

PAULDING COUNTY RECEIVES TAX PAYMENT FROM WIND ENERGY FARM



In the picture are (l-r) Brian Alberts - TimberRoad 2 Operations Manager, Roy Klopfenstein - Commissioner, Erin Bowser - EDP Director of Project Management, Claudia Fickel - Auditor, Tony Zartman - Commissioner, Lou Ann Wannemacher - Treasurer, Fred Pieper - Commissioner.

The first payment for taxes received from the Timber Road Windmill Farms was taken in Wednesday, January 30 by the Paulding County Commissioners, Treasurer and Auditor. Representatives from the company were on hand from EDP Renewables US headquarters in Houston, TX.

Several years ago the commissioners worked very hard to bring EDP Renewables to Paulding County. The commissioners at that time were Tony Zartman, Ed Straley, and Tony Burkley (currently

State Rep. 82nd district).

Paulding was the first county in Ohio to adopt resolutions enabling plans to work with wind energy companies after Ohio became a green energy friendly state passing SB 232. Senator Cliff Hite was mentioned as being very helpful getting the wind industry in Ohio. Within five days, the

Commissioners were on the ball working to bring jobs and a new industry to the area by passing resolutions for the county.

The fruit of everyone working together to bring about this project has finally paid off. EDP Renewables

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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM IN WOODBURN

On February 28th at 7:00 p.m. the City of Woodburn will be hosting a Disaster Preparedness Program at the Community Center. Anyone in the community and surrounding area is welcome to attend. There will be speakers who have written books on how to survive a disaster with a focus on the first 72 hours.

PC RETIRED TEACHERS TO HOST COFFEE CHAT

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association will host a coffee on Monday, February 11, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Black Swamp Nature Center located on Fairground Drive in Paulding. All retired employees from Antwerp, Paulding, and Wayne Trace Schools are invited to attend. There will be no business meeting. Donations for the Food Pantry and the Paulding County Retired Teachers' Scholarship Fund will be appreciated.

NEW HAVEN CITIZENS ACADEMY CLASS OF 2013

By: Beth Stauffer

The first New Haven Citizens Academy class of 2013 (and the fifth class in the history of New Haven, Indiana) took place on Monday, January 28, 2013 in the Police Training Room at City Hall



on Lincoln Highway East. Well over 30 participants are enrolled in this current session of the Citizens Academy.

The new students were warmly welcomed to the Citizens Academy by the Mayor of New Haven, Terry McDonald. Next, the Mayor's Volunteer Coordinator, Mr. Doug Geller, briefly spoke to the class about the purpose of the Citizens Academy be-

fore welcoming graduates of prior Citizens Academies, City Council Representatives Sarah DiGangi and Craig Dellinger and Planning Commission Board Member Bruce Heine.

Each former graduate spoke about what they took away from their time at the Citizens Academy, and how it has helped them not only as community leaders in New Haven, but as citizens as well.

The speaker for the first night of class was Police Chief Steve Poiry. Police Chief Poiry is a 22 year veteran of the police force, serving the last two years as the Chief of the New Haven department. Chief Poiry reviewed an informative PowerPoint presentation with the class which discussed at length the nature of the police department, the many services our New Haven Police Department provides, and gave an overview of the many departments and specialized programs within the police department itself.

Following Chief Poiry's presentation, he took the class on an interesting tour of the police department, giving the Citizen's Academy a unique, behind the scenes look at what goes on in the

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 Donations may be made to John Paulding Historical Society, 600 Fairground Drive, Paulding, OH 45879; or Payne Church of Christ, 220 West Merrin St., Payne, OH 45880.
 Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

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presented the check in the amount of \$449,212.50 for the first half of 2012. The next payment for the second half of 2012 should be given in July. It will be coming to the community twice a year for the life of the project.

Tony Zartman had this to say about the new tax revenue stream, "It makes the difference between being open five days a week versus four." Due to budget cuts the county offices had been closed Fridays. "While other counties are making cuts and suffering, Paulding is holding its own and improving," said Roy Klopfenstein.

With all the pomp and circumstance finished, what's the future of wind in Paulding? EDP's Erin Bowser stated, "Paulding and Van Wert Counties will continue to be hot spots for renewable development because of the policies that are in place." There are three upcoming projects, two in Paulding and one in Van Wert just for EDP. Everything is ready to start production except for the contracts being signed of who to sell the electricity to and that should be taken care of soon. People will start seeing construction of the new wind farms in the next three to five years as requirements increase for utility energy suppliers.

The Timber Road Wind Farm Project brought over 900 jobs to Ohio during its construction. At the peak of construction there were 400 jobs just in Paulding County. The Ohio law required 60% of the workforce to be from the state. EDP went above and beyond and found it beneficial to have 70% of their

workforce from the Buckeye state. Currently there are 11 full time employees working to keep the wind farm functional and operating at peak performance.

More than \$1,000,000 is being paid back to landowners in Paulding County annually because of these wind farm projects. Landowners started getting paid immediately from the date they signed their contract.

The Commissioners agreed their experience working with EDP Renewables had been extraordinary. With a company of this size, it is unusual to go out of their way to both the county offices and landowners/farmers, working out agreements instead of strong-arming deals through. Fred Pieper said, "It makes a difference working with a company that communicates with you. We were told ahead of time what would be going on with the project." The EDP Renewables representatives also praised Claudia Fickel and Lou Ann Wannemacher for working with them in such a professional manner.

Representative Tony Burkley stated a significant portion of the payment will also help fund the budgets, including Wayne Trace Local Schools, Benton Township, Paulding County Hospital, Vantage, PCBDD, Paulding County Health Dept., Senior Center, Paulding County Carnegie Library, Tri-County Mental Health, and the balance to the Paulding County General Fund.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 1/9/13

This 9th day of January, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Fred Pieper, Roy Klopfenstein, and Nola Ginter, Clerk
ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
 Warrants documented as 194419 through 194487 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on January 9, 2013, Warrant numbers 194419 through 194485 in the amount of \$40,275.12; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF BEING APPOINTED TO COMPLETE THE TERM FOR THE EMA BOARD:

On August 31, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Mr. Tony Burkley to serve as the Commissioners' representative on the Paulding County Emergency Management Board for a two (2) year term beginning July 20, 2011, and ending July 20, 2013; and Mr. Tony Burkley resigned his term as Commissioner on December 31, 2012, so that he might be able to serve as the Ohio State Representative for the 82nd District. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint Mr. Fred Pieper to complete Mr. Burkley's two year term, ending July 20, 2013, as the Commissioners' representative on the Paulding County Emergency Management Board.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint Mr. Roy Klopfenstein to serve as the Commissioners' representative on the Family and Children First Council for the year 2013.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint Tony Zartman to

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

serve as the Commissioners' representative on the John Paulding Historical Society Board for the year 2013.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE PAULDING COUNTY HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint Mr. Fred Pieper to serve as the Commissioners' representative on the Paulding County Homeland Security Advisory Committee for 2013.

IN THE MATTER OF BEING APPOINTED TO COMPLETE THE TERM FOR THE LEPC MEMBERSHIP FOR PAULDING COUNTY:

On August 1, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Mr. Tony Zartman to serve as the Commissioners' representative on the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC); and the Board of County Commissioners have reorganized. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint Mr. Roy Klopfenstein as the Commissioners' representative on the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) to complete Mr. Tony Zartman's two year term ending August 1, 2013.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE NORTHWEST OHIO COMMUNITY ACTION (NOCAC) BOARD:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint Mr. Fred Pieper to serve as the Commissioners' representative on the Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission (NOCAC) Board for the year 2013.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE AREA OFFICE ON AGING OF NORTHWESTERN OHIO, INC.:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint Mr. Fred Pieper to serve as the Commissioners' representative to the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc., for the year 2013.

IN THE MATTER OF UPDATING THE COUNTY RECORDS COMMISSION:

Per section 149.38 of the Ohio Revised Code, the county records commission shall be composed of the President of the Board of County Commissioners as chairman, the Prosecuting Attorney, the Auditor, the Recorder, and the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby recognize and update the Paulding County Records Commission as follows:

- Fred Pieper, President of the Board of Paulding County Commissioners
- Joseph Burkard, Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney
- Claudia Fickel, Paulding County Auditor
- Carol Temple, Paulding County Recorder
- Ann Pease, Paulding County Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE PAULDING COUNTY REVOLVING LOAN FUND BOARD:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint Mr. Roy Klopfenstein to serve as the Commissioners' representative to the Paulding County Revolving Loan Fund Board.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint Mr. Fred Pieper to serve as the Commissioners' representative to the Paulding County Senior Center Steering Committee for the year 2013.

IN THE MATTER OF RECEIVING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC.:

Paulding County Sheriff Dave Harrow has presented an executed copy of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Paulding County Sheriff's Office and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc.; and the Agreement covers September 17, 2012, to December 31, 2014. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby acknowledge receiving of said Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented. A copy of said Agreement is on file at the Paulding County Sheriff's Office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein to go into executive session at 1:14 p.m. with the County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fred Pieper. All members voting ye.

At 1:40 p.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

The Commissioners attended a meeting at Brunersburg with the Pioneer Railcorp who acquired the old Maumee Western Railroad running through Paulding County along US 24 on December 28, 2012. President and CEO of Pioneer Railcorp Mike Carr thanked all for attending and then explained his company is based in Peoria, Illinois, and owns 25 railroads in 14 states. Mr. Carr stated their goal is to stabilize the railroad, starting with the ends, which have both been de-railed. He noted there are several (over 100) abandoned cars on the rails. Pioneer Railcorp is currently working on the Defiance yard with 14 crew members. They are securing the rails with gage rods. Mr. Carr commented the signals will eventually need upgraded and they will be seeking grants to fund the project. Defiance County Commissioner Otto Nicely noted their support for the new owners and assured Mr. Carr they would assist in securing funding and grant seeking. Several in attendance expressed the importance of a working railroad for the factories located along its path. Henry County's Economic Development Director commented his

appreciation for higher standards and is excited for the customer to have reliable rail service. Paulding County Commissioner Tony Zartman also agreed there is a great need for an improved rail service in this area of northwest Ohio, especially with the new US 24 construction. Defiance Mayor Bob Armstrong stated this is a great opportunity for all of the area counties, villages, and businesses to partner together. Jerry Arkebauer, Executive Director of the Regional Port Authority of Northwest Ohio, commented a working railroad is vital to the economic development of the area. Dennis Miller, Maumee Valley Planning Organization, stated it will be a big advantage to develop a freight corridor along US 24. The representative from the Governor's office expressed her thanks to Pioneer Railcorp for investing in the project and encouraged everyone to work together. Henry County Commissioner Robert Hastedt commented Pioneer has done more work in their 11 days of ownership than the previous owner was able to do in two years. Mr. Carr further stated they are currently working on brush control and added they have four miles done. He reminded those in attendance the public will need to be informed as to the progress so they will be aware when the crossings will be active again. Commissioner Nicely suggested news releases from county and village officials. Mr. Carr stated the railroad will be a safe, 10 MPH, Class 1 (shortline) when completed. Commissioner Nicely thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Mr. Carr added his appreciation as well and stated Pioneer Railcorp has long term plans for the railroad and they are excited about the business possibilities for perspective customers.

Georgia Dyson, Dog Warden - Ms. Dyson met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss her policy on paying monthly bills. The Commissioners also asked about her progress in securing part time assistance at the dog kennel. Ms. Dyson agreed to pen an article pro-

moting the dog kennel and its services to the county. Ms. Dyson stated the postcards reminding dog owners of the 2013 dog tag purchase deadline will be mailed soon. The Commissioners recommended that Ms. Dyson work closely with the Auditor's Office in selling tags and advertising. Ms. Dyson reported there are currently no dogs in the kennel.

Jason Landers, Paulding County Sheriff - Sheriff Landers met with the Commissioners to discuss the emergency call buttons and response expectations. Mr. Landers set regular meeting dates with the Commissioners for 2013.

Marsha Yeutter, Senior Center - Ms. Yeutter presented employee CORSA training session certificates. She also had a report of all the training her employees complete as a part of certifying her agency. Ms. Yeutter reminded the Commissioners of Senior Day scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, starting at 10:30 a.m. The theme for this year is "It's a Jungle Out There". Ms. Yeutter reported she is currently preparing for the Senior Center's Passport review scheduled for January 22, 2013. She then discussed the parking issues at the Senior Center and acquired about installing a utility pole in their parking lot.

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NHPD on a day to day basis from all the paperwork in the shooting range. At the end of the class, Citizens Academy students were allowed to ask Chief Poiry additional questions they may have had about the New Haven Police Department.

Next week, the Citizens Academy will visit the New Haven Utility Department on Summit Street for a presentation by Mr. Dave Jones and a tour of the facility.

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FEBRUARY LUNCH & LEARN TOPIC: FALL RISK & PREVENTION FROM THE PODIATRY PERSPECTIVE

Samuel Neuschwanger, DPM, will discuss "Fall Risk and Prevention from the Podiatry Perspective" on February 27, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. in Community Rooms 1 and 2 at Community Memorial Hospital (CMH), 208 N. Columbus St., Hicksville, Ohio.

This lunch and learn educational session is geared towards senior citizens, but anyone is welcome to attend. There is no charge to attend this event, and a complimentary brunch is provided by the hospital. A nurse will also be on hand to take and record blood pressure measurements. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Lori at 419-542-5560.

Dr. Sam, a board certified podiatrist and foot and ankle surgeon, sees patients as part of CMH's Musculoskeletal Institute at clinics in Hicksville, Van Wert, Paulding, and Fort Wayne.

A graduate of Western Illinois University and the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, Dr. Sam has specialized in conditions of the feet and lower extremities for over 30 years.

SECRETARY OF STATE HUSTED APPOINTS ROGER SIERER TO THE PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

OH Secretary of State Jon Husted has appointed Roger Sierer as a member of the Paulding County Board of Elections. Mr. Sierer will complete the unexpired term of Ron Farnsworth.

State law requires bipartisan representation on each of Ohio's 88 county boards of elections. Each board is made

up of two Republican members and two Democratic members, all of whom must be qualified electors in the counties for which they serve. The Secretary of State makes appointments to boards of elections based on the recommendations of the executive committees of the respective county political parties.

Roger Sierer was recommended by the Paulding County Democratic Executive Committee.



Paulding County Area
FOUNDATION
AGRICULTURE OPPORTUNITIES IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: Lisa McClure, Paulding County Area Foundation

Did you know that less than 1% of the population living in the United States claim farming as their occupation? Or that the average age of today's farmer is 57 and ¼ of American Farmers are older than 65?

It's not easy keeping our kids on the farm and moving the farming operation into the next generation. We need to create opportunities to keep agriculture strong in Paulding County.

Paul Marshall left such an opportunity. When he died in 1996, he left 1,400 acres in trust to the Paulding County Area Foundation. The funds, from the acreage, was stated in his will to be used to financially encourage, aid, assist and promote young farmers in Paulding County ages 21 and older and are those who are, or through assistance, going into grain or livestock production. Paul Marshall's vision was to keep young farmers in Paulding County.

