

NEW HAVEN HIGH STUDENT REPRESENTS INDIANA IN JAG COMPETITION



By: Beth Stauffer

Che Jackson, is a senior at New Haven High School, has been selected out of over 175 other students in Indiana to represent Jobs for American Graduates (JAG) at the statewide competition on April 19, 2013 in Indianapolis.

According to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, "JAG is a school to career program implemented in over 700 high schools, alternative

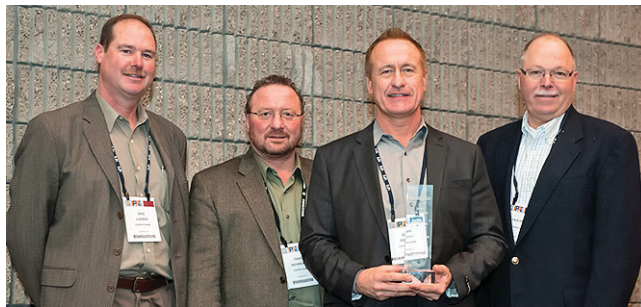
schools, community colleges and middles schools across the United States and the United Kingdom." JAG's mission is to keep young people in school through graduation and provide career focused internships that will either lead students towards enrolling in post-secondary educational programs or to career enhancing opportunities.

Ms. Jackson is the Vice-President of New Haven High School's JAG Career Association and was chosen as the representative for Northern Indiana Region 3 because of her academic achievements, school involvement, and leadership qualities. Last year, she was chosen to represent Indiana at the JAG National Leadership Development Conference in Washington, DC.

"This is my second year participating in JAG," said Ms. Jackson, the daughter of Terrence and Che Jackson, of her involvement in JAG. "During my trip to Wash-

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COOPER FARMS RECEIVES JESSE JEWELL INNOVATION AWARD



Eric Ludwig, Director of Corporate Development; Terry Wehrkamp, Director of Live Production; Gary Cooper, COO; and Dale Hart, Director of Food Processing from Cooper Farms with The Jewell Award.

Cooper Farms' Gary Cooper received Meatingplace magazine's industry leadership award, The Jewell, at the International Production and Processing Expo in Atlanta on Wednesday, January 30.

The Jewell award, named for poultry industry pioneer Jesse Jewell, was established to recognize a company that truly exhibits innovation in poultry processing.

"Cooper Farms repre-

sents everything that the Jewell award stands for. The company is a constant innovator whose products, processes and overall approach to business have raised the standard of excellence for the entire poultry industry," said Bill McDowell, editorial director of Meatingplace and its sister publications. "We look forward to the innovations that Cooper Farms will bring to the industry in

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REST IN PEACE ASHLEY

As most of you now know the massive and fatal accident on US 24 due to the extreme fog took the life of our dear friend and co-worker at the West Bend News.

Ashley Messmann from Paulding was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident. She was a great friend and she blessed the area in so many ways that most people didn't know.

Ashley was a beautiful young woman in heart and soul and she loved her family. She talked about her husband, Harry, often (not always good... :) but who doesn't have issues at times). She loved him very much and told us that. Her life was their son, Asher, who just turned two. She didn't go anywhere without pictures of him. When Ashley would arrive in the mornings she would tell me what happened the night before and how he would make the cats and dogs upset and then go love on them. She and her sister, Sara, grew close over the last few weeks and I am so glad for them. Her brother Kyle was getting ready for track to start and Ashley couldn't wait to go and take pictures of him... and little Asher. She started



attending church with her grandparents and told us how much she wanted to follow Jesus and wanted to know more. She loved her parents and in-laws and she was not afraid to share, because she cared. And don't get me started on how much she loved her dogs...

Ashley submitted her resume in late July and started working at the West Bend News in August of 2012. She worked hard and had increased the value of the newspaper with her behind the scenes work. If you had called or even looked at the West Bend News in the last six months, more than likely you spoke with her or viewed her work. Last week's newspaper she helped finished, yet she didn't get to see it in print.

I think she even liked (continued on page 2)

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OBITUARIES



Ruby M. Nern, 84, of Antwerp, passed away Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Hicksville.

Ruby was born in Oak Hill, Ohio on August 21, 1928, a daughter of the late Dovie (Scarberry) and John Craft.

She worked at Bryan Custom Plastics & was a member of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church of Antwerp.

She married Harold Nern June 4, 1949. He passed away Feb 23, 2001.

Ruby will be sadly missed by her children, Pamela (Terry) Zartman, Keith (Kathy) Nern, Kathleen (Ed) Jones all of Antwerp & Robin Cline of Hicksville; brothers, Tom Craft of Payne & Roger Craft of Hallsville, TX; 10 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her siblings Ray, Ben, Dewey & Lowell Craft, Mildred Fulk, Lessie McCain, Mabel Howard & Nancy Mosier.

Viewing was Friday, 2-4 & 6-8 pm at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp.

Her funeral service was at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church of Antwerp at 10 am on Saturday, February 9th.

Ruby was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to Antwerp EMS, PO Box 1046, Antwerp 45813 or Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, PO Box 1024, Antwerp 45813.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com



Ashley Anne Messmann, age 28 died Tuesday, February 5, 2013 from injuries sustained in an auto accident.

She was born December 8, 1984 in Defiance, Ohio, the daughter of Robert "Bob" and Pamela S. (Gross) Gardner. On July 7, 2007 she married Harrison "Harry" Messmann, who survives. She was employed by West Bend News as an ad designer.

She is survived by her husband, Harry Messmann, Paulding; her parents, Bob and Pam Gardner, Paulding; a son, Asher Messmann, Paulding; a sister, Sara Elizabeth Gardner, Antwerp; a brother, Kyle Robert Gardner, Paulding; grandparents: Lawrance and Beverly Gross, Cecil, and Dwain and Nola Gardner, Hicksville; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Todd and Trisha (Holtsberry) Messmann, Paulding; aunts; uncles; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted 11 AM Saturday, February 9 at Paulding Church of the Nazarene. Burial was following in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation was at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and prior to services on Saturday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to her son, Asher.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com



Mary Lorraine Kitson, 77, of Antwerp, passed away Thursday, February 7, 2013 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

Mary was born in Reading, PA on May 7, 1935, a daughter of the late Virginia K. (Bowen) and David Baker.

She was a switchboard operator at Goshen Hospital; a realtor in Ohio & Indiana and a volunteer at the Mercer County, Ohio Sheriff's Office.

On June 1, 1960 she married Phillip Kitson.

She will be sadly missed by her husband, Phil; daughters Deborah (Doug) Stevenson, Michelle Kitson, Valerie (Jeff) Koebe all of Antwerp & Marcia (Keith) Shipman of Fort Wayne; brothers, Eugene Baker of Allentown, PA & Nelson Baker of Lexington, SC; 7 grandchildren

& 8 great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her brother, David, Jr.

Her service was at Antwerp Community Church on Monday, February 11th,

Mary will be laid to rest at Syracuse Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com



Viola M. Ramon, age 88 died Thursday, February 7 at the Putnam Acres Nursing Home, Ottawa, OH.

She was born December 15, 1924 in Cameron, Texas, the daughter of Louis and Laura (Branstetter) Denker. On October 9, 1942 she married Joseph A. Ramon, who preceded her in death on November 2, 1985. She was employed as a housekeeper for REA.

She is survived by a son, Joe L. (Denise) Ramon, The Villages, FL; three daughters, Grace Meyer, Ottawa, Brenda Boundy, Merando Beach, FL, and Lora (Larry) Zizelman, Spring Hill, FL; a sister, Mildred Orsag of Texas; seven grandchildren: Joy (Eric) Camarillo, Angie Boundy, Clint (Jennifer) Boundy, Kyle (Jessica) Boundy, Katina (Brandon) Johnson, Kimberly Schooley, and Cory (Olivia) Mendez; and fifteen great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; and a son-in-law, David Meyer.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 AM Friday, February 15 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will follow in Cooper Cemetery, Paulding County.

Visitation will be 2 - 4 and 6-8PM Thursday, February 14 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding and one hour prior to services on Friday.

Donations may be made to American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

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SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul." — *Psalm 23:1-3*

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work. She would say it was her dream job (not sure why...) She was worth much more than I could pay, but she was faithful and made it a joy here for Angel, Laura, Stan and I to work with.

At times she was a firecracker and let me know her opinion and I valued it highly, not always agreeing, but it made things work. She grew in spirit and knowledge so much in the short time she was at the West Bend News, and so did I. She learned and took on much of the responsibilities.

When I arrive in the mornings now the office is much too quiet. There is no country music playing from Ashley's desk, or her telling me how excited she is to go and meet country music star Luke Bryan at Coliseum next week with her media pass.

It's hard right now. It's very hard on her family too. Please pray for them as they learn to cope. Do more than pray, help them out. We don't always understand, but better times are just around the corner. The wounds will heal, but the scars will remain keeping her in our memory forever.

I could go on and on about Ashley, I won't because you get the picture.

I suppose I just miss my friend...

—Bryce

THE NORTHMEN TO PERFORM AT MANDALE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Mandale Church of Christ in Christian Union will be hosting Gospel Singing group The Northmen on Sunday, February 24, at 6:00 p.m. This is a free to the public event. Mandale CCCU is located at 2820 St Rt 66 in Cloverdale, Ohio 45827.

The following are highlights of The Northmen: 23 years of full time music ministry, host of Northern Gospel Singing Convention, Border to Border Gospel Music Convention, host of Annual Spring Sing, host of Winter Singfest, several gospel cruises, host of Christian trips and gospel cruises, sang on showcases and main stage of National Quartet Convention featured on Paul Heil's "The Gospel Greats", sang on US Gospel Mid-South Convention, performed live on ESPN2 at Saratoga Downs, sang for national sporting events, sang in 36 states and four foreign countries, recording artist on Homeland Inspiration Group, first artist to record a full holiday project, sang for Phipps Gospel Sing, Renfro Valley Campgrounds, county and state fairs, appeared nationally for the TCT television network, heard on XM Radio, nationally heard on Solid Gospel Network, members of Southern Gospel Promoters Association, 11 top 40 singles in the singing news charts, and featured articles in *The Singing News* magazine.

NEW HAVEN STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

New Haven Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the City of New Haven will be holding the 2013 State of the City Address on March 11, 2013. Mayor Terry McDonald will share with the audience what is in store for New Haven in the upcoming year. Also, a dinner will be served for all to enjoy, supplied by The Orchid Reception Hall where the event will take place. The event will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For information on how you can reserve your spot at this dinner, call the Chamber office at 260-749-4484 or email info@newhavenindiana.org.

www.newhavenbulletin.com

FACE OF THE NEW HAVEN CANAL DAYS

By: Beth Stauffer

Do you have what it takes to be the first ever Face of the New Haven Canal Days?

The New Haven Festival Committee is launching a brand new photo contest that will decide whose face will grace the fliers and website of the 2013 Canal Days Festival. All residents of New Haven and past attendees of the festival are encouraged to participate. To enter the contest, participants should submit a .jpeg or .gif file photo via e-mail to PhotoContest@NewHavenCanalDays.org or submit a high quality printed photo to the attention of Jessica at the New Haven Adams Township Parks Department office which is located at 1125 Hartzell Street, New Haven, Indiana. All entries should include the entrant's full name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address.

Photo contest guidelines are as follows:

1. All photographs must be from a prior New Haven Canal Days Festival.
2. Photographs that emphasize the festival's 2013 theme, "Faith & Family," will be given special consideration.
3. Photographs that capture key moments at prior festivals, such as the Midway, Parade, Entertainment Stage, Kid's Day, or Food Tent will also be given special consideration.
4. All entrants must give

the Festival Committee permission to use their photos in publicity for the 2013 Canal Days Festival.

The winner of the Face of the New Haven Canal Days Festival will win a pair of all-access ride passes for one night of the Canal Days Festival and will be invited to participate in the 2013 parade.

All submissions must be received by March 15th, 2013. The winner of the Face of New Haven Canal Days contest will be chosen in April by the Festival Committee.

Contact Beth@NewHavenCanalDays.org with any questions about the contest.

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2013 PAULDING CHAMBER SEEKING NOMINATIONS TO HIGHLIGHT LOCAL BUSINESSES

Did your business celebrate a Milestone anniversary (5, 10, 15, 20 or more... years) in 2012? Did you expand or take part in major renovations to your business? Do you know a business leader who has gone "above and beyond" to improve our community or a business that has shown the same commitment? Then please, submit your nominations. The Paulding Chamber is looking for nominations for Milestone, Golden Shovel, and Business Person of the Year Awards.

Please submit an email to PauldingChamber@gmail.com with a name and brief description of why you feel a business or person is worthy of such recognition.

The Paulding Chamber Board of Directors also invite you and your guests to join us for our annual Chamber Banquet, Thursday February, 28, 2013. The event will be held at Grant's Catering Hall in Antwerp, Ohio. The festivities kick off with a networking hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served around 6:15 p.m. We look forward to honoring area businesses and individuals for their accomplishments and contributions. For complete details visit: www.PauldingChamber.com

The Chamber board of directors looks forward to seeing you on Thursday, February 28th!

