

LANCE FOOR NAMED NWC PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Paulding High School senior Lance Foor was named the Northwest Conference Player of the Year for the 2012-13 boys basketball season. Lance had a great all-around year for the Panthers as he averaged 15.7 ppg and

5.0 rpg while also leading the team in assists and steals. Lance is pictured here accepting the award from Head Coach Shawn Brewer, Athletic Director Chris Etzler and High School Principal Todd Harmon.

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DEREK REEB AT PLACES 3RD AT REGIONAL SPELLING BEE



The Regional Spelling Bee took place at the IPFW at the Rhinehart Music Center on Saturday, March 9.

Derek took the Spelling Bee for Paulding County at Payne Elementary on February 5. He then moved on to Fort Wayne representing the county.

Derek watched many players fall off as the misspellings occurred. The spellers did a great job in the competition.

Derek made it all the way to the 14th round before missing the word 'unnerve'. There was a point where the

pronunciator spoke the word with difficulty as he was asking if it was 'unnerve or an-nerve'. Two other contenders spelled their word incorrectly on this round also, placing Derek in third place.

Kaelyn Bender of St. Mary School in Noble County finished with the win in the 16th Round with the word "legislation".

Derek is an eighth grader at Antwerp Middle School. Great job Derek!

BYPASS AGRONOMY LLC "YOUR ALTERNATE SOURCE FOR AGRONOMY" SEED DAY & OPEN HOUSE

A Seed Day and Open House has been scheduled for March 14, 2013 at the old Broughton Cannery (7909 Broughton Pike) for Bypass Agronomy LLC. They will fire up the grill for lunch at 11:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. so come and have a bite to eat. The event will be begin at 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. or later.

There will be seed reps from Golden Harvest and Stine Seeds on hand along with an inoculant rep and experts on spray adjuvants and chemicals to answer any questions you might have. There will be spray tubs on hand so you can bring your spray nozzles in and have them tested. We will have our seed treating equipment on display and if you want to pick up the seed or chemicals

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DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER



Beginning Friday, March 8, Indiana State Police joined more than 250 other Indiana law enforcement agencies in participating in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign. The 16-day effort will continue through March 24, which covers a number of March sporting events and the St. Patrick's Day holiday.

Troopers will conduct high visibility enforcement efforts including sobriety checkpoints and saturation

patrols targeting impaired and dangerous drivers.

Last year, according to the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, there were 6,264 alcohol-related crashes in Indiana with 97 fatalities. During the month of March, there were 524 alcohol-related crashes and six fatalities reported. Just last year on St. Patrick's Day, there were 33 alcohol-related crashes that occurred on Indiana roadways.

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OBITUARIES



DEFIANCE: Robert Richard Reinhart, age 85 died Sunday, March 3 at his residence.

He was born February 17, 1928 in Allen County, Indiana, the son of Leo "Jack" and Sarah "Sadie" (Foltz) Reinhart. On January 12, 1953 he married Ruth D. Troyer, who survives. He was a US Army veteran serving during the Korean War and was employed by LaFarge Corporation retiring in 1990. He was a member of Melrose United Methodist church and a life member of Paulding VFW Post #587, Paulding.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Reinhart, Defiance; two sons, Dennis (Sue) Reinhart, Oakwood, and David (Reinhilda) Reinhart, Morehead, KY; a daughter, Sue (Patrick) Irving, Napoleon, OH, two grandsons, Robert Neuschwander and Michael (Alison) Neuschwander; and two step grandchildren, Nicholas and Jessica Irving; three great grandchildren, Sydney Perrott, Mitchell and Samantha Neuschwander; and four step great grandchildren, Bailee Bauer, Aidan, Madison and Nicholas Irving.

He is preceded in death by a grandson, Andrew Reinhart; a granddaughter, Sarah Reinhart; three brothers, Maurice, Eugene and Donald Reinhart; and two sisters, Carolyn Dietrick and Florence Cox.

Funeral services were conducted 11 AM Thursday, March 7 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Pastor Tim Burton officiating. Burial followed in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Paulding County. VFW Post #587 will accord military graveside rites.

Visitation was Wednesday, March 6 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services on Thursday.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Melrose United Methodist Church Handicap Ramp Fund or Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

ANTWERP, OHIO
Richard L. Cottrell, 85, died Thursday, March 7, 2013 at Community Memorial Hospital,

Hicksville, Ohio.

He was born on December 15, 1927 in Paulding County, Ohio, the son of Lloyd and Madeline (Derck) Cottrell.

He was a 1946 graduate of Antwerp High School.

Richard served his country in the United States Army during WWII and the Korean Conflict.

He was a Maintenance Engineer at the VA Hospital in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

He was a life member of the Antwerp VFW and the American Legion.

Surviving Richard are one son-David Cottrell of Antwerp, Ohio; three daughters-Barbara Sziklay of New Albany, Indiana, S. Renee Cottrell of Hicksville, Ohio, Lisa Cottrell of Stafford, Virginia; two grandchildren; two sisters-Carol Huss of Antwerp, Ohio and Dorothy Diederich of Garrett, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers-Bill, Tom and Jay.

Per Richards's request, there will be no services.

Memorials in Richards name may be made to Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church or the Senior Service Center.

Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com



Paulding, Ohio: **Lisa Ann Elick age 50** died March 9, 2013 at the Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

She was born in Paulding County, Ohio on June 19, 1962 the daughter of Lloyd E. and Erma G. (Rhoad) Zielke. On December 8, 1984 she married David L. Elick who survives.

She taught business classes for the Wayne Trace High School of Haviland Ohio. Prior to teaching high school students, she taught at the International Business College of Fort Wayne, Ind. and at Wright State University Lake Campus Celina, Ohio.

Also surviving are; 1 Daughter Jordan Elick of Paulding, Ohio, 1 Brother: Leslie (Marilyn) Zielke of Summerville, South Carolina; sister-in-law, Sally Baumle, Payne; and Nieces and Nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents and two brothers; Gary and Dennis Zielke.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 AM Wednesday,

March 13, 2013 at St. Paul United Methodist Church Payne, Ohio. Rev. David Rohrer will officiate. Burial will follow at St. Paul Cemetery Paulding, Ohio. Visitation will at the DenHerder Funeral Home Paulding, Ohio on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 from 2:00 to 8:00 PM and Wednesday morning one hour prior to services at the church from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Memorials to: the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be sent to: www.denherderfh.com



Donald A. Schweller, age 75, died March 9 at the Gardens of Paulding, Paulding, Ohio.

He was born January 12, 1938 in Ottoville, Ohio, the son of Julian and Regina (Hilvers) Schweller. On September 30, 1961 he married Norma Jean "Jeannie" Haunhorst, who survives. He was owner/operator of Schweller Electric; a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding; Paulding Eagles #2405; and V.F.W. Post #587.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Schweller, Paulding; a son, Todd, Schweller, Paulding; two daughters, Lisa Clinton, Paulding, and Amy (David) Bleke, Ft. Wayne; two brothers, John, Delphos, and Henry (Jeanette) Ottoville; two sisters, Marie Ernst, Ridgecrest, CA, and Francis Grothouse, Delphos; and six grandchildren: Lyndi and Julia Clinton, Claire and Jack Schweller, Grace Wirta, and Seth Bleke.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Walter and Charles; and a sister, Anna Allersmeyer.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted 11 AM Tuesday, March 12 at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Paulding. Burial will follow in Paulding Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will be 9 AM - 11 AM at the church prior to services.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to masses; Paulding High School Music; or Community Health Professionals of Paulding/Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, is handling arrangements.

PAULDING: **Celeste C. Scheurich, age 93** died Sunday, March 10 at the Paulding County Hospital, Paulding, Ohio.

She was born December 23, 1919 in Paulding, Ohio, the daughter of Ralph Cress and Eva Lenore (Dowell) Hanenkratt. On December 23, 1941 she married William J. Scheurich, who preceded her in death on August 1, 2007. She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding; and

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,"

—Deuteronomy 7:9 ESV

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF INDIANA GAMING

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

Since the first Indiana riverboat casino opened in 1995, which I opposed, the gaming industry has produced more than \$10 billion in wagering and admission tax revenue for the state. Gaming has become a major player in the Indiana economy, but the expansion of new casinos and racinos in surrounding states have posed a challenge to Indiana's gaming business.

In 2010, Indiana's 13 gaming facilities generated a total of \$875 million in tax revenue. Since then, our state has accumulated the second highest gaming revenue in the country. Indiana accomplished these marks by making casinos and racinos easily accessible to out of state citizens.

The state revenues from this source are decreasing, however, partially due to the expansion and creation of gaming facilities in surrounding states, including Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky. With 10 out of Indiana's 13 casinos located along state lines, surrounding states have built or are in the process of building new gaming sites in order to compete with Indiana casinos. If a casino location is convenient, current out-of-state customers will be more likely to stay within their own state when they want to gamble. The proximity of these new out-of-state casinos to Indiana's state lines has already affected the gaming industry within Indiana.

A year after the opening of Ohio casinos near the state line, Indiana saw a 6 percent decrease in visitors to state casinos and a 5 percent loss of tax revenue. The newly-opened Ohio casinos are projected to decrease Southeast Indiana gaming revenue by about \$75 million. The impact of these new out-of-state casinos has a direct influence on our two-year state budget as well as on our entire economy. Indiana legislators have a decision to make in regards to this issue. Should we find

ways to increase gaming revenues to compete with our neighbors, or should we live with the current situation and prevent any further expansions of gaming?

I've been opposed to bolstering our gaming industry for many reasons. Gambling often has a harmful impact on society, and I believe it should not be encouraged or expanded. Allowing gaming in our state has enabled people to establish gambling addictions. The state should find other sources of revenue to decrease the impact gaming has on our state budget.

However, supporters of increasing gaming revenue believe that Indiana does not have to expand gaming, just improve the existing industry to compete with casinos and racinos in other states. They argue that if people want to participate in gaming activities, they will go to the most convenient place to do so. With gaming being the fourth largest revenue source for Indiana, Hoosiers must do what they can to continue this thriving industry.

For better or worse, gaming has become a major part of the Indiana economy. Lawmakers are faced with a decision to keep the gaming industry booming in our state or continue to let it decline from out-of-state competition. What do you think?

was formerly employed by Fry's Pharmacy and Meredith's Drug Store. She was a volunteer at the Paulding Food Pantry.

She is survived by a daughter, Patricia (Raymond) Carlisle; a son, William "Bill" Scheurich, both of Paulding; and four grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers, William and Ralph; infant brother, Ralph; two sisters, Esther Payne and Wanda Rosebrock; and an infant sister, Rose Marie.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted 10 AM Thursday, March 14 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding. Burial will follow in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Paulding County.

Visitation will be 4 - 8 PM Wednesday, March 13 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services on Thursday at the church.

Donations may be made to Masses or a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

NEW HAVEN REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE MARCH MEETING REMINDER

This is a meeting reminder for the New Haven Republican Central Committee. There will be a meeting on Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post 330 (behind O'Daniel Ford). Guest speaker for the evening will be East Allen County School board member, Chris Baker.

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FORT WAYNE PHILHARMONIC LIVE BROADCAST ON PBS

The Fort Wayne Philharmonic is happy to announce a live broadcast of an upcoming Masterworks concert. In partnership with WFWA PBS 39, we present a wonderful opportunity to enjoy live music from the comfort of your home.

Grab your slippers and a bowl of popcorn and prepare to be dazzled as The Phil performs Khachaturian's exhilarating *Sabre Dance*, Prokofiev's *Violin Concerto No. 2* performed by guest artist Anastasia Agapova, Barber's melancholy *Adagio for Strings*, and Rimsky-Korsakov's dazzling symphonic suite *Scherazade*.

Tune in to your local Public Broadcasting Station for this free performance by the Fort Wayne Philharmonic on Saturday, March 16th at 8:00 p.m. Fort Wayne Philharmonic performances are an affordable entertainment choice made possible by the financial support of local individuals and businesses. To learn more about the benefits of sponsoring regional Philharmonic performances, please contact Andie Mobley at (260) 481-0775 or amobley@fwphil.org.

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M'CAFFREY – WOBLER



Dylan Wobler would love to announce the marriage of his dad, Shayne Wobler to Katrina M'cCaffrey of Fort Wayne. The couple were united in marriage on December 8, 2012 at Metea Park, Fort

Wayne.

Their parents are Michael and Nancy Wobler of Antwerp, Larry M'cCaffrey of Fort Wayne and Rosemary M'cCaffrey of Bartow, FL.

AFTER LIFE HERE, ARE YOU READY FOR LIFE HEREAFTER?

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

Frank Pastore was a major-league baseball pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds, Minnesota Twins and Texas Rangers. After an injury to his elbow ended his pro career, he devoted his life to preaching and Christian apologetics. He was the host of a very popular Christian talk show in Los Angeles, CA. On November 12, 2012, he was involved in a serious motorcycle accident and passed away on December 7, 2012. A few hours before he was in the accident, he

said this on his radio show: "Isn't it interesting [that] secular science is addressing the question, 'Does man have a soul? Is there such a thing as immaterial reality?' And it's couched in the category of 'is there life after death?'"

"I mean look, you guys know I ride a motorcycle don't you? So, at any moment, especially with the idiot people who cross the diamond lane into my lane, alright, without any blinkers—not that I'm angry about it—but at any minute I could be spread out all over the 210 (Freeway); but that's not me, that's my body parts.

That key distinction undergirds the entire Judeo-Christian worldview and also

your pursuit of reality."

The scriptures are filled with warnings; that life is eternal, that the soul that sins, it shall die, that we shall give an account of every idle word, that the way we lived our life on earth will be cross-examined in our presence by our maker in the afterlife. In other words, after life, there is afterlife, after our physical death; there is eternity; our souls are in the hands of God Almighty.

Such a sober reminder ought to give us all further reflection on our preparation for such a day of reckoning. The writer to Hebrews put it this way, Hebrews 9:27 (KJV), "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment..."

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.

WOODBURN DAY IN THE PARK COMMITTEE NOW ACCEPTING QUEEN ENTRIES

Woodburn Community is now accepting entries for our Woodburn Day in the Park Queen contest. Entry forms can be filled out at either Woodburn PNC Bank or Woodlan Jr/Sr High School. This is a fantastic opportunity for each candidate to earn money for their college education. Deadline is April 15. Please contact Mary or Kim at 260-632-4235.

EASTER EGG HUNT IN WELCOME PARK

Pioneer Christian Ministries will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 30th at Noon. The Easter Egg Hunt will feature 3,500 eggs spread out on the Welcome Park in Grover Hill. Event is FREE and no registration necessary. Open to children ages 12 and under with the hunt being divided into two different age groups: 0-5 (co-ed), 6-12 (co-ed). Along with the egg hunt there will be prizes, games and free food.

PASTOR & MAGICIAN TERRY OWNS TO SPEAK AT GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Grover Hill Area Ministerial Association is pleased to have Pastor and Magician Terry Owens, a professional speaker, comedian and magician from Fort Wayne, IN to present an afternoon assembly at the Grover Hill Element-

tary School from 2:00-2:55 p.m. on March 20, 2013.

Terry has the special ability to connect with his audiences. He loves to entertain people especially children and it shows. Terry's unique style of comedy and magic has brought smiles and laughter to audiences all across the United States and abroad. Terry will teach the Grover Hill Elementary students about some of today's problems with children in school by using magic to help them understand.

Pastor/magician Terry Owens will continue teaching the children who stay for Kidzone, an after school Bible Study from 3:20-4:30 p.m. He will be teaching the children Biblical truths using magic as part of the story.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Luke 6:39 - Who is speaking in these next few verses?
2. Luke 6:39 - What is the question here?
3. Luke 6:39 - What happens when the blind lead the blind?
4. Luke 6:40 - Can a disciple be above his teacher?
5. Luke 1:40 - When one is taught or trained right, what will he be like?
6. Luke 6:41 - What is in the brother's eye?
7. Luke 6:41 - What was in his own eye?
8. Luke 6:43 - What was the brother called with the plank in his eye?
9. Luke 6:43 - The one with the plank in his eyes was supposed to do?
10. Luke 6:43 - Does a good tree produce bad fruit?

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

Answers to last week's questions:

1. our enemies; 2. Jesus; 3. Do good; 4. bless them; 5. to speak well of; 6. Pray for them; 7. Turn the other cheek; 8. to treat shamefully; 9. to smite with the fist; or a sword; Rod; 10. Read Deuteronomy 15:7-8

And now some comments on the verses we have studied. Luke 6:39 - the blind; the blind leading the blind are the Pharisees, according to Matthew 15:12. Jesus disciples were troubled by their opposition. They are blind leaders of the blind. They pretend to be spiritual guides of the people, while spiritually blind themselves. The blind are unsafe guides of the blind. Luke 6:40 as disciples we must expect to be treated like the master. Luke 6:41-42 the Lord uses a figure to show the absurdity of judging severely the faults of others while we have greater ones. Luke 6:42 through 45 the man who finds fault with another for a sin while he is more guilty, is a hypocrite. Luke 6:43 through 45 Lord is showing you and I the uniform law of nature. Every tree bears after its kind. The same principle holds good in the moral world. A good man will show forth good deeds, while a bad man well bear fruit according to his nature. Jesus states the principle that seems to run through the whole government of God. Luke 6:46 through 49 Luke is talking about digging deep. To have a solid foundation we

DR. SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED AT HARLAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Pictured here are (front row) Jadon James, Reese Dunderman, Moriah Nolt, Alexis Prichard, Natalie Miller, Clarissa Peters, and Josiah Shenkel; (back row) Abby Quinn, Chloe Bremer, Triston Tuggle, Samuel Gemple, Mrs. Ross, Colten Beerbower, Jordan Stratton and Casey Laub. Not pictured: Lexi Beason.

The Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten class at Harlan Christian School recently celebrated Dr. Seuss's (a pen-name of Theodor Seuss Geisel), birthday. Dr. Seuss was born March 2, 1904, and was the author of many children's books. In honor of

his birthday, Mrs. Carolyn Ross, the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten teacher, read the book *Green Eggs and Ham* which was published in 1960. The students, Thing 1 and Thing 2, enjoyed eating green eggs and ham for their snack.

must dig deep into the word of God to find a solid rock. Why would people build a house without a foundation? There are two foundations: one is satan, and the other is Christ. Which foundation are you building on?

LATTA RECOGNIZED WITH AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE UNION AWARD

The American Conservative Union (ACU) has recognized Congressman Bob Latta (R- Bowling Green) as a recipient of the ACU Conservative award for his steadfast commitment to America's Constitution and conservative principles.

"As Americans we hold dear the many rights and liberties that have been granted to us for the past 225 years by the U.S. Constitution. I am proud to accept this award from the American Conservative Union and to

be recognized for my efforts in protecting and advocating for the founding principles of personal freedom and limited government, which our nation was built and has endured upon," said Congressman Latta.

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(Drive Sober from Page 1)

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FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE TO BE HELD IN ANTWERP

The Antwerp Community Youth Center will be hosting a Father-Daughter dance on Saturday, April 6, 2013 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Antwerp United Methodist Church.

This dance is for fathers and father-figures and their girls, ages 3-12 (pre-K through 6th grade). Anyone interested in attending should complete and submit the registration form that has been inserted into all of Antwerp West Bend News papers. This event is not limited to Antwerp residents though. Space is limited, so register soon. Additional registration forms and dance information can be found at the Antwerp Community Youth Center Facebook page or call Ryan Zuber at 419-258-1096.

FCC LAUNCHING A CHURCH IN PAULDING

FCC Church of Defiance will be opening Branch Christian Fellowship Church under Pastor Greg Cramer. Church services will be begin March 17, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Paulding High School auditoria. This is a contemporary worship church for all ages. Services will feature a band for worship, audio and visual presentations for teachings, a children church also will be offered. Our mission is to help people find and follow Jesus. Please plan on attending. Any questions, please call FCC at 419-782-2300.

MINI BIBLE SCHOOL AT MELROSE UMC

Melrose United Methodist Church will host a mini Bible School on Saturday, March 16, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Children pre-K through 6th grade are welcome to attend.

Theme is "Jesus Lives! Let's Celebrate!" Activities include bible stories, crafts, singing, refreshments, and a parade. For more information, call Genevieve Noggle at 419-594-3411.

ON THE HECTIC PACE OF LIFE

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

One individual captured the spirit of the times in which we live with this verse: "This is the age of the half-read page, the quick hash and the mad dash. This is the age of the sleepless night with the nerves tight, and the plane

hop with a brief stop. This is the age of the lamp tan in a short span, the brain strain and the heart pain; the cat-naps till the spring snaps... and the fun is done."

Is that fairly accurate description of life during these times? We live in a hustle bustle, hurry up world where being "busy" is our badge of pride. For some strange reason, we see being dog-tired and burned out as virtuous.

An article in Psychology Today had this to say: "In the next 12 months, we will consume around 20,000 tons of aspirin... that totals 225 tablets persons, per year, or 2/3 of a tablet per person, per day. If you go by these sales figures alone, it would suggest that most everyone in the United States has a headache most of the time."

I wonder if this generation is the most "uptight" and anxious generation in recent memory. Someone recently made the observation, "You know, twenty years ago people were asking, 'how can I get to heaven?' Today people are asking 'How can I get through this day?'"

Sound familiar? The pace of life is increasing at break-neck speed with no end in sight. Modern conveniences and time-saving gadgets haven't given us more leisure time—they've simply allowed us the chance to squeeze more activities into our already full schedules.

In terms of "busyness", our culture is changing. And it's having a marked effect on all of us. You may have seen the study that showed that in the early 1900s the top ten killers of people in the United States were infectious diseases. In the last ten years it is estimated that the top ten killers of Americans are all stress-related diseases.

Human being were never designed to carry those kinds of loads. When we overload our capacities, something is going to break—either our health, or our family cohesiveness, or our marriages, or something else of great value to us.

Is it any wonder that Jesus offered this remedy: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light," Matthew 11:28-30.

In this passage Jesus is saying, "Feeling pressured? Reeling overwhelmed? Feeling just tired? Come to Me.

I will offer you rest. Rest for your heart. Rest for your soul. Rest for your body. And My purpose is not to ADD to your pressure but to alleviate it."

Do you need reminded of those words today? How's your stress level been lately? Re-read Christ's words and take them to heart. Come to Him, casting all your cares upon Him because He cares for you.

FIND YOUR JOHNSONVILLE

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

To put down thoughts regarding our mission trip to Liberia resembles telling people of a great painting by only showing them one square inch of that painting. But words and stories are all I have to hopefully inspire and drum up more interest in what God is doing in Liberia. It is in this feeble attempt to express what God did that I hope His Spirit intermingles with our souls and brings vitality and passion where our souls too often slumber.

I'm going to deal with the biggest achievement of the trip. But in doing this, I realize that God often turns what we thought was an insignificant moment into the most significant event, while the things we thought were great and amazing become a passing footnote to our lives.

Last year, our small Hope 2 Liberia team of four people, traveled to the Heart of Grace school in Lower Johnsonville, outside of the capital city of Monrovia. What we saw there was amazing. This place was different. It was kept up. It was clean. We are part of Hope 2 Liberia, but this place, on the outskirts of Monrovia, was really a place of hope for Liberia. Something was happening here. It was a city on a hill. It was a beacon of hope in the darkness.

But there was also a great problem. A problem we wouldn't have known about except for a random, divine encounter in the airport that eventually led us to Heart of Grace. The school and the surrounding community lacked water. The school had been given a well by a Rotary Club out of Lafayette, Louisiana, but the well had dried up. A man in the neighborhood had spent days hand digging a new well, only to never hit water. The only water they could get was down a steep cliffside. A journey they would make every day, bucket after bucket, because water is life.

So we saw the situation, but we did not have the pumps and equipment to do something incredible. I remember the feeling in that small group that something would be done. And one of our group members, Jon Bennett, said, "I'm going to come back here and fix this problem." So he went home, 5,000 miles away from Lower Johnsonville and the Heart of Grace school, but that community stayed on his heart. He worked out a plan. His passion to help Johnsonville and his commitment to work hard to meet the needs of those who did not have the ability to meet their own needs, combined with the engineering know-how of John Pierce, brought eventual change. As you are reading this, someone from the community in Lower Johnsonville is probably filling her bucket with safe, purified water. Wa-

ter that was unsafe to drink at the bottom of the cliff, that traveled through lines laid, and was filtered prior to reaching a spigot at the top of the hill.

Eric Wowoh, a Liberian, founder of the Heart of Grace school, the executive director of Change Agent Network, and a servant of God of the sort I have never before encountered had this to say:

"We now have plenty of water flowing through our school and community here in City View, Lower Johnsonville. Water has always been a major problem for us in this community, especially during the dry season or summer months. We have never had a public system for running water, which has meant everyone had to travel many miles for their water. In our case, this has meant walking up and down a very challenging, rocky hill to get to a well. Heavily pregnant mothers journeying up and down to fetch water each day has been very normal since people have lived here."

"This is now history as God sent twenty-four members of the Hope 2 Liberia team to help bring an abundance of fresh, safe, clean drinking water to the thirsty in this 17,000 strong community of Lower Johnsonville, including all of the students and staff that use our school, the Heart of Grace."

"Thanks for your continual support and prayers! We are very grateful to all who have helped. This is a huge moment for us—real development and real change. Water is, indeed, life. May God water and refresh your life as you have helped to water the lives of others in such need."

All of this challenges me. And I hope it challenges you. All too often we see the world off kilter from what God has designed it to be, but we just turn a blind eye and unleash our apathy. We say it's a fallen world and things will be this way until Jesus returns. But those teachings weren't given to us so that we could be complacent. They are an acknowledgment that we will always have a mission to accomplish.

But do you see what happened here? Thousands of people now have clean drinking water because of the passion of one man. John Bennett—not a pastor, not a plumber, not an engineer—founder and owner of Cool Cayenne Authentic Printed Shirt Co. in Muncie, Indiana. He made a difference. He would be the first to say that he couldn't have done it by himself, but what is happening in Johnsonville right now, as we sit in the comfort of our own homes, wouldn't have been accomplished without his faithfulness to Jesus. When John stands before Jesus and Jesus says, "I was thirsty and you gave me a drink." John will humbly say, "When did I see you thirsty? When did I give you a drink?" And Jesus will say, "Johnsonville."

May we each find our Johnsonvilles. May we each strive to make a difference. Instead of pretending we don't have to do anything and that God's plan will magically get done, may we take seriously God's call to be His hands and feet. We have to get busy being faithful. We are surrounded by the hungry, the thirsty, the immigrant, the naked, the sick, and imprisoned. And in loving them, we love Jesus. Let's love Jesus. Let's love our

JOURNEY THROUGH TIME AT FREE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD



Free Christian Church of God in Continental, Ohio will present "A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME", March 27-29. "A Journey through Time" is an Easter drama that will forever change the way that you look at this Holiday. This will be the seventh year for this production and Free Christian Church of God has made this year even bigger and better than before.

From the wonders of creation to the final triumph of Christ... you will see it all. You will watch as a Jewish family, while in bondage to Egypt, shares the paschal lamb meal during the time of the first Passover. You will see the tabernacle constructed during the wilderness journey to the Promised Land and you will see the inner workings of the tabernacle as the high priest enters the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement and surrenders a blood sacrifice before the Ark of the Covenant and the mercy seat. You will share Holy Communion with Jesus and His disciples in the upper room. You will see the agony of Gethsemane, the cruelty of the crucifixion and the glory of the resurrection. But... perhaps... you will see it all in a way that you have never seen it before.

Most of us know something about Easter. Some know about things like the Easter bunny, candy jellybeans and colored eggs. But many of us also know that on Good Friday Jesus died on a cross and then three days later, on Easter Sunday, He arose from the grave... unfortunately... we really don't know why. Why did there have to be a horrible betrayal... why was Jesus beaten without mercy... why was He crucified on a cross? Why all of the blood? And why was it so important that He physically arose from the

fellow man.

If you want to see videos of the story described in this article, search Youtube for "Thanks to Hope 2 Liberia. Water is life." and "Flow Johnsonville Water Project 2013."

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

grave on the third day?

To understand it we must start at the beginning. The Bible is one complete picture of God's love for man... unfortunately many of us have only learned the word of God in fragments. We know many of the stories but we have never connected them as one divine truth. But it is our desire to bring the whole story of the Bible, the story of salvation, together. We want to help you complete the picture so that it all will make sense to you.

Revelation 13 describes Jesus Christ as the lamb slain from the creation of the world. That means that even before man fell into sin God already had a plan in place to redeem Him from that sin and reconcile with Him. Before any of us drew our first breath God was already at work on our salvation. And that is what we want to show you... we want to show you how God, in the Old testament, through the Passover and through the workings of the tabernacle pointed all men to the great work that Jesus would do on the cross in the New testament and bring all of those stories together in one great picture... in this... Journey Through Time.

Last year over 800 people were in attendance for this drama, and this year promises to be even bigger. For more information about this program or to reserve your FREE tickets, call the church office at (419)-596-3103. This year, in exchange for your FREE ticket, Free Christian Church of God is collecting non-perishable food items to supply the local food pantry. Performances are March 27-29 at 6:00, 7:00, and 8:00 p.m. each evening. Seating is limited so make sure you call and reserve your tickets today.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Computer Depot changing to Thrift-e-Bay Consignment Store

As some of you may know, I have decided to change directions business wise. I have been toying with the idea of opening a consignment shop in the front of the building here at 101 S. Main St. We have provided eBay sales services for some time now and now we would like to provide that as well as a tangible service by selling goods locally. Unfortunately, I am going to be focusing on that and will no longer provide computer services. Now before you get too upset, please hear me out. The Computer Depot will not be closing, just exchanging hands. I have a dear friend from Fort Wayne who likes to burn his candle at both ends and with wicks out the side like I do and he will be taking over. It will be located in the back of the building. However, once he takes over, I will no longer be able to work on computers other than my own. I am required to sign a non-compete agreement. On busy days, however, I will be consulting as a tech but only when he is very busy. Words cannot express how much you all mean to me and what a blessing you have been. I have so many fond memories of all of you and appreciate the trust and bonds that I have built with many of you. For my businesses, I appreciate the opportunity to have worked with you. I hope that you all will welcome the new owners as you did me. I have known the main owner for over four years and I trust him and his judgement. In fact, I feel it will benefit some of you as he is more knowledgeable in some areas than I am and will keep consistent hours as he isn't an EMT and won't be running out in the middle of the day to go on a run, or be shutting down early to go to continuing education classes. The plan is for the first week of March for Thrift-e-Bay and The Computer Depot to open. I hope to see everyone here and with goods to consign in hand or tow!! Also there will be a "Meet & Greet" with the new owners of The Computer Depot.

—DeziaRae Schlegel

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Recently two young adults were arrested for trespassing in an abandoned house here in Antwerp. These two young adults are looking at charges that could give them a criminal record for the rest of their lives—what a shame! I think it is absurd that this could be the case. I believe this has taken place at this empty house before. Maybe we are arresting the wrong people. No one has the right to go on your property without permission, but this house is a dump and an invite to teenagers to explore. The person owning this property should be responsible to make sure it is secure to keep these kids out. If you or I had a property in this condition I am sure we would hear about it. What an eye sore this place is to the community. We should take more pride in our town and demand that this eye sore be taken down to keep further young adults from the temptation of entering this house.

—Don Smith

2013 MAUMEE VALLEY SPRING TRACTOR & CRAFT SHOW

The Maumee Valley Antique Steam & Gas Association is having its Annual Spring Show March 22-24, 2013 in the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, IN. Pre-registration for vendors and exhibitors is important. For more information and a pre-registration form, visit our website at (maumeevalley.org) or call 260-797-1222. For crafts information, call 260-422-4076.

We are featuring Minneapolis-Moline, Twin-City, the International Cockshut Club, and the Hoosier Co-Op Jamboree. All other exhibitors are welcome and are free. Part vendors, flea markets and toy vendors will be offering their wares. There will also be a model engine display. Women will enjoy the expanded craft show and "Make It, Take It" Workshops. Two members have opened their private collections on Friday. There is a clown on Saturday for the children. This will be our largest show ever.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Ebeny Nicole Wampler was born on March 7, 2013 at 4:38 p.m. at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville. She weighed 7 lb. 12 oz. and was 19.5 inches long.

Her parents are Dara D. Wampler of Edgerton, OH. Grandparents are Pam and Darwin Wampler, and Darren Wampler. Great-grandparents are Pam and Darwin Wampler, Bonnie and Bill Stansbury, and Jim and Wilda Kalb.

OHIO A GREAT EXAMPLE OF AGRICULTURE'S IMPORTANCE

Guest Column from Representative Tony Burkley

Anyone who watched this year's Super Bowl probably saw the inspirational commercial with the late, great Paul Harvey explaining all the reasons why "God made a farmer." Even if you didn't watch the game, you have likely since seen the ad.

As Ohio's number-one industry, there is no disputing the vitally important role that agriculture has in our state. As of last year, there were nearly 75,000 farms in Ohio. Nearly 90 percent of these farms are owned by families or individuals. So while agriculture is a major driver of our economy, it is also an industry that unites families and friends and reminds us of our history.

March 10-16 is Ohio Agriculture Week, a time when we recognize the agricultural industry, which employs one in seven Ohioans. I think this is an appropriate time to pay tribute to farmers because, in just a couple weeks, we will see many of them in the fields and preparing for the planting season.

After being elected to the Ohio House of Representatives, I was sincerely honored to be appointed to the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. Agriculture is vital to the economy in Northwest Ohio, and it is my privilege to serve on behalf of so many hardworking people in the 82nd District.

The men and women working alongside me on this committee are also committed to supporting farmers and other ag-related workers. Before each planting season, many farmers seek to finance their operating costs by taking out loans. During the previous General Assembly, the House introduced a bill that reduced the interest rates for farmers on loans or credit lines approved by banks and

other lenders.

The bill—which updated what is known as the Ag-LINK Deposit Program—increased the maximum loan amount that a farmer could withdraw from \$100,000 to \$150,000. Additionally, it increased from \$125 million to \$165 million the amount of money that the State Treasurer can invest in lending institutions that lend money to farmers. This action made it easier for agriculture-related industries to increase investment in their businesses.

As we inch closer to spring, I anticipate other bills to be taken up before the committee and the House that will impact farming and other industries that strengthen Ohio's economy.

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SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 56

By: Stan Jordan

This is the last part of January 1860. Callie and the twins have gone over to Fort Kearney.

The three soldiers who have been our right hand helpers for eight years are Hunter, Gardener and Slim. The one named Mo, or Rooster, has been the runner between the Indian Agency and the Fort.

The first three and I have been cleaning up the Agency. We don't know for how long, but it will be awhile anyhow. We boarded up the windows and fastened the doors very well, and all the fires are out. Rooster took all of our furniture over to the fort a couple of days ago. Rooster had a couple of the soldiers to help unload and arrange the furniture.