As a result of Mr. Marshall's generous gift, the Young Farmer Loan Subsidy Program was established. The program follows the Ohio Ag Link Deposit Program. Currently, we have eight loans out to young farmers in Paulding County. Interest subsidy, over the course of the program, has saved our applicants over \$63,000.00 in interest.

We, at the Paulding County Area Foundation are proud of the services we provide for the benefit of the people of Paulding County. If you would like further information on the Young Farmer Loan Subsidy Program, please contact Lisa McClure at 419-399-8296.

THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The Kruse Report by: IN State Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn)

Involving the family in education is pivotal to ensuring children succeed in school, but families can give their children a head start on learning even before kindergarten. A child learns more between birth and age two than during any other period of life, which makes parents among the most important educators.

Studies show the two most important indicators of future academic success are parents who read to their children and homes that have accessible books for children to read. This combination of reading exposure and availability of books gives young children a much higher chance to succeed later in school.

Children age two and under who listen to or talk about stories train their brain, ears and eyes for future reading achievement. This prepares children to stay ahead in school, while unprepared students need significant time and effort to catch up. Research shows that school districts may spend twice as much on a student who is behind academically as they do on one who is on schedule.

Despite the difficulties in getting all children up to the necessary reading level,

Indiana has some examples of stellar remediation programs. A program in Richmond called Every Child Can Read enabled students who do not pass state required ISTEP+ or I-READ tests to enroll in a four-week summer course. This course consistently raises students' reading and writing scores by at least 50 percent and achieves 93 percent annual attendance. Results also show that the average student enrolled in the program gained 23.65 points a year later on ISTEP+, while other students lost 4.73 points on the same test.

Every Child Can Read may be a model for other schools around the state looking to boost students' reading levels. If you're aware of other successful remediation programs in our schools, I encourage you to share them with me and other state leaders so we can pass on the information to school officials in other parts of Indiana.

And remember: It is never too early or too late to start reading to your child. Exposing children to books at an early age can advance literacy development and make reading an enjoyable experience that parents and children can share.

I encourage you to visit The Children's Reading Foundation and read to your child for 20 minutes every day. It may be one of the most important gifts you could give.

What do you think?

COUNTRY INN WELCOMES NEW ADMINISTRATOR JOSH JOHNSON

"I LOVE the history that people have to share! There is so much to learn from those who are older than us. My desire for Country Inn is



continue the good work already started here!"

Josh Johnson has been selected as new administrator at Country Inn Enhanced Living Center. Josh comes to Country Inn with five years in the long term care industry where he previously held responsibilities in Marketing, IT and assistant administrator at Parkview Haven, Francesville, IN.

"My wife Bethany and I felt like the Paulding area was a good fit for our family and our values. We love small towns and the big hearts of Midwest communities. We have been married for seven years, have three girls: Emily, Erin and

Ava and are currently residing in Haviland. Our family loves just being with friends and family, music, reading and going to the beach."

Josh is a native of Decatur, AL where he graduated from Decatur High School in 2000. He attended Saint Joseph's College, Rensselaer, IN where he received a Bachelor degree in education and management in 2005.

Country Inn Enhanced Living Center is a 40 bed assisted living facility and Home Care service provider located in rural Paulding committed to providing loving care in harmony with Biblical principles.

FAITH N FAMILY SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 9th!

Come to the Arch (Antwerp Community Youth Center) at 6:00 p.m. on the 9th of February for another FREE hot meal. Bring the whole family and let's worship the Lord! Our guest speaker is Tim McCulfor! If you are looking for a spiritual boost or just like to fellowship and eat great food, please stop out. If you have any questions please call 419-506-1211.

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OBSTACLES

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

Last Sunday, during our worship gathering at Riverside, we talked about seven obstacles to following Jesus. I want to share two of the biggies with you here in this article.

First, we get distracted. A couple Thursdays ago, in Colonie, NY, a father drove to his job, parked his car, and went in to work. But he forgot something important. His one-year old child was strapped into a car seat in the back and was supposed to be dropped off at the daycare. Temperatures did not rise above fifteen degrees.

At four, the father got a call from his wife asking him about their child after she discovered that the boy wasn't at the daycare where she was supposed to pick him up. In a panic, the father ran out to the car.

And found their baby—bundled up and doing fine.

Police Lieutenant Winn said, "Other than having a soiled diaper and the normal stresses of being in a car, the child in all aspects appeared okay."

The news story said that the guy had been under a lot of stress at work and had just recently had a death in his family. Something obviously distracted him. Not all distractions end so well.

We get distracted from following Jesus an awful lot. It can be a semi-good thing like a thought about God or a true teaching of Scripture. It could also be something destructive. Whatever it is, getting hung up on something other than following Jesus can have dire consequences. One moment of sin, whether sexual sin, letting the wrong thing slip from your mouth, or some other sort of sin, can destroy years of building and investing into who you feel called to be.

It always amazes me how long it takes to build a sand castle, yet how quickly it can be destroyed. The same is true with our life. Sin is the

ultimate destroyer of our lives. It can destroy families and friendships. It can cripple dreams. Things you have spent years creating, sin can destroy in a moment. That's the danger of sin. And even if it doesn't have dire, visible earthly consequences, it typically disables us spiritually. Once we sin, we can't take it back. And that moment of error can create a major obstacle to following Jesus.

So let us not get distracted. Let us stay focused on following Jesus.

The second obstacle that I want to talk about here today is how we like to pick and choose what we want when it comes to following Jesus.

Tony Campolo shared the story about how he was having dinner in a restaurant in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He was seated comfortably at a table next to the front window, ready to begin enjoying his meal, when he realized that he was being watched. With their noses pressed flat against the glass, three raggedy, dirty Haitian boys stared at the food on his plate. Their hair was rust-colored because of a lack of protein, and they had the distended stomachs that give evidence of extreme malnutrition. Their eyes, riveted on his food, were disturbing.

The waiter, recognizing how upset the situation was making Tony, moved quickly to pull down the window shade. "Don't let them bother you! Enjoy your meal!" he said. The blind was down, and, for all intents and purposes, the starving children were gone.

Following Jesus means that we don't pull the blind down on helping the poor around us. Others get excited about helping the poor while ignoring God's call to right living. We have this tendency to pick and choose which part of following Jesus we want. Helping the poor. Right living. Not doing this. Not doing that. Making sure that we do that one thing. We pull the blind down on the parts of following Jesus that we aren't comfortable with while making the part we enjoy an es-

sential that we use to evaluate the spiritual lives of others.

Following Jesus is a journey. I'm not perfect now and will never be on this side of the grave. I will discover something this year, maybe even today, that I need to be doing. I will also discover something I need to stop. But we can never use the idea that we aren't perfect as an excuse to not strive to be better followers of Jesus. When we see an area that we need to change, we change. We're followers, meaning that we are on a journey. We haven't yet arrived at our destination.

We can tell that we are following Jesus when we are following him in areas we aren't completely comfortable in. I know that because I follow Jesus there are a few stances that I take that I would rather not take. I do things at times that I would rather not do because I want to be a faithful follower. And I have stopped doing things I enjoy for the same reason. Instead of making God into our image, we need to allow Him to shape us in His image.

We can't pick and choose what we want to do when we are called to follow Jesus. Either we are following Him or we are following ourselves.

These are two common obstacles that we face in following Jesus. May we not let them get in the way of the life God wants us to live.

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.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH HOSTS SOUPER BOWL

St. John Lutheran Church, 812 East High Street, Hicksville held their annual Souper Bowl Luncheon after service on February 3rd. The members wore their favorite high school, college or professional football attire. Interim, Pastor Richard Buchsteiner, delivered a Super Sermon.

Luther Hall was decorated with a football theme and seven home made soups were served. It has been the tradition of the Mission Committee, who sponsors the event, to focus on hunger at a world and local level. Members have been bringing cans of soup to donate to our local Christ Cupboard. As of Sunday 136 cans have been collected. At the luncheon, over \$300 was collected for ELCA World Hunger. Money for this fund is used on hunger projects in the USA and around the world. Both of these figures will be phoned into the Souper Bowl National Headquarters to be included in their totals.

Another project the church has recently started is serving a free meal on the last Thursday of the month between 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. This home cooked meal is open to anyone in the area. Come and enjoy the delicious food and fellowship. The meal served on January 31st was the largest attended meal to date. The next meal will be served on February 28th.

If you have any questions call the church office at 419-542-6269.

ARE YOU INFECTED WITH THE DISEASE OF ME?

Winning the Battle for a Generation Article column by: Rick Jones, Executive Director, Defiance Area Youth for Christ

We live in a very myopic, self-centered culture, one that is about celebrating individuality over our collective responsibility to one another. The philosophical term for this "disease of me" is known as narcissism, and regarding the explosion in our time of this cultural epidemic I read in the news recently:

Over the past 47 years about nine million college freshman have taken the American Freshman Survey. It asks students to rate how they measure up against their peers.

According to the survey, over the past four decades, there has been a dramatic rise in the number of freshman who think that they're "above average" for academic ability and self-confidence. For instance, while students think they're more gifted than their peers at writing, objective test scores actually show that writing skills have declined in the past few decades. Researchers call this "ambition inflation."

One of the researchers, Dr. Jean Twenge notes, "Our culture used to encourage modesty and humility and not bragging about yourself. It was considered a bad thing to be seen as conceited or full of yourself." Apparently, now everyone wants to be above average.

Regarding "this disease of me," addressing a self-centered culture the Apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 10:12 (NIV), "We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise."

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

LOVE & RESPECT VIDEO CONFERENCE IN PAULDING

First Presbyterian Church, Paulding, is excited to host a Love and Respect Video Conference on Friday, March 1 (evening) and Saturday, March 2 (morning to mid-afternoon), 2013.

This conference was suggested to our Outreach committee by a member of our church who found it very helpful in strengthening their marriage. Based on the Biblical instruction in Ephesians 5:33, this video presentation is intended for anyone, young or not-so-young, married or about-to-be, who would like to strengthen their relationship.

The video conference will begin Friday evening, March 1 at 6:45 p.m. and run until 10:15 that evening. It continues Saturday morning, March 2 from 8:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. It will be shown as a whole-group presenta-

DIVINE MERCY KINDERGARTNERS CELEBRATE 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL!



Divine Mercy Catholic School Kindergartners are 100 days smarter! They celebrated their 100th day of school this past week. Some of the things they discovered on their 100th day were how

far they could go in 100 steps, how many words they could read in 100 seconds, how many pennies could fit in the number 100, and 100 things they were thankful for. They had a blast!

tion on the video screens in the church sanctuary, with several breaks interspersed through the time.

Dr. Emerson Eggerichs is an internationally known public speaker on the topic of male-female relationships. Based on over three decades of counseling as well as scientific and biblical research, Dr. Eggerichs and his wife Sarah developed the Love and Respect Conference which they present to live audiences around the country.

A workbook is included with the registration. Attendance is open to couples and singles throughout north-west Ohio and the Fort Wayne area. More complete information is available at www.loveandrespect.com or at the church's website, www.pauldingpresbyterian.com, or by calling the church at 419-399-2438. Registration can be made at either website or through the church office.

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST AT RIVERSIDE FAMILY CENTER

The Fellowship Church in conjunction with Riverside Christian Church, both of Antwerp would like to help people alleviate a little of the cabin fever that is beginning to set in around the area. They will host a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on February 9, 2013 at the Riverside Family Center (corner of SR 49 and Rd. 192, north of Antwerp). This morning of food and fellowship will take place from 8:00-11:00 a.m. Come on out for a good morning to warm both the body and the soul.

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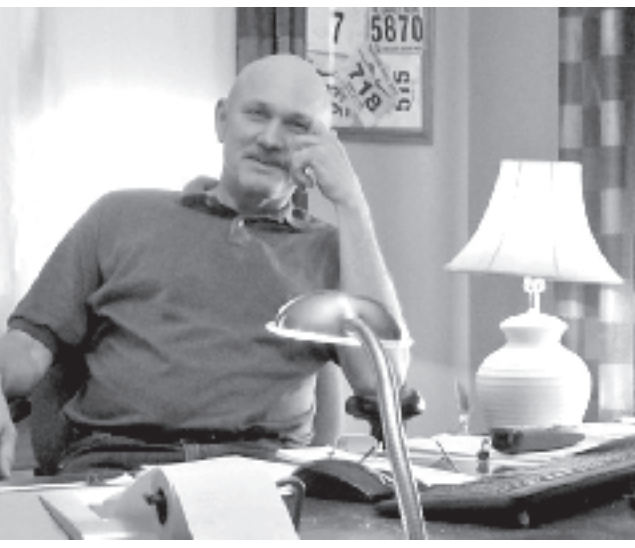
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NEW HAVEN CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT: HEITCAMP CPA



Dave Heitcamp, owner of Heitcamp CPA went to St Francis College and got a degree in marketing. Unsure of what he could do with a marketing degree and being a single parent, Heitcamp went back to IU and finished up an accounting degree. He went on and got his MBA in finance and then acquired his CPA license. When I asked him why he chose accounting Heitcamp said, "I enjoy getting things in place. I think that is something all accountants have in common. They like things orderly and progressive."

Heitcamp began his career as a controller for the Dana Corporation. After working there for 26 years he retired; at least from that company. Next Heitcamp was a controller at Belmont Beverage for about eight years. Now Heitcamp considers himself to be semi-retired.

These days Heitcamp concentrates mostly on doing personal tax returns. However, he does have about five businesses that he does payroll for right now.

Most of my clients or businesses are probably around five employees. He runs their payrolls, he does their quarterlies and their year end. Heitcamp prepares the W-2s, and if there is any trouble with the Internal Revenue Service he goes

directly for the client and represents them. Heitcamp does the same if there are issues with the Department of Revenue.

"What I am doing, is trying to help them out with some common sense accounting," said Heitcamp. "Or show them how to do accounting or answer their questions. Then I feel I am doing my job."

A slogan Heitcamp seems to live by and which adorns his website is "Refuse to fail." Heitcamp told a story about how he finished a 100K last year with his oldest grandson, oldest brother, and oldest friend cruising with him. He said, "That was kind of neat." What most people wouldn't know is that several years ago Heitcamp lost two and a half toes to frostbite during a marathon in Alaska.

Usually, Heitcamp has about a four month time span that is crazy and hectic. He said, "Last year I worked with turbo tax. I was one of the call in people. That meant that people would call and ask tax questions from all over the country. That was some interesting times."

Heitcamp shared that he has clients not customers. "He said, "There is a difference between customers and clients. Customers I always think you go to a store and order something then leave.

Thank you come again. A client is a lot different, you really try to get to know as much as you can about what drives them and why they are in this business; what's behind it."

Heitcamp takes his business seriously. He said, "I know people that go from tax preparer to tax preparer and what they are actually looking for is not the best deal, but where they can get the most money back. I believe in getting every cent back that I can, but you also have to weigh different circumstances that may be going on in that person's life. Some risks may not be worth it. I'm not afraid to tell them that in my opinion that is not a good idea."

Heitcamp believes that when you get done with tax season a person wants to rest. He said, "There is nothing worse than someone after tax season getting audited. It's good for me because the money is great. Bad for them because the stress is unbearable."

"I enjoy working for myself, stated Heitcamp. "I probably drive myself more now than I did before. But before when I was working for someone else I would get frustrated. Now I can do it the way I want."

