

SHERIFF'S TRAINING SAVES LIFE OF AUTISTIC CHILD



Cathy Ruiz and Victoria Clemens. Western Buckeye is teaming up with local emergency officials to help them identify and work with people having autism.

It could have been bad. A call comes into the Police Department. "A child is playing in the highway. I don't know who it is."

"Okay, I'll be right down." Victoria hangs up the phone and immediately opens the door to the office. She looks to the right and sees commotion happening on North Main Street in Antwerp.

Arriving on the scene, Captain Victoria Clemens sees a distressed child, about

6 or 7 years of age with someone trying to get them off the street. It's not going well and the child is not understanding. A mental block is going up.

After talking with the child, Victoria recognizes the symptoms of autism and responds appropriately. Calmly, she talks to him and comforts him. He understands and listens to her calm voice as she sang songs with him.

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MR. & MRS. STEVE DERCK CELEBRATE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Steve and Nancy Derck of Antwerp will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, November 28, 2014. They were joined in Holy Matrimony on November 28, 1964 by Fr. Gerald Stein of St. Michael's Parish in Hicksville, Ohio. They have two daughters: Anita

(Robert) Bok of Antwerp and Beth Derck of Noblesville, IN. They also have five grandchildren: Steven, Ryan, Whitney, and Lindsey Bok, and Christopher Derck.

Steve and Nancy are both retired and enjoy traveling to visit with family whenever

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NEW HAVEN STUDENTS DONATE TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



By: Beth Stauffer

Three New Haven High School students recently took time out of their busy lives to give back to the community.

Samantha Saalfank, Hadley Decker, and Brooke Imel had a blast spending eight hours working on a Habitat for Humanity home, helping to build a home for someone in need. The girls were able to meet the new owner of the home, and the homeowner was so appreciative of the girl's work on the project she plans to come to the New Haven vs. Leo basketball game to get a group picture.

According to the organizers of the Habitat for Humanity project, Saalfank, Hadley and Imel are a fine example to other youth and appreciated the time the girls put in on the house. The organizers also said they would warmly welcome the girls back, along with anyone else who would like to come and help. The girls said they would like to return soon to work on a future Habitat for Humanity project.

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The training will be in the basement of the Samaritan Center, located at 1030 West Wayne Street, Paulding.

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PAULDING:
Joseph J. Zigovits Jr., age 94 died Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at his daughter's home in Oxford, Ohio.

He was born in North Hampton, Pennsylvania on August 16, 1920 the son of Joseph and Theresa (Zamper) Zigovits Sr. On May 22, 1948 he married Ruth Ann Losher, who preceded him in death on April 14, 2011. He was a US Navy veteran serving during WWII. He had a Master's Degree in education and counseling. Previously he was employed by St. Henry School as a teacher, baseball and basketball coach; and Celina School as an industrial arts teacher, baseball coach and athletic director. He retired from Paulding Exempted Village Schools where he had been a Guidance Counselor, teacher, baseball and basketball coach. After retirement he tutored many children. He was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, where he was Eucharistic Minister for 50 years. He a member of Payne American Legion, Paulding VFW, Knights of Columbus, and Naval Reserve of Ft. Wayne. He was a former Boy Scout leader. He delivered Meals-On-Wheels until the age of 90.

He is survived by three daughters, Teresa Zigovits, Toledo; Lucinda Zigovits, Oxford, and Katherine (Michael) Dangler, Snellville, Georgia; two sons, J. Michael (Mini) Zigovits, Farmington Hills, Michigan, G. Christopher (Amy) Zigovits, Indianapolis, Indiana; a sister, Theresa Mondschie, Copley, Pennsylvania; ten grandchildren: Christine (Jeremy) Fife, Lisa (Brandon) McDougale, Jessica (Brant) Verfaillie, John (Katie) Williamson, Luke (Sarah) Zigovits, Molly (Phil) Van Hooven, Ashley (Sam) Hicks, Alex Koehn, Griffin Dangler and Jacob Dangler; and eleven great grandchildren: Megan, Julia, and Jacob Fife, Madison, Brooklyn and Samuel Verfaillie, Bela McDougale, Lily and Parker Williamson, Olive and Juda Zigovits.

He is also preceded in death by his parents; a brother, John Zigovits, sisters, Mary Kish and Stella Kemmerer.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted 2PM Tuesday, November 18 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, with

Rev. Joseph Poggemeyer officiating. Burial will follow in St. Paul Cemetery with military rites accorded by VFW Post #587.

Visitation will be 9:30 AM until Noon Tuesday, November 18 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and from 1PM until time of services at the church.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations made to Crossroads of Cincinnati or Divine Mercy Catholic Parish for Masses.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

GROVER HILL:
Mildred Marie (McClure) Davis, 74, of Grover Hill, passed away peacefully at her home on November 14, 2014.

Marie was born on August 21, 1938 in Continental, Ohio, the daughter of Everett and Violet (Fruchey) McClure. She was one of seven children. She graduated from Grover Hill High School in 1956.

On December 22, 1956, she married Roland Rex Davis at the United Methodist Church in Grover Hill, Ohio. They were married nearly 58 years. She was blessed with three sons: Kelvin (Sandra Carter), Greg "Gus" (Lori Dealey), and Robbie (Jessica Welch). She was the proud grandmother of eleven grandchildren: Joshua, Jacob (Stacy Hatfield), Justin, Janelle, Natalie (Ben Winans), Nathan, Ryan, Caleb, Corey, Christopher, and Cara. Marie was also blessed with six great-grandchildren: Madisyn, Rhianna, Brayson, Cale, Caroline, and Careen.

Marie retired in January of 1996 from the Wayne Trace Local Schools where she served as treasurer for 20 years. She also served as the Latty Township Clerk for many years.

Marie enjoyed spending time with her family and supporting them in everything that they were involved in. She logged many hours in the stands at her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren's sporting events.

Marie is survived by her husband, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and her siblings: Dana (Sue) McClure, Barb Dotson McClure, Larry McClure, Cleona (Garry) Miller, Earl (Allison) McClure, and Vinal (Leslie) McClure. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Russ "Rex" McClure, and a sister-in-law, Deb McClure.

Funeral services were conducted 11 AM Monday, November 17 at Zion United Methodist Church, Grover Hill, with Rev. Paul Miller officiating. Burial will follow in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill.

Visitation was Sunday, November 16 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services at the church on Monday.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to Grover Hill Zion United Methodist Church or Grover Hill EMS.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

PAULDING:
Lydia Grace Schneider died shortly after birth on Wednesday, November 12 at Dupont Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

She is survived by her parents, Michael and Jodi (Ifft) Schneider, Paulding; siblings:

Joel, Lynelle, Lathan and Thad Schneider all at home; grandparents: Jim and Sandra (Gerber) Schneider, and Larry and Shirley (Gerber) Ifft, all of Fairbury, IL; great grandparents: Earl and Esther Gerber, Forrest, IL.

She is preceded in death by three brothers, Levi John, Joshua Ryan and Benjamin Lee; great grandparents: Noah and Emma Gerber, Elmer and Emma Ifft, and Al and Gladys Schneider.

Graveside services were conducted 3PM Sunday, November 16 at Dotterer Cemetery, Junction, Ohio.

Donations can be made to Apostolic Christian Home for the Handicapped, Morton, Illinois.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, is handling arrangements.

ANTWERP:
Peggy Johnson, 66, of Antwerp died November 12, 2014.

Arr by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne.

Sheriff's Training
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Mom and dad came and were thankful for the help. It was a life-saving opportunity at the Antwerp PD.

In April of this year, Paulding County Sheriff Jason Landers set up a training seminar in conjunction with Western Buckeye. The goal of the learning period was to help police officers and emergency workers to be able to identify people they are working with who may be autistic.

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and autism are both general terms for a group of complex disorders of brain development. These disorders are characterized, in varying degrees, by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviors.

Parents can have difficulties relating and it may be nearly impossible for outside people if they are not properly trained.

The all day training session brought to light some of the problems that can happen, and how to correctly handle the situation from spiraling out of control.

Even though Victoria was not able to attend the first meeting, Police Chief George Clemens was able to get the lady to train the officers in Antwerp, finding the original seminar very valuable.

George stated, "We have a Sheriff who relates to the people and helps all the departments in the county be prepared."

What would have happened before the training probably would not have gone well and the child would not trust a uniformed officer because of the force

deemed necessary. Now officials have been trained to handle situations like this and make it optimal for everyone involved.

"I am very thankful," Cathy explained. "This training is important because it makes them aware." Cathy Ruiz works for Western Buckeye as a parent mentor to bring knowledge to people about Autism. "When you've met one person with autism, you've met one person with autism," says Cathy. Simply put, this disability has such a wide range that sometimes it can be difficult even for a medical doctor to diagnose this affliction.

Cathy approached Sheriff Jason Landers last year about the subject of Autism awareness, and he realized there was a need for this understanding in law enforcement. In April, the event took place with all of Sheriff's office deputies and personnel participating. Other agencies were also invited such as the local police departments and Antwerp's Police Chief, George Clemens, also went. He was so impressed, he had Cathy go to the Antwerp Police Department to engage his staff and officers, including Victoria. The training brought to light the importance of knowledge.

Something Sheriff Landers pointed out, "This is the first time this training has ever happened in Paulding County and it's already been useful." Landers and Ruiz are working to get parents to file information with the Sheriff's office or the local police departments to fill out a short form to help identify children if they might wander, which occurs in nearly 50% of all autistic kids.

Cathy has experience with her own son, Tyler, who has to live with this disorder. He graduated in 2013 from Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School. Her goal now is to help other parents with identifying triggers and children with the disorder.

