

REAL RIBBON CUTTING FOR REAL WASTE



Dianne Jones, Erika Willitzer, Ryan Lassiter, Jack Lassiter

You've seen the bright pink trash totes if you have travelled through Paulding County in the last few years. These were put in place by a small startup company known as Real Waste LLC.

It was started in September of 2010 in the small town of Broughton. Since then, it has relocated to Oakwood. In 2014 it has expanded to Paulding, facing the north side of the courthouse.

Ryan Lassiter, owner, stated, "We have eight trucks in our fleet and 9 employees." With all of this equipment, they serve all of Paulding County, most of Putnam, Van Wert and part of Defiance.

How much garbage is picked up with a fleet like this? "200-300 tons per week." Adding to this, Ryan stated, "We have about 4,000 customers per week where we stop. We have a great customer base. They are encouraging and they're really thoughtful."

Real Waste is a family owned and operated business. Employing people has helped this community and the business. Jack Lassiter, Ryan's Father, agreed.

Jack also works in the business helping in every way. Jennifer Lloyd, Ryan's sister, works in the office as a secretary. It really is a family business.

"We treat people the way they would like to be treated," said Ryan. Exactly! Welcome to Paulding, Real Waste Disposal!

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SEVERE WINTER STORM IS OVER, BUT WATCH FOR POTHOLE

Drivers are asked to be on alert for potholes on interstates, U.S. highways, and state routes. The rise and fall in temperatures following last week's severe winter weather was a recipe for potholes to form quickly. As temperatures continue to rise and fall through the winter season, more potholes are likely to form. When the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is not clearing snow, ice or storm debris, crews are focused on maintaining and preserving the state's roads and bridges, which often consists of pothole patching in the winter months.

Crews are filling potholes as quickly as possible, but with nearly 4,800 lane miles to maintain in the Northeast Indiana District, it is a big job.

Potholes begin when water seeps into the cracks in a road and freezes, expanding the layers of pavement, stone and soil beneath the surface. As the ice melts and contracts, heavy highway traffic further loosens the pavement, forming potholes.

With temperatures too low for paving, most of Indiana's hot mix asphalt plants are now closed. During the winter INDOT uses cold mix – a mixture of small stone and liquid asphalt – as a temporary patch. Even after being filled with cold patch, the same pothole requires ongoing maintenance and can reopen several times throughout the winter. When the asphalt plants reopen in the spring, INDOT maintenance crews clean out

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2014 ACAC CHAMPIONS



The ACAC Conference Tournament took place this week. It was a year ago when the Woodlan boys basketball team moved on to the ACAC championship game to take on the Bluffton Tigers at Fort Wayne War Memorial Coliseum and they fell hard.

This year Woodlan took on Leo in the first round and won, sending them to round two at the coliseum on Thursday, January 16 against their Bluffton rivals. The game was so fast, it ended in 1 hour and 16 minutes. Woodlan was well ahead, but nearly lost the lead in the last quarter. The Tigers kept fouling Greg White in the last minute of the game but he was able to keep scoring the free-throws even under pressure.

Bluffton came within three

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points, leaving the Warriors to go the championship game on Saturday, January 18 at noon. Final Score: Woodlan 58, Bluffton 55.

The conference championship game has been around since 1924 with New Haven taking the first win. In 1954 the Indiana sports-caster icon, Hilliard Gates, had the first Indiana high school tournament live game broadcast on WKJG 33 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum – the ACAC. He did this for 41 straight years. His involvement with high school basketball started in 1940. The television final began in 1954. Mr. Gates was the announcer in the movie *Hooiers* representing the Milan team that won the state championship that year. Hilliard announced these games until 1993. He passed away three short years after that at the age of 83 in 1997.

This is the Allen County

Athletic Conference championship game. The tradition still continues at the same location and this year the teams making it to the final game were the Woodlan Warriors and the Garrett Railroaders. Last year the Woodlan boys made it to the final game, but fell to Bluffton. This year was different as the Warriors defeated the Bluffton team on Thursday night, kicking them out of the basketball tournament.

What a game! I could probably end it there, but it wouldn't do justice to the hard work put into by the Woodlan team this year. Oh, not to leave Garrett out, but the Railroaders are not in our readership.

This game was near alternating back and forth of which team was in the lead that either team could have claimed the trophy. Half time score was 27-24 with Garrett in the lead. Woodlan has a penchant for

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OBITUARIES

ANTWERP, OH

Eugene Handy, 88, of Antwerp, passed away Thursday, January 16, 2014 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home.

Gene was born in Rockhaven, KY on June 3, 1925, a son of the late Annie (Lewis) and Volney Handy.

He served in the U.S. Navy as a Fireman 1st Class in WW II; was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the VFW, & American Legion. Having worked in woodwire & metal lathing, Gene was a member of the Carpenters Union Local #32.

On Nov 22, 1946 Gene married Cara Lou Lichty.

Gene will be sadly missed by his wife, Cara Lou; daughters, Carol (Michael) Brown of Findlay, Ava (Hazen) Kennedy & Linda (Roland "Pudge") Kennedy both of Antwerp; 9 grandchildren & 17 great grandchildren, with another expected in June. Also preceding him in death are his daughter & son-in-law, Marcia & Phil Helms; siblings, Pearl Cravens, Thelma Handy, Josephine Maynard, Elizabeth Creasy, Herbert, Buford, Frank & William Handy.

His service is Monday at 10 am with viewing one hour prior at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, where viewing is also Sunday, 2-6 pm. He will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to Fountain of Faith Free Clinic.

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

Kathryn Jeane Schmunk, 80, of Antwerp, passed away Friday, January 17, 2014 at Paulding County Hospital. Arr by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne.

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PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL RECEIVES AUDITOR OF STATE AWARD



Pictured here is Derk Merrin and Rob Goshia (CFO of Paulding County Hospital). Rob stated, "People like Mike Priest do a great job." PCH has earned this award for the third year in a row.

A recent financial audit for 2012, of Paulding County Hospital, by the Auditor of State, Dave Yost's office has returned a clean audit report. Paulding County Hospital's excellent record keeping has earned it the Auditor of State Award.

Paulding County Hospital CEO, Gary Adkins, stated, "Paulding County Hospital takes their fiduciary obligations to the community very seriously. This award exemplifies the commitment that the Hospital places on presenting the community with accurate financial records to ensure the public's trust. Striving for excellence in the presentation of our financial records is the norm for our organization as we have been honored by the Ohio Auditor of State in the past as well. We commit to the community that we will continue to strive for excellence as we move forward into the future."

The Auditor of State Award is presented to local governments and school districts upon the completion of a financial audit. About 4,000 audits are done per year with about 400 awards given.

Entities that receive the award meet the following criteria of a "clean" audit report.

- Must be a GAAP entity without a CAFT (Certified Annual Financial Report) that timely files their financial reports with the Auditor of State
- The audit report does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Single Audit findings or questioned costs;
- The entity's management letter contains no comments related to:
 - Ethics referrals
 - Questioned costs less than \$10,000
 - Lack of timely report submission
 - Reconciliation
 - Failure to obtain a timely Single Audit
 - Findings for recovery less than \$100
 - Public meetings or public record

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RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT PAULDING HS MINI RELAY FOR LIFE

Several years ago two Middle School teachers wanted to promote a cause in school for community service purposes, which is a value we want all students to value and act on as good citizens. The cause was cancer, and we all have people in our lives that are affected by this terrible disease. The activities over the last couple of years have increased all school year instead of a "Mini Relay". There has been a concern of the use of instructional time to cover the scope of what this has become. There was a request to modify the approach and what was presented to administrators did not look truly different in scope to what had already been done. Suggestions of doing on a Saturday or incorporating with the Paulding Community day of Relay for Life have not been acceptable to those wanting this to continue. We also run into the dilemma of what are we going to do to be fair to other great causes that currently do not get "their day" from the school children.

I want it to be clear that Mr. Hanak, who is new to the district, and the Board of Education, does not 'have a hat in this' as they would all agree to the afore mentioned importance of causes and community service. They have represented the decision of the administrators to stop Relay For Life for the afore mentioned reasons. The staff who have represented this effort are truly great people and valuable lessons of helping others is very important and we do not want to diminish this entirely.

We have rallied around our students in times of need (similar to the Noah campaign) and we want to continue to have the choice and discretion of how to do the outreach to our community people in need. The school has several student groups that take on community service and have requirements to do so and have represented multiple causes. We want to encourage students to be active to be change agents in the world on a variety of different issues through the respective conduits of student groups and to keep a reasonable scope of involvement.

—PEVS

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness."

James 1:2-3 ESV

UP FOR THE CHALLENGE! LIVING OUT CHRIST'S MISSION HERE ON EARTH



Connie & Don Smith. Photo provided by Toledo Blade. Used with permission

For 10 years now, Don Smith of Continental, Ohio has been in the giving life business. "What do you mean?" you may ask. It all started 10 years ago when he was swimming at the YMCA and he saw a brochure about childhood diabetes. As he was reading it he was challenged by his doctor, Joe Kraska (deceased), of Defiance. Joe said, "Don, I'll give you \$100 towards this Diabetes Youth Services if you swim 100 laps."

Don took him up on the offer and the rest is history. He received several more donations for his first 'fundraising' event and he was able to give this money to the Diabetic Youth Services located in Maumee, Ohio.

DYS' mission is "Teaching local children to manage their diabetes every day until there is a cure. Supporting families, preventing complications and improving lives." It's an organization for all of northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan dedicated to showing young people how important it is to manage Type 1 Diabetes. They teach kids in fun and innovative ways such as at camp where they can reach challenging achievements and know how important setting goals is. DYS maintains its core programs, respond to emerging needs, and sustain services for the most significant impact on children with diabetes now and for their future. DYS has emerged as an effective organization serving 34 counties in Ohio and Michigan.

Don and his wife, Connie, didn't really understand what they were raising funds for until they spent a week at the Little Shots camp as counselors. A chord in his heart was struck as he watched these kids have to do so much more just to live. "We may not think about it in our day-to-day lives, but these kids do," said Don. He sat down and talked with them and the other camp leaders. As he learned his passion grew for this mission. There is a lot of training to learn the health management that comes with this type of disease. Training the children young is by far the best method for a lifetime of success.

"I love to swim and I love this organization." Don proclaimed. It was a natural fit

when Dr. Joe put him up to this. It was meant to be when Don took on this mission to serve the children.

"No kid is turned away because the family cannot afford it." He stated.

Four years ago the man who challenged him at the Y was given a challenge by Don, "If I swim 300 laps will you donate \$300.00?" Joe said "yes!" Every year it has grown and of 2013 his annual swimming event has raised over \$100,000 for the DYS. Last year alone he fund-raised \$21,109.00. "My goal is to raise \$25,000 and I need your help." He has gone to untold number of events and meetings spreading the word, which is how the West Bend News found out when one of the attendees contacted us.

Don has received many awards for his work, including the 2010 Shaffer Award from Defiance College and the Community Volunteer Award in Toledo, the 2009 Teri Sowers Award and many others. He doesn't do it for the awards, it's for the children.

Through his life Don has worked for the Lima State Hospital, Paulding Mental Health, and the Putnam County Municipal Court Probation (which he started). This year on February 2nd Don turns 65 and is going stronger than ever.

This swimming event will take place on Saturday, February 1st for his birthday at the Defiance YMCA. He will be doing 300 laps, just like he has for the past four years. You can figure out the distance yourself.

If you would like to help, contact Don at 419-596-4277 or mail him at 200 W. Grove St., Continental, OH 45831. You can also contact Diabetes Youth Services direct at 419-887-8739 or email info@dys4kids.org.

Why does Don Smith do this? "It's the right thing to do."

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Hicksville recently saw changes to a local medical office. Dr. Ryan Bagley and his practice moved to Old Mill Road. This new location opened on December 21, 2013 and is right around the corner from the previous address at West High Street.

Ryan is 1998 graduate of Antwerp High School who went to Bowling Green University and received his degree. Going on to graduate school, he earned his doctorate in Chiropractic Medicine at the National University of Health Sciences in Chicago in 2005.

Dr. Bagley moved back to the area after graduating and worked with Dr. Brent Roth in Hicksville. After three years he bought the practice and continued in the same

location, renting the office.

