

ALEXIS JONES HITS 1000 CAREER POINTS



Antwerp girls basketball took on Hilltop at home Tuesday, February 12. Alexis was close to hitting the 1000 point mark in the last game but was for sure to achieve it this game. The Lady Archers struggled under the pressure to keep Jones with the ball and help her score. The Hilltop girls were doing their best to make sure she didn't even get the ball.

With 3 seconds left in the third quarter Jones was fouled on a shot and she was put at

the line for two free-throw attempts. She then made both shots and is only the fourteenth person from Antwerp to ever hit this career goal. In the video she is being honored by her coach and parents Don and Kathy.

Congratulations Alexis!

Hilltop finished the game taking home the win with a 52-37 victory.

More pictures at www.archerpics.com.

Video of the event is at www.westbendnews.net

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2013 BILL FRITCHA MEMORIAL AWARD

By: Terry McDonald, Mayor

New Haven has a long and proud tradition of volunteer service. Now more than ever, volunteers are renewing their commitment to help others and make new connections that bring us closer together as families, neighbors and communities. Recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a standard of service, encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation, and inspires others to make service a part of their lives. The Bill Fritcha Memorial Award was established in 2011 to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our communities and encourage more people to serve. We created the Bill Fritcha Memorial Award as a way to thank and honor individuals by their demonstrated commitment and example, and to inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

There are three basic considerations: civic engagement, service to the community with humility, and acts of kindness unknown to most. This award is made through nominations. The nomination

process shall consist of a letter of endorsement for the nominee. The letter will need to include the relationship to the nominee; examples of service to the New Haven community with humility; what impact has their volunteer efforts made in New Haven; and examples of acts of kindness that are unknown to most. A Selection Committee will review all nominations received. Is there anything outstanding or unique about



Bill Fritcha

the nominee and his or her character? Has the nominee addressed important issues facing New Haven? Has the nominee made a measurable impact? All letters of endorsement for nominee submissions must be received no later than February 28th at 12:00 noon of each year for consideration.

1. Request a Nomination Form by contacting the Mayor's Office at 748-7070.
2. To request a form, forward an email to Deb-Anne (continued on page 2)

THE OLD JAIL: BIDS OPENED



On February 13, 2013 in Paulding County Commissioners opened the bids for the old jail. The old jail was built in the late 1800s and has been used until about seven years ago when a new jail was built and finished. There has been an outcry about trying to save the jail and the commissioners have been asked to put it up for bid instead of demolishing the historic structure.

At 10:45 a.m. the commissioners opened the letters.

There were four sealed bids submitted, but only one included the request of a plan of action for the building.

The Paulding County Commissioners have rejected all bids for the sale of the old County Jail due to incomplete bid packets.

The pending sale will be put out for re-bidding, with bid opening scheduled for March 20, 2013, at 9:45 a.m.

See the legal notice on page 15 for information about the bidding.

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Beulah Winchester, 93, of Oakwood died at 6:56 p.m. Monday, February 11, 2013 at Mercy Hospital in Defiance. She was born December 31, 1919 in Oakwood to the late Harry and Alma (Fitzwater) Grimes. On April 6, 1940 she married Leo E. Winchester who died December 28, 2011.

She is survived by a daughter: Helen Winchester of Oakwood; a daughter-in-law: Barbara Winchester of Oakwood; 2 grandchildren: Marlin and Paul Winchester; 8 great-grandchildren: 4 great-great-grandchildren: a brother: Charles (Louise) Grimes; and a sister: Vernell Baker, both of Oakwood. She was also preceded in death by a son: Donald Winchester; a great-grandchild: Amy Winchester; 3 brothers: Lester, Emery, and Kenneth Grimes; and 2 sisters: Doris Adams, and Lila Howell.

Beulah was a homemaker and a member of Grace Bible Church in Defiance.

Funeral services were Thursday, February 14, 2013 at HEITMEYER FUNERAL HOME, Oakwood with Dr. John McKay officiating. Burial followed in Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood. Visitation was Wednesday and one hour prior to the service on Thursday all at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice or to the Gideons.

Condolences can be expressed at: www.heimeyerfuneralhome.com.

Thelma A. Hill age 98 died February 11, 2013 at the Community Health Professionals / Hospice Center in Defiance Ohio.

She was born in Briceton Ohio on July 27, 1914 the daughter of Paul and Elizabeth (Blake) Martin. On June 6, 1931 she married Waveland C. Hill who preceded her in death on December 22, 1941. She was a former Deputy Treasure for Paulding County. She was a member of the Paulding United Methodist Church.

She worked for the Paulding County Election Board. She was the Charter President of the Paulding County Professional and Business Club. She owned and operated Hill's Confectionary for 4 years and the H & R Dress Shop for 17 years.

Surviving are two sons, Russell Hill of Fort Wayne Ind. and Paul (Margie) Hill of Paulding Ohio and a daughter Louella (Loren) Thomas of Paulding, Ohio. 9 Grandchildren: Joni (Larry) Brown, Mindy (Brad) Stevens, Julie (Don) Lauer, Brenda (Jerry) Smith, Terri (John) Coulon, Laurie Hill, Kim (Ron) Garrity, Pam (Chet) Moore, Jerry (Rachel) Thomas, 9 great grandchildren, 11 great great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were her parents, 3 sisters: Edna Ampsbaugh, Ilo Rothenhofer, and Erma Martin, 1 grandson David Hill, 2 Granddaughters: Wava Jean Colley and Judith Kay Thomas, 1 daughter in law Barbara (Brown) Hill.

Funeral services were conducted 11:00 AM Thursday, February 14, 2013 at the DenHerder Funeral Home Paulding with Pastor Ben Lowell officiating. Burial followed in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding Ohio. Visitation was Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at the DenHerder Funeral Home Thursday morning before the service time.

The family suggest memorial contributions be made to the Paulding United Methodist Church Roof Fund, Inpatient Hospice Center of Defiance, Ohio or the American Diabetes Association.

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

Jack Lewis Bickhard, 88, of Grove, OK, formerly of Antwerp, OH died February 12, 2013

Alyse Yvonne Townley, age 65 died February 12, 2013 at the Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne Indiana.

She was born on September 21, 1947 in Defiance Ohio the daughter of Carl Ross and Vera Avis (Converse) DeGood. On March 18, 1967 she married Thomas J. Townley, who survives. Alyse was very active in her lifetime. She was a avid bowler, card player, genealogy researcher, member of the Paulding VFW Post #587 Auxiliary, member of many book clubs and a member of the Turtles Club. But most of all, she was a loving, devoted wife and mother. The one thing in this world that kept her going was her family. She will be greatly missed.

Also surviving: a daughter Lisa M. Adams of Defiance Ohio, one son Brent (Leslie) Townley of Paulding Ohio. 3 Brothers: Rick (Ja Dee) DeGood of Paulding Ohio, Gary DeGood

of Le Roy Michigan and Perry (Gail) DeGood of Perrinton Michigan. 1 Sister: Dee Becker of Okemos Michigan, Mother in Law: Lorraine K. Townley of Linden Michigan, Sister in Law: Deborah L. Townley of Linden Michigan. Brother in Law: Robert (Jeanne) Townley of Grand Blanc Michigan, Mike (Eva) Townley of Flint Michigan and Fred (Ellen) Townley of Paulding Ohio. 4 Grandchildren: Kyle and A.J. Adams, Briana and Emma Townley also many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents: Carl Ross and Vera Avis DeGood, Father in Law: Russell Alex Townley, Son in Law: Steven Lee Adams, Brother in Law: Timothy Ralph Townley.

Funeral services were conducted 11:00AM February 18, 2013 at the DenHerder Funeral Home Paulding Ohio. Pastor Ben Lowell officiated. Burial will follow at a later date. Calling at the DenHerder Funeral Home Paulding Ohio was February 17, 2013 and Monday morning one hour prior to services.

Family request memorial contributions to: The Toledo Zoo or The National Arbor Day Foundation.

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

Dorothy L. Edens, age 78 died Friday, February 15 at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Ft. Wayne, IN.

She was born July 25, 1934 in Paulding County, Ohio, the daughter of William G. and Pauline E. (Kochenour) Wunder. On October 5, 1963 she married Donald J. Edens, who preceded her in death on October 13, 1994. She was employed by both Dr. Charles Weaver and Dr. Dean Walthers as the office manager and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Paulding.

She is survived by two children: David Edens, Madison, Alabama, and Dee (Bill) Gullickson, Windsor, Virginia; and a grandson, Jackson Gullickson.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers, Raymond and George Wunder; and a granddaughter, Abigail Gullickson.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 AM Thursday February 21 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Rev. David Meriwether officiating. Burial will follow in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Visitation will be 4-8PM Wednesday, February 20 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services on Thursday.

Donations may be made to American Cancer Society or First Presbyterian Church, Paulding.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Betty Louise (Grunden) Garver, age 81 died Tuesday, February 12 at the Gardens of Paulding, Paulding, Ohio.

She was born July 20, 1931 in Paulding co., the daughter of Walter and Bernice (Copsey) Casper. On July 21, 1947 she married Robert Ray Grunden who preceded her in death on June 9, 1995. On November 9, 1998 she married Richard O. Garver who survives. She was a member of Bryan Eagles #2233.

She is survived by her hus-

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." — *Psalms 23:4*

band, Richard Garver, Bryan; two sons, Robert Grunden Jr., Antwerp, and Larry Shaffer, Millersburg, Ohio; four daughters, Betty Andrews, Oakwood, Darlene (Dan) Knapp, Latty, OH, Deborah Dougal, Paulding, and Kathy (Robert) Habern, Latty, OH; a sister, Marilyn (Dale) Taylor, Bryan; a brother, Robert (Lois) Casper, Napoleon; sixteen grandchildren; a step grandchild; twenty four great grand; two step great grandchildren; eight great-great grandchildren; and three step great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; first husband; brothers, Rollan Myers and John Casper; sister, Shirley Blair; step-daughter, Dawnette Aldred; step son, Ned Garver; two grandsons, Craig Allen Bauer and Kevin Shaffer; and great granddaughter, Kaitlyn Bauer.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 16 at Den Herder Funeral Home, with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial will follow in Riverside Memory Gardens, Defiance.

Visitation was Friday, February 15 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to service on Saturday.

Donations may be made to Gardens of Paulding Activity Fund or Community Health Professionals Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com



Carl Jacob Tope, age 93 died Tuesday, February 12 at the Country Inn Enhanced Living Center, Paulding, Ohio.

He was born November 23, 1919 in Paulding County, Ohio the son of Elza and Emma (Hubert) Tope. On November 21, 1942 he married Eleanor M. (Riggenbach, who preceded him in death on February 13, 2001. He retired in 1985 from GM Powertrain, Defiance, Ohio as a millwright. He was a United States Army Air Corp Veteran of WWII, serving as a ball turret gunner on a B17 in the 603rd Squadron, 398th Bomb Group 8th Air Force; a member of the Friends United Methodist Church of Latty, Ohio; John Paulding Historical Society Life Member; Paulding V.F.W. Post #587 Life Member; Paulding Eagles #2405 Life Member; and a member of UAW #211.

He is survived by three daughters, Connie J. Scarpelli, Bay Village, Ohio, Diane K. (Kevin) Bair, Van Wert, OH, and Tamara J. (Jack) Drahus, Milwaukee, WI; two sisters, Catherine Stoller, Paulding, and Margaret (Bill) Clemens, Latty;

grandchildren, Amanda (Don) Megliola, Aaron (Shelly) Scarpelli, Bryce Kreisler, Scarpelli (Jeff) Taylor, Darcie and Nicholas Drahus; and great grandchildren Don Thomas and Ella Megliola, and Ryan Scarpelli.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife; a daughter, Janet Sue Tope, three brothers, Wilbur, August, and Ira Tope; two sisters, Maxine Riggenbach and Dorathea Blue.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 AM Saturday, February 23 at Friends United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in Blue Creek Cemetery, Haviland.

Visitation will be 2:00 to 8:00 PM on Friday, February 22 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services on Saturday at the church.

Donations may be made to John Paulding Historical Society or Friends United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

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Smith in the Mayor's Office at dsmith@newhavenin.org

3. Visit City Hall and pick up an Application in the Mayor's Office (2nd floor).

4. Download the Nomination Form by visiting our website at www.newhavenin.org

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THANK YOU

The family of Ruby Nern would like to thank all who cared for her these past years: Meals on Wheels/Office on Aging, LifeLine, Antwerp EMS, Manor House staff and volunteers; Essen Haus staff, Drs. Bond and Miller, Reverends Becker and Stier, and Hickory Creek. We especially thank those who served us at the time of her passing: friends and family who provided food, sent cards, visited, or prayed; Shawn and staff at Dooley Funeral Home; Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church for the meal; and Pastor Stier for his words of comfort. We are so blessed to have had a mother like Ruby and family and friends like all of you.

