

PAULDING PUTNAM ELEC. COOP AWARDS INTERN SCHOLARSHIP



Dustin Carnahan, a student at the University of Toledo was recently presented with the Cooperative Intern Scholarship awarded by the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives Inc.

Carnahan was an intern with Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative this past summer working with the Accounting Department and receives a \$1,600 award for winning the scholarship.

Among the work he completed during his internship was the organization of the storm-related paperwork following the June 29 derecho storm that left most of the Paulding-Putnam service territory without power. This work was extremely important for the cooperative in applying for reimbursement for storm-related work from the Federal Emergency Manage-

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COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY GETS A "BOOK-LIFT"

The Oakwood Library Association, Friends Group for the Cooper Community Library, are giving the library shelves a "book-lift" by making room for some new arrivals. Items will be available starting Monday, January 14 and will run through Satur-

day, January 26 during regular library hours. There will be lots and lots of good reads to be found for all ages and also DVD's. The Cooper Community Library is a branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library system. Be sure and stop in and check it out!

PEVS GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS



Paulding Exempted Village School held their Geography Bee on Thursday, January 3rd. The winners from the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades met to compete and determine a schoolwide winner. Students who competed represented winners from Oakwood Elementary, Paulding Elementary and Paulding Middle School. Shana Manz, a Paulding Middle School student

won the Geography Bee and William Deisler, also a Paulding Middle School student was runner-up.

Pictured here are the students who competed: (front) William Deisler and Shana Manz; (middle row) Baylee March, Jacob Deisler, and Hunter Dobbelaere; (back row) Katelyn Estle, Zach Branham, Brody Clemens, Jacob King, Nicholas Gee, and Sabrina Gergely.

WOODLAN VS BLUFFTON AT FORT WAYNE WAR MEMORIAL COLISEUM



Shown above is junior Kadin Gerig scoring one of his 3-point baskets at the ACAC championship game.

The boys basketball 89th annual championship game of the ACAC tournament took place Saturday, January 12 between visiting Woodlan and home, Bluffton teams. The last time the Warriors

had been to the Coliseum for the ACAC tournament was 16 years ago in 1997.

Woodlan won the tip-off and was the first to score, but that didn't stop the Tigers (continued on page 7)

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OBITUARIES

Alan Ray Whirrett of Paulding passed away quietly following surgery at St. Rita's Hospital, Lima on January 6, 2013.

Alan was born in Paulding County, Ohio to Bill and Edith (Haney) Whirrett on March 11, 1928. On July 28, 1951 he married Deloris Reinhart, who survives. He retired as Chief Warrant Officer from the U.S. Army active reserve and was a Korean War Veteran. He retired from American Tool Co., Fort Wayne as plant engineer and was an active family owner of Don's Dairy, New Hampshire, OH. He opened his Precision Shop at home for many years and when able loved gardening, fishing and more recently enjoyed the farm and pond. He was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Paulding and was a Life Member of Post #587 V.F.W., John Paulding Historical Society.

He is survived by his wife, Deloris Whirrett of Paulding; a son, Donald of Paulding, a brother, Robert (Melba) of Indianapolis; an aunt, Betty Cospsey of Payne; and three nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted January 11, 2013 at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Paulding, and laid to rest at St. Paul Cemetery with military rites accorded by Post #587. Visitation were January 10, 2013 with a Rosary Service at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

To honor Alan's wishes, the family requests in lieu of flowers, plaques or throws, donations may be made to Masses; Friends of Feline Rescue Center; or a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com



Sandra Dee Dealey, 43, of Convoy, OH passed away on January 8, 2013 due to an automobile accident on US 30 and Doyle Road in Allen County.

She was employed as an insurance broker by the B.D.S. Agency in Fort Wayne since 2008.

Surviving her are her husband, Mark Henry Dealey; children: Joshua Henry Dealey, Jeremiah Wayne Dealey, Josiah James Dealey, Olivia Ashley Dealey, Jacob Nathaniel Dealey, and Audrey Eliza-

beth Dealey all of Convoy, OH; parents: Douglas Wayne and Sylvia Phillips of Antwerp; a brother, David Wayne Phillips of Kauai, HI; a niece, Megan Rae Phillips; a nephew, Cody Wayne Phillips; and a mother and father-in-law, Basil and Margy Dealey of Convoy, OH.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. January 14, 2013 at the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur. Visitation was January 13, 2013 at the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur and one hour prior to services Monday at the funeral home.

Lois A. Williamson, 76, of Toledo died Thursday, January 10, 2013.

She was born March 7, 1936 in Paulding, the daughter of Forrest H. and Naomi (Grubaugh) Williamson. She was employed as a teacher by Washington Local High School, Toledo retiring in 1986.

She is survived by two sisters: Leah Smith of Payne, and Joan E. Wallace of Battle Creek, MI; and nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Alice Wolford.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial followed in Pleasant View Cemetery, Haviland.

Visitation will be Tuesday, January 15 from 2:30-8:00 p.m. at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Rhema Word Outreach, 21342 M-66, Battle Creek, MI 49017. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com



Carol A. Dix, 66, of Paulding died Friday, January 11, 2013 at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born September 4, 1946 in Fort Wayne, IN, the daughter of Carlton and Cemantha (Sprague) Cluts. On June 28, 1969 she married Roger E. Dix, who survives. She was previously employed by Paulding Exempted Village Schools in the cafeteria and Vagabond Village Restaurant. She was a member of the Paulding Eagles #2405 Auxiliary. She enjoyed crocheting, embroidery, bowling, throwing darts, baking

and cooking and especially spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband, Roger Dix of Paulding; three daughters: Karla (James "Buddy") Decker of New Haven, IN, Ann (Paul) Talbott of Cecil, and June (Daren) Smith of Liberty Center, OH; two brothers: Kenny (Sandy) Cluts of Paulding, and Norbert (Jeanne) Cluts of Fort Wayne, IN; eight grandchildren: Alyssia, Joseph, Katrina, Jeff, Daniel, Justin, Madison, and Dustin; and four great-grandchildren: Allie, Spenser, Tyler and Elizabeth.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, January 17, 2013 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial followed in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be 2:30-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services on Thursday.

Donations may be made to American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Hulet "Bill" Arms, 82, of Oakwood died Saturday, January 12, 2013 after a long battle with Silicosis of the lungs, in the Laurels of Defiance, Defiance, OH.

He was born October 23, 1930 in Bucu (Dickenson County), VA, in a W.M. Ritter Lumber Camp, the son of John T. and Bonnie (Lester) Arms. He was raised in Buchanan County, VA. On August 30, 1963 he married Linda R. Richards, who survives. He started his working career in the late 1940s as a trucker in the Southwest Virginia logging industry. He served four years (1950-1954) in the U.S. Air Force, spending three years of his tour in Germany. In 1955 he moved to Mt. Vernon, OH. There he gained employment at the Mt. Vernon Bridge Works and the Cooper-Bessemer Foundry. In 1971 he relocated his family to NW Ohio and started his employment at GM Central Foundry/Powertrain in Defiance, OH and retired with 25 years of service there in 1996. He was a proud member of UAW #211; life member of D.A.V. #54 Van Wert, OH; life member of V.F.W. #4027 Mt. Vernon, OH; F. & A.M. Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge #0009, Mt. Vernon, OH; and the International Blue Grass Music Museum, Owensboro, KY.

Bill loved to tell of his experience while serving his military tour in Europe of meeting John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara in Dublin, Ireland. The two actors were filming his favorite movie "The Quiet Man". He was a passionate, lifelong fan of

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved." —Romans 10:9

EACS NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS - READY TO SERVE

On January 8th, three newly elected board members were sworn in to serve on the Board of School Trustees. Those members are: Mr. Christopher Baker (District 4E), Mr. Arden Hoffman (District 6R), and Mr. Robert Nelson (District 5R).



Christopher Baker

Mr. Baker is a 1985 graduate of Mishawaka High School. He has worked in the architectural field since 1987. He has been active in the New Haven area for a number of years as he serves on many boards and committees.

There will be a public memorial service at a later date. Burial will be at a later date.

The family will accept donations which will later be distributed to various worthy charities and organizations. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com. Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding is handling arrangements.

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ment Agency.

Carnahan is in his senior year at the University of Toledo. He will graduate with a major in Accounting and minor in Finance.

The Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives Inc., based in Columbus, is a service organization for the 24 electric distribution cooperatives in the state and each co-op is eligible to nominate an intern for the scholarship.

George Carter, CEO/General Manager and James Brown, Director of Finance, presented Dustin Carnahan with the scholarship.

Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative is a Touchstone Energy® Cooperative. Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative serves 12,900 member/consumers in northwest Ohio and northeast Indiana.

WBESC GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES 1/9/13

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held its regular monthly Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at the Van Wert ESC office. Board President Mr. William Poe II welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting. During the Organizational portion of the meeting Nick Miller was voted in as Board President and Ron Treece as Vice President.

Treasurer Gary Ginter reviewed the current financial reports, investments and the monthly expenditures with the Board.

Superintendent Brian Gerber acknowledged January as "School Board Recognition Month." This is an opportunity for us to take a moment and thank our school board members for the time and effort they put forward for the betterment of our schools. The board at Western Buckeye Educational Service Center functions within the team concept. They know their role as policy setters and enforce it. They work with the community, staff, and administration to make Western Buckeye ESC a productive and effective agency. It takes

teamwork and collaboration from all parties to ensure an educational agency's success. We appreciate the commitment of Board members Jerry Zielke, Billy Poe III, P. James Grubaugh, Nick Miller, and Ron Treece.

Mr. Gerber also reviewed the Education-Related Provisions in the Fiscal Cliff Deal and PPACA otherwise known as Obamacare. The Western Buckeye ESC reviewed the FY13 IDEA Allocation and Budget. Public comment will be welcome at the regular February Board Meeting.

In the business portion of the meeting, the Board approved the following items:

Consent Items - WBESC:
A. Motion to extend a one (1) year pro-rated Classified Contract to Tracy Hutchinson as a Paraprofessional in the Allen County ESC system, beginning January 2, 2013 and effective for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year, salary and benefits as presented.

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regular Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center will be on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Paulding ESC office.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 12/31/12

This 31st day of December, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Fred Pieper, and Nola Ginter, Clerk; Absent: Tony Burkley

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Warrants documented as 194296 through 194301 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING "THEN AND NOW" PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS:

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on December 26, 2012, Warrant numbers 194228 through 194230 in the amount of \$753.84; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 060):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2012 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Economic Development Fund (Fund 060):

060-001-00001 Economic Development/Salaries

AMOUNT: \$21.47

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-024):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2012 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-024-00003/General Fund/Soldiers' Relief/Supplies

TO: 001-024-00002/General Fund/Soldiers' Relief/Salaries

AMOUNT: \$47.44

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 060):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2012 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Economic Development Fund (Fund 060):

FROM: 060-001-00003/Economic Development/Workers' Comp

TO: 060-001-00001/Economic Development/Salaries

AMOUNT: \$156.59

FROM: 060-001-00002/Economic Development/PERS

TO: 060-001-00001/Economic Development/Salaries

AMOUNT: \$43.06

FROM: 060-001-00002/Economic Development/PERS

TO: 060-001-00004/Economic Development/Medicare

AMOUNT: \$3.38

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SIGN AND EXECUTE HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT:

The Board of County Commissioners do hereby authorize the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioner Tony Zartman to sign and execute the Housing Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement with the State of Ohio, Development Services Agency to receive funds to improve the affordable housing stock and provide for the affordable housing needs of low and moderate income persons of the Housing Revolving Loan Fund.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT:

Paulding County has been awarded CDBG and/or Home funds from the State of Ohio, Development Services Agency to finance eligible activities that may generate program income. Now therefore the Board of County Commissioners do hereby enter into a Housing Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement with the State of Ohio, Development Services Agency beginning January 1, 2013 and expiring December 31, 2015.

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PC TIGERS BEAT THE BOBCATS



On January 8th the PC Tigers squared off against the Ottawa Bobcats. The game was exciting up to the end. It was a team effort to get the win. Both teams had fun playing this game. The final score was PC Tigers 66, Ottawa Bobcats 34.

ONTARIO FISHING COMPANY FINED \$5,000 FOR ILLEGALLY FISHING IN OHIO

Pisces Fisheries Inc. of Wheatley, Ontario, was fined \$5,000 for fishing illegally in Ohio waters, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Pisces Fisheries was sentenced by the Ottawa County Municipal Court in Port Clinton on Dec. 21, 2012, by Magistrate Louis P. Wargo III.

"This was a great multi-agency response," said Gino Barna, ODNR Division of Wildlife law supervisor for the Lake Erie Law Enforcement Unit. "Gill nets have not been a major issue on Lake Erie in recent years because of the cooperation with other agencies. Because of this support network, incidents like this do not go undetected, and Ohio's resources are better protected."

The charges were the result of the Adco II, a gill net tug owned by Pisces Fisher-

ies, fishing with gill nets in Ohio waters on two separate occasions. On May 5, 2012, the ODNR Division of Wildlife, with the assistance of the U.S. Border Patrol, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Station Marblehead and ODNR Division of Watercraft, five nets belonging to the Adco II were found in Ohio waters north of North Bass Island.

On May 9, 2012, five more nets set by the Adco II were found by the U.S. Border Patrol south of Middle Sister Island in Ohio waters. The USCG monitored the nets throughout the night and boarded the Adco II the following morning.

Wildlife investigators from the Lake Erie Law Enforcement Unit investigated the incidents. Two charges were filed for possessing gill nets in Ohio, and two charges were filed for fishing with commercial nets in Ohio without a commercial license.

The use of gill nets is not a legal method for taking fish in Ohio. Although commer-

cial fishermen may use other types of nets, such as trap nets and seines, gill nets were outlawed in Ohio in 1983.

Anyone who observes or suspects wildlife violations are occurring may report illegal activity by calling the Turn-In-A-Poacher (TIP) hotline toll free at 1-800-POACHER.

RABBIT DAMAGE TO TREES AND SHRUBS

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

The eastern cottontail rabbit can be responsible for a considerable amount of damage no matter the season. In the spring they are feasting on greening vegetation such as clover, herbs, and flowering plants. Once fall and winter arrive, rabbits turn their attention to woody plants for sustenance. They will eat the bark, buds, stems, and tender twigs of a variety of shrubs, vines, and young trees.

When the ground is covered with snow for long periods, rabbit damage to trees and shrubs can be severe. Young plants can be clipped off at snow height and larger trees and shrubs may be completely girdled which can kill plants.