"Diet plays a crucial roll," says Cathy. Food allergies can trigger many problems for people who are autistic. "For Tyler, many areas of his life improved with diet."

For parents, teachers or authorities who are frustrated, whether behavior, autism or ADHD, there is much help available. Western Buckeye is prepared to guide families with the resources they need to make a difference. Give Cathy a call at 419-399-4711.

Great job to all the work put in by Cathy, the Sheriff and the county officials for recognizing the importance and understanding autism.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Your word is a lamp to my feet, And a light to my path. 106 I have sworn and I will confirm it, That I will keep Your righteous ordinances." *Psalm 119:105-106 NASB*

Derck Anniversary
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possible. Steve enjoys helping his nephews with their farming operation and is a member of the Antwerp Village Council. Nancy enjoys spending her time tending her multiple flower beds, reading and going to garage sales. They both enjoy watching their youngest granddaughter play sports. They also enjoy spending time with relatives in the warm Florida sunshine during the winter months.

The Dercks will celebrate their anniversary with family and friends at a Thanksgiving Dinner in Noblesville, IN. They are also planning on taking a cruise this coming winter.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 11/19 - 11/25

11/19 - Baked ham, sweet potatoes, wax beans, orange juice, WW bread, raisins

11/20 - Beef stew, peaches, grape juice, biscuit, cake mix cookie

11/21 - Baked turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, Key West vegetables, cranberry & pineapple salad, pumpkin cake

11/24 - BBQ chicken, browned potato, brussel sprouts, fruit cocktail, WW bread, fruit snacks

11/25 - Beef goulash, mixed vegetables, fruit compote, garlic bread, grape juice

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 11/19 - 11/25

11/19 - Bunco at 12:30 p.m.; Buckeye Hearing Bingo & Free Hearing Screenings at 12:00 Noon; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery shopping at 1:30 p.m.

11/20 - Blood pressure & Toe Nail Clinic at 9:00 a.m.; Bingo w/The Gardens at 10:00 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Turn Up at 12:15 p.m.; Evening meal at 5:00 p.m.; Entertainment at 5:30 p.m.

11/21 - Thanksgiving Celebration Red Hat Day!

Bingo w/Vancrest of Antwerp at 12:00 Noon; Craft store open, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Commodity Distribution at 11:00 a.m.

11/24 - Fingernail Clinic 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner at 5:00-6:30 p.m. (provided by the Reinhart family)

11/25 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.; Trivia with Nicole at 12:00 Noon

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



HOUSE BILL 10 ENSURES LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

Guest Column from Representative Tony Burkley

There is one thing you can be certain of, and that is that this state depends on its local government system. As a state representative, I believe that one of my duties is ensuring that the concerns of our county and municipal sectors are included in the decisions we make here in Columbus. These areas are the backbone of our neighborhoods and the foundation of our progress.

I have had the fortunate opportunity to serve many years in county government, which includes four terms as Paulding County Commissioner. I have seen firsthand the passion and hard work that goes into these localized decisions, and it's my hope that I can take my unique experience in these roles to offer my viewpoint on legislation that affects those in these capacities.

The Ohio House passed legislation earlier this year that addresses a variety of procedures and requirements pertaining to the fiscal officers of townships and municipal corporations in our local communities. Measures in the bill include creating a uniform removal procedure for fiscal officers based on precedence, ensuring that county auditors and treasurers perform their duties every 30 days, and establishing education programs to encourage ongoing training in these areas.

Accountability is important at the local, state and federal levels. This country was based on the idea of "checks and balances" and taxpayers deserve to know that their money is being responsibly utilized. This bill helps to address that issue by making certain that those on the local level are following the proper guidelines and that their money is being properly watched over.

House Bill 10 is currently in the Senate and I hope to see its progress. The majority of our local, state and federal workers are good people who are here to serve. I fondly look back on my days at the local level and I will continue to bring their concerns back to the Statehouse. Together we can continue to push for accountability and transparency in our government, as it benefits our economy, businesses and my fellow Ohioans.

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LATTA, WALZ INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS PROPANE ISSUES

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH), along with Congressman Tim Walz (D-MN), introduced the Propane Education and Research Enhancement Act of 2014. The bipartisan legislation directs the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) to more accurately calculate consumer propane costs. It also enables the propane industry to use its resources to mitigate price spikes.

"Last winter, the lives and livelihoods of many Americans were threatened due to propane shortages across the country," said Latta. "Access to heat was a requirement for survival, and we want to ensure that Americans do not face the same hardships. The Propane Education and Research Enhancement Act of 2014 would take the necessary steps to allow the propane industry to adequately address propane supply and pricing issues, so consumers are not negatively impacted this winter."

"Winter is coming. Minnesota has already seen significant snowfall and freezing temperatures. It is imperative that we do everything in our power to protect families and local businesses from facing

the price shocks we witnessed last winter when a lack of supply put people's lives and livelihoods at risk," said Walz. "The Propane Education and Research Enhancement Act provides the tools that consumers and distributors need to avoid future disruptions."

In 1996, Congress enacted the Propane Education and Research Act (PERA) authorizing the propane industry to collect and use its own resources for safety, training, research and development, and education for the benefit of propane consumers and the public. The law also established the Propane Education and Research Council (PERC) to accomplish these goals.

To prevent this program from creating a disproportionate demand for propane, the DOC is required to annually calculate the price for "consumer grade propane" and compare it with an index of prices of specified competing fuels. If the price of propane exceeds a certain threshold, PERC is restricted from conducting its educational outreach activities.

In 2009, due to a misinterpretation of the law by the DOC, the restriction was triggered and all educational outreach by PERC ceased. While DOC believes Congress

intended PERA to focus only on "residential-only" propane, the text of the law does not limit it to the residential market. To correct this discrepancy, the Propane Education and Research Enhancement Act of 2014 would clarify the language of the law to require DOC to use the proper data and bring the application of the law back in line with Congress' intent. It would also amend the existing functions of PERC to include training distributors and consumers in strategies to mitigate the negative effects of propane price spikes.

NEW HAVEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S MEET ME @ 5

Lopshire Florist will host the next New Haven Chamber of Commerce Meet Me @ 5 event. It is set to take place on November 20 at 5:00 p.m.

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Lopshire Florist is located at 2211 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, IN. RSVP requested but not required at 260-749-4484 or info@newhavenindiana.org

FORMER PRO BASEBALL PLAYER VISITS CENTRAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL



Former professional baseball player and New Haven High School graduate, Dave Doster visited with Mrs. Anne Hess's second grade class at Central Lutheran School. Doster

played professionally from 1993-2005 and played for two seasons with the Philadelphia Phillies. While in the classroom, Doster described his professional playing experiences and

also challenged students to determine the outcome of the World Series. The students had a great time, and everyone left with a signed Dave Doster baseball card.

CANI ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO RESUME

CANI (Community Action of Northeast Indiana) began accepting calls on Oct. 20 to schedule appointments for energy assistance for all of its offices in Allen, DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, and Whitley counties. Appointments are available for households that have received a disconnect notice or whose utilities are already disconnected. Those who are not currently up for disconnect, may complete the paper application and submit it for processing. Applications can be found on CANI's web site www.canihelp.org.

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) helps pay a portion of a household's heating bills during the winter months. Last year, CANI helped close to 9,600 families with their utility bills. Help is available for both renters and homeowners. Eligible households receive the benefit one time per heating season.

The program runs November 3, 2014 through May 15, 2015. Applicants must meet income levels:

- One-person household - No more than \$17,505 annually.
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- Three-person household - No more than \$29,685 annually.
- Four-person household - No more than \$35,775 annually.

Add \$6,090 for each additional family member.

At all locations, the following must be brought to the appointment and is mandatory to complete an application:

Documentation of all household gross income (payroll check stubs, letter from employer, award letters, unemployment income, veterans benefits; TANF; Social Security; pensions, etc.) for the past 12 months for everyone in the household 18 years of age and older.

Current heating and light bills at current residence.

A Social Security Number is required for all persons in the household over the age of 1. It can be in the form of the social security card, pay stub containing name and full social secu-

TURKEYS IN DISGUISE



Mrs. McMichael's kindergarten class at Antwerp Elementary disguised a paper turkey to keep it from being

eaten on Thanksgiving. Here, Aiden Hook, Hailey Clem, and Michael Rohrs show off their turkey disguises.

rity number, social security award letter with full social security number, or a federal form with full social security number on it.

Rental Lease or a completed Landlord Affidavit for all renters.

Anyone 18 or over must submit a Wage History Statement from WorkOne and a completed Zero-Income Verification Form. A current school schedule must be provided for full-time students.

Those who need to make an appointment can do so by calling CANI's dedicated appointment line 24 hours a day at 1-800-589-2264 or going to the online scheduler on the web site, www.canihelp.org.

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BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

1. Luke 16:11 - What does unrighteous mammon mean?
2. Luke 16:11 - What does this mean, have not been faithful in this unrighteous mammon?
3. Luke 16:13 - How many masters should we serve?
4. Luke 16:13 - Can complete loyalty be divided?
5. Luke 16:13 - What two things can you not serve at the same time?
6. Luke 16:13 - Who should be our master?
7. Thought question: as you and I look at all the world today, who is the master who is being served the most?
8. Luke 16:14 - Why did the Pharisees deride or scoff Jesus?
9. Luke 16:15 - Who should the Pharisees justify themselves before?
10. Luke 16:16 - What was before John?

Comments or questions? Call James Potter at 419-393-4775 or e-mail jsp1941@yahoo.com Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ.