—Pam & Terry Zartman,
Keith & Kathy Nern,
Kathleen & Ed Jones,
Robin Cline

LATTA INTRODUCES BILL TO REPEAL ESTATE TAX

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) introduced a bill to permanently repeal the estate tax and ensure that individuals are not taxed on the increased value of an estate by retaining the stepped-up basis at death.

"Our nation was founded on the belief that through hard work, an individual can create an inheritance for future generations. The estate tax, also known as the death tax, punishes the efforts and investments that hardworking taxpayers have made during their lifetime. Many families are forced to sell off land, equipment and assets in order to pay the tax," said Congressman Latta. "Permanently eliminating the estate tax is an important step in ensuring that our small businesses and farmers, which are an essential part of Ohio's economy, can grow and prosper into future generations."

Currently the top estate tax rate is set at 40 percent, with an exemption of \$5 million, indexing that exemption amount to inflation. The estate tax is a federal tax levied against the assets of a person's estate when they pass away.

GOLFERS GET AN EARLY START AT NORTHERN INDIANA GOLF SHOW

The Northern Indiana Golf Show will take place Saturday and Sunday March 9-10, 2013 at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne.

Saturday features representatives from top golf manufacturers with demos of their new products for the 2013 golf season. Golfers will enjoy testing the new drives and irons from Cleveland, Srixon, Mizuno, Callaway and Nike Golf on the Northern Indiana Golf Show indoor demo range.

The Northern Indiana Golf Show main stage, sponsored by Back Nine Driving Range, will feature presentations from the area's top golf professionals including Rick Hemsoth, Director of Golf for Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation, and noted ladies instructor Suzanne Noblett. Area professionals will also be available for free three-minute lessons.

This year's show will feature three skills contests. Golfers will compete for value price packages in the Cobblestone Golf Longest and Straightest Drive Contest. Golf ECT of Fort Wayne will have a closest-to-the-pin contest. Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation will again be holding a longest-putt competition benefiting the Fort Wayne Youth Golf program.

The Northern Indiana Golf Show has also partnered with the Hotel Fitness Championship so each day's the first 100 attendees will receive a one-day Practice Round Ticket for the 2013 Hotel Fitness Championship coming to Sycamore Hills Golf Club August 26 through September 1, 2013. All attending will receive the 2013 Fort Wayne Monthly Golf Guide.

Thousands of dollars in door prizes will be given away throughout the show, including: Stay-and-play golf getaways, golf merchandise, rounds of golf and golf equipment. The top door prize is a one-year membership good for both Cherry Hill and Autumn Ridge Golf Clubs.

Northern Indiana Golf is presented by Fort Wayne Newspapers and Fort Wayne Monthly Magazine and is sponsored by Bobick's Golf Headquarters, Swan Lake Resort, The Northern Indiana Ohio Chevy Dealers Association, Back Nine Driving Range and Rock 104.

Northern Indiana Golf Show hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, March 9, and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday March 10. Tickets are available at Memorial Coliseum the day of the show. Coupons for a discount are available at all Northern Indiana and Ohio Chevy Dealers.

Thank You

The family of Mary L. Kitson would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who supported us these last few weeks. Your many acts of kindness and sympathy continue to be a great comfort to us in our time of sorrow.

We also send our gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Laverne Miller and the staff at Community Memorial Hospital, Pastor Rick Grimes and Mr. Shawn Dooley.

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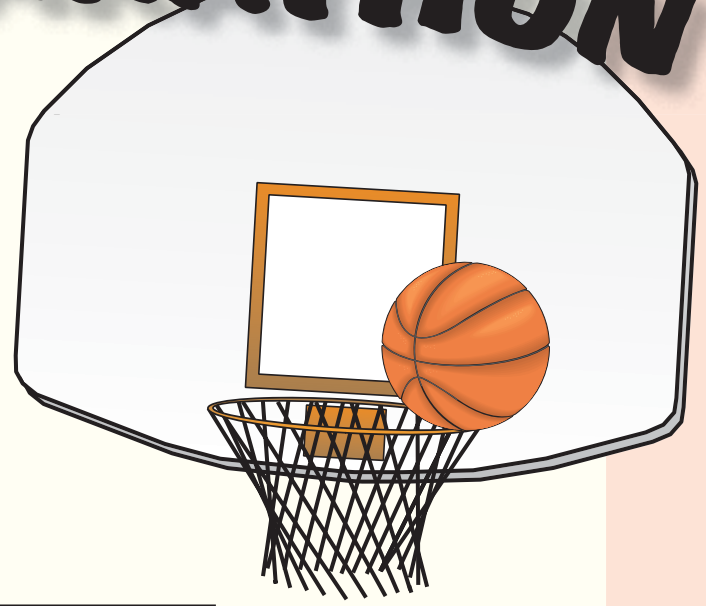
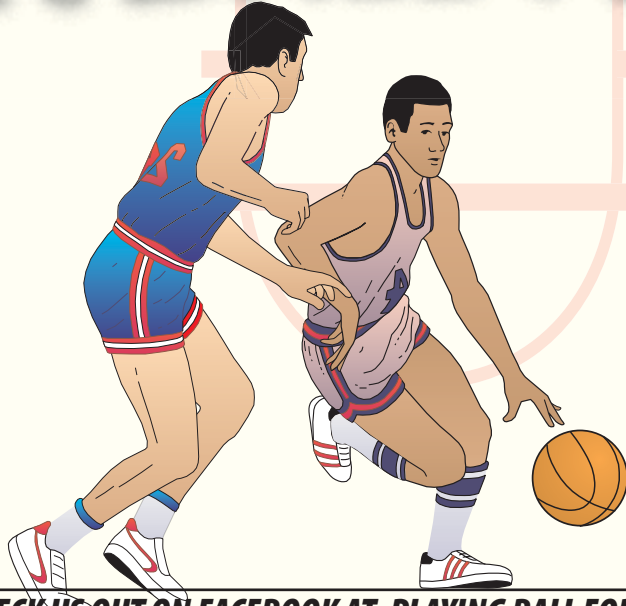
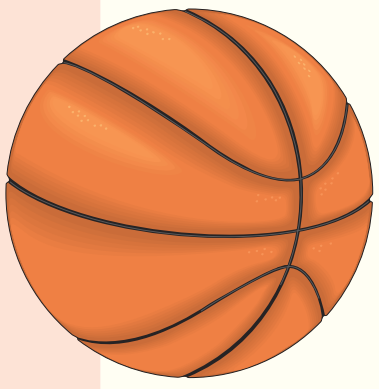
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Ten individual medals will be awarded for first & second place in the mini-tots & tots divisions.

THE MARATHON COMMITTEE

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RULES GOVERNING PLAY

- Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated
- No foul shots are permitted, fouls are awarded by taking the ball out of bounds
- No time outs permitted
- 5 players maximum on the floor at one time
- No dunking the basketball (we have had to pay for a cracked glass backboard & have had to stop the game to fix broken break away rims causing the schedule to be interrupted)
- No full court press in mini-tots, tots, or mini-youth divisions
- **In adult co-ed competition**, at least two female players on the floor at all times
- **In adult co-ed competition**, male players are not permitted to cross, remain, shoot, or rebound from the area known as the key. Girls only in the key.
- The mini-tots division will use 8' baskets & a youth basketball
- The tots, mini-youth, women, & co-ed will use 10' baskets with a women's basketball
- Youth division can use men's or women's basketball on 10' baskets
- Men will use a men's basketball

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION RULES

The OHSAA is organized to administer & supervise the athletic programs for students grades 7-12. The constitution of the association does not contain any responsibility for any type of athletic program below 7th grade. Anyone & everyone who is not yet in enrolled in 7th grade may participate in the Marathon without jeopardizing their future eligibility. Students in grades 7-12 who are participating in basketball now & in the future, may participate in the Marathon so long as not more than two players from the same Jr. high or High school team do not play on the same team.

The Marathon Committee will endeavor to make this Marathon the most enjoyable for you & the fans, & the most profitable for the Society & the people of Paulding County who need our help. If you have any Questions you may contact any of the committee members. Thank you for participating in this most worthwhile Paulding County Charity event!!!

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The team pairings schedule will appear in the March 25th Weekly Reminder and the March 27th Paulding Progress & West Bend News.

DIVISION OF PLAY

Please Check Proper Team Bracket

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PREFERRED COMPETITION

Who does your team want to play? Does that team want to play your team? Is there a team your team cannot play or prefers not to play? (print clearly)

- Want To Play _____ Can't Play _____

ENTRY FEE CALCULATION

- Basic Entry Fee (includes 10 shirts) **\$100.00** (players must also pay regular admission at the door)
 Extra Shirts @ \$8.00/shirt..... \$ _____ (\$8.00 x # of shirts in excess of 10)
 Charge for XXL and XXXL Shirts \$ _____ (\$3.00 x # of XXL or XXXL shirts)
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DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2013

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FETTER & FRIENDS



By: Sue Knapp

Last spring Jack Fetter wanted to get back into the classroom. He was a Vo-Ag teacher at Paulding Exempted Village School from 1967-1970. Then Jack was called to the ministry of Youth for Christ/Campus in 1970.

Then Jack started to take kids to Canada with a fishing pole in one hand and Bible in another. In 1990 he was led to start a wilderness camp for youth under Youth for Christ. The camp allows him to be more creative in teaching Christian values.

"I believe that God shows Himself through: 1. people's changed lives, 2. through the Bible, 3. Reveals Himself through Creation", Jack states.

His new hobby called Fetter & Friends is a collection of various creatures that he harvested through hunting, fishing and trapping. Then in 1990 he started to collect more animals through taxidermists and donations. He has been blessed with quite a collection.

Jack is starting his second year of Fetter & Friends bringing it to elementary stu-

dents, primarily in grades 3-5. Jack loves the Lord and loves showing children God's awesome creation through His animals and nature sounds. Most all of the animals, fowls, amphibians and birds are from the U.S.

Jack's favorite part of the demonstration is at the end when kids are allowed to feel, touch and hold the animals and hides. The children are really curious and have many questions.

If any elementary science teacher is interested in Fetter & Friends coming to their class for a demonstration please call Jack Fetter at 419-587-3660. Jack also continues as a volunteer at the YFC Wilderness Camp.

HOW IS GOD'S FORGIVENESS LIKE ERASABLE XEROX PAPER?

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

Xerox Corp. says it has found a way to create temporary images on paper that would self-erase in 24 hours or less. The special pages theoretically could be used again and again—as much as 50 times.

SermonNews.com reported that... The idea started in the early 2000s when researchers discovered 40 percent of printed pages are used for the day, then thrown away. With that in mind, Xerox decided there was clear demand for paper that could be reused, but not recycled, on a

daily basis.

The team designed paper covered with special chemicals. Once the paper goes through the printer, the chemicals are exposed to a light source that causes the text on the paper gradually to fade. It disappears completely in 16 to 24 hours, but can be quickly erased by running it through the printer again.

In reality, all printed material is temporary. However, we are reminded in scripture that written Word is not temporal but eternal... "The Word of Lord Abides Forever," 1 Peter 1:25.

We are also reminded in scripture that the sins of those who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ has been erased forever, to be remembered no more... Psalm 103:12. Thanks be to God for His Word and His Mercy.

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

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Luke 6:12 - Who went out to pray?
2. Luke 6:12 - Where did he go to pray?
3. Luke 6:12 - How long did he pray?
4. Luke 6:12 - Who did he pray to?
5. Luke 6:13 - Who did Jesus call to him?
6. Luke 6:13 - Comment need disciples did Jesus choose?
7. Luke 6:13 - What did Jesus name them?
8. Luke 6:13 - What did Jesus name Simon?
9. Luke 6:16 - Who became a traitor?
10. Luke 6:17 - Why did this multitude of people come to Jesus?

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

Answers to last week's questions:

1. in the grain fields; 2. heads of grain; 3 what is not lawful to do; 4. what did David do when he was hungry? 5. verse four tells us he ate the

- showbread; 6. consecrated bread; 7. the seventh day, Saturday; 8. teaching; 9. right hand; 10. watching Jesus.

Now let's see what these verses are saying:

Luke 6:12 tells us that Jesus went out to a mountain to pray and prayed all night, before selecting the ones that would be his apostles.

Luke 6:13 - In this verse we see that out of those that were there with Jesus, only 12 were chosen to be apostles.

Read Luke 10:1 about Jesus sending out the 70 disciples. These disciples and the 12 were committed to Jesus teaching.

Luke 6:14-16 list the names of the apostles. Bartholomew seems to be the same as Nathaniel: check John 1:45. Matthew is another name for Levi. Judas the son of James, another name for him would be Thaddeus.

Just as Jesus was a man of prayer, and Daniel with others in the Old Testament were men of prayer, shouldn't we be people of prayer, and seeking God's help in our lives? I believe so. Read Luke 18:1 and Ephesians 6:18 until next time keep reading and studying God's word the Bible.

FLEEING THE VANITY

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

"Vanity of vanities, vanities! All is vanity," (Ecclesiastes 1:2 ESV).

I found myself last night enjoying one of the best concerts of my life, The Avett Brothers at the Embassy in Fort Wayne. Passion. Love. Enjoyment. It was wonderful. They seemed to just lay it all out during that performance, unleashing their souls onto the crowd.