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LATTA LEADS DELEGATION LETTER URGING VA FOR PROMPT CLAIMS BACKLOG REPORT

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) sent a letter to Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki urging for the timely completion of the department's report on a plan to reduce the backlog of claims. Along with Latta, there were 14 additional Members from the Ohio delegation that signed onto the letter. Under current law the Department of Veterans Affairs is required to submit a report to Congress on its plan to reduce the backlog of claims.

"Ohio is home to almost a million veterans, who have made great sacrifices to serve and protect America, and it is critical that our nation honor its commitment to our veterans and returning warfighters. The VA must ensure accessibility to all veterans and focus its resources on expediting the large backlog of medical and retirement claims," said Congressman Latta.

Since 2008, the veteran claims backlog has doubled in number. The average processing time for claims is approximately nine months.

"January 28, 2013 Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary, United States Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Room 500, Washington D.C. 20420

"Dear Secretary Shinseki:

First and foremost, we would like to thank you for your hard work and dedicated service in helping our nation's veterans. The sacrifices our veterans, and their families, have made for our country is the very reason we as Americans are able to enjoy the freedoms we have today. Just as you are, we are grateful for their service

every day, and feel it is of the utmost importance that veterans are fully cared for upon their return home.

Unfortunately, many veterans are forced to wait an unprecedented amount of time before their benefits claims are processed. In our state of Ohio, some veterans have had to wait up to nearly a year for their claims to be processed. This is unacceptable, and our veterans deserve better and more efficient service from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"Fortunately, the recently passed National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2013 contains language that requires the VA to provide a report to Congress on a plan to reduce the backlog of claims. We look forward to receiving the report as soon as possible. This report is an important step; however, it is imperative that you and your staff act quickly and decisively to implement the report's findings and ensure veterans and their families are properly taken care of in a timely manner. We appreciate your time and attention to this urgent matter and look forward to your response."

OAKWOOD GLEANER ARBOR JANUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The January meeting was held at the Country Inn Enhanced Living home in Latty. 11 members, 11 homeschoolers entertained eight from the Home. We played dominoes, put puzzles together, heard poems, piano playing, Connect 4, and magic tricks. We made a donation of toilet paper to each resident and monetary donation to the country inn and the homeschoolers. Fred and Phyllis Merritte provided snacks.

We are to be aware of special people who do for the community in youth, middle age, and over 65. Each year the Gleaner Life Insurance Society honors these people with a policy and ability to be in an Arbor. Rose Wright will take our saved bottle caps to Brian at the West Ohio Food Bank.

Plans are being made to provide snacks for a week at the Dupont Preschool on February 20 at 10:10 a.m. Helen Maddock is working with the Daughters of the War of 1812 for a Ft. Brown celebration on June 29. More to come.

Ruth Benien told us about the Ohio State meeting at the Bowling Green Country Club on Sunday April 14 at 3:00 p.m. We are to send three delegates and their spouses for a nice dinner. There will be a Chinese auction and 50/50 drawing to raise money for two charities, suggestion of charities may be made now.

Our next meeting will be on February 25 At 7:00 p.m. at the Twin Oaks Fellowship Hall. Rhonda Smalley will speak and Bob and Rose Wright are the hosts. Remember to invite two and bring acts and hours.

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GUDAKUNST RECEIVES AWARD



Wayne Trace Senior Grady Gudakunst was recently named, "Academic All Ohio" by the Ohio High School High School Golf Coaches Association. Pictured with Grady are Wayne Trace Athletic Director, Jim Linder, and Principal, Kevin Wilson.

DAVE WHITE TO SPEAK TO NW OHIO LIVESTOCK PRODUCER GROUP

The Northwest Ohio Livestock Producer Group is sponsoring a program titled "Conversing with Ease" in the Oakwood Library on Wednesday February 13. Dave White, Senior Director of Issues Management and the Animals for Life Foundation, will examine steps farmers can take to effectively build the understanding of agriculture and skills to navigate difficult discussions. Lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. and the program at 12 noon. Please contact the Paulding County Extension office at 419.399.8225 or by email at lopshire.1@osu.edu to register for the program.

PAULA CAMPBELL CERTIFIED TO TEACH ZUMBA GOLD

What is Zumba Gold? According to the Zumba website, Zumba Gold takes the Zumba formula and modifies the moves and pacing to suit the needs of the active older participant, as well as those just starting their journey to a fit and healthy lifestyle. If you are a Silver Sneakers participant, Zumba Gold may be perfect for you.

CMH is now offering Zumba Gold as well as low impact Zumba. Classes are starting March 4, 2013. For more information contact Healthfit at 419-542-5680.

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OLD DAN & I CHAPTER 24: AS TOLD BY T-SGT. JENKINS

By: Stan Jordan

We all went down to the base hospital and watched them load Lt. Meyers gurney onto a medical evac type C-47.

The plane roared off down the runway, lifted off and headed for England and the boys stood there and watched with their thoughts to themselves.

This is about the first week of December 1945.

It was not quite daylight when the plane touched down at the Med. EVAC station at Deerwood Airbase in England.

They put Lt. Meyers' cot on a big four motor transport C-54. This was made into a EVAC carrier. They made a place for me by the Lt.'s cot up by the bulk head of the cock pit. The flight engineer told me it was non-stop to Iceland—1,174 miles.

We would refuel there and then turn south to Washington D.C.—2,463 miles.

It is very noisy in the plane because of the four big engines.

I think I heard the Lt. moan, but I can't be sure as there was too much noise.

I guess it was about 4.5 hours before we got to Iceland.

At Iceland, the nurse said I could get off the plane and go to the bathroom or whatever. She said Lt. Meyers was still in a coma or something anyhow, no one is going to question him.

I picked up some snacks for the 2,463 miles flight to

Washington D.C.

Everything down to the food on the flight was very good. I just sat on some blankets in the corner out of the way. I think the nurse knew that the Lt. and I are part of some hush, hush stuff.

The co-pilot told me that we would do about 250 mph south to D.C. It would probably be dark when we got there.

I think I dosed off a few times on the pile of blankets. The nurse woke me and brought me some supper. I liked her and she was very pretty. We traded mailing addresses. I am from Canal Foltan, OH and she is from Whahoo, NE. She was very busy, but she talked to me when she could. I liked her.

The co-pilot said we were over the east coast now and it would be dark when we landed in D.C.

The orderlies took Lt. Meyer into the surgery room and I went with them as I'm not to leave his side and I didn't. Since we were out of the noisy plane, I think the Lt. has growled and moved a little.

The surgeons must have known we were coming because the operating room was all prepared to look after the Lt.'s stub of a right leg, to make it right for him to get a prosthesis as soon as possible.

In the middle of the next afternoon, the Lt. roused and moved some and had to have a 'duck', and then he seemed to come around in a hurry.

They brought him and me some food. A couple of doctors came and some Army officers, and we all talked about the Lt.'s future and his condition.

Doctors were well satisfied with the operation. They felt with a little time and exercise the Lt. would be as good as new, but with an artificial ankle and foot.

The Army officer said that in a few weeks, and after examinations, he would be going to a multiple engine school just outside of Delrio, TX. All planes and

papers have been approved. The Lt. is back to normal now. We have been here for three days now. He feels bad about the loss of his limb, but the idea that he will be schooled in four engine planes, and stay in the Air Force and fly big planes perks him up. He will then have the opportunity to leave the service and become a commercial pilot.

Some bad news, but also some good news—a commercial pilot, his life long dream.

The officer from Clearwater came along, and he talked and then said the necessary words. I gave him the sealed envelope that I carried from Gen. Guggenheim.

He opened the envelope in my presence and said as of today, Lt. Meyers has been promoted to a captain. Staff Sgt. Jenkins was to be a Tech Sgt.

Capt. Meyers also received the purple heart for his injury and a bronze star medal for bringing home his plane. We are both surprised and thankful. Capt. Meyers said, "When you see Gen. Norm, please relay my thanks and appreciation."

Later that day, that officer came around and gave me some traveling orders. At 6:00 a.m. tomorrow I was to fly back on the same type of Med EVAC plane that we came to the states in.

So I was there at the base at 6:00 a.m. and we went back to Iceland, and then to England to the Deerwood Airbase.

That pretty nurse was not on this flight. I think I liked her, I'm going to marry her but she doesn't know it.

I caught an Air Corps transport to Leige, Belgium and a supply truck to Aachen, and I'm glad to be back.

See ya!

SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 51

By: Stan Jordan

We are still here at the fort. We have had many talks with Gen. Kearney on the north/south situation about slavery and emancipation.

The Gen. said, "This is 1859, and Washington does not anticipate any trouble this year, but the future looks like trouble on down the road. But I think we should talk about this a lot and make plans incase trouble comes. I know we don't have, or will get any more blankets for the indians. But we will continue to help them when we can. We will help with the gardening and getting in there winter meat supply. I will send the four soldiers with you as before, and Rooster will still be our runner between the agency and the fort. I want you and Callie to talk about what you will do if Sam is called into the Army. Of course we would have to close the Indian agency."

Callie spoke up and said, "Gen. Kearney, Yellow Tulip has been with us for four years. She speaks English pretty well, she knows the ABC's and can write a little. If things get bad, could she go to your school here at the fort? She is good with babies and minor injuries and stuff like that. She could work at the base hospital for her room and board. I just don't want her to go back to the

village yet anyhow. She has great potential to help the Indian cause down the road."

The Gen. replied, "Gosh Callie, that has never came up before. I think that would be okay. Yes, I know we can do that. Looking ahead, my goodness, she would be terrific help. Maybe manage an agency? Yes, I think that would be a fine idea. Yes, we must plan ahead."

Yesterday was February 14, 1859; the boys' birthday. They are four years old now. The weather was fine and all the children played outdoors. The soldiers and other folks played cards in the mess hall.

We have been back to the agency for a week now. We talk alot with Yellow Tulip about the possibility of war and maybe she could go to the white man's school at the fort. Her eyes light up, but then she talks about leaving the way of Indian life. Then again she knows she is so much better off with the white people. She said they are all truthful, honest, and friendly. I told her, we had some rogues or bad people sometimes, but usually they are all good people.

Callie says that Tulip has taken to the white way even down to the cooking. She can do it all and is eager to try. Over the years, she has learned all the cards, and we have a foursome and play euchre when Rooster is here.

If you step back and look at us, our way of life here and what we have and what we do, we are a very lucky family and with fine friends and surroundings.

See ya!



Q: What do you call a cow that doesn't give milk?

A: An udder failure

Q: How do you make a milkshake?

A: Give a cow a pogo stick

Q: Where do cows like to ride on trains?

A: In the cow-boose

Q: How do you know that cows will be in heaven?

A: It's a place of udder delight

Q: What do you call a cow that has two legs?

A: Side of beef

Q: Why is a barn so noisy?

A: All the cows have horns

Q: What animals do you bring to bed?

A: Your calves

A stockholder is a corral for cattle.

Moscow doesn't make as much milk as Pa's cow.

See ya!

SEN. KRUSE WELCOMES LOCAL STUDENTS TO STATEHOUSE

State Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn) recently welcomed the following students to the Statehouse to serve as Senate pages:

- Karsten Ball, from New Haven, attends St. Joseph Hessen Cassel School.
- Daniel Hughes, from

OLD ANTWERP



By: Stan Jordan

This picture was taken in 1941. It shows Foster's Clothing Store being sold out in 1931. That store sat where the West Bend News is now located.

I was six years old at that time, and went with my father to that sale. There was snow on the ground, but it wasn't too cold out.

I remember Tom Foster, as he started another clothing store on E. River St. about 1939 or 1940.

The building on the right was part of Shilb's Furniture Store, that is now part of Friends Flooring Store.

Now, you take your magnifying glass and look into the background, between that three story building and the big sale sign and you can see

the marquee of the old Frank Lamb Hotel that was always a busy place.

Then on past the hotel was a big house owned by Russell Murphy. Some of the single school teachers roomed there.

I know of three doctors who at some time had their offices there: Dr. Brattan, Dr. Spragens, and Dr. Bazali. Dr. Spragens was called into the military in 1941.

The last big house across the street was the home of Ivan Gaisford for many years.

In this picture the people are standing in the street because there wasn't many cars or traffic at that time.

Thanks to Nancy Lichty for this photo.

See ya!

Fort Wayne, attends Lane Middle School.

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WOODLAN GIRLS SHOOT DOWN NORTHSIDE



Morgan Franklin scores for the Warriors under the basket.

The Lady Warriors took on Northside at Woodlan Tuesday, January 29 at the Elmer Strautman gymnasium. The JV started the evening with the Redskins taking home the victory.

The Varsity game started with the Lady Redskins nailing a low angle 3 point basket. The Lady Warriors soon hit several of their own baskets with Brooke Gerbers also hitting a 3 point shot.

The first quarter ended with Woodlan ahead 15-10. The half ended with Northside in the lead 31-27.

The third and fourth quarters had Woodlan outscoring Northside by quite a bit.

Score by quarter:
Woodlan - 15 12 14 27=68
Northside - 10 21 9 13=53
Warriors scorers: Ehle 19, Malfait 14, Gerbers 14, Price 7, Hostetler 7, Franklin 4, Williams 2

More pictures and video at www.westbendnews.net



Wayne Trace boys had a difficult game Friday, February 1st against Tinora and took a tough loss after winning 12 games straight. The Raiders basketball team fell apart and lost 47-57. Saturday night they took on Kalida and had another close game. This time the boys won, taking home the 47-44 victory. Their record is currently 14-2.

Shown above is Corbin Linder scoring for Wayne Trace. More pictures at www.archerpics.com

LADY WARRIORS FALL TO RAIDERS

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan forgot to come out and play in the fourth quarter and the Warriors lost a slim lead and went down in defeat 57-44 to the Lady Raiders in ACAC girls' basketball. The Warriors led at the end of the first period 14-11, at half-time 23-22, and led by 2 at 33-31 at the three quarters break. Southern Wells outscored Woodlan 25-11 in the final 8 minutes to get the win. Brooke Gerbers was high point scorer for Woodlan with 13 points.

Score by the quarter:
Woodlan - 14 9 10 11=44
Southern Wells - 11 11 9 25=57

Scorers of the game:
Woodlan - Gerbers 13, Hostetler 12, Ehle 9, Gerbers 8, Malfait 2

Southern Wells - Prible 16, Carter 13, Rhodes 10, DeaKyne 8, Knowles 4, Horton 4, Morton 2

LADY LIONS TAKE OUT WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott

Revenge was sweet for Leo as the Lions avenged an ACAC tournament loss to the Warriors by downing Woodlan 74-54 on the Warriors' home court. The Lions had control of the game from the start and the Lions led at every stop throughout the game. Kadin Gerig had 26 points for the Warriors.

