

THE OLD JAIL SAGA CONTINUES IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Sue Knapp

Changes, there will always be changes. Change is good but we must remember where something came from and where it started. We need to keep it in perspective and carry on the history... which brings us to the saga of the Paulding County old jail.

There is quite a controversy: shall we demolish it or shall we keep it, after all it is a part of Paulding County history. Can there be a compromise that will be a logical solution for both sides?

First a little history: The year was 1876 when the Paulding County Jail was completed at a cost of \$25,000. It was slow-going

due to the fact that no railroad ran through Paulding at that time. This jail was touted to be one of the securest in northwest Ohio. It was built 10 years before the courthouse. It was one of the oldest continuously operated jail until closing in 2007.

It housed three floors. The top floor is said to be haunted. The part with the jail cells is kind of scary. If I were a felon wannabe I would think twice. The cells are certainly not your Mayberry type. They are serious business, hard core stuff. This antiquated facility is a lot different from the 'new' jail.

The controversy is this: PC
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NEW HAVEN FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR - RICK KAYLOR

By: Beth Stauffer

In December, 3 local firefighters were named "Firefighter of the Year" by their respective station. From Station 2 located on Paulding Road in Adams Township,



Captain Rick Kaylor was chosen by his peers as Firefighter of the Year. According to Assistant Fire Chief Gary Marquardt of Station 2 on presenting Captain Kaylor with this award, "Rick is the biggest thorn in my side, and I wouldn't trade him for anything." Marquardt and Kaylor have both worked at Station 2 together for over 30 years. This is the second Fire-

fighter of the Year award for Kaylor.

Captain Rick Kaylor was born in New Haven and has lived in Adams Township for 30 years. He is married to Patricia and has an adult daughter, Christina. He has served as a firefighter for 30 years (since 1982).

Kaylor first got interested in firefighting when he saw a sign outside the fire station while driving by one day and decided to sign up. He's been a firefighter ever since. Kaylor says his favorite thing about being a firefighter is that it is very fulfilling for him to serve the community as a firefighter. He also works full-time at the Allen County Department of Transportation. He has been employed there for 34 years.

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PC EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING DATE CHANGED

The Early Childhood Screening (ages birth to 5) date at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Paulding has been changed to March 22, 2013 from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment please call 419-399-4620.

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The board has known for years it was time to make changes and in 2011 they decided to make a major renovation. The bank has not had any remodeling done since the building was built. Through-

out 2012 plans were made, architectural drawings were rendered and construction started by the end of 2012.

There were four offices in the building previously. Following the remodel there will be a total of eight, meaning customers will have the opportunity to take more time at their appointments.

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Dorothy Coleen Jeffery, 89, of Antwerp died Tuesday, January 15, 2013 in the CHP Inpatient Hospice Center, Van Wert, OH.

She was born February 28, 1923 in Antwerp, the daughter of Carl F. and Norma C. (Filly) Smith. On February 2, 1941 she married Ray R. Jeffery. She was a member of Antwerp United Methodist Church, Antwerp, and a member of the First Families of Paulding County. She was previously employed as secretary/bookkeeper for L. Smith & Son, Antwerp.

She is survived by her husband, Ray Jeffery of Antwerp; two sons: Carl (Susan) Jeffery of Van Wert, OH, and Jack (Sally) Jeffery of The Plains, Ohio; two daughters: Jan (Jeffrey) Boterf of Antwerp, OH, and Jill Jeffery of Fort Wayne, IN; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers: Max and Budd Smith.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 19, 2013 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Rev. Mike Schneider officiating. Burial followed in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to CHP Inpatient Hospice, 1155 Westwood Dr., Van Wert, OH 45891; or Autism Society of America, 4340 East-West HWY, Suite 350, Bethesda, MD 20814. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Patricia Jenkins Waltmire, 48, of Fort Wayne, IN formerly of Payne, passed away Saturday, January 19, 2013 at Parkview Regional Medical Center.

Patty was born in Paulding, on August 27, 1964, a daughter of the late Mabel (Elston) and Charles Jenkins. She worked at McConnell's, New Haven.

Patty will be sadly missed by her son, Bobby (Kasey Dunderman) Lelonek; siblings: Allen Jenkins, Rick (Shirley) Jenkins, Sheila (Jeff) Tempel all of Payne, Ramona (Mark) Gause of Lillian, AL; companion, Neil High of Fort Wayne; and grandson, Zander.

Viewing was Tuesday, January 22, 2013, 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Dooley Funeral Home, Payne. Her service is at Dooley Funeral Home, Payne, at Noon on Wednesday, January 23, 2013, with viewing one hour prior. She will be laid to rest at Wilts Cemetery.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of N.E. Indiana. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooley-funeralhome.com

PIONEER CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES PRESENTS PAUL THE PRISONER

On Wednesday February 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. the Pioneer Christian Ministries located at 17936 Rd. 108, Paulding will present Paul (the Prisoner). This is a dramatization of the book of Philippians of the Bible. A portrayal of the Apostle Paul in a setting that depicts the sufferings inflicted upon him during his final days in prison at Rome during the great persecution of the Church.

GOT SKILLS?

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

What's skills are you developing? Who will you be tomorrow? The harsh fact or, maybe, the encouraging fact is that you will be tomorrow the skills you develop today.

In the movie *Taken*, Liam Neeson's character, Brian Mills, was a former CIA operative. When he received a phone call from the person who took his daughter hostage, he said in a dark, mysterious, and firm voice, "I don't know who you are. I don't know what you want. If you are looking for ransom, I can tell you I don't have money. But what I do have are a very particular set of skills; skills I have acquired over a very long career. Skills that make me a nightmare for people like you." Brian Mills had skills that I don't have. Skills he acquired over a long career in the CIA. That skill set enabled him to pursue the kidnapers of his daughter and save her.

Although *Taken* was a fictional story, skills in real life work that way. We can only do things today that we set out to learn and do yesterday. This is a theme that I regularly repeat in these articles because it is something I need reminded of along with it being something that we all need to grasp if things are going to be better tomorrow than they are today.

Nothing is more dangerous than getting caught in a rut and just going through the motions. Our wheels just spin, getting us nowhere. We've all seen this happen to people, churches, communities, and other organizations. When we become comfortable

or complacent in our rut, life will just pass us by. We have to strive to be who we want to be because we will never be able to accomplish the dreams we want to accomplish tomorrow unless we work on developing ourselves today into a person who has the skills to do those things tomorrow.

However, this isn't just some pop self-help idea despite being a practical concept useful for businesses or any other organization. On the individual level, many people imprison this idea of working toward a better tomorrow to their financial and personal realms. It becomes only about making a better me. A better me that the world values. We want to work hard and study hard so that we can get a good job that will provide us with nice houses and good vacations. But on the other side of having a good job, nice house, and good vacations is meaninglessness if that is all there is. Those are all good things. I hope that you can all have good jobs, nice houses, and good vacations. And I believe you can if you set out a plan, work toward it, remain disciplined - if that is what God is calling you to.

Which brings me to something more important than creating an environment conducive to bringing us personal pleasure. We need to be faithful servants to God. People who bring His kingdom here to earth as much as possible. Sometimes God calls us to experience Him in ways that aren't immediately perceived as blessings. When that happens, we need to be faithful. Sometimes he calls us away from the good job, the nice house, and the good vacations. Again, when it doesn't make sense, we still need to be faithful because it is more important that we become who God wants us to be rather than invest our time and resources chasing after the fleeting pleasures of this world.

Being who God wants us to be - like the good job, nice house, and good vacations - won't happen by accident. It's something we have to think about. It's something we have to work on. It's something we have to pursue. We might not be saved by works, but we can't be involved in bringing about God's will into this reality unless we work. Unless we get busy doing the things God wants us to do.

Augustine said, "For grace is given not because we have done good works, but in order that we may be able to do them."

Too often, we are only concerned about being saved, but God has saved us for something other than just getting to heaven. It's amazing how when we are faithful to him today, he calls us to do greater things tomorrow. We can be involved in bringing God's will into this broken and fallen reality. Even if heaven were not a reality on the other side of the grave, the life God wants us to live today is far greater than selfishly pursuing the things of this world.

You were saved for something. Are you going to get there? Are you going to realize God's dream for your life, or are you going to miss Him and His plan for you among all the physical things this world throws our way. The distractions. The blessings. The trials. They are all things there to shape us into someone spiritually better than we

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature, the old things have passed away, and behold, all things become new." — 2 Corinthians 5:17

currently find ourselves. But they will only transform us into someone better if we let them.

God is not going to force His will on you. You must choose to accept it. You must decide that you are going to invest your time into developing the skills that God will use tomorrow to fix the broken things in this world. To comfort the hurting. To restore justice. To help the oppressed. God's plan for this world is bigger than you or me, but the amazing thing - or should I say the peculiar thing - about God is that we are in those plans. He is not going to force His will on us. We must choose. We must act. A better tomorrow depends on it.

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.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

(New King James Version)

1. Luke 5:27 - When Jesus went out, who did he see?
2. Luke 5:27 - What was the tax collector's name?
3. Luke 5:27 - What did Jesus say to him?
4. Luke 5:28 - What did Levi, leave behind?
5. Luke 5:29 - What did Levi give Jesus?
6. Luke 5:29 - Who will set down with them?
7. Luke 5:30 - Who was murmuring against Jesus disciples?
8. Luke 5:30 - What were the scribes and Pharisees saying?
9. Luke 5:31 - Who needs a physician?
10. Luke 5:32 - Who is Jesus calling to repentance?

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

Last week's answers: 1. Their thoughts; 2. Reasoning in their hearts. 3. They are the same with Jesus. 4. Yes; 5 arise, take up his bed, go home; 6. He was glorifying God. 7. Amazed; 8. Fear; 9. We have seen strange things today

That settles it! Maybe you have heard someone say, "God said it, I believe it, and that settles it." As good as that may sound, it does not properly reflect the truth. The psalmist David declared, "For ever, oh Lord, thy word is settled in heaven," Psalms 119:8-9. Every time we read the Bible we have access to the "mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:13-16). If we refuse to do the will of the Father, Jesus will say in judgment, "I never knew you; depart from me," Matthew 7:2 1-2,3. The true attitude we should have toward the Holy Scripture should be, "God said it. That settles it, whether I believe it or not!" Do you believe in God's word? For you, does that settle the matter concerning religion, once and for all? Are you living

by the word of God? Loved ones, my prayer is that all of us, this includes me, that we would put our faith and trust in God, do what he tells us. This world would surely be a better place to live.

WHEN THE FOUNDATIONS ARE BEING DESTROYED, WHAT ARE THE RIGHTEOUS TO DO?

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

With regard to the traumatic changes we've undergone culturally in the past few years, the scriptures tell us... Psalm 11:3 (NIV), "When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

Regarding the importance of foundations in Sermon-Central.com Ravi Zacharias wrote: "A few weeks ago, I did a lectureship at Ohio State University. As I was being driven to the lecture, we passed the new Wexner Art Center. The driver said, "This is a new art building for the university. It is a fascinating building designed in the post-modernist view of reality." The building has no pattern. Staircases go nowhere. Pillars support nothing. The architect designed the building to reflect life. It went nowhere and was mindless and senseless. I turned to the man describing it and asked, "Did they do the same thing with the foundation?" He laughed. "You can't do that with a foundation."

