paulding Elementary is a safe and welcoming place to be. We will continue the work to keep children successful. Our goal is to hear our hearts and respond to meeting the needs of our children.

**Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz**  
Happy Holidays from Oakwood Elementary! It is hard to believe we are entering the second semester of the 2012-2013 school year. Second quarter grade cards will be sent home with students on January 6th. We will be having our 2nd Quarter Awards Program in early January to recognize those students who have shown outstanding academic effort in the past nine weeks. At our quarterly awards program, we give recognition to students with perfect attendance, to those making the honor roll (all A's and all A's and B's), and to those joining our B.U.G. Club (Bringing Up Grades). The halfway point in the school year and the beginning of a new calendar year is a great time for our students to review the progress they have made so far this year and to set new academic goals for the remainder of the school year. Perseverance is our character trait of focus for January, and the statement we use to define it is "I always give my best effort no matter how difficult the tasks are for me." I think this is a fitting trait to bring to our students' attention at this time of year as they work toward the goals they set, even though the material becomes more challenging.

As always, our first order of business at Oakwood Elementary is to focus on academics. Along with regular classroom lessons, many of our students are also involved in a variety of special activities in January. On Thursday, January 3, Hunter Dobbelaere (gr. 4), Sabrina Gergely (gr. 5), Jacob King (gr. 5), Nicholas Gee (gr. 6), and Katelyn Estle (gr. 6) will be participating in our district Geography Bee in Paulding. About thirty of our fifth and sixth graders have signed up to be in our building Spelling Bee on Tuesday, January 8. They are competing for the honor of representing Oakwood Elementary at the Paulding County Spelling Bee in February. Special Recognition is in order for a number of people:

\*Our fourth and fifth graders, under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Wehrkamp, Mrs. Heather Bockrath, Ms. AmyJo Brimmer, Mrs. Jill Hohlbein, and Mrs. Sarah Pier put on a great Christmas program on December 18th. Thank you to all who attended "Surfin' Santa!" Students and teachers put a great deal of time and effort into preparing for this program, and it was a fabulous production!

\*Our 4th graders participated in a poster contest promoting recycling. Hunter Dobbelaere's design was selected as the Oakwood Elementary winning poster. Thank you to Becky Suvar for bringing this program to our school again this year. We wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

**Middle School-David Stallkamp**  
Season's Greeting from the Middle School! I wish each of you a very Happy New Year. Hopefully 2013 will find the economy getting better and great things happening for all of us. Best wishes for a fantastic 2013. Paulding Middle School staff and students have once again shown their extreme generosity this holiday season. We have gathered food and personal items for our annual "Stuff the Bus" campaign. These items were then given to our local Caring and Sharing Food Pantry.

The Senior Citizen's breakfast was once again a success. Thank you to those that came, and also to our students and staff that participated. I hope you enjoyed the morning. Congratulations go out to the following middle school students that won their respective grade level Geography Bee contests and will now move on to District competition on January 3, 2013, at 12:30 in the administration building. 6th grade- Shana Manz, 7th grade-Zach Branham, and 8th grade- William Deisler and Brody Clemens (tie.). Our Christmas Choir and Band Concerts were held on Sunday, December 16th. Spe-

cial thanks to Dave Clapsaddle and Don Clark for the wonderful performances. Great job by everyone. Our middle school sports teams for winter (boys and girls basketball, wrestling, and cheerleading) are in full swing as well as Science Olympiad and preparation for the Science Fair. Best of luck to all of our students participating in extra-curricular events. The second nine weeks grading period ended December 21st. Hopefully all students are academically where they need to be halfway through this school year. Grade cards will be coming home on Monday, January 7, 2013. Our annual YEARBOOK SALE will be starting after the holidays. More information when we return after break.

Our Paulding Middle School SPELLING BEE will be held at 8:15 a.m. on the morning of January 8th, in the auditoria. Parents and friends are invited to attend. Our school winner will then advance to the County Spelling Bee to be held at Payne Elementary on February 5th, at 7:00 p.m. Remember for vacation planning, we will be giving the Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA's), the last week of April and the first week of May. Please plan vacations and absences away from that week. Just for your information only.

**High School-Todd Harmon**  
Students have finished with their semester exams which are to reinforce state standards so they can further prepare for the Ohio Graduation Test. Teachers have been made aware that the End of Course Exams will be administered the last week of April before the AP exams. Thank you to Dave Clapsaddle and Don Clark for getting the community ready for Christmas with the Holiday Choir and Band performance on December 16. It was an enjoyable afternoon. PHS wishes to welcome Superintendent John Basinger as he temporarily fills in the position for the Board of Education.

Thanks to all the community for your support of the athletic programs this winter as the students work hard. Finally we would like to thank all those who attended the Senior Citizen's breakfast and all who performed, and the teachers and staff who made it all come together for a great memory. PHS would like to thank Patricia Ross for her leadership that brought the first 'Excellent with Distinction' to Paulding. Good luck to her in all her endeavors.