Rabbits have a preference for trees with "sweet," thin bark, such as fruit trees and maples, but will try almost any tree in a severe winter, or if populations are high. Other signs include tracks and small, round, pea-sized droppings.

The best practice to protect trees and shrubs is a rabbit exclusion fence or cyl-

inder. Fences can be placed around patches of plants that need to be protected. The fence should be made of 1 inch galvanized steel mesh or hardware cloth 18 to 24 inches high. The stakes don't need to be permanently set, but the mesh should reach the ground or be buried a few inches to prevent the rabbits from digging underneath.

A similar structure placed in a cylinder form around the base can help to protect individual trees. There should be adequate space on the inside of the cylinder to allow for stakes and to prevent rabbits from reaching through to the tree. There are pre-made plastic tree cylinders that can be used on seedlings. Be careful when using these in the winter, as the cold can make the plastic brittle.

Taste deterrents, such as soap, and hot chili spray, can also be used as a short-term solution during the winter months. Follow all label instructions before using.

Hunting and trapping rabbits can help to reduce the population. Make sure that local firearm laws allow hunting and that shooting is safe. Trapping is the best way to remove rabbits in towns and cities. Daily trap checks are essential for effective control. Check traps daily to replenish bait or remove the catch. Move traps to another location if they fail to make a catch within a week.

In some cases, careful landscaping can reduce the number of rabbits in an area. Removing as much cover as possible, such as trimming shrubs up from the ground and removing woodpiles, reduces hiding spaces.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PAULDING COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Paulding County prosecuting attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted nine persons on Thursday, January 10, 2013.

Alejandro Perez-Jimenez, Paulding, DOB 3/27/1978, Forgery F-5

Daric L. Fraley, Cecil, DOB 9/11/1993, Aggravated Burglary F-1

Heather L. Bakowski, Paulding County Jail, DOB 8/14/1993, Illegal Manufacture of Drugs F-2, Illegal Assembly or possession of chemicals for the manufacture of drugs F-3

Derrick M. Bennett, DOB 5/5/1989, Illegal Manufacture of Drugs F-2, Illegal Assembly or possession of chemicals for the manufacture of drugs F-3

Amber L. Vance, Paulding County Jail, DOB 6/1/1989, Aggravated Burglary F-1

Amanda K. Suffel, Paulding, DOB 3/19/1980, Illegal Possession of Drug Documents F-5

Sheryl R. Crone, DOB 3/15/1956, Trafficking in Drugs F-4

Lawrence H. Dickess, Paulding, DOB 6/1/1955, Trafficking in Drugs F-5

Mark S. Seibert II, Paulding County Jail, 10/21/1981, Aggravated Burglary F-1

PAULDING SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TAKE 4th PLACE TROPHY



Paulding Science Olympiad Division B won a 4th place trophy at the Northmont Invitational competition on Saturday, January 5, 2013. Pictured here with their trophy are Aaron Horstman, Alli Harpel, Victoria Meadows,

Tori Bradford, Matthew Martinez, Jordan Shull, Daleigh Davis, Wyatt Miller, Brian Matson, Taylor Manz, Megan Reineck, Estee Miller, Charles Clapsadle, Dayton Pracht, Ethan Matty, and Christine Clapsadle.

WOODBURN FIRE DEPT. HOSTS COMEDY NIGHT

The Woodburn Fire Department will be hosting a night of great laughs at a Comedy Night presenting the Chicago Comedy All-Stars. This night will begin with the doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and the show starting at 8:00 p.m.

The comedians for the night include James Wesley Jackson, Jimmy McHugh, and Mike Preston. The Woodburn Fire Department prides itself on providing the best service to its community and this could not be done without your support. This event will help purchase new a thermal imaging camera. This life saving camera allows firefighters to be able to locate and rescue victims of a fire through thick smoke without any light.

Free snacks will be provided throughout the event. For more information please stop by or call the Woodburn Fire Department at 260-632-5218. Must be 21 or older to attend.

ANTWERP VETERANS BOOK MAY STILL BE ORDERED



The V.E.T.S. - Continuous Honor Committee received and has distributed the books that were pre-ordered, the extra books that the committee ordered have also been sold. The veterans biographical history book, *After 200 years, Why Freedom Still Rings, in Antwerp Ohio* may still be purchased, but only through the publisher.

The committee continues

to be contacted by people wishing to purchase a book, so they are making this contact information available. It is also in the book on page two.

The publisher is M.T. Publishing Company Inc., P.O. Box 6802, Evansville, IN 47719-6802. Their phone number is 1-812-468-8022 and their web-site is www.mtpublishing.com. If you have not seen a copy of the book, but would like to, the Paulding County Carnegie Library has copies at each branch.

The VETS-CH committee has completed this two year project and will therefore be closing their Antwerp Post Office Box #742 on February 28, 2013. Inquiries will be forwarded for six months. The five ladies that comprise the committee will now get on with other projects awaiting their attention: Lori, Judy, Starlet, Karen and Sandra.

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TOWARD CIVIL DISAGREEMENT

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

We seem to be returning to tribalism.

In Liberia, tribalism exists in its ancient form. There are many different groups of people, and these groups generally separate themselves from one another. They go to church with people from the same tribe. They do business with people from the same tribe. They spend time with people from the same tribe. All the while, those from other tribes are outsiders in every situation.

Welcome to the new American tribalism. We aren't much better than the primitive tribalism of Liberia. We aren't segregated by a common heritage, but by where we get our news, the internet sites we visit or don't visit, the views that we hold, and our approach to the government. To see the new American tribalism illustrated, go to any controversial article on the internet, scroll down to the comments, and see people treat those who disagree with them like they are idiots, ill-intentioned, or uneducated.

This new tribalism is not for us. It will not create a better world. We have to learn to disagree and still love the people we disagree with, not call each other bad names or think ill of one another. The other day I got into a conversation where we wouldn't find common agreement. I said, "As long as we don't denigrate the people that hold the opposing views, I am fine with that. We can denigrate opposing views, but not the people." Surprisingly, it was amicably received.

Maybe the demonization of people entrenched in opposing views is all an over-reaction to the pseudo-tolerance that is preached from all of the popular modern-day prophets on the television, the internet, or the radio. The same prophets who will demonize those that don't agree with them in the name of their "tolerance." But underlying that pseudo-tolerance is really a hatred for anyone that disagrees. We must not participate in rhetoric that destroys others. Instead, we should strive to love everyone, even when we disagree. During this period where we struggled to never disagree with one another as we became inundated with new ideas, our society appears to have forgotten how to participate in civil disagreements,

how to love while still being at odds.

We should never participate in the rhetoric of demonization or the isolation of the new tribalism; especially those of us who claim to follow Jesus.

How can we be the salt of the earth if we separate ourselves from the world? Our saltiness would be of no use. What good would it do if we are the light of the world, yet we just congregate with other light and never go into the darkness? Our lights would be pointless. Light was made to displace the darkness. Our salt would be useless. Salt was made to preserve. Yet salt and light cannot do their intended tasks if they separate themselves from those who are different.

The other day I left an organization that I have been a part of for eight years. I felt that the conflict going on wasn't worth my mental time and emotional energy. But in leaving, I also disqualified myself from bringing any change to the group. The reason I bring this up is to illustrate the principle that we cannot be the salt of the earth and the light of the world if we remove ourselves from the world. Once we have removed ourselves, we have lost our opportunity to bring about change.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus," (Galatians 3:27-28 ESV).

This is the way that it is supposed to be among believers in Jesus. It's God's ideal. In Christ, there is neither liberal or conservative, there is neither Buckeye or Wolverine, there is no male and female, educated or stupid, rich or poor, for we are all one in Jesus our Lord. We are all one. Despite our disagreements and differences, those in Jesus are all one.

Mix that idea with the teaching that we are to bring heaven to earth as much as is possible, a prayer that we pray every time we recite the Lord's Prayer, and we see that the world is to be different than this course of hatred that it is currently steaming down. God has a different plan for humanity.

It's our opportunity as Christians to be used by God to bring this plan into reality. This cannot be achieved if we just conform to the new tribalism of the world. We must

intermingle. We must develop relationships. We must never demonize. We will disagree, but we must behave differently when we do. We must be salt to prevent spoiling. We must be light to push back the darkness.

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.

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE PHRASE, SHIP OF FOOLS?

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

Some years ago I was meeting with a young person who was struggling with an addiction and while we were meeting he received a text notification on his hand held cell. When I asked him about it he responded by saying, "I get invited to a party just about every night." I sighed, for I understood his plight, the path he was on was filled with temptation and danger.

I imagine you're familiar with the phrase "ship of fools." It was a common medieval motif used in literature and art, especially religious satire. One such satire is Hieronymus Bosch's famous oil painting by the same name, which now hangs in Paris.

This marvelous work, which is filled with symbolism, shows ten people aboard a small vessel and two overboard swimming around it. It is a ship without a pilot (captain), and everyone onboard is too busy drinking, feasting, flirting, and singing to know where on earth the waves are pushing them.

They are fools because they are enjoying all the sensual pleasures of this world without knowing where it all leads. Atop the mast hangs a bunch of dangling carrots and a man is climbing up to reach them. Yet above the carrots we find a small but significant detail: a human skull. This is the thirteenth head in the painting, unlucky in every imaginable way. The idea is that these twelve fools, who think all is perfect, are sailing right to their demise. The only pilot on board, the only figure leading the way, is death.

We find ourselves living in a culture of pleasure seeking pain avoiding men, women and young people. We're looking for the newest high, or the next party too often giving little if any thought to our mortality and especially our eternal destination. Solomon had it right when he said... Proverbs 16:25 (NIV), "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death."

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BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Luke 5:22 - What did Jesus perceive about these people?

2. Luke 5:22 - What was the question he asked them?

3. Luke 5:23 - Which is easier your sins be forgiven?

4. Luke 5:24 - Does Jesus had the power to forgive sin?

5. Luke 5:24 - What did Jesus tell the man?

6. Luke 5:25 - What was the man doing as he headed home?

7. Luke 5:26 - All the people were what?

8. Luke 5:26 - What were these people filled with?

9. Luke 5:26 - What were these people saying?

Comment 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. I am willing; be cleansed. 2. To tell no one; 3. here and be healed by Jesus; 4. To pray; 5. Pharisees and teachers of the law; 6. Galilee; Judea; Jerusalem; 7. He was paralyzed; 8. Through the house top; 9. His faith; 10 speaking blasphemies.

Know God's word. It takes 70 hours and 40 minutes to read the Bible (about 52 hours to read the Old Testament and 19 hours read the New Testament). At the rate of an hour a day, it takes a mere two months and 10 days to read the entire Bible. The Bible tells us of our origin, our purpose for being on this earth, and of our eternal destiny.

God's word plainly, concisely, and boldly declares the desire of our heavenly father to be saved in heaven after our life on this earth. But informs us that only those who completely obey him will be saved. We learn the way to heaven in the Holy Bible. Study the book of Acts and compare this and how you receive salvation. There is more than asking Jesus in your heart, more than just believing, more than being voted into the church. For the church is the body of believers, called out of a world of sin. Read Acts 2:42 through acts 2:47. The Scriptures say what they mean except as it is written with no interpretation. Loved ones, study the Bible and you'll see that doing what Christ says and he has told you and I—that there is only one way of salvation, not many. Don't be calling Christ a liar by teaching things that aren't in the Bible. Before calling me, study, see what the Bible says, then give me the name of the Bible book, the chapter and the verse then we can talk. Telling the truth put Christ on the cross... people cannot accept truth.



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EVERY GIFT COUNTS

By: Lisa McClure, Paulding County Area Foundation

Remember the last time you thought to yourself, "Somebody ought to do something?" Maybe it was a major injustice, or some minor irritant, but it spurred a recognition that there was an opportunity to seize? Recall, too, your next step, which was to do nothing. These are the words of a friend of mine who recently published an article in *Our Ohio* magazine.

He went on to say that one of the reasons we don't engage is we don't know

DIVINE MERCY PRESCHOOLERS THINK LEARNING IS FUN!



Divine Mercy Preschool is having a lot of fun learning about sorting different shapes and objects—playing store and doing science projects about magnets and how fast a gallon of snow melted in

a nice warm room on a cold winter day. Pictured here are Sierra Young, Brody Ross-wurm, Katherine Burtch, Ava Lipp, Delana Noggle, Ava Martinez and Arianna Viola at the cash register.

enough about what it is we should be engaged in. Maybe we don't see the personal relevance, we don't know how to get started, or question the return on the investment.

The Paulding County Area Foundation can be the tool to seize an opportunity and to engage oneself by giving back to the community simply by a donation. Funds that are administered through the Foundation are redistributed 100% back into the county. The funds help students with scholarships, help to maintain parks and the County Courthouse, assist young adults through the 4-H programs and provide funds to improve and maintain the fairgrounds. There are funds to help maintain branch libraries and an endowment fund that generates grant monies to help other 501C3 organizations within the county.

Certainly, there are many reasons to become a donor to the Paulding County Area Foundation. The most important is the opportunity to improve lives and the community. The Paulding County Area Foundation's purpose is to receive, grow and distribute gifts for the benefit of the people of Paulding County. Every gift counts.

Consider making a contribution to one of the many established funds or creating a new fund.

If you have questions about Foundation funds, please call me at 419-399-8296 or stop by the office at 101 E. Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio.

BROWN BETTY'S & BUSTER BROWN'S 4-H MEET

The Brown Betty's and Buster Brown's 4-H club held its first meeting on December 27, 2012 at the Community Room of the Cooper Community Library, Branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library System. The meeting was called to order by Katie Carnahan, president. The Pledge of Allegiance was started by Ben Weible and the American flag held by Jocelyn Parrett, and the 4-H pledge was started by Brendon Hornish and the 4-H flag held by Aiden Miller. Roll call was taken by Estee Miller and 18 members, two advisors and four parents were in attendance. Secretary minutes from last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer report was given and approved. Elections for the new 4-H year were held, new officers are as follows: Katie Carnahan, President; Aaron Horstman, Vice President; Estee Miller, Secretary; Ellie Miller, Treasurer; Emma Horstman, News Reporter; Health Advisors, Jalynn Parrett; and Molly Meeker, Safety Advisors; Justin Carnahan, Jalynn Parrett and Katie Carnahan, Creation Leaders; Ellie Miller, Emma Horstman, Malayna VanCleve, and Katelyn Estle; Greeter, Molly Meeker.

