

## WOODLAN FFA LEARNING TO DO, DOING TO LEARN, EARNING TO LIVE, LIVING TO SERVE



Pictured here are Woodlan FFA students (l-r): Mike Singer, Eric Kurtz, Zach Wietfeldt, Matthew Singer, and Kyle Nahrwald.

On April 26, the Woodlan FFA chapter participated in the Indiana State Forestry CDE (Career Development Event) in Trafalgar, Indiana. The For-

estry CED is a competition that includes troubleshooting and identifying parts of a chainsaw, identifying lumber, tree leaves, forest harvesting, forest maintenance tools, and measuring a standing tree plot and figuring board foot of lumber per tree. This event helps youth learn about the forestry industry. The Woodlan FFA chapter finished fifth overall. Mike Singer lead the team finishing 11th individually followed by Kyle Nahrwald placing 17th, Eric Kurtz 19th, and Zack Weitfeldt 23rd. Woodlan's junior individual, Matthew Singer place 4th overall in the junior division.

## ROBERT FRY, RAISED IN MELROSE, RUNS FOR THE PEOPLE

Many years ago, a young fellow by the name of Robert Fry, grew up in Melrose. He was mentored by pastor in Antwerp and he himself became a pastor after coming out of the Vietnam war. Now, he's running for Congress. We could end the story there but you may not learn much about this Paulding County native.

Robert, a pastor in Maumee, got his start in life in



Paulding County - specifically Melrose. He also has ties to Antwerp. The United Methodist pastor in Antwerp was Richard Crosby at the time, and he was the mentor

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## SUMMER PROTECTION STARTS WITH IMMUNIZATION MEASLES, MUMPS OUTBREAKS PROVIDE CLEAR WARNINGS

As summer camps, fairs, vacations and family picnics take you and your family away to many fun-filled places during the warm weather months, now is a good time to get vaccinated. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) reminds Ohioans that immunizations are the most effective way to prevent illness from vaccine-preventable diseases. The ongoing measles and mumps outbreaks in Ohio also serve as a reminder to all Ohioans that they should be up-to-date on immunizations.

"Activities that bring large groups of people together can accelerate the spread of these diseases," said ODH State Epidemiologist Dr. Mary DiOrio. "When coming into close contact with sick individuals, immunizations can provide the protection you need to keep from getting ill."

Given the on-going measles and mumps outbreaks, ODH recommends that Ohioans are familiar with the signs and symptoms of

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## FINALLY!



Mayor Tom VanVlerah presents the deed to the 5 acres of ball fields to Bob Winslow, the longest serving member of the Antwerp Ball Association.

It's been many years for the people of Antwerp to realize what they had tucked away behind the old school. Oh no, that's not quite right. They do know. It's why all of these people, board, families who came together, fighting to keep the fields that they

played on when they were young.

The MC of the event, Travis Lichty, announced to everyone how the Paulding County Commissioners and County Prosecutor, helped make the

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**OBITUARIES**

**PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL BIGGEST LOSER CHALLENGE 2014**



The PCH Fitness Center decided to put out the challenge for biggest loser again in January 2014. It began on January 6<sup>th</sup> with 25 people deciding to try to win a money prize. The people in the challenge collectively lost over 168 pounds in the 12 weeks of the challenge! An additional bonus this year were educational classes held for six weeks. The big winner this time was Sis Stauffer who lost 13.4% of her body weight. She works in the PT department at Paulding County Hospital. Coming in second is Nikki McClure, a PCH nurse, who lost 12.2% of her body weight and third is Teresa Breedlove, Respiratory Therapist, lost 11.7% of her body weight. All together, these three lost a total of 87 pounds. The top three took home a total of \$375 in prize money. Obesity is a huge health

problem in the United States and Paulding County Hospital is gearing up to deal with this health concern. Along with the fitness center and our personal trainer, Naomi Nicely, PCH offers registered dietician consultations with Emily Cicero, and Dr. Mahtab Ahmed is certified as an Obesity Medicine Physician by the American Board of Obesity Medicine. For more information, please call 419-399-1745. *(Continued from Page 1)* the diseases. Symptoms for measles include fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes, sore throat and a red rash appearing three to five days after the start of the symptoms. Symptoms of mumps include runny nose, cough and swelling of the salivary glands. When individuals are fully vaccinated, the measles,

mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is 97 percent effective in preventing the measles and 88 percent effective in preventing the mumps. Those who are not up-to-date on their immunizations should contact their health-care provider or local health department and receive the MMR vaccine if there is no medical reason not to do so.

ODH and its local public health partners support the vaccine recommendations set forth by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and CDC. These recommendations include vaccination schedules for when individuals (children and adults) should receive their vaccinations.

Whether your summer plans include sending the kids to camp or traveling in or out of the country, please be aware that immunizations may be required to protect you and your children from vaccine-preventable diseases.

For more information about measles, mumps and other vaccine-preventable diseases, visit the ODH website at <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/> or contact the Paulding County Health Department Nursing Staff @ (419) 399-3921.

**PLANT THE TOWN RED... AGAIN!**

Let's "Plant the Town Red" again. In an effort to connect the Antwerp village's neighborhoods, downtown and main routes through town, let's all get out and plant something red! The Green House Effect will partner with the Village of Antwerp again this year and give a discount if you say you are an Antwerp resident and participating in the Plant the Town Red. So get out and plant something red! Of course, if you don't like red or can't find red flowers, plant what you love. Last year it was so noticeable in town that residents participated. So let's show off what a great looking village Antwerp is.

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**NEW WEBSITE & ALERT SYSTEM FOR ANTWERP VILLAGE**



The Village of Antwerp recently went live with its new website dedicated for information regarding legal and events. Stop by and meet the Mayor, Council or Police Chief. Heck, why not sign up to receive the latest posts which will include information that will effect you.

The Village of Antwerp has designed a new website which includes information pertaining to village business, meeting dates, contact information and a new feature that allows residents to enter their e-mail address to receive up-dates to the website. Waterline breaks, power outages, road closures and detour information, etc., will be posted to the site as they occur. Events are being added and links to other local and pertinent organizations have been added.

Town officials have made it possible for everyone to see what is going on with upcoming events (are you ready for

the 2014 RibFest?). For you technical users out there, you will quickly notice the village web site is running on the latest WordPress engine, the same that powers the *New York Times*, *People Magazine* and the local *West Bend News*. Several of the Antwerp Village employees have been trained to takes advantage of all the features of this powerful and easily transformable, open source web software. The new website is a work in progress and if you have an event, a business or organization that would like to be added to the site as a link or just a comment of what information you would like to see added, please call Aimee Lichty at 419-258-7075 or the Village Administrator at 419-258-2371. Head over to [villageofantwerp.com](http://villageofantwerp.com) in your favorite browser, mobile or computer, and sign up today!

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**10 Years of Service**  
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**15 Years of Service**  
 Not pictured: Joyce Bland, Elisa Panico & Amanda Woods

Karen Dangler	Angelia Gordon

**20 Years of Service**  
 Not pictured: Kelly Erford, Sheila Schlatter, & Cynthia Woodring

**25 Years of Service**  
 Not pictured: Louise Goll & Angela Zartman

Brenda Wieland

**PERS Eligible Retirees**  
 Not pictured: Chris Cleveland, Sandra Gawronski, & Cheryl Shobe

Pam Crone

**ODOT CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE PROJECTS 5/12/14**

**Defiance County:**  
 Sealing of pavement joints is scheduled to occur at the following locations, weather permitting, beginning mid week. Traffic will be maintained through the work zone:

- Ohio 15 from the city of Defiance to the Williams County line
- U.S. 127 from the Paulding County line to the Williams County line
- Ohio 249 entire route through Defiance County
- Ohio 2 from just north of Huber Road will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for sealing of pavement cracks. Work is being performed by the Defiance County ODOT maintenance garage.

**Paulding County:**  
 Ohio 500 just west of Hazlet Road will be closed for most of the week of May 20 for drainage work. Traffic detoured onto Ohio 613, U.S. 127 and Ohio 111 back to Ohio 500. Work is being performed by the Paulding County ODOT maintenance garage.

**Van Wert County:**  
 U.S. 127 south of Van Wert will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for sealing of pavement cracks. Work is being performed by the Van Wert County ODOT maintenance garage.

**Putnam County:**  
 Pavement repair will take place at the following locations during the week with traffic maintained through the work zone. Work is being performed by the Putnam County ODOT maintenance garage:

- Ohio 190 between Fort Jennings and U.S. 224
- U.S. 224 between the Van Wert County line and Kalida
- Ohio 613 between Ohio 108 and Ohio 109

**County ODOT maintenance garage.**

U.S. 127 south of Paulding will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for sealing of pavement cracks. Work is being performed by the Paulding County ODOT maintenance garage.

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**WLS 3RD PLACE DESIGN AN AD CONTEST WINNERS**



Woodburn Lutheran School is proud to announce that Victoria Schlatter (left) and Addison Wasvick (right) placed 3rd in the Fort Wayne Design an Ad Contest. Woodburn Lutheran School art students in grades 3-8 participated in the contest in which thousands of local students submitted advertising artwork for local businesses.

**2014 OHIO SCHOOL OF POWER AND LOVE**

Over 20 area churches are joining together to have the School of Power and Love in Toledo May 21-24, 2014 at Abundant Life Ministries, 5025 Glendale Avenue in Toledo, OH.

Power & Love Ministries was birthed out of the vision to see the Church of Jesus Christ catch hold of its inheritance to win the lost, as Paul says, "in demonstration of the Spirit and of power" (1 Cor 2:4 NAS). Speakers Bob Hazlett, Todd White, Tom Ruotolo and Robby Dawkins will take part in the teaching and demonstrating empowerment in the gifts of prophecy and healing as a lifestyle! These gifted teachers will not only give you a wonderful new understanding of power evangelism but then you will be "activated" as you "do the stuff" of the kingdom!

Evening sessions are free and open to the public May 21-24 at 7:00 p.m. The daytime sessions May 22-24 will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. daily and people can register at [www.powerandlove.org](http://www.powerandlove.org).

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for Robert. In 1969, Robert joined the Navy to see the world. After four years of being part of the Vietnam conflict, Robert finished and in '73, decided to become a pastor.

He has been a pastor at the Heritage Church of God in Maumee, Ohio for 28 years now, and he has a great relationship with his congregational family.

Robert knows the hardships that people go through in this economy from helping his parishioners get through their struggles and many have to do with our current policies in Washington. He sees so much that could be done, or that have been taken away from the hard working people he serves. He has talked with current representative Bob Latta about the policies that are causing hardship on the families here, but was frus-

trated with getting automated answers and pre-written form letters back. You see, Bob Latta's voting record is 99.3% on party lines, not for the people of the area he was elected to represent. In fact, Latta is rated as number 10 out of 535 members of Congress in voting along strict party lines instead of needs of the people.

Robert decided it was time to run for Congress and be a true representative of the people, not one who is funded by big money and oil companies. He struggled with how to run because the media tells the people what a Republican or a Democrat should be, yet he is not. He is completely Pro-Life and pro-family. He is for the second amendment and he is for the working class. He is running as a Democrat and he had no opponents in the primaries. Why? Because he represents the people in this area, District 5, not just a party.

Not only is Robert Pro Life and for the second amendment, he also understands the need to get government spending under control. He wants to make sure Veterans can get college training and to make sure their needs are taken care of. He is also glad to hear from constituents, letting him know their concerns and what can be done.

Being a family man, Bob understands what people are going through. He is married to Terry Lynn Fry and they have three children: Bonnie, Rob and Andrea. He also has many family in Paulding County and north-west Ohio. His brother is also a pastor in Continental at the Free Christian Church of God. Terry's father, Norva Skyver, is a lifetime farmer in Paulding County. He understands what this area needs.

The fifth district includes Paulding, Defiance, Henry, Lucas, Van Wert, Putnam, Ottawa, Hancock, Hardin, Wood, Wynadot, Fulton and half of Mercer counties.

When Mr. Fry is elected he intends to stay on as pastor at his church. He said his staff his fantastic and they are such a help with all his and the congregation's needs.

Robert says, "My vote in Congress is your vote from here."

Check more about Robert Fry running for Congress at [fryforcongress.com](http://fryforcongress.com) or give him a call at 419-561-4677.

**Keep the news coming. News is always free. Let your friends, neighbors and community know what's going on!**

**KAYAK/CANOE SAFETY TRAINING IN OAKWOOD**

A kayak and canoe safety training program is being held June 14, 2014 from 1 to 4 PM at the pond at 7092 Road 205, Oakwood, OH (1.1 miles South of the junction of OH66 & OH 613 on the East side of the Auglaize River). This will be a fine opportunity for paddlers of all ages to learn or brush up on their techniques before the Kayak/Canoe Races on the Auglaize River sponsored by the Oakwood Development Company the next weekend. See details at [www.odcoho.org](http://www.odcoho.org).

Instructors are Cory Hartman and Kim Sheets, DNR Watercraft Officer Specialist. Cory is out of the Maumee Bay Field Office. He has worked for the Division of Watercraft for 11 years and is certified as an American Canoe Association Kayak Instructor. Kim is out of the Wapakoneta Office. She has worked for the Division for 10 years and is certified as an American Canoe Association Canoe Instructor.

There will be one instructor to four students for one-hour sessions in the water covering basic equipment, safe carrying techniques, launching and landing the boat. Also provided will be training in

basic strokes including forward, reverse, stopping and maneuvering in order to control the boat. Safety components include information on hypothermia, basic clothing and fundamentals of the wet exit.

Canoes, kayaks, paddles and lifejackets will be provided by Auglaize Canoe & Kayak free of charge. You must wear sturdy shoes. Changing facilities will be available.