**PRE-SCHOOL 2012-2013-Tillman Karl**  
Parents interested in sending their child to the PEVS preschool for the 2013-2014 school year are required to bring their child to a screening prior to enrollment. The free screening will include height, weight, vision, hearing, speech and developmental delays. There are three screenings scheduled for the remainder of the school year, held at various locations throughout the county. The screenings are available to all children in Paulding County, up to five years of age, regardless of the school district they will be attending. (Please note: If your child is already enrolled and will be returning to preschool, there is no need for another screening.) You may schedule an appointment at one of the screenings by calling the following toll-free number: 1-877-473-8166. Walk-ins will be accepted, but you may have to wait for an opening in the schedule. The dates and locations of the screenings are as follows:  
· January 11, 2013 Paulding Elementary, 8:30 - 11:00 am. Oakwood Elementary, 12:30 - 3:00 pm (If school is delayed or canceled, screening will be held on Jan. 18, 2013.)  
· February 8, 2013 Antwerp Methodist Church, 11:00am - 2:00 pm (If school is cancelled, screening will be held on Feb. 15, 2013.)  
· March 15, 2013 St. Paul Lutheran Church - Paulding, 12:00 - 4:00 pm. (If school is canceled, screening will be held on March 22, 2013.)  
Parents who reside in the Paulding School District will be contacted by our office in the spring regarding your interest in pursuing the enrollment process.

**OHIO MODEL UNITED NATIONS**  
Thirty-three students participated in this year's Ohio Model United Nations competition in Columbus, Ohio. CeCe Weidenhamer received an Outstanding Leadership Award. Only 30 Outstanding Leadership Awards were given out of 1,300 students that attended. Congratulations to CeCe for a job well done. We represented 6 nations this year. One of our nations received an "A" rating on their speech that was given in council session! Congratulations to all of our students for their hard work and effort!

### FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Paulding High School will host Financial Aid Night on Monday January 7th from 7:00-8:30pm in the Auditoria. The program will provide information concerning local scholarships, state and federal financial aid programs, and financial aid forms. If your son or daughter plans to attend college next year, the information presented may be beneficial to you and your child. This program is for parents and/or students, and is free of charge. Amy Francis from Defiance College will be the guest speaker. The make up date will be January 10th.

### SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION

January is "School Board Recognition Month". The school board works closely with parents, education professionals and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students. It then formulates goals, defines results and sets the course for an adequate and equitable education program for all our students. This is a time to show our appreciation for the leadership provided for our schools.

### PANCAKE & SAUSAGE SUPPER

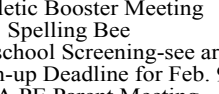
Paulding FFA Alumni will be hosting a pancake and sausage supper on Thursday, Jan 24 (make up date-Feb 12) in the auditoria from 4:30-7:00pm. Cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$3 for children 3-12, 2 and under are free.

### ATHLETIC CALENDAR

JH Wrestling		
Jan. 8	@ Hicks/Fairview/Tinora-T	5:30
Jan. 10	Defiance-T	4:30
Jan. 12	Ayersville Inv-T	9:30
Jan. 15	Van Wert-T	5:00
Jan. 17	Spencerville-T	6:00
Jan. 29	@Antwerp/Wayne Trace-T	6:00
Varsity Wrestling		
Jan. 8	@ Hicks/Fairview/Tinora-T	5:30
Jan. 12	Lima Spartan Invite-T	9:00
Jan. 17	Spencerville-T	6:00
Jan. 29	@Antwerp/Wayne Trace-T	6:00
JH Boys Basketball		
Jan. 8	Delphos Jefferson-H	5:00
Jan. 10	Fairview-H	5:00
Jan. 15	Lincolnvew-T	5:00
Jan. 17	Egerton-T	4:30
Jan. 22	Crestview-H	5:00
Jan. 24	Antwerp-T	5:00
Jan. 29	Spencerville-T	5:00
Freshman Basketball		
Jan. 7	Antwerp-T	5:00
Jan. 10	Columbus Grove-T	5:00
Jan. 17	Crestview-H	5:00
Jan. 22	Elida-T	5:00
Jan. 28	Continental-T	5:00
Jan. 29	Fairview-T	5:00
Jan. 31	LCC-H	5:00
Boys JV/Varsity Basketball		
Jan. 4	Liberty Center -H	6:00
Jan. 5	Parkway-H	6:00
Jan. 11	Columbus Grove-T	6:00
Jan. 12	Fairview-H	6:00
Jan. 18	Crestview-H	6:00
Jan. 19	Ayersville-H	6:00
Jan. 25	Delphos Jefferson-T	6:00
Jan. 26	Ottoville-T	6:00
JH Girls Basketball		
Jan. 8	Delphos Jefferson-T	5:00
Jan. 10	Fairview-T	4:30
Jan. 15	Lincolnvew-H	5:00
Jan. 22	Crestview-T	5:00
Jan. 29	Spencerville-H	5:00
Girls JV/Varsity Basketball		
Jan. 10	Columbus Grove-H	6:00
Jan. 15	Van Wert-H	6:00
Jan. 17	Crestview-T	6:00
Jan. 24	Delphos Jefferson-H	6:00
Jan. 26	Tinora-H	6:00
Jan. 29	Miller City-T	6:00
Jan. 31	LCC-T	6:00

### DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Jan. 3	Classes resume	
Jan. 3	Dist. Geography Bee, Adm. Bldg.	12:30p
Jan. 7	MS/HS Grade Cards Sent Home	
Jan. 7	Band Bstr Mtg, Band Room	7:00p
Jan. 7	Financial Aid Night, Auditoria	7:00p
Jan. 7	FFA Chapter Mtg, Ag Room	3:00p
Jan. 8	Board Meeting, Adm. Bldg.	6:30p
Jan. 8	MS Spelling Bee, Auditoria	8:15a
Jan. 8	OE 5th/6th gr Spelling Bee	
Jan. 9	Athletic Booster Meeting	7:00p
Jan. 10	P.E. Spelling Bee	9:00
Jan. 11	Preschool Screening-see article	
Jan. 11	Sign-up Deadline for Feb. 9 ACT	
Jan. 14	OAA PE Parent Meeting	6:00p
Jan. 21	NO SCHOOL-Martin Luther King Day	
Jan. 22	NO SCHOOL-Waiver Day	
Jan. 24	FFA Alumni Pancake/Sausage Supper, Auditoria (Feb 12 Make-up)	4:30-7:00p
Jan. 25	PE Preschool Fun Day	
Jan. 25	PE Kdg. Family Reading Day	
Jan. 25	OE Kdg. Family Reading Day	2:30p



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**WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**



Megan Moore



Emil Stoller



Cole Shepherd



Leah Sinn



Brooke Wilcox



Tanya Sinn

Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High recently named their November Students of the Month. The following were nominated by and voted upon by the staff at Wayne Trace Jr/Sr: 7<sup>th</sup> grader Megan Moore, 8<sup>th</sup> grader Emil Stoller, 9<sup>th</sup>

grader Cole Shepherd, 10<sup>th</sup> grader Leah Sinn, 11<sup>th</sup> grader Brooke Wilcox, and 12<sup>th</sup> grader Tanya Sinn. These students received a "Raider Pride; Pay Forward" T-shirt as part of their honor. Way to go Raiders!



**EDUCATOR JOHN BASINGER TAKES OVER AS PEVS SUPER**

The transition began as Pat Ross, the Paulding Exempted Village Superintendent, will officially take her new position at Antwerp Local School District on January 1 and the PEVS School Board named John Basinger as interim Superintendent, starting January 2, until the board is able to find a permanent replacement.

John has been married to his wife, Connie, for 38 years and they have three grown children: Ryan, Justin, and Brittany.

John has been in education in the northwest Ohio area for the last 43 years. He started at Crestview as a fifth and sixth grade teacher and served in the position for 18 years. He then moved on to administration and the superintendent of Crestview, Van Wert City Schools, and Western Buckeye Educational Service Center and most recently completed a short tenure at New Bremen Schools.

While working for the schools he also has served as an Athletic Director, Basketball and Football coach and even a bus driver. John brings lots of experience from nearly every aspect of public education to Paulding.

Paulding recently received the 2011 - 2012 Local Report Card by the Ohio Department of Education where they were awarded an EXCELLENT with Distinction rating. John said, "I'm excited to start this stint of my career with Paulding schools as the superintendent, collectively with the staff and community." He is ready to work with parents and teachers for the best education for the young people. He believes this is the right combination to make high achievement possible and produce intelligent young people who are truly ready to enter the post-secondary world.

**LINCOLN'S GAMBLE: THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION**

To commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, the Friends of Allen County Public Library present the first of the Lincoln at the Library programs for 2013. Lincoln's Gamble: The Emancipation Proclamation Panelists will offer varying perspectives—political, historical, and cultural—on the Proclamation and will address questions from the audience. This will take place on Sunday, January 13, 2013, 2:00 p.m. Meeting Room A, Main library 900 Library Plaza.

The "Leland-Boker edition of the Emancipation Proclamation" is part of the Lincoln Collection of Indiana. Though the original is housed at the Indiana State Museum, a high quality copy hangs on the second floor of the Main library near the Genealogy Center.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY SHOOT-OUT AT THE MANOR HOUSE GYM**

Antwerp Manor House will host the annual St. Patrick's Day Shootout on March 15-16 for boys and girls in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade school teams. The first six registered teams will be accepted for the tournament. The tournaments will be separate for the boys and girls divisions for both grades. All teams have a three game guarantee. No AAU teams will be allowed. For more information please call Tim at 419-506-0108 or copsyey7@frontier.com

**HITE NAMED "DEFENDER OF LIBERTY"**

Ohio State Senator Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) was named December 11, 2012 as a "Defender of Liberty" by the American Conservative Union (ACU). Senator Hite received the award during a ceremony this morning in the Ladies Gallery of the Ohio Statehouse.