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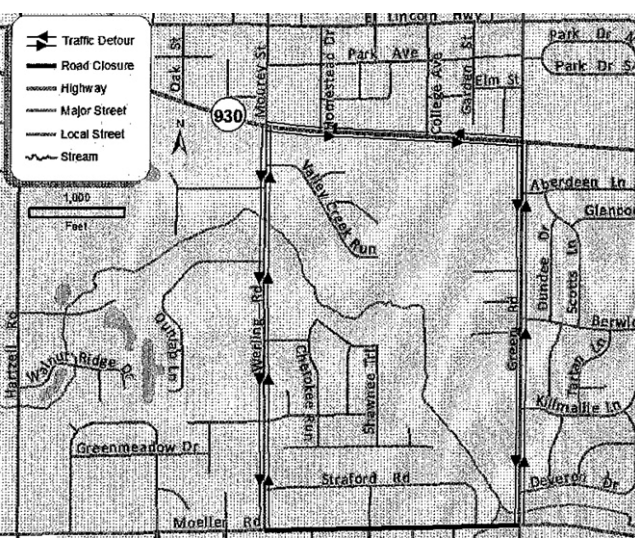
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May 24, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. for the improvement of Moeller Road. (Local traffic within the limits of Phase IV will be permitted). A posted detour will be provided.

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the coming years.”

In recent years, Cooper Farms has embraced many new technologies. Their most recent additions stand 279 feet tall and are located north of the company’s Cooked Meats location in Van Wert, Ohio. The three wind turbines, added in 2011 and 2012, provide up to 75 percent of the plants electricity.

Cooper Farms became one of the first companies in the country to install Clean Room Slicing, a system which filters air to surgical standards within a slicing room to provide better quality and food safety. Since 2002, three more slicing lines have been added. As a part of the CRS expansion, Cooper Farms also added the technology of High Pressure Pasteurization. HPP is a process which applies an equal water pressure of 87,000 psi on packaged food products to destroy any possible pathogenic microorganisms. To help with this process, the Cooper Farms team designed a patent-pending method to transport the HPP vessels more efficiently.

“We are very proud to have the honor of being recognized as a pioneer in our industry,” said Gary Cooper, COO of Cooper Farms.

“We have always worked to continuously improve our company and its processes. We know it’s the right thing to do for many reasons.”

About Cooper Farms: Growing healthy live turkeys, chickens, egg layers and hogs and producing great food products has been a tradition for the Cooper family of northwest Ohio for three generations and 75 years. Founded in 1938 by Virgil and Virginia Cooper, Cooper Farms is still family owned and operated. Today, with the help of our team members, Cooper Farms is a leading food supplier, selling a variety of delicious fully cooked and ready-to-cook turkey, ham and chicken products to customers throughout North America. Visit www.cooperfarms.com or www.facebook.com/cooperfarms for more information.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Luke 6:1 – Where were the disciples the second Sabbath after the first?
2. Luke 6:1 – What did the disciples pluck?
3. Luke 6:2 – The Pharisees asked Jesus and the disciples a question, what was it?
4. Luke 6:3 – Jesus in an-

swering the Pharisees asked the question what was it?

5. Luke 6:3 – What did David do?
6. Luke 6:4 – What is showbread?
7. Luke 6:5 – What day of the week is the Sabbath?
8. Luke 6:6 – What was Jesus doing in the synagogue?
9. Luke 6:6 – What hand was withered of the man in the synagogue?
10. Luke 6:7 – What were the scribes and Pharisees doing?

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

Answers to last week Bible questions:

1. Scribes and Pharisees; check verse 30;
2. fasting;
3. E eating and drinking;
4. can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast;
5. Jesus;
6. crucified him?
7. no;
8. no;
9. no;
10. they burst.

Luke 6:1-4 – In these few verses Jesus is accused of breaking the Sabbath. Verse one says Jesus and the disciples were going through the grain fields (NKJV), but the KJV says cornfields. Why two ways of saying this? The word corn is a generic term which means all grains. It was probably either barley or wheat and not corn or maize (Indian corn was discovered in America by Europeans years later). Then in verse two there is the Pharisees watching Jesus and the disciples to see if they could see something to accuse them of. Then in verses three and four Jesus asked the Pharisees a question, have you read what David did? Jesus cites the case of David, who, under necessity took, ate, and gave to his followers the shew bread which it was lawful for priests only to eat. Necessity rose higher than ceremonial. Read 1 Samuel 21:1-6. Jesus is teaching us that it is always lawful to do good and to save life. Such compassionate acts are within the true spirit of the law.

WHAT HALF-TRUTHS DO YOU BELIEVE?

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

An article on NPR’s (National Public Radio’s) website argues that we all live with an assortment of half-truths. The article lists 12 common half-truths that many of us have accepted as facts. For instance, various news organizations have pointed out that Subway’s \$5 foot-long sandwich actually measures 11 inches instead of 12. (Subway has explained that their methods of baking the bread can cause a slight size differential.) Here are a few more half-truths the article explored:

- Peanuts are not really nuts (and neither are cashews or brazil nuts). Walnuts, pecans, and chestnuts are real nuts, but peanuts are actually legumes.
- The American buffalo is a bison, not a buffalo. It’s part of the Bovidae family, which includes domestic cattle and goats.

- A koala bear is not a bear; it’s a marsupial.
- A palm tree is not a tree. Palm trees belong to the monocot family of flowering plants, which also includes grasses and grains.
- “Swollen glands” are not actually glands; they are a series of lymph nodes.
- A mountain goat is not really a goat.
- Pink is not exactly a color. Physicists claim that pink should really be called “minus green” because “pink” is just the leftovers of white light when you take out the green.

Half-truths also permeate the spiritual world where many falsely believe that God’s love nullifies God’s judgment; that a created universe via evolution is not in contradiction with

creation through a personal living God. Finally, there’s a perceived half-truth that the scriptures are not God’s Word to us but are “stories written by people.” Regarding this last half-truth, the Bible speaks for itself when it says... 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV), “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

We read that the Bible lays claim to its authorship from God when it says... 2 Peter 1:20-21 (NIV), “Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpreta-

tion. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” Half-truths, wherever they exist, must be confronted with the truth of God’s word.

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

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TRAGIC TUESDAY

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

On Monday, things were like they have always been. You could call the West Bend and Ashley would answer the phone. Then Tuesday came.

And everything changed.

Tuesday morning was a foggy morning. One of the worst fogs I had ever seen. At around eight, the fire trucks and ambulance flew by my house with sirens on. At that time, I didn't know what had happened, but, with the fog, I knew it couldn't be good. The noise of the sirens was followed by the ringing of my phone. Ashley had yet to make it to work. Something really unlike her. They were worried at the shop. The family was worried. And the fog just sat there, hiding every-

thing. After the news of the tragedy arrived, we were stunned, shocked, saddened, and hollow. We were hoping it was a bad dream. That it couldn't be real. The fog may have lifted, but the cloud had shifted to my mind as I sat there in Ashley's desk chair. Why did God allow this? She had a two-year old boy. Why didn't he reach down and stop it? Couldn't he do that?

And I remembered an article that I wrote in December. An article that began a lengthy conversation with Ashley. She was always a feisty one. Feisty in a good, fun way. She was able to let you have it in a way that made you still feel loved. And she was a good thinker. That article, which we worked through at that time, is a helpful reminder in times like these.

We often hear the phrase, "Everything happens for a reason." That common saying sounds all good and spiritual. It's nice to have a good attitude, but the bad theology drives me nuts. True, everything happens for a reason, but when that is uttered in spiritual circles it usually implies that everything happens as a result of God. He's the "reason" they are implying.

Lots of things happen due to reasons that are terrible and have nothing to do with God. A kid gets killed in a drunk driving accident, not because God wanted that, but because we live in a fallen world where a person decided to be stupid, drink too much, and decided to drive. Kids get shot in a school, not because God wanted that, but, again, because we live in a fallen world where something went terribly wrong in a young man's head. And a friend - a wife, a mother, a daughter, a sister - pulls out into traffic and is in a terrible, tragic accident, not because it is God's will but because we live in a fallen world where accidents happen.

God is not a puppet master, and we are not His puppets. Although in times like these, I wish we were. God will use everything for His glory, but that does not mean that everything happens as a result of God working out His will. See the distinction. God doesn't cause everything to happen, but He will use everything to bring about His will. Every day, things happen that are not what God wants to happen. Things outside of His will, outside of His plan. At the death of his friend Lazarus, Jesus wept. Despite knowing the miracle that was to follow, Jesus wept. I don't find it too much of a stretch, at a time like this, to imagine Jesus weeping once again.

Instead of saying that "everything happens for a reason" or "if it's God's will, it will happen," I want to propose a new statement that may not be as catchy, yet it

contains more truth than those two statements. "If God wills it, then we need to join in and make it happen. Or it won't." God is the solution. He has a plan for humanity and each one of our lives. But we, the church and His people, are the delivery method of that solution and are given the privilege to bring his plan into our reality. His will typically does not come without faithful people working it out, here on earth as it is in heaven.

We are free will beings. Although, at times, I think we would give that free will up to be with loved ones who have passed from this fallen world. Life is tough. Tragedy is tough. Death is tough. Accidents happen because of our free will choices. Terrible, destructive accidents caused by silly, insignificant choices. That's really what makes it an accident. It is a consequence that occurs that is far more weighty than the decision that caused it. At times when metal collides and sparks fly, I so wish we were micromanaged by God to avoid these experiences, but He's not in the micromanagement business. Well, at least not all of the time. He focuses on the prompting business.

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

God doesn't need us to be puppets for Him to be great. He's already great. He's amazing in the way that He is patient and waits for faithful followers to bring about His will. And we don't need to be forced to be faithful. We need grace to be right with God; our own works cannot do that. But that grace is available to everyone. Each one of us needs to acknowledge that God knows the solution, the best plan for our lives, and He is waiting for us to be faithful. We have the choice to respond to His plan for our lives by surrendering to His will, loving Him, and loving others. God will use everything to bring about His will. But He is patient. If God wills it, then we need to join in and make it happen. Or it won't. He will wait for someone else to bring about His will.

I don't want to live in a family, a community, a church, or a world where His will isn't happening. Life's too short not to experience and live in the will of God. But bringing about His better plan into our reality starts with us. In the morning, when we rise, do we decide that we are going to live this day to bring about God's plan or are we going to spend it investing in a plan that will eventually turn to dust. The choice is ours. An eternal plan, that will still be important long after we are gone, or a fleeting plan, that will disappear soon after we exit. We choose what we are going to invest in, not purely by intellectual assent, but by the way we live.

Last week, the West Bend News family lost a good friend. When I would call the West Bend, Ashley would be the one to usually answer. On Wednesday, I called and had

this awkward moment where I wanted to say, "Hi, Ashley. How are you doing?" But she's no longer there. When I would walk in, she would be the first person I would greet. We would talk about life, about our kids, and about an article I wrote at times. She was an awesome lady. And she will be missed. Even more by her family. For the family and friends, I lift up prayers of comfort and peace. May God, who gives us a peace that goes beyond all understanding, inhabit your homes, your lives, and your relationships during these times. You are loved. I pray that you feel it.

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

OHIO WILDLIFE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER DEER SEASON CHANGES

An October antlerless-only white-tailed deer muzzleloader hunting season, extended hunting hours and new bag limits were proposed to the Ohio Wildlife Council on Wednesday, February 6, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

The proposed antlerless-only muzzleloader hunting season would be October 12-13 and scheduled for the second weekend of October in subsequent years. The proposal includes making the October muzzleloader season for antlerless deer only, regardless of the method of take, and eliminating both the bonus gun weekend in December and the early muzzleloader season at three public hunting areas (Salt Fork Wildlife Area, Shawnee State Forest and Wildcat Hollow).

Hunting hours are proposed to be extended 30 minutes past sunset for all deer firearms seasons, including the weeklong deer-gun season, youth season and muzzleloader seasons. This will make the hours the same as archery season.

County bag limits are proposed to replace deer zones. Proposed bag limits will be two, three or four deer, determined by county. The proposed statewide bag limit is nine deer with additional controlled hunt opportunities, which do not count against the statewide bag limit. The nine deer bag limit is reduced from last season's 18 deer limit.

It is also proposed that antlerless permits will only be valid until the Sunday before the deer-gun season. Urban deer zones would be eliminated. Hunters may harvest only one buck in Ohio, regardless of the method of take or location.

Proposed deer bag limits, from the following counties combined:

- One either-sex permit, one antlerless permit (eight counties): Darke, Erie, Fayette, Hancock, Madison, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wood.

- Two either-sex permits, one antlerless permit (23 counties): Auglaize, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Gallia, Harrison, Henry, Hocking, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Logan, Meigs, Mercer, Miami, Monroe, Montgomery, Perry, Preble, Ross, Shelby, Van Wert and Washington.

- Three either-sex permits, one antlerless permit (57 counties): Adams, Allen, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Belmont, Brown, Carroll, Clermont, Clinton, Columbiana, Coshocton, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Defiance, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Fulton, Geauga, Greene, Guernsey, Hamilton, Hardin, Highland, Holmes, Huron, Knox, Lake, Licking, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Marion, Medina, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Noble, Paulding, Pickaway, Pike, Portage, Putnam, Richland, Scioto, Seneca, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Union, Vinton, Warren, Wayne, Williams and Wyandot.

Proposed seasons for 2013-2014:

- Deer archery: September 28, 2013 - February 2, 2014

- Deer antlerless muzzleloader: October 12-13, 2013

- Youth deer gun: November 16-17, 2013

- Deer gun: December 2-8, 2013

- Deer muzzleloader: January 4-7, 2014

The start of fall turkey hunting season is proposed (Continued on Page 6)

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Kammeyer's IGA was the last of an all but extinct species—the great hometown store. Gone are the days when store employees carried out and loaded groceries into customer vehicles. Gone are the days when a quick trip to the grocery took an hour, not because you got lost among the huge selection, but because you found your friends there.

Twenty years ago I walked away from my first job, a seven-year experience that was only the beginning of my career. I worked in Kammeyer's pizza and bakery shop—making sandwiches and pizzas, eventually graduating to 4:00 a.m. donut making to relieve morning personnel for well-deserved vacations. I learned all about responsibility and climbed the ladder to assistant manager. I was entrusted with a store key and earned the role of supervising other employees. I worked endless hours so I could complete college and live on my own

for the first time. I often felt that I lived at the shop.