Then I had one of those moments. Maybe it was due to one of the introspective songs. I don't really know. Maybe it was because we were enjoying ourselves in a building where everyone that invested their lives in building it has passed from this life. But that sense of meaningless wanted to slither into my life and ruin my experience in the present. This is all vanity.

This is all meaningless. All of you here today—everyone in this crowd—will be gone tomorrow. In one hundred years, the joy that is felt here will have disappeared. Like it never happened. Or that is what the lie told me. That is what the voice trying to suck the joy out of my life said.

The word "vanity" is actually a "mist," "vapor," or a "mere breath." It is here for a moment and passes away. It is alluring in our moments of depression or sadness to fall prey to the wayward writings of the author of Ecclesiastes. They are very poetic, touching, and beautiful as words, yet they are destructive in action. These thoughts of vanity suck the joy out of our lives. When we read Ecclesiastes, we are reading the thoughts of a wounded soul who wasted his life. Either he, or someone else writing commentary on the book, got the point of life right and wrote it at the end of the book.

"The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will

WII FOR YOUNG & YOUNG AT HEART!



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League from Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church recently gave Jennifer Ramsier, activity director at The Manor House Assisted Living a Wii gaming system. The residents enjoy bowling with Wii

Sports and are very anxious to use their new gift often.

Pictured here are Jennifer Ramsier, Linda Bostleman, LWML members; with Gene Singer, Tony Billman, Ira Green, Annette Beck, and Jennifer Ramsier.

bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil," (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 ESV).

Think of the whole process of learning the inspired truth from Ecclesiastes like getting the point from a movie, a really depressing movie with a great life-changing point. A point that would be missed if you turned the movie off in the midst of all the pain and suffering. You see the misery that the wrong life brings. You see the pointlessness of all the wasted and misplaced effort. Or think of it as hearing a testimony. When I share my testimony, I share a lot of wrong thoughts I had. I share a lot of stupid actions. In elaborating on the life that comes from living life from a place of bad beliefs, we see the meaninglessness of it all. Ecclesiastes isn't in the Bible to teach us that life is meaningless. It's there to teach us that meaning can only be found in living for God.

Because life isn't meaningless. Even in the little things, amazement can happen. An awesome concert, enjoying the blessings of God's good yet fallen earth with our fellow man isn't meaningless. At the concert, a wonderful mix of music, vitality, God, my loved one, and my own thoughts stirred my soul. Changing me. Transforming me into someone better if I would only allow them to. Now, if we don't allow it to transform us, then the writer of Ecclesiastes is right: it's meaningless. But life in God isn't meaningless.

To say the life that God has given us to bring about His will is meaningless is a slap to the meaning and

purpose that God has given us. Loving our neighbors. Helping the hurting. Bringing hope to the hopeless. Sharing the eternal truths of God in a loving way. None of it is meaningless.

It's true. I won't be here in one hundred years. Everyone in that concert hall will be dead. None of us reading this article soon after its writing will be alive in that time. And this article will, more than likely, be lost amongst the mist of the massive amounts of writing that is being printed during our times. One more article to join the wasteland of history.

But this article, like all experiences, is not meaningless if it changes us. When we are faithful to God, He takes our relatively futile actions, shapes them together with everyone else's seemingly futile actions, and creates something beautiful. In Him, there is never meaninglessness. We must rise out of the mist into the new day.

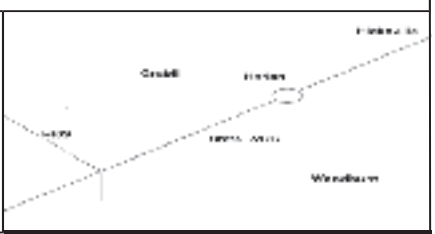
You can read more of Regan's writings at www.regansravings.blogspot.com or stop in to worship God with him and his church family on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at Riverside Christian Church. Located at the corner of 192 & SR 49.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I so enjoyed the letter by Jill Starbuck on February 13, 2013. May I add that before Bob there was also his father, Fred Kammeyer. Antwerp holds a lot of memories for many people. I am glad I was there to share some of them.

—Mary Davis

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Our grandchildren play sports at Antwerp School and I would like to say that I'm proud of the sportsmanship of all the kids and the community attending. The Pep Band is very good also that's directed by Mr. Matt Lovell. I'm very proud to be from Antwerp, Ohio.

I'm also proud to be an American and able to stand to sing the National Anthem to the flag of the United States of America. Not everyone stands at attention or puts their hands over their hearts, but we are in a free country with freedoms that most other nations don't have at this time.

I got a nice letter from a Staff Sgt. overseas (it didn't say which country) who got one of the boxes that Mr. DenHerder had sent with Christmas stockings filled by persons in our area who picked up the stockings, filled them and turned them back in to Mr. DenHerder. The Staff Sgt. said it made the day for many people who were

away from home over the Christmas holidays. I want to express my gratitude to those in the military who are protecting our country and may God protect those people and get them home safely. I hope their families or friends will get their names on a Veteran's Memorial for them where ever they live as a continuing remembrance of their sacrifice for our freedom. And let's not forget those at home "holding down the fort."

Sincerely,
—Caroline Wells Zimmerman

DRAWING TO BE HELD AT LAKE LA SU AN WILDLIFE AREA FOR YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING

A special drawing will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2013 at the Lake La Su An Wildlife Area headquarters for youths interested in turkey hunting according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Wildlife. Youths age 17 and younger may participate.

Lake La Su An Wildlife Area headquarters is located at 09-455 County Road R, Pioneer, Ohio. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and will continue until the drawing at 10:00 a.m. Youth hunters must possess a valid hunting license to register. Youth hunters are not required to be present to register. Adults may register a youth by presenting the youth's hunting license.

Successful applicants will select an available section of their choice for either a two or three day permit between the dates of April 20 through May 19, 2013. A total of 72 date/ section combinations are available.

For more information, contact the Lake La Su An Wildlife Area headquarters at (419) 485-9092, or the Division of Wildlife District 2 Office at (419) 424-5000 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The ODNR-Division of Wildlife conducts controlled hunts on professionally managed areas throughout the state for youth. These hunts provide a unique and excellent opportunity for young hunters to learn from their mentors. For more information about these hunts, go to the Division of Wildlife's webpage at: wildohio.com. Click on the hunting link and look for controlled hunts.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural re-

sources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR Web site at www.ohiodnr.com.

EXPLORE CHINA WITH THE NEW HAVEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The New Haven Chamber of Commerce is planning a once in a lifetime event this October; an exploration of China! The New Haven Chamber wanted to make available some fun opportunities in the 2013 year and one of those opportunities is a nine day trip (October 11 through October 19) to China. Beginning at the JFK airport in New York, travelers will board an afternoon flight to Beijing, the Capital of China. Once there four and five star hotel accommodations will await them.

Some wonderful excursions are scheduled in Beijing which includes the Great Wall of China, the only manmade structure that can be seen with the naked eye from the moon. Other sights include the Temple of Heaven built in 1420 A.D., the Forbidden City home of 24 emperors, and the Ming Tombs. Other cities that will be explored are Shanghai, Suzhou, and Hangzhou each with their own interesting places to be experienced.

This trip offers something unique for everyone; from the business leader, to the college student, to the adventurous traveler. Don't miss out on this once in a lifetime experience! Registration deadline is July 1, 2013. To find out more about this event or to get a registration form, go to www.newhavenindiana.org, email info@newhavenindiana.org, or call 260-749-4484.

FEBRUARY! THE HEARTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING...

What better time to show gratitude to the employees of BF Goodrich/United Rubber Workers/United Steel Workers 715. Since 1961, the contributions they've made to United Way have touched the lives of thousands.

United Way isn't the only place BF Goodrich and their employees give back. The local operation supports so many organizations, including food banks, hospice centers, disaster funds, children's homes, and fire departments among others.

Each year they have had a United Way Day of Caring team of volunteers who serve in our community. Over the years, scores of volunteers from BF Goodrich have built playgrounds, put on carnivals for children with disabilities, painted, mulched, landscaped at non-profit agencies and mentored our area youth.

For 52 years the number of contributions from BF Goodrich/United Rubber Workers/United Steel Workers 715 and their hundreds of local employees are countless in Allen County and beyond. While not forgetting the generosity of so many other businesses and volunteers, we are blessed to have such giving volunteers and donors in our community and for that we should all be grateful.

BF Goodrich and their team show us what it all means to LIVE UNITED.

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



Vantage Business Professional of America (BPA) 2013 state qualifiers!

Vantage Career Center Business students recently competed in the first round of Region 16 Business Professionals of America skills contests at Ohio Hi Point Career Center in Bellefontaine. Fifty students from the Vantage business programs—Interactive Media, Medical Office Management and Network Systems—competed in a variety of different contests including PC Security, VB Programming, Medical Office Procedures, Computer Modeling, Web Site Design, Computer Animation, Network Design, Advanced Office Systems and Procedures, and Administrative Support. In all, 27 students earned the right to advance to the state competition held in Columbus in the spring.

Network Systems' senior Austin Meyer (Ottoville), who serves as the BPA Region 16 President, took top honors in the VB Programming, while junior Alex Gorman (Van Wert) placed second. The team of Taylor Dixon (Van Wert), Audrey Smith (Wayne Trace), Jammie Farler (Delphos Jefferson), Abigail Parsons (Delphos St. Johns), and Ryan Hatlevig (Antwerp) qualified for state competition by placing first in the Parliamentary Procedure Team contest. Network Systems junior Tyler Stienecker (Lincolnview) placed first in the Computer Security contest while senior Brock Goins (Paulding) placed second. Tyler Stienecker (Lincolnview) also placed first in the Parliamentary Procedure Concepts contest.

Eric Durre (Wayne Trace) a senior in the Interactive Media program placed first in the Computer Modeling competition. Three Interactive Media juniors, Emilee Nicelley (Paulding), Tiffany Romero (Antwerp), and Hannah Robach (Continental) each captured first place in their respective Computer Animation contests. Senior

Tressa Ringwald (Lincolnview) took top honors in the Graphic Design Promotion contest. Senior Courtney Marquart (Lincolnview) placed second in the Fundamental Desktop Publishing contest, while senior Hannah Lewis (Lincolnview) placed second in the Fundamentals of Web Design contest.

Four students - Tegan Felver (Parkway), Mackenzie Hanenkratt (Paulding), Julie Seidenstricker (Crestview) and Terin Rankin (Continental) - joined forces to take second place in the Administrative Support Team contest. Brianna Stegaman (Crestview) placed first in the Administrative Individual competition and Mikayla Stetler (Parkway) placed first in the Medical Office contest, and her classmate Chelsea Grimes (Antwerp) placed second. Brianna Vogt (Continental) took first place in the Fundamental Word Processing contest, and Layna Mihm (Van Wert) placed second. Senior MacKenzie Schleter (Lincolnview) placed second in the Advanced Word Processing contest.

Students who qualified for the state contest will compete March 14 and 15 in Columbus. Congratulations and Good Luck to all student competitors!

Are you wondering how the Vantage OSFC renovation and expansion project turned out? Come and see for yourself at the Vantage Grand Open House, which will be held on Monday, February 25, 2013 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

There will be a brief ceremony from 5:00-5:30 p.m. and then guests can explore the building, visit the labs, meet the teachers, and enjoy some light refreshments. You won't want to miss it!

FROM THE DESK OF THE PAULDING COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted six persons on Thursday, February 14, 2013.

Kevin L. Clay of Van Wert, DOB 4/22/1985, Breaking & Entering, F-5

Derek M. Showalter of Paulding, DOB 10/1/1982, Felonious Assault, F-2

Robert W. Berry, DOB 7/23/1980, Felonious Assault, F-2

Joshua K. Clark, DOB 2/19/1986, Theft, F-4

Kaz K. Shenfield, DOB 10/9/1989, Aggravated Robbery, F-1

Jared L. Schibley of Paulding, DOB 7/14/1989, Aggravated Robbery F-1

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OLD DAN & I CHAPTER 26: BATTLE OF THE BULGE

By: Stan Jordan
Dan took our P-51 back to the Aachen Air Base to refuel and pick up another 40mm magazine. It is only about 9:30 in the morning.

We are back in the air and west of the Schnee Eiffel in the area of Monchau, but off to the west of that area a little.

We spotted a number of German vehicles lined up to cross a bridge that the Americans had blown up. They were almost dead targets, because they couldn't maneuver.

The first tank in the crossover was a big King Tiger. You can't hurt that big thing on the front end, because it has eight inches of armor. We put a 40mm round into his track on the right side and we made a circle and came back and blew the other track off. By now the tank can't move, and they don't have a wrecker to move him. I think we did a good job there.

Dan put a 40mm round into the engine weld of two more tanks in line there and that buttoned up that highway and there will be no more traffic going west on that road.

We tore back to our base to refuel and pick up another magazine of 40mm shells.

The other two P-51's were back and we had to wait. It was now noon and we caught a truck going to the mess hall. There was a lot of talking and waving as each pilot was telling what he had destroyed that morning.