A demonstration was done by Justin Carnahan. Katie Carnahan adjourned the meeting. Snacks were provided by Ellie and Estee Miller and drinks were provided by Ben Weible. The next meeting will be January 29, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Room of the Cooper Community Library, Branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library System.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have a comment about the demolition of the Paulding County Jail.

I believe that it would be in the best interest of the county to offer the jail and the "entire" property up for absolute auction.

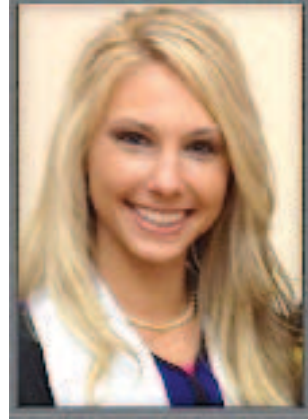
If the commissioners are concerned that the jail is a hazard to the public, why not sell it for whatever price can be realized. An auction and sale of the property would remove the liability from the county and realize at least some funds that can be put INTO the General Fund.

There are zoning laws and regulations that would cover the "public" safety and maybe, just maybe, someone will buy the property and do something with the jail and the 1/4 block that sits directly West of the jail. If the purchaser does nothing with the jail, then eventually the zoning laws kick in and the owner will have to tear the building down.

The up side to the whole auction scenario is that the

building would no longer be a liability to the county and that maybe the jail and the 1/4 block to the West Would be developed for the betterment of the county.

—Anna M. Free



RISTER LAW OFFICE ADDS ATTORNEY GUILFORD TO STAFF

Suzanne Rister, Attorney, Paulding County Judge and president of Rister Law Office in Antwerp, realized how busy she had become over the past year and decided it was time to add to the staff at the company.

While seeking the perfect individual to fill the needs at the firm there were other goals too. Suzanne stated, "We wanted to do our part to keep young people in the area and to show them there are jobs here."

Amy E. Guilford with her radiant smile, was added to the staff of Rister Law Office Co. L.P.A. to fill these expectations. Amy hails from Hicksville, and is the daughter of Bruce & Debbie Guilford. She graduated from high school in 2005, soon moving on to Ohio State University, Columbus. She attended Capital University Law School in Columbus and graduated in 2012. Amy passed the bar exam in October, was sworn in by the Supreme Ct Justices at the Ohio Theatre in November and was hired soon thereafter by Ms. Rister.

While in Columbus attending university, Amy served as a at Ross & Midian LLC.

"I'm excited to take start

accepting clients and to be introduced to the community," stated Amy. She also has her real-estate license and Amy combines that knowledge with law and can help people in ways that other attorneys may not have the understanding in such matters. She works everyday in the office helping people. If you have any questions, give Amy call at 419-258-1550.

HEAD OF EACS TO RESIGN IN JUNE 2014

By: Sarah Janssen, The Journal Gazette

East Allen County Schools Superintendent Karyle Green announced Tuesday she will resign her post when her contract expires June 30, 2014.

Green passed out a letter to each board member, including three newly elected members attending their first meeting, stating that she will not seek an extension of her contract. She will remain superintendent until her contract expires but reserves the right to leave before that time, under conditions stipulated in her contract, she said.

Green is up for an evaluation this month, which the board planned to schedule before the end of the month.

The board approved the resignation in a 6-1 vote. Board member Terry Jo Lightfoot had to leave early and wasn't present for the vote.

The move is a shift from a letter Green sent the board several months ago outlining her achievements in her three years as superintendent.

But Green has also applied for other superintendent jobs around the country. Most recently, she was one of three finalists to lead Harrison School District Two in Colorado Springs, CO, before withdrawing from consideration in November.

Upon receiving the letter, the board turned its discussion to concern over appointments, hires and decisions Green will make in her remaining time as superintendent.

"This puts more responsibility on the board," board member Stephen Terry said. "Things have changed radically, and the board will step up accordingly."

Board member Bill Hartman reminded members that Green is still employed as the superintendent, with all the duties that come with the position.

Green said her job is to bring the best information to the board.

"I don't make decisions. I make recommendations based on direction from the board," she said.

New member Arden Hoffman encouraged the board not to overreact, and he was the only member to address Green directly, wishing her luck in the future.

"She's giving us a year-and-a-half notice. I don't think we need to overreact," he said.

Green came to the district in July 2009 after serving in a number of administrative positions, including assistant superintendent, in South Bend Community Schools. She replaced former superintendent Kay Novotony.

Before Green's arrival, the EACS board approved

a three-year contract with a salary of \$140,000 her first year, \$143,500 her second year and \$147,805 her third. She also receives \$900 a month for car allowance and payments into a retirement account that equals 2 percent of her monthly salary.

Since the beginning of her tenure, Green has been an agent for change in the district, recommending a redesign plan in 2010 that kept five high schools, created an early-college magnet program at the former Harding High School, and closed and consolidated elementary schools.

The plan was to address declining enrollment and decreasing revenue.

The board gave a nod of approval to Green's work when it granted Green a two-year extension in 2011, but at that time the board declined to give Green a raise because of the district's financial state.

"She's done one thing that previous superintendents wanted to do but couldn't get it done, and that's to consolidate schools," Board President Neil Reynolds said.

Green said it's difficult for someone to remain in a position after coming in and making so many changes, but she stressed that the school board has always been supportive of her.

"We've improved in so many areas... it's time to pass the reins to someone who can take those improvements to the next level," she said.

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MUZZLELOADER DEER HUNTERS HARVEST MORE THAN 21,000 DEER DURING 2013 SEASON

Successful hunters checked 21,555 white-tailed deer during the 2013 muzzleloader season, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Muzzleloader season concluded on Tuesday, January 8.

The 2013 harvest total represents a 12 percent increase over the 2012 season, when hunters checked 19,251 deer. The muzzleloader harvest was 17,375 deer in 2011.

Counties reporting the highest number of deer checked during the 2013 muzzleloader season include: Guernsey (821), Coshoc-ton (813), Tuscarawas (784), Muskingum (751), Belmont (739), Carroll (683), Harrison (677), Licking (675), Jefferson (619) and Knox (520).

Deer-archery season remains open through Sunday, February 3. More information provided by ODNR Division of Wildlife about Ohio deer hunting can be found in the 2012-2013 Hunting and Trapping Regulations or at wildohio.com. Hunters can also share photos by clicking on the Photo Gallery tab online.

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

NEW HAVEN FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR - TERRY SMITH



By: Beth Stauffer

In December, three local firefighters were named "Firefighter of the Year" by their respective station. From Station 1 located in Downtown New Haven, Lieutenant Firefighter Terry Smith was chosen by his peers as Firefighter of the Year. According to Fire Chief John Bennett, "We always look for someone who goes above and beyond what is expected." This criteria is definitely met in Lieutenant Firefighter Smith. This is the first Firefighter of the Year award for Smith.

Terry Smith is the Lieutenant Firefighter, and President of the NHAT Volunteer Firefighter's Association. He is a lifelong resident of New Haven, Indiana. Smith's family includes his wife of 20 years, Jill; and three children, sons Ethan and Spencer and daughter Lydia. He has served 24 years as a Firefighter. Smith served as a volunteer from 1988-1995 in New Haven, served in Daleville (just north of Anderson) from 1996-1997, and returned to service in New Haven in 1998.

When asked how he became interested in being a firefighter, he made this comment, "Initially a friend

asked me to try it out and I did. I was surprised to find that I really enjoyed it. My friend that originally invited me to try firefighting only served with me for a few years before moving to Kentucky."

Smith's favorite thing about being a firefighter is that everybody pitches in together to work on the projects that need to get done. According to Smith, Station #1 is "a real close-knit group of 18 guys."

Smith works full-time at BF Goodrich in Woodburn in addition to his service as a volunteer firefighter in New Haven. At BF Goodrich, he is a part of the Emergency Response team. He has worked there for 15 years.

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**OLD DAN & I CHAPTER 21:
BACK TO AACHEN**

By: Stan Jordan

The weather bureau said that the weather up north has cleared out, so Gen. Norman said, "We will leave tomorrow in a.m. to go north to Aachen."

We still have our auxiliary as we didn't dump them on the POLSTI raid.

This is Monday after Thanksgiving in 1944. It has been nice weather every day here in the Spaghetti Airbase in Rome, but we must go back north to Aachen.

We covered the 1,200 miles with out any trouble of any kind. We left Rome at 10:00 a.m. and we arrived here at 4:00 p.m. Gen. Norm flew the C-47 as usual and we flew escort.

The ground crew serviced our planes right away, but they took off our napalm tanks and our extra gas tanks. Gen. Norm hasn't mentioned any far away missions yet. Sgt. Jenkins, jumped into our truck and took us to Chow. After supper we came back to our billet area and Gen. Norm said "Fellows, here is the big picture... Back in 1942 when the Americans invaded North Africa to help the English fight Rommel, some of the French people were against the Allies. But when the invasion started most of the French didn't want to fight the Allies, so in a couple of days, they surrendered and helped the Allies.

"Part of the deal was, any and all of French armament in the Mediterranean area went to the Allies. There was a huge French Cruiser there, and the Germans were not going to let that ship go to the enemy.

"The Krauts sent over one bomber with a large bomb, when dropped trailed a wire back to the bomber and they guided that bomb right into that cruiser. That bomb exploded in the ships magazine and it was blown to pieces, along with about 900 sailors. That was the first guided bomb used by

the Germans.

"Now they have a lot of them. For instance all of the V-1 and V-2 bombs all have an electric guidance system. With the help of the French underground we think we know where most of those guidance systems are made. That will be our next mission. Needless to say it is another hush, hush job.

"We have been told that this factory is in the city of Worms and is camouflaged as a grove of trees.

"Well, fellows, we have been told to blow that place to kingdom come. I think we will do it in two raids, like we did at Arnun, Denmark. Now these plans are just temporary. I think we will send the three P-51's over first. Blue Jay one will carry the 44 mm cannon and the other two planes will have those new cameras mounted in the wings.

"If we can, we will make two passes to be sure where that building that makes the guidance systems is really located. Our first trip, we will not carry the napalm or the extra gas tanks.

"Anyway fellows, we will meet here at 7:00 a.m. and Sgt. Jenkins will take us to breakfast, then back here to work. See you at 7:00 a.m."

After breakfast the Gen. said, "Fellows, I have been researching the town of Worms and it sits on the Rhine down by Heidelberg and the Frankfort triangle. It dates back to 356 BC.

"Fellows, that tower will be loaded with anti-aircraft stuff and you can be sure the Luftwaffe will be guarding it also. I hope you can cover this place with your cameras. But I imagine the air will be full of everything. Ground crews, be sure all of these guns work okay.

"We have set the course at 95 degrees going over and we will follow the Rhine River coming back. We will leave here at 11:15 a.m. and be over the target area at 12:00 noon.

"We hit the target and Dan used his 40 mm cannon on some buildings that were camouflaged like trees. Dan fired all his ammo. There are know gas tanks here and not much of any buildings. All must be hidden very well."

"We turned around and came back over the area. Both of the other planes with the cameras made a second pass and then we set our course for Aachen and started home. All is okay."

See ya!

SAM RIVERS INDIAN AGENCY CHAPTER 48

By: Stan Jordan

We planted our garden on Tuesday and then we loaded the wagons for the trip to the Calamus River Village. We all went to the village: Callie, the twins, Yellow Tulip, all the boys, and I. All the work at the agency is done, just waiting for the garden to grow.

It was a fine day to travel. Lots of warm sunshine. One of the boys rode in the second wagon. That was Ned and he talked the whole distance. They didn't expect us, so we ate supper by ourselves. We still have some of last year's vegetables so we had deer meat vegetable soup. Then we talked around the fire until way late. The two gardeners and farmer set off by themselves and had made plans to plow up the garden area tomorrow morning.

The natives (mostly anyhow) use and understand the English calendar and our time system. Some of the old timers still use the method of the moon. This is the middle of April 1858.

I haven't written for a few days. We planted all the garden and the corn and timothy for the horses. As usual when the planting was done the native squaws fixed a fancy meal for everyone. All these five years, they have gotten some big pots and pans and culinary utensils, these belong to the whole tribe.

They had two pots of stew and some potatoes also. But they popped some corn in one big container, over the fire and shook it often and then when it was hot, they poured in hot honey and a little salt and we ate that as long as it lasted. Then we all had to go down to the stream and wash the honey from our fingers. But that corn was very good.

I told the folks that we would rest tomorrow and leave for the Loup River Village the next day.

Well today, Hunter, Farmer, and Slim took three of the natives down by the river and showed them how to fire a 45-70 rifle so these boys could hunt the deer, bear, and buffalo for their winter meat. We might not always be able to do the chore.

Later this afternoon Gen. Kearney, the Mess sgt., and Lt. Morgan from the post engineers, along with sixteen soldiers in their wagon arrived. It seemed that nearly everyone knew each other except maybe some of the soldiers. Well, Gen. Kearney brought along enough blankets for one each for all the natives at the Loup River Village. He told me that was all he had and he probably won't get any more.

Again he mentioned about the situation between the north and the south. He is very worried that it will explode into armed conflict. He said, any and all supplies have been curtailed. We will help the natives all we can this trip because we might not come back this way.

Then we arrived at the Loup River Village, Lt. Morgan of the post engineers, looked the situation over and said we will build them a bridge. So Gen. Kearney, Lt. Morgan, and the tribes chief and shaman, and I looked the area over for the best place to build a bridge over the Loup River. There are a lot of trees along the river up and down

both sides. The Lt. started the soldiers to cutting and trimming the logs right away. They used both teams to drag the huge logs to the area. The big ones will be used as beams.

Lt. Morgan said, "This is a big job. We will have to make that a two span bridge pillar in the middle of the river. I hope the weather stays nice for us. We will put in some long days so we can get done and go back to the fort."

Well, all the gardening is done and the crops are looking good. Broken Lance the chief and Pale Moon, the Shaman have all the natives help where they can. Usually they help lift the beams—some of them are a big load. Just tell the natives what to do and they will do it.

See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

A blonde bombshell buys a new automatic BMW X8 Sport. She drives the car perfectly well during the day, but at night the car just won't move at all. She tries driving the car at night for a week but still no luck. She then furiously calls the BMW dealer and they send out a technician to her. The technician asks, "Miss, are you sure you are using the right gears?"

Full of anger she replies, "You fool, idiot man, how could you ask such a question. I'm not stupid! I use 'D' for the Day and 'N' for the night."

Later she was sitting at a light. Some guy pulled up alongside her and challenged her to a race. So she put the car into 'R'.

She also determined that using 'L' did not help her get to an appointment any earlier if she was late.

But the reason she had to have the car towed to the repair shop was the total destruction of the transmission!