This training program is being sponsored by the Oakwood Arbor #759 of the Gleaner Life Insurance Society as one of their Samaritan Activities in the Oakwood Community. For further information contact Helen Maddock at [hmmaddock@GMail.com](mailto:hmmaddock@GMail.com) or (419) 594-2797. To register go to [www.odcoho.org/gleaners](http://www.odcoho.org/gleaners).

**PAULDING COUNTY CARNEGIE LIBRARY BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Finance Committee of the Paulding County Carnegie Library will meet on Thursday, May 15 at 1:15 p.m. The Board of Trustees will meet in regular session on Tuesday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held at the main library in Paulding in the meeting room and are open to the public.

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**COMMUNITY PLANT EXCHANGE**

Come bring your perennial plant starts to the Antwerp Community Church (704 S. Erie St.) parking lot on Friday night, May 16th at 7:00 p.m. No cost and only takes about an hour. Bring up to five plants and hopefully go home with new plants. As you are weeding/pruning/thinning consider exchanging with other gardeners. Bring your plants in any pot, carton, box or even a bag works. We will sort plants by type: herbs, grasses, bulbs, ground cover, etc. If you have any questions, call Jeanie at 419-786-9044.

**BEKAH BRADLEY & TERRY LEE & THE ROCKABOOGIE BAND HEADLINE STAGE SHOW AT THIS YEAR'S SPRING FLING**

Enjoy a day of family-friendly activities out in the country this Saturday, May 17, and help support three great charity organizations! The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Fling Charity Event will be held at Bennett's Auction & Party Barn, 17125 Killian Road, northeast of Harlan, just off of Indiana 37. A variety of activities will take place throughout the day from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The fun begins at 10:00 a.m. with the Country View Classic Car & Truck Show, featuring classic collector vehicles from the tri-state area. You'll get to see some really cool restored cars and trucks up close and talk with their proud owners. Judging and show awards will be announced at 2:30 p.m. The show is sponsored by Fox & Fox Car Care Company. Call 260-657-5029 for more information.

A benefit auction will be held in the barn 2:30-5:30 p.m. Over 300 quality items will be up for bidding during

this fast-paced spectacle, including unique items for both adults and kids. The majority of the auction items have been donated to help support this year's Spring Fling charity organizations. The auction is produced by Schrader Auctions and features a variety of entertaining auctioneers.

The highlight of the Spring Fling will be the Hog Roast Dinner and Stage Show. The old-fashioned hog roast includes locally raised pork donated by Schlatter Stock Farms, with processing donated by Gustin Custom Meats. The dinner menu includes side dishes and a drink. After your delicious supper, you can sit back and enjoy some great entertainment. The opening act for the stage show will feature country recording artist Bekah Bradley, a favorite entertainer at many county and town fairs in the region. Headlining the show will be Terry Lee & The Rockaboogie Band. Terry Lee will have you on your feet with his high energy 50's rock & roll music.

The Spring Fling Charity Event will benefit three very special local organizations: Christian Community Health Care, A Hope Center, and Harlan Christian Youth Center. Christian Community Health Care offers free medical services through weekly walk-in clinics at their facility in Grabill, IN. A Hope Center provides free pregnancy testing and baby supplies at four locations in the greater Fort Wayne area, including a satellite office located at Christian Community Health Care in Grabill. Harlan Christian Youth Center has been providing kids and teens with free after-school activities for over 15 years at their center in downtown Harlan. The Spring Fling is proud to support each of these community outreach ministries.

For more information about the Spring Fling Char-

ity Event or the Hog Roast & Stage Show, please contact event manager Dennis Bennett (260-433-2159, dennisa-bennett1@peoplepc.com).

**BIBLE QUESTIONS**

**By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ**

1. Luke 12:15 - One's life does not consist in what?
2. Luke 12:16 - What did Jesus speak unto the people?
3. Luke 12:16 - How did the certain rich man's land yield?
4. Luke 12:17 - What was the rich man thinking within himself?
5. Luke 12:18 - What is the rich man going to pull down in this verse?
6. Luke 12:18 - What is the rich going to build in this verse?
7. Luke 12:18 - What will he store in these larger barns?
8. Luke 12:19 - What is he saying to his soul?
9. Luke 12:19 - What is he going to do for many years?
10. Luke 12:20 - Who is the rich man leaving out in all of his planning?

Comments or questions? Call James Potter at 419-393-4775 or Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022. Or you can e-mail me at jsp1941@yahoo.com

Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ.

Answers to today's questions:

1. Abundance of things.;
2. A parable.;
3. Plentifully.;
4. What shall I do, I don't have any room to store my crops.;
5. The smaller barns.;
6. The Larger barns.;
7. His crops and his goods.;
8. Soul you have many goods laid up for many years.;
9. Take his ease, eat, drink and be merry.;
10. God.

Now, for some spiritual insights to this parable. In this parable, the rich man forgot who all his goods belong to, they belong to God. Let us name some things he forgot:

1. His soul.
2. He forgot about all those around him, especially the widows, the orphans, those that were sick, those families in need for food, so forth. Notice in verse 19 what the rich man was thinking, soul I have many

goods laid up for many years. Notice he was believing he was going to live a long time, but notice what God says in verse 20. God calls him a fool, because he had made no plans for his soul. The man planned a long life, but God's plans were different. Man has a plan, but like the rich man, God's plans are always better for us. God said the end of your life is tonight. Now the question is, who will get all the man's possessions? I don't know the Bible doesn't say.

Loved ones, is this how you are planning your life? Maybe you believe that you are a Christian but is your salvation in accordance to what the Bible says? Study the Bible on these things, know absolutely for sure, because you don't want to hear those terrible words from Jesus, 'Depart from me, I never knew you.'

Ol' Baldy says bye for now, but continue to read and study the Bible "Luv Ya."

**WHAT LASTING MEMORIES DO YOU HAVE OF YOUR MOTHER?**

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

This past Sunday commemorated Mother's Day, a day set aside to remember the love and impact mothers have made in our lives. What lasting memories do you have of your mother?

One of my favorite memories of my mom took place when I was fourteen years old and in the hospital for the better part of a month recovering from a bowel obstruction. A few days after my surgery my mom made my favorite appetizer, a plate full of deviled eggs and brought them to the hospital, something that you probably couldn't do today.

Another memory I had of my mom when I was in the hospital during that same stay took place when one day I became terribly sick after an attempt to get me to eat. Everything I ate came back up because I could not digest food due to the bowel obstruction. The decision was made by my doctors to do an exploratory surgery to attempt to determine the cause of sickness. Before the surgery, my mom who was a deeply religious woman and was fearful of losing a second child to death pleaded with a pastor to come and pray for me and anoint me with oil.

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Center. With donor matches the total was brought to \$102,159.

It took 16 days to plan, prep and execute the event. Both of these non-profits provide vital support to the New Haven Community and appreciate the help.

I guess I've always remembered this particular spiritual event because at the time I did not go to church and I was not a Christian, though the prayers of my mother and the servant of God left a lasting mark upon my life.

Recently the Associated Press reported the discovery, in England, of human footprints said to be 1 million years old! We shall have to wait and see if that can be verified. All of us leave footprints—examples and influence. We think of and are thankful for the footprints of our mothers and fathers, and we hope the footprints we leave will lead people to Christ. We don't expect them to last a million years—we hope they will last for eternity.

Why do the scriptures in Exodus 20:12 and in Ephesians 6:1-3 command us to "honor our mothers and our fathers?" Perhaps it is because they not only brought us into this world but by their example and encouragement

to love God they have prepared us for the world yet to come.

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

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Pauling County, Wayne Trace School District, and Payne community have always had a special place in my heart. Eight months ago, I was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer and as you can imagine life changed. The only thing I wasn't prepared for was the out-pouring of support that has been shown to my family. We have received many cards, gifts, thoughts, and prayers; all of which are greatly appreciated. The culminating event however was the Glow in the Dark 5K run sponsored by the National Honor Society at Wayne Trace High School. I am so grateful to all the students and advisors of this group for

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thinking of me and including me in this event. I also want to include my friends, classmates, former teachers, and supporters who showed up to run that night. It was a special night and again reminded me of how important this area is in my life. I don't know what lies ahead for me but with the support, thoughts and prayers that I have received, I am ready to face any challenge that comes my way.

—Steve Hall

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On behalf of the Ohio Dermatological Association (ODA), I am writing to raise awareness of the month of May designated as Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month by the Ohio General Assembly.

In an effort to curb the skin cancer epidemic in Ohio and the United States, the ODA is educating and advocating for skin cancer detection and prevention. Over one million new cases of skin cancer will be diagnosed this year and approximately 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime.

Of serious concern is the alarming increased incidence of the potentially deadly malignant melanoma in young people. Melanoma is the most common form of cancer for young adults 25-29 years old and the second most common form of cancer for adolescents and young adults 15-24 years old.

The incidence of malignant melanoma is especially increasing in young adult women, due to their exposure to hazardous ultraviolet (UV) tanning bed radiation. A recent report demonstrated that using indoor tanning increases one's chances of developing melanoma, especially if utilized before age 35.

Another study published in December 2011 found indoor tanners have a 69 percent increased risk of developing the most common form of skin cancer, basal cell carcinoma, even if a person only used a tanning bed once in their lifetime. More alarming, the risk was even higher for those who began indoor tanning prior to age 16.

The science is clear - if you use indoor tanning beds, your risk of developing skin cancer significantly increases.

In honor of this important designation in Ohio law, we are using the month of May to urge lawmakers to support efforts like HB 131 and SB 113 to prevent skin cancer. This legislation would protect our

children from dangerous UV tanning bed radiation.

For over 25 years, the ODA has educated our youth and adults about the dangers of hazardous UV tanning bed radiation. While education is important, especially during this month, education is not enough. We are asking the Ohio General Assembly to enact HB 131 and to strengthen regulations to limit minors' exposure to dangerous UV tanning bed radiation.

We urge you to contact your state legislator and ask them to support this important public health initiative and help prevent skin cancer in one of Ohio's greatest assets, its children.

Sincerely,  
—Karl K. Kellawan, MD  
President of Ohio Dermatological Association, Inc.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I can't believe Barry Vance brought up such an untrue story about Mr. Schnepf, deceased.

I was Middle School Secretary for many years until retirement and we had such a wonderful staff of fine teachers who seldom missed a day of school, including Mr. Schnepf, and many times he was on wrist crutches because of all the hip surgeries he had due to an accident when he was a junior at Ohio State University when a car went over a curb and broke his hip in many places, and he also had other injuries to bones in his body. After months in the hospital he had to return home to stay with his folks in Van Wert.

Barry thought the time to tell the story was the right time—teacher deceased and his sister who did donate a 6 figure in his name because the school was his life.

Despite all his pain he would help in the concessions stand, and when Mr. Beck was not around anymore, he took over the concession and the big thing was popcorn which he managed to do.

My husband and I took him to Lutheran one summer before he returned to school for another operation on his neck and back, but even after that, he had more pain and many scripts for pain medication.

He was facing operation number 4 and the news was not good as he came out and talked about a wheelchair and the best rest home to go to.

When he was hired I had been a secretary in middle school several years and I was amazed that this fella referred to the cutting/paper room which I never heard of. We had one cutting board and it was in my office and if teachers wanted to cut paper they were at the table close to me. Paper room was stored in a room where all supplies were kept.

Let us talk about his generosity—when boys were made fun of because shoes were not of the best, he saw that the parents had money to buy the best. He loved and used to play basketball until he was injured. If he knew of a student who could not buy necessary sports equipment, the money was there and not a loan!

If he saw a kid not eating lunch he would ask why and most of the time he knew

why but the kid would say "not hungry." So, out came the money to buy lunch, and the kids who knew they had forgotten their money but could pay back, came to the office and I would write a charge. The opportunity was there.

I remember this one mother who liked musicals and school plays, and he would buy two tickets and give them to her and she was to invite a friend.

Mr. Schnepf was not a strong individual, being crippled as he was. I sincerely doubt he could manhandle a first grade boy, but again I say 6 figures do impress some people. I can't see why you would not tell your wife or the principal—all of the men I worked for were people who took an interest in the student body and this would have been the time.

There is no one to defend him and how Barry talked to Dale N. He was a high school teacher who I never did see in our building, but of course, Dale is also deceased.

Also, when students made up tests they did this in the classroom or study hall and many times at the table in my office. We are speaking of a time when teachers who had a free period had to go to the lounge while another class used their room.

I know that this is a hard thing for a new superintendent but he has, at least, three young men who were students of Mr. Schnepf, and I am sure they will agree with my letter. The monument stone should not be removed as this was wishes of his sister and a great sum of money for the middle school. School has changed since back when I was there—if a student came in crying you could put your hand on the shoulder and try to help. Most of the problems were parents fighting, divorcing; but today our teachers probably cannot even listen to a troubled kid. We had a nurse and school counselors who Barry should have gone to.

Before I close, with my opinion, I want to bring up something that has puzzled me for years. Don bought his last new car, a Sports Cadillac, which he promptly showed my husband and I. This was his heart's desire all his life

even knowing the next surgery he would not drive. Two weeks later he came here and it was so scratched—the roof, sides, and swear words clear through the paint. It made us feel the shame of students who went into his garage and did this. This has always been on my mind, and now even more than ever.

I heard the death certificate said suicide but I think

it should have read "accidental" as he had bottles of pain medication and am sure he might have taken a mixture and too close together. Mr. Schnepf will always be the decent young man who taught a good history class and no one can take that from me.

—Deloris Whirrett, Paulding

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amount of corn has been planted. We will just have to wait and see.  
 Yes, the winter of 2013-14 was a long, hard, cold winter. It set records in many facets. It is one to remember, we surely hope that the rest of 2014 will be closer to normal.  
 See ya!