It was hard for Callie to leave the Agency. It was our home for eight years, and it was a good home. She walked with the twins, Ned and Ted, down to the bridge over Rattlesnake Creek for the last time and took one final look.

We have already sent our extra hay and food stuffs to the Calamus River Tribe. They can use it.

We made it back to the Fort okay, that will be the last trip until who knows when.

This is February 1, 1860 and I am in the Army now. They put me in the first Cavalry as a Major, but I am attached to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Commander of the

Region says I will be sent to Washington DC pretty soon to tell them all I know and receive all they know and how they want it done.

We have a cottage at the end of the street here at the Fort. It belonged to an Officer who retired a few weeks ago. We bought it for our own, but we pay rent for the small store where Callie will have her clothing business. She says, "It will be for ladies and men." The twins are six now and will start the first grade in the fall. There is also several other children around the same age and they play school all the time. They can already spell and read their names, know the alphabet and count. I know I sound like a proud father and I am.

The Wells Fargo Stage Line follows the Oregon Trail which goes near the Fort. It runs from Camp Bridger in the East to Independence, MO.

I understand the railroad is as far west as St. Louis and I will ride it all the way to Washington DC.

I hear back east the train will go almost 20 miles per hour. Gee Whiz! In one hour it will go as far as a horse in a day.

This morning Gen. Kearney called me down to his office at 10:00 a.m. He had received written orders for me to report to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington DC on 400 Pennsylvania Avenue at 10 am on February 28, 1860. Reporting to Colonel Hathaway.

We had a real fine birthday dinner at the Army mess hall for the twins. I think everyone came because it was almost a going away party for me to go to Washington.

The Wells Fargo Stage left the Fort at 11:00 a.m. on February 15. I am an Officer now and I just got my new uniform, so I will ride inside the stage instead of up on top.

See ya!

Be sure to tell the businesses you patronize, that you saw their ad in the West Bend News.

MERCER LANDMARK ELEVATOR IN ITS INFANCY

By: Stan Jordan

This picture was in the album loaned to me by Nancy Lichty. I am going to tell you all I know about the West Elevator as it was called for a number of generations.



In 1886, Bruce Ely and C.A. Bissell bought out the Antwerp Elevator and they called it the Ely and Bissell Dealers in Grain, Hay, and Livestock. There used to be a corral and loading pens west on the end of Railroad Street, on the southside of the tracks, almost across from the Root Beer Stand.

I cannot find who started the elevator first or when. But by 1886, it was already a going business.

These fellows operated the establishment until 1900. It was sold then to the People's Elevator Company.

It was a vital part of Antwerp's early history.

After WWII, they purchased the East Elevator, and then they cleaned seeds, bought and sold grain, and anything else used on the farm.

I know the early manager, who was named Lewis Schmunk. He went on to Port Clinton, and was in the same business there.

Then Peter Schmunk, was the manager for 38 years. All those years, the elevators' business grew because of more acreage being farmed, better seeds, and know-how, and the use of fertilizer.

You can see an electric light pole there in the foreground. Antwerp got electricity in 1896, known as the Antwerp Electric Light Company. The plant and office was on the northwest corner of Railroad and Monroe Streets.

The Paulding Telephone Company came to Antwerp and we had phones since May 1896.

Natural gas was brought to Antwerp in October 1925. City water came to Antwerp in 1930 or 1931.

I wanted to know when the People's Elevator company was sold and became known as the Antwerp Equity Exchange Company.

Susan Arend, the CEO at the West Elevator, went through her files and found an official article of incorporation for this business. A beautiful document that is so neat and legible after almost 100 years.

This business merged with Mercer Landmark of Celina, OH in 2008. These people have 21 locations, but not all of them deal with grain. In their annual report, they stated in 2012 that they had over 282 million dollars in sales.

In that official document

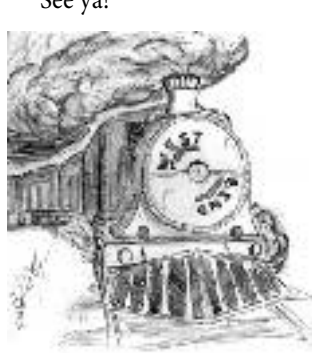
of 1917, concerning the Antwerp Equity Exchange, it lists five shareholders; Nick Harrmann, Henry "Hen" Reeb, Gus Mattingly, John F. Miller, and F.P. Wetli, that would be Frank Wetli. I knew all of these fellows except Mr. Miller.

Please take a moment and

reflect on all the progress this company has shown and the history that it has left for almost 100 years.

My heartfelt thanks to Susan Arend and the employees at the Elevator for all of their help.

See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

The above picture is my logo of a thundering, screaming, steaming locomotive, pulling a 100 freight cars, heading southwest out of Roanoke, Virginia. This picture was drawn for me by Joel Steiner, a sixth grader, here at the Antwerp Middle School.

The locomotive is Old Number 9 and it has a true background.

The Engineer was pulling a freight express heading to Christianburg, VA still in the flat country and he was high balling it. He was coming out of a long curve and all his gauges were showing okay and let her roll.

For some reason and somehow another freight was sitting on the tracks facing him with his headlight showing his way. The song goes like this: "As he speed around the hill. His brave heart stood still, for a headlight was gleaming in his face. He whispered a prayer as he threw on the air, for he knew it would be his final race."

The Engineer was killed but the Fireman and Brake-man made it through.

That was almost 100 years ago and like many other train wrecks, someone made a song about it and I think that was about the third verse. If you are an old geezer like I am, you might remember that song.

To me, the train, from the small Tom Thumb to our big 4-8-4 and out in the West they have one called the Big Boy and they had two sets of 4-8-4's and was nearly 100 feet long. They have 16 driving wheels and generally used to pull freight cars through the mountains of the Big Sky Country.

The locomotive, the stage coach, the Pony Express Riders, and the cowboy all helped to settle the West.

See ya!

FERN RATH ENJOYS BIRTHDAY SURPRISE!



Fern Rath enjoyed all of the birthday cards she received from well wishers near and far. They made her 98th birthday very special. May God bless you.

OLD DAN AND I CHAPTER 29

By: Stan Jordan

Dan and I and our two seater plane P-51D and the other two pilots, Lt. Hornish and Lt. Wiltsie and their P-51's took off this morning on Dawn Patrol and headed North.

We are going up around Antwerp, Belgium the next town is Brussels, Amsterdam, and all around that area. That is still very much in German control. I hope we will find German Luftwaffe, but our main reason is to use our cannons and rockets on ground targets.

Antwerp is an inland sea port with access to the North Sea. The Germans are in solid control of the entire area. Our job is to destroy or raise havoc with the Nazi supply system.

We flew over Antwerp and followed the water out to the North Sea. We found a number of small boats and freighters along the sides of the estuary. We blew up or set nearly all of them on fire with our small arms.

We were on the lookout for German planes, but never saw any. We flew over to Amsterdam and took a lot reconnaissance pictures. We shot up a couple of railroad yards. We didn't see much for a while, but over into Germany, east of the Brussels area, we were flying about 350 mpg at 5,000 ft altitude.

Dan shouted into his mic and said, "Did you see that over there?" I turned my head around and got a parting glimpse of a plane or something going out of sight. He was going so fast that he had nothing to fear.

Our three pilots talked among themselves over the radio. As I take it, it was a new type of German plane. It was short and stubby with an extra tall tail rudder and a long wingspan.

At our evening meeting we told Gen. Norm about the seeing this new plane.

Gen. Norm said, "After looking at my files on the Luftwaffe, and with how you described it, I think you saw one of their newest jets, called a 'Comet'. It is an ME-171. It has a short stubby fuselage. It is a like a plane built around

a big jet engine. It has extra large wing and tail services. There are no landing gear and it glides in on skids.

When it takes off in the air. The landing gear falls off and it is made for high altitude and descend down on to big bomber formations and shoot them down. They are armed with four 30mm cannons mounted in the wings. Just one 30mm round can blow a wing off or make a lot of destruction. I understand the top speed is 630 mph on a level flight. It can dive down into a B-17 formation and shoot a lot of canons and keep on going so fast you cannot even get a shot off at him.

The Gen. said, "That is about all we got on him. But I understand in landing that plane is tricking and once-in-a-while they lose one. They land so fast with no landing gear, the tail rudder is used to stabilize the ship. They still lose some planes and pilots in the landing process. I'm glad they don't have too many of them."

"Now you fellows go out on Dawn Patrol and then rest up and have your planes loaded with ammunition of all types, and then have the crew load Lts. Hornish and Wiltsie's planes with rockets. Tomorrow you will be sent to Norway. Now let's play some Euchre."

See ya!

EASTER EGG HUNT SCHEDULED IN PAYNE

Flat Rock Masonic Lodge #580 will be having an Easter Egg Hunt and an Open House on Saturday, March 23, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Lodge building at 509 S. Main Street in Payne.

Age groups for the Easter Egg Hunt will be 0-3 years old, 4-8 years old and 9-12 years old. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served. There is no cost for those wishing to participate. There will also be an Open House during the same hours for those desiring to tour the Lodge building and learn more about the Freemasons.

For more information, contact Ron Schmidt, Secretary, at 419-399-3519.

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ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS OKLAHOMA



Antwerp High School is set to present Oklahoma March 15 and March 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Antwerp Local School Auditoria with music by Richard Rodgers and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II and performed with permission from R & H Theatricals.

Oklahoma is set in the Indian Territory just after the turn of the century when cowboys and farmers were competing over fences and water rights. Two more rivalries emerge in the middle of that controversy. Curly, a cowboy, and Jud, a hired hand, are both in love with Laurey. The second involves

Ado Annie, Will, and Ali Hakim, a trio that will provide plenty of laughs.

Aunt Eller and her niece Laurey own a farm in Oklahoma. Curly and Laurey have a secret love for each other, but they are too frightened to admit their feelings for each other. Curly asks Laurey to the box social at the Skidmore Ranch that evening. Meanwhile, Will Parker has just returned from Kansas City and tells the locals about his experience there. Will is passionately in love with Ado Annie. Ado Annie can't decide if she loves Will or a sweet-talking traveling salesman, Ali Hakim. Curly is devastated to discover that Laurey has asked Jud Fry, her menacing field hand, to take her to the box social due to an argument Laurey had with Curly. After her impetuous decision, Laurey is afraid to be alone with Jud, and she wishes she had not asked him. A competition begins between Jud and Curly over Laurey's hamper.

The music and lyrics of Oklahoma are some of the best in musical theatre with songs that include "Oh What a Beautiful Morning," "The Surrey with the Fringe on Top," "People Will Say We're in Love," "I Can't Say No," "Oklahoma!" and many more, making this a musical treat for the entire family.

Cast List (in order of appearance):

Curly - Ed Reinhart, Laurey - Kirsy Smith, Aunt Eller

- Lydia Schneider, Ali Hakim - Nathan Hawley, Ado Annie Carnes - Samantha Provines, Will Parker - Aaron Schneider, Jud Fry - Ryan Girardot, Andrea Carnes - Lydia Carr, Cord Elam - Erik Miesle, Ike Skidmore - Nathan Lee, Slim - Arron Romero, Gertie Cummings - Beth Hawley, Fred - Justice Clark, Joe - Brandon Laney, Kate - Tiffany Romero, Mike - Brian Geyer, Tom - John Huss, Virginia - Dani Daugherty, Sylvie - Destinee Schlegel, Armina - Kirsten Price, Aggie - Maggie Reinhart, Rebecca - Rachel Becker, Lydia - Katie Hunt

Chorus: Serenity Clark, Kaitlyn Clevinger, Madison Edgar, Logan Emerson, Chase Gerken Alex Hindenlang, Allyssa Jackson, Erica Meyer, Annie Miesle, Megaen Price, Kimberly Puckett, Blaire Rebber, Paige Rebber, Gracie Rigbsby, Alyssa Romero, Kodi Sensabaugh, Hope Smith, Kortney Smith, Aubree Sproles, Rosa Vachon, Maggie Wilson

Ballet Girls: Dani Daugherty, Annie Miesle, Sam Provines, Kimberly Puckett, Maggie Reinhart, Hope Smith

Saloon Girls: Logan Emerson, Beth Hawley, Allyssa Jackson, Kirsten Price, Kodi Sensabaugh, Kortney Smith

Come and see the cast on Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16 as they present the musical Oklahoma. It's definitely a show worth coming to see!

FORT WAYNE FARMERS MARKET TO HOST VENDOR MEETING

Fort Wayne's Farmers Market will be hosting an informational meeting for any party interested in becoming a vendor for the satellite summer markets and for next winter's market. FWFEM will continue to adhere to its producer-only format. This means that vendors will only be allowed to sell products they make, grow or personally produce in some way. FWFEM also has an 80%-20% policy. 80% of the vendors are farm, food or natural product vendors and 20% are artisans and crafters. All vendors will be juried into the markets.

The market schedule is as follows:

2013 Spring & Summer Satellite Markets

- Parkview Regional Medical Center Campus (PRMC) - Tuesdays, May 28 to August 27, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

- FWFEM Downtown - Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (under development, scouting locations)

- New Haven - Wednesdays, June 19 to October 16, Wednesdays 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Georgetown Square - Thursdays, June 13 to September 12, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Jefferson Pointe - Fridays, June 7 to September 6, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

FWFEM Downtown - Saturdays - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (under development)

Art and Craft Markets (under development):

2nd Thursday in July - Art Market at Georgetown Square Farmers Market

2nd Thursday in August - Craft Market at Georgetown Square Farmers Market

3rd Wednesday of every month - Art & Craft Market at New Haven's Farmers Market

1st Friday of every month

- Art Market at Jefferson Pointe's Farmers Market Winter Market 2013-2014 (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.):

2013:
October 5 & 19
November 2 & 16
December 7 & 21
2014:
January 4 & 18
February 1 & 15
March 1 & 15
April 5 & 19
May 3 & 17

Vendor Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, March 16, 2013, 12:00-4:00 p.m. at Parkview Regional Medical Center, 11109 Parkview Plaza Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46845. Use Entrance #1 and park in lots 3 & 4. Room Location: Enter Building at Entrance #1. Conference rooms A, B & C near the cafeteria

For further information, please visit the Fort Wayne's Farmers Market Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Ft-Waynes-Farmers-Market/260158917420745> or their website at <http://www.ft-waynesfarmersmarket.com/>.

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WOODBURN DAY IN THE PARK 1ST EVER PRINCE & PRINCESS CONTEST

Woodburn Community Association is proud to announce its first ever Prince and Princess contest. The contest is open to any child age three to six years old. Each contestant will also be involved in this year's parade on July 20. Please contact Mary or Kim at 260-632-4235 for more details. Also don't forget about the Town Hall Meeting on March 19 at 6:30 p.m.

APPLY NOW FOR WILDLIFE OFFICER TRAINING ACADEMY

Applications are being accepted through Sunday, March 24, for the next wildlife officer training academy, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). The ODNR Division of Wildlife is seeking to fill approximately 18-20 new wildlife officer positions throughout Ohio.

"We are looking for individuals who possess a passion for law enforcement, wildlife conservation and public service," said Scott Zody, chief of the ODNR Division of Wildlife.

Wildlife officers have statewide jurisdiction to enforce wildlife regulations, investigate allegations of waterway pollution, protect state property and make arrests. They conduct educational programs, perform fish and wildlife management duties and advise landowners about wildlife. Wildlife officers also serve an important role as a point of contact with law enforcement and other agencies on topics of mutual interest, providing assistance and expertise.

To be considered for the wildlife officer training academy, applicants must be at least 21 years of age by April 1, 2014, and have a valid driver's license. An associate degree or completion of an undergraduate core program in fish and/or wildlife management, criminal justice, environmental law enforcement or related fields is required by the end of August 2013.

Applicants must also be able to demonstrate physical

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singing, fun and plenty of heart! Under the direction of Miss Sharon Spinner, this 56 member cast has been working hard to bring you an evening of entertainment. Join us on Friday, March 15th and Saturday, March 16th at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 17th at 2:30 p.m. for a performance you won't want to miss. Doors open 45 minutes before performances and doors into the auditorium 30 minutes prior. There is a handicap accessible door on the east side through the cafeteria and elevator in the hallway to the second floor.

ANTWERP STUDENTS EARN FEBRUARY ROCKET MATH AWARDS



Pictured here are (left side, front to back) Haley Hammer, Lydia Krouse, Zach Devall, and Haley Jewell; (right side, front to back) Lillian VanCleve, Brooke Molitor, Macy Nutter, Conner Shiple, Carson Altimus, and Quince Dickess.

Some hard-working Antwerp Elementary students recently celebrated their Rocket Math progress. Students that

completed their addition or subtraction facts in February enjoyed an ice cream party with Mr. Lichty.

fitness according to standards developed by the Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission, as well as pass a swimming test.

Candidates who meet the minimum qualifications will be invited to take a state proficiency examination May 4 in central Ohio.

Top scoring candidates will then undergo interviews and pre-employment evalua-

tions. Those selected as cadets will attend the wildlife officer training academy for about six months. During the academy, cadets will study law enforcement, fish and wildlife management techniques and learn informational and educational skills. The academy will commence in early January 2014.

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THING 1 & THING 2 AT GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Pictured here are Natalie Torman, Natasha Torman, Dade Sanders, Deacon Sanders, Katie Stoller, Katrina Stoller, No-land Walls, Evan Walls, Ethan Davis and Gavin Davis.

It is Read Across America Week and time to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. At Wayne Trace Grover Hill we always take the time to celebrate his birthday. Each year we honor Dr. Seuss by showcasing our very own "Thing One and Thing Two's." This year we have five sets of twins

in our building and just like the original Thing One and Thing Two from The Cat in the Hat our twins love to have fun. Each day this week special activities are planned to celebrate the life of one of America's most beloved children's authors.