When the service man asked her what happened to destroy the transmission she replied, "I got tired of following this slow moving male driver and started to go around him when I saw an oncoming truck. So I shifted the car into 'P' to pass and that is when the transmission broke!"

I am indebted to Professor Karl Mielke for this 'thigh slapper.'

See ya!

BUY ONE GET ONE FREE

By: Stan Jordan

On the TV we keep seeing ads of "Buy One, Get One Free." But is it all that free?

Now let's see... if you go down to the local car dealer and purchase a Belchfire 8—you have always wanted one of those babies—and with a lot of scrounging around you can just afford it. In one of the western states the car dealers and the business men hope this will help the economy, but dirty Harry, the car dealer, says you can have another Belchfire 8 for free. Just drive it home for free. His wife always wanted

her own car and the three kids are on Cloud 9. You are now their hero with lots of hugs and kisses—a very happy household.

Our man in this fictionalized tongue and cheek tearjerker, is Horace McGinnis from Black Swamp, Iowa.

He is a good provider, and good husband and father, and finally got the mortgage on his home paid off, and he is ecstatic that he doesn't owe anybody anything.

As Horace sits in his living room, looking out over his front yard and all his neighborhood, tells himself how good things are going for him.

Everything started with a letter "P": pride, pleased, proud, position, prestige, promise.

Our hero went down to the court house and paid the sales tax on his free car, an even \$2,100. Which he didn't have.

Before he could drive it home, he had to have all kinds of insurance on it. That is \$1,450 a year plus title charges.

He has a one car garage, so his new Belchfire 8 sits in the drive way.

The neighborhood association says he must build onto his garage and park the new car inside, or he will be black listed in a hurry. No cars are aloud to sit outside.

So our hero got a contractor to come and add on to the end of his garage for his new car plus enough room for his riding lawn mower, batch of bicycles, sleds, lawn pool, and a multitude of kids' stuff.

Then he had to make his driveway wider, 8 feet wide by 60 feet long. Plus all the lawn work that the contractor people caused.

Now the wife and kids are on the rode all the time with their new car and his gas bill is horrendous.

His new garage, driveway and all was \$42,000. All in all, our free automobile has put our hero over \$50,000 dollars in debt, which he doesn't have.

All of those adjectives that began with "P" so long ago have changed to: predicament, panic, problem, phenomenon, plight, pretense, and a plain old pain in his posterior.

If it wasn't for his bad luck, he would have no luck at all!

It has been three months now since our man got a free car, and he has applied for admittance to the poor house.

See ya!

SECRETARY OF STATE HUSTED ANNOUNCES JANUARY OHIO BUSINESS PROFILES

Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that as part of an ongoing effort to recognize the impact of Ohio businesses, January's Ohio Business Profile will help kick off 2013 on the right foot and highlight business across Ohio with the "Celebrate a New Year" theme.

"It's a new year and a fresh start," Secretary Husted said. "2012 was a year that will go down in the books and always be remembered, but it's time to look ahead to 2013 and highlight businesses across Ohio that are contributing to our economy and celebrate the New Year."

Companies profiled this month include:

- PriSe Creations LLC – Franklin County – Known for their personalized organic hand painted glassware, as well as their custom design wood cases.

- SoSerene – Auglaize County – A beautiful outdoor space that is utilized often for weddings and large functions.

- Dancing Tree Distillery – Meigs County – Since 2011 they have been making handcrafted spirits with unique local ingredients.

- Good Vibes Winery – Franklin County – An urban winery that offers wine tasting as well as food pairing events.

- Raise the Roof Entertainment – Summit County – A mobile entertainment company known for their photo booth services across Ohio.

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 Ohio-BusinessProfile.com, where Ohioans are encouraged to go to submit companies they feel are deserving of recognition in future months.

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

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WOODLAN GIRLS FALL TO JETS IN CLOSE MATCH



Woodlan Junior Haylee Hostetler scoring for Woodlan

The 38th annual ACAC girls basketball tournament match between the Woodlan Lady Warriors and the Adams Central Jets took place at Woodlan and was a difficult night for the Warriors. At one point in the first quarter the Jets were leading 9-1. Woodlan's Haley Hostetler helped increase the score and narrowed the Lady Jet's lead 9-7. Missing most shots put up, Woodlan fell further behind again ending the 1st half 13-26.

The second half was an astonishing change for the lady Warriors. The third quarter

had Woodlan score an incredible 15 points to the Jets' 6. The fourth quarter was also good with Burgundy Price nailing several free-throws and Haley Hostetler scoring the tying shot at 35, and then taking the lead with her free-throw basket.

After the lead dribbling back and forth between the two teams, the highly competitive fourth quarter finished the best for the Lady Jets with a 51-47 win.

More pictures and video highlights at www.westbend-news.net

WARRIORS GROUND EAGLES

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan grounded the Eagles at Churubusco and pulled away for a 62-56 win in boys' basketball to start 2013 with a win. Woodlan took off for a 16-6 lead after the first period and extended their advantage to 34-13 at the half. Jaylen Bennett led the Warriors with 16 points and 3 others each added 10 points

in the game.

Score by the quarter:
Woodlan - 16 18 17 11=62
Churubusco - 6 7 27 16=56

Scorers of the game:
Woodlan - Bennett 16, White 10, McGettigan 10, Gerig 10, Stieglitz 6, Williams 5, Burden 3, Mendenhall 2

Churubusco - Simmons 17, Lillmars 12, Gross 11, Campbell 10, Sarrazin 3, Kilgore 2, Barkley 1

2nd ROUND ACAC WIN OVER LIONS FOR WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan hung on for a 71-68 win over Leo in the boys' ACAC Basketball Tournament to advance to the championship game for the first time since 1997. Kadin Gerig's three-point field goal with under 30 seconds to go in the game. Leo had a couple of chances to tie the game but came up short as the Warriors downed the Lions for the first time since 2006. Woodlan takes on Bluffton in the Saturday afternoon championship game. Kadin Gerig scored 23 points including the game winner and Jaylin Bennett added 21 points.

Score by the quarter:
Woodlan - 15 20 15 21=71
Leo - 5 19 22 22=68

Scorers of the game:
Woodlan - Gerig 23, Bennett 21, McGettigan 8, Williams 8, White 4, Burden 4, Mendenhall 3

Leo - Busche 18, Davison 17, Hardin 10, Waters 8, Beer 6, Barrow 6, Robbins 3

(Continued from Page 1)

from taking control of the game early, out-scoring the Warriors 2-1, finishing the first half 30-15.

In the second half a different team came out on the floor for the Warriors. The boys scored nearly as many points in the third quarter as they scored in the entire first half. The fourth quarter was fabulous, scoring 30 points, more than doubling the third quarter points.

Woodlan junior Kadin Gerig nailed 7 three-point baskets in the game with 5 of them in the fourth quarter alone (23 total) and giving him the title of top scorer of the ACAC game. Shawn McGettigan scored 13, Loren Hahn scored 10, Greg White had 5; Joe Lortie, Luke Mendenhall, and Caleb Stieglitz each had 2, and Contrell Burden scored 1 free-throw.

Even though the momentum swung to Woodlan in the fourth quarter, it wasn't enough to save them from the deficit in the first half and they lost 66-58. The Warriors scored 15 points the first half and 43 points the second half. The Tigers scored 30 points the first half and 36 points the second. Coach Randall said, "I'm proud of my kids. My kids did not quit and that's what you want out of kids. My hat's off to Bluffton, they played a better game."

Woodlan also brought home the Sportsmanship award trophy.

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ACAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Opening Round Games - Boys:

Woodlan 54, Adams Central 36; Leo 89, South Adams 62; Bluffton 51, Heritage 47; Southern Wells 53, Garrett 48

Opening Round Games - Girls:

Adams Central 51, Woodlan 47; Leo 40, South Adams 30; Heritage 59, Bluffton 24; Garrett 42, Southern Wells 29

Semi-Finals - Boys: Woodlan 71, Leo 68; Bluffton 68, Southern Wells 48

Semi-Finals - Girls: Leo 59, Adams Central 26; Garrett 62, Heritage 44

WT GIRLS FALL TO TIGERS



In the picture above is Shana Temple scoring an early basket for the Lady Raiders.

The Wayne Trace JV team had a great game and won 42-18 against the Lady Tigers.

Starting with Holgate winning the tip-off, the Wayne Trace varsity girls struggled against the Lady Tigers at the Palace Friday, January 11.

The girls were behind from the beginning and couldn't

regain the momentum they needed against the faster Holgate team. The end of the first quarter had the Raiders behind 12-19. The win went to the Lady Tigers with a final score of 63-49.

More pictures and video highlights at www.westbend-news.net

LADY WARRIORS TAKE A LOSS AT ACAC OPENER

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan got outscored 12-4 in the second quarter but fought back in the third and fourth period before falling to the Lady Jets 51-47 in the girls ACAC Basketball Tournament opener. The Lady Jets opened the first period with a 4-0 run and led 14-9 at the end of the quarter. Woodlan went cold in the second quarter, getting only 2 field goals by Tori Bontrager, and trailing by as many as 15 points in the quarter. Woodlan fought back in the third period, gradually cutting into the deficit and trail-

ing by just 4 at the end of the third period. Woodlan and Adams Central swapped the lead 3 times in the first period, but a pair of three point field goals from Abby Busse helped the Lady Jets get the lead for good and seal the win. Haley Hostetler led the scoring for Woodlan with 15 points.

Score by the quarter:
Adams Central - 12 12 6 19=51

Woodlan - 9 4 15 19=47

Scorers of the game:
Adams Central - Busse 18, Case 11, Salway 8, Carroll 6, Macklin 3, B Fiechter 3, Fox 2
Woodlan - Hostetler 15, Price 10, Ehle 7, Gerbers 6, Malfait 5, Bontrager 4

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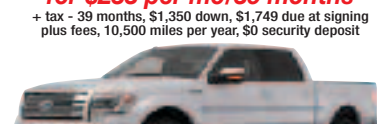
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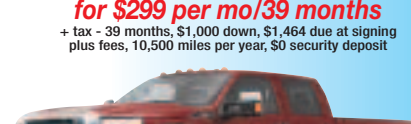
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WOODLAN BOYS WIN BIG AGAINST ADAMS CENTRAL



Shown in the picture is Shawn McGettigan scoring for Woodlan against Adams Central.

In northeast Indiana the 89th annual ACAC conference is always a big deal with the final game ending at the Memorial Coliseum. In the first round game Tuesday, January 8 the Warriors basketball team had a great first half and an even better second half. The boys outscored

the Jets 43-27 by the end of the third quarter, and by the end of the game the Woodlan boys basketball team had shutdown the Jets 54-36 and had a lot to celebrate. See video highlights and pictures at www.westbendnews.net

WARRIORS OUTSCORED BY RAIDERS

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan was outscored 38-16 in the second and third periods and fell to the Raiders 72-53 in boys' basketball to end the 2012 portion of the schedule. The Warriors took an early lead on the Raiders at 20-17 at the end of the first period, but went cold over the next two quarters to fall behind to the home team. Jaylin Bennett led the Warriors with 9 points in the game. Score by the quarter: Woodlan - 20 9 7 17=53 Wayne Trace - 17 19 19 17=72 Scorers of the game:

Woodlan - Bennett 9, McGettigan 8, Gerig 8, White 8, Stieglitz 5, Burden 3, Gustin 3, Williams 2, Mendenhall 2 Wayne Trace - Kortokrax 15, Linder 14, Gudakunst 12, Spiece 11, Sinn 8, Arend 2

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multimedia products and services, including the development of digitally-generated or computer-enhanced media used in business. Students become skilled in manipulating images and information from a variety of sources including audio, video, still photos, animation, text, soundtracks and digital data using computer applications and visual and sound techniques. Internet applications and website creation are also included in this program.

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Interested in seeing how a computer and its systems work from the inside out? The Network Systems program provides students with the opportunity to work on state-of-the-art equipment while learning to make basic repairs, network management and troubleshooting within the system. They design, build, install and repair complex computer network systems, develop programming skills for game creation, and apply computer forensics and information security software to keep

your calendars for the Vantage Grand Open House, celebrating the completion of the OSFC renovation and expansion project, which will be held on Monday, February 25, 2013 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. There will be a brief ceremony from 5-5:30 pm. Following that, guests can explore the building, visit the labs, meet the teachers, and enjoy some light refreshments. You won't want to miss it!

CHILLY LOSS FOR WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott

A cold start doomed Woodlan to a 51-38 loss

GREAT WIN FOR PANTHER BOYS



Shown above is Paulding junior Julian Salinas scoring in the first quarter.

The Panthers took on Fairview at home Saturday, January 12 in boys basketball game. Paulding won the tip-off and proceeded down the court. It wasn't long before Paulding was in the lead 8-2. By half-time the Panthers were still on top 30-14. Paulding didn't

make near all their shots, but they had more rebounds and more shot attempts and thoroughly enjoyed the game in comparison to the Apaches.

Final score Paulding 68, Fairview 40. More video and pictures at www.westbendnews.net

against Bluffton in boys' ACAC basketball play at the Warriors' gym. The Tiger's jumped out of a 12-4 lead after the first quarter, helped by first period three-point field goals from Mike Pearson and Jake Garrett. Woodlan's first points came on a field goal by Jaylin Bennett over 3 minutes into the game. Kadin Gerig had the only other points for the Warriors in the quarter. Shawn McGettigan led the scoring for Woodlan with 11 points. The Warriors won the reserve game 38-26 with Evan Gustin and Loren Hahn each getting 12 points

Score by the quarter: Bluffton - 12 10 14 15=51 Woodlan - 4 6 12 16=38 Scorers of the game: Paulding - Prible 16, Pearson 11, Lambert 10, Moser 6, Garrett 5, A Sturgeon 2, M Sturgeon 1 Woodlan - McGettigan 11, Bennett 10, Gerig 7, Stieglitz 4, Jones 2, Williams 2, Mendenhall 2

1st ANNUAL ANTWERP ARCHER JH WRESTLING TOURNEY

Antwerp recently hosted their first annual Junior High Wrestling Tournament on January 5, 2013. This year's tournament was a dual meet format with 5 teams competing for a championship team trophy. This year's champions were the Wayne Trace Raiders, finishing the tournament with a perfect 4-0 team record. As a team, Antwerp finished 0-4, but had one of their wrestlers finish perfect on the day. Logan Shaner once again finished another tournament with an unblemished 4-0 record. Congratulations to both Logan and the Wayne Trace Raiders on their success. Be sure to catch the Archers in action at home again on January 29, 2013 when they host the first annual county tri-match with Wayne Trace and Paulding.