**I TALKED WITH BILL FAST**

**By: Stan Jordan**  
 Bill was born in Haviland, Ohio in 1929. His parents were William and Marie Stiebling Fast. There were five children in the family. He graduated in Haviland-Scott High School in 1947. He graduated in Defiance College in 1951.  
 Here is a letter from Bill: "My earliest recollections of Antwerp High School was in the early 40's when it seemed that the tall and talented Archers along with the Oakwood Bobcats dominated Paulding County Basketball.  
 "Then, in the middle 40's, I played for Haviland-Scott against the Archer team of 1946 led by Dick Smith, Gene Hughes and Max Billman, and one of the Lichity's.  
 "The Korean War began in July of 1950 and I was drafted into the Army in August 1951, was stationed in Japan for almost two years. I rotated home and our ship sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge on July 27, 1953—the day the Korean War ended.  
 "On August 4, I was discharged from the Army. I had my Degree in Education from Defiance College and heard that Antwerp High School needed a Business

Teacher. I went directly to Antwerp, met with Mr. Archie Bell and he hired me to teach Business Education at Antwerp High School.  
 "That first year, I taught shorthand I & II, Book-keeping, Typing I & II and Business English. Business English was scheduled the last period of the day and I usually dreaded that class. English was not my strong suit. In the first row was a group of Senior girls who were super intelligent. The back row consisted of boys – who could have given me a very rough time physically but were so well-behaved. That class was a marvel.  
 "On the last day of school, some of the Senior girls came to me and said, 'Mr. Fast, we are so proud of you and want to congratulate you. You learned much more than we did.' They said this not to belittle me or put me down. They were so sweet. Students, all my years at Antwerp High School were so kind and so good to me.  
 "That is why Antwerp is a such a special place to me. Not only students, but parents always greet me as a true friend which I am.



down into old Mexico twice. He really loves his bike.  
 While in the Army in Japan he visited Mount Fuji. He loves to travel, goes to the outer banks in North Carolina in the summer. They go to San Antoino to visit his granddaughter. He is very active in church and he and his wife serve with the Gideons. He loves to spend time with his family and seven grandchildren. He doesn't have much of a green thumb but loves farming.  
 He told me he was in his sophomore year in college and made up his mind to teach business subjects.  
 Bill and Gloria, it was very enjoyable and interesting to talk to you today.  
 Bill, I'm going to give you an A on your report.  
 See ya!



**By: Stan Jordan**  
**One Liners**  
 \*When we were growing up, on the last day of school, we boys got a close hair cut and we went barefoot until Labor Day.  
 \*The skies are not cloudy all day.  
 \*He purloined the sirloin.  
 \*Where did the sunshine go?  
 \*You must think that every cloud has a silver lining.  
 \*He was a 2-fisted drinker, because he spilled too much if he only used one hand.  
 \*No pain, no gain.  
 \*He was as handy as a pocket in a shirt.  
 \*If you are going to make a speech, have a good beginning and a good ending and keep them close together.  
 \*He drank 40 rod whiskey because in that distance he would be home.  
 \*It's mowing time again.  
 \*Sausage is really ground hog.  
 \*Meet me in St. Louis, Louie.  
 \*What did Robinson Caruso and his man Friday do on Saturday night?  
 \*Who would you like to be marooned with on a desert island?  
 \*I'll never forget 'ole what's her name.  
 \*The car Pontiac was named after an Indian Chief, Pontiac.  
 See ya!

**ELK'S AMERICANISM ESSAY AWARDS AT GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY**



This past fall, the Wayne Trace Grover Hill 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders in Mrs. Davis' Social Studies classes wrote essays titled "What Veterans Day Means to Me". Krista Markley (left) won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Lauren Barnett (right) won 1<sup>st</sup> Place.  
 Krista is the daughter of Jason Markley and Melissa Kerns and is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader.  
 Lauren is the daughter of Ron and Betsy Barnett and is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader.  
 Both girls received their awards at the Van Wert Elks' Breakfast Awards Ceremony on May 6, 2014.

**FYI: ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR BARN OWLS IN OHIO**

The summer of 2013 was successful for barn owls sightings in Ohio. The ODNR Division of Wildlife counted 82 nests in 190 next boxes, the third-highest number since Ohio's barn owl nest box program began in 1988. The public reported 22 other confirmed barn owl observations in 15 counties, the highest number of reports received.  
 The ODNR Division of Wildlife continues to track barn owl nests. Please call the ODNR Division of Wildlife at 1-800-WILDLIFE (945-3543) or email wildinfo@dnr.state.oh.us to report a barn owl nesting or living near you.  
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 "During my first year at Antwerp, I directed a class play 'Seventeen is Terrific' starring Ed Snyder.  
 "A favorite activity was basketball timekeeper.  
 "In the late 1960's I was assigned as a full-time Guidance Counselor. Looking back, I enjoyed being a classroom teacher more than a counselor. I enjoyed the classroom more because being with the students everyday helped to know them better.  
 "I am just thankful our all-knowing God smiled on me and brought me to Antwerp to enjoy all the good people there.  
 "Antwerp community is truly "The Promised Land."  
 Bill taught at Antwerp for 21 years, he married Gloria Mohr in March of 1954. They have three children: Jeanne, lives in Findlay and has three girls; Ken lives in West Virginia and has three boys; Paul lives in Virginia and has one girl. Bill said the Lord has blessed us with a fine family.  
 Bill taught in Paulding High School for seven years and retired in 1981. I asked Bill about his hobbies and he was quick to say motorcycling. He has been all through the west twice and

**TWO PHS ALUMNI GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE**  
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**DOG CONFRONTATION SURVIVAL TIPS**

**The Nurturing Well by: Jill Starbuck**

Dogs love to chase. One of their favorite things to chase is runners. Even a normally lazy dog will become suddenly active upon seeing a runner. While many dogs are typically friendly, their natural instinct is to chase, especially someone unfamiliar in their surrounding territory. In turn, when runners see a dog growling or barreling towards them, their natural instinct is to bolt. However, this is the last thing runners should do.

Check out the following tips runners should follow when confronted by a dog:

- 1. Stop immediately.** While it can be a terrifying moment, you should stop the moment you see a dog coming at you. Most times, the dog will stop chasing you and you reduce the risk of it biting you. When the dog has calmed down enough, slowly walk away until you get to a safe distance to resume your running.
- 2. Avoid eye contact.** Dogs consider eye contact a form of challenge. Therefore, you should always avoid looking them in the eye. Stand sideways so they don't consider you a threat.
- 3. Stand rigid.** Keep arms and legs firmly in place. Form a fist so that the dog cannot bite your fingers. Many dogs will come close enough to sniff you, but will bore easily if you pose no threat.
- 4. Don't panic.** Yelling, screaming, or other loud sounds can irritate the dog enough to act out in rebellion.
- 5. Throw something.** If available, throw a stick, backpack, jacket, or anything that may cause the dog to chase so that you have time to move

away. Some runners even carry dog treats.

For the most part, following these tips will help runners avoid a dog attack. However, in some cases, an attack is unavoidable. If this occurs, do what it takes to protect yourself. Use your body weight and push down with the hard points of your hands and knees so the dog cannot move. Carry pepper spray. If you fall, cover vital areas such as ears and throat. Seek medical attention if a dog bites you.

Jill Starbuck has 20 years of experience as a business writer, editor, and market research analyst. She is a certified health coach through the Integrative Institute of Nutrition and a certified running coach through the Road Runners Club of America. She is also the co-owner of a running business. She can be reached at [jillstarbuck@hotmail.com](mailto:jillstarbuck@hotmail.com).

**127th DEFIANCE COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES HELD SUNDAY**

Defiance College held its 127th commencement ceremonies on Sunday, May 4.

Two hundred and 16 graduates were awarded diplomas during the 12:00 noon event. The College also presented its highest honor, the Pilgrim Medal, to Lois McCullough, vice president for finance and management, and graduating senior Kirsten Frissora, Columbus. Professor Emeritus rank was bestowed on Dr. Donald Knueve, associate academic dean and professor of criminal justice, and Douglas Fiely, assistant professor of art.

The bronze Pilgrim Medal is awarded to graduating seniors who give the most promise of exemplifying the traits enumerated on the medal, and a silver medal is awarded to alumni and citizens who have in their lives demonstrated these traits.

Graduating senior David Savage of Warren delivered the senior address, and the commencement address was given by polar explorer John Huston.

Following are the 2014 DC graduates (in WBN readership area):

**Bachelor of Arts: Summa Cum Laude** - Abhinav Mehta and Kathryn Weber, Defi-

ance; *Magna Cum Laude* - Megan Puehler and Stephany Blackston, Defiance; *Cum Laude* - Kevin Dillinger, Antwerp; *Also* - Austin Crites, Julie Juillard, and Stephen Wicks, Bryan; Zachary Bauman, Jacqueline Bowling, Aaron Demecs, Dennis English Jr., Nina Fockler, Aaron Helland, Marcos Hernandez, Jennifer Peterson, Thomas Schafer, and Jessica Shaffer, Defiance; Dawn Fitzcharles and Toby Helton, Edgerton; Jacquelin Mosier, Haviland; Aleasha Salisbury, Hicksville; Sierra Kennedy, Paulding; Kari Dunbar, Paulding

**Bachelor of Science: Summa Cum Laude** - Amanda Westrick, Defiance; *Magna Cum Laude* - Brock Bell, Antwerp; Emily Buntain and Kelsey Wolfrum, Defiance; Wendy Baker, Grover Hill; *Cum Laude* - Holly Becker, Defiance; *Also* - Stephanie Diemer, Kimberly Grubmiller, Kailea Holbrook, Kirk Jones, Treg Lymanstall, Chelsey Ryan-Skiver and Dalyla Walters, Defiance; Aaron Gross, Samantha Habern and Ashley Switzer, Paulding; Zachary Lee, Sherwood

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing:** Jeanne Bond, Jennifer Imber and Christina Tracy, Defiance

**Master of Business Administration:** Steven Bok, Antwerp; Michael Mueller, Defiance; Austin Kemerer, Hicksville; Brock Bell and Danielle Miller, Van Wert

**Master of Arts in Education:** Abby Vetter, Defiance; Kayla Gawronski, Paulding

**Associate of Arts:** Kylee Collins, Bryan; Lora Armstrong and Julie Dickman, Defiance; David Morris, Hicksville

**NEWS RELEASE: AMERICAN RED CROSS ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO LEARN TO SAVE A LIFE**

The American Red Cross of Northwest Ohio is offering a variety of lifesaving health and safety courses during the months of May and June.

**First Aid/CPR:**

With an emphasis on hands-on learning, the Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED courses teach attendees the skills to save a life. Participants learn how to respond to common first aid emergencies, how to respond to cardiac and breathing emergencies in adults, the use of automated external defibrillators (AED), and more. Attendees also receive a two year certification and access to free online refreshers upon completion. Blended learning courses are available to allow flexibility to busy participants by completing their classroom training online and testing their skills in person.

**Babysitting:**

For youth looking to improve safety awareness and supplement their summer résumé, the Red Cross also offers babysitter training courses. Designed for students age 11 and older, the course provides the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly care for infants and children up to the age of 10. Topics include: responding to emergencies with first aid, rescue breathing; making good decisions under pressure, communicating effectively with parents, recognizing safety and hygiene issues; managing young children, feeding, diapering, and caring for infants; and starting a

babysitting business. More than 12,000 people took Red Cross courses in the greater Toledo area last year. People can visit [redcross.org/takeaclass](http://redcross.org/takeaclass) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to register and learn more about available courses.

**LET'S TAKE CONTROL OF OUR HEALTH**

**By: Adam Osenga D.C., NorthEast Chiropractic Center**

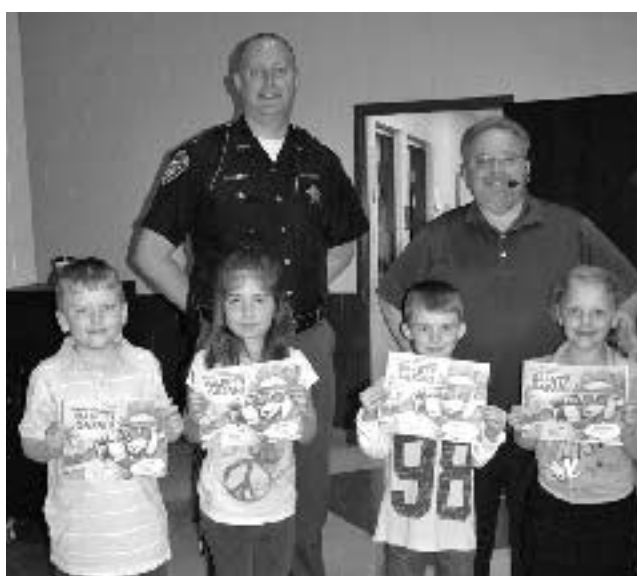
**Part One...**

As Americans, we spent \$8,233 per person on healthcare in 2010 according to the CDC. The next highest country was Norway which spent \$5388 per person. Our healthcare system is great at saving lives, but we have started to migrate away from prevention. Why wait to try to fix a problem if we can prevent it? Prevention is easy if you dedicate yourself to making a change. It is about eating well, exercising, thinking positively and chiropractic adjustments.

Eating well is pretty straight forward. Eat a balanced diet with diverse foods of all different colors. Select foods from the "rainbow". We eat a lot of refined, packaged foods that have the nutritional value of cardboard. They are quite convenient however, but leave us full of inflammation and unsatisfied. Eating more vegetables to get the needed vitamins and minerals is extremely important. Consuming organic produce has come under fire recently in terms of whether it is more nutrient dense. Whether it is more nutrient dense or not, is a battle that will continue. One thing is for sure, the plants are not treated with potentially harmful chemicals that may have a detrimental effect on our bodies. Eating animals that are fed their natural diets, such as grass fed cows and wild salmon, are greatly beneficial to a good diet. Grass fed cows have better ratio of omega 3 fats which is a good fat that our body needs to function. Getting enough water is important. Did you know that by the time we get thirsty our body is already slightly dehydrated? It's the truth! This is serious because our body is made of mostly water! Eating a healthier diet can be more expensive and time consuming, but you will begin to feel better in a short amount of time.