"I believe that we can strike a balance that allows government to be efficient and productive on behalf of its citizens while also responsible a wise with its resources," said Hite. "I'm honored that the ACU has noticed the work we are doing in Ohio and I'm proud to be awarded as a defender of liberty."

The Defender of Liberty Award recognizes Senator Hite's 100% conservative voting record during the 2012 session of the 129<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

The American Conservative Union is based out of Alexandria, Virginia.

**CHRISTMAS CINQUAINS**



Mrs. McVay's second grade class at Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary recently wrote Christmas Cinquains. A cinquain is a five-line poem that describes a person, place, or thing. They found this a fun way to get into the holiday spirit! Pictured in the front row are (l-r) Sydnee Sinn, Rylee Miller and Elise Miller. In the back row are Brice Carnahan, Brayden Sherry, Zayne Snow and Blake Stoller.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS FILL AIR AT GROVER HILL**



During the last week of school in December the staff and students at Grover Hill Elementary gathered in the library to sing Christmas carols and other songs too! Several of the staff members remember doing this as elementary students. So we have brought back this tradition about six years ago.

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# "FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE STUDENTS SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER



Vantage junior and senior Health Technology students adopted a family for Christmas and are shown at the checkout after shopping for gifts!



Vantage Health Technology students also visited the Country Inn Assisted Living and Nursing Home in Paulding to spread some holiday cheer.

## HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

The Pond Report by: IN Rep. Phyllis Pond

With the holiday season behind us and session quickly approaching, all eyes are on the Statehouse. This year is

a budget year, which will be our main focus. It is imperative that we pass a balanced budget by living within our means. Knowing the process of how a bill becomes a law is essential when following the day by day procedures in Indianapolis.

It all begins when constituents bring up issues to their legislators: our job is to hear your ideas and implement them as laws to make Indiana a better place to live, raise our children and run our businesses. The legislators then bring their ideas to the Legislative attorneys who drafts their bills, they will introduce them to either the House or Senate accordingly.

A bill will be heard on a first reading and then assigned to a committee. Committee Chairmen decide their agenda for the legislative session and choose which bills are of prime importance. Committee hearings are especially important because it gives members the opportunity to discuss the betterment of the bill and may be subject to public testimony; giving constituents the opportunity to weigh in on the bill. After hearing public testimony, we may add amendments in committee to address key issues arisen during testimony. To decide whether the bill should be moved to the full House or Senate, the committee members cast a vote.

The second reading is heard by the entire body giving all representatives—regardless of party affiliation—the ability to offer amendments to the bill. Once an amendment is added, it must be voted on and needs to have a majority vote in order to be adopted into the bill.

The third reading is voted on by the full House of 100 members. Once passed, the bill switches chambers, giving either the House or Senate to go through the same exact process in order to better the bill.

A number of things can happen after the bill is heard, and passed, by both chambers. If no changes were made, the bill goes to the Governor's desk for signing. In the instance that the bill was amended in the second chamber, it must go back to the chamber of origin for the amendments to be voted on. If the changes are approved, it will go to the Governor's desk for signing.

Given the instance that the original chamber does not pass the amendments, it will be sent to a conference committee. These committees are made up of four legislators, two from each chamber, and each party. They will work together to find a common ground. Both chambers will vote on said changes. If both chambers approve, then the bill moves to the Governor's desk. If both chambers do not, the bill is considered no further that session.

Once the Governor gets the bill, he can sign it into law, veto the bill or do nothing. If the Governor does nothing, the bill will become a law in seven days.

I hope this was helpful, and a good review - as session is right around the corner. I hope you have a wonderful New Year - see you in 2013 as we begin the 118<sup>th</sup> General Assembly!

## SPACES AVAILABLE FOR CERTIFIED FISHING INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP IN FINDLAY

Spaces are available for educators, leaders, or conservation clubs who have a sincere interest in taking kids fishing and want to become certified fishing instructors, according

to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Wildlife. A free workshop is available on Saturday, February 23, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will take place at Wildlife District Two Office, 952 Lima Avenue, Findlay, Ohio 45840.

Passport to Fishing is a one-day instructor training program that qualifies individuals to become Division of Wildlife certified fishing instructors. All participants will need to pass a background check before being certified.

Passport to Fishing was developed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and adopted by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation. Workshops teach volunteers the basics of fishing and how to run a four-station fishing program with a fishing event. These instructors then go back to their communities, with a written curriculum and training aids, to teach youngsters and beginning anglers the basics of fishing.

By becoming a certified instructor, attendees will not only be able to help in reconnecting students with the outdoors, but will also have the skills and resources to do it in a more successful way. Resources available include grants, equipment, brochures, and training.

To register for the workshop, please call Linda at 419-429-8347. For additional class information, visit [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com).