Score by the quarter:
Leo - 18 14 22 22=74
Woodlan - 9 15 16 14=54

Scorers of the game:
Leo - Waters 15, Phillips 2, Moreau 2, Busche 9, Hardin 9, Davidson 22, Fields 7, Barrow 6, Pepple 2

Woodlan - White 6, McGettigan 8, Gerig 26, Stieglitz 1, Bennett 13

WARRIORS SCALP WIN OVER REDSKINS

By: Jeff Abbott

North Side jumped out to a 3-0 advantage over Woodlan before the Warriors came back and took the lead at 6-4 and go on to lead 15-10 at the end of the first period. The Warriors pushed the lead to 6 early in the quarter. North Side got hot from three point range, getting 4 long shots in the quarter, and the Redskins got the lead away from Woodlan and had the advantage at 31-27 at the break. Woodlan went on a 6-0 run to start the third period and regained the lead at 33-31. The Warriors built their lead to 7 in the period as North Side was unable to score until the 3:55 mark of the period. Woodlan continued to build on their lead, getting 4 fourth period long range shots, and the Warriors went on to get a 68-53 win over the Lady Redskins in girls basketball. North Side pulled away from Woodlan in the fourth quarter and won the reserve game 37-29. Kendra Graber had 12 points for Woodlan.

Score by the quarter:
North Side - 10 21 9 13=53

Woodlan - 15 12 14 27=68

Scorers of the game:
North Side - Miranda 18, Lewis 15, Linsner 8, Stuller 4, Jackson-Freeman 3, Moore 3, Rucker 2

Woodlan - Ehle 19, Malfait 14, Gerbers 14, Hostetler 7, Williams 5, Price 5, Franklin 4

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 2/6 - 2/12

MS/HS - Breakfast:
2/6 - Sausage biscuit, tator tots, juice/fruit, milk
2/7 - Links (sausage), waffles, juice/fruit, milk
2/8 - Gravy (sausage) w/ biscuits, juice/fruit, milk
2/11 - Breakfast pizza, juice/fruit, milk
2/12 - Egg & sausage burrito, juice/fruit, milk
MS/HS - Lunch:
2/6 - Whipped potatoes, beef & noodles, roll, carrots or Top You Philly Sub, assorted fruit, milk
2/7 - Chili soup w/crackers, vegetable pack, cheese breadstick or Honey mustard tenders, summer blend vegetables, roll, assorted fruit, milk
2/8 - Salad bar w/bread stick or Cheeseburger or BBQ w/bun, oven potatoes, pickle spears, assorted fruit, milk

2/11 - Salad bar w/bread stick or Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, celery, roll, assorted fruit, milk

2/12 - Salad (oriental chicken), egg roll, rice krispie treat or Cheeseburger w/bun, oven fries, vegetable pack, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:
2/6 - Breakfast burrito, juice/fruit, milk

2/7 - Muffin, string cheese, juice/fruit, milk
2/8 - Cereal or Bar, juice/fruit, milk

2/11 - Yogurt, goldfish grahams, juice/fruit, milk
2/12 - Pancakes, juice/fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Lunch:
2/6 - Peanut butter & jelly sandwich, gogurt/cracker or Egg/cheese omelet, tator tots, muffin, tomato juice, fruit, milk

2/7 - Peanut butter & jelly sandwich, gogurt/cracker, Sloppy joe w/whole grain bun, tator tots, green beans, fruit, milk

2/8 - Goldfish bread w/peanut butter, gogurt/cracker or Pizza, romaine salad, vegetable choice, sherbet, fruit, milk

2/11 - Hamburger w/whole grain bun, carrots, vegetable choice, fruit, milk
2/12 - Taco salad, lettuce/cheese, salsa, refried beans, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:
2/6 - Sausage pancake wrap, fruit, milk
2/7 - Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk

2/8 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk
2/11 - Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk

2/12 - Mini pancake, fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:
2/6 - Sloppy joe w/whole grain bun, California blend, celery, baked chips, fruit, milk

2/7 - Whole grain cheese bread stick w/marinara sauce, green beans, fruit snack, fruit, milk

2/8 - Taco in a bag, lettuce, refried beans, fruit, milk
2/11 - Corn dog, baked beans, celery sticks, fruit, milk

2/12 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, lettuce salad, fruit, milk

ANTWERP GIRLS FALL TO FAIRVIEW



Freshman Annie Miesle scores for the Archers.

The Lady Archers took on Fairview at home Thursday, January 31. Antwerp took the lead early and finished the first quarter 12-9 with Jones scoring 3 baskets and Sawyer nailing two three pointers. The second quarter was better yet and twas an exiting match as Antwerp scored 15 to Fairview's 5. Half time score: Antwerp 27, Fairview 14.

The second half of the game was a complete turnaround for the Apaches. They scored 16 points in the third and fourth quarters and Ant-

werp scored 10 and 6 respectively. With 2:58 left in the game Fairview passed Antwerp for the first time taking the momentum the Lady Archers had in the first half. Antwerp could not recover from all the turnovers and the Lady Apaches finished 46-43 with the win.

Antwerp scorers: Jones 19, Jemison 9, Sawyer 6, Braaten 4, Sweet 3, and Miesle 2.

Fairview - 9 5 16 16=46

Antwerp - 12 15 10 6=43

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ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS 2/6 - 2/12

2/6 - Mini corndogs, green beans, peaches, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

2/7 - BBQ on bun, cooked carrots, pears, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

2/8 - Hodge podge pizza or Tuna salad sandwich, applesauce, salad, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

2/11 - Grilled chicken on bun, baked beans, cherries, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

2/12 - Chicken fajita, corn, peaches, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

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Shown in the picture is New Haven junior Hannah Hope scoring for the Bulldogs.

The Angola Hornets travelled to New Haven for the girls match-up Wednesday, January 30. The first quarter first couple of minutes started close with the score going back and forth. Soon the Lady Bulldogs fell behind and couldn't catch up any longer. The first quarter ended 5-9. The second quarter Angola pulled out the stops, enforcing a full court press, and finished the first half 13-27.

The third quarter went entirely in the Hornets favor, not allowing New Haven to score a single point. The fourth quarter ended with the Bulldogs scoring 4 additional points and Angola clinching the basketball win with a 59-17 final score.

More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

MANOR HOUSE GYM DRAWS AKRON & TOLEDO TEAMS

This Saturday there will be a new boys basketball tournament offered at the Manor House Gym. An invitation was sent out to Junior High boys teams and eight teams answered the call. Locally, Woodlan and New Haven St. John Catholic will participate. Also attending will be; Ellet School from Akron, Ohio; Monclova Christian and Oregon from the Toledo area; Fort Wayne Emmaus Lutheran; Napoleon St. John Lutheran; and the Northwest Ohio Cougars, a home school team.

Games will be played on two courts at the Manor House all day long with the finals scheduled at 4:00 p.m. that afternoon. Take the time to stop in and see some basketball talent from other parts of Ohio right here in Antwerp.

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FORT WAYNE QUINTET EDGES WOODLAN FOR CHAMPIONSHIP IN ANTWERP

The Fort Wayne Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Bulldogs made an impressive run in the 6th grade and under girls basketball tournament, played at the Manor House Gym. FWSB Lutheran went undefeated on the day defeating Woodlan in the finals 47-21.

The tournament began with six teams, from four counties in Indiana and Ohio, travelling to Antwerp to participate in the event. Pool play took part most of the day. In game one, Napoleon St. John Lutheran Eagles battled Antwerp to a 23-17 win. Emily Bostleman scored 19 points for Napoleon. Antwerp was led by Chloe Franklin and Karsyn Brummet with 8 each.

In game two, Woodlan defeated Woodburn Lutheran School 30-15. Addie Bayman scored 10 and Lauren Durkes 8 for the Warriors. Sydni Klopfenstein led the Wildcats with 4.

Game three was the opening game for FWSB Lutheran. The Bulldogs started quick and never looked back in a 57-16 win over Antwerp. Josie Sauer scored 16, Carissa Garcia 15, and Hope Kanning 12 for the Bulldogs. Chloe Franklin and Karsyn Brummet led the Archers with 6. Woodlan secured the top spot in the pool by defeating Hicksville CYO 27-12. Addie Bayman led Woodlan with 8. Sam Klima led Hicksville with 6. FWSB Lutheran then locked in their spot in the finals with a 49-17 thrashing of Napoleon SJL. Carissa Garcia scored 13 for the Bulldogs, Emily Bostleman 9 for the Eagles. Hicksville then edged out WLS 18-6 to complete pool play.

In seeded game play, Antwerp played Woodburn Lutheran and won 17-6. Karsyn Brummet scored 6 for the Archers. The two seeds put Napoleon SJL beat Hicksville 27-18. Emily Bostleman put up 12 markers in for the Eagles, Jamie Meyers and Haily Metz each scored 6 for Hicksville CYO. The championship game pitted FWSB Lutheran against Woodlan. The game was close early but FWSB flexed their muscle and pulled away 47-21. Hope Kanning led the champion Bulldogs with 17 points and Josie Sauer tallied 14. Addie Bayman scored 12 for the runner up Warriors. Medallions were awarded to both teams.

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- Lunch:**
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ANTWERP DOMINATES IN MONTPELIER COUNTRY IN BOYS BB



Antwerp went to Montpelier Saturday, February 1 for the boys basketball game. The Archers took an early lead and never looked back winning the game 60-33. Antwerp now has a record of 9-8.

Shown above is Antwerp's Garrett Jones attempting to score for the Archers from the key. More pictures at www.archerpics.com

RAMS OUTSCORE LADY RAIDERS



Wayne Trace girls basketball went to Tinora Thursday, January 31. The Lady Raiders found Tinora to be extremely tough in the GMC when the Rams finished the game with a 51-37 victory. After falling to Miller City Saturday, the team record is now 5-13 overall and 2-3 in the conference. Shown above is senior Crystal Wannemacher maneuvering around the defense. More pictures at www.archerpics.com

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: YOUNG SPORTS ANNOUNCER COLLIN PERRY SERVES HIS COUNTY



Collin Perry of Antwerp works as a sports announcer for the live-radio web broadcast at WPAU, out of Paulding and WBNM out of Putnam County. Collin is a sophomore at Antwerp Local School and has aspirations of becoming a professional announcer/sports commentator. His parents are Jan and Angel Perry of Antwerp.

Collin has been interested in sports for as long as he can remember, but he recently found out he liked announcing just as much as playing. He then came in contact with Gary Unger of the radio station WPAU.

In his way of giving back to the community, Collin began back in late August when school was just starting. He has announced seven football games beginning with the Wayne Trace vs Crestview game that started Friday evening with Mike Maag and was delayed until Saturday after a severe storm cleared. Mike wasn't able to return Saturday morning, so Collin was able to finish his first broadcast solo.

A good student at Antwerp, Mr. Perry also loves history. It's his favorite subject. He works hard and just received his drivers license making it easier for him to work with the radio station announcing the Paulding, Antwerp and Wayne Trace games. He has also announced several Continental and Miller City games. So far for this season he has announced boys and girls basketball games—more than he can remember! He is also a varsity wrestler for the Archer team.

After high school Collin would like to get into college and start pursuing sports broadcasting and television journalism. He enjoys writing as well as the commenting and this should help him have greater choices in selecting a school. Great job Collin!

ANTWERP WRESTLERS COMPETE IN CARDINAL STRITCH INVITATIONAL

The Antwerp High School Wrestling Team recently competed at the Cardinal Stritch Wrestling Invitational on January 26, 2013. All nine Archer wrestlers competing were able to win at least one match on the day and six were able to place in the top five of their respective weight classes.

Placing 5th and going 2-3 on the day was Bevin Hall (132 lbs). Also finishing the day at 2-3 and placing 4th were Justice Clark (145 lbs.) and Colton Hall (152 lbs). Placing 3rd with a 2-2 record on the day was Bryce Hall (126 lbs). Also placing 3rd was Mason Gerken (170 lbs.) who finished the day with a 4-1 record. Placing runner-up was Jarett Bute (285 lbs) who also had a 4-1 record on the day.

The Archer wrestlers also managed an 8th place team finish. Their hard work is showing itself on the mat with their constant improvement. Their final home meet of the year has been changed from Tuesday January 29, 2013 to February 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Antwerp High School gymnasium.

ANTWERP WRESTLERS COMPETE IN JUNIOR HIGH GMC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

The Antwerp Junior High Wrestling Team competed in the Green Meadows Conference Tournament on January 26, 2013. Eighth grader Logan Shaner (104 lbs) went 1-0 on the day to claim his first GMC wrestling title and the 4th Junior High Wrestler to claim a conference title for the Archers. Shaner has without a doubt been a force to be reckoned with on the wrestling mat this year. He has amassed a 25-3 record with a 1st place finish at the Wayne Trace Invitational, 1st place at the Bryan Invitational, 2nd place at the Pilot Invitational, a 1st place finish at the Wauseon Invitational, and a perfect 5-0 record at the Antwerp Dual Meet Invitational. His hard work in the practice room and during matches will definitely help him next year when he becomes a freshman for the Archers. Be sure to catch Logan and the rest of the junior high wrestlers when they compete in their final meet of the season at Antwerp on February 7, 2013 against Wayne Trace and Paulding.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL HOLDS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Antwerp Elementary School is now scheduling appointments for its Kindergarten Registration and Screening which will be held on March 25-26. Antwerp offers all-day, every-day kindergarten. If your child will be five years old before August 1, 2013, please call the elementary office at 419-258-5421, ext. 2200, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to schedule your appointment. According to state law, all children must complete kindergarten before entering first grade. Please call today to schedule your appointment.

RAIDER WRESTLERS FALL SHORT; CROWN FOUR GMC CHAMPIONS

The GMC wrestling tournament was held Saturday, February 2nd at Fairview High School. Wayne Trace joined Ayersville and Tinora as the favorites to finish as GMC champs. The tournament was a hard fought battle between the best wrestlers and teams in the league and as the tournament progressed, the three favorites would rise to the top of the team scoreboard.

As the first team scores were posted, Wayne Trace would trail Ayersville by two points and Tinora would be in third. Solid wrestling occurred in the first two rounds. Clemens, Baxter, Miller, Showalter, Temple, Mansfield, and Pierce would all come through unscathed and would wrestle for the right to be a GMC champion. Additionally, Taylor, Dingus, Reel, Moore, and Chastain would wrestle for 3rd or 4th placement.

Several matches could have went the other way for the Raiders, but did not. Josh Reel battled Skylar Muehlfield the entire three periods and was poised to notch the upset. Pushing the match into overtime, Reel would not be able to fend off Muehlfield's takedown and drop the match.

By far, the grittiest and most heartbreaking match of the day was wrestled by Tim West. West would trade points back and forth with a Fairview opponent when he would suffer a laceration to his eyelid. He would be patched back up by the trainer and begin wrestling again. West would then go on a scoring frenzy, distancing himself from his opponent, but would have the match stopped again for blood. Again, the trainer would patch the eye and West would return to the mat with the referee informing Wayne Trace that one more stoppage for blood would result in a forfeit of the match. With a mere 9 seconds remaining in the match and West up by 7 points, the referee stopped it again for blood, and West was forced to forfeit. Unfortunately, this event would cost the Raider team several



George Clemens pins his opponent.



Aaron Miller places 1st in 132 weight class.

placement points.

Before entering the championship matches, team scores were posted and the red, white, and blue had taken over the top of the team board with Ayersville trailing by two and a half points. The Raiders and Pilots would have seven wrestlers each competing for top place honors, while the Rams would have six.