Truthfully, there were times when I ached to leave and felt that I would never get out of that place. I was no different than any other teenager who couldn't wait for life to jump into high gear. In recent years, however, I've had recurring dreams that I was called back to work or at least asked to fill in for someone there, and I was thrilled. I vividly remember the décor and the store design before the IGA was remodeled. I can envision the yellow trays, the enormous pizza oven, the freezers, sinks, wrapping machine, and the time clock—exactly as I had left them as I walked out the door for the last time as an employee. I believe that I could walk into that shop today and function as if I'd never left. Strange? Maybe. But it goes to show that you simply do not forget your first job. Kammeyer's IGA holds great memories for me. It was so much more than a job.

Kammeyer's IGA forced me to leave my introverted comfort zone and learn to interact with other people. Because of this, I befriended many coworkers and customers. In fact, two decades later, I can still remember the ingredients of one particular customer's pizza order! Kammeyer's IGA gave me a special bonding time with my mother who would come into the store on her lunch break to be with me. It also gave my grandparents an excuse to take a small road trip from Hicksville to visit their oldest granddaughter at work. I can still see my grandparents on their very last visit to that store.

None of this would have been possible had one person not given me a chance. And that was Bob Kammeyer. I have met very few people who have dedicated and sacrificed so much for a career. He was always at the store. I rarely remember a time when he wasn't. I can imagine the toll it took on his family at times. I can imagine there were days when he questioned his career. But he never gave up.

Ever. Bob did it all, taking on every role possible at the IGA. He was a carryout guy, an accountant, a boss, a payroll clerk, a cashier, a meat cutter, a pizza maker, a stocker, and much more. He was even a bit of a psychologist, learning how to handle the various personalities of his employees. But most of all, Bob was a friend and someone who would drop everything to protect his employees. I know because he supported me and came to my defense on several occasions. More importantly, his support didn't stop after I left his employment. Bob continued to take the time to write reference letters, follow-up on my career changes, and keep in contact with my family.

As with everything in life, change happens. It's inevitable, whether we like it or not. One of those changes is watching something that was a big part of my life and my hometown come to an end. While my hometown is losing a part of its history, I regret most that many will never know what it is like to have a local, privately owned grocery store. They will not get the chance to work for Bob, a great role model with strong morals. But the store isn't closing because Bob didn't give it his all. Far from it. It's just time. Bob deserves a break. He has given so much to his community, to his store, and to his employees. It is his turn to relax and celebrate life. He has certainly earned it. For those who were a part of Kammeyer's IGA, whether as customers or as employees, we must celebrate and cherish what we had as the world continues to rapidly change. As for me, I will always remember.

—Jill Starbuck

LETTER FROM EACS SUPERINTENDENT KARYLE GREEN ON WEATHER

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As the weather has become quite troublesome recently, in regards to transportation to and from school, I thought it would be helpful for you to understand the process that is used to determine if schools should be closed due to inclement weather or hazardous road conditions. From experience, I know that such a decision is usually controversial and that it very rarely pleases everyone. However, I at least want you to understand how the decision is made.

First and foremost, safety of our children and staff is the overriding factor in any decision whether to close or delay school or not. Related to the safety issue is whether the streets are passable and if schools are accessible to our buses and automobiles. Ideally, the decision should be made as early as possible, even the night before if conditions warrant. Frequently, however, the weather turns during the night and a decision cannot be made until very early in the morning.

Beginning after 3:30 a.m., employees begin driving throughout East Allen to determine the conditions of the road. Information may be exchanged between and among county agencies and other districts' transportation departments. A decision about a delay is

determined as early as 5:15 a.m. with follow up discussions scheduled to consider whether or not to close or extend the delay to three hours. Making a decision to extend the delay or close for the day must be made by 7:45 a.m. due to the fact that in the case of a two hour delay, buses would be on the road by 8:10 a.m.

The serious problem occurs when the weather turns for the worse after 6:00 a.m., as was the case Tuesday, February 5, 2013. By that time, our buses—more than 100 of them—have begun their routes. It would be far more serious for us to return children to empty homes than to continue the route to school where there are caring adults ready to keep them warm, safe, fed and immersed in learning. As always, you, as the parent, have the final say on whether or not your child comes to school on any given day. Our attendance policy calls for the principal to use discretion when a parent informs the school of an absence. Principals almost always excuse weather-related absences.

I hope this information helps in your understanding of the difficult decision we have to make in terms of delaying or closing school. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to call or e-mail your principal or me.

Sincerely,

—Karyle M. Green,
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COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL EARNS ACR ACCREDITATION

Community Memorial Hospital has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in computed tomography (CT) as the result of a recent review by the American College of Radiology (ACR). CT scanning — sometimes called CAT scanning — is a noninvasive medical test that helps physicians diagnose and tailor treatments for various medical conditions.

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MR. & MRS. PAUL CULLER CELEBRATE 60 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Culler celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on February 11, 2013.

Paul Culler and Mary Schilb were married February 11, 1953 at the United Methodist Church in Antwerp by Rev. J.E. Turner. They are the parents of five children: Mike (Jonne) Culler, Susan (Anthony) Marlin, Diane (Ron) Conner, Ruth Knapp, and Julie (Todd) Harmon. They have eleven grandchildren and are expecting their tenth great-grandchild.

The couple enjoyed rais-

ing their family on their farm north of Antwerp. Paul supported his family by working in construction and farming. Mary was Paul's girl Friday in the construction business, and later worked in the marketing department at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Mary shared her musical talents and her Christian faith by directing the children's choirs and playing the organ for church and weddings.

The couple are enjoying their retirement and love to have family and friends come to visit.

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ington DC as a representative of JAG, I got to meet a lot of people in the corporate world. I did a lot of business things and got a lot of exposure to the business world that students don't normally get," she added.

"We are really proud of Che's accomplishment," said JAG staff advisor, Mr. Glynn Hines. "Part of what JAG does is provide paid internships for students so they can see if they like working in that field before getting to college. Through JAG, Che received an internship at the Renaissance Point YMCA

and they ended up liking her so much they hired her permanently when her internship ended."

"I really love working with the kids at the Renaissance Point YMCA," added Che. "I'm a part time counselor with Child Watch and I love it!"

As for the future, Che says she is praying to be accepted into Indiana University, and hopes to enter the Groups program.

Eventually, Jackson says she would like to study fashion and design.

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By: Stan Jordan

At the Super Bowl football game on February 3rd, I didn't watch very much of the action because I'm a Peyton Manning fan and I didn't care much who won the contest.

But it happened that I did see some of the activities at half-time and here is where my displeasure starts.

I am very appalled at the young lady who murdered the National Anthem. I know that I am not alone in these feelings. Nearly 99.9 percent of all veterans want that song sang as it was written about 200 years ago.

That school choir from Sandy Hook School was very good. I really liked their singing. But that lady singer, I understand, she has 13 awards for her past work. I know she is good in her own rite. But why does she have to put her style onto 250 million Americans. You can bet that the Sandy Hook choir director had them sing it like it was supposed to be sung.

I know I speak for millions of veterans, male and female, when they are at big public gatherings—they wish the singers would sing our National Anthem in the correct way as it was written.

There, I've said it and I'm glad I did.
See ya!

OLD DAN AND I CHAPTER 25: LIEUTENANT MEYERS IS GONE

By: Stan Jordan

This is the first part of December 1944.

We have made a couple raids over in Germany. We destroyed some locomotives and two truck convoys going to the front.

Tech. Sgt. Jenkins talks about his trip to Washington D.C. with Captain Meyers. It is all very interesting and we are glad the Captain will be okay and will be able to go to Texas to the four engine school. I'm sure he will become a commercial pilot as that is all he ever wanted to be. Sgt. Jenkins talks a lot about that pretty nurse he met on the plane. Her name is Anita Nelson from Wahoo, Nebraska.

This is December 14, 1944. We don't do anything for Christmas here. I suppose someone will get a package from home and we will all share.

I haven't written for a few days but many things have happened here. We got a replacement pilot for Captains Meyers. He is Lt. Wiltzie of Grumpy, Iowa.

The Lieutenant is a fine pilot and he has nine kills. He is an Iowan Hawkeye through and through, class of '41. He has top shelf security, of course, as we all do.

All three planes went out on dawn patrol Tuesday a.m. We sank a couple barges and shot up a truck convoy. Then we sort-of rested Tuesday.

On Wednesday morning, December 16 we woke up with a low rumbling off to the south. We didn't know at the time, but that was the beginning of a fight later called 'The Battle of the Bulge'.

It was a dense fog and we were grounded, and that dense fog stayed for days. But we were very busy all those days, let me tell you.

Gen. Norm and all four of us took our truck and went to the supply depot at Shalo St. Mar. We picked up 20 magazines of 40 mm shells for Dan and I.

We were issued 48 five inch rockets. They are to be hung underneath the wings of the other 2 P51s. This is all still hush hush because we are the first people to get those rockets. They are 10x T64 rockets.

Some of the men call them 'tank busters'.

Ordinance sent two men with us to install the brackets to hold the rockets and the switches to release them when they are fired in combat.

It takes a full day on each plane. Now we are waiting for the fog to lift so we can go down south to Bastogne and give those busy fellows some help. This sitting here in the fog is driving us crazy.

Tomorrow will be December 25, Christmas Day, 1945 and the allies had been getting pounded for nine days with lots of casualties. All this action is down in southern Belgium. It started a 65 mile wide front and has pushed into our lines about half that far. We are now over Monshau.

Well, by golly, Christmas Day, December 25, broke bright and clear, the fog has lifted and we are ready to take off and want to go south to help the boys.

All three of our planes took off. We are Blue Jay 1, Lt.

Wiltzie is Blue Jay 2 and Lt. Hornish is Blue Jay 3. We are in the area of Elsenborn and the German tanks are our targets. The other two P51s went off on their own looking for targets. We have slowed down a bit because not much anti-aircraft to stop us and I didn't see any Luftwaffe.

Dan fired one of our 40 mm rounds and we got a half track and he filled a troop carrier with 50 caliber shells and it rolled over. Then I shot up some ground personnel.

Then Dan hit a Tiger Tank and blew his track off. Then we made a circle and came back and put a 40 mm round in his engine and started to burn. Then I put a few 20 mm rounds into the personnel getting out of the tank.

There was another tank sitting at a road block and Dan put a round right into his engine and it started to burn. There were some soldiers walking on the road and I got some of them.

There was an odd looking trailer behind a German jeep and Dan blew up the trailer and I got the jeep.

We're out of ammo and we returned to the base and we'll be going right back.
See ya!

SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 52

By: Stan Jordan

All is well here at the Indian Agency. This is the middle of April 1859.

Rooster, the runner, ran in today along with our three soldier helpers, the gardener, Hunter and Slim, all ready to start doing the gardening.

It was a nice afternoon and we lit fires in the cookout area and had vegetable soup with deer meat and some biscuits. We talked quite late and made plans to plow up the garden area tomorrow.

Well, we did do the gardening the last couple days. We are going to rest a couple days and then go over to the Calamus River Tribe Village.

We made the trip in two wagons. The twins are pretty good size now. They are over four years old and they're pretty tall like their father. So our family needed a wagon and the other boys needed a wagon for all the gardening supplies. Yellow Tulip always rides with Callie.

We arrived at the village in the middle of the afternoon. They were glad to see us and we were glad to see them as we know most of them now.

We sat and talked pretty late. The natives all brought their blankets because after the sun goes down it cools off.

Our man, Farmer, and their gardener, Half Moon, renewed friendships and made plans to plow the garden area first thing in the morning.

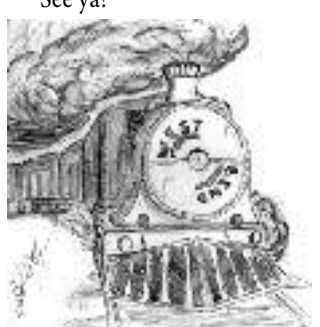
Lots of natives helped with the gardening, but this year they took part of the ground that usually was planted timothy and they planted it in wheat.

Over the four years they have learned to make flour out of wheat and they enjoy the wheat flour as well as ground corn.

This tribe has really made a lot of progress in all parts of learning, language, farming, and about all the other ways. For instance some of these natives will go along over to Loup River Village and by now they know each other. We've been here a few days now.
All the gardening is done.

Some of the native ladies came with us and they have been showing these ladies how to make wheat flour. The Lakota Indians are very friendly, good farmers and hunters. The Sioux Nation up to the north are good people in their own right. But they are more hunters and warriors. They sometimes make war talk. But so far they leave the Lakotas alone. The Sioux all carry bows and arrows and other weapons most of the time. The Lakotas do not, and sometimes that might be bad. They don't carry any protection of any type. But so far all seems to be peaceful. Some of the talk around the campfire was how glad they were to have the new bridge over the Loup River.

The Lakotas are appreciative of the things you do for them.
See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

Galvin is going down to college at Ohio State, he is a freshman this year.

In a few weeks his money was gone and he knew his dad wouldn't send any more so quickly.

He knew his father was very proud of his Jack Russell lap dog.

Galvin told his dad that there was a class here at the school that would train his dog for \$500.

Well, Dad sent the dog and the money down to Galvin.

Well, of course the money was soon gone and he cooked up another scheme to get some more money from Dad.

He told Dad the dog was really doing fine in obedience school, and the instructors really liked the dog.

They said they could teach him to talk for about \$1,000.

Well, Dad loved that dog and he soon sent the money for the new lessons.

The time passed and the money was gone and it was time to go home for the summer.