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INVESTING IS A MARATHON — NOT A SPRINT

Financial Focus by: Phil Recker, Edward Jones Advisor



Investors sometimes may get frustrated with their investments because those investments don't seem to produce quick results. Perhaps that's understandable in our fast-paced society, in which we've grown accustomed to instant gratification. But investing is, by nature, a long-term activity. If you look at it in terms of an athletic event, it's not a sprint, in which you must pull out all the stops to quickly get where you're going. Instead, it's more like the 26.2-mile race known as a marathon.

And as an investor, you can learn a few things from marathoners, such as:

- Preparation — No one gets up one day and is ready to run a marathon. Marathon runners train for months, and even years. As an investor, you, too, need to prepare yourself for the "long run." How? By learning as much as you can about different asset classes, types of risk and all the other factors associated with investing.

- Patience — Marathoners know they have a long haul in front of them, so they typically create a "game plan" — one that takes into account such factors as their physical condition, the weather on race day and the characteristics of the course, such as whether it's hilly or flat. Investors

should also create a strategy — one that encompasses their goals and ways of working toward them — and stick to this strategy.

- Perseverance — Marathoners may deal with injuries, dehydration and other setbacks, either while training or during the actual race. But as long as they're able to keep going, they do so. As an investor, you too will face obstacles, such as market downturns. But as long as you continue investing and don't head to the "sidelines," you have a good chance of making progress toward your goals.

- Vision — Marathoners study the course they're on, so they know what's ahead — and where they're going. As an investor, you also need a vision of what lies in front of you — the number of years until your retirement, the type of retirement lifestyle you anticipate, what sort of legacy you plan to leave, and so on. Your vision will help drive your investment decisions.

- Proper coaching — Not all marathoners have individual coaches, but many have at least gone to clinics or joined running clubs so they could learn more about the various aspects of this grueling event. As an investor, you can certainly benefit from guidance or "coaching" in the form of a financial professional — someone who knows your individual needs, goals and risk tolerance, and who has the experience to make recommendations that are appropriate for your situation.

Every marathoner is familiar with the difficulties of the challenge and the satisfaction of finishing the race. As an investor, you also will be tested many times. Furthermore, you'll never really cross the "finish line" because you'll always have goals toward which you'll be working. Yet, by emulating the traits of successful marathoners, you can continue working toward your objectives — and perhaps you'll avoid the blisters, too.

ODNR OPENS REGISTRATION FOR OHIO'S NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM STATE TOURNAMENT

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) will host its seventh annual Ohio National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) State Tournament on Friday, March 1, 2013 in Columbus. Sign-ups for the event opened on Thursday, January 3, 2013 and more than 1,000 students were registered for the event in less than three hours.

NASP is a school curriculum currently taught in 620 Ohio schools, making Ohio the third largest NASP program in the United States. Instruction takes place during physical education classes for a two-week period and is designed to teach international target archery skills to students in grades 4-12.

"ODNR hosts one of the largest archery tournaments in the world right here in Ohio," said ODNR Director James Zehringer. "The NASP program not only teaches students archery safety, but it has a lasting positive effect on their confidence, concentration and self-esteem. We hope archery can become a lifelong activity for many of our students."

During the 2011-2012 academic year, more than 40,000 Ohio students participated in NASP as part of their physical education curriculum. The Ohio NASP State Tournament has openings for 1,344 student archers statewide to compete in this competition, and the tournament is for schools that are certified and participate in the program.

The tournament is presented in conjunction with the 2013 Arnold Sports Festival and will be held at Veterans Memorial, North Hall, located at 300 West Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Students with high-ranking scores may be eligible for scholarships available through Hocking College in Nelsonville. Individual archers and teams may also qualify for the NASP National Championship, which will be held May 10-11, 2013 at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, KY.

Last year, Ohio resident Tyler Finley, a ninth grader at Maysville High School, located in Zanesville, participated in the 2012 NASP National Championship and won overall male archer.

The Ohio NASP State Tournament will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2013. Schools interested in learning more about NASP may contact Matt Neumeier, shooting sports coordinator for the ODNR Division of Wildlife, at 614-265-6334 or at Matt.Neumeier@dnr.state.oh.us. For more information, visit: bit.ly/WgOtqQ.

Ohio was the 10th state to participate in NASP. The ODNR Division of Wildlife introduced NASP in 2004 with 12 pilot schools. Statewide expansion of the program began in January 2005, and 2005-2006 was the program's first full academic year. Growth in NASP has continued across the state, and more than half of Ohio's 88 counties currently have at least one school participating in NASP. Last year, more than 1,300 students participated in the 2012 Ohio NASP State Tournament.

OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE HUSTED RELEASES ABSENTEE & PROVISIONAL BALLOT REPORTS FOR 2012 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted today released reports for absentee and provisional ballots cast in the 2012 Presidential Election. These reports show that a record number of absentee ballots, 1.86 million, were cast and counted, and a higher percentage of provisional ballots were counted than in prior presidential elections.

"Efforts to expand voting opportunities and implement policies that ensure more ballots are counted have worked," Secretary Husted stated.

During the 2012 Presidential Election, more than 1.26 million voters cast an absentee ballot by mail, while more than 600,000 cast an absentee ballot in person — more than 1.86 million overall. In 2008, the total number of absentee ballots cast, both by mail and in person, was roughly 1.74 million. The increase in absentee voting is a result of two key policy changes implemented for the first time by Secretary Husted: 1.) All properly registered voters received an absentee ballot application in the mail; and 2.) Uniform days and hours for in-person absentee voting were established statewide increasing the number of voting hours available to most voters.

Secretary Husted's office also issued a report on provisional ballots for the 2012 Presidential Election. Of the 208,087 provisional ballots cast this past election, 173,765 (83.5 percent) were counted, up from 166,870 (80 percent) in 2008. Of the 34,322 provisional ballots rejected this year, the vast majority, 20,119 (58.6 percent), were not eligible to be counted because the person was not registered to vote in Ohio. Nearly 40,000 provisional ballots were rejected in 2008.

"Thanks to improvements we made to Ohio's provisional ballot process and our election system overall, more provisional ballots were counted this year," Secretary Husted said.

To improve Ohio's provisional ballot process, Secretary Husted worked with local elections officials and key interest groups to simplify and streamline the provisional ballot envelope. In January 2012, the Secretary of State's office rolled out a new provisional ballot envelope that asked voters to provide only what it is required under law — printed name, form of identification and signature.

Additionally, Secretary Husted worked to improve the information contained in Ohio's statewide voter database ahead of the election, which county boards of elections use to verify the identity of a voter and ensure that all eligible votes are counted. Specifically, more than 160,000 deceased voters were verified and removed, more than 300,000 duplicate registrations were cleared and the information contained in the database was bolstered through partnerships with agencies such as the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

"The 2012 Presidential Election ran smoothly and I thank Ohio's elections officials for their hard work and dedication," Secretary Husted

WT PAYNE ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE WINNER & RUNNER-UP



Julianne Roop (right) is this year's Spelling Bee winner for Payne Elementary. Chloe Stabler (left) is the Spelling Bee runner-up.

"worthwhile" correctly to become the winner.

said. "It is important that we build on the successes we've had and continue our work to improve Ohio's system of elections for the future."

The official turnout for the 2012 Presidential Election was 5,632,423. The number of registered voters for the 2012 Presidential Election was 7,987,697.

NEW HAVEN CITY COUNCIL MET TO DISCUSS REZONING

By: Steve Gordon

The New Haven City Council took the next step in preparing the property at Minnich Road and US 930 for a new tenant. The council passed the first reading of changing the zoning designation from C-1 to I-1(P) for approximately 34 acres that will be the site for a transfer package facility that has not yet revealed its name. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of 2013 and the facility to be operational by early 2014. Anticipated employment is forecast to be around 160.

Final approval for the rezoning should occur at the next council meeting. Introduction of the construction and legal staff for the project were introduced. Much of the construction work is planned to be performed by local contractors.

Other council business included the introduction of

an ordinance that will regulate the use and placement of portable storage containers in residential neighborhoods. The proposed ordinance will limit the number of containers, the size of them, and the period of time they may remain on a lot. Storage containers as part of a residential construction project will be allowed to remain in place until after the construction is completed.

Police Chief Poiry reported that gifts to the New Haven Police Department in the past year have accumulated in excess of \$6000 to purchase another police dog. This will replace 2 dogs that were lost to the department in 2012.

Finally, the council made member appointments that will act as liaisons to city departments.

Police: At-large councilman Werling

Parks: First district councilman Ball

Planning & Economic development: second district councilwoman DiGangi

Fire: Fourth district councilman Byrd

Engineering: Third district councilman Dellinger

Courts: Fifth district councilman Martin

Clerk/Utilities: At-large councilman Steinman

Councilman Martin was also re-elected as president of the council for 2013.

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WARRIORS LAND IN THE MIDDLE AT WOODLAN WRESTLING INVITATIONAL



Shown above is Woodlan senior, Cory Hoersten after winning his match by decision in overtime 3-1.

Woodlan High School hosted its annual Wrestling Invitational on JANUARY 12, 2013 at Woodlan High School.

Team Results:
 1st Churubusco 233; 2nd Fremont 209; 3rd Wayne Trace 183.5; 4th Woodlan 181; 5th Logansport 113; 6th Greenville 101.5; 7th Bishop Luers 100.5; 8th Bluffton 82

Individual Weight Class Championship Matches:
 106 - George Clemens (WT) M.D. 13-1 Kyle Lowe (F)
 113 - Dustin Taylor (WT) Dec. 6-4 Hunter Price (F)
 120 - Hunter Leskowiak (F) Dec. 8-4 Shaun Snyder (W)
 126 - Sam Lovejoy (BL) Dec. 3-1 Chase Downing (C)

132 - David Schmucker (F) M.D. 10-1 Shane Shroyer (C)
 138 - Tylor Willms (F) Dec. 8-7 Haydan Parisot (W)
 145 - Trey Delagrange (W) Pin 0:54 Brandon Wormcastle (C)
 152 - Brad Owen (F) Dec. 3-1 O.T. Joey Heaton (C)
 160 - Sawyer Temple (WT) M.D. 12-2 Ricky Short (F)
 170 - Tim West (WT) Pin 1:50 Cory Hoersten (W)
 182 - Sam Siddons (C) Pin 2:56 Brady Elliott (F)
 195 - Everett Green (BL) Dec. 7-3 Brian Salmon (W)
 220 - Chad Nicodemus (C) Pin 3:15 Nick Woodruff (G)
 285 - Gunner Barnhart (C) Pin 1:18 Garrett Van Brocklin (W)

PAULDING WRESTLERS DOMINATE IN TRI-MATCH

Recently the Paulding High School Wrestling team competed in a tri-match with Fairview (FV) and Tinora (T). The Paulding team dominated the entire event, winning against both schools.

Paulding 55, Fairview 24
 106 - Seals (P) pinned Reineck (FV) :16
 113 - Minck (P) dec La-

guna (FV) 8-4
 120 - Trowbridge (FV) pinned Foster (P) 4:44
 126 - Deatrick (P) pinned Lechledner (FV) 3:51
 132 - Wesley (P) pinned Kelly (FV) 5:05
 138 - Mock (P) pinned Sidle (FV) :55
 145 - Roose (FV) win by forfeit
 152 - Carpenter (FV) pinned Grubb (P) 2:32
 160 - Meyer (FV) pinned

Jarell (P) 3:12
 170 - Deatrick (P) pinned Basset (FV) :57
 182 - Valdez (P) pinned Johns (FV) 1:47
 195 - Schindler (P) pinned Rossman (FV) 5:36
 220 - Ash (P) major dec 15-5 Hatchet (FV)
 285 - Manz (P) pinned Holtsberry (FV) 3:08
Paulding 48, Tinora 27
 106 - Seals (P) pinned Driftmyer (T) 1:57
 113 - Stienburger (T) pinned Minck (P) 3:10
 120 - Bosa (T) dec Foster (P) 6-0
 126 - Deatrick (P) pinned Higbea (T) 2:1
 132 - Wesley (P) pinned King (T) 1:44
 138 - Mock (P) pinned Hahn (T) 1:47
 145 - Garris (T) win by void
 152 - Marshal (T) pinned Grubb (P) :53
 160 - Urivaz (T) pinned Jarell (P) 2:38
 170 - Deatrick (P) pinned Bouza (T) :44
 182 - Valdez (P) pinned Westrick (T) :57
 195 - Schindler (P) dec Hinojosa (T) 7-2
 220 - Ash (P) dec Mayhan (T) 3-2
 285 - Manz (P) win by forfeit

Coach Neilson had this to say after the meet, "We wrestled very well. We wanted to come out and not just win but we wanted to start to distance ourselves from Fairview and Tinora, and I think we did that. We wanted to put a lot of points on the board, wrestle hard, and fix mistakes we have been making and I think overall we did all three. There is always things to learn, and mistakes to correct and we plan on doing that but we are going to celebrate this win first. We beat two very good teams, and I am happy with our performance."