He found the space and changes was limited for modern updates and the thought of building his own establishment would be in the interest of his patients and his practice, and thus was born the idea of acquiring land for construction.

The recently built facility has space for new equipment and a large lobby, both to help his patients have a better experience before their appointment and for their treatment.

Talking with Ryan you will quickly learn he is a family-oriented man. His parents are Dave and Susan Bagley of Antwerp. His love interest was a young lady named Kayla Stoller, of the Wayne Trace area, whom he



had met while on summer break from their junior year of college. She was hired at Antwerp Local Schools after graduating from Defiance and he moved to Chicago for his doctorates. They were married in January of 2006 after he had moved back and started working in Hicksville. They now have three children Briley (5), Hudsyn (3), and Carter (19 mos.)

"My mother worked for a chiropractor and I was exposed to the chiropractic field when I was young," Ryan explained how his interest in this field began. By the time he was in junior high he was certain this is what he wanted to pursue for his career.

Hicksville has been very welcoming to Dr. Bagley, "They have embraced us since we started. It's a very open community. We get to know our patients very well." Hicksville is not unfamiliar with chiropractic health care. He said, "There has been an active practitioner in this town since 1905."

Technology continues to advance in chiropractic medicine. Other doctors have laid the groundwork and Dr. Bagley continues to build on it. With both of these factors, this area will continue

to have a great resource and understanding of why chiropractic works.

Bagley Family Chiropractic is the first business on Old Mill Road and Ryan hopes more will come in. It will be a benefit to the Hicksville economy as well as to his office with the exposure.

"The blessings we have received with my wife and family including the love and support from my parents and siblings, including my in-laws has been incredible." Ryan stated. His church family at Woodburn Missionary has been very supportive too.

If you are interested in learning more of Bagley Family Chiropractic, stop in. Their office hours are Monday and Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. - Noon.

NEW HAVEN BRANCH LIBRARY FEBRUARY EVENTS

SMART START STORY-TIME:

Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25 and Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26 at 10:30 a.m. - Enjoy 30 minutes of stories, songs, fingerplays and an easy craft just right for Preschoolers.

February 4 & 5 - M is for Moon

February 11 & 12 - H is for Hugs and Kisses

February 18 & 19 - B is for Brush Your Teeth

February 25 & 26 - S is for Where are My Socks?

BABIES AND BOOKS:
 Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:30 a.m. - Adults and their little ones, from birth through age 2, are invited to a storytime just for them.

TEEN THURSDAY:
 Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27, 3:30 p.m.

February 6 - Game On
 February 13 - Anti-Valentine's Day

February 20 - Not Just a Movie
 February 27 - Marshmallow Challenge

THOSE WITTY BRITS:
 Wednesday, February 19, 7:00 p.m. - A book club devoted to British humor. Come and laugh with us.

BUILDING BRAINS LEGO CLUB:

Tuesday, February 11, 3:30 p.m. - We will supply the LEGO blocks, you supply the imagination.

WOODBURN BRANCH LIBRARY FEBRUARY EVENTS

SMART START STORY-TIME:

Fridays, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 a.m. - This Storytime features finger plays, songs, stories of various lengths and crafts.

YARN LOVER'S GATHERING:

Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27, 7:00 p.m. - If you already know how to knit or crochet or if you want to learn how to knit or crochet join us at Woodburn. We have people that can help you get started or teach you new techniques. Join us for a creative evening.

WOODBURN LEGO CLUB:

Monday, February 10, 4:00 p.m. - Grades 3 and up can create with Legos. There will also be Legos at the library for you to use. And, of course, snacks.

WOODBURN KIDS CLUB:

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1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PAULDING INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS



First Presbyterian Church, Paulding, recently ordained and installed new church officers. Pictured here are (l-r) David Bussing and Rhonda Smalley, new ruling elders beginning three-year terms on the church session (governing board); and Darwin Cline, Marcia Wiebe, and Jeff Summers, who are each joining the Board of Deacons.

'AMORÉ THE MERRIER: A SWEETHEART SPAGHETTI DINNER FOR COUPLES



First Presbyterian Church, Paulding, will offer 'A'Moré the Merrier: A Sweetheart Spaghetti Supper' to the community at the church on Saturday, February 8. The meal is complimentary; however, RSVP is necessary. Planning the event are committee members (from left) Carrie Bussing, David Bussing, Mary Herman, and Dave Nice.

The First Presbyterian Church of Paulding invites all couples to enjoy "A'moré the Merrier: A Sweetheart Spaghetti Dinner" on Saturday, February 8 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

We will be serving a complimentary Italian style dinner to help couples celebrate Valentine's Day. Have Grandma keep the kids for a night out, or children ages 3-12 years are invited to have pizza and activities while mom and dad are dining alone!

While there is no charge for the meal, reservations are necessary to make sure dinner is available for all. Please RSVP to FPCPOutreach@

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Luke 11:1 - What was a characteristic habit of the Lord?
2. Thought question: can a prayerless person have any kinship with the Lord?
3. Luke 11:1 - The unnamed disciple waited for Jesus to do what before making his request?
4. Luke 11:1 - What was the unnamed disciple's request?
5. Luke 11:1 - Who else taught their disciples to pray?
6. Luke 11:2 - Who should we pray to?
7. Luke 11:2 - What should be our first concern

gmail.com by Monday, February 3rd. Be sure to include your name and contact information, your time preference (5:00-6:00 p.m., 6:00-7:00 p.m., or 7:00-8:00 p.m.) and how many children, if any, you will have in child care.

Any funds placed in the free will donation basket will go toward the Congregational Life/Outreach Committee for future projects, such as Fifth Quarter parties for local youth.

The church is located at the corner of Cherry and Caroline Streets in the Village of Paulding. Come join us for a night of a'moré!

in prayer?

8. Luke 11:2 - What is our daily bread?
 9. Luke 11:2 - What does this mean forgive us our sin?
 10. Luke 11:2 - What does this mean forgive everyone who is indebted to us?
- Comments or questions? Call James Potter at 419 399-5022. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ.

Answers to last week's questions:

1. Certain village; 2. Martha; 3. Jesus; 4. Mary; 5. at Jesus feet.; 6. Jesus word.; 7. Serving.; 8. Tell her to help me.; 9. Worried and troubled about many things.; 10. The good.
- Now, let us see we what we can learn from the Lord's

Prayer.

1. Our prayers should be short.

2. You should first be concerned about the honor and glory of God. V3 gives us day by day our daily bread: This verse tells us as humans, we have three basic needs:

- a. Bread with all other things included;
- b. Forgiveness
- c. Deliverance from temptation.

V4 - This teaches us that as Christians we sin, we fall short of what God expects of us. We are not totally free of wrong doing. In this prayer we ask God to forgive us, as we forgive others. In other words, we ask God to mete out to us what we mete out to others, Loved ones prayer is very, very important. A Christian who doesn't pray to our heavenly father will grow weak and will soon turn away from God.

Remember what "Ol Baldy" continues to encourage you to do: pray first and foremost, then read and study both the Old Testament and New Testament, especially the new, for this tells us how to be saved. "Ol Baldy" loves you and bye for now.

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE IS BASIC TO RESPECT

Since Roe vs. Wade was settled on January 22, 1973, nearly 55 million abortions have been performed in the United States. Since then several states have voted to provide for limitations on the broader law of the land.

Even if Roe vs. Wade would be overturned someday, there will still be women and teens that are "backed into a corner" and feel that they have nowhere to turn for help during their unplanned pregnancies.

This is where Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services will be needed... to bring encouragement and teach these fledgling young mothers important prenatal information and help them with other pregnancy-related concerns. Mentoring is a proven "best practice" for helping such clients who are willing to learn life skills and how to handle the unexpected situations that happen with confidence. They need to know that they are special, that the baby growing inside of them has a purpose for his or her life. The Sanctity of Life is basic to respecting others at any age.

Life is dear to all of us... from the womb to the tomb... and if we want to have respect from others, we must give respect to others at any age. Some of the most inspirational life experiences have happened to families who are blessed with a child who has Down's syndrome, or to those who have the opportunity to care for an aged grandparent or a parent with a disease that limits their ability to communicate normally. Only with God's help will we recognize the importance of serving others, helping all persons to fulfill their destiny for the full number of their days appointed by God for them on this earth. Let's do what we can do to make this happen with those around us in 2014.

HOW WOULD YOU RESPOND IF YOU WERE TO LOSE ALL YOUR EARTHY POSSESSIONS?

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

How would you respond if you were to lose all your earthly possessions? Consider with me what happened in a purported that took place at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago in 1923.

A popular story recounts a meeting that may have taken place at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago in 1923. There is debate whether the meeting in fact occurred, but what is not in question is the actual rise and fall of the men featured in the story, who were nine of the richest men in the world at that time: (1) Charles Schwab, President of the world's largest independent steel company; (2) Samuel Insull, President of the world's largest utility company; (3) Howard Hopson, President of the largest gas firm; (4) Arthur Cutten, the greatest wheat speculator; (5) Richard Whitney, President of the New York Stock Exchange; (6) Albert Fall, member of the President's Cabinet; (7) Leon Frazier, President of the Bank of International Settlements; (8) Jessie Livermore, the greatest speculator in the Stock Market; and (9) Ivar Kreuger, head of the company with the most widely distributed securities in the world.

What happened to these powerful and rich men twenty-five years later? (1) Charles Schwab had died in bankruptcy, having lived on borrowed money for five years before his death. (2) Samuel Insull had died virtually penniless after spending some time as a fugitive from justice. (3) Howard Hopson became insane. (4) Arthur Cutten died overseas, broke. (5) Richard Whitney had spent time in a mental asylum. (6) Albert Fall was released from prison so he could die at home. (7) Leon Fraizer, (8) Jessie Livermore, and (9) Ivar Kreuger each died by suicide. Measured by wealth and power these men achieved success, at least temporarily. But it did not surely guarantee them a truly successful life.

Many people think of fame and fortune when they measure success. However, at some point in life, most people come to realize that inner peace and soul-deep satisfaction come not from fame and money, but having lived a life based on integrity and noble character.

The scriptures put it this way, Matthew 6:33-34 (NLT), "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today."

(From a sermon by Sajeev Painunkal SJ, What Changed Zaccheus? 10/30/2010)

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HANDS OF HOPE READY TO TRAIN MORE VOLUNTEERS

The 2014 Volunteer Training Seminar will be held at Hands of Hope on February 1st from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for anyone interested in learning more about the pregnancy center's work and would like to become a regular volunteer serving four hours a week. Please call 419-399-2447 for more information or to request an application from the Samaritan Center's building manager, Doug Roop, who is available in the building at 1030 W. Wayne Street, Paulding, or by email: yfcroop@yahoo.com.

Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services opened its doors on March 1, 2013, in Paulding across from the hospital. In the past 10 months, they have served 16 young women with pregnancy tests, client support, and material assistance. This new pregnancy center has already presented these clients with an amazing total of 155 educational classes. Each client will take the four core topics about options and health issues in pregnancy. Many other classes are offered on prenatal information, child development and safety, healthy relationships, and also some Bible studies. The clients earn Baby Bucks to then use in the Baby Store starting in their 8th month of pregnancy. Hands of Hope will service the moms and their babies until the child's 1st birthday. The program is not a hand-out, but a hand-up so that the clients will gain self-worth while they learn proper parenting and other life skills. It's an exciting time for all the volunteers who serve at Hands of Hope to see their efforts bringing about good things in the lives of the women who come to the pregnancy center and their families.

Hands of Hope provides free pregnancy testing, guidance and material assistance for pregnant women and teens, limited medical services with nurse consultations, and also confidential post abortion support for anyone who requests it. Referrals are given for medical or legal advice, also to WIC and other service agencies, and for adoption. In the near future, they will offer free first trimester ultrasounds under the direction of a medical director. The center is currently open on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. for walk-ins or by appointment.

Hands of Hope is funded totally by contributions and is eager to build up its donor base of individuals, families, churches, and local business associates. Donations of money for new cribs and car seats and monthly contributions for operational expenses are needed. The center welcomes community members to assist in providing diapers and necessary baby items for these clients. Receipts are given for all charitable contributions for tax purposes. 2014 will be a great year for the clients who come to Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services in Paulding!