We are not receiving any flaks because the German's don't have any. They do have some machine guns on each vehicle, then they try to duck down when they see a plane bearing down on them.

That afternoon was about the same furious action.

There sure was a lot of good stories and good reports to turn into the General.

About all of the German Armament was tanks, half-tracks, troop carriers, and

some anti-tank weapons. So we needed some 40mm or even bigger. Those two planes that carried the six 5" rockets called 10xM1 really did a good job today.

Lt. Hornish told about getting one big Tiger Tank. He said he fired one 5" rocket and it hit the Tiger right where the turret attaches to the lower body of the tank. It blew the turret over to the side of the tank, and then a big fire started inside the tank. What a lucky shot!

He said he got one more tank and two half-tracks and a couple of trucks. "Oh my goodness, what a 5" rocket will do to a truck!" He said.

Lt. Wiltsie said, "I wasted a rocket until I got used to what they would do and boy, did I have a day! I got 4 tanks, a water truck and a trailer."

Gen. Norm said, "Well fellows lets add up everything and see what we got today." We got one King Tiger Tank out of action and one destroyed, seven Tiger Tanks destroyed, two half-tracks, three trucks and one water wagon.

"Fellows, I'd say that's a pretty good Christmas day," said General Norm.

See ya!

SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 53

By: Stan Jordan
We are back to the agency now. A lot of the garden vegetables are ready, because this is the last week of July in 1859.

Rooster, the runner, takes over the cooking chores when he is here. He spent all morning out in the garden getting some fresh vegetables for our big cookout later this afternoon. We had fresh vegetable soup with buffalo meat and fried deer meat. We had biscuits and honey with mulberries and honey for dessert.

There were the four soldiers, Callie and I plus the twins and Yellow Tulip. We sat around the fire and talked. The ladies put the twins to bed and we talked for a couple of hours after that.

We rested all day as there isn't much to do right now. Slim has been bringing in the wood preparing for winter, but he even took today off, and sat in the shade with us.

We played ball with the twins and even went fishing down by the bridge in Rattle Snake Creek.

The wheat is ready to be cut now and Gen Kearney, Billy Metzger and about 10 soldiers arrived this afternoon to cut

and thrash the wheat. They had brought a number of harvesting cradles and some flails and tarps to catch the wheat. The soldiers made a swath across the wheat field with the cradles and left the straw lay on the ground. Then they gathered up the straw and made a large pile under the shade tree. They had a beater, something like a carpet beater. They beat the straw and that removes the chaff from the berry. That all falls down on to the tarp and then we separate the wheat from the chaff. Then it is dried in the sun for a little while and then they start making wheat flour.

They take a flat stone and lay some wheat kernels on the stone and then take another stone and grind it in to a powder like substance. All this flour is put into clean dry buffalo entrails. They will stay dry until needed. It took all day to make the flour, put it away and store it.

They used grease from bear, deer, buffalo, and small animals. As well as maple syrup, honey, parts of roots and tree bark in their cooking.

Rooster is their cook because the Mess Sgt. didn't come along on this trip. He stayed at the fort. We have deer ribs off the spit, fried deer meat on the griddle, boiled potatoes, quartered and hot deer poured all over them.

After supper Rooster showed off his cooking skills. He sliced some new potatoes as thin as possible and dropped them into a bucket of hot grease for a little bit and then fished them out and passed them around on a neat platter after he salted them a little. Everyone liked them, but there was only two or three for each because it had a long time to make them. Rooster called them potato chips. They were a big hit.

The other day, Rooster gathered in a lot of corn and spent a couple of hours getting the corn clean by husking and getting the silk off.

He then took some bear grease and mixed in some honey and stirred it all up and put it on our sweet corn and then sprinkled a little salt on top. The Rooster and his cooking has become quite a hit here.

Gen. Kearney sits in the shade in Callie's rocking chair a lot. He talks about the slavery situation and the condition our country is getting into.

He appears to have aged a lot lately. This last trip should help him and I hope it does, but he does seem to have put all the world's troubles on his shoulders.

The Gen. rode Rooster's horse back to the fort to find out all the news bulletins concerning the current action of the impending war and will soon be back.

See ya!

if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming.

—Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with.

—Kirsten, age 10

What Is The Right Age To Get Married?

Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then.

—Camille, age 10

No age is good to get married at. You got to be a fool to get married.

—Freddie, age 6 (very wise for his age)

How Can A Stranger Tell If Two People Are Married?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.

—Derrick, age 8

What Do You Think Your Mom And Dad Have In Common?

Both don't want any more kids.

—Lori, age 8

What Do Most People Do On A Date?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough.

—Lynnette, age 8 (isn't she a treasure)

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date.

—Martin, age 10

PASTOR REGAN CLEM HEADS TO LIBERIA

By: Stan, Jordan,
Regan Clem of Antwerp's Riverside Christian Church will be leaving for Liberia in Africa on February 16. He will fly out of Indianapolis to New York City and then onto Liberia from there. He will return March 2.

Liberia has long been friends with America, as two of their major cities are named after past American Presidents: Monrovia and Buchanan.

Regan is part of a unit called Hope2Liberia. The major goal is to provide good clean drinking water for the common Liberian family. You see, one out of four children will die before their fifth birthday because of contaminated water.

Hope2Liberia will be taking over 200 water filters to install for the town water supply. They take a container and put it on a street corner and pour the local water supply into the container. They install the water filter on the discharge spigot and then out comes safe clean drinking water.

Regan's group will install the filters and teach the local people how to install and maintain these filters. The populace has plenty of water but it is so contaminated with more germs than you can imagine! There is no sanitary system; all of the refuse goes out onto the ground and eventually back into the water. These water wells are very close to the surface. The water level is just a few feet below the ground level. There is no chance for the dirt and

FIREMAN'S DAY JULY 28, 1968



By: Stan Jordan
The above picture of Fireman's Day, July 28, 1968 was in the album loaned to us by Nancy Lichty. It really brings back a lot of memories to me.

This picture was taken by Mr. Ehrhart from a step ladder over in front of the car parts building. That is the nice new VFW building in the background.

You can also see the row of booths, games and contests operated by the firemen's wives.

The tree you see was in the very corner of the lawn by the fire house.

This picture shows the huge crowd that came to help celebrate Fireman's Day.

This was taken in front of the firehouse after the big parade and somewhere around 2:00 p.m.

The parade that year was the biggest and best ever. We gave prizes for the best floats and we had a lot of them, prizes for the bands and we had four of them. We had Ralph the Hobo clown. We had Joe Taylor and the Indi-

ana Red Birds singing and playing square dance music. It was really a relaxing time for everyone, both young and old.

The business men of Antwerp all helped make it a big parade, as did the car clubs and the school band. There was something going on in front of the Firehouse all afternoon and evening.

The Weatherhead Corporation always sponsored a huge dance for the teenagers in the corral of the VFW, sometimes it was Spike and the Bulldogs performing.

I think that year, in order to get some kiddie rides in, we had to extend the celebration to three days, Thursday and Friday nights and all days Saturday.

We had a 1935 Ford farm truck made into a fireman's fun truck. Hundreds of kids rode in the truck and operated the hand turned siren. That was one of the rewards of the hard work was to see the kids have a good time. Yes, I was the PR man as I belonged to the department for nearly 29 years.

See ya!

rocks to purify the water.

The Liberian people love the Americans. The common man has no part in their governmental unrest. Most do not understand the leaders of their country.

Regan would love to have a number of schools in this area if just no more than the basic reading, writing and arithmetic.

He told me he's taking along a number of soccer balls as they need them but don't have any money to buy them.

Regan will lead a few classes in the Missionary Community College in Monrovia on a number of subjects including the Bible.

As he left our office he said, "Have your readers pray for us."

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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": SOPHOMORES VISIT VANTAGE!



Justis Harvey, a sophomore from Antwerp, sands the DVD holder he made in the Vantage Carpentry lab during Sophomore Visitation Day while Vantage Carpentry junior Josh McKinsey looks on.

Over 700 sophomores from the participating Vantage schools spent two hours at the "new" Vantage Career Center for "Sophomore Visitation Day" on Wednesday, February 6, 2013. Each sophomore had the opportunity to investigate and explore two different career technical programs of interest to them. During each one-hour visit, there were hands-on activities, demonstrations and presentations prepared especially for the sophomores.

Vantage Cosmetology students prepared a style show for the 10th graders, while those visiting Welding and Auto Body got a chance to try out the new virtual welder and virtual painter. Students visiting Carpentry built and took home a DVD holder. In Auto Technology, students learned how to use the tire balancer and

the rim clamp. Sophomores in Network Systems worked on Computer Modeling, programming, and internal computer components.

This was a terrific opportunity for the sophomores to think about the different career fields available to them.

Below are a few frequently asked questions—and answers—about coming to high school at Vantage.

Q: Can I go to college after Vantage?

A: About 40% of Vantage graduates continue their education immediately after high school graduation at a two or four year college. Students are urged to check with their guidance counselor to be sure that all requirements are met.

Q: Can I participate in home school sports and activities?

A: YES! Students are encouraged to stay involved in extracurricular activities at their home school, such as sports, drama, etc. Vantage has very active student organizations – BPA (Business Professionals of America), FFA, FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America), and SkillsUSA, along with the Rotary Interact Club and Student Ambassadors.

Q: What is the tuition to



Paulding sophomore Isaac Ludwig, learns how to operate the rim clamp in the Vantage Auto Tech lab during Sophomore Visitation Day.

attend Vantage?

A: Vantage Career Center is a public high school, open to 11th and 12th graders in the participating school districts. There is NO tuition to attend Vantage. Each program has a fee, which covers the cost of tools, supplies, equipment, and one full uniform.

Q: When are applications due at Vantage?

A: Sophomore and junior students who are considering attending Vantage should be sure to check with their home school counselors for the Vantage enrollment deadline. Applications are due at Vantage in March. Students may continue to enroll throughout the spring and summer however, first choice programs may already be filled.

Vantage Career Center offers 16 different high school career-technical programs to choose from. If you have any questions, please talk to your home school counselor or call Student Services at Vantage at 419-238-5411 or 1-800-686-3944 ext. 2140.

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

WBESC GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES 2/14/13

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held its regular monthly Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 2013 at the Paulding ESC office. Board President Mr. William Poe II welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting. During the Organizational portion of the meeting Nick Miller was voted in as Board President and Ron Treece as Vice President.

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

Superintendent Brian Gerber discussed Governor Kasich's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2014 and Fiscal Year 2015. The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center's main objective is to positively impact student achievement, reduce cost to partner schools by sharing staff, implement Federal and State regulations, and provide high quality professional development. We save our partner schools money by sharing Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapists. We also share School Psychologist, Gifted education and grant writing personnel. We also provide curriculum directors to meet the needs of our partner schools. Ninety-seven percent of school districts statewide are actively engaged with their ESC.

Governor Kasich's FY14 and FY15 budget is to reduce the State ESC Operating Subsidy by 45%. Through FY15, 368 districts will get no new money and that includes Western Buckeye partner schools Antwerp Local, Crestview Local, Lincolnton Local, Paulding Exempted Village, and Wayne Trace Local Schools. The Governor's proposal is to give them 0% in FY14 and another 0% in FY15. Our public schools in Paulding and Van Wert County all received the rating from Excellent with Distinction to Effective. Governor Kasich is not holding 368 school districts and 55 ESCs harmless in his budget proposal. Despite the fact that he has trumpeted the "shared services" concept, it is very surprising he is slashing the budgets of educational service centers; the very agencies that work

JODIE TAYLOR NAMED CHAIRPERSON OF THE OIC

The Ohio Industrial Commission (IC) announced that Governor John Kasich appointed Commissioner Jodie Taylor as the new Industrial Commission chairperson, effective February 13, 2013.

"It is an incredible honor to be selected as the chairperson for the Industrial Commission of Ohio," Taylor said. "As chairperson, I am looking forward to streamlining processes in order to provide high-quality, productive and efficient hearings for employers and injured workers."

Taylor was appointed as the employer member of the Commission in July 2009. She previously served as chairperson from January 2011 to July 2011.

From 1997 to 2000, Taylor served as an assistant to an IC Commissioner. In this role, she performed legal and legislative research, assisted during hearings, and gained an extensive understanding of the agency.

After leaving the IC, Taylor served as an attorney for two Columbus law firms, where she represented state-fund and self-insured employers at all levels of IC hearings and in court actions throughout Ohio. She is also a frequent lecturer on workers' compensation issues with extensive legal knowledge in both the private and public sectors.

Taylor earned her bachelor's degree in diplomacy and foreign affairs from Miami University in 1991. While at Miami, Taylor studied overseas in Luxembourg. In 1995, she received her law degree from the University of Akron School of Law. She is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association and Columbus Bar Association. She is also an Ohio State Bar Association board-certified specialist in workers' compensation. She began her legal career as an attorney with an Akron law firm, where she represented injured workers.