Exercising comes and goes. January 1st every year the gyms get busy and people set goals to become healthier. By February 1st, most of those goals have already been put on the back burner. The typical person should strive for about 150 minutes of aerobic exercise a week as well as some light resistance training. Children need about an hour a day of exercise. This used to not be a problem but now there are so many games that entice children to stay inside and sit down. With eating poor diets, this is another reason children are obese and taking cholesterol medications now-a-days. Our bodies were intended to move. Without movement, we start to become weak and deconditioned. Starting an exercise program is no easy task. One has to start slowly and set small goals. Arnold Schwarzenegger wasn't born a body builder. Getting a fitness partner can help you stay accountable. I recom-

**KERRY KAZAAM THE SAFETY MAN AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY**



Kerry Kazaam The Safety Man made a presentation at Oakwood Elementary School about the importance of safety at home and at school. He used magic and fun to teach the students how to stay safe in many situations. The Paulding County Sheriff's

Department sponsored the event. Shown in the picture are Paulding County Sheriff, Jason Landers, Kerry Kazaam, and second-grade students, Adam Stahl, Kylie McCray, Aiden Miller and Elli Barton.

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**CHILDREN'S LIBRARY SPONSORS FANCY NANCY PARTY!**

"Ooh, La La! It's a Soiree (that's French for party - everything sounds fancier in French) for preschool through third graders!" This Fancy Nancy Party will be held in the Children's Room at the historic Carnegie library on Thursday, May 15th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Kooky Kirk will be the dapper host for an extravaganza filled with fun, crafts, games and refreshments. Attire is "fancy", so wear your fanciest clothes. Bring your child, grandchild and friends to the library's Fancy Nancy Party and help them fall in love with the wonderful world of books and their public library. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required. Call the Children's Department at 419-399-2032 to secure a spot.

The deadline for ads and article submissions is Friday at 5:00 p.m.

**WBESC SCHEDULES MAY BOARD MEETING**

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center regular May governing board meeting is set for Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Van Wert ESC Office, 813 North Franklin St., Van Wert, 45891.

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**ANTWERP & WOODLAN/LEO BASEBALL AT PARKVIEW FIELD**



The infield umpire declares Denver Burkley safe in a close call with Derek Smalley attempting the out at second base at the TinCaps Stadium. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On Thursday the Antwerp Archer HS Baseball team defeated the Wayne Trace Raiders 8-4 at Parkview Field in Fort Wayne. Trenton Copsey led the Archers with 2 singles and a double for 3 RBIs. Derck Smalley added 2 singles for a pair of RBIs. Marcus McVay paced the Raiders with 2 hits. The Archers threw 4 different pitchers who combined to give up 4 runs on 6 hits. The Raiders also threw 4 pitchers who gave up 8 runs on 6 hits. Tyler Messman pitched

2 scoreless innings to earn the win and Joe Buerkle was credited with the save.

The Archers and Raiders were grateful to Parkview Field and Ortho NorthEast (ONE) for the awesome experience of playing. Also to the community for coming out to the ballpark and supporting the teams.

Score by the inning:  
Wayne Trace - 0 1 0 0 1 0 2=4  
Antwerp - 0 1 5 0 0 2 0=8



Woodlan's Brad Barker slides safely back into third base in the first inning with Leo's Carter Davis surprised he did not get the out. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Leo Lions collected 14 hits and 12 runs and used the trip to Parkview Field to extend their lead in the ACAC boys' baseball race with a 12-2 five-inning win over the Woodlan Warriors. Woodlan had a brief 2-0 in the top of the first, but Leo scored every time they came to bat in the game and picked up 5 runs in the fourth to seal the game. Carter Davis led the Leo offense, going 4-4 in the game with a triple, a double, a pair

of singles, and 4 RBIs. Treg Haberkorn gave up one hit to the Warriors and struck out 9 on the mound to get the win while Brad Barker took the loss for Woodlan.

Score by the inning:  
Woodlan - 2 0 0 0 0=2; 1H, 5E  
Leo - 2 2 1 5 2=12; 15H, 0E

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**ANTWERP BASEBALL FALLS TO STRYKER**

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, Antwerp lost a high school baseball game to Stryker in Sectional Semi-Final play: 1-4.

Score by the Inning:  
Antwerp - 0 0 0 1 0 0=1  
Stryker - 0 0 1 0 2 1 0=4  
LOB - Antwerp 3, Stryker 11

ERR - Joe Buerkle, Jon Hudson, Derek Smalley, Jacob Handcock

2B - Tyler Messman  
SACB - Derek Smalley, Jacob Handcock, Dean Beamont  
SB - Parker Ruffer.

Pitching:  
Antwerp - Derek Smalley (L) 5.00 IP, 3 runs, 4 SO; Kaden Brumett 1.00 IP, 1 run

Stryker - Parker Ruffer (W) 7.00 IP, 1 run, 16 SO  
PB - Colton Benson  
WP - Kaden Brumett  
BALK - Kaden Brumett

SO - Tyler Messman, Justice Clark, Kaden Brumett (2), Joe Buerkle (2), Justin Langham (3), Jon Hudson (2), Trenton Copsey, Jeff Coleman (3), Derek Smalley, Cody Hall, Jacob Handcock (2), Dean Beamont  
BB - Tyler Messman, Trenton Copsey (2), Cody Hall (2), Zach Tingley, Zach Birkey, Parker Ruffer (2)

Antwerp Record: Overall 5-15; Conference 1-5

**ROUGH LOSS FOR LADY WARRIORS**

By: Jeff Abbott

Bluffton held on to get a 16-14 win over Woodlan in girls' ACAC softball. The Tigers scored 7 times in the bottom of the first inning and added 2 in the second to build a 9-1 advantage. Woodlan tried to comeback, scoring 4 in the third and 2 in the fourth to trim the lead to 9-7. Every time Woodlan scored Bluffton was about to answer. Woodlan scored 2 in the fourth and so did the Tigers. A run for Woodlan in the fifth was answered by 3 runs in the bottom half by Bluffton. The Warriors put 4 runs on the board in the fifth and Bluffton scored twice. The teams combined for 35 hits in the game and 30 runs. Alyssa Hoepfner took the loss on the mound for Woodlan.

Score by the Inning:  
Woodlan - 0 1 4 2 1 4 2=14; 13H, 3E  
Bluffton - 7 2 0 2 3 2 0=16; 22H, 5E

**6-INNING WIN FOR WOODLAN**

By: Jeff Abbott

Just about all things worked for Woodlan against Bluffton as the Warriors got a 13-2 six inning win over the Tigers. The Warriors homered 3 times including a grand slam by Dylan Gerig, a five-hit pitching performance by Brad Barker, and a triple-play turned by Shawn Kitzmiller to go along with his home run. Woodlan pounded out 12 hits in the game, 5 of the hits with extra-base hits. The Warriors were also error free on defense.

Score by the Inning:  
Woodlan - 1 6 0 0 3 0 3=13; 12H, 0E  
Bluffton - 0 0 1 0 0 1 0=2; 5H, 2E

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2014 Antwerp ball teams celebrating the land ownership of the Ball Association.

(Continued from Page 1)  
land available for only the cost of the back taxes. The ABA (Antwerp Ball Association) was able to secure funding for the debt and now owns the land. Nearly half of the taxes owed had been paid out of the general fund of the ABA. The loan

**LADY RAIDERS TAKE WINS AGAINST ELIDA & DELPHOS JEFFERSON IN HS SOFTBALL**

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, Wayne Trace softball traveled to Elida for some high school softball. Wayne Trace took the win: 3-1.

Score by the Inning:  
Wayne Trace - 0 0 1 1 0 0 1=3; 8H, 3E  
Elida - 0 1 0 0 0 0 0=1; 5H, 2E

Scorers of the Game:  
Wayne Trace - E Linder 1 run; Feasby 1 RBI; Baumle 1 run; Critten 1 RBI; Thrasher 1 run

Elida - Shroyer 1 run; Hurse 1 RBI

Pitching:  
Wayne Trace - A Baumle (W) 5.0 IP, 3 hits, 1 run; M Crosby 2.0 IP, 2 hits  
Elida - Black (L) 7 IP, 8 hits, 3 runs, 1 walk, 4 SO

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, Wayne Trace took on Delphos Jefferson at DJ. The Raiders dominated the game and brought home the win: 4-2.

Score by the Inning:  
Wayne Trace - 2 0 1 0 1 0 0=4; 6H, 3E  
DJ - 0 0 0 0 0 1 1=2; 7H, 0E

Scorers of the Game:  
Wayne Trace - Hilkey 1 run; Forrer 1 run; Speice 2 runs; N Stoller 3 RBI; Fast 1 RBI

DJ - Binkley 1 RBI; Bullinger 1 run; Dungeon 1 run

Pitching:  
Wayne Trace - Forrer 5.2 IP, 7 hits, 1 run, 1 walk, 2 SO; Speice 1.1 IP, 1 run, 1 walk, 2 SO

DJ - Bullinger 3.0 IP, 3 hits, 3 runs, 3 walks, 3 SO; Thompson 1.0 IP, 2 hits, 1 SO; Herron 3.0 IP, 1 hit, 1 run, 1 walk, 1 SO

**LADY WARRIORS WITHSTAND RAILROADERS IN HS SOFTBALL**

By: Jeff Abbott

Kendra Graber went the distance for Woodlan and the Warriors withstood a comeback try by Garrett to beat the Railroaders 7-4 in girls' softball at Garrett. Woodlan scored 4 times in the first inning on Garrett. The Railroaders halved the lead in the bottom half, picking up 2 runs. The Warriors added a pair in the third inning, building their advantage to 6-2. Garrett got a pair in the fifth to trim the lead to 6-4, but Woodlan struck back in the seventh with a run and then shut down Garrett in the bottom of the seventh to get the win.

Score by the Inning:  
Woodlan - 4 0 2 0 0 0 1=7; 7H, 0E  
Garrett - 2 0 0 0 0 2 0=4; 10H, 6E

taken out for the balance of the taxes needs your help to repay. Donations to make this transaction finalized can be made at the Antwerp Exchange Bank.

Tom VanVlerah, mayor, and Sara Keeran, Village Administrator, threw the opening pitches after the

mayor presented the deed to the property to Bob Winslow and he gladly accepted the deed along with all the other board members of the Antwerp Ball Association.

2014 is a year to remember with the land finally acquired by those who use it!

**DIVISION IV SECTIONAL BASEBALL SEMIFINAL: WAYNE TRACE VS. CONTINENTAL**

On May 10<sup>th</sup> the Division IV Sectional Baseball Semifinal was at Wayne Trace. Final score: Wayne Trace 3, Continental 2. Wayne Trace (7-14) advances to play Patrick Henry (17-7) on Wednesday, May 14. The game will be hosted by Patrick Henry.

Continental drops to 3-13 on the season.

Score by Innings:  
Continental - 0 0 1 1 0 0 0=2; 4H, 3E

Wayne Trace - 3 0 0 0 0 0 0=3; 5H, 3E

Winning Pitcher - Marcus McVay (7 innings, 4 hits, 1 earned run, 5 strikeouts, 2 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Austin Mansfield (6 innings, 5 hits, 0 earned runs, 2 strikeouts, 3 walks)

Continental Hitters - Page Thomas (single), Jacob Williams (single), Tyler Rue (single), Derek Troyer (double)

Wayne Trace Hitters - Colby Speice (single), Noah Stoller (double), Seth Yenser (single), Aaron Stoller (double, 2 RBI), Austin Fast (single)

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**MARVELOUS TEA & HAT SHOW AT JPHS**



**Pictured here are the hat models of the afternoon: Treanna Bidlack, Jacee Harwell, and Stephanie Habern. Photo by Sarah Klingler**

The John Paulding Historical Society hosted a Tea & Hat Show on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the historical museum in Paulding. The dining hall was decorated superbly by the museum volunteers and a host of people and organizations who made all the tables look classy and ready for a lovely tea time afternoon. The table decorators included: Bargain Bin, Ethel Clark, Judy Wells, Mary Friend, Oakwood Arbor #759 (Gleaners Insurance Co.), Pam's Prime Cut, Paulding Area Foundation, Paulding County Carnegie Library, Paulding County Republican Women, Paulding County United Way, and Romaine Boundy.

The afternoon began with some very delightful young ladies (Jacee Harwell, Stephanie Habern and Treanna Bidlack), serving a scrumptious luncheon of chicken salad on croissants, fresh veggies and fruit, butter cookies, decadent cake bites, and bite-sized cheesecake cups. Each table had a "host" who tended to the hot water for the guests' tea.

After everyone was refreshed, Kim Sutton, JPHS

president, introduced the girls and they then proceeded to parade around the tables with their favorites of the collection of vintage hats the Museum owns. They modeled a vast array of styles including bucket, straw, pill box, juliette caps, and whimsies.

The tea and hat show was such a success, many attendees hope it becomes an annual tradition of the John Paulding Historical Society.

**WOODLAN DOWNS NORTH SIDE IN GIRLS SOFTBALL**

**By: Jeff Abbott**  
Haley Hostetler was 3-4 with a home run, 3 RBIs, and scored 4 runs while Alyssa Hoepfner gave up just 5 hits and the Woodlan Warriors downed North Side 15-8 in girls' softball. North Side committed 6 errors in the game to help the Woodlan offense. The Warriors scored every inning of the game.

Score by the Inning:  
Woodlan - 2 1 2 2 1 4 3 =15;  
12H, 3E  
North Side - 3 0 0 0 5 0  
0=8; 5H, 6E

**WOODLAN, NEW HAVEN, BISHOP DWENGER HS GOLF TRI-MATCH**

On May 9th, a high school golf tri-match were on the green at Whispering Creek Golf Club in New Haven.