WITNESSING THROUGH COMMUNITY

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

Saint Patrick, who is remembered yearly by people wearing green and drinking green beer, has a tremendous story that exemplifies what the kingdom of God should be about. Patrick was taken prisoner by the Irish in a raid on England. One night, he escaped his prison and fled back to England. While back in the safety of England, he felt the call of God to go back to the people who imprisoned him in Ireland—the very people he had escaped from—and share the gospel. His ministry to the Irish was an amazing success, and Ireland became a nation filled with Christians.

These Irish Christians then moved on to evangelize mainland Europe with an interesting approach. They would establish a community filled with love for each other right outside of the town that they intended to reach for Jesus. They would welcome people, take care of people while taking care of each other, and their love would overflow into the neighboring town.

It was through these healthy communities that mainland Europe was brought to the Lord. Not through some method of apologetics like we often attempt to bring people to Jesus through. Not from solid doctrinal statements, which the church at that time was unsuccessfully using to reach people. They won Europe to the Lord by exemplifying the life together that should be normal for people living together in the kingdom of God.

The good news of the kingdom of God is about us being a healthy community that will focus on using our blessings from God to be a blessing to those around us.

Instead of a physical empire to conquer the world, Jesus established a kingdom that was to consist of communities of believers who would love the people in our world.

"Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you," (Luke 17:20-21 ESV).

The kingdom of God, the kingdom we are citizens of if Jesus is our Lord, is "not coming with things that can be observed." This was strange to the original listeners. The Israelites were not expecting a different sort of kingdom. They wanted a kingdom that would free the nation of Israel from the rule of Rome and establish Israel as a physical power in the world again. Jesus' take on the kingdom was a countercultural take on the traditional concept of kingdom or nation, and it still is today. When we think

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Isn't this new health care system great? We finally get a health care that is reasonably affordable and our government has it so screwed up no one knows what is going on. I have been signed up for over a month now, haven't received my card or any confirmation that I am in the system yet. Only a letter from the company saying they hadn't received my payment yet though it was sent the day I signed up. Our government at work, having to debate whether we deserve the plan we opted for. We can bring someone from another country over, give them free health care and send them home no questions asked, but our own people are treated like we are asking for something for nothing. Our government could screw up a cannonball in a cotton field!

Then companies are cutting workers hours to part time so they won't have to pay insurance. Great "O'bummer" and your crooks, the people now have to pay their own insurance but they aren't making enough to do that and live on! You government crooks are guaranteed full health insurance at our cost but don't want to treat us as equals. Every person in our government should be removed from office and replaced with real people who will take care

of the American people who put them there. Obama and his bunch are a bunch of liars who only care about themselves.

On a lighter note, the village workers in Paulding did a very good job of clearing the streets and even alleys after the last snowstorm especially in the bitterly cold weather. The snow started on Sunday and they were right on top of it and kept on it. Hopefully the town paid you well for your work and decided it was better to spend the money and keep the roads clear than try to save a nickel like the last snowfall. I was told that the money from the wind farms went to the county not just the town. Well, Paulding is a part of the county and should get their share to be used WISELY, and snow removal is a wise choice. Hang in there people, I'm sure we will eventually have health insurance as soon as the government feels we deserve it.

—Gregg Gorman

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of a kingdom or nation, we think of a place with physical boundaries, a capital, a military, a human leader, laws to the keep the peace and the like. But God's kingdom is not what we would consider a normal kingdom. His kingdom has no boundaries, no capital, nor military. It has one high priest. His kingdom is not in the process of taking over the world and bringing about its will by force. His kingdom intends to transform this world by love and truth.

God often surprises us by doing things differently than we would do them. He had Gideon lower the amount of soldiers in his army from 32,000 to 500 before invading another nation. He had Joshua conquer Jericho by marching and blowing trumpets. He saved the world by having Jesus die on a cross. In hindsight, his acts are glorious, just like his kingdom. But at the time, they seem to our mortal comprehension to be a little off.

Who would have ever thought that a kingdom could conquer the world with love and truth? Yet that is God's seemingly irrational plan. In hindsight, we can see that the plan has worked very well. And it will continue to work as long as people like us are faithful, surrender our lives to Jesus' will, and live lives of love together.

The kingdom of God was there among the Pharisees, yet it could not be seen in a physi-

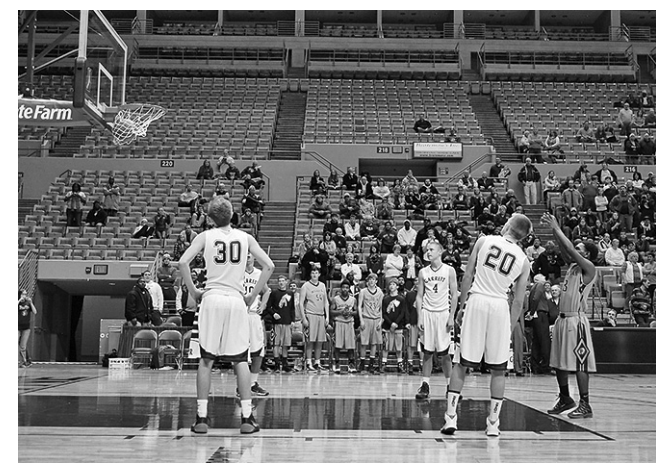
cal and tangible way. And it is here among us. Although I live in America and am an American citizen, my true residence and citizenship—my ultimate loyalty—is in another kingdom. All of us who profess to follow the lordship of Jesus are acknowledging that we are part of a kingdom that is among us, the people. Our primary nationality belongs to the kingdom of God, not to any of the kingdoms of this world. When the will of God contradicts the will of our nation, we gladly submit to the consequences of our nation while we rebel and do the will of God. And through radically following Jesus, no matter what the cost, we bring the kingdom of God into our broken reality. A city on a hill. The light of the world. Salt of the earth.

I invite you, if you are skeptical that the Good News is the kingdom, to read through the Bible and search for the truth. The good news of the kingdom is found throughout the New and Old Testament.

If you already believe that the good news is the kingdom, it is my hope that we will work together to be a more loving community and be a blessing to Antwerp, and from there to the rest of the world.

And I invite you, if you have not surrendered your life to the kingship of Christ and joined a community of believers, to make that decision and become a brother or sister in the kingdom of God. There is always room in the kingdom, but don't just stay in the doorway. It's crowded, and God has so much more in store for each of us.

Regan Clem is the pastor at Riverside Christian Church. You can follow his writings on Facebook at Pulling Weeds Out Of Potholes.



Greg White scoring the final basket of the ACAC Tournament. More pictures at westbendnews.net.

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winning these days and today was no different. Okay, maybe it was different. "Why?" You asked. Because Woodlan has not won this tournament since the last century, 1997. Yes, it's been a long time in the making for the Warriors, now earning it's 11th ACAC championship.

I don't believe there was ever a point in the game where there was more than an 8 point difference, until the last quarter. I don't understand the thinking of the Garrett coach, John Bodey. With only 43 seconds left on the clock the score was only 3 points different between the Warriors and the Railroaders. Garrett starts the last minute foul routine so many teams use to try and keep the ball. I'm not sure if they knew who they were fouling, but Greg White wouldn't be the person to foul. He must have sunk 5 free throws in that last minute, maybe more, hitting all but one. He was on fire, totaling 12 of 14 free throws,

JOHNSON PRESENTS AT JANUARY'S LUNCH & LEARN AT CMH

Duane Johnson, DO will present Preventative Health Recommendations as part of the Lunch & Learn Series on January 22, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. The presentation will be held in Community Rooms 1 & 2. Johnson earned his undergraduate degree at Utah State University where he graduated Cum Laude. He Attended Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and Fort Wayne Medical Education Program. This lunch and learn educational session is geared towards senior citizens, but anyone is welcome to attend. There is no charge to attend this event, and a complimentary brunch is provided by the hospital. A nurse will also be on hand to take and record blood pressure measurements. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Lori at 419-542-5560.

LATTA LAUDS NET NEUTRALITY DECISION

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) released the following statement on today's decision by the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals to vacate portions of the FCC's Open Internet Order.

"Today the court affirmed that the FCC's net neutrality regulations were truly a solution in search of a problem." Latta continued by adding, "with this decision, the Internet will continue to be the final frontier of free enterprise, innovation, and job creation—it should not be stifled with burdensome government regulations."

PAYNE ELEM. STUDENTS CRAFT "GET WELL QUILT"



The students in Mrs. Pfeiffer's third grade classroom created a "Get Well Quilt" for Nyle Stoller after he underwent open heart surgery to replace his mitral valve. Everyone at Payne Elementary would like to tell Nyle to get well soon! We miss you!

GEHL WINS CLS GEOGRAPHY BEE



Matthew Gehl, 7th grader, won the 2014 CLS Geography Bee on Wednesday, January 15, 2014. Bethany Zeckzer of 8th grade was the runner-up. Matthew was a runner-up as a 6th grader last year.

MARK HAMPTON TO SPEAK AT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

Mark S. Hampton, founder of FTL Leadership Group, will be the guest speaker at Defiance College's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration on Thursday, January 23. He will present the topic "Think Like A King," at 7:30 p.m. in Schomburg Auditorium on the DC campus.

The event is sponsored by the College's Office of Intercultural Relations.

Hampton has more than 25 years of experience in sales, sales management, market-

ing, and facilitation of training. Before founding FTL, he spent many years as a conference planner with the Greater Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau; was sales manager with Adam's Mark Hotels; and was major account manager with Minolta Corporation and Sharp Electronics. He has received numerous sales performance awards and is the author of three books.

The presentation is free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact the Office of Intercultural Relations at 419-783-2362 or by emailing mclay@defiance.edu.

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OLD ANTWERP IN THE 1930'S AS I REMEMBER IT

By: Stan Jordan

Washington Street west on the south side. We start at the corner of Washington and South Main as there were no houses on the south side of Washington Street extended. That big house on the corner, where Pastor Regan Clem lives, was built for Hattie Yager but there has been a number of renters there. The next house was the home of Lacey Traylor and Sam Hoover. The next house on the corner was the home of Harry Smith, across Cleveland Street was the home of James Corpening. The John Hertel family was next. The last house in that block was Herbert Seslar.

Across Monroe Street was the home of Percy and Ressie Smith. I think his father, William Smith, lived with them. Ray (Zeke) Bissel was in the next house to the west. Sam Banks Sr. was the next house. Then there was a little house and I don't remember who lived there. A Miss Horn lived on the corner of Washington and Madison. Across the street Harry Parrot lived there for awhile but I don't know about the mid-1930's. The next house was the Hallock family, then there was a Mr. Fisher and then the Gerald Noll family lived there for years. Harry and Hattie Bissel lived in the next house. The Joe Swan family lived on the corner of Washington and Wilhelm. Dewey Fett lived across the street to the west, Charles Bissel lived next door (he was the mayor of Antwerp a number of times). In the next house some girls named Douglas lived, I don't remember their parents' names. The next house was the home of Jim Kessler. There were two more houses in that block but I can't remember any names. That takes us up to the Wentworth Road.

See ya!



THINGS YOU MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THE BALD EAGLE

Q: How long can an eagle live? How long does an eagle usually live?

A: That depends on what might happen to it! Unfortunately, any eagles don't live out the length of the life they are biologically capable of, due to a variety of factors. Contaminants, shooting, traps, cars, trains, wires (electrocution), collisions, and even other eagles, can cut an eagles' life short. Barring any of these events, an eagle is capable of living for 30 or more years. We captured an eagle in 2001 that we have banded in 1976, a female who was still breeding. Eagles held in captivity undoubtedly live longer than those in the wild, since they don't have the stresses that eagles in the wild face (such as finding food every day and defending their territory. Two reports exist of captive eagles living 47 years.

See ya!

taken from www.learner.org



**Peyton Manning quarterback for the Denver Broncos said he has been looking forward to a black & blue Christmas.

**A woman walked into a bar with a duck under her arm. The barkeep said, "Where did you get that pig?"

The woman said, "That is not a pig, it's a duck."

The bartender said, "I was talking to the duck."

**At Sears the other day there was a power outage and 20 blondes were trapped on the escalator.

**I haven't spoken to my wife in years, I didn't want to interrupt her.

**I feel so miserable without you, it's almost like you're still here.

**I was so ugly when I was little, mom tied a pork chop

around my neck so the dog would play with me.