Answers to today's questions:

1. It is the trust of unrighteous or worldly men.; 2. It is talking about being faithless in an earthly trust.; 3. One; 4. No; 5. God, and Mammon or riches.; 6. God;
7. Satan; remember Noah and the Ark Genesis, chapter six; read 1 Timothy 4:1-5, also 2 Timothy 4:3-4. These latter days folks are what we are living in today. The pure, sincere word of the truth of God's Holy word has been changed from truth to a lie. People today are teaching and doing things that are an abomination to God.
8. Because they were covetous.; 9. God; 10. The law and prophets.

"O!" Baldy says bye for now, but here are some things to think about:

1. Either God is first in your life, or He is not there at all.
2. You will hold to Satan or God, for you cannot serve two Gods at the same time.
3. Loved ones, we must understand that all things belong to God.
4. Most people today justify themselves instead of letting God justify them;
5. The wisest thing anyone can do today is to prepare for eternity. Whether you believe in God or not, some day you will. How many of you want to hear the most awful news, depart from me, I never knew you. Jesus is the one who will be telling you this one day. "Luv Ya!"

PAULDING UMC TO HOST TGIF

The Paulding United Methodist Church will host its annual TGIF (Thank God It's Free) give-a-way on Saturday, December 6, at the Paulding County Extension Center on the Paulding County Fairgrounds. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Donations for the give-away will be accepted beginning Monday, December 1, from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. daily through Wednesday, December 3. On Thursday, December 4, donations will be accepted from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. only. No donations will be accepted on Friday, December 5.

Items wanted include new or gently-used clothing, small appliances, stuffed animals, towels, toys, blankets, bedding, Christmas items and other small miscellaneous items. No large appliances, furniture, encyclopedias, large electronic products or large household items will be accepted.

If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Kadesch (419-399-5424) or Sue Wannemacher (419-263-2972).

MVNU NAMED ONE OF THE BEST ONLINE CHRISTIAN COLLEGES FOR 2015

The Affordable College Foundation has ranked Mount Vernon Nazarene University #11 on their list of the Best Online Christian Colleges for 2015. MVNU has been recognized for its commitment to integrating Christian values with excellence in online education.

Affordable Colleges Foundation (ACF) is a leading resource for online learning and college affordability information. Their recently published list of the Best Online Christian Colleges for 2014-2015 included schools that not only have clear and active Christian affiliations but have proven their excellence in online education.

Brock Schroeder, Vice President for Graduate and Professional Studies and Enrollment, said that, "MVNU has made significant strides in providing an affordable education. The University is committed to offering new programs at competitive prices in order to deliver a high-quality education online and throughout central Ohio."

The criteria used to create

the list of Best Online Christian Colleges include:

- Number of online programs available
- Online tuition cost
- Student/faculty ratio
- 6-year graduation rate
- Percentage of students receiving financial aid
- Academic and career counseling services
- Placement services for graduates

The online degree options at MVNU include a Bachelor of Business Administration, a Master of Business Administration, a Master of Science in Management, and a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education: Early Childhood Degree Completion Program. MVNU's new Summer Learning program also offers competitively priced online summer courses for traditional undergraduate students. For more information on either of these programs, visit www.mvnu.edu/gps/online or www.gotomvnu.com/summer.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is a private, four-year, intentionally Christian teaching university for traditional age students, graduate students and working adults. With a 327-acre main campus in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and several convenient Graduate and Professional Studies locations throughout the state, MVNU emphasizes academic excellence, spiritual growth and service to community and church. MVNU offers an affordable education to more than 2,200 students from 29 states and 12 countries/U.S. territories.

THIS THANKSGIVING, WHAT OR WHOM ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

Winning the Battle for a Generation by: Pastor Rick Jones

My wife and I have been blessed by raising three boys and each of them were a joy for us to parent. Each of the boys exhibited their God-given personalities in ways that always made us aware of how privileged we were to have them. One of our sons was especially careful to "thank" his mother every time she prepared a meal or went about her daily tasks to care for them. Saying "thank-you," exhibiting gratitude has become a lost art, in fact it has become so rare that I read of a college that requires their students to take a class on expressing gratitude, through letters, conversation, calls, etc.

We are only a few days from Thanksgiving, a national holiday, a time when families get together to share food, memories and for some, it is an opportunity to express their gratitude to loved ones again, to say again, "thank-you," which for some may be the last time in this life. This Thanksgiving, what or whom are you thankful for?

Melody Beattie is the author of many popular self-help books, including *Codependent No More*. She has fought battles with abuse, addiction and the overwhelming grief of losing her son. She emerged from the pain to help others. In spite of her struggles, a major theme in her work and life is gratitude. She says:

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into ac-

ceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."

The Apostle Paul reminds us in the scriptures to be "thankful" in all things, all the time... 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (KJV), "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Don't wait for Thanksgiving to be thankful, take a moment, perhaps after reading this article and write that long overdue thank you letter, make that call to express your thankfulness or find some way to say "thank-you" before it's too late.

Rick Jones previously served on the staff of Defiance Area Youth for Christ for 36 years, first as a ministry coordinator and later as Executive Director. Rick is currently a pastor of an area local church.

ST. LOUIS BESANCON HAM & TURKEY DINNER FUND-RAISER

The St. Louis Besancon parish community is again hosting a Ham and Turkey Dinner on Sunday November 23rd from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the parish hall. The dinner will feature ham and turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, coleslaw, cranberry salad, a homemade dessert, and a drink. Also taking place will be a big raffle, quilt and turkey raffles, a country craft store, and a silent auction full of goodies, items, and services donated locally.

All are invited to come and enjoy fine food and fellowship this event provides. St. Louis Besancon Catholic Church, 15535 Lincoln Highway East (3 miles east of US 30 & I-469 on old Highway 30).

www.newhavenbulletin.com

LOVED ONES COMMEMORATED WITH PERSONALIZED ORNAMENTS ON REMEMBRANCE TREES AT LUTHERAN HOSPITAL

Memorial ornaments will again adorn Remembrance Trees at Lutheran Hospital this upcoming holiday season. The annual Remembrance Tree display gives the entire community a way to commemorate loved ones who are gone but not forgotten.

The public is invited to place a personalized ornament on one of the trees Saturday, November 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A special dedication will take place in the hospital's south lobby at 12:45 p.m. The names of loved ones will be read at that time.

Special ornaments are available in memory of fallen heroes from the armed forces, fire department or police department. This year, a special children's tree has also been added. Loved ones can select a Lego ornament in memory of a child.

Volunteers paint each ornament with a family member or friend's name. People can opt to write a note to or about the loved one that will be placed inside their ornament.

Ornaments remain on

PAYNE AMERICAN LEGION PRESENTS DONATION



The Payne American Legion presented the Payne Food Bank with a check for \$500. Pictured here, Ellen

Henriott accepts the donation from American Legion members Robert Williams (left) and Tim Baumle.

the trees until shortly after the New Year, at which time they may be picked up at Lutheran and taken home as a memento. Ornaments are provided free of charge.

Area choirs and musicians will share songs of the season throughout the morning. Nurses from Lutheran Hospital helped plan this special activity.

Lutheran Hospital's south lobby is located in Medical Office Building Two, 7910 W. Jefferson Blvd., adjacent to the Lutheran Cancer Center. The campus' south parking garage offers the closest parking.

This is the sixth year for the Remembrance Tree event at Lutheran. The public may call 260.435.7704, for more information.

OHIO LEADS NATION WITH SEVEN PARALYMPIC ALL-AMERICANS IN 2014

2014 was a landmark year for Ohio high school Paralympic athletes, as seven were named U.S. Paralympics Track and Field High School All-Americans by the U.S. Paralympic Committee. Ohio led all states in the number of All-Americans and also saw two athletes awarded with the 2014 National Boys Track Athlete of the Year and 2014 National Girls Field Athlete of the Year.

Tontogany Otsego's A.J. Digby was named an All-American in the 100 meter, 200 meter, 400 meter, discuss and long jump on his way to being named the 2014 National Boys Track Athlete of the Year. Ravena Southeast's Jenna Fesemyer was awarded the 2014 National Girls Field Athlete of the Year. Fesemyer was

named as an All-American in the 800 meter, discus, shot put and javelin.

At the 2014 Ohio High School Athletic Association Track and Field State Tournament, Fesemyer won and set state tournament records in all events of girls wheelchair competition, including the 800 meter run, shot put, 400 meter dash and 100 meter dash.

Wooster's Casey Followay and Westland's Timothy Bailey were named All-Americans in the 100 meter, 400 meter and 800 meter. Liberty Center's Robert Burns was named as a 400 meter, 800 meter and 1500 meter All-American. Randy McMullen from Kent Roosevelt was named as an All-American in the 1500 meter, discus and shot put.

Xenia Christian's Grace Norman was named an All-American, qualifying through competition in the 100 meter, 200 meter, 400 meter, 800 meter and 1500 meter.

The OHSAA made history in 2013 by hosting wheelchair events at its state track and field championships. Through the continuing growth and success of Ohio Paralympic athletes, Ohio continues to set the bar for high school Paralympic athletics.

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To our family, friends and many supporters. You have truly touched our hearts with your love, friendship, offers of help and assistance and the generous support you showed at the benefit held in aid of our family. It was a wonderful occasion and clearly our joy can be found in even the darkest of situations. We deeply appreciate each and every contribution, thought and prayer.

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— Nate, Amber, Lincoln and Noah, The Lucas Clan



PAULDING NATIVE DONATES PAINTING

The Paulding County Carnegie Library was recently the recipient of an original painting done by Paulding native, Dan Stouffer. Stouffer was born and raised in Paulding. He now lives in New Mexico and is a professional artist. Dan shared with library director, Susan Pieper, fondly what the library meant to him as a child and wanted to give one of his paintings for the citizens to enjoy. "We are thrilled that Mr. Stouffer thought of the library in such a meaningful way. His painting is beautiful and will remind us all that there are those who were raised in Paulding County and who now live elsewhere, but who still hold the county library close to their hearts." The painting is a watercolor of a stand of aspens and is on permanent display at the main historic Carnegie library in Paulding. For more information about the work of Dan Stouffer, go to danstouffer.com.