Clemens would remain undefeated on the season and capture his first GMC championship. He continues to push the most consecutive win streak record and currently is at 36. Showalter would square off against projected state champ VanVleet from Edgerton, and although would fall short on the win, gave it his all. Showalter would stun the crowd with capturing a takedown and scoring back points, but drop the match 13-7. Sawyer Temple would wrestle Urivez from Tinora, one of his three losses of the year. He would find himself down early in the match, but would fight back and capture the lead. He would then ride out Urivez for the win. With the win, Temple becomes a three time GMC league champ.

The Pilots would fare better in the finals with five champions compared to the Raiders four. The Raiders would place all but two wrestlers in the top four, but in the end, it wouldn't be enough. Wayne Trace would trail GMC team champion Ayersville by twelve and a half points to finish second. "I was pleased with everyone's effort today. We were so close, had just a few things went our way like West being able to finish that match, but they didn't. Overall, we wrestled well today. Some of the younger guys really stepped up and both our seniors left all they had on the mat, commented Clemens.

Team Standings: Ayersville 199, Wayne Trace 186.5, Tinora 127.5, Fairview 119, Edgerton 99.5, Antwerp 39, Hicksville 16

Individual Results: Clemens 106 1st, Taylor 113 4th, Elliott 120 DNP, Baxter 126 1st, Miller 132 1st, Showalter 138 2nd, Dingus 145 3rd, Reel 152 3rd, Temple 160 1st, West 170 DNP, Mansfield 182 2nd, Pierce 195 2nd, Moore 220 3rd, Chastain HWY 3rd.

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Financial Focus by: Gabe Pollock, Edward Jones Advisor



In Europe, the financial crisis drags on. China's economic growth has slowed from "wow" to "ho-hum." Here at home, we've seen heated political debates over taxes, spending and deficit reduction. Taken together, these factors have created a "fog of uncertainty" that has left many investors in the dark about their next moves. But is this "fog" really impenetrable — or can you, as an individual investor, see through it to a place of clarity?

To do so, you first need to realize that while the events mentioned above are certainly not insignificant, they also aren't the key determinants of investors' success.

While these types of stories dominate the headlines, they also tend to obscure some of the factors that frequently do play a bigger role in the investment world. And right now, these factors are actually somewhat encouraging.

Consider the following:

- The economy continues to grow. The economy isn't going "gangbusters," but it is growing. And thanks to historically low interest rates, consumer debt payments have dropped significantly, leaving people with more money to spend elsewhere. Typically, this higher spending tends to contribute to

future economic growth.

- Corporate earnings remain solid. Many companies have shown strong earnings over the past couple of years — and earnings tend to be a key driver of stock prices. When their earnings are strong, companies may use some of the profits to repurchase shares of their own stock, thereby reducing the number of shares held by the public — which means that even if profits remain the same, the earnings per share should increase.

- Stocks are still attractively priced. As measured by the price-to-earnings ratio (P/E), stocks are still priced relatively well. While no one can predict stock market performance, this may be a good buying opportunity.

Of course, all these indicators of today's investment environment can change over time; at some point, they may well be not so positive. But if you truly want to see through the fog of uncertainty that always develops with unsettling political or economic news, you'll want to follow these basic, "all-weather" guidelines:

- Stay diversified. A diversified portfolio can help protect you from the harshest effects of market volatility. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, can't guarantee profits or protect against loss.)

- Rebalance your portfolio. Over time, your investment mix can shift, even without your intent. For example, some of your holdings can appreciate so much in value that they take on a greater percentage of your portfolio than you had intended. That's why it's important to periodically rebalance your portfolio so that it fits your investment objectives and risk tolerance.

- Stay focused on the long term. When confronted with short-term market fluctuations or scary headlines, many people overreact and make ill-advised investment decisions. You

can avoid these behaviors by staying focused on the long term.

- Invest in companies that are charting their own course. When investing for the equity portion of your portfolio, look for companies with the ability to prosper in all economic environments.

With patience and perseverance, and by focusing on the key factors outlined above, you can navigate the fog of uncertainty and concentrate on your long-term investment goals. So don't be afraid to "set sail."

EDWARD JONES NAMED A 2013 NATIONAL TOP WORKPLACE

Financial-services firm Edward Jones was named one of America's Top Workplaces by WorkplaceDynamics, according to Phil Recker, a financial advisor in Paulding.

Edward Jones was ranked No. 16 nationwide among 872 organizations with more than 1,000 employees that participated in regional top workplaces programs.

The National Top Workplaces list was determined solely by feedback gathered through an objective employee survey. The survey was conducted by WorkplaceDynamics, LLP, the leading on-demand employee survey provider, in conjunction with 30 leading regional newspapers.

The survey uses a proprietary set of 22 questions to rank companies. The survey data showed that employees most want to work at companies with high levels of organizational health. Companies that set a clear direction for their future, execute well and bring real meaning to work are the healthiest, according to the survey.

Details about the National Top Workplaces, a full list of the Top 150 companies, the survey methodology, and factors that drive organizational health are available at www.topworkplaces.com.

Earlier this month, Edward Jones was named to FORTUNE magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work for 2013."

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In January 2013, for the 14th year, Edward Jones was named one of the best companies to work for by FORTUNE Magazine in its annual listing. The firm ranked

ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS: AWARD WINNING CENTER!



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool has again been awarded a grant from Step Up To Quality, a voluntary rating system from the state of Ohio. Step Up To Quality recognizes early care and education programs that exceed quality benchmarks over and above Ohio's licensing standards.

Supports and awards are available to assist programs in achieving and maintaining a Star Rating.

Shown here with the Step Up to Quality banner and proud faces are the boys and girls in the afternoon class of three and young four year olds.

"Our preschool is thrilled to have earned this award for the sixth year in a row. The monetary part of the grant is a huge help in maintaining our high standards and curriculum," stated Mrs. Miller, owner and administrator of Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool.

No. 8 overall. These 14 FORTUNE rankings include 10 top-10 finishes, consecutive No. 1 rankings in 2002 and 2003, and consecutive No. 2 rankings in 2009 and 2010. FORTUNE and Time Inc. are not affiliated with and do not endorse products or services of Edward Jones.

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SEN. KRUSE: SENATE APPROVES LEGISLATION ON THE SALE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Legislation authored by State Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn) to clarify and improve the process of selling unused public school buildings passed the Senate by a vote of 48-0.

Currently, the law on public school building sales authorizes a school corporation to sell a vacant or unused school building after it is made available to a charter school for at least 48 months. Senate Bill 135 would reduce that waiting period to two years and allow school corporations to receive a waiver to sell an unused building immediately if no charter school objects.

"Two years ago, lawmakers passed legislation allowing charter schools to get the first opportunity at vacant school buildings so that these facilities had a better chance of continuing to be used for their intended purpose: the education of our children,"

Kruse said. "The intent of that legislation was good, but since then, state leaders have seen the need to tweak the process. My bill maintains the practice of trying to return vacant school buildings to educational use, but it allows for exceptions when a community has a better chance of seeing a building used for another beneficial purpose."

SB 135 also provides that if the charter school chooses to sell a facility after purchasing it from a school corporation, the charter school must transfer the profit to the orig-

inal school corporation.

"This provision is all about accountability," Kruse said. "It would be an abuse of legislators' intent if a charter school were to buy a school building at a discounted price and then turn around and sell it for a profit. Legislators are seeking to ensure such a scenario will never happen."

The bill now moves to the House of Representatives where it is sponsored by Reps. Matthew Lehman (R-Berne), Phyllis Pond (R-New Haven) and Phil GiaQuinta (D-Fort Wayne).

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NEW HAVEN STUDENTS RECEIVE RECOGNITION FOR RESPECT, PRIDE & EXCELLENCE



Pictured here (l-r) Mr. Edmonds, Assist. Principal, Natalie Close, Chai Wang, Marquis Stevenson, FernHaze McGraw, Michael Taylor Pobuk and Mr. Greg Mohler, Principal.

New Haven High School 9th students were recognized for taking a leadership role and living by the schools motto: Promote Respect, Foster Pride and Inspire Excellence. They were given VIP gift packages for their positive attitude towards

classmates, teachers and education.

caption: Pictured here (l-r) Mr. Edmonds, Assist. Principal, Natalie Close, Chai Wang, Marquis Stevenson, FernHaze McGraw, Michael Taylor Pobuk and Mr. Greg Mohler, Principal.

MANOR HOUSE GYM STARTS WINTER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES

Sunday will be the start of two new winter volleyball leagues. In the 6th grade and under division, fall league champion Lincolnview and Defiance both return from the fall league. They will be joined by newcomers Bryan, Wayne Trace, Defiance St. John Lutheran, and two

teams each from Woodlan and the Woodburn Lutheran School.

In the Junior High division, there will be four teams made up of players from all over northwest Ohio and northeast Indiana. Games will be played weekly on Sunday afternoons and evenings until March 17 when the season will end with a single elimination tournament.

ROCKY START & FINISH FOR PAULDING WRESTLERS @ NWC CONFERENCE

The morning didn't start off very well for the Paulding Wrestling team. 120 missed his alarm and didn't show up, 152 didn't make weight, and even though the young man had the OHSAA approved skin form, the doctor on staff didn't let 132 wrestle.

Paulding started 3 varsity guys down. There are some quality teams in the NWC league. Zack Wesley (132 that was disqualified) was seeded first and had already beaten the wrestler who ended up first in his weight class twice this year. The team was really counting on him for some major points.

After the first round the team was in fifth place and were starting to feel the effects of being down 3 varsity wrestlers. After round two they slowly moved up, and after round 3 they moved up to a tie for third but were still down almost 40 points to Spencerville. They really stepped it up in the fourth round and picked up 8 pins. That closed the gap, but they weren't sure if it would be enough.

In the finals Paulding got pins from Taylor Deatrick, Cody Jarrell, Dakota Valdez, Ryan Schindler, Branson Minck, and maybe the most important match, Tyler Ash. Ash is the returning state qualifier at 220. He was wrestling Wessel of Jefferson who had beat Paulding 7-3 earlier this year. Wessel had some great leg attacks, but game planned and talked about the match alot in practice. It went into overtime and we put the pressure on and Ash ended up on top with Wessel on his back, and stuck him. Not only did he pick up the win but got bonus points for the pin.

This is the first conference championship Paulding has won at Paulding in about 10 or 11 years. It was good for the athletes to see that all the hard work they did this summer, all the hard practices, and the intense conditioning paid off.

Coach Neilson had this to say afterwards, "We have two weeks left and then it's tournament time. We still have some mistakes to fix and areas we need to improve on, but I am excited to see what we can do at sectionals, districts, and hopefully state."

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WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DRAFT NOTES 1/7/13

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education held its annual organizational meeting on Monday the 7th of January in the Lecture Room in Wayne Trace High School at 7:15 p.m.

President Pro Tem Perry Sinn called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Perry Sinn.

Roll Call: Dick Swary, Duane Sinn, Pat Baumele, Lisa McClure, Perry Sinn - all present.

New Business:
Nomination and Election of Officers:
President of Wayne Trace Board for 2013:

1. President Pro Tem called for nominations and Duane Sinn was nominated for President in 2013 by Lisa McClure and seconded by Pat Baumele.
2. Treasurer called for votes: Dick Swary - aye; Pat Baumele - aye; Duane Sinn - abstain; Lisa McClure - aye; Perry Sinn - aye
3. President Pro Tem declares Duane Sinn as President of the Board for 2013.
4. Treasurer swore in the new President.

Vice President of Wayne Trace Board for 2013

1. The President called for nominations and Lisa McClure was nominated for Vice-President in 2013 by Pat Baumele and seconded by Dick Swary.
2. Treasurer called for votes: Dick Swary - aye; Pat Baumele - aye; Duane Sinn - aye; Lisa McClure - abstain; Perry Sinn - aye
3. President declares Lisa McClure as Vice-President of the Board for 2013.
4. Treasurer swore in the new Vice-President.

13-01-01 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:
A motion by Pat Baumele to approve the following consent agenda items, excluding A:

A. to establish the second Monday of each month at 7:30 7:00 p.m. in the High School lecture room as the date, time, and location of the regularly held monthly Board meetings for the 2013 calendar year; PULLED FOR LATER CONSIDERATION

B. to confirm that the number of Board meetings at which Board members may be compensated at unlimited at a set salary of \$75 per Board member per meeting;

C. to authorize the treasurer to:
1. make transfers within the General Fund accounts to pay outstanding bills within the limits of Appropriations as presented (when merchandise has been received in good condition) and to make General Fund transfers as funds are available;

2. secure advances from the county auditor when such funds are available and payable to the school district; and

3. invest active, inactive, or interim funds at the most productive rate of interest according to law whenever these funds are available;

D. to authorize the superintendent:
1. as the program administrator in making the decision to take part in any local, state, or federal program deemed advantageous to the school district;

2. to approve staff members' attendance at professional meetings;

3. to attend and represent Wayne Trace Local Schools at all professional meetings;

4. to employ such temporary and/or substitute personnel as needed for emergency purposes and otherwise; and

5. to approve all regular field trips and vocational field trips; all out-of-state trips and trips involving more than one overnight's stay, however, must have prior Board approval;

E. to authorize the Board President and treasurer to borrow money if needed;

F. to establish the service fund for the Board of Education and to allocate \$3,500.00 to this fund (presently \$3,500.00);

G. to authorize the superintendent as purchasing agent for the school district and to establish \$10,000.00 \$15,000.00 as the limit at which the purchasing agent may make purchases/expenditures without prior Board approval (presently \$10,000.00);

H. to authorize the purchase of position bonds for the superintendent and Board President at \$50,000.00 and the treasurer at \$100,00.00;

I. to confirm that the Substitute teacher rate should remain at its current rate of \$80 per day for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year;

J. to authorize membership in the Ohio School Boards Association for the 2013 calendar year at an estimated cost of \$3,500.00;

"Are there any consent agenda items the Board would like to move down into "Other New Business" for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes? Yes - Item A pulled for discussion.

Seconded by Perry Sinn. Roll Call Vote: Pat Baumele, Perry Sinn, Dick Swary, Lisa McClure, Duane Sinn - all aye Motion passed.

13-01-02:
A motion by Lisa McClure to estab-

STUDY ISLAND TEACHES PAULDING 5th GRADERS ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS



Paulding Elementary 5th graders are shown studying a lesson on graphic organizers in the online program called Study Island. The concept is studied in the classroom and then students take a short assessment in the computer lab.

This incorporates technology into the concepts of what they have been studying. Shown working in the computer lab with Mrs. Jan Kohart are fifth graders Ivy Riggenbach, Zoe Kochel, and Kaylie Tressler.

lish the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the High School lecture room as the date, time, and location of the regularly held monthly Board meetings for the 2013 calendar year.

Seconded by Dick Swary. Roll Call Vote: Lisa McClure, Dick Swary, Pat Baumele, Duane Sinn - all aye Perry Sinn - nay. Motion passed.