**The moon in the sky like a big pizza pie.

**I have all the money I will ever need, if I die by 4:00 p.m. today.

**The early bird gets the worm but the second mouse gets the cheese.

**Don't make me come in there!

**When you are in a medical establishment under surgery the word you don't want to hear is 'oops!'

**His big mistake was, he thought she said 'stand up' but she said 'shut up.'

**He knew it was going to be a good day when he opened the refrigerator door and saw his wife's picture on the milk carton.

**The clerk in the ladies shoe store asked the elegant lady what size shoe she wore. She said she told her friend she wears 7, but 8 feels so good she wears 9.

See ya!

LOCAL K OF C TO SPONSOR LOCAL YOUTH FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2014 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held January 26, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at Hicksville High School.

The contest is sponsored annually with winners progressing through the Local, District, and State Competitions. All boys and girls compete in their age groups, 9,10,11 year olds will shoot from 12 feet while 12, 13, 14 year olds will use the regulation 15 foot distance.

Winners will be required to furnish birth certificates and parent signature to advance to the District in February. Age is determined as of January 1, 2014. The local contest provided Austin Lichty (Antwerp) the opportunity to win the 2013, 10 year old State Championship.

HONORS, DEAN'S LISTS ANNOUNCED FOR FALL SEMESTER 2013

Each semester Defiance College recognizes students who have attained an outstanding level of academic excellence by naming them to either the Dean's list or the school honors list.

The honors list is for students achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and enrolled in 6-11 semester hours for which letter grades are given. Students who have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and are enrolled in 12 or more semester hours for which letter grades are given are named to the Dean's list. (this is not a complete listing, only students in WBN readership)

DEAN'S:

Brock Bell, Antwerp; Holly Becker, Zachary Brown, Bradley Camp, Jacob Clark, Joe Davis, Miranda Decator, Dennis English Jr., Corinna Gebers, Aaron Helland, Marcos Hernandez, Matthew Hogan, Sierra Kennedy, Paige Kitchenmaster, Kaitlin McGuire, Abhinav Mehta, Ceresa Page, Michelle Puehler, Karrah Rath, Kaitlyn Rethmel, George Roth, Chelsey Ryan-Skiver, Erica Smay, Trevor Tracy, Kathryn Weber, Megan Wertz, Kelsey Wolfrum, and Breanna Zipfel, Defiance;

Aubrey Kemerer, Hicksville; Abbey Edwards, Dominique Hardin, and Catlyn Pavel, Paulding; Kelsey Heck, Payne

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BRAVES FALL TO WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan pulled away from Blackhawk and down the Braves 68-60 in an afternoon boys' basketball contest at Woodlan. The Warriors and Braves were tied at 11-11 after the first period with the Warriors outscoring the Braves 21-11 in the second quarter for a lead they never relinquished. Woodlan built their lead to 47-31 after three quarters with a 15-8 period. Kadin Gerig led Warrior scoring with 22 points.

Score by the Quarter:
Blackhawk - 11 12 8 29=60
Woodlan - 11 21 15 21=68

Scorers of the Game:
Blackhawk - Reimschiel 21, Morlan 15, We Davidson 13, Wi Davidson 4, Rippe 4, Bell 3
Woodlan - Gerig 22, White 11, Jones 9, O'Hara 8, Bennett 8, Stieglitz 7, Gustin 3

CLASSIC FEATHERS BIRD CLUB TO MEETING IN FEBRUARY

Classic Feathers Bird Club will hold their monthly meeting on Sunday, February 9th at 2:00 p.m. at the Bryan Community Center on Buffalo Road, Bryan, OH.

Club members will be making some homemade birdie treats for our feathered friends... samples will be available... don't miss out on the fun in learning how to cook and bake for your birds.

Hope to see you there. Classicfeathers@gmail.com, PO Box 7001 Bryan, OH 43506.

ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLES AT WOODLAN INVITE

The Antwerp High School wrestling team recently competed at the Woodlan Invitational on January 18, 2014. 5 of the 6 wrestlers who competed were able to place in the top 6 of their respective weight classes. Placing 6th at 182 pounds was sophomore Austin VanAtta. Placing 5th at 220 pounds was junior Jordan Laker. Finishing in the 4th spot was freshman Logan Shaner, and finishing in 3rd place was junior Jarett Bute.

PAULDING COUNTY JR. FAIRBOARD ATTEND STATE CONFERENCE



Pictured here are back row left to right Alec Kuhn, Justin Carnahan, sitting left to right Kandee Manson, Olivia Cramer. They are the four members from the Paulding County Jr. Fairboard that participate in the Step Beyond session with other Jr. Fairboard members from around the state.

The Paulding County Jr. Fairboard recently attended the Ohio Fair Managers Conference in Columbus on January 11th during the Jr. Fair Day. The Paulding County Jr. Fairboard had 14 members attend this conference. They began their day with the general session which was an inspirational speaker and they watched the crowning of the 2014 Ohio Fair's Queen. After the general session, youth took part in a variety of different sessions. These sessions included learning about setting goals for themselves as well as the Jr. Fairboard, how to deal with challenging people, how to make a difference at your county fair as well as other topics.

The Paulding County Jr. Fairboard had four senior members take part in an all-day session called A Step Beyond-Experienced JFB Members Explore the World of Entertainment Contracts. This session provided youth the opportunity to work with other Jr. Fairboard members from around the state to provide entertainment for their mock fair. Youths were split up into groups where they got a specific budget and had to plan their entertainment for their fair. Youths got to work with trade show vendors, OFMA Board Members and OSU Extension professionals to explore the many aspects of the fair.

The purpose of this Jr. Fair day was to allow our Jr. Fairboard members to explore and generate ideas that they can bring back to the Paulding County Fair. All the Jr. Fairboard members had a great time meeting new people from around the state as well as attending sessions to help better the Paulding County Fair.

Staci Hiler, 4-H Program Assistant and Tony Miller, Paulding County Jr. Fairboard Advisor.

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FIGHT BOREDOM EATING IN THE WINTER

The Nurturing Well by: Jill Starbuck

Winter months are the nemesis for dieters worldwide. Our bodies have to fight much harder to remain active and avoid the fatigue of shorter days and cabin fever. People who gain weight in the winter gain an average of 5-7 pounds. While this amount doesn't seem like a lot, if you've ever tried to lose weight you know that the pounds are much easier to put on than they are to take off. Even though we have to work a little harder in the winter to maintain a healthy weight, don't let boredom be your excuse for piling on the pounds.

We all know that keeping up with exercise, watching what we eat, and other criteria can help us avoid weight gain in the winter months. But what do we do about boredom? Even the most disciplined exercisers and healthy eaters can have a harder time in winter months due to boredom. Harder winters make it even trickier. Try the following methods to help you avoid weight gain simply from boredom eating.

- **Drink water.** If you find yourself grabbing something to eat just because you have nothing else to do, try drinking a glass of water first. Most times, you are simply looking for something to do and not really hungry. This is the top fail-safe method to avoid overeating.
- **Try something new.** Nobody says you should stop eating, but maybe you can try a new, healthier avenue. Chal-

lenge yourself to try a new fruit or vegetable every time you go to the grocery store. Stock up on these new food items and grab those during times of boredom rather than a bag of chips. You may be surprised what you discover as delicious and nutritious at the same time.

• **Chew gum.** A small piece of gum will keep your mouth busy and make you feel as if you are doing something. You may be less likely to pick up food if you've recently unwrapped a new piece of gum. However, be mindful that most gums have artificial sweeteners.

• **Phone a friend.** When you find yourself bored and ready to run to the cabinet, pick up the phone and call a friend instead. Or try chatting online to keep your hands busy. Before you know it, time slips away and your mind has been taken off food.

• **Write it down.** When you find yourself bored and thinking about food, write down what is occurring at the time. By writing it down, you can determine if there are specific patterns of boredom that lead you to food.

The biggest key to avoid boredom eating is remaining conscious of what you are doing and why you are doing it. Before you know it, the winter months will be over and you'll be more active. In the meantime, recognize boredom and how you associate it with food.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Bentlee Kade Bidlack was born on January 17, 2014 at 6:50 p.m. at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville. He was 8 lb. 13.5 oz. and 20 inches long.

His parents are Cameron Bidlack and Kayla Biberstine of Convoy, OH. His siblings are Avery Dangler, Nataleigh Bidlack, Anabelle Bidlack, Emberlina Bidlack, Gracie-Anne Helen Santo. Grandparents are Terry Biberstine, Karen Biberstine, Patricia Bidlack, and Terry Myers. Great-grandparents are Nelle Biberstine of Wren, OH; and Paul and Shirley Bidlack of Grover Hill.

ACAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

By: Jeff Abbott

Opening Round Games - Girls:

Leo 46, Woodlan 39; Heritage 50, Bluffton 43; Garrett 53, South Adams 41; Southern Wells 58, Adams Central 28

Opening Round Games - Boys:

Woodlan 83, Leo 76; Bluffton 55, Heritage 50 OT; Garrett 66, South Adams 56; Adams Central 61, Southern Wells 49

Girls Semi-Finals:

Leo 43, Heritage 35; Garrett 49, Southern Wells 30

Boys Semi-Finals:

Woodlan 58, Bluffton 55; Garrett 54, Adams Central

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT FROM INDIANA?

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

As we begin the 2014 legislative session, one of our top priorities as lawmakers is working to create a business-friendly environment for employers to grow and hire hardworking Hoosiers.

Since 2005, our state has passed major initiatives aimed at improving Indiana's economic climate. Policies that support employers can help encourage them to set up shop or expand in our state.

Area Development Magazine - a leading executive magazine covering corporate site selection and relocation - recently conducted a survey of corporate executives asking various questions about what factors they look into before relocating their business.

The survey respondents were asked to rank 35 site selection and quality-of-life factors based on importance. The top five most important factors were:

- Highway accessibility
- Labor costs
- Availability of skilled labor
- Availability of advanced information and communication technology services
- Ratings of public schools

The goal of this survey was to show states what they can do to attract new investments and bring jobs to their residents. Lawmakers often find these types of surveys helpful when framing policies that encourage business growth.

Here in Indiana, continuing to build on our strong business climate is an ongoing conversation. One of my Senate colleagues recently filed a legislative proposal to boost Hoosier job and economic growth by reducing the state's corporate income tax and business personal property tax.

The business personal property tax is a tax levied on business equipment, from heavy machinery to printers and office furniture. The Senate proposal would also exempt small businesses from personal tax liability if they have less than \$25,000 of personal property in a county. The idea behind the tax reduction is to lower costs for employers who are trying to expand and invest in the community.

The Senate's plan also reduces the corporate income tax rate to 4.9 percent by July 1, 2019. Once fully implemented, this would put \$132 million back into the private sector economy annually.

These tax cuts would build upon Indiana's pro-growth tax climate to make Indiana even more attractive to businesses that employ Hoosiers. If this proposal is passed it would give Indiana the second-lowest corporate income tax rate, and the overall eighth-best business tax climate in the nation.

The state is able to pass tax cuts because we've been responsible with spending and have built up a surplus. I will do my best to ensure that local governments aren't significantly affected by any tax reduction.

What do you think?

WOODLAN WINS IN OT OVER BLUFFTON

By: Jeff Abbott

Kadin Gerig hit a three-point basket, his second of the night, with under a minute to play to give Woodlan a lead they would hang on to for a 63-60 overtime win over the Bluffton Tigers in ACAC boys' basketball. Woodlan led early, holding a 29-25 halftime lead and 46-38 advantage after three quarters. Bluffton stepped up the defense and held Woodlan to just 5 fourth quarter points while forcing overtime with 13 points to tie the game. Gerig hit his second three-pointer of the game to give Woodlan the advantage in the final minute. Gerig finished with 24 points to pace the Woodlan offense with Jeffrey Jones and Jaylin Bennett each adding 12 points.

Score by the Quarter:
Woodlan - 10 19 17 5 12=63

Bluffton - 12 13 13 13 9=60

Scorers of the Game:
Woodlan - Gerig 24, Jones 12, Bennett 12, White 7, Stieglitz 6, Gustin 2
Bluffton - Prible 17, Moser 16, Pearson 11, Moriarity 10, Garrett 4, Brigner 2

ANTWERP JH & HS WRESTLERS AGAINST TINORA & HICKSVILLE

The Antwerp Junior High wrestling team (A) took on Tinora (T) and Hicksville (H) on January 14th.