Taylor lives in Dublin with her husband, Michael. In October 2009, they welcomed twins, a boy and a girl, Evan and Elizabeth.

WOODLAN BOYS SMOKED BY NORWELL



Woodlan's Shawn McGettigan nails the shot

The Norwell Knights came to the Warrior stadium Friday, February 15. Woodlan boys basketball struggled from the beginning of the game to gain traction and never had a quarter score match even the lowest quarter of the Knights.

The boys worked well, but couldn't get the ball into the basket. The scores the War-

riors earned were steady across the game. No matter, the Knights outscored the Warriors clear through the entire game going home with the 85-50 victory.

Scores by Quarter:
Woodlan 11 13 11 15
Norwell 17 25 22 21

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Sierra McCullough shoots from the three point line.

The Paulding girls basketball team took on the Defiance Bulldogs at home Tuesday, February 12. The Lady Panthers took an early lead with a two point basket and a foul shot. Soon though Defiance caught up and the first quarter finished with a 6-6 tie.

The game was not a high scoring match for either team. The second half of the game went better for the Panthers and they finished the Bulldogs off 42-30. Paulding girls' record is now 5-16.

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then made an adorable Clifford craft together! Overall, we had a GREAT day with our favorite little valentines!

Shown here with their creations and book are from left: Izzy Ladd, Zander Gray and Addison Pease. These children are in the afternoon class of four and young five year olds with Mrs. Cheri Collins and Mrs. Ann Miller.

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REP. BURKLEY APPOINTED TO SERVE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Speaker of the Ohio House William G. Batchelder (R-Medina) appointed State Representative Tony Burkley (R-Payne) to serve as a member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

Rep. Burkley will also serve as a member of the Economic Development and Regulatory Reform Committee along with the State and Local Government Committee. Burkley served 16 years in county government with a four-term stint as Paulding County Commissioner.

"I was pleased to see the Speaker appointed me to be on the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. My district is very dependent on the agriculture industry," Rep. Burkley said. "The selection of State and Local Government Committee is a good fit for my experience as county commissioner and the impact of policy on local government. Both of these committees complement my third committee, which is Economic Development and Regulatory Reform. Growth and jobs in the private sector is important for all of Ohio."

Rep. Burkley is now serving his first term in the Ohio House of Representatives. He represents the 82nd House District, which encompasses Defiance, Paulding and Van Wert counties, as well as part of Auglaize County.

WAYNE TRACE TAKES GMC CROWN IN LAST CONFERENCE GAME



Shown in the picture is Dalton Sinn being fouled while attempting to shoot. More pictures at www.archerpics.com

The Wayne Trace boys took on Edgerton boys at home Friday, February 15. The game was the determiner for the Green Meadows Conference winner of boys basketball. Before the game both teams were tied at 5-1 in the league.

Wayne Trace boys were

down much of the game against the Bulldogs. The fourth quarter changed the momentum of the game, swinging it to the Raiders side of the score board. The Wayne Trace boys took home the 2013 GMC crown, winning 56-50 and giving the raiders a 6-1 record in the conference.

NEW HAVEN BOYS FALL TO CONCORDIA



Senior Lacy Curry attempts a basket while sliding into the key.

The gym was packed with the largest crowd this year on a week night, February 14th.

The match between the Bulldogs and the Concordia Cadets was close. The boys basketball teams on both teams were super aggressive without the fouls that other games have. The game was close in the first few minutes of the first quarter soon the Cadets took an early lead in to the second quarter.

The second quarter saw a turnaround for the Bulldogs, scoring three baskets in se-

quence and finishing the half in the lead.

New Haven out-scored their opponents in the third quarter. The Cadets returned with the momentum in the fourth quarter out-scoring the Bulldogs by 6 points, giving the victory to Concordia in the close game with 64-63 score.

Score by Quarter:
Concordia: 12 11 12 29
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Ayersville, Edon, Hicksville, Paulding, Wayne Trace, Lincolnview, and Fairview along with the host Archers. The auxiliary gym will host the same eight schools on the 5th grade level.

Play will begin at 8:30 a.m. and games will run every 50 minutes throughout the day in both gyms. Commemorative T-shirts will be on sale to highlight the occasion and there will be concessions galore offered throughout the day. All basketball fans are welcome to attend.

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CAN INVESTORS LEARN FROM YOGA FOLLOWERS?

Financial Focus by: Gabe Pollock, Edward Jones Advisor



It's probably not on your calendar, but World Yoga Day takes place on February 24. As more people have discovered its healthful benefits, yoga has grown in popularity. But whether or not you practice yoga, you can apply its lessons to other areas of your life — such as investing.

Specifically, consider the following yoga-related themes and how they might translate into investment habits that may be beneficial:

- **Balance** — If you observe advanced yoga practitioners, you will be amazed at the balance they exhibit during certain positions. But for serious yoga students, the idea of “balance” goes beyond physical movements and extends to a concept of life that emphasizes, among other things, an avoidance of extremes. As an investor, you too need to avoid extremes, such as investing too aggressively, too conservatively or too sporadically. By building a balanced portfolio, and by investing regularly, you can help improve your chances of making progress toward your financial goals.

- **Flexibility** — Among its many benefits, yoga helps people increase their flexibility — and greater flexibility results in fewer injuries and an increased capacity to enjoy many physical activities. As an investor, you need to be flexible enough to adjust your portfolio as needed while still following a long-term strategy that's appropriate for your individual goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

- **Relaxation** — For yoga students, proper relaxation is essential to achieving mental equanimity, emotional balance and inner strength. But relaxation doesn't always come easily — even experienced yoga practitioners need to work at it. As an investor,

you also may need to train yourself to relax because, given the ups and downs of the market, it's not hard to become overwrought and make ill-advised decisions based on short-term events. Staying calm and maintaining a long-term view of things may help you make better investment decisions.

- **Positive thinking** — Our own thoughts and actions are largely responsible for creating our happiness and success, according to yoga teachings. And positive thinking can play a key role in investing, too. For example, if you were to constantly look at negative headlines, you might conclude that it is pointless to invest for the future because external events — economic instability abroad, political squabbles at home, natural disasters and so on — will just disrupt your plans. Consequently, you might decide not to invest, or invest in such a way that can make progress toward your financial goals difficult. But if you maintain a positive attitude, you may be more inclined to invest wisely for your future.

- **Visualization** — In yoga, visualization is often used to reduce stress. At any given time, you might find it difficult to relax, but you can use your imagination to see yourself — and put yourself — in a relaxed state. As an investor, you need to visualize your goals, such as a comfortable retirement, before you can define a strategy to help you work toward them. By seeing yourself where you want to be, you'll be motivated to take the actions necessary to work toward getting there.

Try putting the principles of yoga to work — they may help you become a better investor.

THREE NEW MEMBERS ON PARKS & REC BOARD

By: Beth Stauffer

The New Haven Adams Township Parks & Recreation board recently welcomed three new board members to its leadership effective at the January 2013 meeting: Mr. Leon Davis, Mrs. Tonya Faupel, and Mr. Tom Fisher. One of the vacancies was left open due to a prior member moving out of the state, and the other was left open after Lynne Jury Isenberger stepped down after completing over 20 years of service on the park board.

Longtime New Haven resident Leon Davis brings a wealth of business experience to the Park Board after retir-



Leon Davis

ing as the General Manager of Crumback Symons Chevrolet in recent years. When the dealership originally came to New Haven, Mr. Davis was one of two employees that chose to move to New Haven (10 other employees moved to neighboring Fort Wayne).

Mr. Davis said that he and wife, Bernice, considered several things when deciding where to settle back then. “We had some definite ideas about what we were looking for in terms of where we wanted to live. We wanted a quality educational foundation for our kids, quality housing that was affordable and amenities in the community that would add to our quality of life. New Haven offered all of what we were looking for at that time,” said Mr. Davis. “We were young and just married with two small kids, so we didn't have a lot of extra money. We raised our family on Richfield Drive in Highland Terrace, where our kids could walk to school and we were within a 5 minute walk to the park.”

These days, Mr. Davis' grandchildren are the ones using the park. “Our youngest son, Brent, is a teacher at Meadowbrook and his daughters enjoy going to Jury Pool and the craft tents in the summer,” said Mr. Davis.

“My goal as a Park Board member is to just continue to make every opportunity available to the people of New Haven at a reasonable cost,” said Mr. Davis, adding “I've always tried to give back to the community that has given so much to me.”



Tonya Faupel

Tonya Faupel is another long time New Haven resident that has joined the Park Board. Mrs. Faupel is uniquely qualified for her position on the board as she has a degree in Recreation and Tourism Management from Indiana University. She has also worked at a parks department as a Program Planner for four years after college and as a Program Director at Camp Town in Carmel, Indiana, which specializes in taking at-risk kids on wilderness trips.

Tonya and her husband, Clinton Faupel, moved back to New Haven in 2003 after their marriage. They are the parents of four young New Haven residents (ages 7, a set of 5 year old twins, and 2). As a family, the Faupels enjoy getting out on the Greenway for walks and hiking the nature trails at Moser Park.

The Faupels also enjoy the recently renovated Jury Park and Pool, where Mrs. Faupel says “We love to play tennis. When our family plays at Jury, we take up the entire court! It's fun just to be outside with the family.”

Of her plans for her term on the Park Board, Mrs. Faupel said she would like to see land that is currently owned by the Parks Department south of Seiler Road developed into a park to serve the families that are moving into the numerous housing editions in the area, such as Pinestone and Castlerock. Her biggest goal, however, is continuing to bring families together to utilize the facilities and activities available to residents. “I really want to bring families together, and I think the renovations at Jury have done a great job of getting the community started in that direction,” said Mrs. Faupel.



Tom Fisher

Tom Fisher is the third new board member joining the New Haven Adams Township Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Fisher grew up in neighboring Woodburn, Indiana, but after college he married a New Haven girl, the former Jill Todd who grew up in Highland Terrace. During the early years of their marriage, the couple lived on the north side of Fort Wayne, but once their two children, Ricky and Carly, came along in the early 1990's, they made the move back to New Haven. When the Fisher children were younger, they “played a lot of basketball and a little bit of baseball,” said Mr. Fisher with a laugh, adding “unfortunately for my kids, I coached them for a few years until they were in 4th grade.”

Mr. Fisher has been employed as a salesman at Materials Handling Equipment in New Haven for 25 years, and as such will bring a cache of knowledge and contacts that he has made over the years to his position as a Park Board member. During his tenure on the Park Board, Mr. Fisher hopes to be able to create a growing awareness of the many wonderful opportunities the Parks Department has to offer community residents. “The park board has so much to offer, particularly for the seniors and children in the community. I want to generate awareness of what the Parks Department has to offer; I didn't even realize until I became a Board Member that New Haven has a Nature Center and Naturalist. I really hope to help spread the word to the general public about what the park board has to offer so they can take advantage of it,” said Mr. Fisher.

The next meeting of the New Haven Adams Township Parks Board will take place at City Hall on March 4th, 2013 at 7 pm. The public is welcome to attend!

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NEW HAVEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPOTLIGHT: TRUCK MAINTENANCE, INC.



Truck Maintenance, Inc. was established in 1979 by former New Haven resident Rick Memmer. Rick had been mechanically inclined from a young age, and began working for a neighbor who owned a dragster upon graduation from New Haven High School. He worked as a race car mechanic for a total of seven years and was rewarded by having his name placed on the car beneath a bent wrench. The bent wrench, a known symbol for a race car mechanic, is now the focus of the Truck Maintenance, Inc. logo. It can be spotted on their business cards, work uniforms, and mud flaps as a reminder of where it all began.

Rick commented, “I started my family and my company the same year.” At that time Truck Maintenance, Inc. was located near Speedway Drive and his family was located in the Northwest Allen County school district. In 1989 Rick and his wife Rhonda built the current location of Truck Maintenance, Inc. at 3801 Option Pass located in the Edgewood Industrial Park, bringing him closer to home and his family.

Rick and his wife have three children; sons Matthew and Andrew, and daughter Lindsey. Growing up, Andrew was always interested and involved with his father's shop. Andrew stated, “I worked here probably before I was

supposed to work here. I was always around here cleaning and stuff.”

After graduating from Carroll High School, Andrew attended Purdue in West Lafayette and pursued a career in dentistry. He felt it would be an occupation where he could still use his hands and earn a good living. After three years in pre-dentistry, Andrew discovered that being a dentist was not his calling. He then changed his major to focus on Industrial Management. After college Andrew worked for General Electric in Louisville, Cardinal Healthcare in Chicago, and Dell Computer in Austin, Texas. It was in Austin that Andrew met his wife.

In 2004 Truck Maintenance, Inc. opened a second location in the old Harvester Industrial Park in New Haven. When Rick turned 55, he and Andrew had a discussion as to whether his son wanted to return to Fort Wayne and work for Truck Maintenance, Inc. As a result of that conversation, Andrew and his wife Beth moved back to Fort Wayne in 2007. Today, Andrew is the co-owner of Truck Maintenance, Inc. with Rick.