All the money was gone, the dog was no different than he ever was, our boy could not go home now because Dad expected the dog to talk.

What could Galvin do? He mulled over a lot of alibis, and did make the trip home.

After all the hugs and kisses, Dad asked, "Where is my dog?"

"Well, I had to kill him," Galvin said.

"You had to kill him? I don't understand."

"Well, he learned to talk," Galvin said. "And he threatened to tell Mom about you and the Widow Murphy."

After a couple of seconds Dad asked, "Are you sure he's dead?"

See ya!

THE TRUE ORIGIN OF VALENTINE'S DAY

By: Stan Jordan

This self-inflicted amorous feeling in this country of St. Valentine's Day is the biggest case of hoodwinking, bamboozling, horns-wagging and a lot of other adjectives too numerous to mention.
They have it on February 14 and they try to tell the world

that in the spring a young man's fancy slowly turns to thoughts of love and other forms of impassioned desire.

In short, that is how St. Valentine's Day came about:

Years ago, a man in a town called Waxahatchie, Texas raised 100 acres of long stem roses and they didn't sell very well. It left a big debt for him. Each year they had acres and acres of long stem roses left out in the fields because of no big sales events.

Well, there was a guy in Pennsylvania who made all kinds of chocolates and had most of them left over.

Well, these two men got together and talked about their bad business, so the guy from Texas pushed a long stem red rose and the Pennsylvania guy made all his chocolates in the shape of a heart.

All this time, a man named Hallmark got onto the band wagon and made a fortune.

In those days they advertised over the radio and by billboards along the highway.

All of this pulled on the American peoples' heart-strings.

This ad always had a beautiful well-stacked beauty to lead you to believe she was your wife, fiance or secretary.

Well, over the years this has blossomed to a million-dollar a year business. If you don't send your lady long stemmed roses or chocolate or an expensive card you are a skinflint, miser and non-caring nincompoop.

I called a friend of mine and asked who are the great lovers of this era: Dick Clark, Brad Pitt, Channing Tatum and Matthew McConaughey, etc.

I don't think the lovers of this new generation could

polish the shoes of Clark Gable, Lew Ayers, Montgomery Cliff, Robert Mitchum and Ronald Coleman or any of the old time heart throbs. When Gable kissed a girl, boy, she stayed kissed!

Now I don't think this younger generation is going to agree with me, or even know the old lovers or even heard of them.

But you can call this craze, 'keeping up with the Jones', 'a stitch in time', 'asking for forgiveness' or maybe to cover up something else.

Well, I do like the chocolates...
See ya!

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to be moved to the Monday following the antlerless deer muzzleloader season. The proposed fall turkey hunting season is October 14 - December 1, 2013. Butler, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Hamilton, Huron, Seneca and Warren counties are proposed to be added to the existing list of counties open for fall turkey hunting, which would bring the total to 56 counties.

Deer and fall wild turkey permits would go on sale June 1, instead of March 1.

Changes in hunting regulations are proposed by ODNR Division of Wildlife biologists and wildlife management staff. These proposed changes, if approved by the Ohio Wildlife Council, will take effect for the 2013-2014 hunting seasons. Open houses will be held statewide March 2 for public input on the proposals, and public comments are welcome online at wildohio.com. After receiving public input, the Ohio Wildlife Council will vote at its April 17 meeting.

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- 2 - Claims Assistance - Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

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Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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BULLDOGS SIGN



Bulldog Head Football Coach Jim Rowland with Elliott Nelson (USF) and Anthony Martin (Marian)

By: Beth Stauffer
 Bulldog seniors Anthony Martin and Elliott Nelson have been spent the last four years playing football together at New Haven. Last fall, Martin and Nelson were key defensive players in the Bulldog's thrilling season, helping to lead the team to an overall record of 8-3. There's little doubt that over their careers as NHHS Bulldogs, Martin and Nelson have experienced the gamut of highs and lows that teammates on a high school football team are bound to face from exhilarating victories to devastating defeats.

Not surprisingly, according to Anthony Martin he and Nelson are more than just teammates on the football field: they're brothers and best friends.

Now as seniors in the final months before graduation, Martin and Nelson are preparing to close one chapter in their lives and move forward with the next. Both will go on to play football at the university level in the fall, a dream come true for both young men.

After meeting both Martin and Nelson, it is clear that they are excited not just for themselves, but for each other, happy to be living out the shared dreams that they have in common.

There's just one minor detail in the ongoing story of friendship between Anthony Martin and Elliott Nelson that you might want to be aware of.

The title of the next chapter in their story? 'NAIA In-state Catholic School Rivals.'

On Wednesday February 6, 2013, Anthony Martin signed his letter of intent to play next year for the 2012 NAIA national championship winning football team, Marian University; moments later, Elliott Nelson signed his letter of intent to head across town and join Coach Kevin Donley's University of Saint Francis Cougars.

The former teammates will face off for the first time on rival teams at Saint Francis' last home game of the season on Saturday, November 16, 2013.

At the joint signing, Martin was joined by his parents, Randy and Lisa Martin, and his older sister, Sheyenne. "We are very excited and happy for Anthony," said Lisa Martin of her son.

"I'm excited to get going," said Martin. "I'm ready to start the next chapter in my life. This is something I've been working towards since I was a freshman."

Of Martin, Bulldog Head Coach Jim Rowland said "Anthony is a two time all state defensive end for us. He had 11½ sacks last year and 24 career sacks, making him New Haven's all-time leading sack-getter. He's a good kid, solid on the field and in the classroom."

Elliott Nelson was joined at the signing by his mother and step-father, Kristen and Todd Pelfrey. "I know Elliott

has worked really hard to get to this point," Kristen Pelfrey said of her son, adding, "We are really excited for him, and proud of his accomplishments."

Of Nelson, Coach Rowland said "Elliott is a tall, athletic, versatile defensive back. He can play back at safety and also be brought up to play outside linebacker. I know that's one thing Saint Francis really liked about him. He's also a very smart kid, really gets the job done in the classroom. He'll do the university proud."

Principal Greg Mohler added, "Elliott is on my Student Advisory board, and he's an outstanding young man in our school both on and off the field. He'll be a tremendous asset to Saint Francis next year."

Prior to signing, both young men gave brief statements publicly thanking their families, coaches Jim Rowland and Jeremy Linn, Principal Mohler and the staff of New Haven High School for their support and encouragement over the years.

"We're so proud of our student athletes," said Principal Mohler of Martin and Nelson. "Obviously, they are here to hit the academics, which they've both done, but they've also had outstanding seasons on the field this year, too. On behalf of the school, I just want to congratulate both young men on the incredible season they contributed to our New Haven football program, and I want to congratulate them both for being leaders on the field and off."

"I think it speaks volumes about what a big step this is for us. It's especially meaningful for me to be able to do this today with my brother and best friend, Anthony," said Nelson. "We may be rivals on the field next year, but we'll always be brothers."

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3.32-3.0 (with no grade less than a C) - Kayla Agness, Alexis Jones, Taylor Jones, Ricky Richards, Avrial Sawyer, Megan Smith

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 4.0-3.67 - Matthew Reinhart, Aaron Schneider, Kirsi Smith, Brock Taylor

3.66-3.33 - Katie Hunt, Kyle Recker, Megan Slattman

3.32-3.0 - Madison DeLong, Nathanael Hawley, Tyler Messman, Erik Miesle

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3.66-3.33 - Mikayla Boesch, Erik Buchan, Blaire Rebber, Kiana Recker, Jacob Sukup, Samuel Williamson

3.32-3.0 - Sidney Barnhouse, Cainan Carlisle, Justice Clark, Jeffrey Coleman, Kennedy McMichael, Drake Neace, Iann Roebel

EIGHTH GRADE:
 4.0-3.67 - Emily Butzin, Carley DeLong, *Matthew Dooley, Joshua Ehlinger, Becca Johanns, Erica Meyer, Trey Mills, Emilee Phillips, Derek Reeb, Jaime Ryan, Jarrison Steiner, *Maggie Wilson

3.669-3.33 - Marissa Elkins, Mackenzie Hirt, Evan Hilton, Brandon Pendergrast, Hanna Richey, Arron Romero, Peyton Short, Hayden Spryn, McKenzie Turpening

3.329-3.0 - Logan Dirksen, William Foreman, Eden Kilcoin, Klayre Manella, Hunter Noel, Mahalia Roberts, Alexander Smith, Stewart Taylor

SEVENTH GRADE:
 4.0-3.67 - Brian Geyer, Brooke Hatlevig, *Alexandra Hindenlang, Brandon Laney, Riley McAlexander, Callie Perry, Dylan Peters, *Joshua Poulson, Kylee Trauterman

3.669-3.33 - Kaylee Bennett, Kaitlyn Clevinger, Rebecca McCroskey, Ashley Miller, Jonathon Pendergrast, Koleton Porter, Megaen Price, Kimberly Puckett, Kortney Smith, Rachel Williamson

3.329-3.0 - Caleb Cline, Madison Edgar, Taylor Provines, Spencer Sells

SIXTH GRADE:
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3.669-3.33 - Keaton Altimus, Ashton Barnhouse, Adam Butzin, Kobe Dunderman, Gene Garrett, Kaitlyn Hamman, Aubree Rager, Gage Speaks, Corey Zartman

3.329-3.0 - Levi Craig, Jack Dohoney, Braden Evans, Chloe Franklin, Gabe Gomez, Karleigh Hook, Kaleb Kiracofe, Alayna Ryan, Kolton Titus

LADY WARRIORS CLOSE OUT SEASON ON FIRE!

By: Jeff Abbott
 Woodlan closed out their regular season with a 66-35 thumping of New Haven in girls' basketball. The Warriors raced out to a 21-10 advantage by the end of the first period and extend the lead to 39-19 at halftime. Lauren Ehle capped her senior season on the Woodlan floor with 30 points and senior Jarn Malfait added 10 points.

Score by the quarter:
 New Haven - 10 9 10 6=35
 Woodlan - 21 18 13 14=66
 Scorers of the game:
 New Haven - Hope 10, Fox 6, Casterline 5, Braun 4, Lahr 2, Fisher 2, McGraw 2, Grundy 2, Rush 2
 Woodlan - Ehle 30, Gervers 16, Malfait 10, Williams 2, Franklin 2, Bontrager 2, Hostetler 2, Price 2

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Divine Mercy Catholic School celebrated Catholic Schools' Week, February 4-8. As part of the week, the classes completed service projects. One service project was to reach out to our parish community of supporters. The classes made "gift baskets" for a few of the many fabulous supporters of our school. The first grade (top) gave their basket to Mr. and Mrs. Black. The second grade (bottom) gave their basket to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin. The students walked to their homes and let them know how much they appreciated them for supporting their treasured school.

2013 KOSCH CRASH CLASSIC

The Antwerp Wrestling Club recently hosted the 2nd annual Kosch Crash Classic on February 9, 2013 against the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club. This annual event is intended to expose grade school age kids to an atmosphere and environment like that of a high school wrestling meet. This year's meet featured 59 wrestlers, 38 matches, and a packed house of fans from both

squads. The meet was alive and exciting from start to finish. In the end, the Antwerp Wrestling Club defeated the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club by a score of 144-72. The Archer wrestlers were able to win 25 of the 38 matches while recording 21 pins on the day. Wayne Trace won 12 matches and recorded 11 pins on the day. There was also one tie among the 38 matches. Both clubs were commended for their hard work, determination, and sportsmanship.

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AWESOME MITTEN AT STORYTIME!



On Friday, February 8, the Woodburn Branch Library had the Awesome Mitten at storytime. So, after we shared the story *The Mitten* by Jan Brett the children got to crawl into the awesome mitten just

like the animals did in the story.

Shown in the mitten are (front row) Kaitlyn Sterling and Libby Kipfer; and (back row) Addisyn White, Ashton Blank, and Isabelle White.

LADY RAILROADERS KNOCK WARRIORS OUT OF SECTIONAL PLAY

By: Jeff Abbott

Garrett ended the Lady Warriors' season with a 60-45 decision in a 3A sectional game at Bishop Dwenger. Garrett scored the first 11 points to gain the early advantage over Woodlan and controlled the rest of the game. Garrett led 25-12 at the half. Kaitlyn Wisel had 20 points to pace the Lady Railroaders. Senior Lauren Ehle wrapped up her basketball career at Woodlan with 14 points and Haley Hostetler added 14 points.

Score by the quarter:

Garrett - 17 8 16 19=60
Woodlan - 8 4 15 18=45

Scorers of the game:

Garrett - Wisel 20, Dawson 18, Smith 13, DePew 4, Oliver 3, Stafford 2

Woodlan - Ehle 14, Hostetler 14, Malfait 8, Bontrager 4, Gerbers 3, Williams 2

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WBESC FEBRUARY MEETING SCHEDULED

Western Buckeye Educational Service Center regular February governing board meeting was Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Paulding ESC Office, 202 N. Cherry Street, Paulding, OH 45879.

NAPOLEON OUTLASTS NEW HAVEN ST. JOHN CATHOLIC AT MANOR HOUSE GYM

The Napoleon team beat New Haven St. John Catholic 63-60 on Saturday, in the championship game of the inaugural boys' junior high tournament at the Manor House Gym. Napoleon went 3-0 in their pool beating Woodlan in the first game 60-56; Oregon, Ohio 57-51 and outshooting a fiery Akron Ellet team 90-78.

New Haven St. John Catholic went 3-0 in their pool by beating Fort Wayne Emmaus Lutheran 63-34; Monclova Christian 55-26 and the Northwest Ohio Cougars 58-46 setting up the pool winner final. Other games in pool play included: NWO 60 Monclova Christian 50; Akron Ellet 70, Woodlan 67 in OT; Oregon 65, Woodlan 40, (Josh Gerig 12, Alec Bayman 11); FW Emmaus Lutheran 53, NWO 35; Oregon 72, Akron Ellet 59; and FW Emmaus 53, Monclova 31.