Results:
Jordan Bowers (T) defeated Aidan McAlexander (A) 16-3

Tyler Bauer (A) defeated David Wolfrum (T) fall 3:40

Juan Castillo (T) defeated Ryan Kitchen (A) fall 1:05

Aidan McAlexander (A) defeated forfeit (H)

Arman Haver (H) defeated Tyler Bauer (A) 17-3

Ryan Kitchen (A) defeated Wayne Collins (H) fall 3:37

The Antwerp High School wrestling team also took on Tinora and Hicksville on January 14th.

Against Hicksville, Antwerp only wrestled one match:

120 - Logan Shaner (A) def Morgan Miller (H) fall 1:04

Against Tinora, the high school team took a loss: 60-12.

106 - Hunter Retcher (T) def. forfeit

113 - Martin Steinerburger (T) def. forfeit

120 - forfeit

126 - Stefan Bowers (T) def. Logan Shaner (A) fall 0:31

132 - Austin Davis (T) def. forfeit

138 - CJ Higbees (T) def. forfeit

145 - Gavin Bouza (T) def. forfeit

152 - Justice Clark (A) def. Dalton Dauchenhauser (T) fall 5:18

160 - Chris Haln (T) def. Chase Gerken (A) fall 0:41

170 - forfeit

182 - Devin Bouza (T) def. Austin VanAtta (A) fall 1:25

195 - Alex Hinojosa (T) def. forfeit

220 - Derek Smith (T) def. Jordan Laker (A) fall 5:21

Jarett Bute (A) def. Scott Wurster (T) fall 0:48

WOODLAN WRESTLING INVITATIONAL



Brian Salmon of Woodlan takes first place in the 195 weight class at the Warrior Wrestling Invitational. More pictures at westbendnews.net

These are the results from the Woodlan Wrestling Invitational that took place at Woodlan on January 18, 2014.

Team results:
1st Churubusco (C) 248; 2nd Logansport (L) 216.5; 3rd Fremont (F) 178; 4th Woodlan (W) 151.5; 5th Greenville (G) 134; 6th Bishop Luers (BL) 74; 7th Bluffton (B) 52; 8th Antwerp (A) 44

Championship:
106 - Dakota Keefe (C) dec Anthony Torres (L) 8-6
113 - Justin Porter (L) dec Landon Yount (BL) 7-5
120 - Hunter Price (F) dec RJ Sonnenburg (C) 3-2
126 - Nik Hoot (W) dec Josh Brandt (L) 3-0

132 - Chase Downing (C) dec David Schumcker (F) 3-2

138 - Ryan Schrock (L) fall Daniel Cline (G) 2:59

145 - Shane Shroyer (C) fall Christian Barrow (F) 4:22

152 - Tylor Willms (F) dec Lyle McParlan (C) 4-1

160 - Alex Vanhooose (G) fall Caleb Parten (C) 5:33

170 - Brad Own (F) fall Travis Glick (C) 4:33

182 - Braydon Shivley (C) fall Gunnar Fustos (G) 2:52

195 - Brian Salmon (W) dec Kory Bannon (G) 5-4

220 - Adam Dossett (F) fall Damen Williams (BL) 1:29

285 - Brad Martin (C) fall Braxton Young (L) 2:46

PANTHERS WRESTLING TEAM COMPETE IN CHUCK FORWARD DUALS



Pictured here is Senior Taylor Deatrck of Paulding.

The Paulding Panther wrestling team participated at the Chuck Forward Duals in Archbold on Saturday, January 18th. The team went 1 and 4 for the day defeating Patrick Henry 42 to 29. Paulding wrestlers

going 5-0 for the day were Kage Seals at 113# with 3 wins and 2 voids, Sidney Salinas 106# with 1 win and 4 voids, Taylor Deatrck 132# with 4 wins and 1 void, and Adam Deatrck 170 lb. with 5 wins.

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WAYNE TRACE GIRLS FALL IN CLOSE GAME TO AYERSVILLE, JV WINS



Sophomore Shayna Temple scores one of the first baskets for Wayne Trace. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Pilots travelled to Wayne Trace on Friday, January 17 for the latest Girls Basketball Game of the season. The Wayne Trace JV team won the first match in overtime 53-47.

Ayersville, with a 10-2 record, put 6'4" Megan Schubert to win the tipoff starting the game. Wayne Trace girls were good at stealing the ball in the first quarter, and scoring. Quickly though, the Lady Pilots saw what was happening and put that to an end, taking the quarter at 12-18. The second quarter went to the Raiders in the close match at 10-9. The first half of the game finished at 27-22

with Ayersville on top.

The third quarter was a killer for Wayne Trace. The Pilots outscored the home team by double. The Lady Raiders had one of their top scoring quarters ever in the fourth, almost to the point of defeating the visitors. Erin Mohr was on fire, nailing 4 3-point baskets. The team scored 26 points in the last period. The 4 point gap was left and the Pilots went home with the win.

Top scorers:
Wayne Trace - Erin Mohr 22, Lauren Speice 14, Brenda Feasby 12, Shayna Temple 11
Ayersville - Molly Hammersmith 19, Megan Schubert

16, Kylee Tressler 15, Brittany Addington 6, Kelsey Johnston 4, Natalie Hammersmith 2, Lizzy Engel 1
Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 12 10 11 26=59
Ayersville - 18 9 22 14=63
The Lady Raiders current record is now 8-5.

WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 2nd NINE WEEKS 2013-14 SCHOOL YEAR

MERIT HONOR ROLL 4.0 GPA:

7th Grade - Ellie Stoller, Carissa Laukhuf, Austin Reed

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9th Grade - Emil Stoller, Brady Stabler

10th Grade - Victoria Ryan, Brianna Sinn, Erin Mohr, Cole Shepherd, Estie Sinn, Scott Wenninger

11th Grade - Blair Baumle, Hank Sinn, Rebecca Hamrick, Sarah Young, Addison Baumle

12th Grade - Madison McClure, Mackenzie Haney, Haley Linder, Rachael Kreisler, Sylvia Young, Madeline Baumle, Janelle Johnson, Matthew Klopfenstein, Madison Poling, Kendall Germann, Jared Sherry, Logan Fast, Katelynn Back, Brock Worden, Libby Stabler

FIRST HONORS 4.0-3.67:

7th Grade - Julianne Roop, Sadie Sinn, Madison Coyne, Clark Laukhuf, Wyatt Stabler

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7th Grade - Noah Hasch, Hannah Wilhelm, Anne Eklund, Reece Thompson, Ellie Moore, Kaitlyn Doster, Rachel Ringler, Matthew Stouffer, Trae Sinn, Kaylee Shepherd, Alli Hefner, Olivia Egnor, Grant Baumle, Derek Myers, Keagann Parrish, Caden Bland, Bryan Hofmann, Josiah Linder, Madilyn Brigner, Gracie Laukhuf

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10th Grade - Corey Davis, Christopher Davis, Nicholas Durre, Arlyn Cooper, Emilee Colgan, Alec Vest, Quinton Harper, Sydney Hofmann, Zachary Sinn, Noah Stoller

11th Grade - Cassidy Hilkey, James Weaver, Lata-

sha Rivera, Elizabeth Brown, Molly Crosby
12th Grade - Brittany Jenkins, Emilie Linder, Amber Combs, Aaron Stoller, Austin Conlon, Alexis Flores, Jacob Gerber, Emily Mohr, Dustin Taylor, Matthew Lambert, Andrew Ludwig, Wesley Goings, Arlen Stoller

3rd HONORS 3.0-3.2999 GPA:

7th Grade - Meagan Speice, Chloe Stabler, Kristen Rittenhouse, Korbin Slade, Sara Edwards, Emily Williams, Hayden Williamson, Haleigh Stoller, Emily Dyson, Brooke Greulach

8th Grade - Joel Johnson, Owen Brigner, Weston Sinn, Aden Baker, Elias Sinn, Madison Chastain

9th Grade - Ruger Goeltzenleuchter, Noah Ryan, Samuel Nickols, Natalie Kuhn, Caleb Schultz, Brooke Ramey, Kacey Reinhart, Ethan Crates, Chance Elliott, Madison Zartman, Breia Eutsler, Lindsay Rivera, Meg Crosby

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11th Grade - Leah Sinn, Matthew Baxter, Darius Hale, Haley Saylor, Nicholas Mansfield, Kristin Raab, Kayla Dilling, Bailey Bergman

12th Grade - Devin Shaffer-Wenzlick, Jordan Elick, Janey Janka, TJ Blackmore

PAULDING GIRLS TAKE A LOSS TO COLUMBUS GROVE

The Paulding Lady Panthers took on the Columbus Grove Lady Bulldogs on January 16th. It was a tough night for Paulding, Columbus Grove kept on top all night. Final score was a Columbus Grove win: 60-29

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 8 6 2 13=29
Columbus Grover - 18 10 22 9=60

Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Varner 4, McCullough 8 (2 -3's), Combs 5 (1 -3), Pease 6, Reinhart 2, Meggison 2
Columbus Grove - Schumacher 6, Stechschulte 8 (2

PAULDING GIRLS FALL IN CLOSE MATCH



Faith Vogel scoring two points under the basket. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Paulding Girls took on the Bluffton Pirates in the Monday night basketball matchup on January 13. The first quarter stung hard for the Lady Panthers as the Pirates had the lead by more than three times the Panther score, ending it 17-5.

The Paulding coach, Lyndsi Schultz, had a serious talk in the time between quarters and it made a huge difference. The Panthers came back on the court and quickly raised the score, and within a four minutes, had the game back to a two point difference at 19-21. Shortly thereafter though, the Bluffton girls had the momentum swing back to their side of the score board, finishing

the half at 31-23.

In the third quarter, Bluffton outscored Paulding once again and the pattern reversed with Paulding on top for the fourth quarter points. Even though Paulding had more points in the 2nd and 4th quarters, Bluffton finished the game on top with 54-63.

Paulding Scorers:
Jaycie Varner 4, Sierra McCullough 17(3-3's), Brooke Combs 6, Faith Vogel 9, Abby Pease 10, Suzanne Reinhart 8 (1 -3)
Top Rebounds: Paulding 25 (Varner, Vogel 6)
Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 5 18 11 20=54
Bluffton - 17 14 15 17=63

Rebounds - Paulding 25 (McCullough 8); CG 26
Turnovers - Paulding 28; CG 16
Records: Paulding 5-7 (1-4); CG 9-5 (3-1)
JV: CG won



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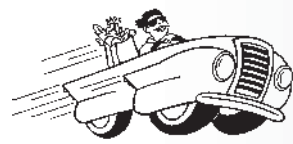
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ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE UNEXPECTED?



Financial Focus by: Phil Recker, Edward Jones Advisor

When you're working to achieve your financial objectives, you will encounter obstacles. Some of these can be anticipated — for example, you won't be able to invest as much as you want for retirement because you have to pay for your mortgage. Other challenges can't be easily anticipated, but you can still plan for them — and you should.

Obviously, the word "unexpected," by definition, implies an unlimited number of possibilities. However, at different stages of your life, you may want to watch for some "expected" unexpected developments.

For example, during your working years, be prepared for the following:

- **Emergency expenses** — If you needed a major car or home repair, could you handle it? What about a temporary job loss? These events are costly — especially if you are forced to dip into your long-term investments to pay for them. To help guard against these threats, try to build an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, held in a liquid, low-risk account.
- **Investment risk and market volatility** — Extreme price swings are unpredictable, and they can affect your investment success. To defend yourself against wild gyrations in the market, build a diversified portfolio containing quality investments.

While diversification, by itself, can't protect against loss or guarantee profits, it can help reduce the effect of volatility on your portfolio. And here's one more thing you can do to cope with the ups and downs of investing: Maintain a long-term perspective. By doing so, you won't be tempted to overreact to short-term downturns.

- **Long-term disability** — One-third of all people between the ages of 30 and 64 will become disabled at some point, according to the Health Insurance Association of America. Disabilities can be economically devastating. As part of your benefits package, your employer may offer some disability insurance, but you may need to supplement it with private coverage.

- **Premature death** — None of us can really predict our longevity. If something happens to you, would your family be able to stay in your home? Could your children still attend college? To protect these goals, you need adequate life insurance.