Truck Maintenance, Inc. performs commercial fleet repair, but is often labeled as just a truck repair shop. In reality they are a fleet maintenance and fleet management com-

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JOURNEY CONCERT



By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman

On Sunday, February 10, 2013, Journey finally made it to the Fort Wayne Coliseum after a two month delay due to a severe throat of the lead singer, Arnel Pineda. They had been scheduled in November 2012 with Pat Benetar and her husband/guitarist, Neil Giraldo.

Thousands of adoring fans came to the concert on Sunday and weren't disappointed when Loverboy and his band also played at this time. It was a great concert because they both played longer sets than usual. The 1970's and 1980's rock/pop music brought a familiar ring to all in attendance.

Loverboy is a group from Canada formed in 1979, whose lead singer is Mike Reno. He said "and could still reach those really high notes/screams) and rocked out all the old favorites—"No Tomorrow", "Heartbreaker", "Turn Me Loose" (this song really got the crowd going), "Lovin' Every Minute", "The Kid is Hot Tonight", "Always on my Mind", "Queen of the Broken Hearts", "When It's Over", and "Hot Girls in Love", "Lucky Ones" and more. Loverboy ended with "Working for the Weekend" which everyone remembered and stood up for. They received a good send off from the crowd who remembered him in his ornery youth.

There were all age groups in the crowd, from late teens to seniors. During the Loverboy set, the crowd on the floor remained mostly in their seats, although they clapped and shouted out the songs as they were sung. It was truly a nostalgic moment for all those "middle

agers" in the crowd.

When Journey came on the stage everyone on the floor rose with a scream and remained standing throughout the entire rest of the concert. The lighting was magnificent and exciting and the crowd swayed with the music and sang with the songs. The lead singer Arnel Pineda, who replaced former lead singer, Steve Perry in 2007, sounds just like Perry and really belts out the songs—with even higher notes perhaps. He moves around the stage quickly from side to side entertaining all sides of the audience. He touched hands with fans reaching out to him and seemed to speak out to certain people in the crowd, smiling and patting his heart.

The Star Spangled Banner was played by a guitarist, Neal Schon, with beautiful lighting of the flag in the background. Jonathan Cain was on keyboard, Dean Castronovo on drums, and Ross Valory on bass guitar. They played some of their newer songs and oldies.

It seemed that the crowd remembered the words and sang along with many of the old favorites: "Any Way You Want It", "Stone in Love", "Wheel in the Sky", "Lights", "Open Arms", "Be Good to Yourself", "Faithfully", "Don't Stop Believin'" (this dropped a lot of confetti down from the ceiling). The band left the stage only to return for the last song—"Lovin', Touchin', Squeezin'" and the crowd roared as they left the stage.

Thanks to the West Bend News for the opportunity to attend and do this assignment.

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pany. Truck Maintenance, Inc. helps maintain many of the delivery and service trucks you see on the road every day. In fact their logo, "We can handle it", demonstrates that anything needed in the fleet maintenance department, can be handled by Truck Maintenance, Inc. At this time they have approximately 300 customers, some of which have entrusted their fleets with them for over 30 years.

Much of their business comes from locally owned, small businesses. These types of businesses may only have one or two delivery vehicles. When those vehicles break down it is extremely urgent to get them in and fixed. Because of this urgency, Truck Maintenance, Inc. is open 24 hours a day, 6 days a week. Andrew said, "We always have to think about what the customer needs to complete their day, so our schedule has to be very fluid."

A recent example of this schedule fluidity would be when a customer's truck needed repairs on a Sunday. The call went out requesting a mechanic at 5:00 p.m., and by 6:00 p.m. two mechanics were in the building working. The truck was repaired and ready for Monday morning deliveries. One of the employees said that working at Truck Maintenance, Inc. was somewhat like being a fire fighter; you never know when you will be needed, and every time you are it is an urgent matter.

Not only are the employees at Truck Maintenance, Inc. flexible, the Parts Department strategically stocks items that are customer specific. That gives them the ability to service a vehicle during 2nd and 3rd shifts, when most parts warehouses are closed. Andrew stated, "The most costly thing for our customers is down time and so we really can't have any of that. We're held to a very high standard of low, low down time."

An additional service the team at Truck Maintenance, Inc. offers is transportation for drivers back to their place of employment or to their home. This helps the drivers stay focused on servicing their customers.

Truck Maintenance, Inc. also places their employees needs high on their priority list. Rick said, "Really what we want from our employees is to come to work, enjoy themselves, and then go home. Family is always first. If one of the employees has a problem with a family situation, we really try to cater to that. We want to make sure that they are taking care of their family because that really is the most important thing."

Because of the good communication and positive relationships with their employees, Truck Maintenance, Inc. has a very low turnover rate. At this time they employ around 40 employees including some part-time. Their team consists of hard-working, dedicated employees; many of which have been with Truck Maintenance, Inc. for over 15 years. In fact, 14 of their employees have been there over 15 years. They also hire a few college or high school students to do part time work throughout the year.

In the last 2 years Truck Maintenance, Inc. has added

fork lift repair to its service line-up, and has also expanded into commercial vehicle sales. Now when a customer's vehicle is no longer able to be repaired, they have options to put their customers back into service.

This year Truck Maintenance, Inc. is building a new location in New Haven. They have purchased 14 acres on the corner of Adams Center and Moeller Road. In this new building they will be partnering with McMahon Tire. McMahon will be leasing a part of the building for 5 years. Rick said, "I think that what we do 24 hours mixed with what McMahon Tire does, will be a really good fit."

Truck Maintenance, Inc. has been an active member of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce for 4 years. They have benefitted from taking advantage of the Comcast discount and the PHP Health Insurance discount. When asked what was the biggest benefit they have received from Chamber Membership, Andrew stated, "I think the biggest benefit is having our name listed with other prominent businesses there. There are some good home grown businesses that are part of the Chamber and I think our name needs to be there too. I think it is good to be associated with businesses that have integrity and are doing things right."

LATTA LEGISLATION REMOVES BURDENSOME PAPERWORK MANDATE ON AUTO DEALERSHIPS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green), along with Congressman Gary Peters (D-MI), introduced legislation that would repeal a duplicative mandate that requires auto dealers to certify if a new vehicle has an emissions system.

"This bipartisan effort to eliminate outdated and duplicative regulations will relieve auto dealers from unnecessary red tape they must deal with on a daily basis. This redundant paperwork requirement is from an outdated law that has been superseded by modern technology and standard vehicle warranties. Small business owners are already compliant with the law and the only impact of this unnecessary paperwork requirement is increased costs for auto dealers and consumers," said Congressman Latta.

"Repealing laws that burden small business with no discernible benefit to consumers is something both parties should agree on. I commend Reps. Latta and Peters for their effort to repeal this obsolete mandate," added David Westcott, chairman of the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA).

Under the current regulation, the Clean Air Act requires dealers to present the buyer with written confirmation that a visual inspection has been completed of a new-vehicle's emissions system, however documentation certifying compliance can already be found under the hood or on the Internet. Additionally, new-car dealers are contractually obligated to perform comprehensive pre-delivery inspections of the vehicle to ensure the emissions system is functioning properly.

CREATING CANVAS ART FROM BOOK COVERS



Antwerp High School seniors Alyson Crawford, Dani Daugherty, and Ashley Marenberg hold the canvases they created based on classic book covers. Over the next few years, advanced, portfolio, and independent art stu-

dents will create book cover canvases of picture books, popular fiction, and classics to be permanently displayed in the library. This is an ongoing collaboration between the art teacher Mrs. Girlie and librarian Mrs. Bagley.

LATTA AND PASCRELL INTRODUCE HATCH ACT REFORM

Representatives Bob Latta (OH-5) and Bill Pascrell, Jr. (NJ-9) introduced a bipartisan bill, the State and Local Law Enforcement Hatch Act Reform Act of 2013, which amends and clarifies current law as outlined in the Hatch Act. Specific provisions in the introduced legislation will allow sheriffs, who are on duty 24 hours a day and seven days a week, to participate in political activities and establish a statute of limitations of six months to file a claim with the Office of Special Counsel (OSC) against a state or local law enforcement officer for an alleged violation.

"Under current law, allowable political activities as it applies to the office of sheriff are ambiguous at best. While the first priority of the office of Sheriff is to serve the people, it is both a public and elected position. Updating the Hatch Act will bring much-needed clarity to the law and codify current OSC practices," said Latta.

"This legislation will clarify how the Hatch Act impacts Sheriffs and provide fairness to our local law enforcement. I look forward to working with Representative Latta and our colleagues in a bipartisan manner to advance this proposal," said Rep. Pascrell.

The Hatch Act, first enacted in 1939, is the federal law that governs the political activity of public employees, and was created to ensure that federal resources were not directed for partisan political objectives.

Last year, the Hatch Act Modernization Act of 2012, was signed into law and allowed for state and local law enforcement officers to run for the office of Sheriff without having to quit their current place of employment. The latter provision was included in Latta's State and Local Law Enforcement Hatch Act Reform legislation from the 111th and 112th Congress.

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NEW HAVEN CITIZENS ACADEMY RECOGNIZES BENNETT & LYTAL



Fire Chief John Bennett and EMS Chief Ed Lytal

By: Beth Stauffer

Week Three of the New Haven Citizens Academy was held at the New Haven Adams Township Fire Department located on Hartzell Road. Fire Chief John Bennett and EMS Chief Ed Lytal presented a detailed and informative look at the City's emergency response services.

Fire Prevention Educator for the city of New Haven, Shawna Gunder, discussed the department's initiatives to educate the community about fire safety. The Fire Safety Trailer and Hazard House were discussed as means of educating the community's children about fire prevention and fire safety. Tours of the fire station and presentations by Ms. Gunder can be arranged by community groups and individuals by calling the station at 260-493-7500.

Fire Chief John Bennett briefly discussed the department's high Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating. New Haven Adams Township is rated as 3, which is a credit to the department's quick response time, well-trained staff, and wide range of equipment. Because of this rating, residents may receive reduced homeowner's insurance rates or discounts from their carrier (depending on the company). In 2012, the fire department

responded to 1,470 calls for assistance, with an average response time of less than 4.2 minutes.

The Fire Department training officer John Gunder discussed the wide variety of training programs available to New Haven Adams Township firefighters. All firefighters in the department, both paid staff and volunteers, are required to be cross-trained. New recruits must successfully complete the Firefighter I/II course and be certified as First Responders/Emergency Medical Responders. Other training opportunities available include Master Firefighter, Safety Officer, Inspector, Investigator, Fire Service Manager, Fire Officer I/II/III, Fire Instructor I/II/III, CPR/AED, Hazardous Materials and Paramedic training. In 2012, the department's firefighters logged 5,266 training hours which roughly averages out to approximately 80 hours per firefighter. The minimum training hours required per firefighter is between 60-80. The department also works closely with the Anthis Public Safety Academy and New Haven High School's ICE Program to recruit potential future firefighters, giving them the opportunity to learn about careers in the fire service prior to graduation.

Chief Bennett also pointed out that reflective address signs are available for the community to purchase at the station on Hartzell Road. The signs are intended to be placed on a mailbox, post, or pole in residential yards. These signs dramatically increase visibility of your house number, particularly at night, and assist both the fire and EMS responding to your location in the event of an emergency.

EMS Chief Ed Lytal gave an interesting overview of the history of EMS service in New Haven Adams Township. New Haven's first provider of ambulatory services was Harper & Son Funeral Home beginning in 1887. The reason funeral homes traditionally provided this service was because they were the only ones who had vehicles conducive to transporting patients lying down to the hospital. (No medical care was provided.)

From 1947-1972, the Fort Wayne Police Department provided some basic transportation to the hospital for patients as well as Harper's. In 1971, a new TV show called 'Emergency!' began to influence the future of how emergency services would be provided in New Haven and the country at large. In 1977, Emergency One began to provide Advanced Life Support EMS services to Allen County. In 1978, the Adams Township Fire Department began providing Basic Life Support EMS services, and as a result Harper's announced they would cease their transport operations at the end of 1979. In 1979, what New Haven currently knows as Emergency 45 began Basic Life Support operations in the city.

In 2003, Mayor Terry McDonald requested that the City look into providing Paramedic/EMS services to the residents of New Haven Adams Township. This was the beginning of the modern Emergency Medical Services that residents in the area currently have access to. Emergency 45 is staffed by Paramedics, Basic/Basic Advanced EMTs, and Intermediate EMTs.

In 2012, the department responded to 1,614 runs to residents of New Haven Adams Township. The department is busier than all but 3 stations in the city of Fort Wayne. 46% of the runs the department responded to were for Advanced Life Support needs and happened between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The department is financially supported by both property tax revenue and insurance billing. The revenue collected from insurance billing directly offsets the salaries of full time staff. Without this revenue, there would be no EMS service in New Haven Adams Town-

ship. In 2012, the department created an EMS Subscription Service for residents that limits the out of pocket expenses related to medical transport/treatment provided by the New Haven Adams Township EMS. For \$55.00 a year, residents that live in the New Haven Adams Township EMS coverage area can participate in this program. It is important to note that the Lifecare/TRAA Ambulance service does not provide service in New Haven Adams Township; therefore, the membership subscription service that is frequently seen advertised on TV and in the newspaper for these companies will not do New Haven Adams Township residents any good while they are in the NHAT coverage area. More information about his affordable service that benefits our community's EMS service will be forthcoming later this spring.