"AND TO THINK I SAW IT ON MULBERRY STREET" IN GROVER HILL



"And To Think I Saw It On Mulberry Street." Each classroom designed street signs with each student's name on it. They are proudly displayed outside each classroom. Here are Ashlynn Parrish and Worth Clark in front of Mrs. Schlatter's 5B classroom sign.

LOCAL STUDENT NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT UNOH

The University of Northwestern Ohio is proud to acknowledge that Seth E. Dailey of Cecil, OH has made the Dean's List for the January 2013 session in the College of Applied Technologies. Full-time students must receive a grade point average of 3.5 or better to be named to the Dean's List.

Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary is celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America this week! On Monday our theme was,

GMC ALL-CONFERENCE GIRLS BASKETBALL SELECTIONS

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce the All-Conference Selections for Girls Basketball 2012-2013 season:

PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

Marissa Myles, Holgate 11

FIRST TEAM:

Alexis Jones, Antwerp 12; Megan Schubert, Ayersville 12; Devin Stark, Edgerton 11; Hannah Griffin, Edgerton 12; Marissa Myles, Holgate 11; Erica Smay, Tinora 12

SECOND TEAM:

Molly Hammresmith, Ayersville 9; Kennedy Flowers, Edgerton 12; McKenzie Gonwick, Hicksville 12; Sarah Niese, Holgate 9; Ashley Mack, Tinora 10; Erin Mohr, Wayne Trace 9

HONORABLE MENTION:

Kaiya Jemsion, Antwerp 11; Emily Cramer, Ayersville 12; Jaime Newman, Edgerton 11; Brittany Conkey, Fairview 12; Ali Hug, Fairview 10; Mattie Grim, Holgate 10; Mattie Gentit, Tinora 10; Krystal Wannemacher, Wayne Trace 12

TWO STUDENTS AWARDED FRANKLIN B. WALTER ALL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Sandra Freeman, Coordinator of Gifted Services at the Western Buckeye ESC, is pleased to announce Claire Dye and Graden Gudakunst have been selected as the 2013 recipients of the Franklin B. Walter All Scholastic Award.

One senior from each county within the state receives this annual honor, which was established in 1989 by Ohio's County Superintendents to recognize and promote students' achievement and academic accomplishment.

Claire Dye is the Van Wert County recipient. She is a senior at Lincolnview High School, and the daughter of Kelly and Beth Dye of Van Wert. Claire ranks first in her graduating class, and she has earned recognition as a Scholar Athlete in each of her four years in high school. She is the Vice-President of the National Honor Society and is the Captain of the Lady Lancers Basketball Team. After graduation she will attend the University of Akron to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Graden Gudakunst has been selected to receive the Paulding County award. He attends Wayne Trace High School, where he is president of the Student Council. Graden is the son of Jeffrey and Kerry Gudakunst of Grover Hill. He is a varsity letterman in Golf and Basketball and is active in many community and church activities. Grady plans a college major in Biology, with dual minors in Chemistry and Business.

Claire and Graden, their parents, and school representatives will be honored guests at the award program and luncheon at the Ohio Educational Service Center Association's Conference in Lewis Center (Columbus) on April 10, 2013.

The award bears the name of Dr. Franklin B. Walter, who served as State Super-

intendent from 1977-1991. During his tenure, Dr. Walter worked with three governors, significantly improved public education in the state, and brought Ohio's schools to the forefront of the nation's attention. He has received numerous honors and has earned the respect and admiration of educators nationwide. His integrity, leadership, optimism and commitment serves as an example for all.

STATEMENT FROM THE EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

The Board of School Trustees is preparing to search for a new Superintendent. The Board is committed to hiring a superintendent that will strengthen our school district and move us to greater success.

The Board takes this process very seriously, and we are committed to conducting a search that is as open and transparent as possible. The process will include input from our staff, parents, students and residents of the communities served by EACS. The Board plans to take its time with this process in order to find the best candidate to lead the school district. Rather than adhering to a strict timeline, we have set some time frames during which we would like to see things happen. Our goal is to have a Superintendent in place for the 2013-2014 school year.

Rather than appointing an interim superintendent, the EACS school board has decided to utilize its current staff. East Allen County Schools has an exceptional and dedicated staff in place, and we are confident in their abilities to get us through the remainder of the school year. Then, at the end of the school year, we will re-evaluate the need of an interim Superintendent, based on where we are with our Superintendent search.

Following is a proposed timeline for recruiting and hiring a new Superintendent of Schools for EACS.

Within the next few weeks the Board will begin marketing the Superintendent position and accepting resumes.

End of April: Develop criteria for the direction of EACS

Dates to meet with EACS staff, parents and community members.

The meeting with the Service Staff and Central Administration Staff will be held March 19th at 5:30 p.m.

The EACS staff meeting will be held March 21st at 4:30 p.m.

The community and parents meeting will be held March 21st at 6:00 p.m. at each attendance area.

Develop and implement a web survey that will gather input from teachers, support staff, administrators, parents and students.

May: Begin screening applicants/conduct background checks

June: Begin interviewing candidates

Mid-summer: Hire new Superintendent
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GROVER HILL AR STUDENTS SHARE BOOK SUMMARIES



Students in Mrs. Davis' 6th grade Reading classes keep track of the Accelerated Reader books that they read throughout each nine weeks. Shown above are some of the students making their rounds reading short summaries

over their classmates' books, planning out what they might want to read next. Pictured here are Annie Tope, Bryan Hofmann, Derek Myers, Emily Williams and Rachel Kroeger.

MR. ETZLER STEPS IN AS ACTING PRINCIPAL AT PAYNE ELEMENTARY



Mr. Ray Etzler was the acting Principal for Payne Elementary School during Mrs. Franz's leave of absence. The

staff and students enjoyed his many stories and great sense of humor. Good job, Mr. Etzler, we will miss you!

STUDENTS TALK DR. SEUSS WITH EACH OTHER



Paulding Elementary fourth graders have been sharing their love of Dr. Seuss stories with first grade stu-

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ANTWERP FALTERS VS FAYETTE IN DISTRICT GAME



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Antwerp won the last six of their games including the Sectional Championship last week at Paulding against Holgate. They moved on to play Fayette Tuesday, February 5 at Napoleon. The game was a tough match for both teams even though the Eagles had a better record. At the beginning of the second quarter the score was tied at only 2-2.

The Archer boys were able to get a couple of quick get-away scores and soon were ahead 9-2. After a 30 second timeout by Fayette the Eagles were back in the game with a

half-time score of only 9-7.

The second half of the game was not fruitful for the Archers. It was a struggle from the time the clock started again.

Antwerp's Derek Smalley made a last second three pointer bringing the final score to 20-25 with the win going to the Fayette team who moved on to the District Championship. Antwerp finished their season with a 15-6 record.

More pictures here at www.archerpics.com or westbendnews.net

65-60 NEW HAVEN WINS FIRST ROUND OF REGIONALS

By: Beth Stauffer

In a thrilling victory at Marion's Bill Green Athletic Arena on Saturday morning, the New Haven Bulldogs pulled off a stunning 65-60 victory over the Northrop Bruins in a first round regional match-up. The game pitted New Haven's senior and Notre Dame recruit VJ Beachem against Northrop's twin threat Scott brothers; senior Brenton Scott is headed to play at Indiana State University in Terre Haute next fall while his brother Bryson Scott is headed to play at Purdue University in West Lafayette.

This was the 2nd matchup for the Bulldogs and Bruins this season, only this time everything was on the line for the two teams; particularly, a berth in the Saturday night Regional Championship game at Marion. In the first and only regular sea-

son meeting against the two teams, the Bruins defeated the Bulldogs.

That, however, was the regular season, and Saturday was the game when it all counted. Going into Saturday morning, the Bulldogs have been gaining steady momentum with each game moving into the post-season. Last week in Sectional action, the Bulldogs defeated Wayne in the first round and then handily defeated heated conference rival (and season co-champions) Homestead in the championship match-up.

Northrop, on the other hand, struggled to win their last few regular season games before heading into the Sectionals.

The 10:00 a.m. tip-off on Saturday morning between the two teams started with a physical intense first five minutes of play. Big Man Bulldog Steve McElvene started the game off by putting the first 2 points of the game on the board for New Haven. The Bruins responded fast and

hard, dominating the Bulldogs 19-10 at the end of the 1st period.

By the end of the 2nd period, the Bulldogs had shortened the Bruin's hold on their leash to just 3 points. With the Bruins up 29-26, the Bulldogs headed into the locker room.

Steve McElvene had an astronomical first half of play, putting up a considerable chunk of his total 24 points and 16 total rebounds for the game.

With the beginning of the 2nd half, the Bulldogs proved that they were in it to win it. They may have been down on the scoreboard, but they were never discouraged. The Bruins defense held VJ Beachem, usually the team's biggest scoring threat, to 1/10 from 3 point land. Jabar Ray, usually another huge factor for the Bulldogs, was held to a paltry 4 points, half of which came at the free throw line.

Senior Lacy Curry came out for the Bulldogs from the bench playing with tremendous heart in the 3rd, along with starters Jordan Hogue and Monte Stevenson. While the Bruins didn't have a person listed on the varsity team roster under 6'0 tall, with the help of these three players the Bulldogs were more than able to make up for their height deficit with their fast paced, hard driving, scrappy style of play.

In the 4th with under 4 minutes left to play, the Bulldogs were able to tie up the game. After a foul, Steve McElvene stepped up to the free throw line. McElvene, who had struggled at the line all morning to sink a free throw, nailed his two attempts and secured the Bulldog lead for the first time since the 1st quarter. Then, in a fast break play immediately after McElvene's free throws, VJ Beachem finessed a hybrid lay-up slam dunk for the Bulldogs that turned the tide in the Bulldogs favor from that point forward.

During a time-out, Coach Al Gooden had just one thing to tell his team: "Rebound. Rebound. Rebound."

His players listened, and came out fighting for the rebounds.

Another basketball term Coach Gooden could have used with the team to describe the last 3:00 minutes of

play: free throws, free throws, free throws.

With 2:30 left on the clock, Beachem sank two more free throws from the line. He was 8/8 at the line on Saturday morning. Next, Jabar Ray nailed 2 free throws, and a short time later Jordan Hogue went to the line and scored 1 of his 2 shots.

Northrop called a time out, and Coach Gooden rallied his Bulldogs, telling them "Get your confidence on! Come on now, let's go!"

With the return to play, McElvene slammed a two point shot and on a turnover rebounded by Beachem, he was fouled and sent back to the free throw line.

With Beachem's two baskets, the Bulldogs had outscored the Bruins 65-60.

A key to the Bulldogs win was holding the Scott brothers to a combined total of 49 points. (In Sectional action, the brothers were putting up 30 points apiece.) The rest of the Northrop line-up only managed to score 11 combined points. New Haven showed much more of a team effort, with all the starters and Lacy Curry from the bench putting up both points and rebounds and/or assists.

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ANTWERP WRESTLING CLUB WRESTLES AT AYERSVILLE

The Antwerp Wrestling Club recently wrestled in the Curt Florence Memorial Invitational at Ayersville on March 9, 2013. Thirteen of the fourteen wrestlers competing were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes. Placing 4th for the Archers were Luke McKeever, Alex Zijlstra, Derek Miller, and Kaden Phares. Earning 3rd place medals were CJ Eaton, Kamren Johnson, Lance McKeever, Avin Johnson, Eli Reinhart, and Hunter Sproles. Finishing in the runner-up spot were Karsen Donat and Skyler Octaviano. Congratulations to all of the kids for their hard work and continued success. If you are interested in wrestling please stop by the Antwerp Wrestling Club located at 204 Archer Drive on the Manor House property. Practices run on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

ANTWERP BOYS WIN TITLE OVER HOAGLAND; TINORA DEFEATS WOODBURN LUTHERAN

The Antwerp Archers defeated Hoagland in the 4th grade boys basketball tournament at the Manor House gym Saturday. Antwerp ousted New Haven, Napoleon St. John, and Holgate to get to the championship game. Hoagland defeated Crestview, Adams Central and Bowling Green to reach the finals.

In the 4th grade girls basketball tournament, Woodburn Lutheran beat Eastside to start the day. Tinora beat Edgerton St. Mary's and Eastside back-to-back before Edgerton St. Mary's defeated Woodburn Lutheran in a close game. Edgerton SM beat Eastside setting up the Tinora Woodburn Lutheran final. Twelve teams played three games each throughout the day and look forward to returning for the 2014 tournament.

NEW HAVEN BOYS BASKETBALL AT REGIONALS



Shown above is Steve McElvene scoring for the Bulldogs

New Haven Boys went to Marion High School this past weekend Saturday, March 9 for the Indiana High School Boys Basketball Regional Competition. The first game took place at 10 am against Fort Wayne Northrop. The Bulldogs had a fantastic game, winning the match 67-60.

New Haven moved on to the championship game, the Final Eight, to play again Saturday at 8 pm, taking on the other winner of the morning, Carmel. The Greyhounds had a great season record of 22-2. Would the Bulldogs be able to get past and go on to Semistate?

The game started completely in Carmel's, the home team, favor and were soon in the lead 9-0. After a brief time-out and a quick couple of baskets, the boys were back in the game at 9-8. The end of the first quarter had the Greyhounds in the lead at 12-15.

With 6:29 left in the 2nd quarter the Bulldogs took the lead for the first time at 18-19 with the crowd screaming with excitement right after VJ Beachem dunked the ball on a quick rebound. The first half of the game finished with

Carmel in the lead 31-27.

The third quarter finished with a score of 46-43 with New Haven trailing. The Bulldogs passed Carmel once again at 6:38 left in the game with a 46-48 score and a new trend began. The fouls were tied at 5-5 but soon fouls were being called by a referee on New Haven and the number quickly shot over 10. The same foul shooter for Carmel didn't miss and the Bulldogs were losing players to foul trouble and not able to shut-down Crowley. This hurt the New Haven team to the point of no return, giving up the game with a score of 63-57.

New Haven had a great season with an 18-6 record and making it to the Regional Championship game.

Points by Player: New Haven: Monte Stevenson 13, Jailan Wattley 3, Jabar Ray 5, VJ Beachem 17, Lacy Curry 4, Steve McElvene 15

Carmel: Ryan Cline 12, James Crowley 24, James Volovic 3, Zach McRoberts 16, Michael Volovic 8,

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TIME FOR GEN-XERS TO PUT IRAS TO WORK

Financial Focus by: Phil Recker, Edward Jones Advisor



If you're a "Gen-Xer," born between 1965 and 1980, you've still got many years to go until you retire. At this stage of your life, what can you do to help build resources for the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned?

Besides having time on your side, you've got another key advantage in saving for retirement — specifically, you probably haven't reached your peak earning years. This helps you in at least two ways. First, of course, it means you should be able to increase your retirement savings in the future. And second, it might mean you're still eligible to contribute to one of the most effective retirement accounts available — the Roth IRA.

When you invest in a Roth IRA, your earnings are distributed tax free, provided you've had your account at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you're at least 59½. For the 2013 tax year, you can put in up to \$5,500 to a Roth IRA; when you reach 50, you'll also be able to make "catch-up" contributions. (Currently, the catch-up limit is \$1,000.)

However, the ability to make Roth IRA contributions is limited by income. For 2013, you can make the full contribution to a Roth IRA if you are single and your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) is less than \$112,000. Above this amount,

your contribution limit will be gradually reduced, and if your MAGI reaches \$127,000, you won't be able to contribute at all. If you're married filing jointly, the lower limit is \$178,000 and the cutoff amount is \$188,000.

Of course, if you have to consider these income limits, you're making a reasonably good living, and you may well be on a career path that will take you to even greater earnings — which is why you should think about putting in as much as possible to a Roth IRA while you're eligible.

If your earnings are already over the limit for the Roth IRA, you can still contribute to a traditional IRA. Your contributions can grow tax deferred, which means your money can accumulate faster than it would on an account on which you paid taxes every single year. Taxes are due upon withdrawal, and withdrawals prior to age 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.

But what if your income level is such that you could contribute to either a Roth IRA or a traditional IRA? Which one should you choose?

There's no "right" answer for everyone. On the one hand, the Roth's tax-free distributions may be more attractive to you than the tax-deferred growth potential of a traditional IRA if you expect your tax rate to be higher in the future. However, depending on your income level and whether you have access to a 401(k) or other retirement plan at work, your traditional IRA contributions may be fully or partially tax-deductible. But these types of calculations are not easy, so before making the traditional-or-Roth choice, you'll need to consult with your tax advisor.

In any case, now is the time to capitalize on your Gen-X status and use the years ahead to invest consistently in an IRA and other tax-advantaged retirement accounts. As an investor, time is your greatest ally — so take advantage of it.

"SEQUESTER" SHOULDN'T DETER INVESTORS

The much publicized "sequestration," while problematic in some areas, should not deter people from participating in the financial markets, says Phil Recker, financial advisor of Edward Jones.

The sequester, a result of a failure between Congressional leaders and the Obama Administration to reach agreement on budgetary issues, will result in \$85 billion in across-the-board government spending cuts this year. Recker noted that the \$85 billion in cuts, while not insignificant, amount to less than 2.5% of all government spending.

"We're disappointed because many people will be hurt by these cuts. But things will not grind to a halt in this country," Recker said. "The markets tend not to like uncertainty, so investors should be prepared for some possible volatility in the weeks ahead, especially since sequestration was just one fight in the long-term battle over how to reduce the federal deficit. But there are still some very good reasons for people to continue investing for their long-term financial needs."