"You can get away with the infrastructure. You can get away with random thoughts that sound good in defense of a world view that ultimately doesn't make sense. Once you start tampering with the foundations, you begin to see the serious effects. Yet the foundations are in jeopardy; the foundations of our culture do not provide coherent set of answers anymore."

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LESSONS FROM A LION-TAMER

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

Some of the most fascinating tidbits of information cross my desk in a given week. Like the following from who-knows-where. Did you ever wonder why animal trainers carry a stool when they go into a cage of lions? They have a whip, of course, and a pistol by their side. But invariably they will also carry a stool. According to this article, it is the most important tool of the trainer. Beyond just the glamour and hype, the stool is useful. The trainer holds the stool by the back and thrusts the legs toward the face of the wild animal. Those "in the know" maintain that the animal tries to focus on all four legs at once. In the attempt to focus on all four, a kind of paralysis overwhelms the animal, leaving it tame, weak, and disabled because its attention is fragmented.

Interesting information, but not particularly earth-shattering. But as I was musing over the article this past Wednesday, it struck me that there were some obvious parallels to our lives. Worry is a lot like that stool. It fragments our minds and separates our attention. In fact, the biblical word for "worry" literally means 'to divide the mind.'

Worry is the culprit that divides our mind from trusting in God's promises and causes us to focus on external circumstances. Like the four-legged stool, it gets us to concentrate on too many issues at the same time, and tends to overwhelm us, weakening our hearts and disabling our thinking. James 4:8 tells us that a double-minded man is unstable in all his ways. James is right. When we are

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"double-minded" and have our thinking fragmented, we tend to become unstable. We lose our perspective. We lose our balance.

The remedy? Focus on Jesus Christ and His promises. We needn't be controlled by our problems. We simply need to depend upon the One Who is bigger than our problems. That's not to minimize some of the legitimate concerns and challenges facing you right now. To be sure, you are dealing with some great problems. But we have a great God, too.

One of my favorite verses of scripture is found in Isaiah 26:3. I've committed it to memory and would recommend you to hide it in your heart as well. The prophet Isaiah says, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusts in Thee." Isn't that great? Do you want peace? Do you want to escape from the paralysis of analysis of your problems? Isaiah says the way that happens is by keeping your mind focused upon God, trusting in Him, believing His promises.

If you're anything like I am, you've got a whole cage full of stools staring at you. You've got a choice. Are you going to try to deal with all the issues at once? Or will you concentrate on the Lord's promises and His sufficiency? That decision will determine whether you will be a cowering pussy cat or a real tiger of God.

DID MY LITTLE ONE GO TO HEAVEN?

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

Luke 18:15-17, "And they brought unto him (Jesus) also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them. "But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God."

"Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter heaven."

Do babies go to heaven when they die? This is a question that many have. An alternative to that one is, "Do they go to hell when they die?" There are some denominational movements who teach if a child is not baptized they will go to hell.

The Bible says that sin is a transgression of the law, and all unrighteousness is sin. In Psalm 51:5, it says, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." David knew that he was a sinner from birth. Every one of us was born with a corrupt moral nature. "Death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned," Romans 5:12. And because sin is a transgression, God demands the punishment of sin. Does this leave any hope for a small child then? Paul said in Romans 7:9, "For I was alive without the law once; but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died." What Paul was saying, when the commandment came the Spirit of God convicted him that he was in sin, and sin brings forth spiritual death. Before this in verse seven Paul said, "I had not known sin, but by the law; for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet." The key word here is "known." Knowledge—a small child is innocent even though they are born in sin, they have no knowledge of the fact that they are in sin. God can't charge them with sin because they have no understanding of it.

When God created Adam and Eve they were holy and innocent, they did not know what sin was. When God said, you can eat of every tree in the garden, "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat or you shall surely die." They willfully disobeyed God's command, and ate of the tree God told them not to eat, and as a result, they fell from their state of holiness to a state of sin and rebellion. Children are the same, they are born in a state of innocence, and when they reach that age of knowing right from wrong then they are no longer innocent, they must repent of their sins. You may say, what is the age of reasoning? That totally depends upon the individual. I knew people to repent of their sins at the age of eight and nine. You cannot set an age on a child, each one is different; their little minds operate differently than others. Those who are mentally handicapped, what about them? They are no different, some will always be innocent not knowing, and God cannot charge them because of their handicap.

What about baptizing a child, is it necessary? Infant baptism was introduced in

the early centuries, when corruption began to work its way in the church. Salvation was replaced by good works and baptism was a form of membership in the church. If you were not baptized you were going to hell. The scriptures teach that baptism is for the believers. Repentance comes first; when the Spirit and the Word convinces man of sin, then there comes the knowledge that he or she is a sinner and one must repent of their sins. A child without reasoning cannot repent because they have not the knowledge of sin. Whether a child is baptized or not it is of no significant to the child. What is baptism? It is an outward sign of an inward work of grace what God has done on the inside of the person who has repented of their sins. In other words when a person is submerged in water, it represents the death of the old man, and when the person is brought up, it signifies a new life in Christ. Baptism does not save an individual; it is only a testimony to other believers. Will I go to hell if I am not baptized? Jesus gave us an example of baptism; He himself was baptized in the Jordan River. But we see the thief on the cross, the one who said, "Remember me Lord when you enter into your kingdom, and Jesus said, today you will be with me in paradise." That is what I call a death bed experience. Notice he was not baptized. Baptism is an act of knowledge and opportunity. If a person who repents comes to the understanding of baptism and has the opportunity then yes that person should be baptized. It's when the opportunity arises and the person rejects it, then it becomes disobedience which leads to sin. There are many who went to their grave without being baptized that does not mean they went to hell. The thief on the cross had no knowledge or the opportunity, it was his child-like faith and believing who Jesus was that saved him. Knowledge is the key, James 4:17. "Therefore, to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." God shows His love towards us when He convicts us and illuminates our hearts to the knowledge of sin in our lives. Jesus was explaining in our text that we must come to Him with a childlike faith, just like a little innocent child. So when our little ones die for whatever reason, their innocent state is what saves them from eternal damnation. There is nothing more closely to heaven than a little child. "For such is the kingdom of God."

ANTWERP WRESTLING CLUB MEET AT MONTPELIER TOURNEY

The Antwerp Archer Wrestling Club recently competed at the Montpelier Tournament on January 13, 2013. Of the 8 wrestlers competing, 6 were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes. Placing 4th were Karsen Donat and Alex Zijlstra. Placing 2nd were Avin Johnson, Eli Reinhart, and Kaden Phares. Placing 1st for the Archers was Kamren Johnson who also had a 10 second pin at the tournament. Jarrod Traxler and Karsen Donat not only competed in their first tournament as wrestlers but also won a match in their tournament debuts. Tournament season has begun for the Antwerp Archer Wrestling Club.

If you are between the ages of 4 and 18 and are interested in wrestling come to the wrestling club located at the old high school gym on Archer Street on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

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Commissioners want to demolish the building because of cost and liability. Some Paulding residents would like to see it restored and the building put on the Historic Register. So, the Commissioners have decided to advertise the building for sale for four weeks with the sealed bids being opened on February 13.

Kim Sutton (President of the John Paulding Historical Society) was present during a commissioner's meeting when Historic Restoration was named as a potential buyer. The building would hold their offices. Historic Restoration was involved in the restoration of the courthouse and Past Time Cafe. JPHS offered support and appreciation for Historic Restoration's interest in Paulding County.

"JPHS would like express their appreciation to the commissioners for listening to the outcry of the concerned citizens for trying to save a historic county structure," Kim Sutton stated.

"This jail represents our heritage, these historic structures need to be preserved at all reasonable costs," continues Sutton, "This building is not on the Historical Register but the Ohio Historic Preservation Office would be available to help make this possible."

Kim Sutton is the new incoming President of the John Paulding Historical Society, Les Weidenhamer is the Vice President.

What will happen to the old jail? The saga continues...

DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Divine Mercy Catholic School held their Spelling Bee on January 15, 2013. Kaleigh Thompson, daughter of Amy Thompson and Jason Thompson

WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Woodburn Lutheran School held its annual Spelling Bee on Friday, January 11th. Pictured here are runner-up, Natalie Schlatter and, the 2012 Spelling Bee Champion, Cody Bratten. Cody has now qualified to participate in the Allen County Spelling Bee in February.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Gun Control Isn't The Solution For Our Nation's Free Society

I feel that I can no longer stay silent on the path our President has decided to take our great nation. I am a law-abiding United States citizen just like the readers of this newspaper. I have bought and sold many firearms in my lifetime, some are the same weapons President Obama has decided that our nation's law-abiding citizens should no longer have the right to purchase. I agree with him on one thing, that our country's hunters don't need a 30 round clip to kill a deer. However, I am 100% against the banning of such magazine or the weapon that fires it. Our founding fathers, while drafting the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, had a strong reason for making the right to keep and bear arms the Second Amendment. I have heard the other side say how George Washington didn't foresee a weapon that could hold 30 bullets; however, Washington did find it necessary to use cannons that could kill several people without any real form of accuracy. The Second Amendment wasn't designed with the idea of protecting hunters and sportsman. It was designed as the final checks and balances to keep a free society, in case the government started to impose unjust laws or taxes on its people. So that the people

had the same right to own the weapons that it would be against if the government became too corrupt. This conclusion was reached by the same principles that they developed the three branches of government: executive, legislative, and judicial which was designed so that no one person had too much power. Thus I would conclude that if there were such weapons, our founding fathers would be in line at the local gun store or the gun shows that our left wing officials and news media have demonized in the news as an unsafe and illegal way to sell firearms to criminals.

During this past summer we had a massive power outage that left many of us in the dark for an entire week. I felt safe knowing that my property and my neighbor's property were protected by America's first line of defense—its armed citizens. The fact is that our legislature is sending massive numbers of the fully automatic assault rifles and the high capacity magazines to countries like Libya, Iraq, Afghanistan, Egypt, and Sudan. (Please note that I said fully automatic, not the semi-automatic civilian version that the President is talking about). The difference is the rate of fire, the fully automatic weapon can fire an entire magazine with one trigger pull but the semi-auto weapon has to be fired one round at a time. The reason they have to send these weapons to those countries is because their people don't have the second amendment to protect their rights to own firearms and the governments are corrupt and oppressing its own people. I, along with all of the country, feel for the families of the Sandy Hook shooting, but the real issue is our broken mental health system not the weapons that were used to carry out the attack. I can imagine the idea of having an armed staff member or officer in schools, because creating these soft targets for crazy people or terrorist to hit is a terrible idea. Please do your part to protect America's freedom, join the NRA, donate to the Second Amendment Foundation, and call your elected officials to express your fear of Obama's gun control executive orders.

Without the Second Amendment our government has nothing to fear if it becomes corrupt. The government can start to pick off our rights one at a time until we have nothing left but a big tax bill at the end of the year. For those who think I am blowing

things out of proportion, try to smoke in a public building, try to go through airport security, or the right to decide how to handle your medical expenses. I urge everyone to exercise their Second Amendment right and buy your guns now before it is too late.