WARRIORS WIN BIG IN ACAC OPENER

By: Jeff Abbott
 Woodlan avenged a double overtime loss to Adams Central by pulling away in the second and third periods to ground the Jets 54-36 in the boys' ACAC Basketball Tournament opener. The Warriors led 14-13 after the first period and then outscored Adams Central 29-14 in periods 2 and three. Jaylin Bennett paced the Warriors with 17 points in the game.
 Score by the quarter:
 Adams Central - 13 7 7 9=36
 Woodlan - 14 11 18 11=54
 Scorers of the game:
 Adams Central - Combs 13, Luginbill 10, Harris 6, Baumer 4, Byerly 3
 Woodlan - Bennett 17, McGettigan 15, Gerig 12, White 4, Stieglitz 4, Williams 2

WT PAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2ND NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR

FIRST GRADE:
 Anastacia Adkins, Logen Bland, Dylan Hildebrand, Kyren Karhoff, Lucas Kennedy, Brooks Laukhuf, Emma Lyons, Rhaegan Marshall, Joy Moran, Meara Rager, Tori Stoller, Meg Thompson, Emily Thrasher, Graiden Troth, Caden Tumblin, Cooper Wenzlick, Ava Zartman, Breven Anderson, Eliza An-

erson, KatieAnna Baumle, Hannah Dunham, Melanie Dunham, Devan Egnor, Adrian Laukhuf, Emma Laukhuf, McKenzie Monro, Brenna Parker, Jude Stoller, Brenna Thomas, Caitlyn Thomas, Cale Winans, Zach Wobler

SECOND GRADE:
 Jonathan Adkins, Martin Alejo, Lilli Anderson, Zerika Burkley, Ian Clevenger, Emily Cotterman, Arin James, Elizabeth Mohr, Isaac Munger, Race Price, Morgan Riebesehl, Nyle Stoller, Kristin Wannemacher, Jacob Banks, Evan Crosby, Mal-lory Moore, Samuel Moore, Lane Morehead, Jared Pierce, Kirstynn Roddy, Gracie Shepherd, Brinley Warner

THIRD GRADE:
 Corbin Daulton, Ray-dyn Egnor, Morgan Hefner, Brenna Moore, Joel Reinhart, Malia Wittwer, Iszabel Anderson, Therin Coyne, Alex Franklin, Kaylena Gray, Kate Laukhuf, Brookelynn Lee, Jude Marshall, Jeremiah Molitor, Brian Rittenhouse, Cameron Stoller, Rylee Troth, Madison Wright

FOURTH GRADE:
 All A's - Natalie Schultz, Ryan Wenninger, Chloe Parker, Sam Rager, Jacob Stouffer
 All A's & B's - Emma Crosby, Owen Manz, Carlee Mead, Eli Moore, Gage Tinline, Joey Munger, Waylon Smallwood, Misti Klopfenstein, Trevor Speice

FIFTH GRADE:
 All A's - Sydney Coyne, Max Laukhuf, Gage Waltmire, Reed Zartman, Nathan Gerber, Brianna Putman
 All A's & B's - Brittney Bauer, Zach Now, Kylie Pfeiffer, Kiera Roddy, Zane Shaffer, Kaitlin Vest, Richard Williams, Cale Crosby, Madeleine Laukhuf, Austin Pierce, Jordan Speller, Chloe Thompson, Libby Wenzlick, Zoey Wright

SIXTH GRADE:
 All A's - Caden Bland, Madison Coyne, Anne Eklund, Brooke Greulich, Alli Hefner, Carissa Laukhuf, Josiah Linder, Julianne Roop, Kaylee Shepherd, Wyatt Stabler, Matthew Stouffer
 All A's & B's - Alec Anderson, Madilyn Brigner, Cassidy Knott, Clark Laukhuf, Gracie Laukhuf, Reece Thompson, Ashley Thrasher, Caleb Yenser

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 1/16 - 1/22

MS/HS - Breakfast:
 1/16 - Ham, egg & cheese muffin, juice/fruit, milk
 1/17 - Links (sausage), mini pancakes, juice/fruit, milk
 1/18 - Gravy (sausage) w/ biscuits, juice/fruit, milk
 1/21 - MLK Jr. Day, No school
 1/22 - Waiver day, No school

MS/HS - Lunch:
 1/16 - Walking taco, lettuce, refried beans & salsa or Top You Potato, whole grain bread stick, assorted fruit, milk
 1/17 - Pizza (big daddy slice), baby carrots w/ranch dip or Corn dog, baked beans & coleslaw, assorted fruit, milk
 1/18 - Southwest chicken wrap, salsa, oven potatoes or Salad bar w/bread stick, assorted fruit, milk
 1/21 - MLK Jr. Day, No school
 1/22 - Waiver day, No school

Paulding Elementary
- Breakfast:
 1/16 - Breakfast burrito, juice/fruit, milk
 1/17 - Muffin, string cheese, juice/fruit, milk
 1/18 - Cereal or Bar, juice/fruit, milk
 1/21 - MLK Jr. Day, No school
 1/22 - Waiver day, No school

Paulding Elementary
- Lunch:
 1/16 - French toast, sausage, tator tots, tomato juice, fruit, milk
 1/17 - Salisbury steak, potatoes w/gravy, corn, bread, fruit, milk
 1/18 - Fish nuggets, romaine salad, vegetable choice, bread, fruit, milk
 1/21 - MLK Jr. Day, No school
 1/22 - Waiver day, No school

Oakwood Elementary
- Breakfast:
 1/16 - Pancake wrap, fruit, milk
 1/17 - Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk
 1/18 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk
 1/21 - MLK Jr. Day, No school
 1/22 - Waiver day, No school

Oakwood Elementary
- Lunch:
 1/16 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, lettuce salad, fruit, milk
 1/17 - Shredded chicken w/bun, broccoli w/cheese, carrots sticks, fruit, milk
 1/18 - Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, carrot sticks, fruit, milk
 1/21 - MLK Jr. Day, No school
 1/22 - Waiver day, No school

Oakwood Elementary
- Lunch:
 1/16 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, lettuce salad, fruit, milk
 1/17 - Shredded chicken w/bun, broccoli w/cheese, carrots sticks, fruit, milk
 1/18 - Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, carrot sticks, fruit, milk
 1/21 - MLK Jr. Day, No school
 1/22 - Waiver day, No school

WT LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 1/16 - 1/22

Breakfast:
 1/16 - Mini pancakes & sausage, juice, milk
 1/17 - Cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk
 1/18 - Fruit turnover, juice, milk
 1/21 - MLK Jr. Day, No school

GROVER HILL AR STUDENTS ENJOY EARNED ICE CREAM PARTY



This nine weeks the students at WT Grover Hill had the opportunity to earn an ice cream party in the Accelerated Reader program. The students have worked very hard and over 95% of them participated in an ice cream party on January 15th. Students may have a picture taken in a large banana split. Giving it a try is Mr. Bok science teacher at Grover Hill.

school
 1/22 - Egg/cheese muffin, juice, milk
Lunch:
 1/16 - Chicken fajita, shell, lettuce/cheese, salsa, refried beans, corn, fruit, milk
 1/17 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, cheese stick, tossed salad, fruit, milk
 1/18 - Breaded chicken sandwich, hashbrown, carrot sticks, fruit, milk
 1/21 - MLK Jr. Day, No school
 1/22 - French toast sticks, sausage links, hashbrown, 100% OJ, fruit, milk

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS 1/16 - 1/22

1/16 - Vegetable soup w/ crackers, pineapple, beets, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 1/17 - Cheeseburger on bun, carrots, mixed fruit, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 1/18 - Pepperoni pizza or Ham salad sandwich, apple-sauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 1/21 - MLK Jr. Day, No school
 1/22 - Staff inservice, No school

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Paulding Middle School recently held their Spelling Bee. 8th grader, Hannah Farr is this year's champion. Her parents are Jim and Susan Farr of Paulding. The championship word was 'inverte-



brate.' Runner up is 7th grader Marcus Miller. His parents are Brian and Misti Miller of Paulding. The word of his demise was 'herbaceous.'

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL 2nd 9 WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2012-13

GRADE 6:

All A's - Alexandra Arend, Lexie Beckman, Luke Brewer, Charles Clapsaddle, Haylee Dominique, Kamdyn Etzler, Macy Iler, Tristram Kinder, Courtney Luderman, Heather Manz, Shana Manz, Ethan Matty, Jaret Miller, Zoe Shepherd, Kaylyn Strahley, Mal-lory Taylor

All A's & B's - Cory Adams, Haley Apple, Nicholas Barnett, Harmony Burtin, Alexandra Cardin, Fletcher Cook, Hailey Harris, Cole Heller, Eugene Hemenway, Casey Holman, Madison Hull, Abigail Ieman, Hailey McDaniel, Leah Nusbaum, Mary Panico, Sydney Price, Joseph Reineck, Brock Schooley, Brandon Scott, Carson Shull, Jennifer Stahl, Haleigh Stallbaum, Gabriel Steele, Megan Tope, Briana Townley, Victoria Valle

GRADE 7:

All A's - Abigail Adams, Blake Anderson, Isaac Baldwin, Logan Bradford, Miah Coil, Brianna Gorrell, Jace Harwell, Shawn Jackson, Corbin Kohart, Michael Kohart, Audrey Manz, Brian Matson, Cade McGarvey, Emma McMaster, Marcus Miller, Caitlyn Myers, Kaylee Plummer, Devon Smith, Gabriella Stahl, Hunter Vogel

All A's & B's - Allison Ankney, Cassandra Bishop, Savannah Blair, Alexandra Brown, Ashley Bulka, Jocelynn Camposano, Travis Coutts, Adrian Daniels, Ethan Dominique, Conner Erb, Chloe Foltz, Savannah Habern, Stephanie Habern, Hallieann Hale, Kalen Kelly, Kylie Lane, Colton Lloyd, Abbigaile McMichael, Winter McStoots, Elizabeth Mobley, Daviah Pessefall, Cassidy Posey, Stephanie Powell, Hannah Vance, Jordan Weidenhamer, Ryan Woodring

GRADE 8:

ville, Crestview, and Van Wert coming to Antwerp to play.

The Saturday boys and girls youth basketball league continues on Saturday mornings and afternoons. The league has one more week of regular season play before seeding is completed and the tournament brackets are announced. The single elimination tournament will be played on January 26, 2013 to close out the season prior to the teams dispersing to their respective tournament schedules.

A new winter volleyball league is being organized by customer demand. Two divisions of play (7th/8th grade and 6th grade and under) will begin play on Sunday, February 10, 2013. Teams will play two matches each Sunday for five weeks and end the season with a single elimination tournament on March 17, 2013. Sign-ups for teams and individuals for these leagues are currently underway.

Tournaments galore are being hosted at the Manor House Gym throughout February and March. February 2nd brings the first attempt at a parochial school girls basketball tournament. Teams from CYO, Lutheran, and Independent leagues throughout the Midwest have been contacted in order to get this event off the ground. The same type of event is being hosted for the boys on February 9th. March 15-16 brings a youth boys and girls tournament to Antwerp. 17 teams have already registered for the tournament, which is still two months away! The spring tournament season closes out with the 2nd Annual National Association of Youth Sports event on April 12-14, 2013. This tournament brought a team from Buffalo, NY. last year and hopes are to exceed that in 2013!

For information or to help with any of these upcoming events please contact Tim or Brenda Copsey at 419-506-0108.

WOODBURN POLICE REPORT AS OF 1/7/13 FROM CHIEF DUHAMELL

Woodburn Police Reserve worked 30 hours since January 1st. We are interviewing eight potential reserves in the next two weeks.

Allen County and State Police Officers are now visiting the police station within the area, as our new internal workings are beneficial to them as well. This helps with police presence in and around the community when Woodburn Police are not on duty.

In 2012 the Woodburn Police Department responded to 535 complaints.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 1/2/13

This 2nd day of January, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein, and Nola Ginter, Clerk; Absent: Fred Pieper

APPOINTMENTS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Klopfenstein moved to approve the following appointments for 2013:

- Nola Ginter, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners
- Cindy Peters, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners
- Joan Tope, Assistant Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners
- Corey Walker, Paulding County Department of Job & Family Services Administrator
- R. Allen Beamer, Paulding County Fire Marshal
- Becky Suvar, Program Manager,

Waste Management Education and Awareness Program

- Darlene Jordan, Assistant Clerk
- Pamela Miller, Administrative Assistant, Paulding County Economic Development

• Marsha Yuetter, Senior Center Director

• Angel Pease, Clerk of County Court

• Georgia Dyson, Paulding County Dog Warden

IN THE MATTER OF MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT OF PAULDING COUNTY ROADS, CULVERTS AND BRIDGES FOR THE YEAR 2013:

The Board of County Commissioners has decided that the health, welfare, and safety of the people of Paulding County can best and most efficiently be serviced by the "Force Account" in matters pertaining to the construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of Paulding County roads, bridges, and culverts. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer, to proceed by force account for the maintenance, repair and improvement of county roads, culverts and bridges for the year 2013; and the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize the County Engineer to close necessary roads, bridges and culverts for the performance of said force account work pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, Section 5543.19.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - Ms. Fickel met briefly with the Commissioners. She welcomed new Commissioner Roy Klopfenstein and new clerk, Cindy Peters. Ms. Fickel reported her office is ready for 2013. She also noted she put an ad in the newspaper regarding dog tag sales.

Jane Gray, WPAU radio station - Ms. Gray met with the Commissioners for their weekly radio interview. Commissioner Zartman began the interview by talking about the wind farms. He noted Iberdrola has 150 turbines in Phase 1, situated in Paulding and Van Wert Counties. They currently have permits from the state for Phase 2 and had been working with landowners on Phase 3. At this point in time, Iberdrola has decided to cancel Phases 2 and 3, stating the feasibility is not there. They are backing off, releasing leases and giving up their permit with the state. All turbines in Phases 2 and 3 were to have been in Paulding County. The other two wind energy companies, EDP Renewables and Northwest Ohio Wind Energy, still have plans to grow in Paulding County. Northwest Ohio Wind Energy has partnered with another company and hopes to begin their project in 2013. He further explained the original "20% green by 2025" was put into play during Governor Strickland's term. Under the current governor, the qualifying projects have changed, allowing "green" credit for more energy-efficient machinery; thus, dropping the demand for green energy production. Mr. Zartman noted Iberdrola has already invested heavily in Paulding County. He also added Iberdrola and EDP Renewables have both been good stewards of the land. Mr. Zartman then talked about the special funds budget, specifically the OSU Extension Fund. He explained the Commissioners are not mandated to appropriate general fund dollars for the OSU Extension; however, for their 2013 budget, they have appropriated \$40,000.00 (\$15,000.00 in 2012). Mr. Zartman pointed out that even though this is a significant increase, it is still not sufficient. The OSU Extension budget runs between \$73,000.00 and \$77,000.00 per year. Mr. Zartman commented the services the OSU Extension offers to Paulding County are invaluable. They offer many great services to all county residents. He also pointed out that the Paulding County OSU Extension is the only non-mandated entity that has been successful in raising community dollars for its operation. Commissioner Klopfenstein noted his long-term involvement in the 4-H program. He commented that many 4-H alumni are very generous in donating to the program. Mr. Klopfenstein views participating in the 4-H program as a valuable tool for our youth, although extra-curricular activities tend to pull members away. He reminded listeners kids can begin in the 4-H program as young as second grade and participate through graduation from high school. Mr. Klopfenstein noted there are about 400 Paulding County youth in the 4-H program. His advice is to look into the many projects 4-H has to offer and you may be surprised. 4-H has kept up with the times and now offers may leadership and technical projects as part of their curriculum.

Travis McGarvey, County Engineer - Mr. McGarvey met briefly with the Commissioners. He discussed the gas tax revenue, explaining that it is based on how many gallons of gas are purchased and not on the price per gallon. Mr. McGarvey also mentioned the negotiations are complete on their current three-year union contract. The engineer's office currently has twenty employees; ten are union and ten are non-union.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

• The Board approved a recommendation from the OHSAA staff regarding the seven-division tournament format for the 2013 football state championships. There will be one game Thursday night (December 5), three games Friday (December 6) and three games Saturday (December 7). Per the previously approved contract, the 2013 state championships will be held in Canton and Massillon before moving to Ohio Stadium in Columbus in 2014 and 2015.