Scores:  
Woodlan 180 - Micah Koenenman 41, Andrew Krahn 48, Tyler Keln 42, Craig Pettyjohn 49  
New Haven 167 - Zack Burnside 39, Ben Griggs 38, Matt Mensing 43, Caleb Jordan 45  
Bishop Dwenger 143 - Tyler Fink 33, Kyle Miller 35, Greg Fean 38, James Wagner 37

**NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADUATES 405 THIS SPRING**

NSSC will recognize 405 graduates during commencement on Saturday, May 10, at 2:00 p.m. The ceremony will take place outside, north of the Atrium. This year's keynote speaker is Christina Keller, president of CK Technologies, and her speech will begin at approximately 2:15 p.m. Keller has a bachelor's degree in international studies from Boston College and an MBA from Cornell University with a concentration in sustainable global enterprise. She has studied abroad in Switzerland, Costa Rica and Chile, and holds a master black belt certificate in Lean Six Sigma from Villanova University, as well as a certificate in international economics from American University. Listed below are students graduating in the West Bend News readership and surrounding areas.

- ASSOCIATE DEGREES:**  
*Antwerp* - Katie Lynn Clemens, Associate of Applied Science in Paraprofessional Education; Logan Ross Englehart\*, Associate of Applied Business in Information Technology; Tina Irene Miller, Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice  
*Cecil* - Lauren Rae Cummins, Associate of Applied Business in Visual Communication; Chandler Anne-Renee Diven, Associate of Arts; Laura Ann Phipps\*, Associate of Applied Science in Nursing; Jared Dee Renollet, Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice  
*Continental* - Brooke Nichole Babcock, Associate of Applied Science in Human Services; Elliott Brian Kosch\*, Associate of Applied Business in Information Technology  
*Cloverdale* - Sara M.

- Schnipke\*, Associate of Applied Science in Nursing  
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**2014 PAULDING PROM: UNDERWATER PARADISE**



**2014 Paulding High School Prom Court: (l-r) Nick Hitchcock, Ashley Johanns, Julian Salinas, Kaley Varner, Javi Gonzales, Emily Albert, Kyle Gardner, Karolina Jakuczun, Preston Gross, Kastin Kelly, Treston Gonzales, and Melissa Martinez.**

The Paulding Junior Class hosted the 2014 prom - Underwater Paradise - in the High School gym and Commons area this year. Besides the spectacular transformation of the gym into an under the sea adventure, some other activities at the prom included the court doing the

"Chicken Dance"! After Prom - Hijacked! Prom goes traded elegance for piracy with such games as Pirate Plinko, Cornhole, 9 Square (like 4 square game but with nine people), and tug-of-war; not to mention a juggling act and a comedian.

- tina E. Shaw, Associate of Applied Science in Nursing; Wendy Jo Sherman, Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting; Lara Lee-Ann Shinabery, Associate of Applied Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology; Chase M. Shinnors, Associate of Applied Business in Accounting; Zachary Lane Shook\*, Associate of Science; Kristina Jane Skeldon\*+, Associate of Applied Science in Nursing; Amanda Ranae Smith, Associate of Science; Staci Marie Smith, Associate of Applied Business in Office Administrative Services; Hollie Diane Snyder, Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting; Erika Steece, Associate of Applied Business in Office Administrative Services; Bethany L. Stork\*+, Associate of Applied Science in Nursing; Christine Vermillion\*\*, Associate of Applied Business in Accounting; Morgan A. Vogel+, Associate of Applied Science in Nursing; William Anthony Ware, Jr., Associate of Applied Business in Business Management; Jennifer West Warner, Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting; Michael James Weisenburger, Associate of Applied Business in Information Technology; Donald

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**START SAVING TODAY FOR TOMORROW'S COLLEGE BILLS**

**Financial Focus by: Phil Recker, Edward Jones Advisor**

Another school year is drawing to a close. If you have young children, you might be planning for their summer activities. But you also might want to look even farther into the future — to the day when your kids say “goodbye” to their local schools and “hello” to their college dormitories. When that day arrives, will you be financially prepared to pay for the high costs of higher education?

Consider this: For the 2013-2014 academic year, the average cost (tuition, fees, room and board) was \$18,391 for an in-state student at a four-year public college or university, and \$40,917 for a private school, according to the College Board. And these costs may well be considerably higher by the time your children enter college.

Of course, these are just the “sticker” prices; some families pay less, thanks to grants and tax benefits, such as the American Opportunity Tax Credit and the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit. Still, you may encounter some hefty college bills down the road.

But college is still a good investment in your child's future. Over an adult's working life, an individual with a bachelor's degree can expect to earn, on average, nearly \$1 million more than someone with only a high school diploma, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. So you're sav-

ing for a good cause.

Unfortunately, you may not be saving enough — or you might not be making the most of your savings. To save for college, more parents use a general savings account than any other method, according to Sallie Mae's How America Saves for College 2014 study. These types of accounts carry two significant drawbacks: They typically earn tiny returns and they offer no tax advantages.

However, do you have some attractive college-funding vehicles available, one of which is a 529 plan. Your 529 plan earnings accumulate tax free, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses. (529 plan distributions not used for qualified expenses may be subject to federal and state income tax and a 10% IRS penalty.) Furthermore, your 529 plan contributions may be deductible from your state taxes. But 529 plans vary, so be sure to check with your tax advisor regarding deductibility.

A 529 plan offers other benefits, too. For one thing, the lifetime contribution limits for 529 plans are quite generous; while these limits vary by state, some plans allow contributions well in excess of \$200,000. And a 529 plan is flexible: If your child decides against college or vocational school, you can transfer the unused funds to another family member, tax and penalty free.

While a 529 plan is a popular choice for college savings, it is not the only option available. You also might want to consider a Coverdell Education Savings Account, which, like a 529 plan, can generate tax-free earnings if the money is used for higher education expenses. You can typically only put in a maximum of \$2,000 per year to a Coverdell account, but it does offer more flexibility in investment choices than a 529 plan.

Your children may be young today, but, before you know it, they'll be packing their bags for college. So, no matter which college savings vehicles you choose, put them to work soon.

**iAB FINANCIAL BANK PRESENTS HARLAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STUDENT JAMES SYLVESTER WITH SCHOLARSHIP**

iAB Financial Bank recently presented Harlan Christian School student James Sylvester with a scholarship check to be used towards tuition for the 2014-15 school year. Students at Harlan Christian School in grades seven through 11 with a grade-point average of 9.5 or higher on a 12-point scale and who have completed a minimum of 12 hours of community service in previous years are eligible for this award. Students Hillary Straley and Alana Gingerich were runners-up and were also recognized. iAB is pleased to recognize the dedication of these youth to the pursuit of education, while living lives of faith and service.

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Year Certificate in Accounting Assistant

*Hicksville* – Andrew James Carr\*, Associate of Applied Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology; Leah M. Dolinski\*\*, Associate of Applied Business in Office Administrative Services

*Paulding* – Aaron C. Brown, Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice; Shauna S. Darrigo, Associate of Science; Heidi J. Dix\*\*, Associate of Applied Business in Accounting & Business Management; Stacey Marie Henderson, Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting; Gerylyn Marie Larson\*, Associate of Applied Science in Human Services; Amber Mae Letso, Associate of Applied Science in Nursing; Jacob Adam Mourey, Associate of Applied Business in Business Management; Nathan Reed Sunday, Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

*Payne* – Melinda L. Wenzlick\*\*, Associate of Applied Business in Office Administrative Services; Angela Kay Wolford+, Associate of Applied Science in Nursing; Elizabeth Anna Zartman, Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice

*Van Wert* – Rhonda Gayle Whitacre, Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting

**CERTIFICATES:**

*Antwerp* – Stephanie R. Miller, One Year Certificate in Practical Nursing

*Cloverdale* – Ryan Lynn Densmore, One Year Certificate in Millwright

*Continental* – Derek Alan Simon One Year Certificate in Practical Nursing

*Defiance* – Moses S. Andonegui\*, One Year Certificate in Alternative Energy Technology; Misti R. Cook, One Year Certificate in Practical Nursing; Angelica Maria Diaz, One Year Certificate in Phlebotomy Technician; Jason Richard Fortman, One Year Certificate in Phlebotomy Technician; Cara M. Gencser, One Year Certificate in Practical Nursing; Aurielle Danette Gutierrez, One Year Certificate in Practical Nursing; Amanda Ann Henderson, One Year Certificate in

Practical Nursing; Joni Ann Hetrick, One Year Certificate in Practical Nursing; Xenia Grace Trimor Marzan, One Year Certificate in Phlebotomy Technician; Danielle M. Moore, One Year Certificate in Practical Nursing; Miranda Nicole Muncy, One Year Certificate in Practical Nursing; J. Jeffrey Murphy, One Year Certificate in Computer Aided Design; Cory Marie Orta, One Year Certificate in Phlebotomy Technician; Melanie Jean Parsons, One Year Certificate in Phlebotomy Technician; Julie Berenice Roehrig, One Year Certificate in Practical Nursing; Kathryn Joy Wagner, One Year Certificate in Phlebotomy Technician

*Edgerton* – Kelley Ann Chapman, One Year Certificate in Phlebotomy Technician; Britnie Renee Hall, One Year Certificate in Practical Nursing; Jennifer M. Ordway, One Year Certificate in Practical Nursing; Sara L. Tingle, One Year Certificate in Practical Nursing

*Hamler* – Paige Lynne Warnimont, One Year Certificate in Phlebotomy Technician

*Haviland* – Nolan Dean Sinn, One Year Certificate in Industrial Electrical

*Hicksville* – Amber Naomi Gardner One Year Certificate in Practical Nursing; Thaddeus Q. Hartzell, One Year Certificate in Practical Nursing; Tristan Michael Scranton, One Year Certificate in Computer Aided Design; Wilma Jean Steury, One Year Certificate in Practical Nursing

*Paulding* – Derek Jacob Schlatter, One Year Certificate in Industrial Electrical

*Payne* – Maria Eva Roddy One Year Certificate in Practical Nursing

*Van Wert* – Hayley Denee' Brown, One Year Certificate in Practical Nursing; Kayla Faye Butler, One Year Certificate in Practical Nursing; Loumary Angelie Danylchuk, One Year Certificate in Practical Nursing; Maria Ann Duty, One Year Certificate in Practical Nursing; Madison Nicole Preston, One Year Certificate in Practical Nursing

**NORTHWEST STATE INVITES YOU TO "MARDI GRAS"**

The Northwest State Community College Foundation is hosting its annual Green Carpet Event, “Mardi Gras,” on Thursday, May 15. This event will benefit student scholarships, and the evening will feature gourmet food stations, musical entertainment, a cash bar and silent auction beginning at 5:30 p.m. Many outstanding auction items have been donated by area individuals and businesses including: a suite at Kalahari Waterpark, Big Green Egg grill and smoker, gift baskets and much more.

Highlighting the evening will be the presentation of the 2014 Making a Difference Award. This award was created by the NSCC Foundation as a way to recognize and celebrate an individual, business and organization in the five-county area committed to bettering their community. This year's recipients include John Wilson, Rupp Seeds, Inc. and Wauseon Rotary Club.

“The Making a Difference Award honors those who have had a positive impact in the five-county area that Northwest State serves. It's not

**SHISLER'S MAKE DONATION TO LIVESTOCK BUILDING FUND**



Nolan “Tucker” and Donna Shisler recently donated \$5,000.00 to the Livestock Building Fund, administered by Paulding County Area Foundation.

Shisler noted, “Paulding County has been very good to us, and this is just a small way to give back, by supporting a very worthwhile project.”

Shown here are Lisa McClure, Executive Director, Paulding County Area Foundation and Donna and Tucker Shisler presenting the check.

For more information on how you can support the Livestock Building Fund, contact Lisa McClure at Paulding County Area Foundation, 419-399-8296.

about what the award recipients have done for the College but what they have done for our local communities,” said Robbin Wilcox, foundation director of development at NSCC. “We look forward to honoring and celebrating these outstanding community partners during this year's event.”

NSCC is proud to be partnering with the following businesses to make this night possible: Altenloh, Brinck & Co. U.S., Inc., Archbold Container, Archbold Equipment Company, Automatic Feed Company, The Black Lantern, Ltd., D&R Continuous Improvement, Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Fifth Third Bank, First Federal

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The Green Carpet Event is open to the public by reservation. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Robbin Wilcox at 419.267.1460.

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## FRIENDSHIP BRACELET ECONOMICS PROJECT IN OAKWOOD



The fourth grade students at Oakwood Elementary took part in an economics project, where they made friendship bracelets. After the companies were formed, their first order of business was to come up with their company name. They then had to finance, design, manufacture, advertise and sell their products. They

sold their finished products to the 1st graders. At the end of the sale, the companies had to determine whether they made a profit or a loss. Out of the seven companies, four companies made a profit and three companies had a loss. The Color Crew had the biggest profit of \$17.

## VANTAGE BOARD MEETING HELD 5/1/14

The Vantage Board of Education held their May board meeting on Thursday, May 1, 2014 in the District Conference room. The minutes from the April 3, 2014 regular board meeting were approved along with financial statements for the month of March, 2014. The Board discussed and approved a resolution to approve the updated five year forecast. The agenda was amended to include the revision of one page of the student handbook affecting the schedule for Advantage period for student extra help.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman updated the Board on the return of Interact Club Advisor Matt Miller and club president Cailah Rickard, Continental, from Haiti. The team visited the carpentry school in Bordes, and delivered hand tools for the graduating class. Adult Education Director Peter Prichard reported on enrollment services, programming, accreditation progress, grant opportunities and upcoming classes. Lab teachers are piloting the use of Galaxy pads for attendance and instructional illustrations. High School Director Ben Winans recognized two SkillsUSA students who will compete in the National Contest and the FCCLA state competitors, reported on the field testing of the PARCC Performance Based Assessment for English 11, and updated the Board on numerous program activities and the calendar for the last month of school.