—Chad Benschneider,
Payne, Ohio



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Ron Eschbach, Bank President. Ron has been at the bank since 1984 and became bank president in August of 1998. Joe is the longest serving of the board members.

Ron Eschbach stated, "In the long run it will allow us to grow and offer products and services as they come along and remain independent as we take care of our customers out of this location." The building footprint itself is changing not only the inside office, teller stations and other rooms; but the tellers will now be able to see both the front and the drive-up windows without having to walk between rooms, allowing them to be more efficient with customers.

A backup power generator will also be added to better serve banking and community needs. Then even when disasters like June 29, 2012 strike, the bank will be up and running. Updates such as this will add value to the facility that isn't really noticed until there is a major problem.

The board is being very economical with the current furnishings that are to be replaced with the renovation. Ron says the bank is not throwing it away, but is all being donated to the community. Some to Payne others to the Village of Antwerp, including the large solid wood boardroom table that will don the new village offices at the Depot on West River St.

McDonald Design & Build from Defiance is handling the renovation project. This company also built the original structure back in 1977. Local subcontractors used in this venture include Friends Flooring and Hormann's Heating & Cooling. The entire project is expected to be finished by mid-March 2013.

Antwerp Exchange Bank has offices in Antwerp, Payne and Harlan.

WT GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY 2nd NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR

- ALL A's:**
1A - Citlali Aguilar, Libby Meraz, Kyle Stoller, Laryssa Whitman
1B - Kaden Landwehr, Nathaniel Wappelhorst
2A - Kaden Colley, Allyssa Crutchfield, Ava Dougal, Hannah Maenle, Anna Miller, Josh Shelton
2B - Makenna Elliott, Cole Fisher, Elise Miller, Rylee Miller, Ayana Rowe, Brayden Sherry, Ezra Sinn, Sydnee Sinn, Blake Stoller, Kara Stoller, Laura Thornell
3A - Haylee Finrock, Faith Meraz, Tatum Tigner, Lauren Walls
3B - Brayson Parrish, Claudia Sinn, Trevor Sinn, Eli Spinner, Abbie Stoller,

- Rachel Stoller
4th - Julie Sinn, Tiffany Sinn, Katie Stoller, Katrina Stoller, Natalie Wappelhorst
5A - Reid Miller
5B - Madison Elston, Andrew Sinn, Miriam Sinn
6th - Sadie Sinn, Trae Sinn, Ellie Stoller
ALL A's & B's:
1A - Harley Halliwill, Cassidy Lewis, Caleb Mosier, Taylor Sherry, Evan Walls, Nolan Walls
1B - Tucker Antoine, Kyla Hurd, Olivia Longstreth, Hayden Manson, Logan Miller, Trista Woodin
2A - Madison Elliott, Matthew Kline, Olivia Logan, Kristin McDonald, Abby Moore, Eli Rickard, Brielle Sheets
2B - Brice Carnahan, Corbin Delgado, Macy Doster, Brooklynn Elston, Ariel Landwehr
3A - Alexa Campbell, Richie Dunno, Logan Hale, Brody Hershberger, Jakob Landwehr, Alivia Miller, Allen Minck, Karlie Simindinger
3B - Orion Elick, Madison Farquhar, Faith Maynard, Cameron Sinn, Nathan Sinn, Tyler Sinn
4th - Natalie Bostelman, Cara Davis, Alena Denny, Lyrisa Hammons, Devin Nickols, Isaiah Rittenhouse, Wyatt Shelton, Lydia Whitman
5A - Jacob Hull, Amanda Wharry
5B - Lily Baksa, Worth Clark, Mason Elliott, Fred Hoagland, Breanna Huffine, Kirsten Lewis, Ashlynn Parrish, Claire Sinn
6th - Olivia Egnor, Noah Hasch, Bryan Hofmann, Derek Myers, Austin Reed, Annie Tope, Nathan Wappelhorst, Emily Williams

- ALL B's:**
3B - Mechial Mullins, Landyn Whitman
4th - Cassidy Campbell, Bailey Kamphaus
5A - Nathaniel Showalter
5B - Nick Bostelman
6th - Rachel Kroeger

PAULDING WRESTLERS TAKE DOWN ADA & SPENCERVILLE IN TRI-MATCH

Paulding HS wrestlers competed January 17th against Ada and Spencer-ville in a tri-match. Paulding was prepared for some tough competition. They are preparing hard for the upcoming conference and state duals. And this match was just what they needed.

- Paulding 70, Ada 10:**
106 - Seals (P) wins by void
113 - Minck (P) wins by void
120 - Salinas (P) wins by void
126 - Foster (P) wins by void
132 - Deatrick (P) pinned Rockhill (A) :54
138 - Wesley (P) pinned Higgins (A) 1:18
145 - Mock (P) win by void
152 - Hanna (A) win Maj Dec 15-1 over Nichols (P)
160 - Windal (A) pinned Jarell (P) 1:46
170 - Deatrick (P) pinned Beach (A) 3:17
182 - Schindler (P) pinned Allen (A) :50
195 - Valdez (P) Maj Dec Woodlan (A) 13-5
220 - Ash (P) pinned Pittney (A) 1:45
285 - Manz (P) pinned Beckwith (A) 1:01
Paulding 60, Spencer-



Pete (Russell) and Nellie Beerbower were honored Sunday, January 13 for their 50 years of service. They helped start the Antwerp Church of Christ, now known as Riverside Christian Church which meets at the corner of 192 and SR 49 north of Antwerp. Kevin Smith, previously of Antwerp, honored the couple along with Sam & Kay Steiner, Regan Clem and Bryce and Angel Steiner. The Beerbowers were taken completely by surprise at the special event of recognition for all their years of dedicated service.

- ville 18:**
106 - Seals (P) wins by void
113 - Minck (P) pinned King (S) 1:36
120 - Foster (P) wins by void
126 - Deatrick (P) pinned Smith (S) 1:06
132 - Wesley (P) Dec Bockey (S) 3-2
138 - Binkley (S) pinned Mock (P)
145 - Bellows (S) win by void
152 - Nichols (P) pinned Brown (S) 1:58
160 - Jarell (P) pinned Sawmiller (S) 1:30
170 - Deatrick (P) win by void
182 - Valdez (P) win by void
195 - Schindler (P) pinned Burnett (S) 1:15
220 - Ash (P) Dec. Krouskoup (S) 3-2
285 - Dues (S) pinned Manz (P) 1:12
Coach Neilson was definitely proud of his team, "I think that's one of the things that have made the kids so successful this year is that they are coach-able. After matches we analyze

mistakes, go back to the room and the kids are intentional about correcting them. We don't just go back the next day and do what we have always done. These kids want to be better. They want to be better than they were yesterday and they are working to do that. They are learning and improving everyday through losses and victories."

ANTWERP JH WRESTLERS COMPETE AT PILOT INVITE

The Antwerp Junior High Wrestlers competed in the Pilot Invitational at Ayersville on January 12, 2013. 1 of the 3 Archer wrestlers competing was able to place in the top 4. Logan Shaner earned a 2nd place finish in the 104 pound weight class. So far this year, Shaner has amassed a 18-3 record and placed 1st or 2nd in all of the tournaments he competed in this year.

The West Bend News website has many pictures of area events. Be sure to visit www.westbendnews.net

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A NEW HAVEN LEGACY BUSINESS: BELL'S SKATING RINK



By: Beth Stauffer

On Monday afternoon, I was just at my doctor's office way out towards the airport off Paulding Road when my nurse spotted my official New Haven Bulletin.Com press pass.

"Oh, where have you been? Or where are you going?" my nurse asked me, pointing at my press pass.

"I was just at Bell's Skating Rink in New Haven," I told her. "I'm writing a story about how the rink has been in the Dunlap family since 1926."

Her face lit up. "I practically grew up there!" she said excitedly. "My parents actually met and fell in love there! Without Bell's, I wouldn't be here," she added with a smile.

This random interaction revealed to me just how intricately Bell's Roller Skating Rink is woven into the fabric of not just the New Haven community, but the entire surrounding area as well. Baseball may well be considered America's pastime, but I'm pretty certain that a lot more people have fallen in love while roller skating than while playing baseball. That includes my own grandparents, Alonzo and Catherine Bricker, who met at an open skate in Indianapolis shortly before my Grandfather went off to World War II.

The current location of Bell's Skating Rink, however, has a storied history that goes back even before the start of World War I. Back then, in 1913, Bell's Skating Rink was an open air dance pavilion called "The Cuckoo's Dance Hall". Cuckoo's was in operation until 1926 when Bell's skating rink opened. Joe and Anna Bell, Italian immigrants, owned and operated

the rink for many years until Joe's death.

During those years, according to John Dunlap, who currently owns Bell's and is Joe and Anna's great-nephew, the roller skates back then were something like what you might expect to see in a Flintstones cartoon. The skates strapped directly onto a skater's shoes, and a key was used to lock them in place. The wheels looked like stones, and if they were to break, said Dunlap, it was almost as if they exploded. Skates have evolved dramatically over the years, Dunlap told me, from the Flintstone-esque skates of days gone by to the current day in-line skates that have nylon wheels that resemble ice skates.

Another thing that has changed over the years is the dress code at Bell's Skating Rink. While these days the kids usually wear jeans and t-shirt to skate in, back in the days of Joe and Anna Bell, Bell's Skating Rink actually had a dress code: the gentlemen had to wear collared shirts and slacks while skating, and the ladies had to wear skirts that fell below the knees and blouses.

Of course, the music was different back then, too. Back in the days of dress codes and Flintstone skates, Bell's Skating Rink didn't have a live DJ during open skate; it actually had an organ with brass pipes and big tubes. An organist would play live music for the skaters back then as opposed to the music on CD's that are played these days.

"My Dad sold that organ for \$800. I wish we still had it, it'd be worth a fortune!" said John Dunlap with a laugh, recalling the Bell's Skating Rink

pipe organ from days of old.

When John Dunlap was in the 6th grade, his father took over ownership of Bell's from Anna Bell after the passing of Joe Bell. After serving in the Vietnam war, John returned home and was planning to head to Indianapolis to take his exam to enter the Indiana State Police Academy when his father told him he wanted John to take over the operations of the skating rink. "My Dad thought it would be safer for me than joining the State Police," said Dunlap. "He said, 'I'll give you three days to give me answer or I'm putting it up for sale.' I had just married my wife, Judy, so I thought I'd better talk it over with her first," Dunlap reminisced with a laugh, adding, "and, here I am."

From hearing Dunlap's stories, it doesn't seem like he has too many regrets about not joining the Indiana State Police. "It's been a good business, and we've met a lot of interesting people. I mean, I've seen generations pass through here! I realize how old I am when I see four generations come through and kids tell me, 'My grandparents met here!' I often feel like Santa Claus when I go to the mall because I'll hear people say, 'Hey, that's John! He's from the Skating Rink!'" said Dunlap. He went on to add, "I love it in the summer when I get people in their late 80's and early 90's who stop and say 'Me and my wife met here during the depression. Can we come in and see the place?' They take a look around and say, 'It doesn't look anything like it used to!'"

These days, John is joined at the skating rink by his son, Eric Dunlap, just like he once joined his own father in the ownership of Bell's. Eric in many ways grew up at Bell's, and remembers getting to go to the rink with his Dad when his mother, Judy, would have to go to work. "My Dad would give me a handful of quarters and I'd play the pinball machine for hours," Eric Dunlap told me with a smile. "It was a kid's dream! Almost 40 years later, I'm still here. Hopefully the good Lord will provide me with another 40 years in this place."