13-01-03 OTHER NEW BUSINESS:
A motion by Pat Baumele to designate the Board President as legislative liaison and the Board Vice President as the alternate for this position for this calendar year and to appoint the following committees and to utilize the following Board members to serve on these committees during 2013:

Building and Grounds (2) Perry Sinn and Lisa McClure (currently Lisa and Duane)

Transportation & Food Services (2) Pat Baumele and Dick Swary (currently Dick and Pat)

Finance, Insurances, and P.I. Fund (all 5) All Board Members (currently all 5)

Personnel (2) Duane Sinn and Dick Swary (currently Perry and Dick)

Policy (2) Perry Sinn and Pat Baumele (currently Duane and Pat)

Extracurricular (2) Lisa McClure and Perry Sinn (currently Perry and Lisa)

Student Achievement & Technology (2) Duane Sinn and Lisa McClure (currently Lisa and Duane)

Roll Call Vote: Pat Baumele, Dick Swary, Perry Sinn, Lisa McClure, Duane Sinn - all aye. Motion passed.

Due to the time no recess was called and board continued on into regular meeting.

Correspondence, Recognition of Guests, Hearing of the Public: NONE

Treasurer Report:
13-01-04 Consent Agenda Items:
A motion by Lisa McClure to approve the following consent agenda items:

A. to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2012 Board meeting;

B. to approve the investment report and payment of bills as presented by the treasurer for November and December 2012;

C. to accept a \$2200.00 donation from the Latty Apostolic Christian Church for the purchase of supplies for the Special Education Department;

D. to accept a \$350.00 donation from the VESTUS Company for the purchase of supplies to repaint crosswalks at Wayne Trace Payne Elementary School;

E. to accept a \$135.00 donation from Kevin Wilson and the JH/HS staff for the Betty Myers Educational Opportunity Fund;

F. to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying to the County Auditor as follows:

4.00 Mills - Inside Operating
23.70 Mills - Outside Operating
2.20 Mills - 2000 OSFC Construction and Renovation Bond

1.25 Mills - 2000 Local Funded Initiative Bond
.50 Mill - OSFC Construction Maintenance

"Before we pass the consent resolution, are there any items you would like to move from the consent agenda to the discussion agenda for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?"

Seconded by Pat Baumele. Roll Call Vote: Lisa McClure, Pat Baumele, Dick Swary, Perry Sinn, Duane Sinn - all aye. Motion passed.

Vantage Report - Pat Baumele:
Building is progressing and plan to schedule an open house and ribbon cutting at next meeting.

Renewed contract with superintendent for 5 years
WT Grover Hill Elementary, Alan Lautzenheiser, Principal:

1. The Wayne Trace Grover Hill Spelling Bee will be held on Wednesday, January 9. The winner will represent WTGH at the Paulding County Spelling bee in February.

2. There will be a 2 hour delay on Thursday, January 10. Ms. Sinn and Mrs. Davis will be leading session at WTGH related to technology issues.

3. Aims Web diagnostic testing is taking place at WTGH. This testing is administered several times a year. The results provide us with data to be able to identify growth and to determine whether interventions are being effective or whether they should be changed. One difference with this administration is that much of the assessment is being administered electronically which is providing immediate scoring and feedback.

4. There will be an assembly on January 14 related to Chemistry and science. There will be 2 sessions, one tailored for primary and the other for intermediate

and upper elementary students.
**Quiet month with 2 week shutdown and short time between meetings.

Committee Reports:
Check microwaves in kitchen for efficiency, seem to be slowing down line.
Superintendent's Report:

A. Curriculum:
• In service scheduled for March 1st has been moved to February 27th to accommodate a speaker on the "student learning outcomes" requirements.

• Race to the Top progress is in line with plan and has received state approval of progress to date

• Technology program studies are continuing.
B. Personnel:

• January is School Board Members Recognition Month and all members were presented with certificates in thanks for their service.

C. Buildings and Grounds:
• Getting cost estimates for various updates to lighting system to save electricity.

• Main Ladies restroom remodeling is in the selection stage.

• Cameras are being installed throughout High School and when completed will look at feasibility of systems in elementary buildings.

D. Events:
• Christmas programs were great success in all 3 buildings.

• A two hour teacher in-service delay for January 10, 2013 for technology updating and raining for all staff members.

E. Operations:
• Hall of Fame nominations are requested and form was sent in monthly mailing.

• With passage of HB555 report card will change to a letter grade for each of the 5 indicators.

13-01-05 Consent Agenda Items:
A motion by Pat Baumele to approve the following consent agenda items, excluding G:

A. to accept the resignation of Jane Bloom as a teacher, effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year, and thank her for thirty-five years of service to the district;

B. to commend music teachers Mr. Robbie Lucas, Miss Sharon Spinner, and Mrs. Marie Moore for coordinating and directing outstanding Christmas programs at their respective buildings;

C. to commend junior high student Brady Stabler for winning this year's JH spelling bee;

D. to commend junior high student Jayden Sherry for winning this year's geography bee;

E. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Transportation, to approve Brandi Coyne as a bus driver, effective February 1, 2013, with placement on the salary schedule to be determined;

F. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to amend the contract of Kristy Ross as the JH cheerleading coach and pay her the remaining 2/3 of the supplemental contract;

G. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to approve the following certified staff member for the following supplemental position for the 2012-2013 school year:

• Annette Sinn - HS Assistant Track and Field; PULLED FOR LATER CONSIDERATION

H. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to approve the following classified staff members for the following supplemental positions for the 2012-2013 school year:

• Troy Branch - HS Head Track and Field
• Brian Yenser - HS Assistant Track and Field

• Terry Campbell - JH Head Track and Field
• Tiffany Goings - JH Assistant Track and Field

• Don Kipfer - JH Assistant Track and Field

I. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to approve the following volunteer coaches for the following supplemental positions for the 2012-2013 school year:

• Anita Branch - HS Track and Field
• Chad Critten - HS Track and Field

J. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and JH/SH Principal, to grant an extended leave-of-absence under FMLA for Valerie DeVelvis from approximately March 7, 2013 through the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year;

K. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and JH/HS Principal, to

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As part of their study of ancient South American civilization, Miss Martz's 6B Social Studies class made Incan masks.

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offer a supplemental contract to Kenny Speice as waste water treatment supervisor for the WT JH/HS building, effective February 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013.

"Before we pass the consent resolution, are there any items you would like to move from the consent agenda to the discussion agenda for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?"

Seconded by Lisa McClure. Roll Call Vote: Pat Baumle, Lisa McClure, Dick Swary, Perry Sinn, Duane Sinn - all aye. Motion passed.

13-01-06:
A motion by Dick Swary that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to approve the following certified staff member for the following supplemental position for the 2012-2013 school year:
1. Annette Sinn - HS Assistant Track and Field

Seconded by Pat Baumle. Roll Call Vote: Dick Swary, Pat Baumle, Lisa McClure, Duane Sinn - all aye. Perry Sinn - abstain. Motion passed.

13-01-07:
"Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1), a motion by Perry Sinn to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of considering an employee contract."

Seconded by Pat Baumle. Roll Call Vote: Perry Sinn, Pat Baumle, Dick Swary, Lisa McClure, Duane Sinn - all aye. Motion passed.

13-01-08 New Business:
A motion by Pat Baumle to establish the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the High School lecture room as the date, time, and location of the regularly held monthly Board meetings for the 2013 calendar year.

Seconded by Lisa McClure. Roll Call Vote: Pat Baumle, Lisa McClure, Dick Swary, Perry Sinn, Duane Sinn - all aye. Motion passed.

13-01-09:
A motion by Perry Sinn to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Pat Baumle. Vote by Acclamation of members Ayes have it - motion passed.

The next Board meeting will be held February 11, 2013.

THE GUN DEBATE

By State Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn)

In the wake of the Sandy Hook tragedy and other events in our country, many state and federal lawmakers are turning their attention to the issue of gun control. This is a sensitive topic because people on both sides of the issue feel there are fundamental concerns of security and public safety at stake.

The U.S. Constitution addresses the right to bear arms in the Second Amendment, which reads, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Those supporting stricter gun legislation say that this Amendment is aimed toward the militia to carry firearms, not individuals. Those opposing stricter laws argue that this amendment addresses two separate subjects, militia and the people. The Supreme Court has held that the Second Amendment protects the gun rights of individual Americans, not just members of a militia or military group.

Hoosiers' right to bear arms is also stated in Article I, Section 32 of the Indiana Constitution, which reads, "The people shall have a right to bear arms, for the defense of themselves and the State." As opposed to the U.S. Constitution, this article attempts to eliminate different interpretations of the language by only addressing "the people."

Although there are numerous federal and state laws concerning gun control, there is much debate over how involved government should be in individual gun rights.

The main argument for stricter gun control is that fewer guns in society will reduce violent crime. Advocates believe that having fewer guns in the home will decrease the amount of suicides and accidents with a firearm. They also argue that if a gun is taken out of the equation in crimes such as shoplifting or theft, there will be fewer lives lost. Overall, supporters of stricter gun control believe that if fewer guns are available, all Americans will be safer.

Those opposing stricter gun control argue that guns are not the problem; people are the problem. If legislation restricts law-abiding citizens' ability to possess a firearm for protection, criminals will still obtain guns, but their victims will be unable to defend themselves. Overall, opposition to stricter gun control rests on the belief that an unarmed public would be less safe from those without respect for human life and the law.

Indiana legislators are working hard to keep Hoosiers safe and secure. We are also ensuring that your Constitutional right to bear arms

is protected. Now that you have seen both sides of the debate, I encourage you to share your thoughts on gun control. What do you think?

KEEPING PETS SAFE, HEALTHY AND HAPPY

(NAPSI)—To help raise children's awareness about the best ways to keep pets safe, healthy and happy, TV's No. 1 show for preschoolers is airing a special shelter animal episode throughout February.

This "Where's the Fire-dog?" episode of the PBS KIDS show "Curious George" has George's canine friend, Blaze, running away from the firehouse. When Blaze winds up in the animal shelter, George and his firefighter friend Sam learn how to keep her safe by putting a tag on her collar, walking her on a leash, and making sure she's never lonely.

Parents will find this a great teaching tool, as are all the rich accompanying resources, activities and games on pb-skids.org/curiousgeorge.

Another good idea is to heed these hints from The Humane Society of the United States:

- Important Pet Care Ideas
1. ID your pet with a microchip and collar with tags.
 2. Keep dogs on a leash and cats inside.
 3. Feed them quality food twice a day.
 4. Visit the vet at least once a year for vaccinations.
 5. Show them lots of love.
- "Children love having pets, but some kids need help learning the best pet care practices," says Executive Producer Dorothea Gillim. "Who better than Curious George to help kids learn this?"



Miss Martz's 6th grade Language Arts class at Payne Elementary finished a unit on figurative language. As part of their study of personification, they created 3-D models of personification sentences they'd created.

"Curious George" is based on the best-selling books by Margret and H.A. Rey and is a production of WGBH Boston, the largest producer of PBS content for TV and the Web, among others. It's designed

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What is/was the event for and what are the dates, times, and location?

How long has this been going on?

Who is invited?

Is there something specific that stands out for this event?

Is this to help provide for a non-profit organization?

Where can people get more information?

Do you have a picture to be printed?

Other questions that may help include:

What is the name of your business/address?

Who are the owner/owners?

How long have you been in business and how was it started?

What products do you carry/line of work?

What separates you from your competition?

Are there any special features, about your business, people should know?

If you want your phone number and/or address included, what is it?

Hours of business?

Have you recently expanded or will be soon?

SEN. KRUSE: COMMITTEE APPROVES LEGISLATION TO ENHANCE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Legislation authored by IN State Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn) to enhance vocational education for high school students passed the Senate Committee on Education and Career Development today by a vote of 8-0.

Senate Bill 465 would establish Indiana Works Councils for designated geographic regions throughout Indiana with members appointed by the governor. These groups would be tasked with preparing and submitting an evaluation of the career, technical and vocational education opportunities available to high school students in the area.

"When our students leave high school, we want them to be prepared for whatever future they choose for themselves," Kruse said. "Works Councils will allow us to continually monitor how well our schools serve students who choose to pursue a career right after graduation."

If a Works Council determines the vocational education opportunities for students in its region are inadequate, the bill provides that members may develop an alternative curriculum that is subject to the approval of the State Board of Education.

"This will ensure our children are career-ready and competitive in a global economy," Kruse said. "My hope is that this will set a standard where Hoosier students are the types of employees that companies want to hire."

SB 465 now moves to the full Senate for further consideration.

FIRST DEFIANCE FINANCIAL CORP. REPORTS FOR 2012

First Defiance Financial Corp. (NASDAQ: FDEF) announced record net income for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 totaled \$18.7 million, or \$1.81 per diluted common share compared to \$15.5 million or \$1.42 per diluted common share for the year ended December 31, 2011. For the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2012, First Defiance earned \$5.2 million or \$0.52 per diluted common share compared to \$4.1 million or \$0.36 per diluted common share for the fourth quarter of 2011. The fourth quarter of 2012 included \$2.0 million in prepayment fees from the early payment of FHLB advances, offset by \$1.6 million of gains on the sale of securities associated with a balance sheet restructuring strategy.

"I am pleased with the record net income in the full year of 2012 and overall performance for the fourth quarter as the country continues to rebound from the economic challenges of the last several years," said William J. Small, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of First Defiance Financial Corp. "We are pleased with the strong mortgage banking results this quarter and throughout the full year, as well as the steady improvement in credit quality."

In the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company executed a balance sheet restructuring strategy to enhance the Company's current and future profitability while increasing its capital ratios and protecting the balance sheet against rising rates. The strategy required taking an after tax loss of approximately \$260,000 through selling \$60 million in securities for a gain of \$1.6 million and paying off \$62 million in FHLB advances with a prepayment penalty of \$2.0 million. The anticipated positive effects of this strategy include: 1) increases in the net interest margin and net interest income, 2) improvement in all capital ratios, and 3) increases in return on average assets and return on average equity.

Credit Quality: The fourth quarter 2012 results include provision for loan losses expense of \$2.6 million, compared with \$4.1 million in the same period in 2011. The allowance for loan loss as a percentage of total loans decreased to 1.75% at December 31, 2012 from 2.24% at December 31, 2011.

Non-performing assets totaled \$36.4 million at December 31, 2012, down from \$46.3 million at December 31, 2011. The December 31, 2012 balance included \$32.6 million of loans that were non-accrual or 90 days past due. Additionally, First Defiance had \$3.8 million of real estate owned at December 31, 2012 up from \$3.6 million at December 31, 2011. Loans classified as Trouble Debt Restructured because of modification of terms granted to borrowers totaled \$28.2 million at December 31, 2012 compared to \$3.4 mil-

lion for the same period in 2011. For the fourth quarter of 2012, First Defiance recorded net charge-offs of \$2.2 million, which represented 0.59% of average loans outstanding (annualized) for the quarter, compared with 2.49% in the fourth quarter of 2011.

"Asset quality continued to show improvement this quarter, reflected by a 17% reduction in non-performing loans from the fourth quarter of 2011," Small said. "We had a 75% decrease in net charge-offs in the 2012 fourth quarter compared with the fourth quarter of 2011, reflecting continuation of improvement in the credit profile of First Defiance."