In new business, the Board: Employed the following list, as needed as scheduled: Karen McGilton and Caleb Bender, seasonal custodians and Zachary Crider and Matthew Schrader, summer technology assistants; Approved the following supplemental contracts: Marcia Osenga, Kari Casto, and Mike Miller, LPDC Committee; Susan Farr, Beth Evans, Theresa Mengerink, and Amy Grothouse, Resident Educators; Mary Ann Falk, Resident Educator Facilitator; Employed the following list, as Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Deb Venderly, Adult Education; Resolution to approve the Satellite Agreement between Van Wert City Schools and Vantage Career Center for the 2014-2015 school year; Resolution to approve the Satellite Agreement between Paulding Exempted Village School District and Vantage Career Center for the 2014-2015 school year; Resolution to acknowledge an anonymous donation of welding jackets and caps for the welding classes at Vantage, from a former welding student from the early 1980's. The value of the donation was approximately \$1680.00; Approve overnight travel to San Antonio, TX for National FCCLA Leadership Confer-

ence from July 4 to July 11, 2014; Approve overnight travel to Kansas City, MO for National SkillsUSA Competition from June 22 to June 29, 2014.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(4), for the purpose of discussion of negotiations or collective bargaining. No action was taken.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Conference Room.

## WAYNE TRACE AWARDED STRAIGHT A FUNDING FOR STUDENT LAPTOPS

Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School has been awarded a grant from the State of Ohio from the Straight A Fund that will enable them to provide a laptop computer for school use to every student in grades 7-12 during the 2014-15 school year. Parents and students are encouraged to attend one of two informational meetings that will take place May 13 and May 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

## BIG WIN FOR LADY ARCHERS SOFTBALL

The Archer softball team picked up a 12-5 non-conference victory over Ottoville Tuesday afternoon, May 7th. On the mound Avery Braaten and Kaiya Jemison combined to allow 7 hits while striking out 9 in the victory. Cheyenne Miller-Sweet paced the Archers at the plate by smacking a double and a triple and knocking in two Archer runs. Peyton Short and Becca Johanns also chipped in with a double each.

## 2014 GMC ALL CONFERENCE SCHOLAR ATHLETES

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce their "All Conference Scholar Athletes" for the spring of 2014!

To be eligible for this honor, the athlete must be a senior, participate and letter in a recognized sport or cheerleading and have a 3.5 GPA or better after 7 semesters.

**ANTWERP:**  
Matthew Reinhart

**AYERSVILLE:**  
Mackenzie Guilford, Kyle Behringer, Clay Long, Alexa Moore, James Howard, Quin Fleming, Austin Zachrich, Natalie Hamersmith, Gage Odom

**EDGERTON:**  
Sarah Fritch, Kaelyn Sack, Kelse Brown, Thomas Ritter, Cody Herman, Jenna Stark

**FAIRVIEW:**  
Bradley Ebaugh, Mackenzie McCreery, Rose Sliter, Kristine Culler, Rebecca Meyer

**HICKSVILLE:**  
Brett Tollas, Kathleen Schwartz, Alexa Monroe, Jared Michael, Delaney Osmun, Rachel Briskey, Gabrielle Gillespie, Mikayla Stark

**HOLGATE:**  
Sean Mack, Jared Stober, Kristen Gutman

**TINORA:**  
Claudia Flory, Allison Weber, Chelsey Seifert, Brittany Steingass, Ashton Otte, Tori Abdul, Kurtis Kahle, Alexa Behringer, Derek Drewes, McKenzie Hall, Reid Renollet

**WAYNE TRACE:**  
Madison McClure, Libby Stabler, Abbie Shepherd, Jake Gerber, Sean Durre, Brock Worden, Arlen Stoller, Logan Fast, Emilie Linder

## ANTWERP LOSES TO KALIDA IN HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

On May 5th the Antwerp Archers' baseball team traveled to Wildcat country for high school baseball action. In this low-scoring game, Kalida kept the win at home: 0-3.

Score by the Inning:  
Antwerp - 0 0 0 0 0 0  
0=0

Kalida - 1 0 0 2 0 0 =3

Scorers of the game:  
Kalida - Warnimont 1 run; Lambert 1 run; Gerdling 1 run

LOB - Antwerp 8, Kalida 5; ERR - Joe Buerkle, Collin Perry, Colton Farrell; SACF - Dylan Hoffman; SB - Derek Smalley, Noah Lambert

Pitching:

Antwerp - Justice Clark (L) 4.00 IP, 1 SO; Joe Buerkle 2.00 IP, 2 SO

Kalida - Randy Zeller (W) 4.00 IP, 6 SO; Austin Swift (S) 3.00 IP, 4 SO

PB - Tyler Messman (3); WP - Joe Buerkle. BALK-- Justice Clark.

SO--Tyler Messman (2), Matt Reinhart (2), Joe Buerkle (2),

Justin Langham, Hunter Noel (2), Derek Smalley, Trent Gerding, Andrew Krouse, Dylan Hoffman; BB - Tyler Messman, Justice Clark, Justin Langham, Collin Perry (2), Colton Farrell, Blain Warnimont, Noah Lambert

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## 8-0 WIN FOR WOODLAN

By: Jeff Abbott

Garrett Van Brocklin went the distance and the Warriors took an 8-0 win on the road over Belmont in boys' baseball. The offense got single runs in the first, second, and third innings and then tacked on 2 in the fifth and 3 in the seventh to seal the game. Shawn Kitzmiller homered for Woodlan with Jake Summers adding a double.

Score by the Inning:  
Woodlan - 1 1 1 0 2 0 3=8  
Belmont - 0 0 0 0 0 0 =0

## ANTWERP TRACK HOSTED QUAD MEET

On May 5th, the Antwerp track played host to a Quad meet for the high school teams of Ft. Jennings, Continental, Edgerton and Antwerp.

In boys division, Edgerton (E) took first place with 117; Antwerp (A) in 2nd place 53.5; Continental (C) in 3rd, 43.5; and Ft. Jennings (FJ) came in 4th with 28.

Individual event results:

110H - 1st Daniels, E, 17:40; 2nd Etchen, E, 18:04; 3rd Huss, A, 18:37

100m - 1st Ritter, E, 11:73; 2nd Grone, FJ, 11:99; 3rd Edmandson, E, 12:17

1600m - 1st Williamson, A, 4:42; 2nd Freeman, E, 5:04; 3rd, E, 5:07

400m - 1st Carlin, E, 56.64; 2nd Stout, A, 58.26; 3rd Warnement, C, 59.69

300H - 1st Daniels, E, 45.31; 2nd Etchen, E, 46.11; 3rd Huss, A, 46.45

800m - 1st Jones, E, 2:13; 2nd Freeman, E, 2:17; 3rd Buchan, A, 2:21

200m - 1st Schroeder, E, 25.29; 2nd Lawhorn, C, 25.86; 3rd Blue, E, 26.05

3200m - 1st Williamson, A, 10:19; 2nd Blankemeyer, FJ, 12:18; 3rd Santa Rita, E, 12:36

Long jump - 1st Ritter, E, 17'7.5"; 2nd Baker, C, 17'6"; 3rd Williamson, C, 17'2"

High jump - 1st Baker, C, 5'9"; 2nd Williamson, A, 5'6"; 3rd, Lawhorn, C, 5'4"

Discus - 1st Edmandson, E, 118'6"; 2nd Bradford, C, 104'1"; 3rd O'Donnell, A, 100'7.5"

Shot put - 1st Deleon, C, 44'8"; 2nd Ketcham, FJ, 39'8.5"; 3rd Brady, E, 38'2"

Pole vault - 1st Santa Rita, E, 7'

4x800m - 1st Edgerton, 9:48; 2nd Antwerp, 10:16; 3rd Fort Jennings, 10:23

4x200m - 1st Edgerton, 1:40.01; 2nd Antwerp, 1:47.17; 3rd Fort Jennings, 1:51.29

4x100m - 1st Edgerton, 48.52; 2nd Fort Jennings, 54.30; 3rd Antwerp, 1:03.78

4x400m - 1st Edgerton, 3:54; 2nd Antwerp, 4:04; 3rd Fort Jennings, 4:14

In the girls division, Edgerton took 1st place with 111; Antwerp in 2nd with 68; Fort Jennings in 3rd with 40; and Continental in 4th with 21.

Individual event results:

100H - 1st Flegal, E, 15:83; 2nd Grone, FJ, 16:97; 3rd Miesle, A, 17:52

100m - 1st Flegal, E, 12:91; 2nd Stein, E, 13:55; 3rd Kremenol, C, 14:29

1600m - 1st Landel, E, 6:00; 2nd Ordway, C, 6:24; 3rd Schimmoeller, FJ, 6:36

400m - 1st Sines, E, 1:07.10; 2nd Osentoski, E, 1:08.98; 3rd Stark, E, 1:10.48

300H - 1st Miesle, A, 52.83; 2nd Osentoski, E, 56.58; 3rd Ritter, E, 57.20

800m - 1st Landel, E, 2:37; 2nd Ordway, C, 2:44; 3rd Sig-

## OAKWOOD 5TH & 6TH GRADE CONCERT



The Oakwood Elementary fifth and sixth grade band put on their final performance for the year on Monday evening, May 5th. Shown here is Audra Stuck and Jaylyn Parrett. Audra performed a song for the crowd that she wrote.

## SOUND ENERGY LESSONS AT PAYNE ELEMENTARY

man, A, 2:45

200m - 1st Longardner, A, 28.81; 2nd Grone, FJ, 29.19; 3rd Carlin, E, 29.71

3200m - 1st Shimmoller, FJ, 14:45; 2nd Simoncelli, A, 14:46; 3rd Provines, A, 15:15

Long jump - 1st Flegal, E, 15'5"; 2nd Ordway, C, 14'5.5"; 3rd Recker, A, 14'3"

High jump - 1st S Ostentoski, E, 4'10"; 2nd Hart, A, 4'10"; 3rd P Ostentoski, E, 4'8"

Discus - 1st Lalonde, E, 88'10"; 2nd Manella, A, 87'4.5"; 3rd Jettinghoff, FJ, 79'11.5"

Shot put - 1st Jettinghoff, FJ, 29'6"; 2nd Major, A, 28'4"; 3rd Osting, FJ, 28'3"

Pole vault - 1st Luke, E, 8'6"

4x800m - 1st Antwerp, 11:54

4x200m - 1st Edgerton, 2:00.72; 2nd Antwerp, 2:01.36; 3rd Fort Jennings, 2:06.65

4x100m - 1st Edgerton, 54.27; 2nd Fort Jennings, 56.07; 3rd Antwerp, 1:00.12

4x400m - 1st Antwerp, 4:30; 2nd Edgerton, 4:42; 3rd Fort Jennings, 5:01

## NSSC'S PHLEBOTOMY TECHNICIAN AND MEDICAL ASSISTING STUDENTS RECOGNIZED IN PINNING CEREMONY

Twenty-three students completing Northwest State Community College's medical assisting associate degree or phlebotomy technician certificate program were recently pinned in a special ceremony held for the graduates. Both options lead to entry-level positions in the health care field, and students earning the phlebotomy technician certificate may choose to continue their education for an associate degree in medi-



Students in Mrs. Stouffer's science classes at Payne Elementary recently learned about sound energy. During their class, students who play instruments were encouraged to bring them in and demonstrate how to produce sounds with different volumes and pitches. They also played tunes using the projector and mimio with the PBS Zoom site.

cal assisting. The following graduates were honored for medical assisting (in WBN readership area):

Defiance County - Jasmine Bauer (Ney), Margaret Ellsworth (Sherwood), Amy Hammersmith (Defiance) and Hollie Snyder (Defiance)

Paulding County - Stacey Henderson (Paulding)

Van Wert County - Rhonda Whitacre (Van Wert)

The following graduates were honored for phlebotomy:

Defiance County - Angelica Diaz (Defiance), Jason Fortman (Defiance), Xenia Marzan (Defiance)

Williams County: Chelsea Brown (Edon), Risa Decker (Montpelier), Keshia Goebel (Edgerton), Brittany Gombes (Bryan), Jeremy Nobis (Bryan)

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**ANTWERP 2ND GRADERS READ THUNDER CAKE**



**Pictured here are Caydence Shull, Collette Starbuck, and Lizzy Zartman as they mix up their Thunder Cake recipe.**

After reading the story *Thunder Cake* by Patricia Polacco, second graders in Mrs. Bailey's class made their own thunder cake. Students combined the ingredients together as thunder sound clips

rumbled over them. Polacco's book, which includes the cake recipe, tells the story of a grandmother who finds a way to dispel her grandchild's fear of thunderstorms.

**ENERGY & COMMERCE COMMITTEE PASSES STELA REAUTHORIZATION WITH Latta AND GREEN PROVISION**

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH), Vice-Chairman of the Communications and Technology Subcommittee, and Congressman Gene Green (D-TX) today applauded the House Energy and Commerce Committee's passage of H.R. 4572, the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act (STELA) Reauthorization. This bipartisan legislation will ensure continued access to local programming for more than one million satellite television subscribers across the country. It also includes a provision sponsored by Latta and Green to repeal the current integration ban on leased set-top boxes, which costs cable subscribers millions of dollars per year, results in higher energy costs for consumers, stifles innovation within the retail market and causes regulatory disparity among video industry participants.