Both John and Eric are hopeful that Eric will one day take over the ownership of Bell's, keeping the oldest continuously operating skating rink in the state of Indiana in the Dunlap family for yet another generation. "New Haven has been real good to us. It's always busy down here 24/7; this place is almost like a truck stop anymore," said John Dunlap with pride.

No doubt that the Dunlap family's commitment to giving back to the community, especially to the children of New Haven, and its emphasis on providing a safe, family-friendly environment is a key to its long term success.

This is the third of four stories on Legacy Businesses located in New Haven, Indiana. Do you have a story you'd like to be told? E-mail us at newhavenbulletin@gmail.com

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GENEALOGY SOCIETY ANNOUNCES PROGRAMS FOR 2013

The Defiance County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society is announcing a variety of upcoming

programs for the year 2013. The first meeting on Monday, January 28, will feature genealogist Gladys Donson speaking on her research about our local veterans of the War of 1812. On February 25, Joanne Allison will be giving a Power Point presentation about her recent heritage trip to Germany. Historian Dave Bennett will be speaking on March 25, about timbering in Northwest Ohio, and on April 22, Dan Hasch will be giving a Power Point presentation about the history of the village of Sherwood.

Meetings are held at St. John United Church of Christ, 950 Webster St., Defiance, at 7:00 p.m. The church is located on the northeastern corner of the Defiance College campus. Entry is on the north side of the church adjacent to the college gymnasium parking lot. Visitors are welcome and do not have to be members to attend.

2013 membership dues are being accepted. The membership form must be completed for each dues-paying family member and can be obtained from Defiance Co. Chapter OGS, P.O. Box 7006, Defiance, OH 43512 or printed from the chapter website at www.defiancecountygenealogy.org. If you have ever wondered about your family heritage, consider joining the society to get information needed to start your family genealogy search. You will be surprised how much information can be found. As a member, you will receive the quarterly newsletter which will keep you updated on new resources and links to websites. Genealogy is a wonderful hobby for adults and children to work on together.

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2nd NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR

THIRD GRADE:
All A's - Zachary Jones, Alex Lehman, Gaige McMichael, Megan O'Donnell, Bradley Shroades, Emma Shuherk, Ilse Zijlstra
A's & B's - Alex Ade, Mia Altimus, Kristine Boylan, Reece Buerkle, Astianna Coppes, Kate Farr, Summer Franklin, Tucker Franklin, Breanna Fulk, Jaidis Getrost, Hailey Grant, Brady Hatlevig, Grace Jones, Morgan Kniceley, Luke Krouse, Jagger Landers, Landon Lee, Emerson Litzenberg, Zachary Lockhart, Cade Lothamer, Skyler McCabe, Shaelin McCrea, Luke McDorman, Jonathan Meyer, Faith Nes-

'COOL' READING IN ANTWERP SCHOOL LIBRARY!



Mrs. Heather Barnhouse, Antwerp Elementary library aide, constructed this nearly six-foot-tall milk jug igloo that is on display in the school district library. Mrs. Barnhouse found the idea online but expanded it to make the igloo even larger than planned. Before Christmas break, students and school employees donated nearly 600 milk jugs for the project. Mrs. Barnhouse, her son Ashton, and Madison Ruen (all pictured above), as well as Mrs.

Barnhouse's husband Toby, then spent over 16 hours hot gluing the jugs together. Over the next few weeks, elementary classes will enjoy reading inside the igloo, where an entire class can sit at one time and see the colorful array of milk jug caps. Over the next few weeks while the igloo is in the library, Mrs. Barnhouse will be teaching students about Arctic locations, weather, people, and animals. Reading really is "cool" in this amazing milk jug igloo.

tleroad, Kaden Phares, Jared Phillips, Allison Reinhart, Grace Schuette, Lauren Schuller, Mason Steel, Kennedy Trabel, Taylor Tuto, Austin Wade, Hayden Wagner, Trinity Wieland

FOURTH GRADE:
All A's - Rylan Brooks, Carmen Cruz, Kadi Donat, Aaron Hawley, Austin Lichty, Katie Oberlin, Molly Reinhardt, Madison Ruen, Emily Sanders, Grace Tuttle

A's & B's - Mady Bauer, Morgan Boesch, Heaven Bruce, Johnathon Buehner, Jordan Buerkle, Lydia Butzin, Chase Clark, Maycee Contreraz, Halie Davison, Mallory Ehrhart, Jason Geyer, Hunter Grant, Dylan Hines, Makenna Jones, Alicia Maag, Logan McKeever, Caleb Miller, Laura Miller,

Eli Molitor, Siera Octaviano, Eric Thornell, Joshua Timbrook

FIFTH GRADE:
All A's - Madison Boesch, Aleyah Cline, Alyssa Fuller, Adison Hindenlang, Nicole Kashner, Garrett Laney, Chloe Saul, Blake Schuette, Elyse Steury, Melanie Wann

A's & B's - Sayge Bonifas, Karsyn Brumett, Allisen Cooper, Alyvia DeVore, Boston Dunderman, Chase Friend, Izik Garrett, Carlie Hanes, Codee Hathaway, Jayvin Landers, Mallory Mansfield, Nicholas McCrery, Kendyl Miller, Sydney Miller, Randall Mills, Ashton Minck, Heather Oberlin, Hannah Rettig, Holly Sanders, Julia Steiner, Timmy Taylor, Kenzie Timbrook, Emma Zielke

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PAULDING CRACKS CRESTVIEW'S DOMINANCE



Shown in the picture is Steven Strayer scoring for the Panthers.

The Knights won the tip-off and scored the first basket in the boys game Friday, January 18. Soon they were ahead 8-2. That was the largest difference in scores at any point of the game. The first quarter ended with Paulding in the lead 12-8. Crestview had only lost one game prior to this match.

The Panthers had a tremendous game making most of their free-throw shots giving them the victory. The third quarter finished in the Knights favor 31-32. Paulding rallied in the fourth quarter with the last minute lasting

nearly 10 minutes with all the timeouts and fouls by the desperate Crestview basketball team. Paulding finished the game with an incredible 47-44 victory, showing that Paulding can take on top teams and perform with the best. After this game the Panthers' record was 10-3. It was also Paulding's second best attendance for the year.

Foor, Kauser, Strayer and the rest all had a great game! Paulding is now has a 10-3 record.

More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

ANTWERP HS GRADUATE ACCEPTED INTO JOURNEY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Twenty-one new professionals from youth serving organizations from across Indiana have been selected for the 2013 Journey Fellowship for New Professionals.

In response to a growing need to grow the pool of talented new professionals in the field of youth work, this Journey Fellowship was created in 2010 and funded by the Lilly Endowment Inc.

The Journey Fellows for New Professionals will embark on an expedition to de-

velop themselves and their careers in youth development. This unique opportunity is meant to support emerging leaders in their quest to get grounded, get connected and get going; making their mark in the field and making a difference in young people's lives throughout Indiana.

"This Fellowship is about keeping these young youth workers in the field of youth development and helping them become the new leaders in the field to improve services and programs for young people," says Tom Plake, Journey Leader.

Each of the twenty participants in the Journey Fellowship for New Professionals will attend a series of residential retreats designed to create new ways of thinking about and practicing youth work within existing systems and youth programs. Fellowship participants will be awarded career advancement scholarships, and be supported to make a difference within their local organizations or communities.

"We know that youth workers play a vital role in the lives of young people. It has been documented in dozens of ways that youth who enjoy positive relationship with adults over time do better in life," explains Janet Wakefield, Journey Leader. "We also know that many people enter the profession because they 'want to make a difference' and they enjoy building positive relationships with young people. The Journey Fellowship for New Professionals provides Indiana's youth workers greater opportunities to strengthen themselves as leaders and invest in their careers serving the young people of Indiana."

WAYNE TRACE JH WRESTLERS 3rd AT WAUSEON

The Raider Jr. High wrestling team traveled to Wauseon last Saturday to compete in Wauseon's Wrestling Invitational. 12 teams participated in this stout tournament. The Raiders would battle hard the entire day and eventually place third as a team behind runner up Wauseon and champion Defiance.

The red, white, and blue would place nine wrestlers on the day with the only champion being Brandon Decker. Ironically, Wayne Trace would dominate this weight class as the finals match would find two Raider's battling each other. Braxton Asher would be the runner up at 205.

The Jr. High wrestling team will compete next Saturday at Edgerton in the GMC tournament.

Individual placers for the Raiders:

- 92 - Rassman 2nd; 106 - Showalter 4th; 116 - Goeltzenleuchter 2nd; 122 - Laney 2nd; 128 - Schultz 3rd; 134 - Baumle 4th; 205 - Decker 1st; 205 - Asher 2nd; HWY - Stabler 3rd

ANTWERP HS WRESTLERS COMPETE IN SPARTAN INVITE

The Antwerp Archer High School Wrestling Team recently competed in the Spartan Invitational at Lima Senior High School on January 12, 2013. 5 wrestlers com-

peted and 3 were able place in the top 8 of their respective weight classes. Freshman Justice Clark went 3-2 on the day to earn a 7th place finish at 145 pounds. Junior Colton Hall won 2 matches and lost 3 on his way to a 6th place finish at 152 pounds. Sophomore 285 pounder Jarett Bute went 3-2 on the day to finish in 7th place.

Be sure to catch the Archer wrestlers at their last home meet on January 29, 2013. They will continue to prepare to compete at the sectional tournament.

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING CLUB BIDDY TOURNAMENTS

Sunday, January 13th, WTWC competed in their first biddy tournament of the season at Montpelier High School. Placing 1st for WT: Eli Ames, and Kameron Bevis. 2nd place: Kamryn Sutton, and Gabe Sutton. Placing 3rd: Asa Ames, Logan Vance, Devin Huffine, and Nick Barnett.

Sunday, January 20th, WTWC competed at the Blue and White biddy tournament in Napoleon. Placing 1st: Gabe Sutton, Salvador Gomez, and Landon Foltz. Coming in 2nd: Brendon Bidlack, and Ty Tinline. 3rd place: Kamyryn Sutton, and Devin Huffine.

Sunday, January 20th, five members of the WTWC competed at the OAC Grade School Districts in Oregon, OH. Asa Ames, Eli Ames, Jarrett Hornish, Dakota Schaffer, and Kameron Bevis wrestled for a chance to advance to the Grade School State Wrestling tournament in March. Hornish and Schaffer both placed 3rd, A Ames is an alternate placing 5th, and E Ames is also an alternate placing 6th for WT.

ANTWERP CLUB WRESTLES AT NAPOLEON

The Antwerp Archer Wrestling Club recently wrestled in the Blue and Black Wrestling Tournament at Napoleon High School on January 20, 2013. Of the 11 wrestlers competing, 9 placed in the top 3 of their respective weight classes. Placing 3rd were Corbin (CJ) Eaton, Jarrod Traxler, Luke McKeever, Alex Zijlstra, and Avin Johnson. Finishing in the runner-up spot were Kamren Johnson, Kaden Phares, and Logan McKeever. The lone champion for the Archers was Eli Reinhart.