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TREEHOUSE TROUPE VISITS OAKWOOD



The Treehouse Troupe from B.G.S.U. visited Oakwood Elementary on November 4, 2014. They presented a play called "The Top Job." This was the October P.A.W.S. reward, and students had to earn the right to attend. In the picture are the B.G.S.U. students (in back row) along with second-grade students who watched the play.

PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC CO-OP MEMBERS GIVE BACK THOUSANDS WITH OPERATION ROUND-UP



This year marks the 25th Anniversary of Operation Round Up®. It's a program that was started by Palmetto Electric Cooperative in South Carolina, but co-ops across the nation joined forces and also began implementing the program to their members. The idea was to give members the option of having their bills rounded up to the nearest dollar every month, with those extra few cents going to benefit people in need within the co-op's service territory.

Paulding Putnam began doing Operation Round Up in July 2010. Currently, over 8700 of the co-op's 12,900 members participate and to date local charities have received \$220,510.33. In 2014, alone over \$41,000 dollars was raised and distributed. The following agencies submitted applications and received grants this year:

Van Wert Area Boy Choir, Oakwood Elementary, Hoagland area Advancement Assoc., Paulding Master Gardener Program, Paulding Soil & Water Conservation, Putnam County Farm Safety, Paulding Co Society for Crippled Children & Adults, Paulding Exempted Village Schools Speech Pathology, Allen Superior Court/ Collegiate Connection, East Allen County Education - Mentor intervention, Niswonger PAC, S.A.L. Post 63/ special Olympics, Putnam County American Red Cross, Melrose U.M. Church/ food pantry, 4-H Camp Palmer, United Way of Putnam County, Van Wert Co Fair/ Gospel Pavillion, Van Wert County Council on Aging, Van Wert D.A.R.E., Paulding Athletic Boosters, Village Ministry Center, Convoy, Charloe Community Park, Cloverdale Task Force, Heritage High School, Big Brothers/ Big Sisters, Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services,

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WBESC SCHEDULES NOVEMBER MEETING

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center has scheduled its regular November governing board meeting for Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Paulding Office, 202 N. Cherry St., Paulding, OH 45879.

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The West Bend News READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

- OHIO LOCATIONS**
- Antwerp:** Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, River Street Market, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Papa Oley's, Hometown Pantry, Pop-N-Brew, The Rootbeer Stand, Agora, Pit-Stop
- Broughton:** Kohart's Surplus & Salvage
- Bryan:** Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center
- Cecil:** Cecil Elevator, Maramart, Vagabond
- Charloe:** Charloe Store
- Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
- Defiance:** Newman's Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots
- Edgerton:** Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Frager's Barbershop,
- Grover Hill:** Ross' Gas Station, N&N, Quick Stop
- Grabill:** Do-It Best Hardware, Save-A-Lot
- Hicksville:** Cline's Market, Hickory Hills Golf Course, Sailers, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, H20, Senior Center
- Melrose:** Uncle Fudd's Diner, Morning Star Convenience Store
- Oakwood:** Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, Phil's Diner, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware
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- Payne:** Lichty's Barber Shop, Payne Super Valu, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza
- Scott:** Scott Variety Store
- Sherwood:** Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank,
- Van Wert:** Pak-A-Sak, Short Stop, Family Video, Orchard Tree, BalyEat's, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market, Walmart
- INDIANA LOCATIONS**
- Fort Wayne:** Walmart (Maysville Rd)
- Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
- Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Harlan Cafe, iAB Bank
- Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
- Monroeville:** Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General
- New Haven:** Curves, Milan Center, New Haven Branch Library, Ken's Meat Market, New Haven Bakery, Broadway Deli, Paterson Hardware, Richard's Restaurant, New Haven Chamber
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**THE 589th FIGHTER WING:
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By: Stan Jordan

Here at the Lopshire Air Base, we are grounded. We got back last evening after a "kill what you can" trip over the coast of France.

It started to rain during the night and it is still doing so. I guess that is the fare for all day.

Well, we four pilots, and as many as the ground crew who wanted, drove over to London today. We have a 4x4 supply truck and we use it in bad weather. We also have our own jeep. But I will tell you about that later.

At London, we spent some time at a pub with a little beer and rum. After the rain stopped, we walked around that part of London. We got back just about dark. We didn't play any cards tonight. After you ride about 40 miles in the back of an Army truck, you get pretty tired and we sacked in early.

Lopshire is a new air base, completed in 1939 with cement runways and good accommodations. The food here is good with all American cooks and we eat and it's served buffet style.

Our planes are ready to take off as soon as the weather permits. We are planning on making the dawn patrol in the morning.

Well, all four of us went on patrol this morning as soon as it was light enough. We figured the Germans might be running the freight trains in the bad weather as the planes would be grounded.

We caught a train of flat cars carrying a bunch of tanks. One of us put a rocket into that locomotive and it blew sky high. That is a dangerous time for the planes as the shrapnel flies all over and you can be shot down by your own doings, by the flying debris.

We got all the tanks by

the jumbo rockets and their supply vehicles all started to burn. The train couldn't move so they came like sitting ducks. We all felt good about the job we accomplished today.

Col. Bainbridge came over and had supper with us tonight. We all told our stories and he made out all the paper work. He wanted to hurry up with the records early so we could play Euchre for a few hours and that's what we did. See ya!

VETERAN'S DAY AT ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL

By: Stan Jordan

The Antwerp High School, the Middle School and the Elementary held an Appreciation Day on November 10 for all the veterans in the area. They recognized all the branches of the service.

Tim Manz, the elementary principal, made us feel welcome. The Boy Scout Troop #143 presented and posted the colors. The Elementary Student Council led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The High School Band, under the direction of Andrea Newell, played the National Anthem. Olivia Tempel gave us the history of Veterans Day.

The students Essay Contest winners read their essays: Sixth grade, Carmen Cruz and Laura Miller; Seventh Grade, Khloe Saul and Boston Dunderman; Eighth Grade, Iris Sorrell and Kendall Billman.

The High School Choir, under the direction of Mary Smith, sang the song, "God Bless the USA". They did a fine job. The High School Band played a medley of the fighting songs of the branches of the service—a fine job. We had a very moving rendition of taps by Beth Hawley and Paige Rebber.

After the Boy Scouts retrieved the colors, all the veterans and their spouses were treated to a fine dinner. The tables were decorated with red, white and blue top hats with patriotic colors all over.

John Lichty, the Paulding County Service Officer was in attendance.

The veterans want to thank the entire High School for their moving Appreciation Day. It was top shelf.

The veterans and their spouses want to thank

Mrs. Deb Altic and all her helpers in the cafeteria for their fine meal and all the courtesies extended to us. Also, many thanks to Mrs. Mary Smith, Gale Jordan, Dan Wiedman and Mike Rohrs for all their help. It was a fine day and really I appreciated it. See ya!



THEN & NOW: THE 1960'S VS. THE 2000'S

By: Stan Jordan

Then: Long hair; Now: Longing for hair

Then: The perfect high; Now: The perfect high yield mutual fund.

Then: Keg; Now: EKG
Then: Acid Rock; Now: Acid Reflux

Then: Moving to California because it's cool; Now: Moving to California because it's warm

Then: You're growing pot; Now: You're growing pot (belly that is)

Then: Watching John Glenn's historic flight with your parents; Now: Watching John Glenn's historic flight with your children

Then: Trying to look like Marlon Brando or Elizabeth Taylor; Now: Trying not to look like Marlon Brando or Elizabeth Taylor

See ya!

OHIO'S YOUTH DEER-GUN SEASON IS NOVEMBER 22-23

Ohio's 12th annual youth white-tailed deer hunting season gives young hunters the opportunity to pursue the state's most popular big-game animal on November 22-23, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

The youth deer-gun season is open to hunters with a valid youth hunting license and a deer permit. Youth hunters must be 17-years-old or younger at the time they purchase their youth hunting license.

Deer can be hunted with a shotgun using slugs, a muzzleloader .38 caliber or larger, a handgun .357 caliber or larger, specific straight-walled cartridge rifles and bows during these two days. Go to wildohio.gov for a complete list of legal straight-walled cartridge rifles.

All participants must wear hunter orange, possess a valid Ohio youth hunting license as well as a deer permit, and they must be accompanied in the field by a non-hunting adult. One adult may accompany no more than two youth hunters. Deer can be hunted from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset for all seasons. Youth hunters checked 6,645 deer during the 2013 season.

Youth hunters can commemorate their achievement with a First Harvest certificate, available at wildohio.gov. Parents can upload a photo and type in the hunter's information to personalize the certificate. Hunters can also share photos by clicking

MOHLER SIGNS TO BE A MASTADON



Wednesday, November 12, 2014 marked the beginning of a dream come true for Garrett Mohler.

Mohler, a senior at New Haven High School, officially signed his letter of intent to play baseball for IPFW beginning with the 2015-2016 season. He follows in the footsteps of previous New Haven Baseball standouts Brandon Pease and Lucas Salerno, both of whom went on to play for the Mastadons.

In his junior year, Mohler was a second-team all-NHC pick for his play as a middle infielder and heavy hitter for the Bulldogs.

Mohler says he is happy

to be able to stay at home his first year of college while being able to play Division 1 ball. "It feels like a dream," said Mohler of his freshly inked deal to play for the Mastadons. "I've been dreaming about this since I was a little kid. People would say, 'Oh, that's never going to happen,' but it happened for me. Anything is possible with hard work."