"I applaud the Energy and Commerce Committee for advancing legislation to reauthorize the Satellite Television

Extension and Localism Act," said Latta. "This bipartisan measure will eliminate costly, outdated regulations that contribute to higher prices for consumers and limit the ability of businesses to effectively compete in the modern communications marketplace. I am especially pleased that the legislation includes our sponsored provision, repealing the current integration ban on leased set-top boxes - a victory for both consumers and businesses that will unleash opportunities for increased innovation, investment and consumer choice. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to ensure swift passage of this legislation on the House floor."

"We are pleased that Democrats and Republicans came together to pass bipartisan STELA authorization out of the Energy and Commerce Committee," Green said. "This important federal law affects tens of millions of American cable and satellite viewers and must be reauthorized by the end of the year. We are particularly pleased to see the inclusion of language nearly identical to the Cable-Card bill which I introduced

last year with Rep. Bob Latta, which will end the integration ban, an antiquated tech mandate that has cost consumers and businesses over \$1 billion since 2007 while preserving FCC's authority in the retail set top box market."

**USDA ANNOUNCES EXTENSION OF MILC INCOME LOSS CONTRACT PROGRAM FOR 2014**

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia announced the extension of the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) program.

The extended MILC protects dairy farmers enrolled in the program against income loss through September 1, 2014, or until a new Margin Protection Program for dairy producers (MPP), established by the 2014 Farm Bill, is operational.

Contracts for eligible producers enrolled in MILC on or before September 30, 2013, are automatically extended until the termination date of the MILC program. Dairy operations with approved MILC contracts will continue to receive monthly payments if a payment rate is in effect.

MILC compensates enrolled dairy producers when the Boston Class I milk price falls below \$16.94 per hundredweight (cwt), after adjustment for the cost of dairy feed rations. MILC payments are calculated each month using the latest milk price and feed cost, just as in the 2008 Farm Bill. The payment rate for October 2013 through January 2014 marketings is zero. Payment rates during the months after January 2014 until the termination of the MILC program will be determined as the appropriate data becomes available.

Since MILC payments are limited to a maximum amount of milk production each fiscal year, dairy operations may select a production start month other than October 2013 (the start of fiscal year 2014). Producers who want to select a different production start month must visit their local FSA office between April 14, 2014, and May 30, 2014.

For more information, visit the FSA website at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

**INDIANA GROWN INITIATIVE**

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

Food can travel more than 1,500 miles to get to your kitchen table. This can result in food losing its quality, nutritional value and taste. Why not buy food that is locally grown and guaranteed fresh? There are several benefits to eating locally grown food that can help improve your health while strengthening our local economies.

This legislative session, the General Assembly approved House Enrolled Act 1039 establishing the Indiana Grown Initiative to market and promote Indiana-produced agricultural products. HEA 1039 also creates a 12-member commission that will meet throughout the year to advance ideas for connecting local vendors to local consumers.

The Indiana Grown program was established in 2012 to promote our state's agriculture by bringing together producers, retailers and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. The program also encourages Indiana grocery stores and restaurants to provide more locally grown and produced products. The goal is to allow consumers to easily identify, find and buy products grown here in Indiana.

The Indiana Packers Corporation has been an advocate for producing locally grown food. The corporation yields 3.5 million pounds of fresh pork daily right here in Indiana. They work with local livestock farmers to provide local meat choices under the brand name "Indiana Kitchen." Although they provide meat to states across the country and even 31 other countries, the ability to work closely with local farmers helps ensure quality, freshness and flavor to us here at home.

By eating locally you can help support local farmers and shake the hand that feeds you. Eating local also benefits the environment.

When you buy local, not only are fewer fossil fuels burned to get food to your table but your food is fresh. Supporting farmers who use sustainable farming practices also means that the land is treated in environmentally sensitive ways, which prevents soil erosion and protects the quality of our water.

The key to buying locally grown food is knowing what is in season so you can buy the right produce at the best time. This can help you determine which items are grown locally and which ones are brought in from other regions. Once harvested, produce quickly loses its nutrients. Since local produce is sold right after it's picked, it retains more nutrients and is healthier for you and your family.

Indiana's economy as a whole can flourish from buying local food. Each year, Hoosiers spend roughly \$14.5 billion on food and 90 percent of that money goes to sources out of state. For every dollar spent at a local business, 73 cents stays in the community versus 43 cents at non-local companies.

With spring in full bloom, farmer's markets will be popping up all over Indiana. I encourage you to support Hoosier farmers by buying local this season.

**BOOK SIGNING AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY**



Brooklyn Schlatter and Ethan Warner, first graders in Mrs. Arend's class at Oakwood Elementary, are shown at the book signing held on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. All students in Mrs. Arend's

first grade class wrote and illustrated a book as a class project. The students then presented their books to their parents at the Author's Tea held on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PAULDING TAKES 2 LOSSES & 1 WIN IN HS SOFTBALL**

On **May 5th**, Paulding (3-10, 2-4 NWC) lost to Allen East, 5-3.

Score by the Inning:  
Allen East - 1 0 2 0 1 0 1=5; 7H, 4E

Paulding - 0 0 1 1 0 0 1=3; 8H, 5E

Hitting:

Allen East - Audrey Rodriguez, 3 singles, 3 runs; Erin Conkle, single, 2 doubles, 2 runs

Paulding - Morgan Riley, 2 singles; Jerika Bland, 2 singles; Emily Farr, double; Kandeé Manson, single; Alyssa Shelmadine, 2 singles

Pitching:

Allen East - Aubren Davis (W) 7 innings, 3 runs, 8 hits, 5 so, 0 walks

Paulding - Emily Farr (L) - 7 innings, 5 runs, 7 hits, 7 so, 1 walk

On **May 6th**, Paulding (4-10, 3-4 NWC) defeated Ada (10-8, 0-7 NWC) 7-6 in 8 innings.

Score by the Inning:  
Ada - 0 0 3 1 0 2 0 0=6; 7H, 1E

Paulding - 4 1 1 0 0 0 0 1=7; 17H 0E

Hitting:

Ada - Ashley Sumner, 2 singles; Tory Wyss, single, double

Paulding - Morgan Riley, 2 singles; Suzanne Reinhart, 4 singles, 1 double; Jerika

Bland, 2 singles, 1 RBI; Kristen Schilt, single, double, 2 RBI; Abby Pease, single, double, 3 RBI; Emily Farr, single; Kastin Kelly, single; Alyssa Shelmadine, 2 singles

Pitching:

Ada - Alexis Amburgey (L) 7.1 innings, 7 runs, 17 hits, 3 so, 1 walk

Paulding - Emily Farr (W) 8 innings, 6 runs, 7 hits, 5 so, 2 walks, 1 HBP

Suzanne Reinhart scored on a passed ball in the bottom of the 8th to win.

On **May 8th**, Paulding (4-11 3-5 NWC) lost to Bluffton 2-0.

Score by the Inning:  
Paulding - 0 0 0 0 0 0=0; 3H, 1E

Bluffton - 0 0 1 0 0 1 0=2; 5H, 0E

Hitting:

Paulding - Morgan Riley, single; Suzanne Reinhart, single; Alyssa Shelmadine, single

Bluffton - Hunt, triple

Pitching:

Paulding - Emily Farr (L)

6 inn, 2 runs, 5 hits, 3 so, 1 walk

Bluffton - Fruchey (W) 7 inn, 0 runs, 3 hits, 2 so, 2 bb, 1 hp

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And lastly we would like to thank the students for being the best behaved and well mannered group of students they have had at The Plex. The workers at The Plex were very impressed with our students. We are proud of you! If we forgot anyone we apologize.

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# PAJAMA DAY AT ANTWERP



The Antwerp Elementary Student Council sponsored a pajama day on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Students could wear their pajamas if they donated a dollar. In honor of School

Library Month, the student council donated the money, over \$320, to the library to buy some of their favorite new books and series.

# PHS APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Paulding High School would like to announce its April students of the month. Pictured here (l-r) are Britta-

ny Brown, Freshmen; Emilee Ringler, Sophomore; Lyndi Clinton, Junior and Kandee Manson, Senior.

# USDA SUPPLEMENTAL REVENUE ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS PROGRAM SIGN-UP BEGINS

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced that sign-up began May 6, 2014 for 2012 crop losses under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program. The program, established by the 2008 Farm Bill, provides for one final period of eligibility for producers suffering crop losses caused by natural disasters occurring through September 30, 2011, for crops intended for 2012 harvest.

"Most producers who suffered losses before September 30, 2011, have already been compensated if they applied for SURE benefits for the 2011 crop year," said FSA Administrator Juan M. Garcia. "This sign-up period is only for those producers who suffered crop losses for 2012 crops before September 30, 2011."

To be eligible for SURE, a farm or ranch must have:

- At least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance resulting from a disaster occurring on or before September 30, 2011. A crop of economic significance contributes at least five percent of the expected revenue for a producer's farm. Additionally, the crop must also meet the following eligibility criteria:

\*The crop must be considered a 2012 crop which means, in general, that the crop was intended for harvest in 2012;

\*For insured crops, the coverage period must have begun on or before Sept. 30, 2011;

\*For crops covered by the Non-Insured Crop Assistance Program, the coverage period must have begun on or before September 30, 2011;

\*The final planting date, according to the specific coverage for the crop, must have been on or before Sept. 30, 2011.

Note: A producer who only plants fall seeded or spring seeded crops with a final planting date on October 1, 2011 or later) cannot meet the above eligibility criteria and will not be eligible for the 2012 SURE program.

• A policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program for all economically significant crops;

• Been physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county by the Secretary of Agriculture under a Secretarial Disaster Designation. Without a Secretarial Disaster Designation, individual producers may be eligible if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster. A "farm" for SURE purposes means the entirety of all crop acreage in all counties that a producer planted or intended to be planted for harvest for normal commercial sale or on-farm livestock feeding, including native and improved grassland intended for haying.

Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without

a policy or plan of insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program coverage.

Farmers and ranchers interested in signing up must do so before the August 29, 2014, deadline.

For more information on the 2012 SURE program, visit any USDA Service Center or online at [www.fsa.usda.gov/sure](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/sure).

# LADY WARRIORS LOSE TO ADAMS CENTRAL

By: Jeff Abbott

Madi Schwartz went 3-5 for Adams Central including a home run and gave up just 2 runs in innings of work on the mound and the Jets picked up a 8-6 win over Woodlan in girls' ACAC softball. Haley Hostetler was 3-5 for Woodlan with a pair of doubles and a pair of runs scored.

Score by the Inning:  
Adams Central - 0 0 3 2 0 2 1=8; 12H, 3E

Woodlan - 0 0 2 0 3 1 0=6; 8H, 4E

# LADY RAIDERS TAKE OUT CELINA IN HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Wayne Trace hosted Celina on their home softball field on May 9th. This low scoring game was decided in the 5th inning when the Lady Raiders scored 3 runs and held the Bulldogs till the end. Final score on the afternoon was 3-2.

Score by the Inning:  
Celina - 0 0 0 2 0 0 0=2; 3H, 1E

Wayne Trace - 0 0 0 0 3 0 0=3; 4H, 3E

Scorers of the Game:  
Celina - Walter 1 run; Kuhm 1 run; Zacharias 1 RBI  
Wayne Trace - E Linder 1 run; Stabler 1 run; Bergman 1 run, 3RBI

Pitching:  
Celina - Donavan (L) 6:0 IP, 3 runs, 6 SO

Wayne Trace - A Bauble (W) 7.0 IP, 2 runs, 12 SO

# BASEBALL & SOFTBALL LOSSES FOR WOODLAN AGAINST HERITAGE

By: Jeff Abbott

Heritage made up ground in the ACAC boys baseball race with a 8-2 road win over Woodlan at Warrior Field. Andrew Saalfrank held the Woodlan offense to just a single hit in 7 innings of work. The Patriots offense supported Saalfrank with Brandon Dossen going 3-4 including an home run and 4 RBIs. Rick Ehle got the loss on the mound for Woodlan. The Woodlan defense had 4 errors in the game.

Score by the Inning:  
Heritage - 1 0 3 1 2 0 1=8; 8H, 0E

Woodlan - 0 0 0 0 2 0 0=2; 1H, 4E

Woodlan collected just 1 hit and struck out 13 times against Heritage pitcher Kamio Gilreath and the Patriots shutout the Warriors 4-0 in ACAC girls' softball. Heritage catcher Kendall Knapple went 3-4 in the game, scored a pair of runs and had an RBI for the Patriots offense. Bree Vance collected the lone Woodlan hit and Alyssa Hoepfner took the loss on the mound.

Score by the Inning:  
Heritage - 2 0 0 1 0 1 0=4; 7H, 2E

Woodlan - 0 0 0 0 0 0 0=0; 1H, 4E

# GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY ANNOUNCES APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Pictured here are the Grover Hill Elementary April Students of the Month: (front) 6A Jacobe Carpenter, 3A Eli Ames, 5B Gabby Donis, 5B Natalie Bostleman, 3B Ezra Sinn and Lily Baksa; (middle standing) Mrs Foster's - Jacob Howell,

4B Kelsie Puckett, 2A Lynsy Pease, 2B Evan Walls, 4A Lauren Walls and Mr. Florence's Jessica Norling; (loft) 1B Ciarra Cotterman, KA Lance Whitman, KB Lance Maenle, 1A Tianna Sinn, KA Ryann Jay and Principal Mr. Wilson.

# ANTWERP ART STUDENTS CREATE ZENTANGLE PORTRAITS



Students in Mrs. Girlie's Art I class recently created Zentangle portraits, a type of abstract drawing using repetitive, structured patterns. Students centered their creations around a face found in a magazine and then completed the hair, body, and background. After viewing the high school students' finished

artwork in the hallway, second graders in Mrs. Miller's class decided to create their own. Pictured here are high schoolers Mackenzie Steele, RJ Duffey, and Allison Taylor with second graders Zane Wolf and Alex Zijlstra. The other second graders' drawings hang on the bulletin board behind them.