Recker said the near-term investment environment might well be positive, due to a number of factors, including:

- Healthy corporate earnings
- A rebounding U.S. housing market
- Expected improvements in Europe and China, two regions that have caused concern for investors

Furthermore, Recker said, stocks are still reasonably priced, despite the big gains achieved in the current bull market, now almost four years old. Stocks in the S & P 500 index are trading at about 13.5 times their expected earnings, below the historical average of 15 times. (Keep in mind that past performance is not a guarantee of future results. An investment in stocks will fluctuate with changes in market conditions and may be worth more or less than the original investment when sold.)

"These numbers are reasonable, based on historical ratios," Recker said. "They show stocks are attractively valued, making this an opportunity for investors."

Phil Recker, an Edward Jones financial advisor in Paulding, says he is not altering the overall advice he usually provides to clients.

"I still tell investors to look for quality investments, hold them for the long term, avoid excessive trading and know their own risk tolerance," Recker says. "Of course, it's a good idea for everyone to rebalance their portfolios periodically to make sure their investments are still helping them make progress toward their goals. But I would tell anyone that, as far as the sequestration goes, there is certainly no reason to panic or drastically change their investment strategy."

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Employees of iAB Financial Bank who celebrated milestone anniversaries with the organization during 2012 were recognized for their years of service at an all employee meeting. iAB Financial Bank values the contribution that each employee makes to its success which is shared within the communities it serves. Each year, employees celebrating a significant anniversary determine which charitable organization will receive a donation in their honor. Michael C. Marhenke, President and Chief Executive Officer recognized these employees and announced a \$1,000 contribution to The Ronald McDonald House of Northeast Indiana in their honor. "We applaud their undeniable commitment to service excellence," stated Marhenke.

The employees honored include:

- 35 years of service - Teresa Springer
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TWO COMPANIES STEP UP TO SUPPORT HERB MONROE COMMUNITY PARK



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By: Erika Willitzer, Paulding Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director

It is with so much joy that I tell you that the Herb Monroe Community Park soon to be located at the corner of Jackson and Main Street in downtown Paulding has its funding secured for Phase 1 of the project.

The project over all is expected to cost an estimated \$100,000. This seems like an unreachable goal, but two local companies came together announcing at our annual banquet that they would donate a combined \$30,000. Those two companies are Paulding Putnam Electric Co-Op and State Bank & Trust. It's hard coming up with enough words to express my gratitude. A simple Thank You doesn't seem like enough. What I will say is companies like State Bank & Trust and Paulding Putnam Electric Co-Op are community oriented and quite frankly the life blood of our community. Both companies understand community impact is necessary for the longevity of all.

I'd also like to mention the following donor too. The Leadership in Action Class, which is raising the funds for this park also received a \$10,000 pledge in honor of the late Herb Monroe from the Paulding Kiwanis Club. Herb Monroe was long time member of The Kiwanis Club and I would also invite you to be apart of this group to see its benefits. We meet for lunch every Thursday in the basement of the Kiwanis Building at noon. It's a great way to meet and get to know fellow community leaders. If you are interested, please contact me and I'd gladly you take you as a guest. (Erika's Cell: 419-769-

3011)

In total, the Leadership in Action class has raised a little over \$54,000, but they have a ways to go to meet the goal of \$100,000. With your help, we can make this happen. To make a contribution please make checks payable to Friends of the Paulding Chamber. For further details, contact Ron Williamson at 419-399-5606.

Once again, I'd like to state that without your contributions, we can't make this park possible... A park we believe will be a catalyst for more beautification to come in Paulding County.

MILITARY ACADEMY INFORMATION NIGHT

The office of Congressman Bob Latta will host a Military Academy Information Night for the 2014 academic year. The informational meeting will take place from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Monday, March 25th at the following location: Patrick Henry High School Cafeteria, 6900 State Route 18, Hamler, OH 43524.

At the meeting, potential candidates will be advised of the congressional nomination process and have the opportunity to meet with representatives from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point. Candidates may also obtain an application for a military service academy nomination at the meeting. Due dates are September 30, 2013 and October 15, 2013. For questions, Congressman Latta's office may be contacted at 419-354-8700.



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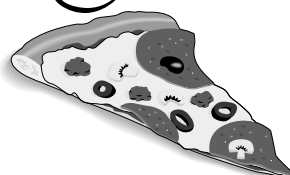
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NEW HAVEN-ADAMS TWP PARKS & RECREATION DEPT. HOSTS ANNUAL COMMUNITY PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW



The New Haven-Adams Township Parks and Recreation Department hosted an opening reception for its annual Spring Community Photography Show at the Parks Department location on Hartzell Street on Friday evening, March 8, 2013. All photographers 14 and over from Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Whitley, Adams, Wells, Paulding or Van Wert counties were eligible to enter work in the show.

According to Natalie Rider, Office Manager for the Parks and Recreation Department, 17 photographers placed 42 entries in this year's show.

The show was judged by Dog Gagnon of Digital Wanderers Photography. Mr. Gagnon is a retired Electrical Engineer who migrated to Fort Wayne from Michigan's Upper Peninsula over 30 years ago. He is active in the Fort

Wayne Photographer's Club, serving as both the webmaster and newsletter editor for the club in addition to being on the Board of Directors.

Best of show awards went to Richard Pankop for his entry, "Historic Steam." 1st place went to Paul Raiman for "Caribbean Shrimp." 2nd place went to Eugene McQuillan for "Eagles Watchtower." 3rd place was awarded to Rebecca Dingman for "Beauty." Honorable Mention Awards were given to John Stachera for "Vintage Movie Theater, Norton, Kansas" and Paul Raiman for "Perseverance."

The Community Photography Show gallery is open for viewing weekdays through March 26th from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Parks Department office located at 1125 Hartzell Street, New Haven, Indiana.

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AQUATIC EDUCATION GRANTS OFFERED TO INCREASE STEWARDSHIP AND FISHING PARTICIPATION

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) is offering aquatic education grants to schools, parks and recreation departments, conservation groups, local governments and other non-profit organizations wanting to sponsor an aquatic or angler education program.

The ODNR Division of Wildlife allocates a portion of the funds received from the Sportfish Restoration Act as aquatic education grants, with the intent of increasing aquatic stewardship and fishing participation.

Grant applications will be accepted for programs ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000. Multiple agencies may work cooperatively to conduct a program or event, but only one grant application may be submitted per program.

A final report form must be submitted to the ODNR Division of Wildlife upon completion of the program.

The program must include an opportunity for participants to engage in an aquatic education learning session and provide a hands-on fishing opportunity. Examples include youth fishing camps, family fishing programs and fishing clinics.

Grant applications submitted for programs occurring before June 30 will be reviewed as they are received. For events between July 1 and June 30, 2014, grant applications must be submitted by March 29 to be considered for funding. Applicants will be notified in April regarding funding decisions. People should allow at least eight weeks for grant processing and payment.

Grant guidelines and the application form can be found at wildohio.com or by emailing aquatic.education@dnr.state.oh.us.

NEW OHIO BASS FISHING REGULATIONS NOW IN EFFECT

New statewide and specific site bass fishing regulations are now in effect for the 2013-2014 license year, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

Statewide, a new 12-inch minimum length limit has been implemented by the ODNR Division of Wildlife on all public waters for largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass where there are no other special regulations. The daily limit of five fish per day remains in effect for black bass, singly or in combination.

Some reservoirs that previously had special regulations were changed to the new statewide 12-inch length limit. The 12-15 inch slot length limit was removed from Timbre Ridge Lake, and 15-inch minimum length limits were removed from:

- Caesar Creek Lake (Warren, Clinton and Greene counties)
- Kenton Lake (Gallia County)
- Lake Milton, including the Mahoning River connecting Berlin Lake and Lake Milton (Mahoning County)
- Lake Vesuvius (Lawrence County)
- Monroe Lake (Monroe County)
- Monroeville Reservoir (Huron County)
- Pike Lake (Pike County) and
- Sippo Lake (Stark County)

Two new regulations have been incorporated to increase the size and number of bass. These special regulations include a reduced number of largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass that anglers may keep per day and split daily limits, where anglers may only keep a specified number of fish of a certain length.

The first regulation is a special 15-inch length limit with a four fish split daily limit. Anglers may keep two fish under 15 inches and two fish 15 inches or larger, for four fish per day. The split daily limit allows limited harvest of bass less than 15 inches to promote growth of bass to larger sizes. This regulation is referred to as a "15, 2-and-2." It is in effect at these reservoirs:

- Acton Lake (Preble and Butler counties)
- Findley Lake (Lorain County)
- Hargus Lake (Pickaway County)
- Highlandtown Lake (Columbiana County)
- Lake Snowden (Athens County)
- New Lyme Lake (Ashtabula County)
- Paint Creek Lake (Highland and Ross counties)
- Salt Fork Lake (Guernsey County)
- Silver Creek Lake (Summit County) and
- Upper Sandusky No. 2 (Wyandot County).

The second split daily limit is referred to as a "Super Slot," a 14-20-inch slot length limit intended to increase the chance of catching trophy bass. Anglers may keep two fish under 14 inches and one fish 20 inches or larger, for three fish per day. However, anglers are

not allowed to keep any fish in the protected slot. This regulation will be limited to the following waters:

- All American Electric Power (AEP) ponds and reservoirs, including AEP ReCreation Lands, Conesville Coal Lands and Avondale Wildlife Area, with all ponds and reservoirs included in each daily limit per angler (Coshington, Guernsey, Muskingum, Morgan, Noble and Perry counties)
- Belmont Lake (Belmont County)
- Guilford Lake (Columbiana County)
- Killdeer Plains Reservoir (Wyandot County)
- Kiser Lake (Champaign County)
- Long Lake (Summit County)
- Oxbow Lake (Defiance County)
- Spencer Lake (Medina County)
- St. Joseph Wildlife Area ponds (Williams County)
- Tycoon Lake (Gallia County)
- Wingfoot Lake (Portage County) and
- Wolf Run Lake (Noble County)

These adjustments in regulations were developed by the ODNR Division of Wildlife through an analysis of historical fish surveys, creel surveys and angler-reported tournament results, an evaluation of management options and fisheries objectives as well as extensive angler input through online surveys, creel surveys, open houses and meetings with sportsmen and women.

Ohio has other special regulations for black bass at a number of waters around the state that remain in effect. These include traditional 14-inch, 15-inch and 18-inch minimum length limits, and 12-15 inch slot length limits, all with five fish daily limits on Lake Erie and inland waters, and six fish daily limits on the Ohio River. Visit wildohio.com for more information.

BLACK SWAMP AUDUBON SOCIETY UPCOMING MARCH MEETING

The March meeting for the Black Swamp Audubon Society is set for March 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. The Society will be meeting this month at the Wauseon library, located at 117 E. Elm St. (drive into Wauseon on SR 2, it becomes Elm St. Park in the back and take the elevator or stairs to the second floor.)

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL FOCUSED ON IMPAIRED DRIVING ARRESTS IN 2013

As part of the Patrol's mantra - Trooper Shield - and their ongoing effort to contribute to a safer Ohio, troopers have had an increased focus on impaired driving enforcement - and these efforts are paying off. In 2012, Patrol OVI arrests increased three percent and OVI-related crashes decreased by 14 percent.

Throughout 2012 troopers made 24,520 OVI arrests statewide. Of these, nearly one in four - 23 percent - included a speed violation and 17 percent included a violation for driving with-

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION RECEIVE DONATIONS



Martin Hunt, Antwerp VFW; Ron Williamson, Food Service Program Director at the Senior Center and Fundraising Chairperson; and Lisa McClure, Executive Director, Paulding County Area Foundation and Design Committee Chairperson.



Claudia Fickel, County Auditor; Ron Williamson, Food Service Program Director at the Senior Center and Fundraising Chairperson; and Delmar and Karen Schwab, Payne, Ohio.

The Herb Monroe Community Park has become a reality! The site of the old Certified Station on the northeast corner of the downtown square of Paulding will be the site for the new park named after Herb Monroe, a com-

munity member that made a life-long commitment to Paulding County. Donations are being made to complete Phase II of the park. Pictured below are community members who have started the donation project.

out a valid driver license. In addition, there were 12,168 OVI-related crashes on Ohio roadways, killing 431 and injuring 7,299. Impaired drivers were responsible for 40 percent of the fatal crashes in 2012.

"We can't fight the battle against impaired driving on our own - We need your commitment to make our roads safe," said Lt. Leslie Brode. "You can contribute to a safer Ohio by actively influencing friends and family to make safe, responsible decisions - like planning ahead to designate



a driver and insisting that everyone in the vehicle is buckled up." Last year, Ohio State Troopers from the Van Wert Post, arrested 144 impaired drivers in this area. The public is encouraged to call #677 to report impaired drivers, drug activity or stranded motorists.

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MARSHALL MEMORIAL SUPPORTS PAULDING COUNTY FAIRGROUND



Pictured here are Lisa McClure, Paulding County Area Foundation/Marshall Memorial Supporting Foundation; Senior Fair Board Members present: Tim Shafer, Susie Miller, Daniel Howell, Lonnie Miller, Mike Molitor and Larry Colley.

The Paulding County Area Foundation/Marshall Memorial Supporting Foundation recently presented a \$10,000.00 check to the Paulding County Senior Fair Board to be used for capital improvements on the Paulding County Fairgrounds.

The Marshall Memorial Supporting Foundation was set up to administer the funds provided by Paul Marshall. Mr. Marshall's desire was to financially encourage, aid, assist and promote young farmers in Paulding County.

KIWANIS CLUB OF PAULDING PLEDGES \$10,000 TOWARD HERB MONROE COMMUNITY PARK



Pictured here (l-r) are Stephanie Lorentz (Leadership in Action Class Member); Lisa McClure (Leadership in Action Class Member); Judge Tiffany Beckman (President of Paulding Kiwanis Club); and Stan Searing (Treasurer of Paulding Kiwanis Club).

The Herb Monroe Community Park will be located at the corner of Main and Jackson in Downtown Paulding. The Paulding Chamber's Leadership in Action Class is trying raise \$100,000 to create a beautiful green space.

The park is named after longtime Kiwanis member, Herb Monroe. The Kiwanis Club, a very community oriented organization, felt compelled to make such a large contribution in Herb Monroe's honor.

NEW HAVEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPOTLIGHTS A MEMBER: FW TINCAPS

By: Sue Byrd, New Haven Chamber Services Rep.

I had the privilege of interviewing Brent Haring, Ticket Sales Manager for the Fort Wayne TinCaps Baseball league. Since I mostly attend sports events to watch the people, or in the case of the TinCaps, watch my grandson enjoying baseball and the fireworks, Haring had to start with the basics.

Jason Freier from Hardball Capital is majority owner of the TinCaps. Freier lives in Atlanta, GA and owns two minor league teams. He owns the TinCaps and the Savannah Sand Gnats in Savannah, GA. Freier has owned the TinCaps since around 2005. Haring said, "He's a great owner. He usually comes a few times a year just to make sure everything is going okay. He was up here quite a bit that first season. I don't know if it was a bad thing. He just wanted to see how things were going."

TinCaps is a minor league team from the San Diego Padres in California. There are 120 minor league baseball teams throughout the country. Most major league teams have six to eight minor league affiliates below them. In the case of the San Diego Padres, their triple A team is in Tucson, AZ and their double A team is in San Antonio, TX. The Padres also have an advanced A team which is in Lake Elsinore in California. TinCaps is their

stadium in the Fort Wayne downtown area. The ballpark was sort of seen as the catalyst for trying to get people to come downtown, so that is how Harrison Square came about. Also, when the TinCaps were looking for a naming rights partner, like a lot of teams do, it worked out that Mike Packnett, Parkview's President had a daughter that worked for a minor league team. So minor league baseball was something Packnett was very aware of. Also, when Packnett moved here from Oklahoma, the city he moved from had built a similar downtown revitalization project with a ballpark. So Packnett was pretty familiar with what the TinCaps were doing here and he jumped at the chance to name it Parkview Field. Parkview signed a ten year naming rights deal. Haring said, "Believe it or not we are ready to start year five of that."

Having Parkview Hospital as the naming rights partner has led to the offering of healthier food choices than what you see at some ballparks. Also, Parkview has a kiosk at every game and they are promoting some sort of different literature at each game, be it breast cancer or some other health issue. Some of the special events are oriented around health issues. TinCaps always do a big blood drive every year in conjunction with a game and they sometimes do certain health screenings in connection with a game.

Parkview Field and the TinCaps had their opening



Class A team and they have two rookie level teams; one in Eugene, OR and one in Peoria, AZ. So, the Padres have a total of six teams in the United States and two summer league teams; one in Venezuela and one in the Dominican Republic.

I wondered how in the world a team from California would pick Fort Wayne as a location for one of their minor league teams. Haring explained to me that there are two main groups of Class A baseball teams in the United States. One is the South Atlantic League which is centered down around Georgia. Then there is the Midwest League which has sixteen teams including the TinCaps. Each major league team has one affiliate either in the Midwest League or the South Atlantic League. Neither of those Leagues is geographically close to San Diego so they decided they would rather have a team in the Midwest League.

As part of a downtown revitalization project, it was decided to build the baseball

night in 2009. Haring said, "We had some crazy nights leading up to opening night in 2009. We all pretty much lived here. I remember it was two o'clock in the morning the night before opening night here. And I was in the office over there laminating food menus because we didn't have them done yet. We had some crazy nights leading up to it but that is the stuff you live for when you are in this business."