GMC ALL CONFERENCE SCHOLAR ATHLETES WINTER 2013

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce their "All Conference Scholar Athletes" for the winter of 2013. To be eligible for this honor, the athlete must be a senior, participate and letter in a recognized sport or cheerleading and have a 3.5 GPA or better after 7 semesters.

AYERSVILLE:

Emily Thieroff 3.92; Emily Cramer 3.87; Nicole Schroeder 3.81; Kyle Wank 3.76; Kristy Schroeder 3.75; Ryan Schubert 3.64; Taylor Church 3.58; Adam Deitrick 3.56

EDGERTON:

Ronnie Richardson 3.59; Devin Cape 3.55

FAIRVIEW:

Brittany Conkey 4.0; Bradi Hill 4.0; Jessica Stairhime 3.93; Matt Meyer 3.69; Melanie Wolfmatt 3.52

HICKSVILLE:

Austin J Laney 3.67; Connor Yoder 3.67; Mason Tadsen 3.50

HOLGATE:

Landon Grim 4.0; Brandon Gustwiller 3.90; Jake Aelker 3.80; AJ Kelly 3.50

TINORA:

Erica Smay 4.0; Cameron Harris 3.92; Candace Keller 3.87; Robert Wuo 3.84; Rebecca Olashuk 3.74; Craig Higbea 3.59

WAYNE TRACE:

Grady Gudakunst 3.97; Natalie Sinn 3.52

PAULDING COUNTY WRESTLING TRI-MATCH



Wayne Trace Raider pins Antwerp's Justice Clark at the Paulding County Wrestling meet Thursday, February 7 at the Archer home gym. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

On February 7th at the Antwerp gym, Paulding, Wayne Trace and Antwerp wrestlers came together for an All County Wrestling Meet. These are the team and individual results for the evening.

Paulding 66, Antwerp 12:

- 106 - Salinas (P) wins by void
- 113 - Seals (P) wins by void
- 120 - Minck (P) wins by void
- 126 - Deatrick (P) pins B. Hall (A) 1:15
- 132 - Wesley (P) pins B. Hall (A) 2:30
- 138 - double void
- 145 - Clark (A) wins by void
- 152 - Mock (P) pins C. Hall (A) 1:24
- 160 - Jarell (P) pins VanAtta (A) :36
- 170 - Deatrick (P) pins Perry (A) :17
- 182 - Schindler (P) pins Gerken (A) 2:36
- 195 - Valdez (P) wins by void
- 220 - Ash (P) pins Laker (A) :31
- 285 - Bute (A) pins Manz (P) 2:54

Wayne Trace 39, Paulding 37:

- 106 - Clemens (WT) pins Salinas (P) 1:27
 - 113 - Taylor (WT) dec Seals (P) 8-5
 - 120 - Minck (P) dec Baxter (WT) 8-7
 - 126 - Deatrick (P) pinned Elliot (WT) :30
 - 132 - Wesley (P) Maj. Dec Miller (WT) 11-3
 - 138 - Showalter (WT) wins by void
 - 145 - Dingus (WT) wins by void
 - 152 - Reel (WT) pins Mock (P) 1:38
 - 160 - Temple (WT) pins Jarrell (P) 1:22
 - 170 - Deatrick (P) wins by void
 - 182 - West (WT) pinned Valdez (P) 5:42
 - 195 - Schindler (P) pinned Pierce (WT) 1:13
 - 220 - Ash (P) pinned Moore (WT) :43
 - 285 - Manz (P) pinned c Chastain (WT) 3:00
- Antwerp 12, Wayne Trace 70:**
- 106 - George Clemens (WT) wins by void
 - 113 - Dustin Taylor (WT)

wins by void

- 120 - Matthew Baxter (WT) wins by void
- 126 - Bryce Hall (A) pinned Carl Elliot (WT) 1:06
- 132 - Aaron Miller (WT) wins by maj. dec. Bevin Hall (A) 14-3
- 138 - Tyler Showalter (WT) wins by void
- 145 - Jacob Dingus (WT) pinned Justice Clark (A) 3:41
- 152 - Josh Reel (WT) pinned Colton Hall (A) 3:00
- 160 - Sawyer Temple (WT) pinned Austin VanAtta (A) 0:47
- 170 - Tim West (WT) pinned Collin Perry (A) 0:24
- 182 - Zachary Mansfield (WT) pinned Mason Gerken (A) 0:33
- 195 - Justin Pierce (WT) wins by void
- 220 - Riley Moore (WT) pinned Jordan Laker (A) 2:36
- 285 - Jarret Bute (A) wins by void

RAIDERS STEAL WIN ON WARRIORS' COURT

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan and Southern Wells battled back and forth through their ACAC boys basketball game with the Raiders pulling out a 58-56 win on the Warriors' court. Woodlan got the early advantage, leading by a 13-7 score after the first period. Southern Wells cut the deficit to 26-24 at the half. The Warriors regained the upperhand with a 16-13 third period and led 42-37 heading into the final period. The Raiders got 21 points in the final period and held the Warriors to just 14 points to get the 2 point win. Kadin Gerig was tops of the four Woodlan players with double figures, getting 14 points.

Score by the quarter:
Southern Wells - 7 17 13 21=58

Woodlan - 13 13 16 14=56
Scorers of the game:
Southern Wells - Woodward 15, Sherman 9, Roush 8, Mooberry 6, Huffman 6, Price 6, Coleman 4, Johnson 4
Woodlan - Gerig 14, White 12, Bennett 11, Williams 10, Stieglitz 4, McGettigan 4, Mendenhall 1

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RAIDER BOYS RUN OVER ANTWERP



Junior Colby Speice scores for the Raiders



Derek Smalley attempts a 3 point shot.

Antwerp took on Wayne Trace Friday, February 8 at the Antwerp gymnasium. The Wayne Trace boys basketball team started strong and quickly were ahead. The Antwerp Boys recovered by mid point of the second quarter and took the lead. By the end of the low scoring first half though the Archers were behind by 10 points.

The second half of the game the Archers couldn't close the gap and the Raiders went home with the win. The final score was 51-37.

Wayne Trace - Gerber 0, Gudakunst 12, Spiece 5, Worden 0, Arend 0, Linder 6, Sinn 14, Wenzlick 0, McClain 8, Blackmore 0, Kortokrax 6, Totals 15-34 16-19 =51

Antwerp - Brumett 0, Smalley 10, Hormann 0, Williamson 0, Copsey 5, Stout 0, Ganger 12 Totals - 15-33 4-6 =37
W.Trace - 12 14 11 14 | - 51
Antwerp - 10 8 11 8 - 37
Reserve: WT 55-22

Antwerp vs Edon: Edon - Bowling 0, Brown 3, Sapp 6, Kirkingburg 0, Parrish 7, Thiel 16, Wicker 1, Peebles 18, Totals 23-2=51

Antwerp - Brumett 6, Smalley 23, Hormann 4, Coleman 10, Williamson 0, Copsey 0, Stout 4, Krick 1, Ganger 10, Jones 2, Bute 2 Totals 23-11= 62
Edon - 14 9 11 17 = 51
Antwerp - 20 17 12 13 = 62
Reserve: Antwerp 38-25

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PAULDING WRESTLERS COMPETE AT ROSSFORD INVITATIONAL

The Paulding High School wrestling team wrestled recently in the Rossford Invitational as their final tournament before Sectional. This was a great tournament because they had the opportunity to see teams who they don't normally see such as St. Paul and Norwalk (both are in Paulding's district). Overall Paulding had five champs and five other placers.

Team results:
Norwalk St. Paul 221.5; Paulding 185; St. Mary's Memorial 155; Rossford 135; Freemont Ross 106; Findlay 98.5; Lima Senior 96; Whitmer 83.5; Northwood 70; Cardinal Stritch 10; Toledo Christian 0

106 - First: Kage Seal (P) Dec. 7-3 Spencer Shultzd (R); Third: Sidney Salinas (P) Dec 7-1 Justin Neiderman (St. Mary's)

113 - First: Devin Dunbar (Northwood) 5-1 dec over Justin Lutz (W); Third: Joe Livengood St. Paul Pin 1:11 Branson Minck

120 - First: Bailey Menzinger (FR) Pin 4:26 CJ Ball (R); Third: Johnny Wheeler (Northwood) dec 5-2 Chris Holbrook (Lima Sr)

126 - First: Taylor Deatrick (P) Injury Default over Wes (Fritz St. Paul); Third: Brandon Kertz (Northwood) Pin 3:12 Jake Burlage (R)

132 - First: Zack Wesley (P) Pin 6:59 Zack Sa (W); Third: RJ Cavallo (Freemont) Maj Dec 12-3 Christian Goldsmith (R)

138 - First: Jesse Gross (St. Paul Tech) Fall 17-1 Chris Probe (Lima Sr); Third: Tyson Patton (Freemont) Pin 5:52 Chris Swanson (St. Mary's)

145 - First: Dakota Knoss (St. Mary's) Maj. Dec 12-3 Casey Orr (R); Third: Brad Smith (St. Paul) Pin 5:37 Andraus Williams (Lima Sr)

152 - First: Jaden Hetkamp (St. Mary's) Dec 11-5 Daquaris Brown (Lima Sr); Third: Tony Kalenny (F) Pin 1:58 Jason Duffey (St. Paul)

160 - First: Bryan Silfin (St. Mary) dec. 8-4 Haden Miller (St. Paul); Third: Stephan Johnson (Freemont) Dec 9-3 Cody Jarrell (P)

170 - First: Taylor Opp (F) Pin 2:59 Pete Jenkins (St. Paul); Third: Adam Deatrick Injury Default over Bryce Morerain (Freemont)

182 - First: Ryan Schindler (P) Pin 2:16 Jordan Fraymark (W); Third: Brady Hindricks Pin 3:45 Sam Contrarez (Freemont)

195 - First: Markus Winlkejohn (Findlay) Dec. 11-4 Cal Meyer (St. Paul); Third: Thomas Lowradca

(Findlay) Dec. 7-5 OT Dakota Valdez

220 - First: Tyler Ash (P) Dec 5-3 OT Ben Jenkins (St. Paul); Third: Chance Hicks (St. Mary's) Pin :55 Miro Viplicka (Cardinal Stritch)

285 - First: Connor Carless (St. Paul) 3-2 Corey Knox (Findlay); Third: Logan Simons (St. Mary) Pin 2:20 Kyle Robbins (Rossford)

Next for Paulding, they will be competing in Archbold, one of the toughest Sectionals around. Taylor Deatrick will be entering Sectionals with a 35-2 record with some big wins over guys like Fritz of St. Paul and Smiddy of Springfield Shawnee. Also, Tyler Ash, a returning state qualifier boasts a 32-6 record, while Freshman Kage Seals is 31-10, Ryan Schindler 32-12. A lot of these guys put in summer work and they are seeing the fruit of the effort they put in. The goal is to stay mentally tough and focus on doing things right and they will find success at Archbold.

NORTH AMERICAN YOUTH SPORTS TO HOLD ANNUAL YOUTH BB TOURNAMENT IN ANTWERP

North American Youth Sports announced that they will hold their annual spring youth basketball tournament in the Northwest Ohio/Antwerp area at the Antwerp Local Schools on April 12-14, 2013.

This tournament will feature ten different brackets. They include: 5th-6th grade boys, 5th-6th grade girls; 7th grade boys; 7th grade girls; 8th grade boys; 8th grade girls; 9th-10th grade boys; 9th-10th grade girls; 11th-12th grade boys; 11th-12th grade girls. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled.

The entry deadline is March 22, 2013. For additional information or an entry form, please call the toll free NAYS spring tournament hot line at 1-866-352-5915, tournament director Tim Copsey at 419-258-2024 or go to the NAYS website at www.northamericanyouthsports.org.

WLS STUDENTS CELEBRATE LUTHERAN SCHOOL WEEK



The students from Woodburn Lutheran School recently celebrated Lutheran School's week.

Fun activities were enjoyed, including a visit from Ronald McDonald, bowling, games, pep rally, basketball with the teachers and staff, a PTL breakfast with family, and team day!

Also, the students were

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Financial Focus by: Phil Recker, Edward Jones Advisor



Love is in the air this week, as Valentine's Day rolls around again. During the course of your life, you've probably sent your share of flowers and candy. But if your valentine is also your spouse — and, in particular, your long-time spouse — you may want to go beyond roses and chocolates this year to give a gift that can help lead to financial security.

You can choose to make financial gifts in a number of ways, of course, and some of them could provide an immediate financial impact. But you may want to look even further down the road and consider what you can do for your spouse in the areas of insurance planning and estate considerations.

For starters, do you have sufficient life insurance to help provide for your spouse and any children who may not yet be adults? Many people rely solely on their employers' group insurance, which is often insufficient to adequately cover all the costs associated with maintaining their families' lifestyles — not to mention future costs, such as paying for college. How much life insurance do you need? There's no one right answer for everyone, so you may wish to consult with your financial advisor.

Life insurance isn't the only type of protection you need to consider — because you don't have to die to lose your income. In fact, statisti-

cally speaking, you are more likely to become disabled during your working years than you are to die — which is why you need adequate disability income insurance. Your employer may provide disability coverage, but, as was the case with life insurance, it may not be sufficient. So you may also need to consider adding a private policy.

While it's important to maintain adequate life and disability insurance, it's still not enough to ensure your spouse will be taken care of if he or she outlives you. You also need to ensure that your estate plans are in order.