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**Criminal Disposition Report**

Paul J. Bakle; Van Wert; Count A; Domestic Violence; Dismiss; Count A Dismissed; Count B; Resisting Arrest; No Cont; pay all fines & costs; probation; no unlawful contact w/victim; evaluation at Westwood & complete counseling & treatment

John L. Guyton, Jr.; Middle Point; Counts A-E; Crim Mischief; Dismissed; case dismissed w/o prejudice; costs waived

Linda Green; Plymouth, OH; Public Indecent; J-Guilty; pay all fines & costs

Timothy L. Dehler; Defiance; Public Indecent; J-Guilty; pay all fines & costs

Charles A. Ratcliff; Paulding; Vandalism; Prel-Waive; preliminary hearing waived; case bound over to the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County; Count A; Burglary; Prel-Waive; preliminary hearing waived; case bound over to the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County; Count B; Assault; Prel-Waive; case bound over to the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County

Diana Egnor; Paulding; Disorderly Conduct; Guilty; pay all fines & costs

Amanda Apple; Paulding; Disorderly Conduct; Guilty; pay all fines & costs

William Mcmonigal, Jr.; Continental; Hunt w/Bait; guilty; case was waived by defendant

Stacy A. Landis; Antwerp; Domestic Violence; No Cont; probation; no unlawful contact w/victim of the children; complete outstanding/uncompleted diversion requirements; 'Thinking for A Change'; complete parenting class

Cynthia K. Switzer; Melrose; Pass Bad Check; A-Dismiss; case dismissed per state; w/prejudice; costs waived

Emily R. Breining; Cecil; Menacing; No Cont; probation; no contact w/victim; complete the outstanding/uncompleted diversion requirement

Emily R. Breninger; Oakwood; Disorderly Conduct; Guilty; pay all fines & costs

Alan W. Gebhart; Defiance; Disorderly Conduct; Guilty; fines & costs shall be taken from defendant's bond

Brandon R. Workman; Defiance; Possession Drug; J-Guilty; pay all fines & costs; operator's license is suspended for 6 months

Ronald L. Schriver; Van Wert; Hunt w/Bait; guilty; case was waived by defendant

**Real Estate Transfers**

Auglaize Twp.: 5/2/2014; Deborah L. Kochel; Lot 1; 0.534 acre; To: Deborah L. Kochel, et al Benton Twp.:

4/1/2014; Delane E. Schmidt, dec'd; Sec 28; 66.55 acres; To: Donnie L. Schmidt

Blue Creek Twp.: 4/29/2014; Joma Acres I, LP; Sec 20; 13.47 acres; To: Joma Acres II LP; Sec 20. 50.0 acres; To: Van Erk Dairy

Carrlyall Twp.: 4/24/2014; Douglas J. Jansmier; Sec 21; 3.617 acres; To: Neil A. & Jennifer M. Ramsier

5/1/2014; Michael A. Altic & Deborah A. Altic; Sec 26; 0.608 acre; To: Michael A. & Deborah A. Altic

5/1/2014; Nathaniel B. Hall & Crystal L. Hall; Sec 25; 0.938 acre; To: Adam J. & Katrina D. Muir

5/5/2014; David L. Bashore; Lot 1-c-1; 2.021 acres; To: Jane Limber

Emerald Twp.: 4/24/2014; Norman C. Clock, LE, et al, dec'd; Sec 6; 7.080 acres; To: Linda Mesis

Jackson Twp.: 5/5/2014; Brent E. Schlatter & Heidi R. Schlatter; Sec 3; 13.134 acres; To: Gregory P. Manz, et al

5/5/2014; DJ Arend Farms, Inc.; Sec 1; 137.87 acres; To: Timothy Schlatter, et al

Latty Twp.: 5/5/2014; Brian Eugene & Debra Ruble; Sec 14; 3.0 acres; To: Nicholas E. Ruble & Kerry Ruble

Antwerp Village: 4/29/2014; Shawn B. Bair & Cara Bair; Lot 9; Wilhelm Addition; 0.267 acre; To: James Hertel

Haviland Village: 4/29/2014; Van Erk Dairy, LLC; Lots 29-30; 0.34 acre; To: Red Clay Real Estate, LLC

Payne Village: 5/5/2014; Timothy J. Fifer; Lot 2; 0.12 acre; To: Fannie May

**FROM PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY**

Paulding County prosecuting attorney Joseph R. Burkard, announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted five persons on Thursday, May 9, 2014.

Philip V. Koenn, Cecil, DOB 4/2/1958, Possession of cocaine F-5, Possession of methamphetamine F-5

Martin G. Alejo, DOB 9/1/1987, Possession of methamphetamine F-5

Michael L. Pritchard, DOB 10/28/1981, Felonious assault F-2, Burglary F-2

Richard T. Cereghin, Defiance, DOB 1/21/1949, Possession of marijuana F-5

Charles A. Ratcliff, Paulding, DOB 9/12/1974, Vandalism F-5, Burglary F-2

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**VAN WERT: LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNER TO PROMOTE TRAFFIC SAFETY**

On May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, Ohio State Highway Patrol Troopers and Officers from the Van Wert Police Department, partnered in a joint effort to contribute to a safer Ohio. During this partnership, law enforcement officers worked together in an effort to save lives and reduce crash causing violations. During this joint effort, over 200 traffic stops were conducted. Those traffic stops resulted in over 120 traffic safety reminders and over 80 enforcement contacts. Officers initiated 8 OVI arrests, 7 driving under suspension arrests, 30 seatbelt arrests, and 3 child restraints arrests, issued over 17 Misdemeanor drug arrests, and 1 Felony drug arrest. An additional 5 Misdemeanor criminal arrests were made. In addition, officers from the Van Wert Police Department served 3 warrants.

**LATTA RECEIVES AWARD FOR FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE**

The National Association of Clean Water Agencies today presented Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) with its National Environmental Achievement Award for Federal Public Service. The award recognizes Latta's outstanding contributions in promoting affordability of wastewater infrastructure projects for communities and his sponsorship of H.R. 3862, the Clean Water Affordability

Act. The legislation aims to provide relief and flexibility for communities with mandated, extensive water infrastructure projects.

"It is an honor to receive the National Association of Clean Water Agencies' National Environmental Achievement Award for Federal Public Service," said Latta. "Communities across the country are struggling to pay for critical wastewater infrastructure projects that protect both public health and the environment. It is imperative that we provide these already cash-strapped communities with the flexibility they need to advance clean water projects, while also minimizing the financial impacts to ratepayers and municipal budgets. I remain committed to these efforts and look forward to continuing to work with the National Association of Clean Water Agencies to accomplish our shared goals."

The Clean Water Affordability Act amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, updating the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) clean water affordability policy to assist municipalities that cannot meet unfunded mandates to improve their wastewater infrastructure projects. Under the bill, loan repayment periods for municipalities would be extended from 20 years to 30 years. Municipalities will also receive up to 30 years for project implementation schedules. In addition, the legislation will allow states to use up to 30 percent of total capitalization grants received by the state as grant funds.

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 This position will be full time and shall report directly to the Board of County Commissioners. The successful candidate must possess Effective communication skills and must be a team player. Good organizational qualities and self-motivation are also significant qualifications. Grant writing experience is preferred; however, not required.  
 Compensation is based on experience and qualifications. A detailed job description is available at the Commissioners' Office.  
 The deadline for submitting a resume/application to the Commissioners' Office is Monday, May 19, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.  
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**Sudoku solution from page 13**

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5	4	7	6	3	2	8	1	9
8	6	9	4	1	5	7	2	3
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**UPDATE OF WBN TRANSITION**

The West Bend News is transitioning quickly to its new method of efficiency and the best way for businesses to get their advertising out. Last week Paulding and New Haven completed the move to pick up locations.

Woodburn and Payne will be moving towards the environmentally, business, reader friendly paper, reaching areas that were not possible in the previously used system, starting the next issue, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Waste is being cut while expanding to new areas.

Look at this week's Reader Pick-Up Locations and you

will see many more have been added to Van Wert, Bryan, Paulding, New Haven and others.

If you have a retail store you shop at, and want to see it in that location, please contact the West Bend News and we will do our best to see it there.

You may notice that you received the newspaper to your home or office in the mail this week. This is due to businesses putting inserts in the paper that are targeting certain areas directly. This will continue when there are such fliers.

We appreciate the patience of all our readers as we make this work better for everyone!

**DAUGHTERS OF THE WAR OF 1812 MAKE BOOK DONATION**



Sara Molitor, Manager of Youth Services is pictured with Gladys Donson and Gloria Fast, members of the Jacob Stemple Chapter of the U.S. Daughters of the War of 1812. They donated six books from the American Girl series featuring a main character named "Caroline Abbott" whose story is set during the War of 1812.

Gladys Donson and Gloria Fast, representatives of the Daughters of the War of 1812, Jacob Stemple Chapter, have donated Books 1-6 of the American Girl Series featuring "Caroline Abbott" whose story is set during the War of 1812 to the children's collection at the main historic Carnegie library in Paulding. The Daughters of the War of 1812 are women who have proven they had an ancestor who served in the War of 1812.

The American Girls Series, introduced in 1986, give girls an engaging glimpse into important times in America's

past. Each character's story is told in a series of compelling books, focusing on such themes as family, school, holiday, birthday, summer, and winter adventures. Gentle life lessons throughout the stories remind girls of such lasting values as the importance of family and friends, compassion, responsibility, and forgiveness. Each book concludes with a nonfiction picture essay, "A Peek into the Past," that further explores the character's historical period. All American Girl titles are available through your local public library.

**NEW HAVEN PROPERTIES**

**By: Melissa Norman**  
More Home Owners Get Listing Price for their New Haven Properties

The most recent real estate statistics for New Haven and Allen County contain a mixed bag of both positive news, as well as indication that the residential property market may be stagnating so far this spring. Nationwide statistics -as reported in the New Haven Bulletin - suggest a veritable boom in new home constructions at the end of 2013, with single-dwelling home constructions up by over 20%. Locally, however, the real estate market is holding steady, with very modest gains in listing prices, but also signs of a sluggish spring in other aspects of residential home sales in and around New Haven.

Allen County's Real Estate Market Developments in a Nutshell

March 2014 figures released by the Upstate Alliance of Realtors suggests overall stability in Allen County's housing market, as well as reason for guarded optimism, but also perhaps some concern in a few areas. On a distinctly positive note, fully 92.5% of property owners who listed residential properties for sale received the full or nearly the entire asking price. This represents a modest increase in the number of sellers receiving asking price when compared to the same period in 2013. The number of townhouses and condos for sale has also dropped modestly (by 0.9%), which means that sellers in New Haven and surrounding areas face less competition when listing their home. The average price per square foot (\$60) has remained steady from one year to the next, signalling both market stability for sellers, but also ensuring that first-town

rent year, according to the IndyStar report. A number of projects that were started in 2008, before the economic downturn, and abandoned ever since are now getting a new lease on life, thanks to increasing market confidence among major developers, such as Westport Homes and Boomerang.

Budgeting for a Safe, Rewarding Home Purchase

While the average price of a single dwelling home in New Haven is lower than the state average of \$155,000 (although the local market seems to be outperforming the national average) regional home buyers need to keep in mind and budget appropriately for the associated costs of buying property. The business journal Inside Indiana, in particular, warns of so-called "hidden costs," noting that first-time homeowners need to be sure to put aside at least 1% of the total purchase price of their new home for potential maintenance related issues in their first year of home ownership and then at least the same amount in each subsequent year. As such, if the average home in New Haven sells for \$120,000, a new owner needs to be sure to save at least \$1,200 for a range of maintenance costs, including an annual HVAC

check-up, the cleaning of air ducts, the obligatory purchase or replacement of basement dehumidifiers, which is required by law in all of Indiana, as well as the testing and abatement of potentially hazardous building materials used in homes that were built more than 30 years ago. Conducting a thorough home inspection prior to finalizing a purchase offer is especially important, but will add between \$300 to \$400 to the transaction costs. Testing is also key in newly constructed homes, where it is crucial to verify that radon-resistant construction methods were used by the developer, in order to reduce the health risks, including lung cancer, posed by these fumes.

Potential sellers and home buyers in New Haven and Allen county both have a lot to consider before deciding to enter the market. The newest real estate statistics suggest overall market stability in the county. With more sellers receiving their asking price and with a spike in new constructions both in Indiana and also nationally, some of the more sluggish statistics from March may be of passing nature, as the market prepares for the traditional high season starting in the late spring.

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**6384 Road 39, Payne \$269,900**  
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**506 N. Main, Antwerp \$125,000**  
You won't believe this 4br. 2ba. beauty! Amazing home, with lots of updates and space! Don't miss this one!

**2364 State Route 114, Payne \$119,000**  
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**4770 Flatrock Trail, Payne \$115,000**  
Come check out this great updated home with 3br/2ba and 2.5 car garage. So bright and clean! Don't miss this one!

**215 S. Main, Payne \$99,500**  
Stunning 5bd/2ba beautifully laid out with great woodwork and tons of storage. A real must see!

**21427 Road 178, Oakwood \$89,900**  
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**399 N. Main, Payne \$85,400**  
Super nice 2-3 bedroom 1.5 baths with open floor plan and so many updates. You won't have to do a thing! See this one today!

**13902 Helen, Paulding \$74,900**  
Not your cookie-cutter home! Super cute 3 bedroom with great curb appeal. Move right in to this great home!

**14526 County Rd 8, Cecil \$74,900**  
This exceptionally clean mobile home is on 10 acres with a pond, creek, woods and plenty of wildlife. What more could you ask for?

**13113 Nancy, Paulding \$72,000**  
Move-In Ready 3-4 bedroom, beautifully decorated, with Pool and fenced yard! Think Spring!

**20805 Road 637, Oakwood \$70,000**  
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**409 W. Washington, Paulding \$64,900**  
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