As you approach retirement, and during your retirement years, you may want to focus on these challenges:

- **Living longer than expected** — You probably don't think that "living longer than expected" is necessarily a bad thing. However, a longer-than-anticipated life span also carries with it the risk of outliving your money. Consequently, you may want to consider investment solutions that can provide you with an income stream that you can't outlive. Also, you'll need to be careful about how much you withdraw each year from your various retirement and investment accounts.
- **Need for long-term care** — If you had to stay a few years in a nursing home, the cost could mount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. These expenses could jeopardize your financial security, so you'll need to protect yourself. You could "self-insure," but as that would be extremely costly, you may want to "transfer the risk" to an insurance company. A financial

professional can help explain your choices.

None of us can foresee all the events in our lives. But in your role as an investor, you can at least take positive steps to prepare for the unexpected — and those steps should lead you in the right direction as you move toward your important goals.

FREE TAX PREPARATION OFFERED IN NEW HAVEN

Free Tax Preparation by AARP/IRS for low to moderate income people; some restrictions apply. Bring last year's tax return and all required documents like W2, 1099, etc. plus identification.

Allen County residents: Library at 648 Green St, New Haven, IN 46774; Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. starting February 6 until April 10, 2014.

If you wish to become a tax volunteer, please apply at aarp.org/taxaide.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT:" CHECK IT OUT!



Paulding Senior Devenae Guerra works on a project in the Medical Office Management lab.

Vantage Career Center offers 16 different high school career tech programs in business, trade and industry and service! Over the next few weeks, you'll have the chance to learn a little about each program. Today's article is about three specialized business programs offered at Vantage.

For the technologically creative and artistic student, the Interactive Media program offers exciting opportunities. Interactive Media is the study of a combination of elements such as music, sound, computer-generated graphics, and video used for purposes of entertainment, presentation, or advertising. Careers in Interactive Media involve creating, designing, and producing interactive multimedia products and services, including the development of digitally-generated or computer-enhanced media used in business. Students become skilled in manipulating images and information from a variety of sources including audio, video, still photos, animation, text, soundtracks and digital data using computer applications and visual and sound techniques. Internet applications and website creation are also included in this program. Students create a personalized portfolio of projects to demonstrate to employers and colleges the range of skills they possess.

Students interested in the Medical office field can get a head start in the Medical Office Management program, where they will learn business skills, accounting, medical terminology, abbreviations and Anatomy/Physiology. Students develop skills in medical transcription, accounting systems and pro-

cedures and learn the importance of medical coding and billing for insurance purposes. Students also learn specialized software, document formatting and computer applications. The demand is great for students with this educational background.

Interested in seeing how a computer and its systems work from the inside out? The Network Systems program provides students with the opportunity to work on new technology and equipment while learning to make basic repairs, network management and troubleshooting within the system. They design, build, install and repair complex computer network systems, develop programming skills for mobile apps, games, and robotics, and investigate computer forensics and information security software to keep systems safe. All Vantage programs provide students with the opportunity to prepare for further education and possibly earn college credits through articulation agreements with local colleges.

If you or someone you know is interested in finding out about career opportunities in any of these fields or have questions about the business programs at Vantage, please call Mike Knott, Student Services Supervisor at 419-238-5411 or 800-686-3944 ext. 2032 or email him at knott.m@vantagecareer-center.com.

It's almost time for the annual Vantage Open House and BBQ Sandwich Dinner! Mark it on your calendars for Monday, February 10, 2014 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

PCED HOSTS SMALL BUSINESS BASICS SEMINAR "EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITIES OF STARTING, BUYING OR EXPANDING A BUSINESS"

Paulding County Economic Development will host a Small Business Basics Seminar "Exploring the Possibilities of Starting, Buying or Expanding a Business" at the Paulding County Economic Development Conference Room 101 E Perry St, Paulding Ohio on the following dates:

- Thursday, January 23rd
- Wednesday, February 12th
- Thursday, March 20th

Each seminar will be from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. RSVP are required to attend.

For additional information contact PCED at 419-399-8282 or call Merry Beavers at the Small Business Development Center at 419-782-6270. This Seminar is a joint partnership of the Small Business Development Center, SBA, PCED and Ohio Department of Development.

OFF STAGE PRODUCTIONS TO HOLD OPEN AUDITIONS FOR "NANA'S NAUGHTY KNICKERS"

Off Stage Productions, a community theatre company providing quality and affordable dinner theatre, proudly announces open auditions for its upcoming comedy production "Nana's Naughty Knickers" written by Katherine DiSavino. This romantic farce will be directed by Carol Snyder.

Open auditions are set for Sunday, January 26th and Tuesday, January 28th at 7:00

PCAF AWARDS 2013 GRANTS



Paulding County Area Foundation has granted \$541.00 to Scott Ball Association. The grant funds will be used for new ball equipment. With the new equipment and a renovated ball field, softball and baseball will resume at Bressler Park. Lisa McClure, Executive Director presents the grant funds to Chris Martinez of the Scott Ball Association.

Paulding County Area Foundation is pleased to announce awarded grants for the year 2013. Consideration for the grant process is June and December of each year. For further information on

Paulding County Area Foundation, please contact Lisa McClure, Executive Director at 419-399-8296 or visit the website at www.paulding-countyareafoundation.net

p.m. at the Van Wert Senior Center located at 220 Fox Road, Van Wert. The cast consists of 10 people: 3-5 male and 5-6 female, with an age range of 20's through 80's. No prior acting experience necessary. Scripts are available for review before auditions at Premier Financial, 211 S. Walnut Street, Van Wert. Call 419-605-6708 for more information. Plan now to attend the production with five show dates for consideration: March 28, 29, 30, April 4 and 5.

Bridget and her Grandmother are about to become roommates. However, what Bridget saw as a unique opportunity to stay with her favorite Nana in New York for the summer quickly turns into an experience she'll never forget. It seems her sweet Grandma is running an illegal boutique from her apartment, selling hand-made naughty knickers to every senior citizen in the five borough area! Will Bridget be able to handle all the excitement? Will Nana get

arrested—or worse! Evicted? "Nana's Naughty Knickers" is a slick comedy by a new playwright, Katy DiSavino... the dialog is crisp and funny, and the action fast-paced... [this] Senior Citizen's sexy sideline will have you in stitches!"—Lancaster Journal.

Come audition for our spring show. Prepare to join the group and have the time of your life while entertaining Patrons in a relaxing and comfortable setting! Stay tuned for forthcoming announcements indicating show times and reservation information of the five shows held at the Senior Center on Fox Road, Van Wert, OH. Off Stage Productions can be found online at <http://www.offstagetheatre.com>

Real Estate Taxes Are Due Wednesday, February 5, 2014

Failure To Receive A Tax Bill Will Not Avoid Penalty or Interest Charges.

- Please bring your tax bill with you when coming into the office to make a payment.
- If you cannot make it into the office, please use the addressed envelope enclosed with your tax bill and mail it to the office.

Trailer Taxes Are Due Saturday, March 1, 2014

Paulding County Treasurer Lou Ann Wannemacher
Phone: 419-399-8280
Office Hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Carryall Township 2013 Financial Report is complete and available for public review. Monthly meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm. Meetings will be held at 1445 Road 204, Antwerp, OH
— Twila Demongeot, Fiscal Officer, Carryall Township

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LEO GIRLS WIN ACAC ROUND 1 AGAINST WOODLAN



The last shot of the game was taken by Woodlan Junior, Emily Summers. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Allen County All-Conference Girls basketball tournament started on Tuesday, January 14 at Elmer Strautman gymnasium located on the Warrior Campus.

Leo took on Woodlan in the first game of the night. The game was a very slow paced game with Leo winning the matchup, sending the Lions to round two.

The first quarter was low scoring with Leo and Woodlan's combine score of 13. The halftime score was 19-21 with the Lions on top.

The second half of the game Woodlan scored 20 points and Leo scored 24

points, giving Leo the win at 39-46. Haley Hostetler and Kenzie Salzbrenner both performed well offensively for the home team.

Woodlan scorers: Kenzie Salzbrenner 8, Haley Hostetler 7, Rain Hinton 6, Jaz Williams 6, Morgan Franklin 5, Brooke Gerbers 4, Kendra Graber 3.

Score by the Quarter: Woodlan - 5 14 9 11=39 Leo - 8 13 9 15=46

Leo girls won Wednesday against Heritage, sending them to the ACAC championship game at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum on Saturday, January 18

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL 2ND NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL

SENIORS:

4.0 - Emily Albert, Jerika Bland, Megan Coak, Nick Hitchcock, Ashley Johanns, Ashlyn Laney, Janey McCourt, Kaylyn Rager, Kaitlyn Roughton, Julian Salinas, Sidney Salinas, Jaclyn Schlatter Chelsie Schoepflin, Alyssa Shelmadine, Allison Singer, Tiffany Spangler, Kaley Varner, CeCe Weidenhamer

3.5-3.99 - Stephanie Baldwin, Sarah Bales, Sean Bentley, Eric Busch, Dylan Carnahan, Olivia Cramer, Taylor Dangler, Taylor Deatrick, Javier Gonzales, Guy Harder, Cody Jarrell, Joe Kausar, Andrew Layman, Kande

Manson, Kelsi Manz, Brad Matson, Sierra McCullough, Michael Mott, Rachel Nicelley, Sydney Provines, Chelsea Rose, Kayla Shaffer, Alesha Simon, Andrea Singer, Austin Stafford, Shelly Stafford, Victoria Stephens-Vazquez, Jenifer Switzer, Jade VanCleve, Meagan Weller, Bailey Zeller

3.0-3.49 - Justin Carnahan, Gerod Harder, Travis Jones, Kyle Kausar, Sonny Manz, Seth Mattocks, Ryan Schindler

JUNIORS:

4.0 - Kathryn Clapsaddle, Kayla Deitrick, Karolina Jakuczun, Amanda LoCastro, Isaac Nice, Haley Schlegel, Shayla Shepherd, Bill Smith, Laurel Wehrkamp

3.5-3.99 - Taylor Ankney, Katie Carnahan, Lydia Clemence, Lyndi Clinton, Claudia Foltz, Kyle Gardner, Preston Gross, Ben Heilshorn, Alexis Howell, Erin Johanns, Jacob Long, Ashleigh Marable, Melissa Martinez, Ellie Miller, Morgan Riley, Jessica Schroeder, Ashlyn Strahley, Malayna VanCleve

3.0-3.49 - Rachael Burkhart, Christian Burtch, Bailey Combs, Brooke Combs, Adam Deatrick, Hannah English, Treston Gonzales, Kyla Hawn, Skyler Huth, Kastin Kelly, Aaron Mook, Konnor Owens, Suzanne Reinhardt, Lorenzo Salinas, Dalton Talbott

SOPHOMORES:

4.0 - Lucas Arend, Victoria Bradford, Allison Harpel, Matthew Martinez, Megan Reineck, Emilee Ringler, Taylor Schooley, Jordan Shull, Jarrett Sitton, Mei Tenwalde

3.5-3.99 - Zach Buchman, Sierra Bullard, Kasandra Cogswell, Destiny Dangler-Reed, Damon Egnor, Kynsie Etzler, Megan Fife, Nathan Gee, Jowaine Grimes, Lauren Johanns, Kacie Karlstadt, Taylor Kochenour, Sam Ladd, Taylor Manz, Cynthia McCourt, Victoria Meadows, Branson Minck, Bridgett Moore, Krista Mullins, Haley Porter, Johnathon Rose, Jaycie Varner, Nick Warnimont, Cullen Wenzlick, Drayson Wenzlick

3.0-3.49 - Alex Arellano,

Hailey Brittig, Jennifer Coil, Angelicia Escalera, Leigha Flores, Kelsey Hale, Henry Hohenberger, Luke Jackson, Sabrinah Leaman, Brendon Lothamer, Kimberly Matson, Bailey Meyer, Kristen Schilt, Sky Schooley, Wyatt Wolffe

FRESHMEN:

4.0 - Allison Arend, Brittany Brown, Christine Clapsaddle, William Deisler, Christopher Elder, Hannah Farr, Paige Fitzwater, Emily Knodel, Molly Meeker, Estee Miller, Chantal Monnier, Dayton Pracht, Jo Ellyn Salinas, Ashley Snipes, Beth Yates

3.5-3.99 - Jordan Barker, Daleigh Davis, Robert Deitrick, Kameron Echols, Katelynn Fuller, Lauren Hill, Aaron Horstman, Preston Ingol, Caylin Johanns, Preston Johanns, Matthew Karia, Andrea Kremer, Skyler McCullough, Ava Moats-Landis, Jared Paschall, Bailey Pieper, Morrisa Rue, Simeon Shepherd, Cameron Strahley, Chella Vargas, Faith Vogel, Brooke Weidenhamer, Peter Wharry

3.0-3.49 - Leona Aldred, Kaleb Becker, Michael Dangler, Andrew Deatrick, Hailey Dix, Kaleb Goshia, Ty Harwell, Sanora Keck, Coy King, Destiney Kittle, Aubrey Kremer, Brea Ladd, Kaytlin Ladd, Karissa Lucas, Skyler Maassel, Taylor March, Ryan Nicelley, Tyler Nichols, Cherish Porter, Jacob Rodriguez, Ben Stuck

WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 12/30/13

Meeting Minutes from December 30, 2013. Meeting called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Hoepfner, Councilman Abbott, Rice, Renner, Gerig, Voirol, Treasurer Sarrazine, Chief Duhamell Superintendent Walls were present.