"Once the season starts," Haring said, "I believe we have 140 games in 152 days. So once the players move here we pretty much put them right to work." There are many other staff that work year round, in fact there are thirty full time staff with an additional ten part-timers and interns, that's during the off-season. During the season, the staff jumps to 400 with 200-250 people working each game.

Haring became part of the staff due to his extreme passion for sports. He said, "I knew probably at age thirteen that I wasn't talented enough to play past high school. I

PC TIGERS END SEASON 9-2



On Saturday March 9th, the PC Tigers went to the finals where they played against Marion County. Marion Co. beat the PC Tigers 74-40.

The PC Tigers had a good season, ending it with a winning record of 9-2. They gave their all in every game they

played.

Great season team: Cody Hibbard, Eddie Hibbard, Matt Wayne, Bill Smith, Brooks Overholt, Clay Dockery, Mike Bentley, Steffon Saco, Jordan Barker, Coaches Mark Holtsberrery and John Claymiller.

played football and ran track in high school and there were a few colleges that looked at me for both. But I think the colleges that did were smaller than my high school. So I guess I could've played college sports, but I decided my passion was going to be the business end of sports."

Parkview Field is already considered one of the finest minor-league stadiums in the country. Stadium Journey magazine named Parkview Field the #1 experience in Minor League Baseball for the second year in a row. "It would be very easy to sit back and be satisfied with Parkview Field as it is," said TinCaps President, Mike Nutter. "It has been flattering to receive awards for ballpark design, food offerings, and entertainment, but our staff doesn't work for recognition or awards. The TinCaps are focused on delivering the best possible fan experience for all fans each and every game."

With that goal in mind, the TinCaps have begun work on a new area that will further enhance the fan experience at Parkview Field, an area called "The 400 Club" - a reference to the distance between home plate and the centerfield wall. The Fort Wayne TinCaps will invest \$800,000 in the award-winning ballpark, erecting a structure above and behind Parkview Field's center-field wall that will seat up to 150 people and can be rented by groups. The 400 club will be the first area of its kind anywhere in Minor League Baseball. One hundred percent of the funding for the \$800,000 project will come from the

TinCaps. This will be an additional private investment (on top of the over \$7 million that has been invested to date) into the City-owned ballpark made by the team and owner, Hardball Capital.

"Obtaining such a significant investment and improvement to Parkview Field without reaching into the Ballpark Improvement Fund is a testament to how determined the TinCaps and Hardball Capital are to assuring Parkview Field remains the best Minor League Ballpark in America," stated Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry. "We appreciate how committed the team is to providing this community with the best ballpark experience anywhere."

The 400 Club will include tiered table-top seating, a large bar, flat-screen televisions, food service and an outdoor patio. It will be available for groups of 20 or

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Other Award Winners: Dan Bowers (Advanced Chassis), Kathy Cadwallader (Paulding Dairy Queen), Gary Adkins (Paulding County Hospital) Cassie Jo Arend (Cooper Farms), Stacy Kaufman (Vantage Career Center), John Kobee (Antwerp Exchange Bank).

Golden Shovel Award - Vantage Career Center. For the 35 million dollar expansion of their education facility.



Marsha Yeutter Paulding County Senior Center - Milestone of 35 years.

Community Service Award - Dairy Queen of Paulding. For going above and beyond helping Paulding residents during the June 2012 storm.

Outstanding Business of the Year - Antwerp Exchange Bank. For investing in Paulding County by renovating their Antwerp Branch and building a new branch in Payne.

Milestone Anniversary Awards:

Antwerp Insurance - 45 years; Advanced Chassis - 25 years; Baker-Shindler Ready Mix (Paulding Location) - 30 years; Cooper Farms - 75 years; Paulding Senior Center - 35 years; Stykemain Chevrolet - 10 years.

Parkview Field to offer all-inclusive beer and wine. On nights that the area is not occupied by groups, individual ticket-holders will be able to watch TinCaps games from the 400 Club. Because the 400 Club is climate-controlled, it will also be an attractive function space, available for use all year round through Parkview Field's Special Events division.

"The 400 Club", team officials said, "will be the first area of its kind in minor league baseball. We have 120 affiliate baseball teams, to our knowledge this will be the only ball park of those 120 that has an indoor outdoor space/party area built into the batters eye. There are a handful of major league teams that have it but no minor leagues."

Harring said, "They are starting work on that now and it will be ready by May 22. That game is supposed to be the first game that the 400 Club will be ready for this year."

The TinCaps have already

started taking reservations from groups interested in experiencing the 400 Club. They anticipate that it will immediately be one of the most popular areas at Parkview Field. For more information about Parkview Field's newest area, the 400 Club, contact the team by phone at (260) 482-6400, stop by the TinCaps Administrative Offices at Parkview Field, or log on to TinCaps.com.

This year the TinCaps will have many of the events that patrons look forward to. Mondays are family feast nights, Wednesdays are going to be Webkinz Wednesdays where the first 1500 kids that come in get a Webkinz stuffed animal, Thursdays are Thirsty Thursdays, and every Friday is a theme night. Harring said, "More than anything our staff gets into it, and it gives me an excuse to wear an afro on 70's night." Also this year, every Saturday TinCaps will bring in the National Entertainment Acts again, such as Jake the Diamond Dog or Quick Change. And Sundays are always post game autographs with the players on the field. Fireworks, provided by Melrose, will also be part of the line up of events.

The TinCap's Parkview Field is also used during the off season. "There are a couple of events in the off season that always stand out to me," said Harring. "The Fort4Fitness event. That always takes place at the end of September and has become huge. Actually this last September it was the single largest attended day here ever. They estimated that over 20,000 people walked in the ball park at some point that day."

Harring continued, "Then the other event I always look forward to is the downtown Fright Night, the week before Halloween. With all of the groups downtown that event has really turned into a raging success between here, the Embassy, the Grand Wayne Center and the Library. Johnny our mascot, which I had the opportunity to be a couple of years ago, leads the Zombie parade around downtown. That was a lot of fun."

The TinCaps have been a member of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce since 2007. Harring had this to say about Chamber membership, "I love the business Meet Me @ 5 events. I always take advantage of those when I can, especially in the off season. I love talking about sports; baseball and even if it is not baseball. I like going to those events, meeting people, and mingling. The Chamber helps connect businesses to other businesses." Harring also likes getting the E-Connection Newsletter. He said, "So when I get your newsletter, I go through it and see that so and so renewed or won an award. I like to call them up and congratulate them, and see if it leads to anything. I also like seeing the Member Spotlights in the publication. Membership benefits me by using the Chamber to connect to other businesses."

For fun this summer, keep TinCaps baseball in mind if you are ever looking for something to do. "We like to think our games are pretty comparable to going to a movie," said Harring.

The first game is on April 11, 2013.

SECRETARY OF STATE HUSTED ANNOUNCES MARCH OHIO BUSINESS PROFILES

Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that as part of an ongoing effort to recognize the impact of Ohio businesses, March's Ohio Business Profile will highlight businesses across Ohio that fall under the "Home Improvement" theme.

"Ohio is a great place to find local builders, contractors and suppliers for improvements to our homes and businesses" Secretary Husted said. "Each of the featured companies benefits our state and local communities through job creation and economic development."

Companies profiled this month include:

- Ohio Lumber & Building Supply, Inc. - Huntsville, Ohio - Provide high quality lumber, windows, doors and more to help build anything on your wish list.

- The Ohio Floor Company - Shreve, Ohio - Specialize in sports and residential wood flooring and recently did the graphics and floor finishing for the 2012 NCAA Final Four court at the New Orleans Superdome.

- TimberTech - Wilmington, Ohio - A leading manufacturer in alternative decking, railing and fencing with a focus on new product development in materials and processing technology.

- Miller Custom Stone, Ltd. - Millersburg, Ohio - A family-owned stone installation and design expert with an Amish heritage that defines their work ethic.

- Avon Home Improvement, Inc. - Cincinnati, Ohio - Worked primarily in residential construction for over 20 years with an expertise in bringing life back to older homes.

- Everly Concrete Products, Inc. - Adena, Ohio - Supply quality concrete products for over 50 years, with all products made in Ohio and all concrete purchased from a local supplier.

- RG Custom Builders, LLC - Toledo, Ohio - Just opened their doors last year and are working to provide quality, custom home remodeling services by first treating their customers like family.

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, 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 time-frame last year.

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PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL CEO NAMED "BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR"



Gary Adkins, Paulding County Hospital, Business Person of the Year

Gary Adkins with the Paulding County Hospital was named "The Business Person of the Year". He has served on many boards and has helped on countless community projects.

Also Adkins and his team recently accomplished a rare feat in the history of Paulding

County. It was determined that the last five years have been the most profitable run that Paulding County Hospital has ever seen. In today's economy this is an exceptional accomplishment especially concerning the additional taxes and fees being levied on healthcare entities. The hospital has a huge impact on Paulding County, both in healthcare availability and on community economy. The hospital employs over 250 people making it one of the largest employers in the county.

In the past year, several large renovations have been approved at PCH. In June 2012, a \$5 million operating room renovation was concluded. And in November 2012 a \$1.2 million emergency room/lab renovation was begun. So for all of his efforts and for being a true leader in Paulding County, The Business Person of the Year is Gary Adkins from Paulding County Hospital!

GROVER HILL STUDENTS STUDY BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Mr. Florence and his 5th grade reading class working on the inventions they made to celebrate Black History Month. Wayne Trace Grover Hill students pictured here

(l-r) are Jacobe Carpenter, Madison Adams, Mr. Florence, Dakota Nickols, Bryan Coyne, Drake Sanders and Aubrey Puckett.

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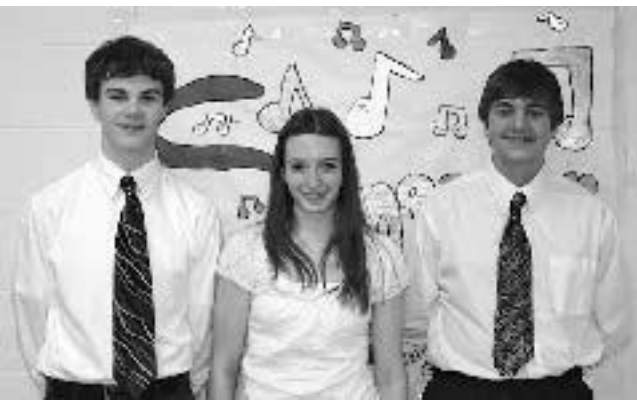
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THREE ANTWERP STUDENTS PERFORM IN OMEA JH HONOR BAND



These students were selected by the Antwerp Local School Music Department to perform in the OMEA District III Junior High School & Band Concert. It was held Saturday, March 2, 2013 at Wapakoneta High School.

42 schools in this district participated in the event. Participants were given challenging music that was above their grade level. Students worked on their music, before their performance, under the guidance of their choir and band directors, but

practice was done mostly on their own.

The entire practice was then rehearsed on the Friday evening and Saturday morning before the concert. The OMEA Choir was directed by Dr. Ben Ayling from Ohio Northern University and the Band was directed by Dr. Tremon Kizer from the University of Dayton. Antwerp was represented by Maggie Wilson for choir; Matthew Dooley for trumpet in the band and Hayden Spryn for tenor saxophone in the band.

PAULDING ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS COMPETE IN SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL CONTEST



Students at Paulding Elementary and Paulding Middle School recently competed in a contest sponsored by Safe Routes to School during the month of February. Through the Safe Routes to School grant, many books on pedestrian and bicycle safety were purchased for the school library. Students chose one or more of these books, or a book of their own choice, and read the book. The books chosen had to be on the topic

of pedestrian or bicycle safety. Students' names were then placed in a drawing. The winners of the drawing are shown in the photograph above.

The students are: Brendan Weidenhamer, 1st grade; Shannon Hale, 5th grade; and Adrian Daniels, 7th grade. Each student won a bicycle accessory. These students will also get their names put into a drawing for a bicycle that will be awarded in May.

COLORING CONTEST FOR ADULTS AT THE LIBRARY

For those of you who loved coloring as a child, sharpen your crayons, colored pencils, or favorite medium. The historic Carnegie library in Paulding is sponsoring a coloring contest for grownups. "All Your Eggs In One Basket" coloring contest features beautiful line drawings of egg arrangements from the art gallery of Dover. There are many choices from which to choose and any medium may be used. Pick up your coloring sheet at the main library and return it before March 31st. A prize drawing from all entries will be held on April 1st. All coloring sheets will be on display at the library, but will be returned to the artist. For more information call the library at 419-399-2032.

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 3/13 - 3/19

- Breakfast:**
 3/13 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 3/14 - Cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk
 3/15 - Fruit turnover, juice, milk
 3/18 - Sausage pizza, juice, milk
 3/19 - Egg/cheese muffin, juice, milk
- Lunch:**
 3/13 - Hamburger w/bun, baked beans, hash browns, fruit, milk
 3/14 - Sloppy joe w/bun, green beans, fruit, milk
 3/15 - Macaroni & cheese, steamed carrots, fruit, milk; WT: roll & butter
 3/18 - Turkey hot dog w/bun, baked beans, baked chips, fruit, milk
 3/19 - BBQ pork w/bun, green beans, fruit, milk

EASTER PARTY PLANNED AT THE PAULDING LIBRARY

"Here comes Peter Cottontail!" Join Kooky Kirk and all your story time friends and hop on down to the Children's Room for a fun-filled Easter party. Children, ages preschool through first grade will enjoy an egg hunt, stories, prizes, crafts, games and cookies and punch. The highlight of the party will be a visit from the Easter Bunny. Children will enjoy having their pictures taken with this springtime celebrity!

This exciting event will be held on Thursday, March 21st from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Children's Room at the main historic Carnegie library in Paulding. Don't miss out! Join the fun! Register by calling 419-399-2032.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 2/13/13

This 13th day of February, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Fred Pieper, Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
 Warrants documented as 195413 through 195529 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
 A motion was made by Mr. Tony Zartman to go into executive session at 8:03 a.m. with the County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein. All members voting yea.

At 8:20 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2013 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 088):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2013 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following:
 088-001-00001/County Health Plan/

ProClaim Reimbursement AMOUNT: \$1,000.00
IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING THE HEALTH INSURANCE RESERVE FUND (FUND 189) A NON-INTEREST BEARING FUND:

The Health Insurance Reserve Fund (Fund 189) was created as required for partially self-funded health insurance group plans for the sole purpose of covering any run-off claims in the event the County opts for a non partially self-funded plan; and the cash balance in the Health Insurance Reserve Fund (Fund 189) is not considered County revenue and will not be invested. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby declare that the Health Insurance Reserve Fund (Fund 189) will be considered a 'non-interest bearing' fund.

IN THE MATTER OF RECEIVING BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE SALE OF THE OLD COUNTY JAIL SITE:

This 13th day of February, 2013, being the day advertised in the Paulding Progress, a paper of general circulation within the County, as per Section 307.86 of the Ohio Revised Code, bids were received and opened for the sale of the old County Jail site, located at 112 S. Williams Street, Paulding OH:

Anonymous, \$0, No intended use
 Ricky J. Fortman, \$10,770.00, No intended use

Jeffery Hollis, \$6,500.00, No intended use

Kim McMichael, \$5,000.00, Yes a use is intended

The specifications will be studied with a determination to be made later.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher presented questions regarding the County employees' health insurance, specifically the Reserve Fund. After a brief discussion, it was decided to make the fund non-interest bearing (see resolution above).

Sheriff Jason Landers - Sheriff Landers met with the Commissioners to discuss his thoughts as to how to better educate and inform the general public about the jail. He stated he is amazed at the number of people who do not know where the new jail is. He discussed having meetings with the elected officials on the county, village, and township levels so they will be equipped with facts to help educate the public and answer constituents' questions. Mr. Landers reported Paulding County is currently paying \$45.00 a day to house inmates in Putnam County. He noted in January, 129 Paulding County inmates spent a total of 629 days in Putnam County's jail, which is located in Ottawa. He added that 2,751 miles were traveled to transport the inmates. The Paulding County jail is a 52-bed facility and is designed to house both men and women. The Commissioners and the Sheriff will be reviewing the jail and inmate statistics on a monthly basis. Sheriff Landers discussed the Courthouse closing for 'paid' calamity days and the impact it has on his payroll. He was also provided a copy of the Commissioners' resolution regarding passengers in county-owned vehicles. Mr. Landers then updated the Commissioners on E-911. He noted that revenue has decreased and expenses have increased.

County Court Judge Suzanne Rister - Ms. Rister reported she recently attended a judges' conference. She noted the state will soon be mandating courts to have interpreter services for non-English speaking defendants. The interpreter must be certified by the Ohio Supreme Court. Ms. Rister stated there are only two interpreters in northwest Ohio, one in Lima and one in Toledo, on the current certified listing. Judge Rister explained she has been utilizing the language line when necessary. She said there is support for college professors to become certified through the Ohio Supreme Court. Ms. Rister reminded the Commissioners that her Probate Department runs on grant dollars. She learned at her conference there may be less funding to rehabilitate those charged with a misdemeanor, while more dollars might be provided for the same purpose for those charged with a felony. Ms. Rister explained that there will be more emphasis on fingerprinting, saying fingerprinting will be required 'upon arrest or arraignment'. She is considering installing fingerprinting equipment in her courtroom. Ms. Rister noted the possibility of obtaining the equipment through the BCI. She then suggested the Commissioners consider making the County Court Judge a full time position. Ms. Rister explained cases in 2012 were up from 2011; and January 2013 cases are higher than January 2012. She noted she sits on the bench three days a week and has no time to complete the required administrative paperwork. Ms. Rister stated that Chief Justice O'Conner supports full time County Court judges. She confirmed the volume of work definitely warrants a full time judge. Ms. Rister reminded the Commissioners the process to move toward a full time County Court Judge is lengthy and would eventually require appearing on the ballot to elect a full time judge. Judge Rister reported she is 'cleaning house', disposing of some old law books and obsolete computer equipment. She also noted she has a dog cage she would like to find a home for.