WAYNE TRACE JH SPELLING & GEO BEE WINNERS



Wayne Trace Junior High recently held their annual Spelling and Geography Bees. Jordan Offerle finished as runner-up, while Jayden Sherry was the champion in

the Geography Bee (top photo l-r). Brady Stabler won the Spelling Bee while Alisa Elliott was the Runner-up (bottom photo l-r).

Exact game times and assignments for which divisions will play on which date/time slots will be determined at a later time.

• The Board approved a recommendation from an OHSAA committee to change the divisional tournament assignment process for cross country so that a school's girls and boys teams will be in the same division. Beginning in fall 2013, the girls and boys enrollments will be added together and divided in half in order to determine the enrollment number (and subsequent tournament division) for that school in cross country. Currently, divisional alignment is determined separately for girls and boys, and over 50 schools are affected by having their girls and boys teams in different divisions. Even if they are in the same division, an additional 50-plus schools could have their girls and boys qualify to different regional tournaments (the change would ensure that girls and boys teams that are currently in the same division from the same school would be assigned to the same regional site).

• The Board approved an initial group of four referendum items that will be voted upon by the member schools in May during the annual referendum voting period. The four items, which include one constitution item and three bylaw items, will be posted at OHSAA.org. Of note, one of the bylaw referendum items came through the petition process and proposes separating tournaments for public and non-public schools.

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

• The golf coaches association made a proposal that would permit coaches to

talk with their players on the course at any time except when the player is on the putting surface or in a sand bunker. Currently, coaches are only permitted to talk to their players from the time they leave the green to the tee box of the next hole. The Board is expected to vote on the proposal at its April meeting.

• The volleyball coaches association made three proposals. First, that the net height for junior high volleyball be raised to the high school height of 7 feet, 4 and 1/8 inches. (Currently, the junior high net height is 7 feet.) Second, that the number of dates that high schools are permitted to schedule their 22 varsity matches be expanded from 20 dates to 22 dates. And third, that during high school varsity tri-matches (and other events with more than two teams), the winner can be determined by a best three out of five format by mutual agreement of the competing athletic administrators. (Currently, tri-matches are decided by a best two out of three format.) The Board is expected to vote on the proposal at its April meeting.

• OHSAA staff informed the Board that the spring sports preseason manuals have been completed and will be posted at OHSAA.org and mailed to all athletic administrators to give to their coaches.

• The Board approved two individuals to receive meritorious service awards in which the OHSAA will make a donation in their names to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. The Central District Athletic Board nominated Mike Rotonda, recently retired student activities director for the Columbus City Schools, while the East District Athletic Board nominated Dick Potts, a basketball coach at Bethel, Skyvue and Hannibal River high schools who won 589 games in 40 years and is a member of the Ohio Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

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ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOLERS LEARN ABOUT ANIMALS IN THE WINTER!



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers were recently visited by Mr. Mark Holtsberry from the Paulding Soil and Water District and his pet squirrel, Rocky! We learned about animals that hibernate, animals that migrate and animals like Rocky, who stay awake and hunt for their food

all winter long! Afterwards, we had a great time petting Rocky and asking Mr. Holtsberry TONS of questions!

Shown here with Mr. Holtsberry are the morning class of four and young five year olds who attend Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool.

WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR

SEVENTH GRADE:

Merit Honor Roll (4.0 GPA) - Sara Sinn, Megan Moore, Leah Maassel, Connor Baumle, Lily Sinn
First Honors (4.0-3.67) - Kalin Gerber, Gracie Gudakunst, Joel Johnson, Garrett Silance
Second Honors (3.3-3.666) - Erica Mohr, Weston Sinn, Adam Stoller, Aden Baker, Jacob Kuhn, Joseph Deboer, Elias Sinn, Celia Baker, Gabe Sinn, Alisa Elliott, Haley Rittenhouse

Third Honors (3.0-3.2999) - Trisha Strickler, Jordan Saylor, Braxten Asher, Blake Davis, Marissa Huebner, Brooke Sinn, Dylan Jackson, Madison Chastain, Quinton Stabler, Gillianne Wiseman

EIGHTH GRADE:

Merit Honor Roll (4.0 GPA) - Brady Stabler
First Honors (4.0-3.67) - Seth Saylor, Emil Stoller, Danae Myers, Brooke Le-lonek, Ethan Dunham
Second Honors (3.3-3.666) - Sarah Dyson, Dan-

iel Sinn, Korene Shelton, Gabrielle Gudakunst, Colin Doerr, Jonathan Sinn, Joseph Schmidt, Ethan Linder, Blaine Jeromt, Kacey Reinhart

Third Honors (3.0-3.2999) - Gage Pfeiffer, Evan Baughman, Jayden Sherry, Seth Yenser, Natalie Kuhn, Jonathan Sinn, Julie Holbrooks

NINTH GRADE:

Merit Honor Roll (4.0 GPA) - Victoria Ryan, Brianna Sinn, Stacy Flint, Sydney Critten, Cole Shepherd, Estie Sinn, Scott Wenninger, Mikayla Anderson
First Honors (4.0-3.67) - Erin Mohr, Nicholas Durre, Taryn Homier, Hollie Wannemacher, Shayna Temple, Noah Stoller, Jayson Nowak
Second Honors (3.3-3.666) - Corey Davis, Christopher Davis, Clint Sinn, Shad Ream, Nathanael Roop, Sydney Hofmann, Emilee Colgan
Third Honors (3.0-3.2999) - Brooke Ludwig, Luke Miller, Austin Winebrenner, Alec Vest, Carley Wright, Lucas Sinn, Robert Rivera, Austin Kuhn, Blair Ludwig, Connor Arend, Gabriel Wobler,

Courtney Mead, Liam Marighugh, Justin Speice

TENTH GRADE:

Merit Honor Roll (4.0 GPA) - Blair Baumle, Erin Jewell, Isaiah Ross

First Honors (4.0-3.67) - Rebecca Hamrick, Hank Sinn, Jacob Dingus, Jacob Arend, James Weaver, Sarah Young, Kayla Zuber, Hunter Martin, Cassidy Hilkey, Addison Baumle
Second Honors (3.3-3.666) - Jehane Hoagland, Corbin Linder, Latasha Rivera, Leah Sinn, Gina Sinn, Krystal Jones, Courtnie Laney, Kierstain Baldwin, Mackenzie Swary, Molly Crosby, Grant Gillett, Jenny Holbrooks
Third Honors (3.0-3.2999) - Lynn Wells, Nicholas Mansfield, Kelsee Rittenhouse, Elizabeth Brown, Kristin Raab, Tyler Showalter, Matthew Baxter, Samantha Hinchcliff

ELEVENTH GRADE:

Merit Honor Roll (4.0 GPA) - Madison McClure, Abigail Shepherd, Haley Linder, Rachael Kreisler, Sylvia Young, Madeline Baumle, Janelle Johnson, Matthew Klopfenstein, Madison Poling, Jared Sherry, Sean Durre, John Ross-wurm, Libby Stabler
First Honors (4.0-3.67) - Jacob Gerber, Kendall Germann, Logan Fast, Brock Worden
Second Honors (3.3-3.666) - Mackenzie Haney, Jordan Elick, Logan Fast, Katelynn Back, Janey Janka, Arlen Stoller, Brenda Feasby, Austin Conlon, Emilie Linder, Matthew Lambert, Brit-tany Jenkins, Alexis Flores, Dustin Taylor
Third Honors (3.0-3.2999) - Brooke Wilcox, Treanna Bidlack, Wesley Goings, Devin Shaffer-Wenzlick, Aaron Stoller, Andrew Ludwig, Alec Kuhn, Colby Speice, Amber Combs

TWELFTH GRADE:

Merit Honor Roll (4.0 GPA) - Sarah Nickols, Kaitlin Lantow, Andrea Scharf, Adrean Ross, Mackenzie Fleagle, Andrew Moore, Emily Whitman, Kylee Wenninger, Jonathan Harper, Haleigh Garner
First Honors (4.0-3.67) - Eric Maassel, Jacob Long, Kaleigh Young, Denise Smith, Yifan Cheng, Graden Gudakunst, Dalton Sinn, Lyndsay Combs
Second Honors (3.3-3.666) - Emma Schmidt, Gary Mielke, Derek Langmeyer, Brian Myers, Courtney Sef-fernack, Sungmin Kang, Staci Wenninger, Marisa Jones, Taylor Grant, Natalie Sinn, Rylee Zartman, Chelsea Critchfield, Zachary Moore, Zachary Hermiller, Jared Eklund, Taylor Campbell, Krystal Wannemacher, Mackenzie Campbell, Zach Proctor
Third Honors (3.0-3.2999) - Karla Mosier, Tanya Sinn, Zachary Mansfield, Michael Davis, Tyler Ruiz, Kyle Clark, Michala Elliott, Zachary Tumbleson, Nickolas McClain, Marcella Doan, Ryan Kortokrax, Andre Spinner, Briana Schaffer, Karena Egnor

BLACK SWAMP AUDUBON SOCIETY JANUARY EVENTS

On January 19, 2013 the Black Swamp Audubon Society has scheduled a Raptor Field Trip. This will be a trip to the Lake Lasuan wildlife area in northwest Williams County. We will be look-

ing for winter raptors that show up in this area. Golden eagles, rough-legged hawks, short eared owls, long-eared owls, harriers, and northern shrikes could be present. Meet at the DNR check station on County Road R and County Road 7 at 11:00 a.m. or call Jon for carpooling information. This will be a driving trip with very little walking involved.

The January meeting for the Black Swamp Audubon Society is scheduled for January 21, 2013 at the Community Room in the Defiance Mall. This room is located next Sears. Meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. Come on out and tell us what you have been seeing at your feeder.

WOODBURN PARTNERSHIP FOR DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

It's time to STEP UP TO THE PLATE... of pancakes. The Woodburn Partnership for Downtown Revitalization (A Main Street Organization) will be holding a Gourmet Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, January 20th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Woodburn Community Center, 22735 Main Street, Woodburn, IN 46797. Bob's Restaurant in Woodburn, BakerStreet Restaurant in Fort Wayne, and Chop's Steak & Seafood in Fort Wayne will each be contributing gourmet pancakes for the cause.

The purpose of this event is to support the development of a Downtown Revitalization Plan for the City of Woodburn. Funds will be used to match a planning grant offered by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. The recommendations of the draft Woodburn Strategy Plan will also be presented during the event. Please stop by before or after church to support the Woodburn community!

For more information about the development, please go to www.cityof-woodburn.org

HITE RENAMED SENATE AGRICULTURE CHAIRMAN

State Senator Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) was named the Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture. During the previous legislative session, Hite chaired the Senate Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, a panel that has been modified as part of the committee restructuring of the 130th General Assembly.

"Agriculture employs one out of every seven Ohioans and contributes more than \$105 billion to our state's economy," said Hite. "I am honored to be entrusted with the great responsibility of directing important policy for Ohio's number one industry and especially for my district, where agriculture plays such a vital role."

In addition to his chairmanship, Senator Hite will also serve as the Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education.

"As a former teacher and coach, I feel that providing a quality, affordable education to all Ohioans is at the very core of our responsibility as leaders," added Hite.

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ship responsibilities, Senator Hite will also serve as a member the Senate Energy and Natural Resources, Public Utilities, Insurance and Financial Institutions, and Ways and Means committees and the Finance Subcommittee on Education. Senator Hite also serves on numerous other committees and task forces that deal with current issues facing Ohioans.

2013 PAULDING/VAN WERT COUNTY EXTENSION AGRONOMY DAY PROGRAM

The Paulding and Van Wert County OSU Extension offices will be co-hosting the 2013 Agronomy Day program on Wednesday January 23 in the Extension Building located on

the Paulding County Fairgrounds. Registration opens at 7:45 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

The Agronomy Day program will provide a wide variety of topics presented by Extension specialists and updates from local agricultural agencies. In addition, area agricultural businesses sponsoring the program will be setting up displays to share information about their products and programs.

Please contact the Paulding (419.399.8225) or Van Wert (419.238.1214) County Extension offices or email lopshire.1@osu.edu to pre-register or if you have any additional questions about the agronomy day program. Certified Crop Advisor and pesticide re-certification credits are being applied for.

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WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 12/26/12

City of Woodburn Meeting Minutes from December 26, 2012. Meeting called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance 7:00 p.m. Mayor Hoepfner, Councilman Abbott, Rice, Gerig, Voirol, Treasurer Sarrazine, Chief Duhamell - present.

TREASURER: Meeting minutes from 12/17/12 were presented for approval. One change was made and Councilman Abbott made a motion to approve as corrected, Councilman. Voirol 2nd, all approved, motion carried.

Warrants were presented and discussed. Councilman Voirol made a motion to approve and pay. Councilman Gerig 2nd, all approved, motion carried.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING NOTES 1/8/13

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The **VILLAGE OF PAULDING** will be accepting applications for Head Lifeguard, Lifeguards and Pool concession workers and Front desk workers for the 2013 season.
Applications are available at Paulding High School, Antwerp High School, Wayne Trace High School Offices or at the VILLAGE Office 116 S. Main St. For more information please call: 419-399-4011. Applications will be accepted until February 1, 2013

Board of Education held their annual organizational board meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2013, at the Antwerp Local School Board Room. Board President Pro-Tem Mr. Mark Ryan welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting.