"I'm most excited to be playing for Coach Pierce," said Mohler, referring to IPFW's Head Coach, Bobby Pierce. "He knows a lot about hitting, and when I went to just one session with him at IPFW over the summer I learned a lot," added

Mohler. Mohler says he will bring good hitting, leadership, and a great deal of knowledge he has picked up as Bulldog under the tutelage of longtime coach, Dave Bischoff.

According to Mohler, he looked at Huntington University, Taylor University and Hillsdale (Michigan) as prospects before ultimately settling on IPFW.

"I used to drive by IPFW's field as a kid," said Mohler. "I never guessed it would feel like home until recently."

Mohler was joined at the signing by his mother, Dee, and father, Greg.

on the Photo Gallery tab online.

Deer bag limits are determined by county (see attached bag limit map). The statewide bag limit is nine deer, but a hunter cannot exceed a county bag limit. Hunters may harvest only one buck in Ohio, regardless of method of take or location.

Antlerless permit use was changed for the deer hunting seasons, and these permits are no longer valid in some counties (see attached bag limit map). Antlerless permits are valid in the remaining counties until November 30, the Sunday before the deer-gun season. Only one antlerless permit may be used per county, regardless of the bag limit.

Hunters are required to make their own game tag to attach to a deer. Game tags can be made of any material (cardboard, plastic, paper, etc.) as long as it contains the hunter's name, date, time and county of the kill. Go to the Deer Hunting Resources page at wildohio.gov for more information about the game check process.

All other regularly scheduled hunting seasons will continue during the two-day youth deer season. All hunters (except waterfowl hunters) are required to wear hunter orange during this time. More information can be found in the 2014-2015 Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations and at wildohio.gov.

CALL CENTER AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS DURING OHIO'S DEER HUNTING SEASONS

Hunters and others who have questions about general hunting information can contact the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife's toll-free at 800-WILDLIFE (945-3543) during the youth deer-gun season and prior to and during the deer-gun season.

The white-tailed deer-gun hunting seasons are when many of Ohio's hunters have last-minute questions, and ODNR Division of Wildlife staff is ready and available to assist. Special call center hours include:

- 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday, November 21-22 for the youth deer-gun season.
- 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Saturday, November 29 to Saturday, December 6, for the deer-gun season.
- The hotline will be closed Thanksgiving Day.

The hotline is available 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. during the remainder of the year. The call center is closed on weekends and holidays.

Ohioans are encouraged to help enforce state wild-

life laws by reporting violations to the division's Turn-In-a-Poacher (TIP) hotline by calling 800-POACHER (762-2437). Established in 1982, the TIP program allows individuals to anonymously call toll-free to report wildlife violations. The 800-POACHER hotline is open for calls 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

Tips concerning wildlife violations can also be submitted at wildohio.gov. Tipsters may be eligible to receive a cash award.

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HOMELESSNESS AFFECTS MANY WALKS OF LIFE

The Nurturing Well by: Jill Starbuck

When we think of the holidays, we typically picture family gatherings full of laughter, warm homes, and lots of great food. We typically do not worry about how to keep warm, where our next meal will come from, and whether we will see our loved ones. As unthinkable as this may seem, more than 600,000 people in our nation on any given day face homelessness. In an entire year, more than 3.5 million Americans deal with homelessness at some point. For the homeless, a holiday represents just another day of struggling for basic needs.

November marks Homeless Awareness Month, a great time right before the holidays to support those without homes. Homelessness affects people for many different reasons. For instance, veterans often fall victim to homelessness due to physical disabilities, lack of job training, post-traumatic stress disorder, and others as a result of their time in service. Approximately 50,000 veterans today are homeless. Other factors include high housing costs, poverty, mental illness, domestic violence, health problems, and substance abuse, among others. Therefore, families, as well as individuals of all walks of life can find themselves in a homeless situation.

Perhaps most startling is the number of homeless youth. According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in 2013, nearly 47,000 unsupervised, homeless children and youth could be found in a single night, with approximately 13% representing those under the age of 18. According to the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness, families with children are the fastest growing among the homeless. While determining the true number of the homeless is

difficult, the amount remains staggering nonetheless.

Fortunately, many organizations exist, giving us an opportunity to assist in helping to reduce homelessness. The following list gives a good start if you'd like to find ways to help the homeless.

The Salvation Army: <http://www.salvationarmy-usa.org>

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: <http://www.va.gov/homeless/>

National Coalition for the Homeless: <http://national-homeless.org/>

National Alliance to End Homelessness: <http://www.naeh.org/>

Habitat for Humanity: <http://www.habitat.org/>

United Way: <http://www.unitedway.org/>

In addition to these organizations, you can contact a local shelter or local social services department for volunteer or donation opportunities. Imagine how your help can brighten a homeless person's day. Remember that no amount of help is ever too small.

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"STOP THE HUNGER"

The Cellular Connection, the largest Verizon Premium Wireless Retailer in the U.S., announces that 300 of its stores will be donating and volunteering at local food banks through its "Stop the Hunger" initiative this holiday season in a joint effort with its customers.

From today until Friday, December 12, participating TCC stores across the U.S. are encouraging local families to bring in canned and boxed food, which will be delivered to the community's food bank. The participating store in New Haven is located at 326 State Road 930 W.

In addition to the food drive, each participating store will donate funds and employees will volunteer at local food banks until the end of December.

"Stop the Hunger" is the newest initiative under TCC's 'Culture of Good' movement, which empowers our employees to make a positive, chari-

table impact in their communities," said Scott Moorehead, president and CEO of TCC. "It's how our company gives back to every community where we do business. We're honored to have the ability to help families and children in need this holiday season by donating to and volunteering at local food banks throughout the U.S."

In 2013, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) reported that 17.5 million of U.S. households were food insecure. With 1 in 5 children struggling with hunger at some point in their lives, TCC is doing its part to ensure that as many children as possible do not have to battle hunger issues this holiday season.

With the "Culture of Good" in its second year, TCC continues to advance its corporate social responsibility efforts. Most recently, TCC's summer "Culture of Good" efforts resulted in the donation of 300 college scholarships to children and 100,000 backpacks to deserving students.

To learn more about TCC, visit www.ecellularconnection.com. Consumers can also find more information about the company at <http://www.facebook.com/tcctalk> and www.twitter.com/tcctalk.

Supporters of the program are encouraged to use hashtag #cultureofgood on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter to help spread the word.

Learn more about TCC's "Culture of Good" by visiting www.cultureofgood.com.

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CHRISTMAS VILLAGE OF LIGHTS

"'Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la, la la la la. So deck the house out with lots of folly, Fa la la la la, la la la la..."

Antwerp shines its brightest during the holiday season and the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce would like to see our residents show their community spirit through a little friendly competition. The Christmas Village of Lights holiday decorating contest gives you the opportunity to make Antwerp shine brighter this year! The contest is open to everyone in the Antwerp School District and homes will be judged based on curbside appeal only. Judges will not enter the interior of any property.

Chamber is letting technology help with the work this year by having the community enter or nominate a neighbor through Facebook or email. For those who are technologically challenged you can still submit an entry or nomination to the Antwerp Chamber by calling us at 419-258-1722.

The categories for 2014 have been updated as well.

Facebook Favorite - each home entered or nominated will be photographed and posted to the Antwerp Chamber Facebook page. The house with the most "likes" will win.

Kid's Choice - Houses will be judged by some local "little ones".

Chamber Honorable Mentioned - Houses will be judged by several Chamber members.

A \$50.00 prize will be awarded to the top home in each category.

Entries must reach the

Antwerp Chamber through Facebook, email or phone call by 5:00 p.m. on December 18th. They will be posted to the Antwerp Chamber Facebook page and voting will close on December 23rd.

So drag that ladder out of the Shed, bring those boxes down from the attic and get busy on your holiday cheer! We hope to see your house on the "nice list".

Send your entries to the Antwerp Chamber Facebook page, the Antwerp Chamber email: Antwerpchamber@gmail.com or call The Chamber at 419-258-1722.

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY IN ANTWERP

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is working to promote the National Small Business Saturday at a local level on November 29. The day will be kicking off with a two-hour "SHOP SMALL" event with Santa coming to town on a fire truck at 10:00 a.m. Events are being coordinated with local merchants for coupons, drawings, and refreshments for the citizens to enjoy in the shops as well as letting the kids visit with Santa and get their picture taken, as well as at the fire station. The Chamber has obtained 200 "SHOP SMALL" canvas bags to be given out filled with "freebies" and information.

Shopping local is all about promoting and supporting locally owned, independent businesses. It's about fueling the local economy and helping to preserve the town. There are many businesses and services that would be missed if they were not here tomorrow. The "SHOP SMALL" reminds everyone to spend money locally and keep \$0.68 out of each \$1.00 spent here reinvested in the community. So, look around and start making your Christmas gift list to include local services, food, and gift certificates. Come and enjoy being a part of this community on November 29 and see what Antwerp has to offer!

PAULDING COUNTY CHAMBER DIRECTOR PUTS HER MONEY WHERE HER MOUTH IS

November 29th is SHOP LOCAL SATURDAY around the country and the Paulding Chamber of Commerce will be celebrating our local businesses throughout the holiday season. But this year, the new Director has a challenge for everyone to promote local business.

"I decided that if I was going to urge others to shop locally, then I better be ready to put my money where my mouth is and go all out," said Peggy Emerson, Chamber of Commerce Director. "I discussed it with my husband and we have committed to doing 100% of our Christmas shopping this year right here in Paulding County."

"When I have told people that I am doing this, it has been met with some rolled eyes and 'Good lucks' which is very sad because Paulding County has some really great small businesses where you can get some amazing gifts with just a tiny bit of creativity and planning."