If you would like to join wrestling, please stop by our new facility located at the Manor House on Archer Drive. Practices run on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:00-6:15.

RAIDER JR. HIGH WRESTLERS 3rd AT AYERSVILLE

On January 12th, the Wayne Trace Jr. High wrestling team traveled to Defiance County to compete against ten other teams. In the early rounds, five teams would battle and trade top team honors several times. As the day wore on and the wrestling intensified, three teams would begin to distance themselves from the remainder. Edgerton, Tinora, and Wayne Trace would find themselves vying for the top spot and that would not be determined until the

BULLDOGS WIN AGAINST NORWELL



Senior V.J. Beachem dunks the ball at the game Saturday night against Norwell. Picture by Amanda Fendel.

It was a beautiful day Saturday, January 19 when New Haven took on Norwell at home. The NH JV team won by a close 46-42 margin.

The varsity game started off shortly after finishing JV.

From *New Haven Bulletin* by Greg Jones: At one key moment in the fourth quarter of New Haven's 77-72 win over Norwell on Saturday, senior standout V.J. Beachem got a loose ball tipped to him right under the Bulldogs' basket.

Then the Notre Dame recruit went to work, rising up above everybody else and putting down an impressive one-handed dunk to help keep the Knights from getting any closer on the score-

board or even in the race for momentum.

It was just two of Beachem's game-high 27 points, but it showed exactly how much he has grown since he was a skinny Harding freshman.

The 6-foot-7 forward had 11 points in the fourth, showing a clutch performance once again.

"He is maturing," New Haven coach Al Gooden said. "We keep beating it into him, and he gets it. He is a smart kid, and he knows the game."

"Remember him as a freshman and sophomore, he is growing."

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last match was completed. Tinora with 154 points would surpass Edgerton by a mere four points to be the tournament's champion. Wayne Trace would finish a close third scoring 140 points.

Individually, the Raiders would place nine wrestlers in the top four on the day. Not placing, but contributing to the team points on the day were Dylan Jackson, Clayson Brown, and Connor Baumle. Finishing in fourth place was Rian James and Braxton Asher. Third place finishers were

Hunter Showalter and Brendan Decker. Caleb Schultz and Brandon Laney would wrestle in the championship match, but fall short and place second. The red, white, and blue would crown three individual champions: Max Rassman, Ruger Goeltzenleuchter, and Quinton Stabler.

"Overall, as a team, we wrestled well today. Everyone is improving. This team is young and has a lot of first year wrestlers, but we are getting better," stated Coach Jason Rassman.

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THE RAIDERS SHOOT DOWN THE PILOTS



The Wayne Trace boys basketball team took on Ayersville at the Palace Thursday, January 17, 2013. The Raiders took an early lead and very quickly Ayersville caught up and nearly tied the game. The halftime score was 24-20 with Wayne Trace slightly ahead.

The second half of the game all went to the home team. Wayne Trace came out and shut down the Pilots with a final score 58 to 35. Shown above is Grady Gudakunst scoring for the Raiders. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

LADY WARRIORS PULL OFF FOURTH QUARTER WIN



Haley Hostetler scores for Woodlan in the 4th quarter.

Woodlan took on South Adams at home Saturday evening, January 19. The Lady Warriors took an early lead in the first quarter, finishing 12-8 and then the half at 27-18. For the ladies, they didn't score the second half like the first. It was a struggle to stay ahead of the Starfires who outscored Woodlan 14-8 nearly tying the match 35-32 in the by the end of the third.

The Lady Warriors was able to earn their keep in the 4th quarter in foul shots, 14 of 17 altogether made from the line, giving Woodlan a 46-37 victory in basketball. Both Gerbers and Ehle scored 3 point shots. Points by player: Williams 1, Franklin 2, Gerbers 9, Hostetler 13, Malfait 11, Ehle 10

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LADY WARRIORS FROZEN OUT BY CADETS

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan went ice cold in the third quarter, getting outscored 21-1 in the third period and 43-10 in the second half as the Lady Warriors fell to Concordia 71-39 in girls basketball. The Warriors led 12-10 after the first quarter and were tied with the Lady Cadets 28-28 at the half. Concordia scored the first 20 points of the third period and Woodlan got a single point on a free throw by Jaryn Malfait in the period. Concordia continued building their lead in the final stanza with Woodlan unable to get on the board until hitting a field goal at the 4:23 mark of the quarter. Lauren Ehle led Woodlan with 12 points. Concordia won the reserve game 37-25 and Kendra Graber had 16 points for the Warriors.

Score by the quarter:
 Concordia - 10 18 21 22=71
 Woodlan - 12 16 1 10=39
 Scorers of the game:
 Concordia - Smith 13, Young 11, Hahn 11, Dixie 10, Kammeyer 8, Sparks 8, Germann 4, Adair 4, Speckhard 2
 Woodlan - Ehle 12, Malfait 11, Gerbers 8, Salzbrenner 4, Hostetler 2, Franklin 2

PANTHERS POST WIN OVER WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott

Lakewood Park jumped ahead of Woodlan in the first quarter and the Panthers went on to post a 67-57 win over the Warriors in boys' basketball. Lakewood Park led 20-11 at the end of first quarter. Woodlan cut the deficit in the third period by outscoring the Panthers 22-12, but Lakewood Park regained the advantage in the final stanza by outscoring the guests 18-9. Kadin Gerig led the scoring for Woodlan with 21 points.

Score by the quarter:
 Woodlan - 11 15 22 9=57
 Lakewood Park - 20 17 12 18=67
 Scorers of the game:
 Woodlan - Gerig 21, Bennett 14, White 7, McGettigan 6, Williams 6, Burden 3

Lakewood Park - Crosby 27, Mann 17, Gerke 9, Davidson 6, Neely 3, Hathaway 3, Troyer 2

VAN BUREN INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Wayne Trace participated in the 35th annual Van Buren Wrestling Invitational this past Friday and Saturday. The two-day tournament had 23 teams competing for top place honors. The Raider wrestling team had never won this tournament, but would be one of the top contenders this year.

After three rounds of wrestling on Friday evening, Wayne Trace's first goal had been met. Not one wrestler had suffered two losses, and all wrestlers remained alive to wrestle on Saturday. Finishing perfect on Friday evening, Clemens, Miller, Showalter, and Temple advanced into the championship rounds on Saturday as the remainder of the team would be battling in the consolation rounds.

Carey would sit atop the team standings ahead of Wayne Trace by 12 points. Hopewell Loudon and Riverdale would be in third and fourth place. Wayne Trace would lose two wrestlers from the championship round, but would Clemens and Showalter would pick up wins ensuring them a championship match. Taylor, Miller, Temple, and Pierce would fight back through the consi's and wrestle for valuable placement points in the finals round.

The team race would heat up as both Carey and Wayne Trace had six wrestlers each in the finals. For the Raiders, Taylor would pick up a 5th place finish, and Justin Pierce would add a 4th place finish for the Raiders. Both Miller and Temple would battle back and pick up third place finishes.

Clemens (106) would battle Keysor from Columbus Grove in the championship match. Clemens would dominate the match from beginning to end against last year's district qualifier. Scoring a major decision of 14-5, Clemens added bonus points to the team score.

Showalter (138) would be Wayne Trace's last wrestler to be vying for a VBI championship title. He would be wrestling head to head with number one seeded Higgins from Carey. Showalter would start a little slower trading take downs and reversals. Eventually, he would pick up the pace, and Higgins had no answer losing to 13-7.

Wayne Trace's ultimate goal was realized when Carey was announced as the runners up and the team knew they were team champions. The team outcome was decided in the finals matches with Carey only picking up one win and Wayne Trace winning five of six. "I knew we had a decent shot. We knew it was going to be to the wire, but we felt good about our chances. Every wrestler picked up a win today and most of the boys battled back to wins after a loss and that's what it takes," commented Coach Dennis Stabler.

"Wayne Trace has never won this tournament and have only ever had two champions. Today we matched that with Clemens

ANTWERP BOYS BASKETBALL LAST MINUTE VICTORY



Antwerp took on Holgate on January 17 2013 at the home court. The Tigers are a unique team in the way they play. Their style is a slow game, making sure they hold the ball and make most of the baskets when attempted. The game was close from the beginning. The fourth quarter started with the Archers up but with one minute left in the match Antwerp was down by two. With nearly 58 sec-

onds left in the game Derek Smalley (shown above) scored a 3-point basket putting the Archers at 1 point over at 27-26. The Tigers had the ball and lost it to Antwerp ending up scoring two free-throws and another layup, both by Smalley. The Archers took the 31-26 victory in the low-scoring game.

More pictures at www.archerpics.com

and Showalter taking first. I am very satisfied with the performance my wrestlers gave this weekend. I think we only lost a couple of matches we shouldn't have. Had six make it to the finals and two were only one win away. Most people forget how young we are. This team is gaining confidence and has not realized it's potential yet, stated Coach George Clemens.

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OLD DAN & I CHAPTER 22: I'VE BEEN HIT, I'VE BEEN HIT!

By: Stan Jordan

"This is Blue Jay 2 and I've been hit, I've been hit."

"Blue Jay 2, how bad? Can you still fly? Do you have power?"

"Well, I guess it is my right leg below the knee. It is burning like hell. But it seems that my ship is okay. I've checked all my gauges and all seem okay. Whatever it is, it seems to have come through the right side of the plane into my shin bone and it is very hot. But it must be only my right leg as the left leg is alright. Gosh, I don't know fellows my right leg in numb, that's all I know."

Dan said, "That is good news as we are still on course to get back to Aachen."

"Let's get out of here! Lt. Hornish, you stay right here with Joe and we will fall back and protect our rear. Joe, don't make any changes, let's think this out."

"Well Dan, I don't want to lose this plane. I don't want to eject. I want to keep this ship."

Dan said, "Okay, okay. We will do all we can to get you back home. First, can you use your right foot to operate the rudder?"

"No, I can't, but it don't burn anymore. I don't seem to even have any feeling in my right foot at all. But all else works and we are still on course for home."

Dan said, "The least change in altitude, speed or any movement is better for us. As I understand Joe cannot move his rudder to the right, but all else is okay. If we can just hold this course for a couple hundred miles we can line up for the airstrip at Aachen. Thank goodness there is no wind at all, we don't have to worry about wind drift."

"Joe, are you alright? Don't go to sleep or pass out! Are you okay? Talk to me!"

Joe replied, "It would be easier to go to sleep than to stay awake, but I will make

it."

Dan said, "We have already covered about 100 miles and, by golly, we are going to make it home." We tore through the blue sky still at 350 per, Joe in the lead and us behind and darn nervous. Joe is staying right on course very well with not much deviations of any kinds.

The Rhine Valley down below looks so quiet and peaceful and we are sitting on eggshells. We can't afford to have Joe's plane drift any at all to his left because we can't get him back on course again.

Dan said, "Let's try it this way. Joe, see if you can put us on a down angle of five percent. Now no sudden moves. Yes, good, that is about right. Now, slowly reduce our speed to about 200 mph. Yes, good, we are still straight and true on course. Now, I am going to call ahead. This is Blue Jay 1, this is Blue Jay 1, calling Aachen airbase tower."

"Come in Blue Jay 1."