## JUST MY OPINION

By: Bob Nelson

After passing by the new "Flying J" roughly 25 times, I finally decided to stop in. Okay, admittedly, I needed gas and noticed they had some of the lowest prices in town, but since I was already there, I decided I may as well give myself a personal tour of this new facility. When I entered the front door, the first thing that hit me was the mouth-watering fragrance of freshly baked Cinnabon cinnamon rolls. Being in advertising, I immediately concluded that locating the ovens right inside the front door was a brilliant marketing move! With Great effort, I managed to bypass the Cinnabons and began perusing the convenience shopping mart where they offer nearly everything a standard truck stop does, including many items you don't find anywhere else.

I continued down the hall toward the restrooms and showers where I discovered a very nice lounge area with twenty-four theater-like chairs and a large screen HD TV. The nine showers were private with separate locked doors for each. There was also a laundry area and an arcade room. As I walked further back toward the Huddle House Restaurant, I noticed additional food items available from pizza to Subway sandwiches.

Per their website... The Huddle House, Inc., a full-service family restaurant chain, is well-known for serving "Any Meal. Any Time." in communities around the country. The Huddle House menu has a wide variety of comfort food items and features signature Big House breakfast and sandwich platters, as well as favorites such as country fried steak with green beans and marinated

# THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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## PAULDING 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> GRADERS BUILD CHOCOLATE HOUSES



The fourth grade students at Paulding Elementary created their ideal chocolate houses. Friends and family members were invited to view these houses. Shown here are students ready to show off their creations.

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grilled chicken with sweet potato fries. The core values on which Huddle House was founded in 1964 - serving quality food in a warm, friendly environment that brings the community together - remain intact today.

Upon entering the Huddle House, I was immediately greeted with a friendly hello and an offer of coffee. I opted instead for iced tea as I looked over their menu. Their website information was entirely accurate—they offered about any favorite your taste buds dream up. I decided to give their breakfast a try, so after discussing my options with the waitress, I chose the basic Big House Breakfast. The meal took a little longer to arrive than many in New Haven may be accustomed to, but the portions were generous, quite tasty, and priced competitively with other local establishments.

Overall, I thought the layout from the gas pumps to the convenience store was well thought and, since I saved



Issac Smalley, a Paulding Elementary fourth grader with his chocolate house he created. It is a log cabin made out of tootsie rolls and candy bars.

about twenty cents per gallon, I'll probably start filling my tank there. As I left the Huddle House to return to my vehicle, I again encountered the Cinnabons and I just might have purchased one for later. Hey, I'm only human. Even with a full stomach, I challenge anyone to bypass these aromatic pastries a second time!

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## PAYNE ELEMENTARY 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADERS CREATE GEOMETRIC SHAPES



Dylan Hildebrand and Joy Moran are working on slides, flips, and turns in math with geoboards.

## OHIO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS SAVE ENERGY AND MONEY

What's better than saving money, conserving resources and helping the environment? Members of electric cooperatives in the Buckeye State are doing all three through energy efficiency and load management programs. These initiatives have saved more than 40,000 megawatt-hours (MWH) of electricity over the past year. That's enough to power more than 2,700 rural residential homes in Ohio.

North Western Electric Cooperative headquartered in Bryan is part of the effort. Along with other member-owned, nonprofit co-ops, North Western Electric emphasizes programs that can make a difference in the comfort of homes, the size of monthly electric bills and

the profitability of local businesses.

"We are proud to play a role by helping our members make their homes and their businesses more energy efficient," says Darin Thorp, President of North Western Electric. "Understanding your energy consumption is the first step to reducing it."

One of the cooperative's guiding principles is Concern for Community. The co-op is partnering with libraries in Williams and Defiance counties to offer the Kill A Watt™ Loan Program to their patrons. The program allows borrowers to check out a Kill A Watt™ Monitor, a home energy monitoring device, in the same way they would borrow a book or a DVD. Appliances and electronics are plugged into the device which is then plugged into the wall where it will monitor and display the amount of energy used and

the cost for that energy. The program is focused on educating the public on how to identify which of their appliances are using the most electricity -- and where they can save money by cutting usage.

"Energy conservation is everyone's desire. North Western Electric Cooperative is pleased to work with the local library to offer this tool," Thorp said. Individual conservation is only one part of it. The co-op's participation in statewide demand control programs also ensures that generation remains reliable and affordable.

Ohio's electric cooperatives have been leaders in promoting energy savings and wiser use of generation resources. Buckeye Power, a generation-and-transmission cooperative (G&T), supplies wholesale electricity to the state's 25 electric cooperatives, which in turn serve 380,000 member-consumers and businesses. This relationship provides other valuable services, including a portfolio of energy efficiency and load management programs.

Co-ops can select from a menu of tools and technology designed to control electricity demand during peak use periods. Over 4,000 of North Western Electric's members are part of a water heater load management program. The co-op provides an energy efficient water heater and members agree to the installation of a radio controlled switch which allows Buckeye Power to temporarily shut off the electricity to the water heater during peak use periods. Some members also have the switches connected to their air conditioning system which reduces the amount of

on/off cycles during the peak periods.