Net Interest Margin:

Net interest income decreased to \$17.4 million in the fourth quarter of 2012 compared to \$17.5 million in the 2011 fourth quarter, and was up slightly from the third quarter of 2012, which was \$17.2 million. Net interest margin was 3.92% for the 2012 fourth quarter compared to 3.80% in the third quarter of 2012 and 3.83% in the fourth quarter of 2011. Yield on interest earning assets declined by 23 basis points to 4.40% in the fourth quarter of 2012 from 4.63% in the 2011 fourth quarter, while the cost of interest-bearing liabilities and non-interest-bearing demand deposits decreased by 34 basis points, to 0.50% from 0.84%. The net interest margin was positively impacted by the Company's balance sheet restructuring strategy that was executed in the fourth quarter of 2012.

"We are pleased with the increase in our net interest margin for the quarter and the stability seen throughout this economic cycle," said Small. "The balance sheet restructuring we did in the fourth quarter was an important move as we anticipate that an extended low rate environment and continued pricing pressures will put pressure on the margin."

Non-Interest Income:

Non-interest income for the 2012 fourth quarter increased to \$10.2 million from \$7.9 million in the fourth quarter of 2011. Gain on investment securities was \$1.6 million for the fourth quarter of 2012, compared to \$169,000 in the fourth quarter of 2011. All of the gains from the sale of securities in the fourth quarter of 2012 were due to the executed balance sheet restructure. Income from the sale of insurance and investment products remained stable at \$2.0 million in the fourth quarter of 2012, flat with \$2.0 million in the same period of 2011. Mortgage banking income increased to \$2.7 million in the fourth quarter of 2012, compared with \$1.9 million in the same period in 2011. Gains from the sale of mortgage loans increased in the fourth quarter of 2012 to \$2.7 million from \$1.7 million in the fourth quarter of 2011. Mortgage loan servicing revenue increased slightly in the fourth quarter 2012 to \$888,000 from \$874,000 in the fourth quarter of 2011.

First Defiance recorded a positive valuation adjustment of \$96,000 on mortgage servicing rights ("MSR") in the fourth quarter of 2012, compared with a positive adjustment of \$181,000 in the fourth quarter of 2011. The MSR valuation adjustment is a reflection of the increase in the fair value of certain sectors of the Company's portfolio of MSRs.

"Non-interest income increased, driven by mortgage banking and solid fee income, which are part of our core operating strategy. Gain on sale of mortgage loans was higher this quarter compared to the 2011 fourth quarter driven by higher loan activity," stated Small. "The mortgage originations for the bank in 2012 represented a record for the highest dollar level of production in a year."

Non-Interest Expenses:

Total non-interest expense was \$17.5 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2012, an increase of \$1.9 million from \$15.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2011. The fourth quarter of 2012 included \$2.0 million of prepayment fees associated with the repayment of FHLB debt.

Compensation and benefits decreased by \$290,000 in the fourth quarter of 2012 compared to the fourth quarter of 2011. The year over year decrease in compensation and benefits expense is largely due to increased mortgage and commercial loan volume that results in deferred compensation costs associated with that volume. Other non-interest expenses increased \$1.7 million in the fourth quarter of 2012 as a result of recording \$2.0 million in FHLB prepayment fees as part of the executed balance sheet restructure. The increase in other non-interest expense was slightly offset by a decrease in credit related expenses, which consists of secondary market buy-back losses, real estate owned expenses and credit and collection expenses, of \$553,000 in the fourth quarter of 2012 from the fourth quarter of 2011.

Annual Results: On an annual basis, earnings for 2012 were \$18.7 million compared with \$15.5 million in 2011. Net interest income for 2012 totaled \$69.0 million, a decrease of \$875,000 or 1.25% from 2011. Average interest-earning assets increased to \$1.862 billion for 2012 compared to \$1.848 billion in 2011. Net interest margin for 2012 was 3.81%, compared with 3.88% for 2011.

The provision for loan losses for 2012 was \$10.9 million, which was down from \$12.4 million in 2011.

Non-interest income for the twelve month period ended December 31, 2012 was \$34.4 million compared to \$27.5 million during the same period of 2011. The 2012 results include securities gains of \$2.1 million, slightly offset by \$5,000 related to other-than-temporary impairment ("OTTI") charges recognized for one impaired investment security. The 2011 securities gains of \$216,000 consisted of \$218,000 related to gain on sale of available for sale securities slightly offset by \$2,000 related to OTTI charges recognized for one impaired investment security. Service fees and other charges were \$10.8 million for the year ended 2012 compared to \$11.4 million during 2011. Mortgage banking income for 2012 was \$9.7 million, up from \$6.4 million in 2011. Insurance and investment sales revenues increased to \$8.7 million in 2012, compared to \$7.1 million in 2011. The insurance and investments increase is primarily due to the Payak-Dubbs Insurance Agency, Inc. acquisition that was completed on July 1, 2011. Other non-interest income was \$1.5 million for the year ended 2012 compared to \$478,000 for the same period in 2011 mainly due to receiving \$618,000 from an insurance settlement in 2012.

Non-interest expense increased to \$65.8 million for the full year of 2012 from \$62.8 million in 2011. The full year of 2012 includes \$2.0 million of prepayment fees associated with the repayment of FHLB debt which is included in other non-interest expense. Compensation and benefits expense increased \$1.0 million for the year ended 2012 compared to 2011 mainly resulting from the insurance acquisition in July 2011 which added \$1.6 million in compensation and benefits expense in 2012 compared to \$797,000 for the same period in 2011.

Other non-interest expense was \$14.4 million for the year ended 2012 compared to \$13.2 million for the same period in 2011. The main contributor to the increase was the previously mentioned \$2.0 million prepayment expense on FHLB debt. Other non-interest expense also includes \$2.2 million of credit, collection and real estate owned costs compared with \$3.6 million in 2011.

Total Assets at \$2.05 Billion:

Total assets at December 31, 2012 were \$2.05 billion, compared to \$2.07 billion at December 31, 2011. Net loans receivable (excluding loans held for sale) were \$1.50 billion at December 31, 2012 compared to \$1.45 billion at December 31, 2011. Total cash and cash equivalents were \$136.8 million at December 31, 2012 compared with \$174.9 million at December 31, 2011. Total deposits at December 31, 2012 were \$1.67 billion compared to \$1.60 billion at December 31, 2011. Non-interest bearing deposits at December 31, 2012 were \$315.1 million compared to \$245.9 million at December 31, 2011. Total stockholders' equity was \$258.1 million at December 31, 2012 compared to \$278.1 million at the December 31, 2011. Also at December 31, 2012, goodwill and other intangible assets totaled \$66.3 million compared to \$67.7 million at December 31, 2011. The Company paid \$37.0 million to repurchase its outstanding preferred stock related to TARP during 2012, which effectively lowered capital levels.

Succession Plan:

Also at today's Board meeting, Mr. Small informed the Board of Directors of First Defiance that he plans to retire from his management role at First Defiance effective December 31, 2013. With this announcement, the Board approved the initiation of its management transition plan. As a result, effective January 1, 2014, Donald P. Hileman, currently Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, will assume the role of President and CEO of First Defiance. Jim Rohrs will remain in his position as President and CEO of First Federal Bank. Mr. Small, currently Chairman, President, and CEO of First Defiance and Chairman of the Bank, will retire as an active employee of the Company, but will remain as Chairman of both the holding company and the Bank.

"This is a part of our succession plan that has been discussed over the last several years," stated Lead Independent Director Steve Boomer. "With improving performance trends we remain focused on the long term success of the Company, including management succession. Implementing the plan now allows us to better facilitate the transition."

Conference Call:

First Defiance Financial Corp. will host a conference call at 11:00 a.m. (EST) on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 to discuss the earnings results and business trends. The conference call may be accessed by calling 1-888-317-6016. A live webcast may be accessed at <http://services.chorus-call.com/links/fdef130122.html>

Audio replay of the Internet Web cast will be available at www.fdef.com until April 1, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

First Defiance Financial Corp.:

First Defiance Financial Corp., headquartered in Defiance, Ohio, is the holding company for First Federal Bank of the Midwest and First Insurance Group. First Federal operates 33 full service branches and 42 ATM locations in northwest Ohio, southeast Michigan and Fort Wayne, Indiana. First Insurance Group is a full service insurance agency with six offices throughout northwest Ohio.

For more information, visit the company's Web site at www.fdef.com.

USDA Announces Important Updates on the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) recently announced that beginning February 5, USDA will issue payments to dairy farmers enrolled in the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) program for the September 2012 marketings. The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 extended the authorization of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (the 2008 Farm Bill) through 2013 for many programs administered by FSA, including MILC. The 2008 Farm Bill extension provides for a continuation of the MILC program through September 30, 2013.

MILC payments are triggered when the Boston Class I milk price falls below \$16.94 per hundredweight, after adjustment for the cost of dairy feed rations. MILC payments are calculated each month using the latest milk price and feed cost.

All dairy producers' MILC contracts are automatically extended to September 30, 2013. Eligible producers therefore do not need to re-enroll in MILC. MILC operations with approved contracts will continue to receive monthly payments, if available.

The payment rate for September 2012 is approximately \$0.59 per hundredweight. The payment rate for October 2012 marketings is approximately \$0.02 per hundredweight. The payment rate for

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Sudoku Puzzle

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November 2012 marketings is zero.

Before the October MILC payment can be issued, dairy farmers must complete a new Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) form for 2013. The new form, CCC-933 Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information, must be completed by producers before they can receive payments for a variety of programs administered by FSA and USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service. Producers may obtain CCC-933 at your local USDA Service Center or online at www.fsa.usda.gov/cc933. Further information about AGI is located under the "I want to Section" on the Ohio FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/oh.

Dairy operations may select a production start month other than October 2012. Producers who want to select a production start month other than October 2012 must visit their local FSA office between February 1 and February 28, 2013, also known as a relief period.

For more information on MILC, contact your local FSA office.

son upon us and cold sore triggers all around, it's more important than ever to be prepared to fight cold sores," said Pam Marquess, Pharm.D, pharmacist and pharmacy chain owner. "Abreva is the only over-the-counter medication approved by the FDA to shorten the healing time of a cold sore."

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COLD SORE CONFUSION

(NAPSI)—Cold sore myths spread almost as fast as the virus itself. According to a recent survey by Wakefield Research, the majority of Americans cannot correctly distinguish between cold sore myths and facts.

The survey found that 63 percent of Americans don't know cold sores are contagious before you can see them, and one in two don't realize cold sores can take up to two weeks to heal if left untreated.

"With cold and flu sea-

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NEW HAVEN RELAY FOR LIFE GEARS UP FOR NEW YEAR!



By: Beth Stauffer

I was just a little girl myself when the word 'cancer' first entered my vocabulary.

My Grandma White-leather was diagnosed with breast cancer for the first time when I was just a preschooler, causing her to need a double mastectomy, chemotherapy and radiation. Then, at eight years of age, my Grandpa Bricker passed away from lung cancer that had metastasized and spread throughout his body.

It's hard for me to imagine living in a world that hasn't been touched by cancer.

Participants in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event, however, don't just imagine a world without cancer—they are actively raising much needed funding and awareness for cancer research and prevention.

Here in New Haven, we are blessed to have Relay For Life of East Allen County working to promote this mission by celebrating survivors of cancer, remembering those who have been lost to the disease, and inspiring participants in the Relay to take active steps to fight back against the disease. The 2013 Relay is set to take place June 1-2 at New Haven High School.

A participant in the Relay for Life of East Allen County is nine year breast cancer survivor and New Haven resident, Sandy Carter.

Ms. Carter was diagnosed with Stage 2 breast cancer in April 2004. According to Ms. Carter, the diagnosis completely rocked her

world. "I thought I would be the last person in the world to be diagnosed with cancer. There was no previous history of cancer in my family and I never smoked. When I got the call telling me my tumor was malignant, I went into a state of shock. I remembered thinking, 'How can this nightmare be happening to me?'" said Ms. Carter of her diagnosis.

Carter's treatment lasted for eight months, and she credits her 19 year old daughter Natalie with being her saving grace during this difficult time. At the completion of her treatment, Ms. Carter says that she knew she never wanted to return to what she refers to as "Chemo Land", which prompted her to revamp her lifestyle. "I made changes in my life style, lost 40 pounds and kept it off and gave up soda and opted for bottled water instead. I kept all my follow-up appointments with all my doctors, my surgeon, etc. and have had my yearly mammogram every year since my initial diagnosis."

While one might think this is the end of Carter's cancer story, she says that her cancer journey continues. "It doesn't stop once you are finished with your cancer treatment and you have your hair back and you finally have enough energy to walk across the room," says Carter. "I do not want anyone else to have to go through what I went through, so I tell my cancer survivor story and hope and pray that if there are women out there who are afraid to get their yearly mammo-

grams because they think it will be painful or just put it off because they think it can wait—please realize it can't wait. Early detection is key in surviving any type of cancer."

As a cancer survivor, Carter says "I hope that by sharing my survivor story I am able to inspire just one person to care enough to get involved in this fight we all face together against cancer." On Monday evening, February 4, 2013, the New Haven community will have an opportunity to find out how to join in the fight against cancer by participating in Relay for Life alongside Sandy Carter.

It has been decided to POSTPONE the Relay For Life kickoff event that was originally scheduled for February 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the New Haven High School due to unavoidable circumstances. They will let you know when they secure a rescheduled date.

Please call Mindy at 260-471-3911 or Greg at 260-740-7070 if you have any questions/concerns.

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to heal it fast. It also helps block the spread of the virus to healthy cells.

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Programming highlights for Higher Education Wednesday include:

Keynotes Andrew Ng and Sebastian Thrun: Hear from the founders of Coursera and Udacity in Wednesday's keynote sessions.

The 21st Century Teacher as Defined by the New Learning Standards and Next Generation Assessments: Professors from top Ohio universities share about their involvement in a pilot project that is beginning to identify the qualities of a 21st Century teacher.

Effective Strategies for Engaging Students in Online/Blended Learning: Education leaders from the College of Mount Saint Joseph will give an overview and introduction on ways to evaluate student skills and readiness for online learning in college courses and beyond.

Flipping the Higher Education Classroom: We Go Mobile: Ohio University Professors explain the changing roles of faculty instructors and learners in flipped classrooms that are integrating HTC tablet devices.

For more information on the more than 500 sessions at this year's Conference, visit: schedule.otech.ohio.gov

ROCKET MATH ICE CREAM PARTY FOR ANTWERP STUDENTS



Antwerp Elementary School principal Mr. Lichty had a Rocket Math ice cream party for the students in first and second grade who have passed addition in Rocket Math. Rocket Math is a math program that allows students to individually practice their math facts. The students take a one-minute timed test over

their math facts daily, and if they meet their goal, then they get to move to the next level the next day. Once the students pass addition, they move on to subtraction. Pictured here are Hannah Molitor, Brooke Molitor, and Reid Lichty (first graders), who are all now on subtraction in Rocket Math!

A.R. READERS EARN ICE CREAM PARTY



WT Grover Hill Principal, Alan Lautzenheiser (Mr. L) collected tickets at the ice cream party for the Accelerated Reader program held recently. Over

95% of the Grover Hill students earned enough points this past nine weeks to participate in the party. Shown here are Hannah Maenle and Abby Moore.