"Tower, we are three P-51's and our lead plane has been hit and we have a wounded pilot but he thinks he cannot move his ship from left to right at all. Now this is what I would like for you to do. First, notify Blue Jay. Then please set your rescue squad at the far north end of the main runway. It will take that whole mile for this plane to get stopped, if we ever get it down. He cannot use his brakes because he can't use his right leg. We are against his using his left brake because he would make a ground loop. We have come so far, I don't want that to happen. Please keep this run way clear starting now. We are about 20 miles out and south of you and we are about 500 ft altitude. We are down to 150 mph. Thanks for everything, I am Blue Jay one, Out."

"Joe, Joe, are you with me? Talk to me Joe."

"Yes, I hear you Dan, but I am so tired, so tired."

"Joe, now listen to me. Can you see the runway right in front of you? Okay, line up for the middle of that runway and slow down to 130. Slide your canopy back a little. Maybe that cool air will help you stay awake, full flaps now."

"Okay Joe, drop down a little more, that is the runway. Okay, you are right at the end, please set your plane down Joe. You are doing fine. Just set it down."

"Fine Joe, fine. Now Joe, cut your engine. No sudden moves. We have almost

a mile to slow down. Please stay awake and save your plane. Lt. Hornish and I will go by and circle around and meet you later.

"Now if you can pull your canopy all the way back, and if you think you can, a little left brake. But very easy, no spins now. We are almost home. Oh, good boy just right. Let the ambulance come to you. Blue Jay 1 out."

When Lt. Meyers got hit on the Worms, Germany raid we knew it was a bad wound in his leg. He told us over the radio that his right leg was numb and he couldn't move it. We were about 300 miles away from our airfield Aachen, Germany. I am not a flyer and I know that in order for Lt. Meyers to fly his plane back to Aachen, he must use his right leg to move his plane from left to right and he couldn't do that.

So, I called one of Antwerp's commercial pilots, Dan Wetli. I caught him on his cell phone at the Fort Wayne, International waiting for a departure. I told him this whole story as much as I could because of the hush, hush business. I told him that we were on course to get back to Aachen. He told me that it is almost imperative that you use both legs in flying that plane.

He also told me, that if you have a good tight ship and you get it on the right course, maybe this ship will almost fly itself. If there is no wind or turbulence or sudden change, the plane might cruise right along. You just can't make any big changes of any kind.

He said, "Maybe that will work and you can get that plane down and home."

He also warned about using the brake when you are down. You can have a ground loop and mess up the whole landing.

I want to thank Dan Wetli for all his help. This part of the story turned out alright, but Lt. Meyers will lose that foot and will spend a lot of time in Walter Reed General Hospital, in Washington D.C. But that is another chapter.

See ya!

SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 49

By: Stan Jordan

We are still at the Loup River Tribe Village. All of the gardening is done and all of the seeds are up. Lt. Morgan and the engineer boys from Fort Kearney have put in some long days building that two span bridge over the Loup River, right here in the village. They have a mud sled, a dump scraper pulled by a team, some saws and shovel from the fort. The timbers are long and heavy, but the natives also help. This bridge will last for a long time—for two or three generations anyhow.

We are into August now. The general went back to the fort along with Rooster, the runner, a long time ago. We are eating some of the vegetables out of the tribe's garden. The Mess Sgt. went back to the fort some time ago with the Gen.

Rooster rode in today, that is quite a trip to make all in one day. I can tell all is not good in our nation from Gen. Kearney's writing. He says that in the Kansas territory, to the south of us, the feel-

ings are very high. They even kill each other over the slave question. That whole area is like an armed camp. This is the fall of 1858. Rooster said that the General is all worked up because the War of 1812 wasn't long ago.

The battle with Santa Anna was just a few years ago. He said that the southern folks want to keep slaves and the leaders in Washington D.C. say that is illegal and war is inevitable.

Rooster said for the engineers to finish the bridge as soon as possible and to return to the fort. We might not get back here for a while. Try to explain to their chief and shaman that we might not be able to help like we have been...

I haven't written for a long time. The boys finished the bridge at the Loup River Village, and then helped them get in their meat for the winter. The tribe had already gathered in all the garden produce.

The soldiers all returned to the fort except Slim, Hunter, and Farmer. We stopped at the Calamus River Village and helped them with their garden and getting their meat in for the winter.

We talked a lot with Chief Limping Buffalo and the shaman, Pony That Walks. Over the five years these people have learned a lot about the white man and we want them to continue to be friends with the whites. Those two leaders realize that the whites might have a battle among themselves. Something like a war between the tribes.

We returned to the agency and took in the vegetables and got in our meat supplies for winter.

We have now settled down for the cold weather as it is almost Thanksgiving in 1858.

Rooster, the runner from the fort, came in today. We are glad to see him and hear the news. But he doesn't bring in good news just rumblings between troubles of the states.

See ya!



Jack Daniels Fishing Story

I went fishing one morning but after a short time I ran out of worms. Then I saw a cottonmouth with a frog in his mouth. Frogs are good bass bait.

Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in his mouth I grabbed him right behind the head, took th frog, and put it in my bait bucket.

Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit.

So, I grabbed my bottle of Jack Daniels and poured a little whiskey in its mouth. His eyes rolled back, and he went limp.

I released him into the lake without incident and carried on fishing using the frog.

A little after, I felt a nudge on my foot. It was that snake... with two more frogs!

Stan's note: Sandra Wann sent me this dandy.

See ya!

BUY ONE GET ONE FREE

By: Stan Jordan

There is this sales pitch in the country to Buy One Get One Free. In my case, it was that they charged plenty for the first one and you needed to accept another one in order to get your money's worth!

This does help to raise the economy of said area. There is a state in the west that has this sales pitch of Marry A Lady Get One Free. Now, lots of people frown on she-nigans like this, but some people say business is business.

Let's say, you are a fair-minded fellow and you want to help the economy in your area and you do accept the attractive young maiden along with your new wife. Well, first you must go to the court house and get another marriage license. Then you must get a blood test for her and yourself. Yes, you just had a blood test, but the law says you need one for this marriage license. This buy one and get one free business does not work on legal documents.

Well, this new maiden is a well-bred young lady and she wants her own first-class wedding. Her father will not help with the finances for the wedding and our young man has to pay for the whole she-bang—church, flowers, dresses for the bridesmaids, and the food at the reception, and for the reception area. Our young man has mortgaged his small home to pay all these expenses.

His new wife wants her own bedroom and bath while the bungalow has one bedroom and bath. This new wife wants her own automobile. More expense for car insurance, life insurance, upkeep on the car, etc. When they built her new bedroom and bath, the carpenters had to extend the garage and driveway.

Our young friend is now \$71,000 in debt. The bank is on his back. The neighbors laugh at him. The two wives do not get along, and both

hate him. What a mess he has gotten into over the Buy One Get One free. Just to get something free, he is in a hopeless arrangement.

What is that terrible noise? A dinner bell like sound?! What in the world... grumble, grumble, grumble... Oh yes, it is that darn alarm clock! It is 6:05 a.m. and it wants me to get up.

Get up? Well, this then is only a dream! A lousy nightmare!

But our young man took a lesson on Buy One Get One Free. Then the young man said, "I'm glad I'm not married even once!"

See ya!

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LOCAL MAN TRAINS FOR IRON MAN



By: Beth Stauffer

It never ceases to amaze me how many interesting and inspiring people live and work in New Haven, IN. I was personally very inspired by the subject of today's story, Mr. Pat McCann. He showed remarkable discipline and commitment in working to achieve his goals, and I think you will be moved as I was by his story of perseverance and endurance.

Pat McCann is a Wabash native, the son of Jim and Christine McCann. As a young man, he played four years of basketball and track & field in high school. While in college, and later as a middle school teacher, McCann used running as de-stressor of sorts to unwind from the pressures of daily life. Eventually, McCann went on to run his first 5K races while living

in New York. Then, in 2006 he ran his first marathon, as well as a 50 mile trail race in Washington DC called The Bull Run 50.

"I realized at that point I'd always had a dream to do an Iron Man," said McCann of this time in his life after running his first marathon. In 2007, he participated in his half Iron Man competition in Benton Harbor, Michigan, but the end result was not what McCann had hoped for. Said McCann of the race, "I finished the half Iron Man but ended up having to go to the hospital afterwards. I was just drinking water and taking gels throughout the half iron man in 2007 and that just wasn't enough."

After this somewhat disappointing venture into the world of Iron Man competitions, McCann took a few years off from competitive racing. He spent four years in the US Army, serving a deployment in Iraq. While in the Army, McCann didn't have the time needed to dedicate to training, but in 2011 his deployment ended and he began a new kind of service: working for East Allen County Schools.

During this time, McCann's decade long dream of competing in a full Iron Man returned to the forefront of his mind. "Really, I was just wondering if it was even possible. I was wondering what kind of training would be involved," said McCann.

Signing up for an Iron Man competition is a lot different

than signing up for a local 5K Charity race. "You have to sign up a year in advance for the Florida Iron Man, and it sold out in 16 minutes," said McCann. "A couple weeks ago, the Ironman Arizona 2013 sold out in 40 seconds. These races are a hot item and you're laying down over \$600 just for an entry fee. It's a fairly large commitment upfront, and that's not taking into consideration the time it takes for training," he added.

A commitment to training is a huge part of making the decision to sign up for an Iron Man competition. According to McCann, "You have to spend between 15-25 hours a week in training. It really starts to build up about six months before the event, then it gets really intense about eight weeks prior to. You're training peaks then."

For McCann, who has been married to his wife Melissa for eight years and is the father of two young children, Nicholas who is 2 and Melody who is 1, finding time to fit in training was a challenge, especially when paired with his job as a School Improvement Specialist at Prince Chapman Academy. "It was a constant juggle between work, training, and helping with the kids," said McCann with a smile, adding, "It feels like that's all I've done the last year!"

Since an Iron Man competition is made up of three different components, McCann basically had to train for three different events: swimming, biking, and running. Locally, he spent time swimming at the Helen P. Brown Natatorium and Fox Island to prepare for the 2.4 mile swim in the ocean off of Panama City beach. McCann also spent time preparing for the 26.2 mile run and 112 mile bike loop.

Another key aspect in preparing for the Iron Man competition for McCann was getting his mind ready for the race. "The biggest part of training was mental. It was the ultimate experience. I tried to focus my mind on people who have been in triathlons, watching YouTube videos of people who have done them, tapping into what they know," said McCann, adding "It also helped that my wife is very awesome, very supportive."

Prior to the race in November, McCann headed to Florida with his parents, Jim and Christine, and his sister, Julie. On race day, the Iron Man competition began with the swimming component: twice around a 1.2 mile loop off of the Panama City Beach at 7:00 a.m. with a mass start of 3,000 competitors jumping into the ocean all at once. "As I was rounding the first corner of the buoys, I had to just tread water because it was so jam packed with swimmers on the route. The waves were 3 to 4 feet high. As I went out to the buoys and came back around, I saw the time clock and had to ask myself if I was really swimming that fast. I've never swam faster in my life. I finished the swim in an hour and fifteen minutes. That was my personal best," said McCann.