Buckeye Power recently contracted with Clearspring Energy Advisors to analyze the benefits of energy efficiency and load management to Ohio electric cooperatives and their consumer-members. Clearspring is a third-party, independent energy consulting firm from Madison, WI, that works with utilities throughout the country and has experience in load forecasting, marketing research and energy management.

The analysis of these programs indicated an energy savings of 40,051 MWH from July of 2011 through June of 2012. Additionally, the programs resulted in a reduction of 51,996 kilowatts (KW) in peak summer demand and a reduction of 121,050 KW in peak winter demand for the state's electric cooperatives. The combined energy and demand reductions resulted in more than \$15 million in savings for Ohio's electric cooperatives and their member-consumers.

Emission reductions from the energy efficiency and load management programs have resulted in cutting more than 35,815 metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). According to the Environmental Protection Agency's greenhouse gas emissions calculator, this is the equivalent of not consuming more than four million gallons of gasoline.

Pat O'Loughlin, chief operating officer and vice president of engineering and power supply for Buckeye Power, pointed out that Ohio electric cooperatives have a long history of supporting load management programs and advising on energy efficiency measures.

"These programs continue to save co-op member-consumers millions of dollars every year. That's pretty impressive," he said.

Buckeye Power and Ohio's electric cooperatives have provided more 111,000 rebates and/or program incentives over the years, in addition to the more than 921,000 compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs which were distributed to Ohio cooperative member-consumers through the CFL Exchange Program from 2008 through 2010.

## HUNTERS HARVEST MORE THAN 14,000 DEER DURING OHIO'S DEER-GUN WEEKEND

Hunters checked 14,365 white-tailed deer during Ohio's extra gun-hunting weekend, December 15-16, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Division of Wildlife.

That total is a decline of 14.3 percent from 2011, when hunters harvested 16,766 deer. In 2010, hunters bagged 20,916 deer over the same time period.

"The overall size of the deer herd is smaller, and the harvest is aligned with that decrease," said Mike Tonkovich, ODNR Division of Wildlife deer project leader. "We anticipated the 2012-2013 deer season harvest would be down 5 to 10 percent from last year. Most of Ohio's counties are above their target deer harvest number, and we have worked to get those numbers closer to the target through generous harvest regulations."

## PHS GLOVE-HAT DRIVE SUCCESS!



Paulding High School Representative, Steven Strayer is shown with donations of gloves, hats, and scarves to the UWPC. Steven organized and coordinated the event at PHS and stated, "I am very proud of our students and the amount of do-

nated items. They really came through." The UWPC is also proud and very grateful for the hard work of Steven and the students of PHS. Pictured is Sonya Herber, Executive Director of the United Way of Paulding County with Steven Strayer.

The counties reporting the highest numbers of deer checked during the 2012 deer-gun hunting weekend: Coshocton (489), Tuscarawas (483), Muskingum (474), Licking (444), Harrison (390), Belmont (387), Guernsey (382), Carroll (375), Ashtabula (372) and Knox (356). The top five counties remained unchanged from last year.

The extra gun-hunting weekend was first offered in 2006 in response to hunters' request for an increase in

the amount of weekend days to pursue deer. Hunters still have opportunities to pursue deer this winter. Archery season remains open through February 3, 2013. The statewide muzzleloader season is January 5-8, 2013.

The white-tailed deer is the most popular game animal in Ohio, frequently pursued by generations of hunters. Ohio ranks eighth nationally in annual hunting-related sales

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# Biggest Loser Challenge

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Don't let winter bulge creep up on you. We are not just talking about over indulging during the holiday dinner. The winter typically forces us to hibernate indoors for warmth and as a result we sometimes like to find comfort in an array of goodies found in our pantries. Seasonal affective disorder (SAD), occurs due to the lack of sun during the winter, which can also lead to emotional eating and weight gain. PCH can help....

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### OHIO INVASIVE PLANTS COUNCIL RELEASES NEW EVALUATION PROTOCOL

A first-time science-based effort is underway to identify invasive plants from other regions and reduce their impact on natural areas in Ohio, according to the Ohio Invasive Plants Council (OIPC).

Common reed grass, garlic mustard, bush honeysuckle and other plants dominate thousands of acres in Ohio's forests, grasslands and wetlands. These invaders crowd out native plants and reduce biodiversity. Utilizing a 22-question assessment protocol developed in 2012 by the OIPC and other stakeholder groups, a five-person assessment team of researchers and botanists will evaluate potential invasive plants and establish a new list of primary offenders. Concurrently, the assessment team will provide a list of alternative plants suitable for recommendation to nurseries, garden retailers and homeowners.

"OIPC is not a regulating group," said University of Cincinnati professor and OIPC Chairperson of the assessment team. "Our mission is to develop a new list of invasive plants for Ohio. We also intend to play a primary role in education, research and early detection."

"The nursery industry has already been impacted by unofficial invasive plant lists in Ohio and elsewhere," said Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden Horticulture Director Stephen Foltz. "As soon as we put nursery plants on our official list, these plants will no longer be allowed for use in projects complying with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. That's why it's so important for us to get this

right."