Toward that goal, you will need to work with your legal advisor to create the necessary legal documents, such as a will, a living trust, a durable power of attorney or whatever other arrangements may be appropriate for your situation. In generating your estate plan, you must consider many factors: the amount of assets you have, how you want them divided, when you would like them distributed, and so on. In any case, estate planning can be complex, so you will need to work with your legal and tax advisors before putting any strategy into place.

Life insurance, disability income insurance and an estate plan don't sound like particularly romantic gifts. And you can't really just "give" them on Valentine's Day because it will take some time to assemble the insurance coverage and estate planning arrangements you need. But if you haven't fully worked on these key parts of your financial strategy yet, perhaps Valentine's Day will be a good time to start — because once you've got all your protection needs and estate planning taken care of, you're really giving your valentine some gifts that are designed to last a lifetime.

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When you ask Anne Thomas about why she started her new collection agency, Returned To You, Ltd. in Paulding County, the response is overwhelmingly refreshing. "I love the challenge and I love the problem solving aspect of helping others. She goes on to say that she understands that times are hard, but she wants to help businesses pull through these difficult times.

Owner Anne Thomas has over eight years experience in collection and judgment recovery industry. While she is very determined to collect payments on overdue invoices, she also respects and has compassion for ev-



ery individual she calls on. Her communication skills enable her to establish effective payment plans and in return, businesses start recovering some of their losses.

Thomas is also very knowledgeable and is willing to sit down and consult area businesses. So if your business has been struggling with habitually slow paying customers or clients that have not made payments after several attempts to collect, then it's definitely time to sit down with owner Anne Thomas of Returned To You.

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Some of the other services that Returned To You, Ltd. provides are letter service, skip tracing, judgment recovery, A/R Outsourcing, payment plan books, and check collection. If you would like a free consultation, give Anne a call at 419-399-5286 or you can also email Returned To You at Anne@Returnedtoyou.net.

BILL AIMS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION STANDARDS

We need to answer the question as lawmakers as to whether Hoosier students are being adequately prepared to succeed in the real world, and whether the money being spent on education is funneling to the right areas and addressing the needs of students.

Sweeping changes were enacted in recent years to Indiana's education system and significant gains have been made. The improvement in student growth and performance has stemmed from greater accountability in our schools, more public and private school choices for parents to decide what is in the best interest of the student and more of a focus on the student versus the school.

Additional funding has provided greater options for schools and Hoosier families to enroll their child in school earlier. For example, for the 2012-2013 school year, funds for full day kindergarten increased by \$107.9 million, reaching a total of \$189.8 million. Statewide, there are 79,110 students enrolled in full-day kindergarten programs this school year.

While the importance of early childhood education has been the recent focus, we have also identified areas in need of improvement at the post-secondary level. House Bill (HB) 1005 addresses the readiness of students. In Indiana and across the nation, students are enrolling in post-secondary universities and colleges ill-prepared.

Nearly 50 percent of undergraduates and as many as 70 percent of students entering community colleges nationwide are placed in remedial courses. In Indiana, college remediation costs students, taxpayers and institutions more than \$35 million at community colleges alone.

Legislators are looking to high schools, concerned about the quality of education behind their degrees and trying to draft solutions through legislation to better prepare our students for success.

HB 1005 calls for a system that can identify struggling high school students and provide them additional support to prepare them for a post-secondary educational institution or workforce training program. School officials can then develop a remediation or supplemental instruction plan with the student's parent.

The bill provides that a student must achieve an equivalent of a 2.0 on an unweighted 4.0 grading scale in order for the student to receive post-secondary credit on a dual college credit course or double-up program course.

With this legislation, The General Assembly hope to increase the quality of education young Hoosiers receive at school. We want to induce a learning experience that will fully prepare them to be successful in their higher educational ventures.

As always, I will continue to keep you updated on legislation moving through the Statehouse. Feel free to visit www.in.gov/legislative to stay up-to-date on all legislative happenings.

IT'S AS EASY AS A-B-C!



Paulding Elementary first graders love to help each other by reading to and practicing vocabulary with each other. Shown reading to each other are Breydon Calvert and Alex Leal.



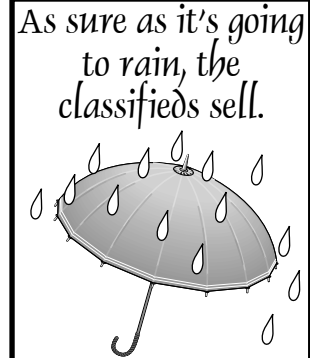
Shown practicing vocabulary are first graders Kaytlin Yates and Jacob Fife. Both sets of students are in Mrs. Sarah Deisler's first grade class at Paulding Elementary.

LATTA STATEMENT ON REQUIRE A PLAN ACT

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) released the following statement regarding his support for H.R. 444, the Require A Plan Act. This bill requires the president to put forth a balanced budget or submit a plan that indicates the earliest year he expects the budget to be balanced and the policies he would implement to achieve that balance:

"The federal government spends \$1 trillion more than it takes in every year and our national debt has surpassed \$16 trillion, yet the Senate has not passed a budget in almost four years and President Obama has missed the legal deadline for submitting his budget proposal to Congress

for the fourth time in the last five years. To end Washington's spending binge and protect future generations from mountains of debt, we must have a plan to balance the budget. Hardworking taxpayers balance their budgets, and in Ohio, every level of government has to balance its budget — the federal government should be required to do the same."



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SEN. KRUSE COMMENTS ON MARRIAGE PROTECTION AMENDMENT

State Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn) released the following statement regarding the Senate's decision to wait until next year to vote on an Indiana marriage protection amendment:

"I am thankful for Sen. Long and Speaker Bosma's careful consideration of the marriage protection amendment.

"Like them, I believe it is prudent to wait and to make sure the amendment will be in line with any Supreme Court ruling regarding California's marriage amendment. I will abide by the decision of our caucus and support hearing it in the next year."

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ANTWERP ART STUDENT LEARN ART RAGE



Antwerp High School Art I and II students work with Mrs. Gurlie to use the program Art Rage on school laptops. The students are using the program to illustrate alphabet and picture books written by Antwerp elementary and middle school stu-

dents. This will be an ongoing collaboration for the next few years between the art department and Mrs. Bagley, the district librarian, in an effort to begin a library collection of student-created books available for circulation.

VANTAGE BOARD HOLDS FEBRUARY MEETING



2013 Vantage Board of Education - Front row: Dennis Recker (Antwerp), Greg von der Embse (Kalida), Lonnie Nedderman, President (Crestview), and Karl Schimmoeller (Ft. Jennings). Back row: Greg Reinhart (Paulding), Linda Owens (Van Wert), Sally Snyder, Vice-President (Lincolnvew), Kim Brandt (Parkway), Pat Baumle (Wayne Trace), and Craig Byrne (Ottoville). Unavailable for the picture was Ron Bradford (Continental).

The Vantage Career Center Board of Education held the February board meeting in the District Conference room on Thursday, February 7, 2013. The minutes from the January 3, 2013 Tax Budget, Organizational, and regular board meeting were approved along with financial statements for the month of December, 2012. The Board ap-

proved a resolution to amend the appropriations and revenues for FY13.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman presented updates on the renovation/construction project and the solar project agreement status, as well as informed the Board on several miscellaneous topics. Dave Dwyer, an engineer for Solar Planet, attended

the meeting to answer questions about the solar field agreement. Academic supervisor Ben Winans reported on Sophomore Visitation Day, upcoming OGT testing remediation, and evaluation system changes. Adult Education Director Pete Prichard updated the Board on the Perkins Plan Consortium report, the Memorandum of Understanding with Northwest State Community College's Custom Training Solutions Division regarding the blending of programs, a partnership with C-Tech in Newark to run a pipe welding program there to meet the demand due to shale jobs. He also reported on full and part-time program enrollment and upcoming classes.

In new business, the Board:

- Employed the following list, as Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Vicki Bidlack, Health Careers; Gage Regedanz, Tech Assistant; Pete Weir, Alternative Energy; Shane Lee, Gary Dilworth, James Loughrie, and Robert Garcia, all Police Academy Assistants;

- Appointed Staci Kaufman as Vantage Career Center's representative on the Putnam County Tax Incentive Review Council;

- Approved the contract with Northwest State Community College and Vantage Career Center to form a workforce training partnership in the Adult Education program;

- Approved a contract with Solar Planet and Vantage Career to develop a solar field;

- First reading of NEOLA new, revised or replacement policies as submitted. No Board action required at this time. (These will be recommended for approval at our March board meeting.)

- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding for Project Jump Start between Northwest State Community College and Vantage Career Center.

The Superintendent requested that the Board adjourn to executive session for the purpose of considering matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes. No action was taken.

The Board adjourned to a second executive session to consider employment of employee or official of the school district. No action was taken.

The next Board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2013 in the District Office Conference Room.

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ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS 2/13 - 2/19

2/13 - Macaroni & cheese, sweet potato fries, mixed fruit, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

2/14 - Hot dog on bun, spinach, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

2/15 - Cheese pizza or Egg salad sandwich, celery w/dip, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

2/18 - No School, Presidents' Day

2/19 - Mini corndogs, baked beans, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

WT LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 2/13 - 2/19

Breakfast:

2/13 - Mini pancakes & sausage, juice, milk

2/14 - Cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk

2/15 - Fruit turnover, juice, milk

2/18 - No School, Presidents' Day

2/19 - Egg/cheese muffin, juice, milk

Lunch:

2/13 - Macaroni & cheese, green beans, fruit, milk

2/14 - Walking taco w/ meat & cheese, lettuce/salsa, carrot sticks, fruit, milk

2/15 - Cheese pizza, romaine lettuce, fruit, milk

2/18 - No School, Presidents' Day

2/19 - Mini corn dogs, sweet potato fries, fruit, milk

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 2/13 - 2/19

MS/HS - Breakfast:

2/13 - Ham, egg & cheese muffin, juice/fruit, milk

2/14 - Links (sausage), mini pancakes, juice/fruit, milk

2/15 - No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences

2/18 - No School, Presidents' Day

2/19 - Egg bagel, juice/fruit, milk

MS/HS - Lunch:

2/13 - Walking taco, lettuce, refried beans & salsa or Top Your Potato, whole grain bread stick, assorted fruit, milk

2/14 - Pizza (big daddy slice), baby carrots w/ranch dip or Corn dog, baked beans, coleslaw, assorted fruit, milk

2/15 - No School, Parent/Teacher Conference

2/18 - No School, Presidents' Day

2/19 - Southwest chicken salad, Mexican breadstick or

ENTERING 100 DAYS AT PAULDING ELEMENTARY!



100 day was celebrated recently at Paulding Elementary School. A huge 100 was made for students to walk through at the entrance of the school. Shown are some students entering the school through the giant 100.

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL AT ANTWERP ELEMENTARY



Mrs. McMichael's kindergarten class at Antwerp Elementary celebrated the 100th Day of School on February 7, 2013. The students made Fruit Loop Necklaces with 100 Fruit Loops, drew pictures

of what they might look like when they are 100 years old, talked about how they would spend \$100 dollars, and participated in many other 100 Day-related activities.

Sandwich w/bun, oven fries, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:

2/13 - Breakfast burrito, juice/fruit, milk

2/14 - Muffin, string cheese, juice/fruit, milk

2/15 - Cereal or Bar, juice/fruit, milk

2/18 - Yogurt, goldfish grahams, juice/fruit, milk

2/19 - Pancakes, juice/fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Lunch:

2/13 - Cheese sticks w/ marinara sauce, spaghetti rings, fruit, milk

2/14 - Salisbury steak, potatoes w/gravy, corn, bread, fruit, milk

2/15 - No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences

2/18 - No School, Presidents' Day

2/19 - Corn dog, baked beans, vegetable choice, fruit snack, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:

2/13 - Sausage pancake wrap, fruit, milk

2/14 - Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk

2/15 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk

2/18 - Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk

2/19 - Mini pancake, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:

2/13 - Mozzarella sticks w/ marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk

2/14 - Shredded chicken w/whole grain bun, broccoli w/cheese, carrot sticks, fruit, milk

2/15 - No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences

2/18 - No School, Presidents' Day

2/19 - Mozzarella sticks w/ marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk

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PVT. ELSTON VISITS OAKWOOD STUDENTS



Students in Miss Deb Hornyak's third grade class at Oakwood Elementary had a special guest on Thursday, February 7th. Private Jesse Elston visited the class after graduating from United States Marine boot camp at

Parris Island, South Carolina recently. Private Elston told the students all about his experience at boot camp and answered many, many questions the students had. Shown is Miss Hornyak and her students with Private Elston.

LOCAL GIRL SCOUT TROOP HOST CLOTHING DRIVE

Antwerp Girl Scout Troop 20515 will be having a clothing drive on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at The Antwerp Community Church from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Antwerp Community Church is located at 704 S. Erie Street. The Girl Scouts will be collecting gently used, clean women's

and children's clothing. No undergarments please.

The Junior Girl Scouts have been researching local non-profit agencies and have chosen an organization that benefits women and children to donate the clothing to. The clothing will be given to the House of Ruth which is a woman's shelter. Paulding County residents who are in crisis situations are often referred to this shelter.

The Junior Girl Scouts have undertaken the clothing drive as part of their Bronze Award project which is the highest honor a Junior Girl Scout can achieve. The Brownie and Junior girls hope for a great turn-out and generous donations. Please feel free to call Michelle Octaviano at 419-740-7173 with questions prior to the clothing drive.

BULLDOGS CLAIM PIECE OF NHC CHAMPIONSHIP

By: Steve Warden, The Journal Gazette

It took awhile before New Haven called off the dogs, as the term goes.