Kevin from Land Plan came in to go over the plans for the Main Street Revitalization. Parking will be only on the north side of Main Street, the lights will have a Vintage look. Documents are on file with the city for anyone who is interested in looking at them. Resolution 13-195 was presented to approve the plan. Councilman Abbott made a motion to approve, Councilman Renner 2nd, all approved, motion carried.

TREASURER:

Bankruptcy issue was brought forth to council for the write off of the balance of the customer's account. Councilman Renner made a motion to approve write off, Councilman Voirol 2nd, all approved, motion carried.

Year end warrants were presented for approval. Councilman Voirol made the motion to pay, Councilman Gerig 2nd, all approved, motion carried.

Encumbrance ordinance 13-1312 was presented moving money that was committed in 2013 to 2014 for payment when projects are complete. Councilman Abbott made the motion to approved ordinance 13-1312, Councilman Gerig 2nd, all approved, motion carried.

Councilman Gerig made a motion to have second reading by title only, Councilman Voirol 2nd, all approved motion carried. Councilman Rice made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 13-1312, Councilman Voirol 2nd, all approved motion carried.

Resolution 13-196 was presented for approval moving funds in departments to cover negative line items. Councilman Renner made a motion to approve, Councilman Voirol 2nd all approved, motion carried.

Meeting minutes from December 16th were presented, Councilman Voirol made a motion to approve, Councilman Renner 2nd, all approved, motion carried.

Councilman Abbott made a motion at 7:50 p.m. to adjourn, Councilman Renner 2nd, all approved, motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Holly Sarrazine, Clerk Treasurer.

OAKWOOD STUDENTS ENJOY SNOW DAY IN SCHOOL



Oakwood 5th and 6th graders are shown making the best out of the snow coming down on Thursday, January 16th by creating sleds out of cardboard boxes and sledding down mounds of snow during their recess.

COLORED SNOWMEN AT GROVER HILL



Pictured here are first grade students at Wayne Trace Grover Hill (l-r) Nicholas Sinn, Kennedy Parsons and Amos Sinn.

Students in Mrs. Nouza's First Grade at Grover Hill Elementary were given the opportunity to make colorful, sparkly snowmen. Each child had to name their snowmen and then write about what the snowmen liked to do. They had names like Frozen, Frost, Frosty and some were Bob, Emma, and Clint. The snowmen liked to drink hot chocolate, play basketball, ice skate, and even build a snow fort! During January, the class will participate in other snow-related activities.

COLORING CONTEST FOR GROVER HILL BUS SAFETY WEEK



During School Bus Safety Week Grover Hill Kindergartners completed a coloring contest. Winners were Riley Manz and Lance Whitman.

HIGH SCHOOL & OSU BASKETBALL
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 FRI. JAN. 24.....VAN WERT AT BATH
 SAT. JAN. 25.....OTTOVILLE AT PAULDING
 SAT. JAN. 25.....COLDWATER AT VAN WERT (WERT)***
 SUN. JAN. 26.....MICHIGAN ST. AT OHIO STATE (W)
 TUE. JAN. 28.....CONTINENTAL AT WAYNE TRACE

After our broadcast game join us for the "Final Buzzer" Show. Ron Burt will have the High School Basketball scores from 10:20-11pm Friday.
 *** ALL GAMES ARE ON WKSD UNLESS MARKED AS (WERT)***

TEACHING YOUTH TO BE LEADERS DURING 4-H OFFICER TRAINING



Over 30 4-H youth participated in 4-H officer training to learn more about their duties as officers in their 4-H Club.

The Paulding County 4-H Program held its annual 4-H Officer Training on January 13th in the Extension Hall. There were 30 members present for this training. Members took part in a variety of activities to learn about their club office. The training began with get acquainted games

ran by the Jr. Leaders 4-H Club and then members went to sessions to learn about their duties as a 4-H Club Officer. After the training sessions, members played large group games and had refreshments. The training concluded with a candle lighting installation ceremony.

DC SCHEDULES SPRING GRADUATE PROGRAMS INFORMATION SESSIONS

Special information sessions on Defiance College graduate program offerings are planned for January through April. Persons interested in obtaining a Master of Arts in Education or Master of Business Administration degree are invited to learn more about these distinctive graduate programs, and how they can earn their degree with flexible and convenient course offerings.

Students in the MAE program can choose to concentrate their graduate degree in sport coaching, intervention specialist (mild/moderate) K-12 license, adolescent to young adult 7-12 license, or licensure only programs for

life science, life science and chemistry, and visual arts.

MBA students can choose to follow a concentration in leadership or sport management.

Special information sessions will be held in the Serick Campus Center. The schedule includes Thursday, January 23, from 5:00-6:00 p.m.; Tuesday, February 18, from 5:00-6:00 p.m.; Thursday, March 27, from 5:00-6:00 p.m.; and Tuesday, April 29, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. During these sessions, both MBA and MAE information will be discussed.

To reserve a seat, contact Michelle Call, office coordinator for graduate studies and professional development, at 419-783-2351, or email gradstudies@defiance.edu.

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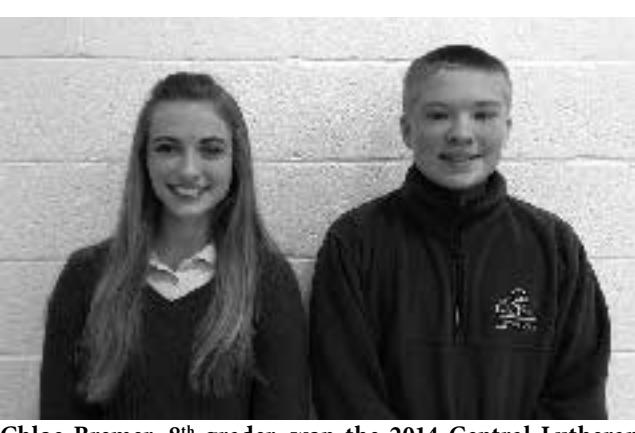
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CHLOE BREMER WINS 2014 CENTRAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL SPELLING BEE



Chloe Bremer, 8th grader, won the 2014 Central Lutheran School Spelling Bee on Monday, January 13, 2014. Jacob Birkmire of 7th grade was the runner-up. Chloe was a runner-up as a 6th grader in 2012 and was the winner as a 7th grader last year. Chloe will now represent Central Lutheran School in the 2014 Allen County Spelling Bee.

DIVINE MERCY SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Divine Mercy Catholic School recently held their annual spelling bee. Kaden Sutton, Grade 5, son of Kylie Folsum and Mitch Sutton won the spelling bee by spelling the word obsidian correctly. Kenadie Daeger, Grade 5, daughter of Jeremy and Michele Daeger came in second place.

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE WINNERS



The Paulding Middle School held their spelling bee recently. Marcus Miller, 8th grader was the champion. He is the son of Brian and Misti Miller. His winning word was 'circumstantial'. Heather Manz, 7th grader, was runner up. She is the daughter of Anthony and Denise Manz. Her misspelled word was 'rappelled'.

PAULDING COUNTY SPELLING BEE DATE ANNOUNCED

Sandra Freeman, Coordinator for Gifted Services, Western Buckeye ESC, cordially invites the public to attend the 2014 Journal Gazette Paulding County Spelling Bee. The County Bee is scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Paulding Middle School Auditorium.

Ten school champions, in grades four through eight, will compete for the honor of representing Paulding County at the Journal Gazette Area Spelling Bee in Fort Wayne, Indiana on March 8, 2014.

Individual school champions are Joshua Poulson, Antwerp Middle School; Aaron Hawley, Antwerp Elementary; Josi Hopkins, Christian Home Educators

of Paulding County; Kaden Sutton, Divine Mercy Catholic School; Hailey Hartzell, Oakwood Elementary; Olivia Clark, Paulding Elementary; Marcus Miller, Paulding Middle School; Lauren Walls, Wayne Trace-Grover Hill Elementary; Jayde Garcia, Wayne Trace-Payne Elementary and Levi Manz, Wayne Trace Jr. High.

Mr. Doug Grooms, of Van Wert, is the Pronouncer for the Spelling Bee. Judges for the contest are: Tim Manz, Principal, Antwerp Elementary School, Jody Dunham, Principal, Wayne Trace-Payne Elementary School and Jennifer Manz, Principal, Oakwood Elementary School.

Mr. Steve Arnold, Superintendent, Wayne Trace Local Schools, will preside as Master of Ceremonies.

The Antwerp Exchange

PAYNE ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE WINNERS



The annual Spelling Bee competition was held at Payne Elementary on January 10, 2014. Sixth grade student Jayde Garcia (left) was the winner correctly spelling "bolide". Sydney Coyne (right) finished as runner-up. Jayde will represent Payne Elementary at the Paulding County Spelling Bee on January 27.

WT JUNIOR HIGH SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Wayne Trace JH recently held it's annual Spelling Bee. 57 students participated with the winner being 7th grader Levi Manz, and the runner-up was Connor Baumle.

WT GROVER HILL SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary held the annual Spelling Bee on Friday, January 10, 2014. After fifteen rounds, first place winner is fourth grader Lauren Walls, daughter of Bill and Kim Walls. She spelled "hermitage" correctly to win the Bee. Second place runner up is sixth grader Andrew Sinn, son of Steve and Joy Sinn.

Bank sponsors the awards for the County Spelling Bee, which include gift cards and trophies for first and second place finishers, as well as medals and certificates for all of the school champions. Mrs. Sandra Freeman, Western Buckeye ESC, is the awards liaison.

Contestants are reminded to report to the Paulding Middle School, Room A119, at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2014.

SPACES AVAILABLE FOR CERTIFIED FISHING INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP IN FINDLAY

Spaces are available for educators, leaders, or conservation clubs who have a sincere interest in taking kids fishing and want to become certified fishing instructors, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Wildlife. A free workshop is available Saturday, February 1, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will take place at Wildlife District Two Office, 952 Lima Avenue, Findlay, OH 45840.

Passport to Fishing is a one-day instructor training program that qualifies indi-

viduals to become Division of Wildlife certified fishing instructors. All participants will need to pass a background check before being certified.

Passport to Fishing was developed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and adopted by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation. Workshops teach volunteers the basics of fishing and how to run a four-station fishing program with a fishing event. These instructors then go back to their communities, with a written curriculum and training aids, to teach youngsters and beginning anglers the basics of fishing.

By becoming a certified instructor, attendees will not only be able to help in reconnecting students with the outdoors, but will also have the skills and resources to do it in a more successful way. Resources available include grants, equipment, brochures, and training.

To register for the workshop, please call Linda at 419-429-8347 by January 24. For additional class information, visit www.wildohio.com.

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THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE WINNER



Fifth Grader, Hailey Hartzell is the winner of the 5th/6th Grade Spelling Bee at Oakwood Elementary School. Hailey is the daughter of Sandra and (the late) Michael Hartzell. She correctly spelled "forbidden" in the final round to become this year's Spelling Bee Champion.

As sure as it's going to rain, the classifieds sell.