"It's exciting to see that Ohio has a protocol and is ready to begin assessments. This will be a useful tool for addressing the problem of invasive plants," said Katherine Howe, coordinator of the Midwest Invasive Plant Network.

Under the direction of Culley the assessment team will initially evaluate 27 problematic invasive plants. The team will address a second group of plants within a year, including those produced and sold in Ohio nurseries, such as ornamental pear, Japanese barberry and burning bush.

The OIPC worked with the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association (ONLA), Ohio Department of Resources (ODNR), The Nature Conservancy and other land-management agencies to develop the assessment protocol. John Cardina, professor of horticulture at The Ohio State University, and Richard Munson, manager of the conservatory at Miami University-Hamilton, were selected by ONLA as representatives on the assessment team. ODNR botanist Rick Gardner and Dawes Arboretum botanist David Brandenburg were selected by OIPC on behalf of conservation and land-management entities. Culley, a past president of OIPC, directed efforts to develop the assessment protocol during the past four years.

The OIPC represents a coalition of organizations and individuals who have a mutual interest in Ohio's natural ecosystems and the effects of invasive plants. OIPC is a nonprofit organization founded in 2005 working in concert with local, regional and nationwide groups. OIPC assessment documents and other information are available at oipc.info.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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### OAKWOOD GLEANER ARBOR #759 DECEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The December meeting was opened by President John Pier. Pastor Eileen Kochensparger had the prayer followed by the pledge. Eight members worked on allotting our Samaritan funds. We have 90% less than last year. Helen Maddock reported on the Elf Project which served six. A membership volunteer pin was given to Helen from Ruth Benien. Our donation for the Gleaner Scholarship was made.

Eileen and Max had a beautiful Christmas buffet of drinks and goodies.

Our next meeting is January 28, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Country Inn Enhanced Living Center at Latty with the youth of homeschoolers.

### SECRETARY OF STATE HUSTED RELEASES NEW BUSINESS FILING FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER 2012

Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that 6,358 new entities filed to do business in Ohio in November 2012. These numbers are down slightly compared to November 2011, in which 6,663 new entities filed with the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State's office has assisted with 81,093 new business filings to date in 2012 (January-November). This is an increase from the same time period last year, in which there were 76,138 new business filings.

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

NOTE: New business filings are classified as forms filed with the Ohio Secretary of State that declare the formation of a business entity, including for-profit, non-profit and professional corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, limited partnerships and limited liability partnerships. Filing as a business in Ohio does not guarantee the company will begin operations, be profitable or create jobs.

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**PC CHAPTER OF NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION DONATES TO FOOD PANTRY**



**By: Sue Knapp**  
The Flat Rock Limbhangers, which is the Paulding County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, is pleased to partner again this year with Chief Supermarket of Paulding in donating twelve (12) turkeys to the Paulding Food Pantry. The NWTF's Turkey Care Program is designed to help in the local community. The chapter can only exist through community support, memberships and the gener-

osity given by Chief Supermarkets.

The Flat Rock Limbhangers have been in existence for three years and their objective is the restoration of wild turkeys throughout Paulding County.

Linda Wilhelm commented that the need is greater this year with the Pantry serving around 530 people a month. Special appreciation goes to The Flat Rock Limbhangers for the turkeys and for all donations that come in.

**ANN'S PRESCHOOLERS CAROL AT GARDENS OF PAULDING**



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers recently held their Christmas program at the Gardens of Paulding. The four and five year olds sang several Christmas songs for the residents and also for their families. Karl Werling recited 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' at the end of the

program followed by cookies and punch. It was a wonderful evening with excited children and proud parents, grandparents and teachers! Shown here from the left are: Zander Gray, Addison Pease, Jordys Vance, Aubrie Longstreth, Raegan McGarvey, Izzy Ladd and Lucy Conley.

**EAST ALLEN UNIVERSITY STUDENT POETIC POWER WRITING WINNER**

Nicole Winans, 9<sup>th</sup> grader at East Allen University was recently chosen as a Poetic Power winner by the Creative Communication Company! Creative Communication is a company who is devoted to the pro-

motion of writing, teaching and appreciation of student writing. The purpose of the contest is to bring recognition to student writers. Winners share thousands in cash and prizes. In addition to the winning entries, other entries of high merit are accepted to be published in our hard-bound anthology. With the publication being regionally based, students

are competing against their peers in both age and location. Within the guidelines of accepting less than 50% of the poems and essays that are entered in each contest, the contest is selective so that it is an honor to be accepted, yet not so exclusive that it is discouraging to enter. Nicole entered her piece "The Secret Art Gallery"



Nicole Winans

**The Secret Art Gallery**

Striking works of art are found everywhere in nature, disguised in numerous shapes and sizes. Several are in plain sight, yet many are cleverly hidden. There is the glowing, radiant rainbow painted in the sky after a gentle rain. The wise spider creates magnificent weaving in her intricate webs. Monarch butterflies are enchanting, clothed in vibrant swatches of color. They display their exquisite stained glass masterpieces on their delicate wings. Beauty is heard in the soothing rustling of the trees. A melodious chorus is formed by the lively chirping of the birds, united with the rhythmic buzzing of the bees. The sweet, lovely roses fill the air with a fragrant aroma. However, how often do you notice these marvelous pieces of beauty? In today's fast-paced world, we rush around, overlooking the vast amount of splendor surrounding us. These gorgeous treasures are so frequently taken for granted but make life much more exciting, pleasurable, refreshing, and interesting. For this reason, the next time you step outside, I urge you to stop, observe, breathe. Let nature speak to you. I promise you; you will discover awe-inspiring beauty.