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 1/7/13

This 7th day of January, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Fred Pieper, Roy Klopfenstein, and Nola Ginter, Clerk
ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
 Warrants documented as 194302 through 194418 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF CREATING FUND 185 SANITARY SEWER REV.

The Auglaize River Sewer project has been completed; and funds must be created to account for the revenue and expenses of said sewer project. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create a new fund for accurately tracking the Auglaize River Sewer:

Fund 185 Sanitary Sewer Rev
 The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create revenue and expense line items and appropriate to the same in the newly created Fund 185:
 185-001-10001 Service Fees - \$138,136.00
 185-001-00001 Salaries - \$10,000.00
 185-001-00002 Medicare - \$145.00
 185-001-00003 PERS - \$1,400.00
 185-001-00004 Workers' Comp - \$180.00
 185-001-00005 Contract Services - \$25,000.00

185-001-00006 Utilities - \$4,800.00
 185-001-00007 Supplies - \$6,000.00
 185-001-00008 Equipment - \$1,500.00
 185-001-00009 Insurance - \$3,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF CREATING FUND 186 SANITARY SEWER BOND PAYMENT:

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Fund 186 Sanitary Sewer Bond Payment
 The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create revenue and expense line items and appropriate to the same in the newly created Fund 186:

186-001-10001 Service Fees - \$164,289.00
 186-001-00001 Rural Development Principal Payment - \$0
 186-001-00002 Rural Development Interest Payment - \$0
 186-001-00003 OWDA Principal Payment - \$0
 186-001-00004 OWDA Interest Payment - \$0

IN THE MATTER OF CREATING FUND 187 SANITARY SEWER DEBT RES:

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Fund 187 Sanitary Sewer Debt Res
 The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create revenue and expense line items and appropriate to the same in the newly created Fund 187:

187-001-10001 Service Fees - \$11,050.00
 187-001-00001 Rural Development Principal Payment - \$0
 187-001-00002 Rural Development Interest Payment - \$0
 187-001-00003 OWDA Principal Payment - \$0
 187-001-00004 OWDA Interest Payment - \$0
 187-001-00005 Contract Services - \$0

IN THE MATTER OF CREATING FUND 188 SANITARY SEWER SURPLUS:

ING FUND 188 SANITARY SEWER SURPLUS:

The Auglaize River Sewer project has been completed; and funds must be created to account for the revenue and expenses of said sewer project. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create a new fund for accurately tracking the Auglaize River Sewer:

Fund 188 Sanitary Sewer Surplus
 The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create revenue and expense line items and appropriate to the same in the newly created Fund 188:
 188-001-10001 Service Fees - \$1,920.00
 188-001-00001 Rural Development Principal Payment - \$0
 188-001-00002 Rural Development Interest Payment - \$0
 188-001-00003 OWDA Principal Payment - \$0
 188-001-00004 OWDA Interest Payment - \$0
 188-001-00005 Contract Services - \$0

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-015):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct the County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation for the following:

FROM: Pay-In #96840
 TO: 001-015-00003/General Fund/Election Board/Supplies
 AMOUNT: \$1,591.22

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2013 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 128):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2013 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following:

128-001-00012 Defiance/Paulding Counties Joint Auglaize Sewer Project
 AMOUNT: \$621.00

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PAULDING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby enter into a lease agreement for the building located at 315 W. Harrison Street, Village of Paulding, Paulding County, Ohio; and the term of the lease is from January 1, 2013, to December 31, 2013.

IN THE MATTER OF SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH MAXIMUS, INC. AND PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby enter into a Software Maintenance Agreement with Maximus, Inc. to provide the Paulding County, Ohio, Department of Job and Family Services with any updates or modifications to the Program Expenditure Tracking (PET) System for Windows and to correct any problems with the System software; and this agreement is effective for the period from January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013, at a fee of Two Thousand One Hundred-Fifty Dollars and 00/100 (\$2,150.00) for the twelve (12) month period.

IN THE MATTER OF HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE PAULDING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2013:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve the Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services Hours of Operation for 2013 as recommended by Corey Walker, Director, as follows:

Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (other hours available by appointment)

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve the Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services' Holiday Schedule for 2013 as recommended by Corey Walker, Director, as follows:

January 1, 2013 (Tuesday) New Year's Holiday
 January 21, 2013 (Monday) Martin Luther King Day
 February 18, 2013 (Monday) Presidents' Day
 May 27, 2013 (Monday) Memorial Day
 July 4, 2013 (Thursday) Independence Day
 September 2, 2013 (Monday) Labor Day
 October 14, 2013 (Monday) Columbus Day
 November 11, 2013 (Thursday) Veterans' Day
 November 28-29, 2013 (Thursday/Friday) Thanksgiving Day

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The Annual 2012 Year End Financial Report is complete for the Village of Cecil and is available for review by contacting the Clerk Treasurer at 419-399-0520 or by attending the Village Council Meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm In the Firehouse Community Room.
 —Submitted by: Carlene A. Turner, Clerk Treasurer

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Cecil has a 1% Municipal Income Tax on earned income and/or lottery winnings. Tax forms must be filed with The Regional Income Tax Agency P.O. Box 477900 Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147 or on line at http://www.ritaohio.com/ Tax forms are also available at the Cecil Post office or by contacting Carlene Turner, Clerk at 419-399-0520.
 —Submitted by: Carlene A. Turner, Clerk Treasurer

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IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE PAULDING COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE CR79-1.33 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT:
 The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer, to advertise in a paper of general circulation within the County for three consecutive weeks for bids for the CR79-1.33 Bridge Replacement Project.

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE PAULDING COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE CR87-18.61 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT:
 The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer, to advertise in a paper of general circulation within the County for three consecutive weeks for bids for the CR87-18.61 Bridge Replacement Project.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:
 Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - Ms. Fickel met with the Commissioners to discuss the CORSA training courses. She reported some of the CORSA courses being 'blocked' and inquired as to alternative courses that could be taken. Ms. Fickel then reported that EDP Renewables Wind Energy will be presenting the first PILOT payment for calendar year 2012 on January 30, 2013.

Jane Gray, WPAU radio station - Commissioner Pieper noted the Commissioners will be having their 2013 organization meeting the 2nd Monday of January. They will elect a chairman and vice chairman for 2013. Also, the Commissioners will be decided on the various committee appointments for the new year. Ms. Gray then spoke to the Clerk, Nola Ginter, regarding the boards and committees the Commissioners represent. She commented the Commissioners' responsibilities are not just sessions, but also attending the various meetings they attend. Commissioner Zartman announced the addition of Clerk, Cindy Peters, as the new office manager in the Commissioners office. Cindy began her duties on January 2. Mr. Zartman explained Ms. Peters will be responsible for some of the duties previously assigned to various office when the County Administrator retired. She will be handling the employee health insurance, sewer billing, notes of general obligation, Bureau of Workers' Comp paperwork, and various other duties. Ms. Gray then interviewed Cindy Peters, Clerk/Office Manager. Ms. Peters noted her two biggest challenges would no doubt be working on the county employees' health insurance benefits and the Auglaize Sewer billing. She comes to the Commissioners' Office with experience in 'digging in' and using resources to accomplish the work that needs to be done.

Ken Maag, Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc. - Mr. Maag met with the Commissioners to review the final balancing change order for the Auglaize Sewer Project. He explained there were 100 bid items to balance out. Mr. Maag expressed his concern regarding the damage caused to some of the main lines due to work done by the phone company. He noted there was an allowance built in to their contract for additional work; however, the expense has exceeded the allowance. Mr. Maag was pleased to report that Poggemeyer's original quote for the project was within 1.6% of its actual cost. He commented that on a project of this magnitude, it is fortunate to estimate that closely. Mr. Maag distributed information about the generators for the sewer project. He encouraged the Commissioners' Office to continue to report concerns at the project site.

Thomas Stahl - Mr. Stahl scheduled a meeting with the Commissioners to discuss the future of the old jail. He presented his desire to utilize the building as a Northwest Ohio public safety museum. He also mentioned displaying some war memorabilia. The Commissioners main concern is the maintenance of the building. They expressed the necessity of not only having a concrete plan for the building; but also the funding to follow through. Mr. Stahl requested the permission to tour the building.
 Travis McGarvey and Aaron Timm, Engineer's Office - Mr. McGarvey requested authorization to advertise two bridge project for this summer (see resolutions above). Mr. Timm discussed alternatives to the old jail demolition. He also had quotes for protective fencing around the building for safety reasons. Mr. McGarvey mentioned a possible road vacation in Blue Creek Township.
 Corey Walker, PCDJFS - Mr. Walker met with the Commissioners to present the Paulding County DJFS holiday schedule for 2013 for approval (see resolution above). He also requested permission to enter into a contract with Maximus (PET) (see resolution above). Mr. Walker explained the alternative response services put into place to hopefully reduce the out of home placements for children. He also reported there are currently two children housed at the Jacob Eaton Home. Mr. Walker then distributed PCDJFS monthly statistics reports and graphs. He was proud of his staff, reporting that fraud is minimal.

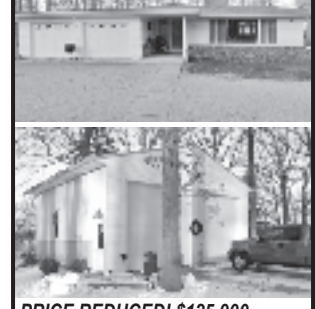
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LOCAL RESIDENTS COMPETE IN WORLD CLASS SNOW SCULPTING CONTEST



On January 23-28, 2013, a group of local residents known as USA Team Ohio Snow Carvers from Paulding and Oakwood competed in a world class snow sculpting event held in Frankenmuth, MI. Zehnder's Snowfest has been host to one of the top snow sculpting events in North America for the past 22 years. Visitors have enjoyed larger-than-life snow sculptures and beautifully detailed ice carvings each year.

This snowcarving team competed in the World Class Double Block Snow Sculpting Championships against teams from the United States, Canada, France, Mexico and other various places. USA Team Ohio Snow Carvers placed 3rd in the double block competition with "Fish & Frogs". They earned a \$1,000 prize for their efforts.

USA Team Ohio worked about 14 hours a day on their sculpture and on the last night of competition

they pulled an "all nighter" as judging started at 10:00 a.m. the next morning. They have been competing in Zehnder's Snowfest for 10 years now. The team includes Eric Miller and Kinsey Dobbelaere of Paulding, and Megan Dobbelaere and Sandy Dobbelaere of Oakwood. For more photos, please visit www.westbendnews.net.

RENT FOR CROPLAND SUSCEPTIBLE TO RUNOFF IN NORTHWEST OHIO

By: **Jim Lopshire, PC Extension Educator**

In January of 2012 OSU researchers surveyed farmers in Northwest Ohio about their tillage practices as part of the 2012 Buckeye Farm Tillage Survey. As part of the survey, respondents were asked to identify one field they felt was susceptible to nutrient runoff and to provide detailed information about this field. The information included the

yield they would expect to achieve in a normal year as well as the fair market rent they would expect to receive per acre in the upcoming year.

Respondents also described the field's predominant soil type, clay, loam, silt, etc., slope, and whether the field featured working tile. Below I report some findings for those reporting corn or soybean fields.

It was noted that these results may differ from other sources and surveys of land rent values as respondents were directed to choose a field they thought to be prone to runoff rather than choosing a representative field and these results reflect the operator's expectations of yield and expectations of fair market rent rather than actual rent paid. Indeed, some of the fields surveyed may never be part of the land rental market, so operators' expectations for fair market rent may be inaccurate.

The survey included 161 respondents reporting full information for corn fields. Average expected yield was 165 bushels per acre, while average expected rent was reported as \$175 per acre. This average rent was a little below the averages reported for land with similar yields in Barry Ward's Rental Value work from 2012 in western Ohio, which would make sense given the survey specifically asked respondents for fields with likely runoff problems.

Brian Roe, McCormick Professor of Agricultural Marketing and Policy, Ohio State University, looked at the influence of tile, slope and soil type on expected rent. Of the 161 fields only 9% did not have operating tile; untilled fields garnered \$12 to \$28 less per acre. 51% of fields had slope greater than 2%, and these fields featured expected rents that were \$5 to \$15 lower than fields with less slope. 15% of fields reported that the dominant soil type was clay, which demanded rents that were \$10 to \$23 less per acre than fields with other soil.

Brian also identified strong differences across counties even once expected yield and field characteristics were held constant. These differences likely reflect local market conditions not captured by expected yield or field characteristics. One cluster of counties including Darke, Mercer, Paulding and Auglaize reported the highest expected rents with values ranging from \$20 to \$30 an acre higher than a mid-level cluster of counties including Hardin, Shelby, Van Wert and Wood. Other counties

in northwest Ohio reported average expected rents that were \$15 to \$25 less than the mid-level cluster.

SMALL BUSINESS BASICS 2013 SEMINAR DATES

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Paulding County Seminar Dates and Times:

February 19, March 12, April 17, May 8, June 11, July 15, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 6, and No seminar for December.

All seminars will take place from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Paulding County Economic Development, 101 E. Perry St., Paulding, OH. Workshops may be cancelled due to lack of participation. Those who have registered will be notified of the next available workshop.

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION 2012 CONTRIBUTIONS

The Community Memorial Hospital (CMH) Foundation contributed more than \$160,000 in 2012 towards various hospital needs. Among those gifts are: Water Therapy Pool Lift (\$5089), Bladder Scanner (\$13,395), Surgical Instruments for orthopedic cases (\$2162), Upgraded audio / visual capabilities in the Community Rooms (\$12,000), and the Website (\$2,000). The Foundation also gifted \$125,000 to be used at the Hospital's discretion.

In addition to these gifts, the CMH Foundation has raised over \$178,000 in cash and pledges for its current

capital campaign to relocate and expand the hospital's Respiratory and Laboratory Departments. As of December 31, 2012, almost \$76,000 has been collected.

The expansion of the Respiratory and Laboratory Departments will provide larger, more private, and more appropriately configured space for patients and staff. This project will also relocate these two departments closer to the front of the hospital and closer to inpatient rooms, surgery, the emergency department, and registration.

Anyone interested in learning more about the project or making a donation is encouraged to contact Michelle Waggoner at 419-542-5566. You can also read more about the project and view the printable Case Statement at www.cmhosp.com/capital.

KEEPING PETS SAFE, HEALTHY AND HAPPY

(NAPSI)—To help raise children's awareness about the best ways to keep pets safe, healthy and happy, TV's No. 1 show for preschoolers is airing a special shelter animal episode throughout February.

This "Where's the Fire-dog?" episode of the PBS KIDS show "Curious George" has George's canine friend, Blaze, running away from the firehouse. When Blaze winds up in the animal shelter, George and his firefighter friend Sam learn how to keep her safe by putting a tag on her collar, walking her on a leash, and making sure she's never lonely.

Parents will find this a great teaching tool, as are all the rich accompanying resources, activities and games on pbskids.org/curious-george.

Another good idea is to heed these hints from The Humane Society of the United States:

- Important Pet Care Ideas
1. ID your pet with a microchip and collar with tags.
 2. Keep dogs on a leash and cats inside.
 3. Feed them quality food twice a day.
 4. Visit the vet at least once a year for vaccinations.
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