In 2010, the department received a \$3,500 grant from Parkview Hospital and Professional Emergency Physicians that provided a 12 lead ECG machine that electronically reports the patient's information to the Parkview ER and Cath Lab. This lifesaving device allows patients being transported by Emergency 45 to the hospital with a heart attack to bypass the emergency room completely and head right to the lifesaving care they need in the hospital's cath lab. New Haven was the first department in the area to offer this high level of technology and patient care to its residents.

At the conclusion of the presentations by Chief Bennett and Chief Lytal, the Citizens Academy students were taken on a tour of the facility by firefighters Dan Bastin and Randy Linker.

Next week, the Citizens Academy will learn about the City's Code Enforcement with Tim Fox at City Hall.

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SECRETARY OF STATE HUSTED ANNOUNCES FEBRUARY OHIO BUSINESS PROFILES

Secretary of State Jon Husted today announced that as part of an ongoing effort to recognize the impact of Ohio businesses, February's Ohio Business Profile will highlight businesses across Ohio that are minority-owned.

"Ohio's business atmosphere is appealing to entrepreneurs, as is evident by the diverse makeup of companies that choose our state to set-up shop," Secretary Husted said. "Businesses like those featured this month benefit our state and local communities through job creation and economic development."

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL CONTEST WINNERS!



Students at Paulding Elementary recently competed in a contest sponsored by Safe Routes to School. Through the Safe Routes to School grant, many books on pedestrian and bicycle safety were purchased for the school library. The students looked over the books in the library, and then took a quiz over the books read. The first four students that completed the quiz cor-

rectly were awarded a prize. Shown in the photos above are second graders Kearstyn Pierce and Ashton Manz with their new bicycle helmets, Gabbie Stallbaum with her new bicycle light set, and Jordan Mudel with his new reflective mirror. These students will also get their names put into a drawing for a bicycle, that will be awarded in the spring.

Companies profiled this month include:

- DLZ - Columbus, Ohio - Known for their stellar reputation in the architectural, engineering, and environmental industries.
- Hightowers Petroleum Co. - Middletown, Ohio - A full-service petroleum distributor fueling petroleum needs for businesses, public entities, and industries across the country.
- UNICON International, Inc. - Columbus, Ohio - Since 1990 they have been specializing in application development, project management and agile consulting.
- Net PAC International LLC - Columbus, Ohio - They provide quality warehousing, drayage services, and order fulfillment solutions on an international level.
- Urban Chefs LLC - Columbus, Ohio - Well known for their mouthwatering BBQ Sauces, hot sauces, and canned vegetables.
- CJ Hughes & Sons Plumbing, Inc. - Cincinnati, Ohio - They provide all your plumbing needs for new construction, residential, and commercial installations.
- Premier Mail & Fulfillment - Cincinnati, Ohio - A full-service print, fulfillment and mailing house known for their personal service touch.
- FAB Construction - Dayton, Ohio - A family-owned commercial and residential

construction company with over 20 years of experience.

Launched in June 2011, Ohio Business Profile has helped raise awareness about companies registered and doing business in Ohio that are creating interesting products, offering outstanding service, contributing to their local communities and employing Ohioans in the process. Each month, a handful of diverse businesses linked together by a common theme are featured on the Secretary of State's website at OhioBusinessProfile.com, where Ohioans are encouraged to go to submit companies they feel are deserving of recognition in future months.

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

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100 REASONS ON 100th DAY OF SCHOOL!



On Thursday, February 7th, the students at Antwerp Elementary celebrated the 100th day of school. Students in Ms.

Engel's kindergarten class and Ms. Taylor's first grade class made a poster with 100 reasons why they love Antwerp

Elementary. Pictured are the students in kindergarten and first grade and their 100 Day poster.

WAYNE TRACE GROVER HILL & WAYNE TRACE PAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS' KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for All Day Every Day Kindergarten for the 2013-14 school year has been scheduled at WT Grover Hill and Payne Elementary Schools.

Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at WT Grover Hill Elementary and Friday, April 12, 2013 at WT Payne Elementary

If your child will be five years of age on or before August 1, 2013 please call Wayne Trace Payne Elementary or Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary with the following information: Child's full name, child's birth date, child's social security number, parents' names, child's address including the county, and telephone number. Kindergarten packets will be sent to the new kindergarten parents as the schools are notified.

The WT Payne Elementary office number is 419-

263-2512, option #4. Ask for Tommie. The WT Grover Hill Elementary office number is 419-5873414, option #3. Ask for Marcie.

6 RAIDER GRAPPLERS ADVANCE TO KETTERING FAIRMONT

High School Wrestling Sectionals were held all over the state this last weekend. Sectionals are the first of two steps wrestlers take on their path to wrestling in the Jerome Schottenstien Center for a state wrestling title. Wayne Trace competed at the Lima Central Catholic Sectional along with twelve other area D-III teams. Only the top four wrestlers in each weight class can advance to the second step of the journey, districts.

Wayne Trace entered this year's Sectional as one of the top teams in the area. They battled hard for two days and found themselves with five wrestlers in the championship match and three wrestling for placement. This would be the most ever the red, white, and blue would have competing for top place honors. As a

team, they would finish in third place behind runner-up Coldwater and Sectional champs Lima Bath.

George Clemens (106) would enter the tourney as the number one seed with a unblemished record. He would finish Sectionals with that record still intact. George would dominate all competitors and advance to districts with a 40-0 record.

Starting the tournament seeded second, Dustin Taylor (113) would defeat King of Spencerville and Markward of Lincolnview. Next, he would face Ingram of Lima Bath in the championship match. Taylor would fall short in this match and finish where he was seeded, at second.

Seeded third, Matt Baxter (120) would defeat Kimmert from Jefferson before falling to second seeded Tebbe. Baxter would battle back in the Consi bracket and defeat Columbus Grove's Haunstein to secure his trip to Kettering. He would drop his match for third place to Freeman from Bluffton and finish fourth.

Aaron Miller (132) would wrestle through the championship rounds as the number one seed and finish as a sectional champion. He would tilt matches with Lincolnview's Gibson and Spencerville's Bockey in his favor. In a highly contested championship match, Miller would be up by one point with 30 seconds left. With his legs in, he would put Kaiser from Coldwater on his back for precious back points and secure the win.

Third seed Tyler Showalter (138) would face off against Garrett from Lima Bath and tech fall him. Then, he faced second seeded Spencerville's Binkley and pin him setting up a match with number one seeded McCormick from LCC. Showalter would fall short in this match and finish as sectional runner up.

Josh Reel (152) would be victorious against Illig from

Jefferson to set up a match against Bath's Wise, the three seed in this weight. Reel would wrestle him tough and with a vicious head lock, in the waning seconds of the match gained the lead, but he was only awarded points for the take-down and no back points and fall just shy of the upset. He would finish in 6th place.

In the 160 pound class, Sawyer Temple would send Sawmiller from Spencerville and Delphos St. John's Wrasman to the Consi bracket. He would then square off against number one seed McAdoo from Allen East. This match was a nail biter and would not be decided in six minutes. Score remained 1-1 and went into overtime where Temple would lose the match with McAdoo capturing the takedown.

Riley Moore (220) would drop a match to Spencerville's Krouskop and be forced to wrestle for district alternate. He would dominate in this match, pinning McKinley of LCC and earning a fifth place finish and the alternate spot at districts.

"Overall, I am excited to have six wrestlers and possibly an alternate taking the next step and going to Kettering to wrestle at districts. We emphasized that records aren't important any longer. What a wrestler had done in the season doesn't matter, what does matter is the six minutes you have when you step on the mat. Can you be the better wrestler in those six minutes? Today, we had six wrestlers that were good enough in those six minutes to advance to Districts," commented Coach Clemens.

"It's difficult. Obviously, the farther you advance in your bracket, the tougher it is going to be. At Districts, you are going to see the very best of each area from around 60 high schools, most kids will only have a handful of losses and our kids need to be prepared both physically and mentally for that challenge," stated Coach Stabler.

"We told the boys, you just need to give yourselves an opportunity. Anything can happen at Districts, but you have to be there to have a chance," quipped Clemens. "I have seen kids come out of Sectionals in fourth place and make it out to the Schott," said Stabler. "Six of our wrestlers are now a mere 18 minutes away from being able to wrestle where every wrestler dreams of. They have spent countless hours preparing for these 18 minutes and now six Wayne Trace wrestlers have a chance," stated Clemens.

The Raider wrestlers will head to Kettering Fairmont on Friday, February 22nd to begin competition at 3:00 p.m. The Raider wrestling family would like to wish them good luck at Districts. Also, Wayne Trace wrestling would like to wish all Paulding county wrestlers and GMC conference wrestlers good luck as the remainder of the county and conference travel to Bowling Green for their District tournament.

THE WEST BEND NEWS

Sudoku Puzzle

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DR. MOTT VISITS PAULDING 1st GRADERS



The Paulding Elementary first grade students enjoyed a visit from the dentist. Dr. and Mrs. Mott came to teach them about the importance of taking care of their teeth. Mrs. Mott read a book about teeth and Dr. Mott showed

the classes how to brush and floss teeth correctly. Landon Brewer and Noelia Gonzales are shown with Dr. and Mrs. Mott. They were lucky enough to get to dress up like a dentist!

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Corbin Linder hits a 3 point basket in the first quarter.

After taking the GMC conference basketball title the night before from Edgerton, Wayne Trace boys were back at it again Saturday, February 16 at the Palace. The first quarter was a close match between the two teams. Wayne Trace had scored at least five three-point baskets with Linder leading the charge

in the that time period, 24-19. By the end of the second quarter, The Raiders had extended their lead by quite a bit finishing the first half 38-26.

Wayne Trace is now 18-2 in their fantastic 2012-2013 season. The final score was 79-45

More pictures at www.archerpics.com

3 WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL RETIREES HONORED



At its regular February meeting, members of the Wayne Trace Board of Education and administrative team recognized retiring employees Paul Stabler and Paul Ludwig with a congratulatory plaque commemorating their number of years of service to

the district.

Pictured above are (l-r) Mr. Stabler, bus driver for 13 years; Mrs. Amy Noggle, WT transportation director; Mr. Kevin Wilson, WT JH/HS principal; and Mr. Ludwig, custodian for 17 years.

ANTWERP WRESTLING CLUB COMPETE AT CAREY TOURNAMENT

The Antwerp Wrestling Club competed at the Carey Wrestling Tournament on February 17, 2013. Of the six wrestlers competing, four were able to place in the top four of their respective weight classes. Placing 4th was Karsen Donat. Placing 2nd were Luke McKeever and Aidan McAlexander. The lone champion for the Archers was Eli Reinhart. Congrats to all of the Archer Wrestling Club wrestlers for their hard work and dedication. If you are interested in wrestling be sure to stop by the Antwerp Wrestling Club located at the old school on Archer Drive on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

JARETT BUTE MOVES ON TO DISTRICTS

The Antwerp High School Wrestling team competed at the Sectional Tournament in Archbold on February 15-16. Nine Archer wrestlers competed in the tournament and one was able to place in the top four of his weight class to move on to the District Tournament. Sophomore Jarett Bute place 3rd at 285 lb. to earn his second trip to Districts. Bute lost his first match on Friday to only come back Saturday and win three straight matches to move on, while avenging his first round loss along the way. So far this year, Bute has amassed a 29-10 record. Be sure to keep an eye out this weekend as he competes at the Stroh Center in Bowling Green on February 22-23 for a chance to punch his ticket for the State Wrestling Tournament.

UNIVERSITY OF SAINT FRANCIS STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Dr. J. Andrew Prall, Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University of Saint Francis, has announced students named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2012 semester. These students have maintained a 3.5 grade point average on a four-point scale and have carried at least 12 credit hours.

Tyler Gaisford of Antwerp, majoring in Business Administration

Casey Loshe of New Haven, majoring in Accounting

Noah Powers of New Haven, majoring in Nursing

Toni Winslow of Antwerp, majoring in Nursing

LATTA STATEMENT ON STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) issued the following reaction state-

ment following President Obama's State of the Union address:

"The policies outlined tonight by President Obama are repackaged versions of the same policies that we've seen for the past four years, and those policies are not working for the American people. 22.7 million Americans are unemployed, underemployed or who have given up looking for work, economic growth slowed last quarter, gas prices are \$1.80 higher than when the President took office, and \$5.9 trillion has been added to the national debt under President Obama.

"Hardworking taxpayers in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District, and throughout the nation, are looking to Washington to get to work to create jobs and fix the economy. Neglecting to rein in the out-of-control federal spending and raising taxes does not create economic growth, but rather creates uncertainty for our job creators. In order to help all Americans, we must grow our economy through real tax reform, balancing our national budget, and curtailing costly and over-burdensome regulations.