Tim Shaffer - Mr. Shaffer stopped in with some questions about the PCED directorship. The Commissioners referred him to PCED's president.

Corey Walker, Director of Paulding and Defiance Counties' DJFS; Tom Kime and Otto Nicely, Defiance County Commissioners; Laura Howell, Defiance County Administrator; and Stephanie Metz, Defiance County Commissioners' Clerk - The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the options for a merger of the Paulding and Defiance Counties' DJFS. Mr. Walker presented reports identifying concerns of each counties' Auditor and Prosecutor. He then reviewed a report comparing current staffing in each location. Defiance County Commissioner Kime suggested a conference/video call with South Central Group, a three-county DJFS consortium in southern Ohio. He is most concerned with the cost allocation, the employee health insurance cost, and CORSA coverage/cost. South Central Group's executive board meets the last Wednesday of each month. Mr. Walker will make the necessary arrangements to set up a conference call. Ms. Howell requested a copy of Paulding County's most recent personnel manual.

WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Winners are shown above: Karena Egnor, Brittany Jenkins, Haley Saylor, Brianna Sinn, Brady Stabler, and Maggie Crosby. These students received a, "Raider Pride; Pay Forward" T-Shirt as part of their award.

Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School recently named their February Students of the Month. Nominees for the award were:

7th graders Maggie Crosby and Celia Baker; 8th graders Brady Stabler, Meg Crosby,

Danae Myers, Abbey McDougal; 9th graders Brianna Sinn and Olivia Barthold; 10th graders Haley Saylor and Zaine Cotterman; 11th graders Jake Gerber and Brittany Jenkins; 12th graders Rylee Zartman and Karena Egnor.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT:" VANTAGE FCCLA STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR STATE COMPETITION



Vantage Culinary Arts senior Bethanee Grote (Ottoville) competes in the FCCLA Regional Garde Manger contest, creating a leek flower and a carrot tulip.

Even a two-hour delay on Thursday, February 28 could not stop the first part of the Regional FCCLA Culinary contest at Vantage! The Vantage-hosted event continued on Saturday, March 2 when Early Childhood Education and Culinary Arts students competed in several contests.

Four Culinary Arts students will advance to the state contest. Senior Bethanee Grote (Ottoville) received a Gold rating in the Garde Manger Tray contest. In this competition, a student demonstrates knife and

presentation skills by creating a cold appetizer of fruit or vegetables as a beautiful garnish—a watermelon rosette or a swan made from an apple are some examples.

The Meeting Event Set-up Team is also headed to Columbus for the state competition. Team members Ben Dwyer (Lincolnview), Ashley Wurst (Lincolnview), and John Parsons (Parkway) joined forces to prepare a meeting room according to a Banquet Event Order which meets industry standards and anticipates guest needs.

Three senior Early Childhood Education students heading to Columbus are Abby Hosler (Kalida), Ashley Guelde (Paulding) and Lindsay Ruposky (Van Wert). They teamed up for the Chapter Service Manual team competition and received a Gold rating for their March of Dimes Wonderwalk project which raised \$732.

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STUDENT ATHLETIC COUNCIL VOLUNTEER TO GIVE BACK



By: Beth Stauffer

It's not a big secret that reading to kids is one of the most important things in the entire world for a child's overall development. Up until the third grade, most children are just learning how to read; after the third grade, however, children are reading to learn which makes it essential that they can read at grade level. Research has shown that students who are not average readers at the end of third grade are less likely than their peers to finish high school.

With this in mind, and because of their commitment to giving back to the community, New Haven High School's Student Athletic Council has recently started volunteering at Highland Terrace Elementary where they serve as Reading Buddies to children in Kindergarten - 2nd grade.

On Friday, March 1, 2013, 12 student athletes from New Haven High School visited Highland Terrace Elementary for their bi-monthly Reading Buddies visit. The Student Athletic Council is made up of representatives from each one of the high school's 16 different athletic teams.

Markece Moore, a kinder-

gartener in Miss Koomler's class at Highland Terrace, worked on his reading skills with senior Austin Feipel, a representative of NHHS' cross country and track teams. "I almost read a whole dinosaur book!" Markece said, a big smile stretching across his face as he sat outside his classroom reading on a bench with Feipel.

"Helping the kindergarteners learn to read is very important," said Miss Koomler. "The Student Athletic Council visits are a part of the Tin Caps reading program. They are helping the students be able to complete the program and earn tickets to a Tin Caps game," she added.

All of the children agreed that they really enjoy the twice monthly visits from the Student Athletic Council, and look forward to it very much on Friday afternoons.

When asked what he thought about his Reading Buddy, senior basketball player Monte Stevenson, 2nd grader Aidan Boughan said, "He's really nice."

After learning that Stevenson is a basketball player for NHHS, Boughan added, "That's too bad. I like football!"

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PAULDING CO. CHAPTER OF THE OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FEBRUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

If you missed our February 13th meeting, it was quite interesting. The introduction began with watching a DVD of *The Story of the Great Black Swamp*. We learned that Paulding County is completely within the Black Swamp region, while providing this area with the richest and most productive farm land in our country. As we watched, the narrator told of the terrible conditions facing our ancestors while homesteading our swamplands. These pioneers cleared paths and built roads of logs, planks or used anything they hoped wouldn't be swallowed up by the mud lurking just below the surface. Our settlers soon learned all their efforts returned back into swampland, thus the need to rebuild again. Most roads became impassible in less than a year. Horse flies, mosquitoes, and snakes were only a few obstacles to overcome in such atrocious conditions. If you haven't seen this documentary movie, it is available at our local libraries. The county libraries also offer a DVD titled *1978 Blizzard*. I am sure most of us still shutter just being reminded of that January.

P.C.C.O.G.S goal is to recognize our early pioneer ancestors, who might have cleared the well forested land, who may have built their first homes and who could have raised their families in Paulding County, Ohio by 1913 or earlier. Join us at our public meetings, the second Wednesday of each month through May 2013, 6:30 p.m. at the Paulding County Library ground level meeting room. They will begin again in August through November 2013.

Here are the last 19 names of the 2012 "Charter Century Families" beginning with number 51 on the list:

Phyllis Porter, Robert Taylor, Diana Allensworth, Joan Pier, Amy Rosswurm, Constance Dobbelaere, Patricia Spitnale, Scott Spitnale, Julie Mast, Rachel Ousley, Roger Taylor, Diana Coy, Matthew Coy, Jonathan Coy, Martin Coy, James Mansfield, Brian Mansfield, Steven Mansfield and Robert Bryan

This completes the 69 members.

If your ancestors were living in Paulding County Ohio by December 31, 1913, please ask for an application to be included as a 2013 Century Family member, or living here by December 31, 1880 as a First Families member. These pioneers do not need to be born in Ohio, but you must show proof of being a Paulding County resident. For applications, please contact Ray Keck at 419/399-4415 or Karen Sanders at: karen15806@gmail.com.

LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITORS

By: Jim Lopshire, PC Extension Educator

American consumers have become more health conscious about the food they eat. To meet consumer needs and concerns, livestock quality assurance programs are being implemented. These

programs are designed to educate producers in management and production techniques that improve food quality and safety, encourage high industry standards and boost consumer confidence.

The youth quality assurance program introduces youth to the responsibilities associated with food animal production and teaches skills necessary to produce a safe and wholesome food. Interactive lessons on animal management techniques and practice in ethical decision-making related to food animal production are included. Program results indicate participants gain skills in animal management techniques and the youths' opinions about consumer expectations have been positively influenced. Furthermore, the program provides a successful model for including character education with subject matter education.

When young producers begin a project where the final product is food, they also assume a legal and moral obligation to produce a quality, wholesome, and safe product for consumers. It is critical that young producers are consciously aware of these responsibilities and understand their implications. Only with such an understanding will they adopt practices and procedures that allow them to fulfill their obligations to consumers.

Because of a desire to instill this understanding in youth, quality assurance education has become a major focus for our fair livestock exhibitors. As youth learn to implement quality assurance practices, they will develop an awareness and skills that will affect their current projects. In addition, they will develop an appreciation for food safety and responsibility that will form the foundation for their future contributions as producers and consumers.

To educate our youth on the importance, value and promotion of a wholesome food product, two Paulding County Quality Assurance Programs have been scheduled. The first program is scheduled for Thursday evening March 21 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and a second program will be held on Saturday morning March 23 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Both programs will be held in the Extension building. Youth and their parent or guardian must attend a Quality Assurance program before they can exhibit their animal in a junior livestock show sponsored by the county agricultural society.

Remember, we are producing a product that demands quality and is safe for consumption.

LATTA ANNOUNCES 2013 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) announced the 2013 Congressional Art Competition and encouraged high school students in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District to submit their original artwork.

"The Congressional Art Competition is a tremendous opportunity to encourage and recognize the creative talents of our high school students from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. We had excellent submissions

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last year and I look forward to seeing our district's artwork represented in the U.S. Capitol this year," said Congressman Latta.

Original artwork must be submitted by April 3, 2013. Applicants can drop off their application and artwork to one of the following district offices:

Bowling Green - 1045 N. Main Street, Suite 6, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

Defiance - 101 Clinton Street, Suite 1200, Defiance, Ohio 43512

Findlay - 318 Dorney Plaza, Room 302, Findlay, Ohio 45840

District staff is also available to obtain artwork from students. To arrange a pickup time, contact the Defiance office at 419-782-1996.

Winners will be announced at the University of Findlay, Mazza Museum on Saturday, April 20, 2013.

The over-all winner will have their artwork displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol, alongside the artwork from other nation-wide contestants.

Artwork categories are as follows:

- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
- Collage: must be two dimensional
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Tract 2: Approx. 20+/- acres of tillable farmland, frontage to State Route 66 & the Co. Line.
Tract 3: The combination of Tracts 1 & 2

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OAKWOOD & PAULDING 5th & 6th GRADE CHOIR CONCERT



Shown here are Samantha Wagner and Audra Stuck from Oakwood Elementary as they perform a Philippine dance called Tinikling.



Natalie Speiser from Oakwood Elementary and Kaylie Tressler from Paulding Elementary are pictured here as they prepare to perform during one of the selections.

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The Oakwood Elementary fifth and sixth grade choir and the Paulding Elementary fifth grade choir put on a combined concert for both elementary schools on Friday, March 8th. The full group performed together as well as some of the students doing solos on instruments and demonstrating native dances.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS 3/13 - 3/19

- 3/13 - Macaroni & cheese, dinner roll, beets, mixed fruit, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
- 3/14 - Chicken nuggets, baked beans, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
- 3/15 - Rodeo Round Up: French bread pizza or Egg salad sandwich, carrots & celery w/dip, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
- 3/18 - Meatball sub, cooked carrots, pears, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

3/19 - Mini corndogs, french fries, cherries, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 3/13 - 3/19

- MS/HS - Breakfast:*
- 3/13 - Ham/egg/cheese muffin, juice/fruit, milk
 - 3/14 - Links (sausage), mini pancakes, juice/fruit, milk
 - 3/15 - Gravy (sausage) w/ biscuits, juice/fruit, milk
 - 3/18 - Breakfast pizza, juice/fruit, milk
 - 3/19 - Egg bagel, juice/fruit, milk
- MS/HS - Lunch:*
- 3/13 - Walking taco, lettuce/refried beans/salsa or Top Your Potato, whole grain breadstick, assorted fruit, milk
 - 3/14 - Pizza (big dady slice), baby carrots w/ranch dip or Corn dog, baked beans & coleslaw, assorted fruit, milk
 - 3/15 - Southwest chicken wrap, salsa, oven potatoes or Salad bar w/breadstick, assorted fruit, milk
 - 3/18 - Nachos, salsa/sour cream, refried beans, breadstick or Salad bar w/breadstick, assorted fruit, milk
 - 3/19 - Southwest chicken salad, Mexican breadstick or Sandwich w/bun, oven fries, assorted fruit, milk
- Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:*
- 3/13 - Breakfast burrito, juice/fruit, milk
 - 3/14 - Muffin, string cheese, juice/fruit, milk
 - 3/15 - Assorted cereal or Cereal bar, juice/fruit, milk
 - 3/18 - Yogurt, goldfish grahams, juice/fruit, milk
 - 3/19 - Pancakes, juice/fruit, milk
- Paulding Elementary - Lunch:*
- 3/13 - French toast, sausage, oven potatoes, tomato juice or Hot dog w/whole grain bun, fruit, milk
 - 3/14 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, gravy/bread, corn or Hot dog w/whole grain bun, fruit, milk
 - 3/15 - Fish shapes, bread, corn, vegetable choice or Hot dog w/whole grain bun, fruit, milk
 - 3/18 - Chicken or Meatloaf w/whole grain bun, carrots, vegetable choice or Goldfish bread w/peanut butter, crackers, gogurt, fruit, milk
 - 3/19 - Corn dog, baked beans, vegetable choice, fruit snacks or Peanut butter & jelly sandwich, crackers, gogurt, fruit, milk
- Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:*
- 3/13 - Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk
 - 3/14 - Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk
 - 3/15 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk
 - 3/18 - Mini pancakes, fruit, milk
 - 3/19 - Sausage biscuit, fruit, milk
- Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:*
- 3/13 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, lettuce salad, fruit, milk
 - 3/14 - Shredded chicken w/bun, broccoli, carrot sticks, fruit, milk
 - 3/15 - Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, carrots sticks, fruit, milk
 - 3/18 - Mini pancakes, mini sausages, celery sticks, carrot sticks, fruit, milk
 - 3/19 - Grilled chicken w/bun, broccoli w/cheese, fruit, milk

INDIANA LT. GOV. WELCOMES WOODBURN PARTNERSHIP FOR DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann announced that Woodburn Partnership for Downtown Revitalization will join more than 100 other Indiana Main Street (IMS) Communities dedicated to the revitalization of their downtown areas.

"I am pleased to welcome Woodburn Partnership for Downtown Revitalization to the Indiana Main Street Program," said Lt. Governor Ellspermann. "Viable downtowns are crucial to the economic health of our state. By joining Indiana Main Street, Woodburn has taken an important step to developing a thriving downtown."

IMS was established to provide economic revitalization and professional assistance to participating communities. The program encourages the revitalization and restoration of downtown areas in Indiana cities and towns. As the traditional heart and hub of government, commerce, justice and social interaction, the downtown business district portrays a city's overall image.

"We look forward to continuing to work alongside the residents of the City of Woodburn. By forming the Woodburn Partnership for Downtown Revitalization the community is showing they understand the importance of a thriving downtown," said Shae Kmicikewycz, Program Manager for Indiana Main Street.

The IMS is administered by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA).

LATTA ENCOURAGES CONSTITUENTS TO SCHEDULE U.S. CAPITOL TOURS IN LIEU OF WHITE HOUSE TOURS

The Obama administration announced this week that White House tours are being canceled beginning Saturday, March 9, 2013 until further notice due to staffing reductions as a result of sequestration. Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) encouraged constituents of Ohio's Fifth Congressional District to contact his office to set up tours of the U.S. Capitol.

"Rather than cutting federal waste such as lavish government conferences and payments to public relations firms, the White House has chosen instead to cut public tours. I understand the disappointment of those who have had their previously scheduled White House tours canceled. My office will continue to provide public tours of the U.S. Capitol and welcome constituents who are visiting Washington to schedule tours through my office," Latta said. "As a result of sequestration the federal government is undergoing budget cuts, including a 8.2 percent cut in congressional office budgets, however plans to meet the new spending levels have been implemented within my office to ensure regular activities, such as public tours, can proceed as

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usual."

The mandatory federal budget cuts, known as sequestration, went into effect March 1, 2013. Under sequestration, federal agencies and offices are required to reduce spending within their budgets.

To schedule public tours through Congressman Latta's office, visit his website at latta.house.gov or call toll free (800) 541-6446.

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TUES. - MARCH 26 - 6:00 P.M.

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3 Land Parcels of 39 Acres to 114 Acres
Farm Location: 7310 Rt. 66 - 2 mi north of Defiance, OH on Rt. 66 ... Real Estate Auction Location - K of C Hall @ Elliot Rd., Defiance, OH ... Real Estate Auction Procedure & Terms: Multi Parcel Bidding; \$5,000 earnest money each parcel; closing April 26, 2013; possession at closing. Call for inspections, brochure & information or visit our web site @ www.gorrellbros-paulding.com

PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

William D. Weber, Sr., Estate
SAT. - MARCH 23 - 10:00 A.M.