After completing the swim portion of the Iron Man, McCann grabbed his bike and set off on the 112 mile bike loop portion of the competition. "My one prayer request was not to have a flat tire. I think I saw about 12 flat tires out there and that's the only thing I didn't want: that or

a wreck. I had my fair share during training," said McCann. He went on to say, "I didn't really have any issues on the 112 mile bike loop. I felt good with the nutrition plan I chose. Overall, it was a very positive experience."

Next up, the 26.2 mile run. "I was ready to work a different set of muscles by the time my bike ride was over," said McCann. "My personal best 3:20 for 26.2 miles, but it can take up to 5 hours when combined with the other iron man components."

At the end of the day, McCann successfully completed the Florida Iron Man competition. "I was surrounded by world class athletes. People were there from Europe and all over the United States and even the world. You know these people work out all the time. I never really trained with anybody at all because I never had time to meet with people because I was focused on work or my children, so it was neat to see so many people who all had been doing the same thing as me," said McCann of his experience.

As for his plans to train for future competitive races, McCann is still undecided as to what he will do next. No matter what McCann chooses to do next, he will undoubtedly continue to be an outstanding role model for the young students he works with at Prince Chapman Academy about how to swim, bike, and/or chase down your dreams.

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SECRETARY OF STATE HUSTED: YEAR-END FILING FIGURES FOR NEW BUSINESSES INDICATE THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF GROWTH

Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that 88,068 new entities filed to do business in Ohio in 2012. These numbers are up compared to 2011, in which 82,601 new entities filed with the Secretary of State. 2012 marks the third year in a row in which the number of new business filings surpassed that of the year before.

WAYNE TRACE HS NAMES TEACHER OF THE QUARTER



Wayne Trace Jr/Sr students recently named Mrs. Anne Gerber as the "Teacher of the Quarter". Mrs. Gerber teaches Computer and Marketing classes as well as being the Yearbook Advisor. She resides outside Payne with her husband, Brian, and they have two

sons Zach and Jake. Mrs. Gerber received a \$25 Gas Card, compliments of N&N Quick Stop in Grover Hill, a gift certificate compliments of Paulding Subway, and a "Raider Pride, Pay Forward" T-Shirt in recognition of the award.

"Ohio is heading in the right direction," Secretary Husted said. "We should build upon these successes and continue to make our state the preferred location for entrepreneurs to grow their businesses and create jobs."

The number of new business filings for December 2012 surpassed those from 2011. In total, 6,975 new entities filed to do business in Ohio in December of last year, compared to 6,463 in December 2011.

Though the most visible role of the Secretary of State is that of chief elections officer, the office is also the first stop for individuals or companies who want to file and start a business in Ohio. While recognizing

these numbers can't provide a complete picture of Ohio's jobs climate, they are an important indicator of economic activity that Secretary Husted hopes will add to the discussion of how to improve the state's overall climate for business.

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

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Financial Focus by: Gabe Pollock, Edward Jones Advisor



It's not so easy being a college kid these days. The job market for recent graduates has been shaky while, at the same time, students are leaving school with more debt than ever before. If you have children who will someday be attending college, should you be worried?

You might indeed have cause for concern. Americans now owe more on student loans than on credit cards, according to the Federal Bank of New York, the U.S. Department of Education and other sources. For the college class of 2011, the most recent year for which figures are available, the average student loan debt was about \$26,500, according to the Institute for College Access and Success' Project on Student Debt.

This type of debt load, coupled with the struggles to find a well-paying job commensurate with their education, is causing many recent graduates to get off on the wrong foot in terms of developing savings and investment strategies that could help them throughout their lives.

So, what can you do? If you want to help your kids pay for college, you may want to consider a 529 plan. When you invest in a 529 plan, all withdrawals will be free from federal income taxes,

as long as the money is used for qualified college expenses. (However, non-qualified withdrawals may be subject to ordinary income tax plus a 10% penalty on the earnings portion.) Contribution limits are high, and, contributions may be eligible for a tax deduction or credit for residents in certain states.

A 529 plan, while valuable, is not the only college savings vehicle available. You may also want to consider a Coverdell Education Savings Account, which, like a 529 plan, can generate tax-free earnings if the money is used for higher education expenses. However, a Coverdell account's contribution limits are much lower than those of a 529 plan. You could also establish a custodial account, known as an UGMA or UTMA, which offers some tax benefits and no contribution limits.

Nonetheless, while these vehicles may help you save and invest for college, they may also divert resources that you might have used for other financial goals—such as a comfortable retirement. Of course, it's not an "either-or" situation—there's nothing stopping you from contributing to a 529 plan, Coverdell account or custodial account along with your 401(k) and IRA.

Clearly, though, it will take discipline and perseverance on your part to save and invest for both your children's education and your own retirement. Like everyone else, you don't have unlimited resources. But you do have another ally—time. The earlier you begin investing for education and retirement, the greater your chances of achieving your goals in these areas. And by understanding how your goals interact, you can work to make sure you don't inadvertently derail one when saving for another.

Avoiding the student loan "debt trap" while still making progress toward your retirement savings will require creative thinking—and both you and your children may have to make some sacrifices along the way. But the ulti-

mate goals—a college degree that isn't one big IOU and a comfortable retirement—are worth the effort.



Paulding County Area FOUNDATION

WHAT YOU LEAVE BEHIND

By: Lisa McClure, Paulding County Area Foundation

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved on stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others."

—Pericles

One of the first articles written on behalf of the Paulding County Area Foundation was entitled "What is your Legacy?" When one looks up the definition of legacy it reads "a gift by will of money or property." Another definition reads "something transmitted by or received by an ancestor or predecessor of the past."

This week's confession of Lance Armstrong to Oprah Winfrey that he used performance-enhancing drugs may be a bid to salvage his legacy. Questions of his using performance enhancers have been mounting for years.

How quickly a person's legacy may change? For Lance Armstrong his legacy is tarnished, plus his confession could stand to lose him millions of dollars. And yet for others, the accomplishments, values and lessons of life are handed down from generation to generation with never a blemish.

We, at the Paulding County Area Foundation, are committed to continuing your legacy. By either an acceptance of property or a monetary gift, the Foundation strives to preserve and nurture our assets for many generations; therefore, benefiting the people of Paulding County.

Discover what is important within your family and the legacy you would like to create and call Lisa McClure, Paulding County Area Foundation, 101 E. Perry Street, Paulding, OH, 419-399-8296.

PAULDING COUNTY 4-H BUILDING LEADERS OF THE FUTURE!

By: Staci Hiler, 4-H Program Assistant, Paulding County 4-H Youth Development

The Paulding County 4-H Program held its annual 4-H Officer Training on January 14th in the Extension Hall. There were 40 members present for this training. Members took part in a variety of activities to learn about their club office. The training began with get acquainted games and then members went to sessions to learn about their club office duties. After the training sessions, members played Gaga Ball and had refreshments. The training concluded with a candle lighting installation ceremony.

Paulding County 4-H is gearing up for another fun filled year of learning and leadership. Anyone interested in joining 4-H, should contact Staci Hiler at the Extension Office at 419-399-8225, or visit The Paulding County 4-H website at paul-

ding.osu.edu. The enrollment deadline for new members is February 4th. Join in the fun to "Make the Best Better."

WINE & CHEESE TASTING PARTY AT JPHS

By: Sue Knapp

The John Paulding Historical Society will once again host a Wine and Cheese Tasting Party. This party gives us a chance to shave off those winter time blues with some good conversation and a time to learn about different wines from a wine connoisseur. And of course, what's wine without a little cheese? A tour of the museum will also be offered along with a raffle and door prizes.

The Wine and Cheese Tasting Party will be held on February 9 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. This sell out event is a fun social evening conveniently dated close to Valentine's Day. The wine for the evening comes from Chief Supermarket and the cheese is provided by Hometown Pantry.

For more information about the evening contact Kauser Trucking in Paulding, the John Paulding Historical Society museum, Rose Munger at 419-399-3473 or Sue Becker in the evenings at 419-399-3806.

The museum will open for visitors on February 22 on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The museum phone number is 419-399-8218.

HUSTED ANNOUNCES BRIGHT "I.D.E.A." & ELECTION OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARDS AT OHIO ASSOCIATION OF ELECTION OFFICIALS CONFERENCE

Secretary of State Jon Husted announced Friday the Bright I.D.E.A. (Innovative Developments in Election Administration) Award recipients at the Ohio Association of Election Officials Conference. Local boards of elections were asked to submit their Bright I.D.E.A.'s to the Secretary of State prior to the conference to be considered according to the following criteria:

- The development of an innovation that was successfully put into practice.
- The I.D.E.A. caused a measured improvement in the administration of elections at the county level.
- If utilized, multiple organizations may also benefit from the implementation of such methods for management, policy and procedure improvement.

"Ohio is recognized more and more as a leader in elections administration and innovation, which is due in large part to the efforts of our local elections officials," Secretary Husted said. "The effort and ideas put into action this past November ensured that Ohio had a smooth and fair election."

Bright "I.D.E.A." Award Winners:

Process Management Award went to Allen County for their submission entitled "Pre-Stuffed Absentee Mail Packets" which allowed the board to save time and money by working with their printer to produce a pre-made absentee ballot packet to send to vot-

EACS STUDENTS WIN GOOD CITIZENS COMPETITION



Bryce Hieber, a senior at New Haven High School and Carissa Eisenmann, a senior at Woodlan Jr/Sr High School were both named as runner-ups in the DAR Good Citizens Scholarship Competition. Students were selected by their peers and teachers to represent each high school in Allen County based on four qualities; dependability, ser-

vice, leadership and patriotism.

Once nominated each student was required to complete an application and write an essay about American Heritage and how we can preserve it. Students only had two hours to write their essay and no prior planning was allowed.

ers upon receiving a request - reducing the time required to assemble a packet and get it in the mail from 111.2 seconds to just 26 seconds.

Process Management Award went to Butler County for their "Precinct Election Official Recruitment" submission, which the county used to more effectively retain and recruit poll workers through an aggressive outreach effort that included phone calls, public forums, emails, mail pieces and a media campaign.

Voter Services Award went to Montgomery County for their initiative "Any Line, Any Time" which streamlines and simplifies the voter check-in process, reduces the waiting time to cast a ballot and improves the overall voting experience for the voter.

Election Official of the Year Award Winners:

Also announced at the Ohio Association of Election Officials Conference were the two Ohio Election Officials of the Year winners. Ohio election officials were asked to nominate colleagues who have made a notable positive contribution to the profession of elections administration in their county, and in the State of Ohio, to be considered for this honor.

- The Democratic Ohio

Election Official of the Year Award was presented to Joyce Kale-Pesta, director of the Mahoning County Board of Elections. Director Kale-Pesta, who has worked at the board of elections for more than 25 years, is dedicated to utilizing technology to improve transparency and voter access. She also serves as a member of the Ohio Board of Voting Machine Examiners and Ohio Association of Election Officials Legislative Committee, and has served on several taskforces for the Secretary of State's office.

• The Republican Ohio Election Official of the Year Award was presented to Kim Antrican, director of the Warren County Board of Elections. Director Antrican has served as both deputy director and director for the board. Despite battling breast cancer, Director Antrican continued to serve the board throughout the 2012 Presidential Election, putting in long hours in the weeks leading up to, during and after Election Day - all while undergoing intensive chemotherapy treatments.