"I want people to understand this is real and we are talking making a real difference in our community.

HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY TO BOB PUTMAN



The PC Workshop is recognizing Bob Putman with a heavenly birthday. During the summer, the PC Workshop, Inc. held a memorial ceremony for Bob where they planted a Buckeye tree in Bob's honor due to him being a huge Ohio State fan. Bob

attended the PC Workshop for many years and had many friends present to wish him farewell. All of his friends and family wrote him special messages which were then attached to balloons and released at the end of the ceremony.

Every time you buy things outside of our County, that is real money that doesn't come back here. For instance, the County receives \$.015 in tax revenue from each taxable dollar spent—which doesn't sound like much until you start adding it up. If each family in Paulding County spends approximately \$780 on their Christmas celebrations multiplied by the 7800 households we have in the county, we are talking about \$91,260 that is potentially not returning to our own agencies and services right here at home. It is going to serve people in the county where you spent that money."

Emerson said that she will be blogging about her adventure on the Chamber's Facebook page throughout the holiday season, sharing what she is purchasing and where (plus lots of other great ideas). Be on the lookout for lots more information in the coming weeks!

DINNERS AT KINNERS AT AUGLAIZE VILLAGE

Auglaize Village will be hosting "Dinners at Kinnners" on December 6-7, 2014. Come ready for a Christmas style meal by the fireplace in an 1850 two-story log house. The log house is located on the grounds of the village between the apple orchard and lockkeeper's house. It is called the Kinner Log House as that was the name of the family who owned it when it was on the present-day Kinner Road south of Ayersville.

The meal for the evenings include roast pork, potato, peas & carrots, cornbread with AuGlaize Village applebutter and apple pudding. A program will follow the meal. For more information, please call the Mayor at 419-782-7255. Presented by all the volunteer Defiance County Historical Society.

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ANTWERP STUDENTS READ A LONG WALK TO WATER



Mrs. Reyes' seventh grade reading class is currently reading the novel *A Long Walk to Water*. Based on a true story, the book is about a "lost boy" refugee in war-torn Sudan. He has to cover Africa on foot without his family, clean water, or food. This novel narrates his

tragic journey and tells how Salva somehow survives and makes it to America.

In one part of the novel, Salva is desperate and weak from lack of food. He recalls the delicious mangoes and sugar cane he used to eat in his village. In class today, the seventh graders tried both of

these items. Many had never experienced them before and couldn't believe they are available in stores such as Meijer and Walmart.

A Long Walk to Water is a great story because it brings the plight of Sudan to life. Students develop reading and geography skills with just

one text. Besides reading the novel, the class has studied a map of Africa, read magazine articles about the Dinka tribe, and watched how Salva has transformed his life to serve others. He now runs the company Water for South Sudan and raises awareness for the plight of Sudanese people.

TURKEY TROT 5K ON SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

The 8th grade class of Antwerp Local School will host a Turkey Trot 5K on Saturday, November 29 at 9:00 a.m. The race will start in the park and end uptown. This event supports the students who are going on the Washington DC trip this spring. Contact Erika Altimus for registration information.

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE LESSONS FOR LOCAL GIRL SCOUTS



Antwerp Brownie Troop 20516 has been learning about leadership and serving their community. The girls used proceeds from their fall product sale as well as family contributions to purchase toys for the local toy drive. Pictured here, the girls are donating the toys they selected.

They also recently assisted with the Scouting for Food efforts, benefiting the area food pantry. In addition to sorting food which was donated, the second graders have donation boxes at River Street Market to provide more opportunities for our community to help our neighbors have a blessed holiday.

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS LEARN THE SIGNS OF AUTUMN



Kindergarten students at Grover Hill Elementary are enjoying learning about the

signs of fall! Pictured: Amber Stoller, Adilynn Shaffer, Lucas Sproles and Kevin Martz.

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LATTA VOTES TO APPROVE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE FOR JOBS & AFFORDABLE ENERGY

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) released the following statement after joining his colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives in voting in support of H.R. 5682, which approves the application to build the Keystone XL pipeline. This is the ninth time the House has said #Yes2Energy by passing legislation to approve the pipeline. "At a time when growing our economy and creating jobs is our number one focus, building the Keystone XL Pipeline is common sense," said Latta. "This critical project will provide 40,000 American jobs, make energy more affordable and help promote North American energy independence. It's time for the Senate and the President to stop playing politics with America's energy future and approve the Keystone XL Pipeline."

CEOs OF PPEC & NORTH WESTERN ELECTRIC CO-OP TALK ECONOMIC IMPACT OF EPA PROPOSED REGU- LATIONS ON COAL POWER PLANTS

CEO/General Manager George Carter of PPEC says massive job loss, blackouts, and any chance of attracting manufacturing to the U.S. will be gone if the EPA shuts down more power plants. The EPA is seeking to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide coming from U.S. power plants in the name of combating climate change. These proposed rules add layers of regulatory bureaucracy even though U.S. carbon dioxide emissions have been declining and will continue to do so without EPA's proposal.

"Our wholesale supplier, Buckeye Power, has already spent close to a billion dollars to make our coal plants some of the most efficient plants in the world, CEO/President Darin Thorp said, "These costs have been bared by our members to insure affordable, reliable and clean energy but now... ..the EPA says that may not be good enough".

Also according to Buckeye Power, coal-fired power plants generate 40 percent of America's electricity and shield the economy from spikes in energy demand but new EPA regulations could change that. "The EPA's war on coal has troubling economic implications for every American and U.S. business," Carter said. "As the new regulations take effect, Americans could see their electric bills increase monthly anywhere from \$40 to \$50."

Coal power helps keep energy rates reliably low, Carter added, which gives U.S. manufacturers an edge over global competitors. In June, the National Association of Manufacturers said the EPA rule "could single-handedly eliminate this competitive advantage."

If industry continues to leave the U.S., the EPA's proposed plan will have the opposite effect. Emissions will increase as companies move to countries with lower labor costs, cheaper energy, and lax environmental policies. An additional unintended consequence will be more jobs lost in manufacturing. Thorp added, "India and China have plans to build almost 1000 coal plants between now and 2020. They are using coal because it is cheaper and more readily available than any other fossil fuel."

Just this week (November 12th), a landmark agreement was announced by President Obama and President Xi Jinping of China, which includes new targets for carbon emissions reductions by the United States and a first-ever commitment by China to stop its emissions from growing by 2030. Thorp says, "It makes no sense, the U.S is being forced to cut back starting now and China can continue to grow until 2030. This will most definitely have a negative impact on our economy nationally and locally."

"Coal also provides, directly and indirectly, hundreds of thousands of jobs across the country," Carter said. "In Ohio, more than 22,000 jobs are tied to coal production and in Indiana more than 35,000 count on coal, including thousands of manufacturing jobs in facto-

ries powered by coal. The proposed EPA plan will seriously threaten America's electric reliability, unless the EPA backs down on its harsh regulations and coal-fueled power plants get a reprieve, blackouts are almost guaranteed, especially when it comes to harsh winters. The 2014 "polar vortex" that we experienced earlier this year, close to 89 percent of the coal electricity capacity that is due to go offline was utilized as the backup to meet the winter demand. "The whole eastern coast to the mid-west very nearly escaped rolling blackouts during last year's winter." Thorp said, our only savior was the coal plants."

So, if you're asking if there is something you can do, there is! The EPA is accepting public input until December 1st regarding this issue. Both electric cooperatives encourage you to take a stand on the issue and visit Action.coop and TellePA.com. Not only do the websites contain valuable information, visitors also have the opportunity to send a comment to the EPA asking them to protect affordable electricity for all Americans.

SOCIAL MEDIA FOR PAR- ENTS & GRANDPARENTS

Confused about social media and the internet? Any idea what your kids are doing on the phone? If you have any of these questions, you are invited to attend this informative workshop, "Social Media For Parents & Grandparents." It will take place on Tuesday, November 18th, 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the New Haven City Hall Police Training Room. Light hors d'oeuvre will be

provided. For more information, please call the New Haven Chamber office at 260-749-4484.

A CAROLIN' WE WILL GO AT THE FESTIVAL OF TREES



Sounds of the season began in Paulding this weekend with the John Paulding Historical Society's Festival of Trees. The Poor Bottom Boys entertained the visitors with easy listening bluegrass music on Friday night, as they milled about the museum enjoying holiday lights and decorations. The jingle of coins hitting the bottom of trees' jars for the voting of the Festival's favorite tree could be heard intermittently with the music and conversations. Counters were filled with silent auction items from homemade scarves to baskets of wine. The Festival continued through Sunday afternoon. The museum has kicked off the season in proper holiday fashion.

ASK ME...Miss C!

Dear Miss C:

This may sound dramatic, but Facebook is ruining my family! My husband comes home from work and the first thing he does is boot up the laptop, then spends most of his time until dinner on Facebook. Dinner is constantly interrupted by the cellphone 'ding' of notifications and social media updates. I swear he spends more time on Facebook than having an actual real conversation with me, his wife! Actually just the other day we had a fight because he came home late without telling me where he was. When he got home he didn't understand why I was so upset, he said he sent me a message on Facebook to tell me. Seriously?? I have a job and kids to raise, I do not spend all my time connected to Facebook. How hard is it to just pick up the phone and CALL me?? It's not even just my husband. My daughters are entirely obsessed with taking 'selfies' and posting them on social media. Last summer, we went to the zoo and my daughters took a million pictures to post online, but only about three of the pictures had actual animals from the zoo. My family doesn't communicate anymore, well at least not what I call communication. Am I just too old fashioned, or is this as destructive as I believe?