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Glassware - Antiques - Longaberger Baskets - Very Large Amount Of Glassware including Antique Tokheim 850 clock face gas pump & glass globe Sears Surveying Level In Wood Box '50s Coke sign & other old items from the barns **28 Longaberger Baskets** (list available) **Over 25 tables full of Glassware** including hundreds of pieces of Depression Moonstone pink and green Depression Forest Green Ruby Red Bubble pattern in Ruby, Forest Green, Sapphire Blue Open Lace Pink & Crystal Hobnail Pink & Green Block pattern Modern Tone Sandwich Fire King including Peach Luster Fenton Opalescent hobnail in Topaz, French, Blue, Cranberry, Peach Opalescent pitcher & 8 tumblers ... Avon Cape Cod Lenox China dinnerware including Poppy on Blue etc., etc., etc. **Plus Nearly New Furniture & Household** including (2) BR Suites ... Flat Screen TV's (20"x31" & 27" x 43") Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen ... **Firearms - Coins - Jewelry - Power Wheel Chairs & Related** including Remington 410 model 870 Sako 243 Rifle H&R Model 922 revolver Mossburg Model 340 KA. 22 cal rifle Reloading equipment & supplies including brass **Coins** including gold & silver (list available) **Mobility Items** including Invacare Pronto M71 power wheel chair 4 wheel Pride Victory 9 mobility scooter Cat Napper electric lift chair **Sewing Machines & Items** **Jewelry** including 18 jewelry lots that include gold rings, pendants, etc jewelry list available Ukulele & Mandolin very large auction **Farm Equipment - Lawn & Garden - Tools & From The Barns** including Polaris 500 Ranger 4x4 JD 4010 D Tractor Ford 800 tractor IH B tractor Ford 8N tractor (dismantled) 1969 Dodge Chinook Mobilodge motor home (has not been recently used) Clean & sharp Bush Hog 2012 Rotary Cutter, 12 ft., SN 12-00481 flare box wood wagon with wood gear small 3 PT items Simplicity (green color) Zero Turn 20 HP Morgan Derby 2061 Mower, 20HP V-Twin Motor, 361 hrs with Cyclone Rake Commercial Pro Jet Pac Lawn Vac System Simplicity (orange color) Zero Turn 20 HP Morgan TW 2061 Mower Harley Davidson Electric Golf Cart Murray 2 HP tiller. Lawn cart, Push mowers & other lawn items Industrial C-AIRE Model CK410822 upright air compressor 4 cyl Wisconsin gas motor & 4 cyl Wisconsin gas motor w generator (older) (several wagons full of tools, shop and barn items) **2 Auction Rings - Call for free brochure, visit our web site @ www.gorrellbros-paulding.com or visit auction zip** Personal Property Terms: Cash or approved check day of auction or MasterCard, Visa or Discover **Seller: William D. Weber, Sr. Estate, Carol Maag, Executrix, Defiance Co. Probate Crt Case 17362 ... Stanley J. Yoder, Attorney of Weaner Zimmerman Bruce Yoder Gorrell Bros. Auctioneers Don Gorrell, Auction Mgr - Larry D. Gorrell - Sandra Mickelson - Aaron Timm - Matt Bowers - Nolan Shisler**

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGH-LIGHTS

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

• By a 6-3 vote, the board approved an OHSAA Out-of-Season Coaching Instruction Proposal that will allow expanded opportunities for Board of Education approved coaches in the team sports to provide instruction outside the season of play. The regulation becomes effective September 3, 2013. Individual instruction is defined as no more than four individuals present at any one time in all combined facilities where instruction is taking place. Team sports include soccer, volleyball, field hockey, football, ice hockey, basketball, softball and baseball. Note that 'no-contact periods' and the summer coaching period (10 days of team coaching permitted from June 1-July 31) will continue to exist and that out-of-season instruction is already permitted in individual sports (golf, tennis, cross country, wrestling, swimming & diving, gymnastics, bowling and track & field).

—Details of the new regulation are posted here: <http://www.ohsaa.org/news/sports/2013-Feb14-Off-SeasonInstruction.pdf>

• By a 7-2 vote, the board approved an OHSAA proposal regarding the start of football practice in 2013. For schools that start classes August 16 or earlier, football practice may begin on Monday, August 1. All other schools may begin practice on the previously established date of August 5.

• Three additional referendum items were approved by the board to go on the ballot this spring for member schools, including proposed changes to Bylaw 4-3, Enrollment and Attendance; Bylaw 4-7, Transfer; and Bylaw, 4-10-2 Amateur.

—The referendum items approved for the ballot so far are posted here: <http://www.ohsaa.org/news/board/2013-14RefItems.pdf>

• The board approved an updated OHSAA policy for concussion management. In December 2012, Ohio Governor John Kasich signed into law House Bill 143, which legislates concussion prevention, recognition and management and includes many of the same policies that the OHSAA already mandated. The law, which goes into effect April 26, 2013, adds several aspects to previous OHSAA regulations. To be fully compliant with the law, modifications have been made to the OHSAA's concussion policy. Among the changes is that no student who exhibits symptoms of a concussion shall be permitted to return to play on the same day he/she was removed. (Previously, an authorized medical professional could approve a student to return to play on the same day if it was deemed that no concussion was sustained.)

—The new OHSAA concussion policy is posted here: <http://www.ohsaa.org/medicine/Concussions/ConcussionRegulations.pdf>

• Twelve member schools were recently penalized for committing infractions of OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations. The list of schools, along with the infractions and penalties, is always included in the board meeting minutes posted at OHSAA.org, but media members may request the list in advance from Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Information Services (tstried@ohsaa.org).

• In January, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) released the list 2011-12 Coaches of the Year in each state, as well as NFHS Section Coaches of the Year. The OHSAA will issue a separate release on Friday of the award winners from Ohio.

• Jolinda Miller, athletic administrator at Cincinnati Hughes High School's 2013 Ethics and Integrity Award winner. The 2012 winner was Chris Spielman and both are expected to be honored during the upcoming OHSAA state basketball tournaments.

• The regional and state tournament draws in softball and baseball were conducted and will be posted at OHSAA.org. In addition, tournament regulations in softball, boys tennis and track & field were also approved by the board and will be posted at OHSAA.org. The baseball tournament regulations will be approved at a later date.

• The board approved the appointment of Beau Rugg to the position of OHSAA Assistant Commissioner. Mr. Rugg will oversee the OHSAA's officiating program and serve as the sport administrator for football and wrestling.

Attention High Schools: Reminder that wheelchair events will be contested during the 2013 OHSAA Track and Field State Tournament. Have a possible competitor at your school? Learn more at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/tf/default.asp>

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PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal Disposition Report:
 Joshua A. Smallwood Zackridge; carry concealed gun; dismissed w/out prejudice, cost waived

Adam T. Tracy; Paulding; child endangerment; pay all fines & costs; probation, community service

Adam T. Tracy; Paulding; poss marijuana; case dismissed

Dale Martin; Payne; criminal damage; pay all fines and costs, submit to alcohol evaluation, no contact w/victim, community service, complete thinking for a change program, probation, restitution hearing set 3/28/13

Mark A. Rethmel; Oakwood; cause annoyance; pay all fines & costs, pay or appear to court

Robert W. Berry, Jr.; Paulding; felonious assault; indicted by the Common Pleas Court Grand Jury; case bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Dale Martin; Payne; disorderly conduct; case dismissed

Stephen H. Shaw, Jr.; Oakwood; domestic violence; case dismissed, must pay costs or appear in court

Joseph T. McCoy; Paulding; attempt forgery; complete thinking for a change, community service; pay all fines & costs; probation

Jason L. Mobley; Paulding; domestic violence; defendant waived preliminary hearing, matter shall be placed on the docket of Paulding County Common Pleas

Stephen H. Shaw, Jr.; Oakwood; domestic violence; pay all fines & costs; no contact w/victim, complete Thinking for a Change; shall not possess or consume alcohol nor enter any bar; probation

Kyle Joseph Tromblay; Paulding; equipment violation; pay all fines & costs or appear in court

George Allen Lane; Washington, OH; A.C.D.; case was waived

Rebecca A. Krueger; Napoleon; criminal damages; case dismissed

Rebecca A. Krueger; Napoleon; criminal trespassing; defendant is removed from diversion program, community service, complete Think for a Change; no alcoholic beverages, pay fines & costs

Linda S. Franklin; Paulding; child restraint; pay \$50 per month commencing 3/29/13, has a POA date of 8/14/13

Trevor L. Saylor; Paulding; F.R.A.; suspended

Property Transfers:
 Carryall Twp:

2/26/13; Joseph H. & Barbara E. Barker; Sec 35 pt E½ NE¼; 32.878 acres; Sec 26 pt SE¼ & pt NE¼ & pt SW¼; 147.042 acres; Sec 35 pt NE¼ & pt NW¼; 22.964 acres; Sec 27; pt NW¼ & pt NE¼ & pt SE¼; 133.588 acres; Sec 22 pt SW¼ & pt NW pt N½; 85.107 acres; Sec 27 pt NW¼; 37.715 acres; Sec 34 pt SW¼ & pt SE¼; 84.799 acres; Sec 34 Lot 1-3 Joseph Barker Subdivision; 0.849 acres; Sec 34 Lot 8-9 Joseph Barker Subdivision; 0.349 acres; Sec 35 pt NW¼; 18.595 acres; Joseph H. & Barbara E. Barker, Trustees

2/27/13; Samuel W. Shepherd; Sec 23 pt SE¼; 1.508 acres; To: Jeffrey S. & Brenda L. Conley

3/4/13; W.E. & Carol S. Parrett, Trustees; Sec 24 pt W½ SE¼; 1.00 acre; To: Scott A. & Jodi Bland

3/4/13; Keith D. Jewel, et al; Sec 3 pt NW¼ NW¼; 2.00 acres; To: The Bank of New York Mellon

Crane Twp:
 3/1/13; Cynthia A. Shull; Sec 18 SW¼; 3.264 acre; To: Ronald LeRay & Cynthia A. Shull Slattery, et al

3/1/13; Ronald LeRay Slattery; Sec 7 pt E½ NW¼ & pt W½ NE¼; 59.273 acre; Ronald LeRay & Cynthia A. Shull Slattery

3/4/13; Robin L. Wright; Sec 29 pt S½ SW¼ NE¼; 9.976 acres; To: Patrick M. & Terri L. Lortie

Harrison Twp:
 2/28/13; Gary L. & Jane A. Benschneider, Trustees; Sec 29 pt SE¼; 1.382 acres; To: Joseph Ray & Lisa Dawn Benschneider

Latty Twp:

LEGAL NOTICE

The Paulding County Board of Commissioners will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of the following described real estate:

Lots One Hundred Ninety-six (196) and Two Hundred Five (205) of the Town Plat of the Village of Paulding.

The real estate being sold is the former Paulding County Jail located at 112 S. Williams Street.

The sealed bid must contain a plan for the intended use of the property being sold.

All sealed bids shall be marked "Old Jail Bid" and delivered to the Paulding County Board of Commissioners at 115 N. Williams Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879. The bids will be opened at 9:45 a.m. on March 20, 2013.

The seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

3/4/13; Anna rose & Kevin Geiger; Sec 1 NE¼; 160.00 acre; To: Thomas G. Sinn

Antwerp Village:
 3/1/13; Kyle & Kelsey Kauser; Lot 5 pt lot Johnson's Addition; 0.932 acre; To: Nathan Cross & Hillary Reid

3/4/13; Brenda K. Whitehouse, dec'd; Lot 19 Block C; 0.97 acre; To: Michael H. Whitehouse, LE et al

3/4/13; Bank of America, NA; Lot 15 Block F; 0.497 acre; To: Roger Pier

Cecil Village:
 3/4/13; CR Capital Group, LLC; Lot 14 S½ Original Plat; 0.114 acre; To: Nathan J. Woodby

Paulding Village:
 2/28/13; Ronald & Lula Mae Ankney, et al; Lot 26 Klingler Addition; 0.229 acre; To: Samuel W. Shepherd

2/28/13; Leona R. Rike; Lot 137 E½ & Lot 152 E½ original plat; 0.200 acre; To: Laura K. Laplander, et al

2/28/13; Laura K. & Kurt P. Laplander, et al; Lot 137 E½ & Lot 152 E½ original plat; 0.200 acre; To: Leona R. Rike, LE

3/4/13; Federal Home & Loan Mortgage Corporation; Lot 94 E½ Noneman Emerald Acres #1 & Lot 200 E½ Noneman Emerald Acres #2; .387 acre; To: Keith & Pamela J. Myers

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REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

DATE: MARCH 23RD 2013
TIME: REAL ESTATE - 9:00 AM
PERSONAL PROPERTY - 10:00 AM

Location: 1318 Spencerville Rd. Hicksville, Ohio 43526

REAL ESTATE: 3.026 acres with 1768 sq. ft. 1.5 story home, with full basement, three car garage, and one additional storage building, located two miles west of downtown Hicksville.

PERSONAL PROPERTY: Husky riding mower, Oak table, Roseville pottery, Hull pottery, costume & gold jewelry, 32" Flatscreen TV, Tools, Upright Piano, Newer washer & dryer, china set, McCulloch 3200 chainsaw, Tools and much more. ** Auction TENT provided** watch upcoming ads for more details, or go to www.auctionzip.com Auctioneer ID # 13801

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Lacey Marie Albrecht and John Mathew Griffin are pleased to announce their engagement.

Lacey is the daughter of Deb and Terry Albrecht of Fort Dodge, Iowa. Matt is the son of Linda Griffin and the late John Griffin of New Haven, IN.

Lacey graduated from the

University of Northern Iowa with a degree in Marketing Management.

Matt attended Ohio State and graduated from Indiana Tech with a degree in accounting.

The wedding will take place in Cancun Mexico on April 13, 2013.

ANTWERP COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HOSTS WINE & CHEESE TASTING EVENT

ACDC is hosting their first Wine and Cheese Tasting Event and would love for you to join them on Saturday, March 30, 7:30 p.m. at Grant's Reception Hall, 503 E Canal, Antwerp. This event will be a fun social evening with family and friends while enjoying eight different wines and cheese as well as a chocolate fountain with a dessert bar. Tickets are available at Leland Smith Insurance Agency (Antwerp Branch), Antwerp Norfolk & Western Depot (Antwerp) and Aimee Lichty. For more information about this event, contact Aimee at 419.506.1228.

CITY OF NEW HAVEN SCHEDULES CONSTRUCTION WAGE MEETING

A wage scale committee meeting for the city of New Haven, IN will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 135A of the New Haven City Administration Building, 815 Lincoln Highway East, New Haven, IN 46774. A wage scale will be determined for the following projects:

1. WMP-2011-04 Water Main Improvement Project (Rose Ave – Martin Drain to Tanglewood Drive), \$277,000.00 (estimated)*
2. WMP-2010-08 Water Main Improvement Project (Green Road, Phase I – State Road 930 to Moeller Road), \$706,000.00 (estimated)
3. SSIP-2012-01 Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project (elimination of Woodbridge Pump Station), \$350,000.00 (estimated)
4. SIP-2012-01 Street Improvement (Deveron Drive and Woodbridge Drive), \$653,000.00 (estimated)

* Pursuant to I.C. § 5-16-7-1 (m), the common construction wage requirements do not apply to contracts awarded after December 31, 2012 if the actual construction costs are less than three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000).

—Brenda Adams, City of New Haven Clerk-Treasurer

“POSITIVE SOLUTIONS FOR FAMILIES” AT NEXT COFFEE & DESSERT PARENT-PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

The next Coffee & Dessert Parent – Professional Training seminar is set for Thursday, March 21, 2013, 4:30–6:30 p.m. at the Antwerp Local School (please

park on the east side of the building and enter through the glass doors where the flagpoles are located.)

The topic of discussion for this month's seminar is "Positive Solutions for Families" with presenter Sally Brinkman, a community outreach specialist, YMCA.

This training is an evidence-based, user friendly series to promote positive and effective parenting behaviors. This will support social and emotional development in children and address challenging behaviors as well as mental health needs. Parents, educators and professionals will find the information shared at this training to be very beneficial in both the home and school setting.

There is no coast to attend these series of Parent – Professional Trainings. Certificate of Attendance available upon request. Pre-registration is preferred by contacting: Cathy Ruiz, Parent Mentor, Western Buckeye, ESC, Paulding County. Office: Payne Elementary building, 501 W. Townline Street, Payne. Phone: 419-263-2512 (select opt. #4, Payne Bldg., Ext. 454, or 419-399-4711, or email Cathy at cruiz@wb.noacsc.org

MARCH SEMINARS AT MILAN CENTER FEED & GRAIN

March is all about education at Milan Center Feed & Grain. Milan Center strives to increase staff knowledge and offer the highest level of expertise in the industry. In the month of March, it's your chance to learn as well. The following seminars are free to the public, and feature industry experts! Please call ahead and register at 260-657-5461. All seminars are at Milan Center Feed & Grain. The address is 15402 Doty Road, New Haven, IN 46774, conveniently located about 3 miles off of SR 37, 2 miles east of Schmucker's Produce.

Tuesday, March 12, 6:00 p.m. – Show Cattle Seminar

- Nutritional Strategies for Fitting Cattle for Show
- Daily Grooming and Care of Show Beef and Dairy Beef Cattle, including Starter Calves
- Show Day Prep/Fitting/Products

Thursday, March 21, 6:30 p.m. – Pond Management Seminar

- Pond Aeration
- Weed & Algae Preven-

ANTWERP 3rd GRADERS OBSERVE THEIR COMMUNITY



As part of the social studies curriculum at Antwerp, the third graders have been involved in an extensive study of communities. To help students make connections to their local community, students were assigned an Antwerp business to research. This project not only taught students about the role businesses have in their community, but gave them a firsthand account of how businesses give back to their community. The teachers and students appreciate the time the owners took to talk with students and their willingness to participate in the Community Day they recently observed. These chil-

dren now have a better understanding of what makes a community great.

This study also included a field trip to five Antwerp sites: Sara Keeran at the Train Depot, Nancy Lichty at the Riverside Park War Memorial, Jan Boterf at the eagle's nest, Hometown Pantry, and The West Bend News. Everyone greatly appreciates all of the people that assisted with this endeavor. It has been stated before that it takes a village to raise a child, and we are so fortunate to live in a place that values the education of their children.

—Antwerp Third Grade, Teachers and Students

tative Strategies

- Proper Weed/Algae ID
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Thursday, March 28, 6:30 p.m. – Equine Pasture Management Seminar

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