The Republican and Democratic Ohio Election Officials of the Year were each awarded the National Secretaries of State Medalion Award in recognition of their service.

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PAULDING PRESCHOOLERS VISIT BOOKMOBILE



The Bookmobile from the Paulding County Library visited the preschoolers at Paulding Elementary. The students enjoyed meeting Miss Kathy and Miss Tawyna on their really cool bus. The Bookmobile will visit the preschoolers

once each month and do special activities with them. The children will also be able to borrow books to read in their classrooms. Pictured here are students from Mrs. Kohart's afternoon preschool class.

BUILDING A PROMISING FUTURE WITH JOBS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION

The Pond Report by: IN Rep. Phyllis Pond Dis. 85

The Ways and Means Committee of the legislature has been meeting daily in Indianapolis to discuss our state's new two-year budget. This is the most important piece of legislation the General Assembly will work on this session as it provides the framework and funding for every other bill being discussed. For this reason, after many additions and changes, it is typically the final bill to be passed in its final form at the end of session.

In an effort to build more momentum surrounding the economic growth of our state, House Bill 1002 will address areas of concern and be a major component of our caucus' job creation agenda. The bill aims to create cohesion among the various entities that comprise Indiana's education, job skills development, and career training systems. It would establish the Indiana Career Council, which would include members from state, local and private institutions involved in jobs and education given the challenge of bridging the skills gap.

Additionally, the bill establishes the Indiana Workforce Intelligence System, a statewide system to store data regarding education and the workforce from which we can draw upon in drafting legislation to capitalize on the economic opportunities available for Hoosiers. It is our hope that these two entities will increase communica-

tion and coordination among the public and private sector to stimulate job growth and increased economic opportunity here in Indiana.

The budget and HB 1002 will be major pieces of legislation that will provide greater opportunities to Hoosiers to succeed by having the skills needed in today's globally dynamic marketplace.

Representative Tim Wesco (R-Osceola) and I have also directed our focus to education with House Bill 1229, which address participation in high school sports. It makes it possible for high school students who attend any nonpublic high school participating in an athletic program at a public high school to uphold the same academic standards and general requirements demanded of traditional public school students participating in the given athletic program. Our goal is to ensure that all Indiana students share an equal opportunity to participate in school-sponsored athletic organizations.

In the coming months, I will continue to work on legislation and advocate for measures that strengthen our state's education system and economic prosperity. I recently mailed legislative surveys to our district. If you have not already, I encourage you to return those with your feedback concerning the important issues we face this session. The responses you submit are incredibly valuable to me as I serve our community in Indianapolis. As always, I will continue to keep you posted on the legislative happenings here at the Statehouse.

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OAKWOOD ELEM. LEARN ABOUT PAULDING COUNTY FOSSILS



The Oakwood Elementary fourth grade students were visited by Tara Miller and her son Wyatt. They shared their family's fossil collection and many stories about their fossil collecting adventures. The

students really enjoyed seeing, touching, and learning about the fossils. They were amazed at the number of fossils the Miller family found right here in Paulding County.

OHIO WATERFOWL HUNTERS ASKED TO SHARE FEEDBACK FOR 2013-14 SEASONS

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) is requesting the state's waterfowl hunters provide input on the timing of the 2013-14 fall waterfowl hunting seasons and the locations where they prefer to hunt.

ODNR Division of Wildlife biologists are seeking input from Ohio waterfowl hunters through an online survey so season dates and opportunities can be matched to the preferences of as many hunters as possible within federal guidelines.

The ODNR Division of Wildlife survey will be available January 22 - February 15 at wildohio.com. Hunters need to provide their customer identification number to participate in the survey. The customer identification number is found on all Ohio hunting and fishing licenses or at wildohio.com in the Wild Ohio Customer Center by clicking on the Manage Your Customer Account link.

Customers without Internet access can call 800-WILD-LIFE (945-3543) and take the survey from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. during the dates when the survey is open. Phone survey participants will also

need their customer identification number.

Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp customers who purchased a hunting license and provided a valid email address will receive an invitation to take the survey in an effort to increase awareness and participation. Stamp customers need to provide a customer identification number to participate in the survey.

Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp customers who wish to provide an email address to receive future invitations may sign up at wildohio.com in the Wild Ohio Customer Center.

The Ohio Wildlife Council will establish 2013-2014 waterfowl season dates in August after federal guidelines are provided. Similar information was solicited by the ODNR Division of Wildlife from Ohio waterfowl hunters and used to set the 2012-2013 hunting season dates.

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**"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT":
SKILLS FOR TOMORROW**



Precision Machining senior Justina Sanders (Antwerp) programs the CNC machine in the brand new lab at Vantage.

At Vantage Career Center, there are nine different Trade and Industrial programs offered to high school students in the Industrial and Engineering Systems cluster. Here is a brief look at those programs.

In the Ag and Industrial Power Technology program, students learn the techniques for the maintenance and operation of industrial, diesel and agricultural equipment and machinery. They troubleshoot, overhaul and assemble gas and diesel engines, and work on mechanical and electrical fuel injection systems.

Auto Body students assess and estimate the damage to vehicles and learn the basics of collision repair and refinishing, as well as auto body and shop management skills. Performing repairs to plastic and fiberglass components are unique skills of this trade.

The Auto Technology program provides hands-on experience in the areas of hydraulic brake systems, automotive engines and suspension systems. Students use sophisticated diagnostic and repair equipment to trouble-

shoot automotive systems and learn the skills required to inspect, repair and adjust today's highly computerized vehicles.

In the Precision Machining Technology program, students invent, design, and manufacture components as they learn to operate lathes, grinders, mills and computer numerical controlled (CNC) machine. Blueprint reading, computer aided drafting (CAD) and manufacturing processes are emphasized throughout the program.

The Vantage Welding program is a nationally recognized AWS (American Welding Society) training and testing facility. Students have the opportunity to earn industry certifications in plate and pipe welding. This program has earned the National Exemplary designation in career technical education.

Industrial Mechanics students learn how to perform preventive and corrective maintenance and the set up and adjustment of plant machinery. Students diagnose and repair heating, ventilation and cooling systems while learning the basics of

welding, electricity, machining, metal fabrication, and hydraulics.

The Electricity program provides entry-level training ranging from residential wiring to industrial electrical applications. Students learn how to install, maintain and troubleshoot a variety of electrical systems, including the installation of coaxial or fiber optic cable for computers and other telecommunications equipment. Seniors also use their residential wiring skills to wire the Vantage Carpentry House project each year.

In the Building and Grounds Maintenance program, students are introduced to a wide variety of skills necessary to keep buildings and their surrounding areas in good condition. Students learn basic plumbing, installation of concrete and masonry walls, landscaping, painting and light carpentry skills. This year, they are using their skills on a variety of projects in the Vantage district.

Build a house while still in high school? That's just what Vantage Carpentry students do. Carpentry students learn the skills required for residential construction, including blueprint-reading, computerized house design, framing, roofing, drywall, cabinetry, stairs and outside finish work. These students also follow precise specifications and use software and a Techno CNC router to build custom cabinets for the house project. This year they are partnering with Paulding Habitat for Humanity to build two houses.

If you're interested in finding out about career opportunities in any of these fields or have questions about the trade and industrial programs at Vantage, please call Ben Winans, Student Services Supervisor at 419-238-5411 ext. 2140 or email him at winans.b@vantagecareercenter.com.

Are you wondering how the OSFC renovation and expansion project turned out? Come and see for yourself at the Vantage Grand Open House, which will be held on Monday, February 25, 2013 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. There will be a brief ceremony from 5:00-5:30 p.m. and then guests can explore the building, visit the labs, meet the teachers, and enjoy some light refreshments. You won't want to miss it!

REWARDING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN HOOSIER SCHOOLS

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

As always, education will be a hot topic among state lawmakers during the 2013 legislative session. Hoosier children are the future of this state and deserve the finest education possible to compete in a global economy. Our commitment to education is displayed through drafted legislation including Senate Bill 189.

Senate Bill 189 is aimed at further strengthening education in Indiana or giving top performing school corporations more flexibility in making administrative decisions. This includes developing their own curriculum and the ability to organize classroom time based on instructional minutes

instead of the required 180 day standard. Additionally, top schools would be able to construct their own evaluation programs for teachers and staff.

According to SB 189, the requirements to be classified as a top performing school include:

- At least 25 percent of graduating students must earn a grade of 3, 4, or 5 on at least one Advanced Placement exam or graduate with a technical honors diploma.
- A district-wide graduation rate of 90 percent or higher.
- The combined SAT scores of graduates must be higher than the statewide average.

Once certified as a top performing school district, certain benchmarks must be met every year in order to maintain that designation. These benchmarks require at least 85 percent of elementary and middle school students to receive passing ISTEP scores in English and mathematics. Additional measures call for at least 85 percent of high school students to earn passing marks in Algebra I and English 10. If these requirements have not been met, the school district will lose its exempt status and be subject to standard state rules.

Supporters of SB 189 believe this bill would give flexibility to teachers and administrators in schools that have demonstrated they provide exceptional education to students. Expanding flexibility to schools with a proven track record gives them an opportunity to bring new ideas, programs and teaching methods to classrooms while also providing high-performing schools with an opportunity to serve as models for statewide innovation and improvement.

Those opposing SB 189 believe legislation like this could work in theory but fail in reality. They believe that by focusing only on high performing schools, underperforming schools that need more help to succeed in education will be neglected. There is also belief that this and similar bills could permit manipulation of the system to further the education gap between high and low performing schools.

As the General Assembly discusses legislation such as SB 189 and others during this session, I welcome your thoughts and insight.

What do you think?



OHIO HAS TALENT! 2/9 @ NPAC

Contestants will once again be competing for prize money in the sixth annual Ohio Has Talent! competition on Saturday February 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert.

The benefit show for Community Health Professionals' Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center features 20 local and regional performers selected from auditions

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grandsons: Steven (Christine) Weirauch of Fort Wayne, Cory (Amy) Simpson and Wade Simpson both of Antwerp; and two great-grandsons. They also had a son, Randy who is deceased.

They celebrated their special occasion with the family on January 5, 2013.

held in November. Many entrants are from Northwest Ohio, but there are also performers from Columbus, Dayton, and Fort Wayne areas. Audience votes will decide the winners.

Ohio Has Talent! 2013 contestants: Jon Albert - Fort Wayne; Courtney Bettinger - Coldwater; Ann Brake - Ohio City; James Brake - Ohio City; Bryn Dippold - Coldwater; Gabrielle Emerick - Scott; Rachel Green - Rockford; Michaela Johnson - Van Wert; Katrina Lang - Fostoria; Michael Littleton - Columbus; Paul Luft - Versailles and Ben Tuttle - St. Marys; Matison

Lyons - Springfield; Natalie Patrick - Delphos; Kristy Ressler - Fostoria; Grace Stammen - St. Henry; Scott Turner - Van Wert; Rachel Werling - St. Henry; Alex Wunder - Kettering; Emma Wurst - Delphos; Hannah Wyse - Bryan.

2012 OHT winner Cameron Jones of Delphos will be performing during the voting tally. View contestant photos and bios at Facebook.com/Community Health Professionals. For more information go to www.npacvw.org or at Community Health Professionals, 419-238-9223.



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