The anticipated mismatch between New Haven, in search of a share of the NHC championship, and East Noble, looking for its

first conference win, never really came to fruition until the third quarter. After that is when Bulldogs coach Al Gooden figured it was safe to bring in the boys from the bench.

As East Noble's bid for the upset collapsed under an avalanche of 27 turnovers and V.J. Beachem, New Haven (12-4, 6-1) did, in fact, claim a portion of its first conference championship since 1991 with a 71-27 win over the Knights (2-16, 0-7).

"We are all New Haven now, and we're trying to be the best that New Haven can be," Gooden said. "I appreciate the history that was already there. I know some of the history. And that's what we're trying to do - stay with the history, and don't change anything. Don't hurt it at all; don't embarrass it. Try to add on to the history."

Even though the Bulldogs tied Homestead for the NHC title, there's the knowledge that they beat the Spartans 82-70 when they met face-to-face. Then again, there's the heartbreak of a one-point home loss to DeKalb that prevented an outright championship.

"Oh, yes," Gooden said with a grimace. "That was a big loss. It loomed big. And we talked about that."

The Spartans defeated Norwell 72-63 Thursday to share the title with New Haven.

When halftime came Thursday, East Noble was still in the hunt, trailing 29-18.

"Coach came in here and pretty much lit us up at half-time, so we had to play our game in the second half," said Beachem, whose 27 total matched that of the Knights. "It started on the defensive end. We started getting some steals and getting out in transition. And then we started taking our time on offense and knocking some shots down."

Gooden admitted he wasn't pleased with his Bulldogs in the first half, and he let them know it.

"I thought we weren't playing with any energy or emotion," he said. "We missed a lot of layups, and we needed to get a little more focused on what we needed to get done."

Because New Haven came out of its upstairs locker room just as the half-time buzzer sounded, the Bulldogs didn't have time to warm up.

One official asked Gooden whether his team was ready.

"Yeah," Gooden said. "We're ready."

Were the Bulldogs ever. New Haven connected on 11 of 15 field goals in the third period, and Beachem, the 6-foot-8 handful bound for Notre Dame, scored 13 of his 27. In eight minutes, the Bulldogs outscored East Noble 26-6 to take a 55-24 lead.

It only got worse for the home team, which went scoreless in the fourth quarter until senior Andrew Gordon hit a three-pointer with 30 seconds remaining.

"It still means a lot to me," Beachem said of the NHC title share. "I'm still a part of New Haven now, and I'm proud to represent the community and proud to bring them a conference championship."

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HUNTERS HARVEST NEARLY 219,000 WHITE-TAILED DEER IN OHIO IN 2012-2013

Deer-archery season ended February 3, bringing the white-tailed deer season to a close. Hunters harvested 218,910 white-tailed deer during Ohio's 2012-2013 hunting seasons for all implements, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Hunters checked 219,748 deer in 2011-2012, a difference of less than 1,000 deer this season.

"Ohio has become one of the nation's top destinations for hunting white-tailed deer," said ODNR Director James Zehringer. "We would like to thank the nearly 500,000 outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen that participated during this hunting season. It is their efforts in the field that help us provide some of the best outdoor recreational opportunities in the country."

The Ohio counties that reported the most checked deer for all implements during the 2012-2013 season: Coshocton (7,413), Licking (6,928), Tuscarawas (6,813), Muskingum (6,457), Guernsey (6,151), Harrison (5,365), Knox (5,288), Ashtabula (4,974), Carroll (4,825) and Belmont (4,731). The top seven counties remained unchanged from last season.

Hunters continue to support alternate methods to report deer kills. Since the deer season began on September 29, 2012, 44 percent of hunters phoned in their report, 40 percent reported online and 16 percent traveled to a license agent's location.

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

The white-tailed deer is the most popular game animal in Ohio and is frequently pursued by generations of hunters. Ohio ranks eighth nationally in annual hunting-related sales and 10th in the number of jobs associated with the hunting-related industry. Each year, hunting has an \$859 million economic impact in Ohio through the sale of equipment, fuel, food, lodging and more. For more information on deer and deer hunting, visit wildohio.com.

NEW HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM STATE BOUND



The New Haven High School Academic Decathlon Team competed in the Homestead regional meet on January 19. The team won Region-

al and advanced to the state finals at Purdue University on Saturday, February 9. They are coached by Troy Guenin and Sarah Rose.

LATTA STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT OBAMA'S BUDGET DELAY

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) issued the following statement on President Obama's failure to submit a budget for Fiscal Year 2014 by the legally-mandated deadline:

"This marks the fourth time in five years that President Obama has missed his deadline to submit a budget to Congress and the Senate has not passed a budget in almost four years. With trillion-dollar budget deficits over the past four years, Democrats in Washington have failed to do their jobs and missed opportunities to show the American people that they are serious about addressing our out-of-control federal spending, restoring economic growth, and creating good jobs for America's

hardworking taxpayers."

The Budget and Accounting Act of 1921 requires the president to submit his budget request to Congress for the upcoming fiscal year no later than the first Monday of February.

GIVE BLOOD THIS WINTER IN ANTWERP

Antwerp Community Church of the Nazarene will be hosting the next blood drive on Monday, February 18, 2013 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Please sign up at the church (located at 704 S. Erie St., Antwerp), call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go to redcrossblood.org, sponsor code "accnaz" to schedule your blood donation appointment.

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PC TIGERS TAKE DOWN WOOD COUNTY



On February 6th the PC Tigers played Wood County. The team had a very nice surprise awaiting them. The El-

dwood County cheerleaders cheered for both teams. These girls did a good job. The final score was PC Tigers 49, Wood County 29.

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and cooking. A special demonstration of pewter casting of 18th century spoons will be featured. Warm yourself by the fire, and spend Presidents' Day weekend exploring our heritage, and the unique experiences of those who forged our country.

The Fort will be open to the public: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 16 and Sunday, February 17. For more information: www.oldfortwayne.org or call (260) 437-2836. The Old Fort is located at 1201 Spy Run Ave Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Parking is available at Headwaters and Lawton Parks.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Seth David Bleke was born on February 5, 2013 at 2:52 p.m. at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

Seth weighed 8 lb. 2 oz. and was 20.8 inches long. She was welcomed home by his parents David and Amy Bleke and older sibling, Grace Wirts.

Proud grandparents are Donald and Jeannie Schweller of Paulding, and Cindy and Keith Bricker of Fort Wayne, IN. Proud great-grandparents are Gertrude Haunhorst of Paulding, and Carroll and Mary Lynn Farrier of Fort Wayne, IN.

EACS TO PARTICIPATE IN 'VOLUNTARY' ALCOHOL, TOBACCO & OTHER DRUG SURVEY

From February 11 through March 1, 2013 all EACS students in Grades 6-12 will be provided an opportunity to participate in a voluntary electronic survey that measures the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. The survey, which is conducted by the Indiana Prevention Resources Center (IPRC), is part of a statewide process to collect data.

Participation by EACS in this survey stems from a collaboration with Southwest Allen County Schools, Northwest Allen County Schools, Fort Wayne Community Schools and the Allen County Drug and Alcohol Consortium. The program grant is a "Drug Free Communities Support Program." It is funded through a joint effort of the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

The survey is being conducted for three purposes:

1. To provide local schools and their communities with valid estimates of the prevalence of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use among students; and
2. To provide Indiana with similar estimates of prevalence on a statewide basis.
3. To gather data for use in supporting future grant requests.

Important information for parents and students:

1. This survey is completely anonymous and completed in private, without any personally identifiable information that could be traced to an individual student.

2. Participation by EACS Grades 6-12 students is completely voluntary and students can easily "opt out" of participation by discontinuing the survey.

3. To insure valid data collection, there is a need for non-drug using students to participate so that accurate estimates are obtained.

4. Parents had an opportunity to inspect a sample survey form prior to 02-11-13.

Specific instructions for administration of the survey will be sent to participating schools as soon as the IPRC provides the information.

If you have additional questions, please contact Jeff Studebaker, EACS School Safety Manager jstudebaker@eacs.k12.in.us or extension 3206.

Paulding County Area FOUNDATION

SUPPORT BLACK SWAMP NATURE CENTER

By: Lisa McClure, Paulding County Area Foundation

One of the best kept secrets in Paulding County is the Black Swamp Nature Center. The Black Swamp Nature Center contains 51 acres, consisting of 24 acres woodland, 15 acres of wetland, and 6 acres of old meadow. A boat launch allows easy access to Flat Rock Creek, while trails wander around the top banks of the three ponds and past the old sugar beet dam. The Paulding County Fairgrounds border the Nature Center with two access trails allowing easy access. The old meadow and wetland area provide an excellent habitat for many species of birds and plant life.

The Black Swamp Nature Center provides a wonderful area to observe birdlife. Approximately 190 species of birds have been seen. Most recently, a pair of bald eagles has been spotted.

The Black Swamp Nature Center has served many community based interest groups. The broad use of the building has served for educational seminars, 4-H and school activities, cross-country meets and other organizational meetings.

Mark Holtsberry, Educational Specialist, with the Paulding S.W.C.D. is requesting financial support to assist in a driveway paving project at the Black Swamp Nature Center. The Paulding County Area Foundation is granting \$200.00 toward the driveway paving project. To contribute to Mark's project, you may contact either Mark Holtsberry at Paulding S.W.C.D. or Lisa McClure at Paulding County Area Foundation, 419-399-8296.

With the support of the residents of Paulding County, improvements to the Black Swamp Nature Center can continue to maintain well-managed grounds while providing the public with acres of beautiful land, representing our county's heritage.

SHERWOOD BANC CORP. ANNOUNCES DIVIDEND FOR SHAREHOLDERS

The Board of Directors of Sherwood Banc Corporation, parent company of The Sherwood State Bank, Sherwood, Ohio, announced a dividend of \$0.30 per share for shareholders of record January 25, 2013. This dividend is a \$0.05 increase of the January 2012 dividend. Earnings per share in 2012 were \$1.72 per share, an increase from \$0.94 per share in 2011.

President and Chief Executive Officer Mickey C. Schwarzbek noted that "This dividend is just one more way The Sherwood State Bank continues to support and return to the community."

The Sherwood State Bank operates banking offices in Sherwood, Defiance, and Ridgeville Corners. The

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FETTER & FRIENDS VISITS WOODLAN PRIMARY



Jack Fetter (Fetter & Friends) is starting his second year of elementary school presentations that deal mainly with animal, bird and water fowl from the United States. He shows unique wildlife, one of a kind creations through hides, mounts, nature sounds

and student illustrations. Jack is shown holding a Gemsbuck Horn with three third graders from Woodlan Primary displaying a sea turtle shell, red fox hat and an Arctic fox hide. Jack also continues as a volunteer at the YFC Wilderness Camp.

bank offers a full range of financial services including checking, agricultural and business loans, savings, insurance services, internet banking, and bill paying services. For more information on The Sherwood State Bank, please visit www.sherwoodstatebank.com.

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STUDENTS SEE LIVES THRU SNOWGLOBES



This January the second grade at Paulding Elementary used their imagination and told about their experiences in a snowglobe. This experience told briefly of how their lives would be in a snowglobe.

WINTER COMPUTER CLASSES OFFERED AT LIBRARY

The Paulding County Carnegie Library has scheduled a round of free computer classes to be held this winter. All classes are taught in a friendly, casual and no-pressure environment. The classes will be held in the State Library of Ohio Mobile Technology Training Center, which will be parked in front of the library from February 19th through February 25th. The mobile lab is a 35 foot bus equipped with 10 networked PCs, a digital projector and a networked printer. A wireless Internet bridge connects the Lab to the library's router, allowing the lab to have access to the Internet. The computer systems run Windows 7 Professional with Microsoft Office 2010. Space is limited

to 10 per class so pre-registration is required. To register for the classes, call the library at 419-399-2032. The library reserves the right to cancel classes with fewer than five persons registered or for inclement weather.

The Lab may also be reserved by any non-profit or educational facility for training their staff or patrons. Contact the library if you are interested in providing training for your group.

Tuesday, February 19, 10:00-11:00 a.m. - *Have Fun with Microsoft Publisher* - Intended Audience: Patrons with basic computer and typing skills that are comfortable with MS Word. MS Publisher is publishing software that allows you to create, customize and publish materials such as newsletters, brochures, flyers, catalogs, web sites and much more. Students will learn how to access pre-designed tem-

plates, create a flyer, and create a one-page newsletter.

2:00-3:00 p.m. - *Introduction to Microsoft Word* - Intended Audience: Patrons with basic computer and typing skills who want to learn basic information about Microsoft Word. This class will use Microsoft Word and will teach students how to create a document; use different functions to make changes in their document; import a photo or picture; print a document.

6:00-7:00 p.m. - *Have Fun with Microsoft Publisher* - Intended Audience: Patrons with basic computer and typing skills that are comfortable with MS Word. MS Publisher is publishing software that allows you to create, customize and publish materials such as newsletters, brochures, flyers, catalogs, web sites and much more. Students will learn how to access pre-designed templates, create a flyer, and create a one-page newsletter.

Wednesday, February 20, 10:00-11:00 a.m. - *Have Fun with Social Media* - Intended Audience: Patrons with basic computer and typing skills that are comfortable with navigating the Internet. Do you have a Facebook page? Is your business thinking about creating a Facebook page? What about other social media sites? Learn basics about Facebook as well as an introduction to LinkedIn and Twitter.

2:00-3:00 p.m. - *Exploring the Internet* - Intended Audience: Patrons with basic computer and typing skills who are comfortable navigating the Internet. Learn how to find and navigate authoritative resources on the Internet including government sites, health sites, financial sites, entertainment sites and more.