2013 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:
Election of the 2013 Board President: Mr. Steven Provines
Election of the 2013 Board Vice President: Mr. Dennis Recker
Organizational Consent Items Approved:

- Appoint Mark Ryan as Student Achievement Liaison to OSBA.
- Appoint Anita Bok as Legislative Liaison to OSBA.
- Appoint Superintendent, Treasurer and Board President to the Records Commission for 2013.
- Appoint Superintendent, Treasurer, Board Vice-President and Legislative Liaison to the Audit Committee for 2013.
- Designate the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. for the Regular Monthly Board of Education Meetings in the Antwerp Board Room for 2013.
- Continue the rate of compensation of \$80.00 per meeting for the twelve regularly scheduled board meetings. Allowance of one make-up meeting for reimbursement of an excused regular meeting of non-attendance will be allowed.
- Approve the Treasurer as designee to attend required Public Records Training for the Antwerp Local School District Board of Education Members.
- Designate the Superintendent as approving official to review and approve student activity budgets.
- Designate the Superintendent as purchasing agent for the district with a maximum of \$25,000 without board authorization.
- Dispense of the reading of the "minutes" of the previous meeting.
- Authorize the Treasurer to pay the bills.
- Authorize the Treasurer to make advance draws on February and August tax settlements.
- Authorize the Treasurer to invest active, inactive, or interim funds at the most productive rate of interest according to law whenever these funds are available.
- Authorize the Treasurer to file requests for amendments of the Certificate of Estimated Resources with the Paulding County Auditor as information becomes available to the Treasurer to warrant such filing.
- Authorize the Treasurer to make fund to fund advances, advance returns, transfers, and appropriation changes as needed throughout the year with Board ratification as part of the financial reports at the next meeting.
- Authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to enter into and/or accept/participate in Federal, State, or Local Grants or agreements deemed advantageous to the school district and authorize the Treasurer to appropriate funds for grants awarded.
- Authorize the Superintendent or Treasurer to accept all donations to the school district on behalf of the Board of Education.
- Authorize the Superintendent,

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• Authorize the Superintendent, on behalf of this Board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.

• Authorize the Superintendent to sign all salary notices.

JANUARY 8, 2013 REGULAR MEETING:

The Antwerp Local School District Board of Education held their regular monthly Board meeting immediately following the organizational meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2013, at the Antwerp Local School Board Room. Board President Mr. Steven Provines welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting.

Middle/High School Principal Mike But's Report:

- a. Mid-term for 3rd grading period
- b. Fundraiser for Cheerleaders - Winter Wonderland Dance
- c. Staff vs. PC Tigers Basketball Game will be held on Friday, January 18, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.
- d. No School on January 21, 2013 - Martin Luther King Day and Professional Development - Teacher In-service on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 - students return to school on Wednesday, January 23, 2013.

Elementary Principal Travis Lichty's Report:

- a. Kindergarten registration will be held on March 25-26, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- b. County Spelling Bee will be held on February 5, 2013 at the Payne Elementary - 8th grader Derek Reeb representing Antwerp School
- c. 2nd Quarter grades cards are being sent home this week.

Superintendent Pat Ross's Report:

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Carryall Township 2012 Financial Report is complete and available for public review. Monthly meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm. Meetings will be held at 1445 Road 204, Antwerp, OH
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a. Board of Education Recognition Month - thanked Board Members for their service to the Antwerp District
b. Race to the Top Update
c. OSBA Media Honor Roll - thanked and presented certificate to Jack Palmer of the Defiance Crescent News. The Media Honor Roll recognizes media representatives statewide for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools. Media representatives from more than 100 Ohio newspapers and radio and television stations were honored by their local school districts. Criteria for selection by the local school districts include the media representative's efforts to get to know the superintendent, board president, and district mission and goals; report school news in a fair, accurate and balanced manner; give a high profile to positive news about schools; visit the schools; and maintain a policy of "no surprises" by sharing information with school officials.

d. NEOLA Policy Updates
e. 2013-2014 School Calendar
f. ODE Child Nutrition Audit - good review - thanked Mrs. Deb Altic and the cafeteria staff for their hard work and dedication to the students

Treasurer Kristine Stuart reviewed the current financial reports and monthly expenditures with the Board.

In the business portion of the meeting, the Board approved the following items:

- Approved all NEOLA new, replacement, and revised update policies.
- Approved the 2013-2014 School Calendar.
- Approved Eric Walk as Assistant Varsity Softball Coach for the 2012-2013 school year.
- Approved Diana Rogge as Assistant Varsity Track Coach for the 2012-2013 school year.
- Approved Phil Rangel as JH Track Coach for the 2012-2013 school year.
- Approved Josh Hoepfner as JH Track Coach for the 2012-2013 school year.

The Board went into executive session at 5:55 p.m. to consider a complaint against a public employee. The board came out of executive session at 7:00 p.m.

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Education room.

Sudoku solution from page 13

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PHS DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Paulding High School announced their December Student of the Month students. Pictured here (l-r) are Fresh-

man Jaycie Varner, Sophomore Felita Guyton, Junior Abby Pease, and Senior Dalton Thomas.

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL 2ND NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR

SENIORS:

4.0 - Tyler Hayner, Catelyn Pavel, Macey Provines, Savannah Roughton, Alexis Rue, Breanna Schmidt, Elaine Smith, Steven Strayer, Zane Wilhelm

3.5-3.99 - Sydney Early, Abbey Edwards, Austin Miller, Sarah Myers, Mikayla Pieper, Trey Schroeder, Kayla Simon, Courtney St John, Julia Stuck, Dalton Thomas, Maggie Wilhelm, Elizabeth Young

3.0-3.49 - Tyler Ash, Austin Carlisle, Elizabeth Chandler, Logan Doster, Ashley Justinger, Bryanna Kurtz, Samantha Martinez, Neil Roehrig, Destiny Starry

JUNIORS:

4.0 - Emily Albert, Stephanie Baldwin, Sarah Bales, Taylor Dangler, Melissa Durham, Gerod Harder, Guy Harder, Ashley Johanns, Joe Kausner, Andrew Layman, Kandee Manson, Kaylyn Rager, Chelsea Rose, Kaitlyn Roughton, Julian Salinas, Sidney Salinas, Jaelyn Schlatter, Chelsie Schoepflin, Kaley Varner

3.5-3.99 - Betty Allred, Sean Bentley, Jerika Bland, Eric Busch, Dylan Carnahan, Justin Carnahan, Megan Coak, Olivia Cramer, Taylor Deatrick, Javier Gonzales, Nicholas Hitchcock, Cody Jarrell, Rachael Kesler, Ashlynn Laney, Kelsi Manz, Brad Matson, Janey McCourt, Sierra McCullough, Michael

Mott, Rachel Nicelley, Abby Pease, Alyssa Shelmadine, Alesha Simon, Allison Singer, Tiffany Spangler, Victoria Stephens-Vazquez, Jennifer Switzer, Jade VanCleve, CeCe Weidenhamer, Meagan Weller, Bailey Zeller

3.0-3.49 - Natasha Garcia, Chase Gideon, Kyle Kausner, Cotey Nichols, Brooks Overholt, Kayla Shaffer, Andrea Singer, Shelly Stafford, Quentin Vance

SOPHOMORES:

4.0 - Kathryn Clapsaddle, Erin Johanns, Isaac Nice, Emily Pastor, Shayla Shepherd, Ashlyn Strahley, Laurel Wehrkamp

3.5-3.99 - Christian Burtch, Katie Carnahan, Kayla Deitrick, Hannah English, David Fisher, Claudia Foltz, Alexis Howell, Amanda LoCastro, Melissa Martinez, Ellie Miller, Bill Smith, Malayna VanCleve

3.0-3.49 - Taylor Ankney, Lydia Clemence, Lyndi Clinton, Kyle Gardner, Ben Heilshorn, Tessa Jones, Jacob Long, Ashleigh Marable, Morgan Riley, Lorenzo Salinas, Haley Schlegel, Jessica Schroeder

FRESHMEN:

4.0 - Lucas Arend, Allison Harpel, Kacie Karlstadt, Taylor Manz, Emilee Ringler, Taylor Schooley, Mei TenWalde, Jaycie Varner

3.5-3.99 - Kelsey Beck, Victoria Bradford, Zach Buchman, Sierra Bullard, Kasandra Cogswell, Kynsie Etzler, Nathan Gee, Mayah Goings-Nance, Luke Jackson, Lauren Johanns, Matthew Martinez, Kim Mat-

son, Cynthia McCourt, Victoria Meadows, Branson Minck, Bridgett Moore, Emily Moore, Krista Mullins, Megan Reineck, Jordan Shull, Jarrett Sitton, Nicholas Warnimont, Cullen Wenzlick, Drayson Wenzlick, Katlyn Wesley

3.0-3.49 - Alex Arellano, Hailey Brittig, Corbin Edwards, Damon Egnor, Megan Fife, Taylor Gambler, Jo-waine Grimes, Kelsey Hale, Lucas Hanenkratt, Sabrinah Leaman, Brendon Lothamer, Astraea Martinez, Devin Sanchez, Kristen Schilt, Gina Schmitt, Sky Schooley, Andrew Stafford

DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2ND NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE 4:

Cameron Cox, Kenadie Daeger, Allison Dyson, Jacob Graham, Carson Rupp, Kaden Sutton, Garrett Williamson

GRADE 5:

Catie Strable, Camden Thompson

GRADE 6:

Grant Baumle, Emily Dyson, Korbin Slade

ODNR PROPOSES DATES FOR FALL HUNTING SEASONS TO OHIO WILDLIFE COUNCIL

On Wednesday, January 9, the Ohio Wildlife Council received potential dates for the upcoming fall hunting seasons, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). The ODNR Division of Wildlife biologists proposed that several traditional hunting dates be utilized for 2013-2014.

September 1 is the proposed start date for Ohio's fall squirrel and dove hunting seasons. Upland game hunting seasons for cottontail rabbit, ring-necked pheasant and bobwhite quail are proposed to start November 1, the first Friday in November. Fox, raccoon, skunk, opossum and weasel hunting and trapping are proposed to start November 10.

ODNR Division of Wildlife biologists proposed that cottontail rabbit hunting restrictions be removed in the snowshoe hare protected area in Geauga and Ashtabula counties. Remaining snowshoe hares are still protected as a state-endangered species and it remains illegal to kill them in Ohio.

Proposed open counties for quail hunting include Adams, Athens, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Highland, Jackson, Meigs, Montgomery, Pike, Preble, Ross, Scioto, Vinton and Warren.

Youth upland game seasons are proposed statewide for two weekends: October 19-20 and October 26-27.

Proposed 2014 wild turkey season dates are April 21 - May 18, and the proposed 2014 youth wild turkey season is April 19-20.

Proposals concerning Ohio's white-tailed deer and fall wild turkey hunting season will be heard at the next Ohio Wildlife Council meeting on Wednesday, February 6.

Open houses will be held Saturday, March 2 at the state's five wildlife district offices, the Lake Erie Fairport office and the Old

Woman Creek Reserve office in Huron to give the public an opportunity to view and discuss proposed hunting and trapping regulations with the ODNR Division of Wildlife officials. For Ohioans who are unable to attend an open house, comments will be accepted online at wildohio.com. The online form will be available until March. Directions to the open houses can be found at wildohio.com or by calling 800-WILDLIFE (945-3543).

A statewide hearing on all of the proposed rules will be held at the ODNR Division of Wildlife's District One office on Thursday, March 7 at 9:00 a.m. The office is located at 1500 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215. After considering public input, the Ohio Wildlife Council will vote on the proposed rules and season dates during its April 3 meeting.

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at ohiodnr.com.

LATTA ANNOUNCES U.S. MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) has announced his nominations for consideration for acceptance into the United States Air Force, Merchant Marine, Military, and Naval Academies in the Class 2017:

U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado:

Donald Bowen II, Woodville, Woodmore High School

Charles Frisinger, Millbury, Lake High School

Adam Kleman, Fort Jennings, Fort Jennings High School

Jared Kobylski, Bowling Green, Bowling Green High School

Joseph Pritts, Cygnet, Elmwood High School

Bradley Radabaugh, Luckey, Eastwood High School

Ryan Roth, Perrysburg, Perrysburg High School

James Smith, Walbridge, St. Francis De Sales High School

Alex Staup, Bryan, Bryan High School

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York:

Leighton Chambers, Delta, New Mexico Military Institute

Nathan Downs, Bowling Green, University of Cincinnati

Adam Kleman, Fort Jennings, Fort Jennings High School

Sara Pisarski, Bowling Green, Bowling Green High School

U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York:

Jared Kobylski, Bowling Green, Bowling Green High School

Kiera Hall, Fremont, Fremont Ross High School

Sean Katen, Willshire, Bishop Luers High School

Adam Kleman, Fort Jennings, Fort Jennings High School

Joseph Pritts, Cygnet, Elmwood High School

Bradley Radabaugh, Luckey, Eastwood High School

Ryan Roth, Perrysburg,

LADY PANTHERS TAKE ON COLUMBUS GROVE



Paulding's Suzanne Reinhart sweeps side to side looking to pass the ball.

Paulding Girls took on Columbus Grove at home for their first home basketball game of 2013. The JV Panthers lost the first game.

The varsity game started slow with neither team scoring until five minutes left in the first quarter. The Columbus Girls team scored first but soon the Paulding girls were on top. The first scorer for the Lady Panthers was Abbey Pease gained two points with a lay-up followed by Brook Combs nailing two

free-throw shots. The Paulding girls hit all but one of their first quarter free-throws in excellent fashion, finishing their best first quarter of the season and took the lead 15-10.

Unfortunately for the Lady Panthers the other three quarters didn't fare as well and they lost to Columbus Grove 54-31

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Perrysburg High School
Nikolas Wolford, Van Wert, Van Wert High School

U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland:

Connor Aosse, Waterville, St. Francis De Sales High School

Nathan Downs, Bowling Green, University of Cincinnati

Caleb Lipscomb, Perrysburg, University of Colorado

Sean Katen, Willshire, Bishop Luers High School

Adam Kleman, Fort Jennings, Fort Jennings High School

Sara Pisarski, Bowling Green, Bowling Green High School

James Smith, Walbridge, St. Francis De Sales High School

Nikolas Wolford, Van Wert, Van Wert High School

A nomination does not guarantee acceptance to an Academy; that responsibility rests with their admissions office. Additional information regarding the academy nomination and application process may be obtained from Congressman Latta's website at <http://latta.house.gov>.

SENATOR HITE TAKES OATH OF OFFICE, BEGINS NEW TERM IN THE OHIO SENATE

As part of the Opening Ceremonies of the 130th General Assembly, State Senator Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) was today officially sworn in as the Senator for the 1st District. Hite was first appointed to the State Senate in 2011 to fill the unexpired term of State Senator Steve Buehrer. Prior to his appointment he was elected three times to the Ohio House of Representatives.

"As a parent, grandpar-

ent, and teacher, I can think of no greater purpose than to make certain that we have a strong, responsible, and efficient government to pass to the next generation," said Hite. "I believe that the work we have done in the Statehouse over the past few years has brought us closer to doing just that. With a balanced budget, a plummeting unemployment rating, and lower taxes, I am confident that Ohio is on a good path."

During his tenure in the Ohio House of Representatives he was named to the powerful Finance and Appropriations Committee. As Senator, he has chaired the Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky, Senator Hite resides with his wife in Findlay, Ohio. They have three grown children and two grandchildren.

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