— Nicole Winans,  
Grade 9  
East Allen University, IN

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and 10<sup>th</sup> in the number of jobs associated with hunting-related industries. Hunting has an \$859 million economic impact in Ohio through the sale of equipment, fuel, food,

lodging and more.

More information about Ohio deer hunting can be found in the 2012-2013 Hunting and Trapping Regulations or at wildohio.com. Hunters can also share photos by clicking on the Photo Gallery tab online.

Hunters are encouraged to donate any extra venison to organizations assisting Ohioans in need. ODNR Division of Wildlife is collaborating with Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH) to help pay for the processing of donated venison. Hunters who donate deer are not required to pay the processing cost as long as the deer are taken to a participating processor. To see which counties are involved in this program, go to fhfh.org.

Ohio's first modern day deer-gun season opened in 1943 in three counties, and hunters harvested 168 deer. Deer hunting was allowed in all 88 counties in 1956, and hunters killed 3,911 deer during that one-week season.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Hunter Easton Walz was born on December 20, 2012 at 12:34 p.m. at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville. His parents are Angela and Corey Walz of Hicksville. Hunter weighed 7 lb. 12.5 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Hunter's siblings are Alexandria (8) and Kaitlin (2). His proud grandparents are Cheryl and Andy Hahn of Antwerp, Kevin and Rhonda Walz of Edon, OH, Thomas High of Garrett, IN, and Carolyn High of Hamilton, IN. Proud great-grandparents are Carolyn Whetro of Antwerp, Elinor and Robert Walz of Edon, OH, and Barbara High of Garrett, IN.

**ODNR DIVISION OF WILDLIFE TO HOLD MUZZLE-LOADER DEER SEASON IN JANUARY**

Ohio's white-tailed deer muzzleloader hunting season will open statewide Jan. 5-8, 2013, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Division of Wildlife.

Ohio hunters have harvested 188,853 deer this season. During the 2012 four-day muzzleloader season, 19,459 deer were harvested.

Ohio deer hunters must possess the proper permits. Regardless of zone, method of taking or season, hunters may take only one antlered deer during the 2012-2013 deer hunting season.

Legal hunting hours for the muzzleloader season are a half-hour before sunrise to sunset. Deer must be checked in by noon the day after the harvest, except on the last day of muzzleloader season when a deer must be checked in by 11:30 p.m. that day.

Ohio's small game, furbearer and waterfowl seasons are also open during the muzzleloader season. All hunters (except waterfowl hunters) must wear a visible solid hunter orange or camouflage hunter orange coat, jacket, vest or coveralls during the muzzleloader season.

Deer-archery season remains open through February 3, 2013.

Hunters must still report their deer harvest, but they

**KINDERGARTEN MILK CARTON HOUSES**



Kindergarten students at Paulding Elementary had an enjoyable time making candy houses out of milk cartons.

Shown with their houses are Grace Goyings and Marley Parrett, students from Mrs. Rethmel's class.

**ADVANCED READERS WORK ON PORTFOLIOS AT PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL**



Paulding Middle School Advanced Reading students have been keeping a portfolio on what they have learned in Advanced Reading so far this year. The portfolio covers all State of Ohio standards and benchmarks and allows for the students to have a better

understanding of the concepts being taught.

Pictured here displaying their fantastic work are students (l-r) Hannah Farr, Faith Vogel, and Emily McMaster. The students are taught by Mrs. Deb Paputsakis.

are no longer required to take their deer to a check station for physical inspection. Hunters have three options to complete the automated game check:

Online at wildohio.com.  
By telephone at 877-TAG-ITOH (824-4864). This option is only available to people required to have a deer permit to hunt deer.

At all license agents. A list of these agents can be found at wildohio.com or by calling 800-WILDLIFE (945-3543).

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To see which counties are involved in this program, go to fhfh.org.

The white-tailed deer is the most popular game animal in Ohio, frequently pursued by generations of hunters. Ohio ranks eighth nationally in annual hunting-related sales and 10<sup>th</sup> in

the number of jobs associated with hunting-related industries. Hunting has an \$859 million economic impact in Ohio through the sale of equipment, fuel, food, lodging and more.

More information about Ohio deer hunting can be found in the 2012-2013 Hunting and Trapping Regulations or at wildohio.com. Hunters can also share photos by clicking on the Photo Gallery tab online.

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