—NW Ohio Woman in Social Media Hell

Dear NW Ohio Woman in Social Media Hell:

More and more people are nostalgic for the good old days. You know, the days when people had actual conversations. Actual spoken words (and not just because you are speaking out loud what you are typing as I often do) to another person, or writing a good old fashioned letter to a friend or loved one. You know, the days before communication was replaced by emoticons and #ourfailingcommunications.

The bottom line is, the introduction of technology and social media impacts our relationships in three major ways: we become self-focused, lose

our inhibitions, and lose our warmth. Not to mention the time it takes away from those who are right there with you. Someone close to me used to joke about how we spend all of our time "mesmerized by electronic devices." He was probably right about that!

Within the realm of social media, it is the norm to live with the spotlight mentality. We are encouraged to share, tweet, and update every thought we think, feeling we feel, and move we make. But how does this translate over into real relationships? Imagine a person walking around just yelling out their every thought, feeling and action in real time. The expression TMI comes to mind. Within the context of actual life, this sounds so strange, yet this is what we are encouraged to do every day online.

We enter into a state of self-absorption in which we are more interested in proclaiming to the world who we are and what we are doing rather than taking the time to get to know and engage the world around us. So used to promoting ourselves, we forget to edit, encourage, and focus on others. As a result, it has the power to cause conceit, conflict.

Social media launches us into a world where intimacy can be anonymous. It is much easier to share intimate details with those we do not really know. It's easy for this oversharing to create a feeling of connectedness that may or may not translate to the outside world. Relationships have been ruined by these types of connections. You do not always know who you are talking to. The MTV show Catfish makes a living showing how easy and destructive this anonymous intimacy can be.

But it is not all bad. There are countless stories online about families and who reconnect as a result of finding one another on social media. I recently read a story about a person who was able to get a liver transplant after someone came forward following a social media plea for help. We

are able to reach out beyond our doors and communities. We are exposed to new information, new ideas, and new opportunities. The sky is the limit. But the sky can be overwhelming.

So, if you are serious about believing social media is ruining your family and your life, I would suggest you try a little experiment. Challenge your family members to go 24 hours without using these methods of technology. You might have an opportunity to reconnect. I would take a step more, choose a day of the week for everyone to forgo technology on a regular basis! See what happens!

If these measures do not work, or the problem is more serious, I would advise a real sit down. Speak to your husband and daughters about how you feel. It is important for your family that however you communicate, you do it honestly and with love.

Send your questions and letters to AskMeMissC@gmail.com or to my attention at West Bend News! Miss C has a Master's Degree in Community and Social Psychology.

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Serge served aboard a destroyer—the USS James E. Kyes—based in Long Beach, CA. While on ship, he would travel overseas for six months and return to the states for eight months. While over seas, his ship would patrol the waters around Korea for 30 days at a time, engaging in combat with North Korean communists. After 30 days,

they would go on R & R. for two weeks and then return to patrol the waters around Korea for 30 more days. Serge made three trips over and back in his four years of service.

On one patrol in 1952, the destroyer was hit by enemy fire. Several sailors were injured and they were taken off the ship by helicopter to a hospital ship in Japan. The ship had to return to Japan also, for repairs. Serge was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, China Service Medal, Korean Service Medal and United Nations Service Medal. Serge's enlistment was up in October 1955, and he returned to his hometown of West Leipsic where he resides with his wife, Doris.

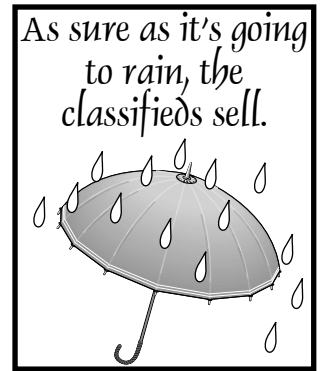
Donald re-enlisted after his first enlistment was completed and spent a total of 10 years in the Air Force. His tour of duty took him

to bases in Mississippi, Arizona, Hawaii, and Oregon. Don left the service in 1961 and resides with his wife, Kathy in Scio, OR.

Editor's Note: Mr. Donald Ladd of Scio, OR passed away on Friday, November 14, 2014 in Oregon.

The youngest brother, Robert, spent one year in Korea. He engaged in combat with the communist North Koreans, earning the Combat Infantryman badge, Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, United Nations Service Medal, and National Defense Service Medal. From Korea Bob was sent to Fort Blair in Washington, DC, with the Honor Guard. Then he was transferred to Fort Myers, VA, where he became a driver for Army officers at the Pentagon. One of the officers he drove for was General Omar Bradley. Bob lives with his wife, Marilyn, in Paulding, OH.

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WOODLAN SHOW CHOIR TO HOST ANNUAL DINNER THEATRE

The Woodlan Warrior Ambition Show Choir will be holding their annual Dinner Theatre on Friday, November 21, 2014. There will be two performances at 6:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. Dinner will start being served at 5:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. The menu will be spaghetti, salad, Texas toast, dessert and drink.

This year, the Warrior Ambition is performing its 13th dinner theatre under the direction of Mr. Kyle Romine. The Warrior Ambition has competed for the past 10 years in various contests across the area. They have also travelled to Walt Disney World seven times to perform at Disney's Magic Music Days, Disney Performing Arts on Stage and Festival Disney. The Warrior Ambition is choreographed by Mrs. Nikki Prichard. This year's show entitled, "Glitch", is an original composition, with music and lyrics by Dr. Todd Syswerda, professor of music composition at Indiana Wesleyan University, is a celebration of our own uniqueness and "glitches." It is a message to all that everyone has their own story to tell.

For more information, please contact Woodlan High School at (260) 446-0290 extension 7444.

VETERAN ED HILDEBRAND EDUCATES PAYNE STUDENTS



Students at Payne Elementary were visited by Veteran Ed Hildebrand on November 11. Mr. Hildebrand visited the second and third grade classrooms as an Honorary History Teacher.

Mr. Hildebrand shared his military medals, photos, and experiences with the students. He also shared information about his civilian career and important life lessons.

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ANTWERP STUDENT'S MAGICAL MAKE A WISH TRIP



Pictured here is the Maynard family as they are picked up in a limo to take them to the Fort Wayne International Airport headed to Orlando, FL.

A very special Archer, kindergartener Cheyenne Maynard, received her Make a Wish trip to Disney World this past week from the Make A Wish Foundation. The band, students, and staff gathered in the hallway to send her off in Antwerp style the day be-

fore. Have a magical time, Cheyenne!

Cheyenne was diagnosed as a baby with Cystic Fibrosis. According to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is a life-threatening, genetic disease that primarily affects the lungs and digestive system. Most

children are now diagnosed with CF at birth through newborn screening, and more than 75 percent are diagnosed by the age of 2.

For more information about CF, call 1-800-FIGHT CF or visit their website at www.cff.org

For more information about the Make A Wish Foundation, please contact 800-722-9474 or visit the website at www.wish.org



Cheyenne got to have a Tea Party with her favorite Princess (Anna... and Elsa too!) at Disney World.

LATTA SOUNDS ALARM ABOUT UTILITY-STYLE REGULATION OF THE INTERNET

House Communications and Technology Subcommittee Vice Chairman Bob Latta (R-OH) continued speaking out against heavy-handed regulation of the Internet currently being advocated for by President Obama. During the Free State Foundation's policy seminar entitled, "Thinking the Unthinkable: Imposing the 'Utility Model' on Internet Providers," Latta lauded the many success stories of innovation and growth provided by light regulatory touch and cautioned that new regulations on the Internet will impede innovation, job creation, and consumer choice. Excerpts of Latta's speech below:

"The success of the Internet has not been by chance. The light-touch regulatory framework that has long governed its operation and functionality has been central to the innovation and advancement we are experiencing at both the core and edge of the network today. Unfortunately, many ignore or underestimate the significance of this light-touch regulatory approach and negligent-

ly dismiss its importance to the success of the broadband marketplace and surrounding ecosystem.

"It is extremely troubling and disappointing to hear the president urge the FCC to adopt a stronger regulatory framework for the open Internet. Reclassification under Title II threatens our thriving Internet economy and the American jobs it creates. If we heap 80 years of regulatory baggage on broadband providers, this will undoubtedly restrict Internet Service Provider's flexibility to innovate and stunt their ability to make robust investments and expand high-quality broadband service to all Americans. The end loser will be consumers. The Internet isn't a utility, so we shouldn't treat it as one.

"At a time when the Internet is one of the few bright spots of the economy, driving productivity and economic growth, and offering increased speeds, lower costs, and more choices for consumers, fundamentally changing the laws to preserve this progress simply does not make sense. My hope is that the FCC will reject calls to increase its regulatory footprint over the Internet."

SECRETARY OF STATE HUSTED RELEASES NEW BUSINESS FILING FIGURES FOR OCTOBER 2014

Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that 8,300 new entities filed to do business in Ohio in October 2014. These numbers are up compared to October 2013, in which 8,052 new entities filed with the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State's office has assisted with 79,968 new business filings to date in 2014 (January-October). This is an increase from the same time period last year, in which there were 76,614 new business filings.

During the previous two years, 2012 and 2013, the state saw a record-setting number of new businesses file with 88,068 and 89,735 new companies filing to do business in Ohio respectively. Growth in online business filings has been steady and available online services continue to be expanded. Since the program's launch in October 2013, nearly 30,000 filings have been submitted and half of all new companies are now started online in Ohio.

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

NOTE: New business filings are classified as forms filed with the Ohio Secretary of State that declare the formation of a business entity, including for-profit, non-profit and professional corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, limited partnerships and limited liability partnerships. Filing as a business in Ohio does not guarantee the company will begin operations, be profitable or create jobs.