WAYNE TRACE PLACES EIGHTH AT VAN BUREN

The Wayne Trace Varsity Wrestling Team competed in a two-day tournament held at Van Buren High School, consisting of 26 teams. The Raiders placed 8th. The lone champion for the Raiders was 106 pound George Clemens IV. Clemens won his championship match via a pin over Jevyn Pratt from Carey. 120 pound Ruger Goeltzenleuchter placed 2nd. He was defeated in the finals by returning state placer Tyler Sarresht of Liberty Benton. Matt Baxter, placed 6th at 126, Josh Reel placed 5th at 170. Finishing in the top eight, falling just short of the podium was Jacob Dingus at 160, and Justin Pierce at 220.

Coach Clemens commented, "I feel we wrestled well, everyone is starting to improve, and we are right on track for where we need to be for the post-season. It's hard to compete when you're missing a lot of key wrestlers. When they are back in the line up, we should be very competitive."

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PARENTS' NIGHT FOR ANTWERP GIRLS BASKETBALL



Shown above is Kaiya Jemison scoring for Antwerp. Parent's Night took place before the game. See those and more game pictures at westbendnews.net

The Lancers took on Antwerp at the Archer gym on Tuesday, January 14. The Ant-

werp girls basketball team fell to Lincolnview 28-39.

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 2ND NINE WEEKS 2013-14 SCHOOL YEAR

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GRADE 8:

All A's - Isaac Baldwin,

ANTWERP SKEWERS THE LANCERS



Trenton Copsey gets the tip-off and Antwerp scores the first basket. More pictures of the game and Parent's Night at westbendnews.net

Lincolnview took on the Antwerp Boys Basketball team at the Archer gym on Saturday, January 18. The JV game started and took a pretty big hit against the Lancers.

Parents' night took place after the junior varsity game, allowing for the parents to be proud of their young athletes.

The first quarter of the varsity match went to the Archers at 15-12. Lincolnview started the second quarter outpacing their opponents. Antwerp came back and finished the game with an 8 point, 66-58 win. Antwerp's record is now 7-5.

Logan Bradford, Miah Coil, Madison Good, Brianna Gorrell, Savannah Habern, Hallieann Hale, Jacee Harwell, Shawn Jackson, Kalen Kelly, Kyle Kovac, Audrey Manz, Brian Matson, Cade McGarvey, Emma McMaster, Abbigaile McMichael, Marcus Miller, Elizabeth Mobley, Caitlyn Myers, Kaylee Plummer, Gabriella Stahl, Hunter Vogel, Jordan Weidenhamer

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ANTWERP BOYS FALL TO TINORA IN BASKETBALL



Antwerp Senior Joe Buerkle shoots from under the rim. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The poor weather didn't stop Tinora from competing at the Antwerp gymnasium on Thursday, January 9. Unfortunately for Antwerp the Rams were ahead nearly

double the entire game. The Archers looked good in the fourth quarter but still lost the game 79-53. Antwerp is now 5-4 for the season.

LADY PATRIOTS PULL WIN FROM WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott
Heritage pulled away from Woodlan with a 34-22 second half to down the Warriors 59-49 in girls' ACAC basketball at Heritage. The Patriots led 13-11 after the first 8 minutes and Woodlan came back to take the lead in the second period with a 16-12 advantage and led 27-25 at half. The Patriots had the advantage in the second half, outscoring

Woodlan 16-11 in the third and 18-11 in the fourth. Brooke Gerbers had 14 points for Woodlan.

Score by the Quarter:
Woodlan - 11 16 11 11=49
Heritage - 13 12 16 18=59
Scorers of the Game:
Woodlan - Gerbers 14, Williams 10, Hinton 9, Hostetler 8, Franklin 4, Salzbrenner 2, Graber 2
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OHIO WATERFOWL HUNTERS INVITED TO OFFER FEEDBACK FOR UPCOMING SEASONS

Ohio waterfowl hunters have the opportunity to provide input on next season's hunting regulations through an online survey, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

Survey topics include the timing of the 2014-2015 waterfowl hunting seasons and hen mallard bag limits. The survey will be available at wildohio.com beginning Monday, January 20, and must be completed by Friday, February 14. The survey contains approximately 25 questions and should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

The Ohio Wildlife Council establishes season dates and other regulations in the summer after federal guidelines are provided for the 2014-2015 waterfowl hunting seasons. Input will be used so hunting opportunities can be matched to the preferences of as many

hunters as possible within the constraints of federal guidelines.

Similar information was solicited from Ohio waterfowl hunters in 2013 and used to set the 2013-2014 hunting season dates. A full report and a summary of the report are available at wildohio.com on the Waterfowl Hunting Resources page.

Similar to last year, Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp buyers who purchased a hunting license and have provided a valid email address will be emailed an invitation to take the survey in an effort to increase awareness and participation.

Hunters will need their customer identification number to take the survey. The identification number is found on all Ohio hunting and fishing licenses or at wildohio.com. Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp customers who wish to provide an email address to receive future invitations can do so by visiting wildohio.com and clicking the Wild Ohio Customer Center.

SARAH NOGGLE JOINS PCED BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Jerry Zielke PCED Executive Director Welcomes Sarah Noggle to the PCED Board of Directors.

The Paulding County Economic Development, Inc. Board of Director met on Tuesday January 15, 2014 with eight members present. The board approved new board member Sarah Noggle, as the representative from Ohio State University Extension to serve on the board director. Sarah Noggle is a life long resident of Paulding County and became the Paulding County OSU ANR Extension Educator last October. She attended OSU and has a Master's Degree in Education. She was formally the Ag Educator at the Paulding Exempted Village Schools and has been involved in many organizations and has worked on many projects in Paulding County. Election of officers for 2014 were held with Randy Derck elected President representing Antwerp CIC; Harry Wiebe was elected Vice President representing Paulding CIC; John Kobee was elected Treasurer representing area Financial Institutions; and Linda Hodges was elected Secretary representing Oakwood Development Company. The board approved the amended 2014 PCED

budget.

Executive Director Jerry Zielke reported that he now has sixteen active business projects he is working on in the county. Jerry updated the board on the plans for upgrading the PCED website in the coming year including the New Online County Business Directory. Jerry reported on a number of upcoming meetings which included "Timely Topics in Economic Development" to be held at NWSCC at Archbold on January 22, "A Free Small Business Basics 2014 Seminar" to be held at PCED office on January 23, and Northwest Ohio MEP Manufacturing Forum to be held at Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg on February 7 with featured speaker Dr. James West, Boeing Project Manager/MEP Technology Centers. His topic will be "Building Communities & Jobs for the 21st Century".

Pam Miller PCED office manager updated the board on the Annual Membership Drive progress. If you would like to become a PCED member please contact the PCED office at 419-399-8282.

Sudoku solution from page 13

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PAULDING FALLS TO WAYNE TRACE IN CLOSE GAME



Kyle Kauser is fast on the floor with Wayne Trace's Ethan Linder hot on the trail. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The tension was thick as the boys basketball game began at the Paulding stadium in Tuesday, January 14. Earlier in the evening the Raiders picked up a win against Paulding 53-35.

The varsity game was quite a bit more intense. The gymnasium was packed, including the upper levels. This game started with Paulding taking a small early lead in the first quarter at 14-12. Quarter number two was just as close with Wayne Trace taking the higher amount and finishing the half with the Panthers in the lead 27-26.

Tension mounted as the second half began. This was the big quarter for the Raiders as they knocked in 20 points.

The fourth quarter flew by as the game went fast and furious with the ball trad-

ing back and fourth. Once again the points only varied by two, with Paulding scoring the most.

The final score was 57-53 with Wayne Trace winning. One advantage the Raiders seemed to have was the ability to successfully long high speed passes across the court.

Scorers of the Game:

Wayne Trace - Ethan Linder 18, Corbin Linder 12, Colby Speice 7, Jake Arend 6, Devin Wenzlick 6, David Sinn 4, TJ Blackmore 4

Paulding - Treston Gonzales 16, Julian Salinas 14, Guy Harder 12, Kyle Kauser 8, Gerod Harder 3

Paulding score by quarter is amazingly consistent.

Score by the Quarter:

Wayne Trace - 12 14 20 11=57

Paulding - 14 13 13 13=53

NEW HAVEN WINS TOUGH BATTLE AGAINST CHARGERS

The boys basketball game at New Haven on Friday, January 17 got off to a late start against Carroll. This hotly contested first half had few points to show for it when both teams were playing defense. The first half ended with a score of only 19-12 with New Haven in the lead.

The second half of the game changed quite a bit with much more scoring taking place. Battling for top place, Carroll took the lead in the middle of the third quarter taking the ball several times from the New Haven

opponents. The home team realized they needed to do something and took the score back. The only quarter where the Chargers outscored the home team was the fourth, but the points accumulated in previous quarters, putting the Bulldogs on top, winning 60-53.

Top New Haven Scorers:

Jailan Wattley 19, Lowell Griggs 14, Steve McElvene 11

Score by Quarter:

New Haven: 8 11 21 20 = 60

Carroll: 6 6 19 22 = 53



Jordan Hogue is fouled on the shot, going on to score the free throws. More pictures at westbendnews.net.

CLOSE GAME FOR WAYNE TRACE & LIMA SHAWNEE BOYS BASKETBALL

Wayne Trace took on Lima Shawnee on January 18th. The final score was a Raider win: 73-67.

Score by the Quarter:

Wayne Trace - 17 20 16 20=73

Lima Shawnee - 8 16 19 24=67

Scorers of the Game:

Wayne Trace - Miller 3, E Linder 37, Speice 4, Arend 6, C Linder 10, Wenzlick 2, Sinn 6, Blackmore 5

Lima Shawnee - Gaffer 5, Tucker 20, Vernon 1, Brock 14, Hites 1, O'Neal 17, Fox 6, Brown 3

JV: Wayne Trace 52, Lima Shawnee 45

LCC & WAYNE TRACE LADIES PLAY CLOSE GAME IN GIRLS BASKETBALL

On Monday, January 13th Lima Central Catholic and Wayne Trace took to the court for some high school girls basketball. It was close the whole game, but in the end LCC took the victory: 76-63.

Score by the Quarter:

Wayne Trace - 17 12 20 14=63

Lima Central Catholic - 19 18 21 18=76

Scorers of the Game:

Wayne Trace - Mohr 14, Temple 10, Speice 14, Wilcox 4, Feasby 15, Poling 2, Young 4

Lima Central Catholic - Santaguida 5, Shepherd 20, Kidd 19, Mohler 11, Snider 2, Stolly 13, Vernhoff 6

JV score: LCC over WT 55-43

WOODLAN BOYS DEFEAT LEO IN ACAC 1ST ROUND



Warriors Evan Gustin and Caleb Stieglitz fight for to keep the ball in Woodlan possession. More pictures at westbendnews.net

This first round of the ACAC tournament started on Tuesday, January 14 at the Warrior home court. This game was nothing like the girls', being fast paced, with both teams on fire. Woodlan took an early lead, but Leo came back and surpassed the Woodlan score ending the first quarter at 13-19.

While the Warriors scored well in the second quarter, Leo didn't slow down the pace of their baskets and kept the pressure on the home team, leading the half-time score at 44-36.

It was a different team for the second half of the game as the Warriors brought the house down. Woodlan outscored Leo by nearly double in the third quarter with both seniors Kadin Gerig and Jaylin Bennett pulling the points out of the basket.

Starting the fourth quarter the game was close and Leo tried to take back the momentum that was ripped away by the Warriors, but it was fruitless with Woodlan once

again outscoring the Lions and taking the win at 83-76.

Woodlan scorers:

Kadin Gerig 25, Jaylin Bennett 25, Jeffrey Jones 9, Loren Hahn 8, Greg White 6, Caleb Stieglitz 6, Evan Gustin 2, Elyjah O'Hara 2

Score by the Quarter:

Woodlan - 13 23 22 25=83

Leo - 19 25 12 20=76

FW AREA COMMUNITY BAND TO PERFORM AT IPFW

Fort Wayne Area Community Band will present a concert Tuesday, February 25 at the John & Ruth Rhinehart Music Center on the IPFW campus. Downbeat is 7:30 p.m. Conductor Scott Humphries and assistant conductor Susan Jehl have chosen a variety of music that includes South Pacific, Variations on America, Sancho and the Windmills, Tempered Steel, and Manhattan Beach Marcc. For more information please call 260-493-3318.

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