"I welcome the opportunity to work with my colleagues in Washington, including the President and Senate Democrats, to implement pro-growth policies that will put Americans back to work, restore economic prosperity, and rebuild this country for our future generations."

IMPROVING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKFORCE SUCCESS

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

Indiana has made access to postsecondary education a key goal for our state, because we need more college graduates to be economically competitive. I want every student who wishes to attend college to be able to do so, but the reality is that college isn't always in everyone's plans.

While it's good to focus on preparing high school students for postsecondary education, we can't forget the students who will be entering the workforce after getting their high school diploma. That's why I'm authoring Senate Bill 465, which would expand opportunities for those students who do not wish to attend college but still want to work in a high-paying profession.

SB 465 would establish Indiana Works Councils for designated geographic regions throughout Indiana. Appointed by the governor, council members would help oversee career, technical and vocational education opportunities available to high school students in the area.

If a Works Council determines the vocational education opportunities for

RAIDER GIRLS FALL TO EDGERTON IN FINAL MATCH



Shown above is Erin Mohr successfully blocking a shot on Edgerton's side of the court.

The Lady Raiders went to Edgerton for the last season basketball game of the year. The Lady Raiders have worked hard, but haven't been able to pull off many victo-

ries. The game at the Bulldogs stadium was no different. The Wayne Trace girls fell 43-59, taking their season record to 6-16. More pictures at www.archerpics.com

students in its region are inadequate, the bill provides that members may develop an alternative curriculum that is sent to the State Board of Education for approval. Works Councils would be specifically tasked with helping students graduate from high school already possessing an industry certification or college credits.

Through Works Councils, parents and community leaders would be better aware of vocational or technical programs that would help students hoping to go straight to the workforce after high school. These programs then can give students more opportunities to earn industry certification, take classes to-

ward an associate's degree or establish a career pathway to a high wage, high-demand job. SB 465 benefits both schools and employers by training students to be ready for the workforce and providing employers with skilled workers.

Presenting training opportunities to those who are entering the workforce after high school is essential to creating skilled, competitive workers. SB 465 helps create these opportunities, which will help build Indiana's economy. What do you think?

SB 465 has recently passed out of the Senate by a vote of 49-0. The bill now moves to the House of Reps. for further consideration.



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FIRST DEFIANCE FINANCIAL CORP. RAISES QUARTERLY DIVIDEND TO \$0.10 PER COMMON SHARE

First Defiance Financial Corp. (NASDAQ: FDEF) announced that its Board of Directors has received permission from regulators to pay a cash dividend. The dividend was raised from \$0.05 to \$0.10 per common share and will be payable March 8, 2013 to shareholders of record at

Sudoku solution from page 13

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the close of business on February 28, 2013. The dividend represents an annual dividend of 1.82 percent based on First Defiance common stock closing price on February 14, 2013.

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- Jason L. Fisher, Antwerp, Safety Glass, Fines and Court Costs
- William J. Jackson II, Antwerp, Child Endangerment, No Contest, Fines and Court Costs, Parenting Class, Standard Probation, No Unlawful Contact with Minor Children, 180 jail days reserved
- Carlos Gomez, Jr., Waseon, O.V.I. Suspended, Fines, Community Service
- Carlos Gomez, Jr. Wauseon, Loud Exhaust, Dismissed
- Chasity S. Cunningham, Toledo, No O.L., Fines
- Chasity S. Cunningham, Toledo, FTY Right of Way, Fines
- Kimberly K. Grover, Hicksville, Reckless Operation, Fines or Appear in Court
- David Michael White, Payne, OVI, Pay Fines or Appear in Court, Community Service
- David Michael White, Payne, Stop Sign, Dismissed
- David Michael White, Payne, Seat Belt, Dismissed
- Laurence Gill, Michigan, Speeding, Pay Fines and Costs
- Joshua J. Bannister, Defiance, Speeding, Case Was Waived
- Autuan L. Beck, Sherwood, Speeding, Case Was Waived
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- Yunxiang Diao, Michigan, Speeding, Case Was Waived
- Bryan R. Sutton, Rockford, Speeding, Case Was Waived
- Timea Dancs, Canada, Speeding, Case Was Waived
- Eugene M. Vogel, Defiance, Fail Control, Case Was Waived
- Sergio Chavira Munoz, Texas, Speeding, Case Was Waived
- Jordan D. Carter, Indiana, Seat Belt, Case Was Waived
- Andrew Z. Guess Jr., Michigan, Speeding, Case Was Waived
- Jenny M. Barham Gilbert, Defiance, Assault, Fines and Costs, Counseling
- Richard E. Cavinder, Paulding, Paraphernalia, Fines and Costs
- Benjamin R. Jones, Paulding, Falsification, Fines and Costs, Probation, Community Service
- Kylee E. Aldrich, Van Wert, Red Light, Pay Fines and Costs
- Martin J. Green, Missouri, Seat Belt, Case Was Waived
- Larry D. Hartman, Indiana, Speeding, Case Was Waived
- Josiah S. Gordon, Paulding, Fail to Control, Case Was Waived
- Kiana S. Bojrab, Indiana, Speeding, Case Was Waived
- Kendra Leigh Liggett, Payne, Speeding, Case Was Waived
- Yvonne R. Marlin, Antwerp, Speeding, Case Was Waived
- Jennifer J. Catalan, Indiana, Speeding, Case Was Waived
- Khalid Javed, Canada, Speeding, Case Was Waived
- Keyshla S. Rosa, Indiana, Speeding, Case Was Waived
- Sarah M. Rothenbere, Poland, Speeding, Case Was Waived
- Timur Suliman, Canada, Speeding, Case Was Waived
- Shelly Ann Sestak, Michigan, Speeding, Case Was Waived
- Michael A. Smith, Indiana, Seat Belt, Case Was Waived
- Leroy White, Michigan, Seat Belt, Case Was Waived
- Alain R. Jodouin, Canada, Seat Belt, Case Was Waived
- Eduardo Mendoza Saucedo, Texas, Speeding, Case Was Waived
- Hector Gabriel Velez, Defiance, Stop Sign, Case Was Waived
- Justin A. Howell, Antwerp, Speed, Case Was Waived
- Irma G. Knight, Defiance, Speed, Case Was Waived
- Donald Lee Dermon Jr., Melrose, Stop

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Sign, Case Was Waived
- Kenneth E. Snyder, Speed, Case Was Waived
- Schuyler R. Winkler, Woodburn, Sex Cond. w/Minor, Fines and Costs, No Contest with Victim, Jail Days
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- Schuyler R. Winkler, Woodburn, Sex Cond. w/Minor, Fines and Costs, No Contest with Victim, Jail Days
- John L. Mckinsey, Paulding, OVI/Blood (High), 2nd in 6 Years, Community Service, Jail reserved
- Bryan M. Valentine, Texas, Seat Belt, Case Was Waived
- Jimmie L. James, Wisconsin, Speeding, Fines and Costs
- Joshua Levi Kerns, Van Wert, Speeding, Case Was Waived
- Amanda E. Tice, Convoy, Following Close, Case Was Waived
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- Jacob L. Ooten, Indiana, Seat Belt, Case Was Waived
- Carroll J. Kreischer, Montpelier, Viol Being Pass, Case Was Waived
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MR. & MRS. LARRY STRICKER CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Larry and Colleen "Sue" Strickler are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on February 23, 2013.

The couple were united in marriage on February 23, 1963 in the Payne St. Paul United Methodist Church, by Rev. Meredith Ball.

They are the parents of two boys: Randy (Kathy) and Lynn (Becky) Strickler both of Payne. They also have five grandchildren: Kayla, Katie, Spencer, Ashley and Trisha

Strickler.

Both Larry and Sue are retired and spend their days watching their grandchildren play ball and being very involved in their church.

The family will host a party for them on Sunday February 24, 2013 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Payne St. Paul United Methodist Church. All who know the couple are invited to attend. They ask that gifts be omitted.

INDIANA WILD VISITS WOODBURN LIBRARY



Beth Woods from Indiana Wild visited Kids Club at the Woodburn Branch Library February 13th. Kids Club theme for February was alligators so Beth brought one of Indiana Wild's baby alligators to visit. In the picture, Mark Schlatter is helping Beth hold the alligator.

NEW HAVEN STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS TO BE HELD IN MARCH

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 dinner will take place from 5:30-8:00 p.m. For information on how you can reserve your spot at this dinner, call the Chamber office at 749-4484 or email info@newhavenindiana.org.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Braxton Nicholas Fidler was born on February 11, 2013 at 7:22 p.m. at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

He was 7 lb 3 oz and was 20.5 inches long. He is the son of Nick and Ashley Fidler of Paulding. He has an older sibling, Conner Fidler.

Proud grandparents are Jeff and Brenda Clark of Paulding, and Jeff and Marie Fidler of Spencerville. Proud great-grandparents are Sharon and Dan McConahay of Van Wert, Jerry Priest of Grover Hill, John and Betty Clark of Paulding, Ted and Madonna Koenn of Paulding, and Gary and Carolyn Fidler of Archbold.

ROAD CLOSURE FOR CITY OF NEW HAVEN

Werling Road in New Haven from Straford Road to Moeller Road, including the intersection at Moeller Road, will be closed beginning Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 7:00 a.m. until Friday, February 22, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. for water line connections in correlation with the improvement of Moeller Road. No detour will be posted.

TREE SELECTION

By: **Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator**

If you are thinking of planting a tree or shrub in and around your home site, now is a good time to begin planning and ordering your trees. Choosing a variety with the characteristics that will provide the greatest satisfaction in a given situation requires careful consideration.

Most homeowners make the mistake of deciding what kind of tree they want and then try to fit it into their landscape. A more positive approach is to decide where a tree is needed and what that tree should do in the landscape. Understanding the types of benefits that you want to get from your project: wildlife habitat, snow/wind control, recreation, or aesthetics can make a big difference in choosing which tree(s) you should plant. After the desired type of tree has been determined, then it is much easier to select a species to fulfill these requirements.

Once you know what type of tree you are going to buy, you must decide if you intend to buy a bare-root, machine-balled, balled-in-burlapped, or containerized plant. How you treat the tree or shrub at planting time will partially depend upon how the roots were prepared for planting.

Bare-root trees are usu-

ally the least expensive nursery plants. This type of tree is dug when dormant with no soil on the roots. The roots must be protected from drying out and from mechanical damage. Plant them as soon as possible while the trees are dormant.

Machine-balled trees are dug as bare-root and then the roots are packed in sphagnum peat moss or wood shavings and wrapped in plastic. Handle them carefully to avoid breaking roots. These, too, should be planted while they are still dormant.

Balled-in-burlapped trees are dug from a production field with an undisturbed ball of soil around the roots. The root ball is wrapped in burlap that is tied with twine or wire and pinned with nails. They may place the ball in a wire framework or basket.

Containerized plants are sold in pots. These plants may have grown in the container for a year or more; may have been dug bare-root and planted in the pot earlier that year; or may have been field-grown, dug with a soil ball, and potted. Both the balled-in-burlapped and containerized plants usually cost more than bare root plants. However, since you move soil with the roots, the plants are more likely to survive.

The Paulding County Soil and Water Conservation District currently have tree seedling and nature products. The trees are bare-root seedlings. For additional information contact the SWCD office at 419-399-4771 or visiting their office located in the Extension Building located on the fairgrounds.

SECRETARY OF STATE HUSTED RELEASES NEW BUSINESS FILING FIGURES FOR JANUARY 2013

Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that 8,060 new entities filed to do business in Ohio in January 2013. These numbers are up compared to January 2012, in which 6,940 new entities filed with the Secretary of State.

Though the most visible role of the Secretary of State is that of chief elections officer, the office is also the first stop for individuals or companies who want to file and start a business in Ohio. While recognizing these numbers can't provide a complete picture of Ohio's jobs climate, they are an important indicator of economic activity that Secretary Husted hopes will add to the discussion of how to improve the state's overall climate for business.

NOTE: Filing as a business in Ohio does not guarantee the company will begin operations, be profitable or create jobs.

WOODLAN INTERMEDIATE GEOGRAPHY BEE NEWS



The 2013 National Geographic Geography Bee was held at Woodlan Intermediate School on Thursday, January 24th. The 20 students representing the 4th-6th grades included: Samantha Ringenberg, Jack Stuckey, Caden Gerber, Chandler Roehrs, Justin Schmucker, Kilib Thompson, Hannah Berry, Devin Sincler, Sierra Weiks, Cameron Sprunger, Kayley Spiller, Cassie Roehm, Steven Dellinger, Juan Ortega, Luke Spangler, Chris Huckeriede, Dominic Wenger, Blake

Fisher, Aiden Watermen, and Trevor Wiedenhoef. Seven students advanced to the final round of competition and answered questions ranging from U.S. capitals to world geography.

The Championship round included one student, 5th grader Luke Spangler, scoring the most points in the final round becoming the 2013 Geography Bee Champion at Woodlan Intermediate School. 6th grader, Steven Dellinger, was the runner-up.

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