Thursday, February 21, 10:00-11:00 a.m. - *Let's Learn About Excel!* - Intended Audience: Patrons with basic computer skills who want to learn about how to create spreadsheets. Spreadsheet programs can be complicated, especially if your brain is not wired to understand their analytical nature. Have you always wanted to learn how to organize finances or budgets in a spreadsheet, but thought you could not understand the process? Join us on this introductory class where you will learn how to input data, create formulas and even use color to create an easy to read spreadsheet that makes sense.

2:00-3:00 p.m. - *Let's Create a Power Point Presentation!* - Intended Audience: Patrons with basic computer and typing skills that are comfortable with MS Word. PowerPoint is undoubtedly the number-one presentation software used today. Participants will learn how to put together a five-slide show with graphics and special animations. They will learn "when to say when" when it comes to animations and sounds. This class is designed to provide a fun introduction to this popular program.

6:00-7:00 p.m. - *Introduction to Microsoft Word* - Intended Audience: Patrons with basic computer and typing skills who want to learn basic information about Microsoft Word. This class will use Microsoft Word and will teach students how to create a document; use different functions to make changes in their document; import a photo or picture; print a document.

Friday, February 22, 10:00-11:00 a.m. - *Have Fun with Microsoft Publisher* - Intended Audience: Patrons with basic computer and typing skills that are comfortable with MS Word. MS Publisher is publishing software that allows you to create, customize and publish materials such as newsletters, brochures, flyers, catalogs, web sites and much more. Students will learn how to access pre-designed templates, create a flyer, and create a one-page newsletter.

2:00-3:00 p.m. - *Rattle your Family Tree! Explore Genealogy* - Intended Audience: Patrons with basic computer skills that are comfortable on the Internet and who are interested in genealogy. Students will explore different online tools they can use to search their genealogy including navigating the library's genealogy database, Ancestry.com where they will learn how to input family names. Understand the findings; explore maps, ship records, photos, etc. Be careful what you ask for... you might have skeletons in your closets!!

Saturday, February 23, 10:00-11:00 a.m. - *Create Computer Art* - Intended Audience: Patrons with basic computer skills and can navigate the Internet. This class will share fun ways to create art on the computer. Utilizing free online resources, students will learn how to create pop from photographs, pictures or simply their imagination. This class is open to all ages.

Monday, February 25, 10:00-11:00 a.m. - *Let's sell it on E-Bay!* - Intended Audience: Patrons with basic computer skills that are comfortable on the Internet and want to learn how to list and sell an item on E-Bay. Students will learn how to: Identify online "helps" for E-Bay; set up a home office; list an item; add photos; describe an item; determine fees; close the deal. During this class, the students will be walked through the process of actually listing an item for auction.

6:00-7:00 p.m. - *Let's Learn About Excel!* - Intended Audience: Patrons with basic computer skills who want to learn about how to create spreadsheets. Spreadsheet programs can be complicated, especially if your brain is not wired to understand their analytical nature. Have you always wanted to learn how to organize finances or budgets in a spreadsheet, but thought you could not understand the process? Join us on this introductory class where you will learn how to input data, create formulas and even use color to create an easy to read spreadsheet that makes sense.

HAWAIIAN LUAU AT THE PAULDING LIBRARY!

Calling all 4th-6th grade students! Grab your Hawaiian shirts and head to the historic Carnegie Library in Paulding for a fun-filled Hawaiian Night. This tropical event will be held on Thursday night, February 21st at 6:30 p.m. The fun—hosted by Kooky Kirk—will include games, prizes, crafts and plenty of snacks. The award-winning Children's Room of the historic Carnegie library in Paulding has been hosting quality children's events for decades. Do not miss out! For more information call 419-399-2032.

PAULDING STUDENT EXPLORES LANGUAGE ARTS WITH ROBOT



Justin Cuoto built a robot for his 6th grade Language Arts Class at Paulding Middle School. The project was designed to show their creativity in a persuasive narrative. They could create a

new invention or improve on an existing one. They had to bring it in to the classroom and convince their classmates that they need this item in their lives to live. Justin is pictured here with his robot.

KOHLER NAMED EXEC. ADMINISTRATOR FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT & RESEARCH

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) recently selected David Kohler as the executive administrator for wildlife management and research. Kohler, an ODNR Division of Wildlife employee for more than 20 years, was serving as the acting administrator for the same position. "Dave has a strong background in wildlife and brings experience to this position from working in the field, the district office and now the central office," said ODNR Division of Wildlife Chief Scott Zody.

Kohler replaces Dave Scott, who accepted a position with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 2012.

Kohler began his career with the ODNR Division of Wildlife in 1989 as a seasonal employee at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area and Crane Creek Wildlife Research Station. In 1993, he was hired as a technician at Fallsville Wildlife Area and was then promoted to area supervisor. Kohler served as an assistant wildlife management supervisor and from 2005-2012 he was Wildlife District Five's wildlife management supervisor. In August 2012, he was named the acting executive administrator for wildlife management and research.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, is requesting a proposal for the installation of a Decra Steel Roof System for the Paulding County Courthouse, located at 115 N. Williams Street. It has been estimated the roof area equals approximately 130 square. Said proposal should include all material and labor to complete the proposed project. Please include four references from previously completed Decra Steel Roof System installation projects. Prevailing wages may apply. OSHA safety standards must be observed. Sealed proposals must be marked "Courthouse Exterior Window and Trim Painting" and addressed to the Clerk of the Board and must be received at the office of the Board of County Commissioners in the basement of the Courthouse, 115 N. Williams Street, Room B-1, Paulding, not later than 9:30 a.m. on the 20th day of March, 2013. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals. Should you have any questions, please contact the Paulding County Commissioners' Office at 419-399-8216, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, is requesting a proposal for the painting of the exterior windows, trim, and other previously painted surfaces below the main roof line of the Paulding County Courthouse. Said proposal should include any and all paint, caulk, and labor to complete said project. The project requires the use of Sherwin-Williams Duration paint. Please include three references from previous projects. Prevailing wages may apply. OSHA safety standards must be observed. Sealed proposals must be marked "Courthouse Exterior Window and Trim Painting" and addressed to the Clerk of the Board and must be received at the office of the Board of County Commissioners in the basement of the Courthouse, 115 N. Williams Street, Room B-1, Paulding, not later than 9:00 a.m. on the 20th day of March, 2013. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals. Should you have any questions, please contact the Paulding County Commissioners' Office at 419-399-8216, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Superintendent Dave Jones

By: Beth Stauffer

Week #2 of the New Haven Citizens Academy took place on Monday, February 4, 2013 at the Utility Department located on Summit Street. Mr. Dave Jones, Superintendent of the Utility Department, was the featured speaker for the evening. Superintendent Jones has worked for the City Utility Department for 15 years and served as the Superintendent for the past eight years. In addition to hearing about all of the many aspects of the Utility Department, the class went on an interesting and informative tour of the Summit Street facility.

The New Haven Utility Department is a small but mighty group of 18 employees who are responsible for the city's public works departments (water, sewer, street, and storm). Primary responsibilities of the department include overseeing the city's drinking water distribution system, taking care of the 80 miles of streets that are located in New Haven, and monitoring and maintaining the city's 13 sewer lift stations that pump waste water to the City of Fort Wayne. The department also is responsible for taking care of New Haven's storm drains and maintaining all City buildings and property among other things.

Here are a few fun facts about the City of New Haven's Utility Department:

- The City purchases and uses approximately 1.25 million gallons of water every day from the City of Fort Wayne
- The City pumps 1.43 million gallons of sewage a day back to the City of Fort Wayne; under wet weather conditions, the City has pumped as much as 5 million gallons of sewage back to Fort Wayne!
- The average water line break costs \$2,500 to repair
- The cost to clean up the City's roads after an average snowfall is approximately \$7,000
- The City has 33 snow plows available for use
- It takes approximately 5 hours for 18 guys to plow every street in New Haven (80 miles of roadway)
- The City water truck never leaves the City of New

Haven and still manages to put on 37,000 miles a year

This year, the City is responsible for the snow removal on the new Maplecrest Extension project. It takes one full tank of de-icer on the de-icing truck to treat the entire Maplecrest Extension at a cost of \$1,500. The de-icer can be applied prior to an expected snowfall and will last for 72 hours on the roadway!

The City's salt barn holds roughly 900 tons of salt; this is roughly a two-year supply.

The Utility Department received 1,301 service calls in 2012

The department has over 50 trucks and pieces of equipment that allows the staff to do almost all the work for the City in-house; this saves the City (and taxpayers) hundreds of thousands of dollars each year!

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VIVA LAS VEGAS! CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA VIII

It's chocolate time again! If you love chocolate and have never experienced this indulgence, don't hesitate another minute. Friday is already sold out and tickets are going fast for Saturday night. What started as a fund raising event to build the Oakwood branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library was quickly turned into a two night event to accommodate the many area Chocolate Lovers. This year, the 8th Annual Extravaganza will be held on March 1 and 2 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Each year a theme is chosen and guests have been known to get into the fun and dress accordingly. This year it's 'Viva Las Vegas' so ladies put on your boas and jewels and get your guys to escort you to a night of fun in the Community Room of the Cooper Community Library. No boa? Jeans are just as welcome, so you can also come as you are. Prizes and favors are also a part of the fun, not to mention over 30 deliciously different diverse treats. Call the library at 594-3337 for more information about this event sponsored by the Event Planners, an arm of the Oakwood Library Association.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Sudoku solution from page 13

9	8	1	5	6	7	4	2	8
8	6	4	9	1	2	5	7	3
7	2	5	3	8	4	1	9	6
2	8	3	6	7	5	9	1	4
1	4	9	2	3	8	6	5	7
6	5	7	1	4	9	8	3	2
3	1	8	7	9	6	2	4	5
5	9	6	4	2	3	7	8	1
4	7	2	8	1	5	3	6	9

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Derek Reeb, winner and Kennadi Foy, runner-up at the Paulding County Spelling Bee Competition.

The Paulding County Annual Spelling Bee took place Tuesday, February 5 at the Wayne Trace Payne Elementary. This year's contestants were Derek Reeb of Antwerp; Kennadi Foy of Christian Home Educators of PC; Grant Baumle of Divine Mercy; Cynthia Tershner of Oakwood Elementary; Tyrel Goings of Paulding Elementary; Hannah Farr of Paulding Middle School; Bryan Hofmann of WT Grover Hill Elementary; Julianne Roop of WT Payne Elementary; Brady Stabler of WT Jr. High.

Sandy Freeman, from Western Buckeye E.S.C., lead the introduction to the Spelling Bee. She prominently introduced Al Lautzenheiser, who introduced the judges and gave the rules.

Pronouncer was Mr. Doug Grooms, Van Wert.

The competition started with two rounds of practice before moving on to the official competition judged by: Mr. Travis Lichty, Antwerp

Elementary Principal; Mrs. Cathy Schoenaur, Divine Mercy Catholic School Principal; and Ms. Jennifer Manz, Oakwood Elementary School Principal.

The spelling event usually goes fairly quickly and this year was no different. Some words were harder than others and the contestants do not get to choose their words to spell.

The final three contestants where Derek Reeb, Kennadi Foy and Hannah Farr and all went several rounds before Hannah misspelled a word. Kennadi a couple of rounds later tripped on the word "sufficiently" and Derek took the win with the word "societal."

All the young people did a great job in representing their educational institutions. The area can be proud of young people like this.

Derek Reeb will move on the Journal Gazette Spelling Competition March 9, 2013 in Fort Wayne.

For those whose pesticide license expires in 2013, you should have received one, possibly two mailings in mid-December. Farmers were given a listing of upcoming pesticide applicator recertification programs and instructions on how to pre-register or sign up for recertification training.

Private applicators should have received another letter in mid-January from the Ohio Department of Agriculture. This letter contained an application form containing your name, address and payment options to renew your license. Farmers should go ahead and forward the completed application and the Ohio Department of Agriculture recertification fee to the address listed on their notice. This payment is in addition to the fee for the recertification program.

Farmers needing educational hours to recertify

their private pesticide applicator license, can do so at any one of the following sites and times: Monday, February 18th at 9:00 a.m. in the Defiance County OSU Extension Office; or Monday, February 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the Paulding County Extension Building; or Wednesday, March 13th at 5:15 p.m. in the Delphos Eagles Lodge; or Monday, March 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the Williams County OSU Extension office.

For those attending a recertification program, please bring your pesticide license and payment to cover the cost of the program if you have not paid when pre-registering.

If you have any questions on pesticide recertification, call your local OSU Extension Office or contact the Ohio Department of Agriculture at 1-800-282-1955 and follow the instructions for pesticide regulations.

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To view the entire statistical analysis regarding failure to yield crashes and citations visit www.staepatrol.ohio.gov/doc/FTY_Bulletin_2013.pdf

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



Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School recently named the January Students of the Month. They are Luke Miller (9th grade), Lily Sinn (7th grade), Kaleigh Young, (12th grade), Courtnie Laney (10th grade), Brock Worden (11th grade), and Seth Yenser (7th grade). These students received a "Raider Pride, Pay Forward" T-Shirt as recognition for their accomplishment.

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Thank you! First the Home Health Department who have always been there with professionalism, but on Tuesday, January 15th I had a crisis situation. Lisa from Easy Living was there, who with clear and outstanding performance with Home Health direction I was able to get help. Thanks to the EMTs, the Emergency Room, doctors, nurses, respiratory and anyone else involved. The care was excellent and being life flighted to Lutheran where I also received excellent care was done in a manner Paulding should be proud of. The after care has also been superior. Thank you to Home Health, Gene, equipment manager rehab department at the hospital, Senior Center, PC Workshop and all of you I missed naming and my wonderful family. God bless you all. —Anna Super

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