GIRL SCOUTS CONFERENCE INSPIRES GIRLS TO BE THEMSELVES

Last weekend, Girl Scouts of Western Ohio hosted "Keepin' It Real", a youth conference for girls in grades 6-12. Topics were chosen by girls and reflect subjects of interest and critical issues facing teen girls today. Workshops included career exploration, the outdoors, STEM, healthy living, culinary, body image, physical activity, travel, and more. The weekend event held at Camp Libbey in Defiance County was designed specifically for older Girl Scouts (Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors) and included an overnight stay. Girls also participated in games, hikes, a camp fire, and a hand-crafted newspaper fashion show. Girl Scouts partnered with a variety of local businesses and professionals to develop and facilitate the workshops. It also gave the girls a change to interact with women in careers they may be interested in pursuing later in life.

iAB FINANCIAL BANK PARTNERS WITH LOCAL CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AT iCARE DAY

On Tuesday, November 11th, employees with iAB Financial Bank spent the day in service to over 20 local charitable organizations by participating in iAB's 2nd Annual iCare Day. iCare Day is an annual event wherein iAB initiates works of service to others in order to give back to local communities and commemorate their anniversary as a bank. Local non-profit facilities in Allen, Huntington and Wells counties opened their doors in partnership to over 270 iAB employees. This special day of outreach resulted in making a difference in the lives of thousands of individuals in the surrounding communities.

Completing such tasks as painting, cleaning, landscaping, packing donation boxes and serving and preparing meals for veterans, all iAB employees volunteered their time while the bank was closed in observance of Veteran's Day. The efforts came as part of iAB's continued commitment to giving back to the communities they serve. "We look forward each year to our iCare Day and the significance it holds for us as an organization," stated Karen J. Cameron, iAB Executive Vice President. "It's a day we can join hands with our communities and partner to make positive change for everyone."

Some of the organizations iAB worked with at iCare Day were:

A Hope Center, Indiana Dream Center Thrift Store, Community Harvest Food Bank, Junior Achievement Finance Park, Cornerstone Workshop, Liberty Landing Easter Seals/ARC, Mad Anthony's Children's Hope House, Forgotten Children Worldwide, Markle Healthcare, Grabill Food Bank, Master's Pantry, Harlan Community Center, Mustard Seed, Habitat for Humanity, Northern Wells Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Shepherd's House, Heritage Pointe, Treasure House, House of Hope, YMCA Childcare Services.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY PATROLS



State police and other Indiana law enforcement agencies are increasing road patrols for about two weeks as people get ready to travel for Thanksgiving.

Police say patrols aimed at cracking down on impaired driving and seat-belt violations starting November 14 and will continue through November 30.

Fort Wayne District Commander Lt. Tony Casto says Thanksgiving is one of the busiest travel periods so officers will be working overtime. He says people who suspect someone is driving impaired should call 911. He says that will help police take action to prevent a possible tragedy.

During November 2013, there were 490 alcohol-related crashes across Indiana re-

sulting in 224 injuries and 13 fatalities. A total of 735 drivers were arrested for driving under the influence and 9,500 seat belt citations were issued.

Please help do your part to make the Thanksgiving Holiday travel period safe by observing the following safety rules:

- If you are planning to travel make sure you are well rested, a fatigued driver is a dangerous driver.
- Avoid tailgating; remember the two-second rule.
- Make sure everyone is buckled up.
- Put down the electronic devices and drive.
- DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE
- MOVE OVER, SLOW DOWN for emergency and highway service vehicles

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NEW HAVEN KEY CLUB CHOOSE WORK OVER REST



The members of the New Haven High School Key Club had their annual Rake and Run last week. Several students got out of bed on their day off (Friday, November 7) to help others who couldn't get their yards cleaned up.

The students raked the yards of New Haven alumni and city residents. Great job to these dedicated young people for all the service in school and our community!

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SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.16
THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION (SUBSTITUTE PLAINTIFF), Plaintiff, vs. BRIAN D. SHUHERK, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 13 148. Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 18th day of December, 2014 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at: 17186 US 127, Cecil, Ohio 45821 Parcel Number: 13-12S-004-05

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County grand jury indicted 13 persons on Thursday, November 13, 2014. Frankie L. Taylor; Paulding, OH; DOB 8/18/1980; Illegal Manufacturing of Drugs, F-2; Illegal Assembly or Possession of Chemicals for the manufacture of drugs, F-3; Possession of Methamphetamine, F-5 Robin D. Ratliff; Paulding, OH; DOB 5/29/1981; Complicity Illegal Manufacturing of Drugs, F-2; Illegal Assembly or Possession of Chemicals for the manufacture of drugs, F-3 Abbie L. Holton, DOB 2/9/1989; Forgery, F-5 Ruthann Swary; Antwerp, OH; DOB 3/13/1975; Possession of Methamphetamine, F-5 Tonya L. Thompson; Payne, OH; DOB

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, is requesting proposals for snow removal from the county-owned parking lot and its bordering sidewalks. The parking lot is located on the southwest corner of the Perry and Main Streets' intersection in the Village of Paulding. The proposal shall be for the 2014-2015 winter season. Said proposal should include any and all supplies, machinery operating costs, and labor to complete said project.

NOLA R. GINTER, CLERK BY ORDER BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO TONY ZARTMAN ROY KLOPFENSTEIN FRED PIEPER

NEW HAVEN CHAMBER OFFICE CLOSING FOR THANKSGIVING

The New Haven Chamber of Commerce will be closed the week of Thanksgiving. Monday, November 24 through Friday, November 28.



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Now that the election is over and the dust has cleared, I felt it was necessary to clarify a few statements made during the campaign. I would like to inform our constituents as to how and why our office makes the decisions we do.

A statement was made that the budget needs to be balanced and the department appropriations leveled out so all offices be funded equally, instead of some departments barely scraping by while others have a large carryover.

Since I have served as Commissioner, all budgets have been balanced. Our County is very fortunate that the leadership has understood that debts acquired to fund operations are not acceptable. Debt should only be acceptable to cover costs incurred for capital acquisitions or improvements. Because of the decisions that have been made, Paulding County is financially sound. All offices have been funded adequately to perform the duties they are responsible for.

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 10/27/14

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Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Administrator Sara Keeran, Police Chief George Clemens, EMS billing clerk Ashley McDougall and Fiscal Officer Loretta Baker. Media present: Peter Greer from Defiance Crescent. Visitors present: Ray DeLong, Oley McMichael, and Sarah Noggle.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Clemens reported 151 calls for service and 41 citations for the month of September. Chief Clemens reported the department has been very busy and was pleased with having cameras at the park and in the village to help with the bank robbery incident.

EMS REPORT:

Randy Shaffer provided a written report showing 22 runs for the month of September. EMS billing clerk, Ashley McDougall, provided a detailed report for EMS runs billed, collected, wrote off and owed for the year.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

2nd reading of resolution no. 2014-10: A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.

EMERGENCY READING OF ORDINANCE

2014-17: An ordinance authorizing the village fiscal officer to transfer \$55,000.00 from the general fund to the police fund, and declaring the same an emergency.

MOTION MADE BY JAN REEB

to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2014-17. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

"Commissioners' Corner" we have talked about being transparent. I would like to extend the offer of anyone who has a question or comment about actions taken by the Board of Commissioners to send a letter to the Commissioners' Office with your concerns and one of the Commissioners will respond. This response will be given to the local newspapers for their consideration along with the letter of inquiry. Only signed letters with current addresses will be considered.

—Tony Zartman, County Commissioner

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Minutes from the regular council meeting held September 15, 2014, were reviewed.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Reinhart, to accept the minutes from the September 15, 2014, council meeting. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Minutes from the special council meeting held September 22, 2014, were reviewed.

Motion made by West, seconded by Derck, to accept the minutes from the September 22, 2014, special council meeting. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

The September disbursements were reviewed.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Ryan, to approve the September reconciliation report. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

VISITORS:

Ray DeLong, on behalf of the local VFW post, reported an army tank currently located in the Defiance Park is available for re-location. The local VFW post has offered to pay the expense of moving the tank to Riverside Park if approved by council.

It was suggested the park board meet with Ray DeLong and Solicitor Farr to review details and bring recommendations back to council.

Oley McMichael addressed council regarding the villas being built in his development, Maumee Landing subdivision. He asked council if more villas could be added under the ordinance council was addressing tonight, or if he would have to go through this process again when another villa is added.

The subdivision ordinance requires that each time a new phase of the development is ready to be submitted for a final plat review it must go through this process starting with the planning commission, who will then submit its recommendation to council for acceptance or modifications.

McMichael also asked if council would waive the tap fee for the water meter installation since the purchaser is being required to pay a tap fee as well. Utility committee will meet to review this request.

McMichael stated he spoke with property owners located behind the new development about drainage and disclosed to them that there are catch basins on each side, and a storm sewer drain, as well as an 8-inch tile on the property.

Sarah Noggle from OSU extension addressed council. She told council that the OSU extension was celebrating 100 years. She explained all the programs OSU offers from 4-H, AG education, natural resource, and gardening with the motto "better lives and stronger communities."

There is a levy on the fall ballot "issue 3" for the OSU extension. It is a .15 mil for 5 years that will cost a resident \$5.25 per year for a \$100,000 home. This will bring in \$66,000.00 for office operations of the OSU extension office in Paulding County.

EMERGENCY READING OF ORDINANCE

2014-17: An ordinance authorizing the village fiscal officer to transfer \$55,000.00 from the general fund to the police fund, and declaring the same an emergency.

MOTION MADE BY JAN REEB

to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2014-17. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

MOTION MADE BY DERCK

seconded by Reinhart, to accept ordinance no. 2014-17. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

EMERGENCY READING OF ORDINANCE

2014-18: An ordinance to provide for the issuance of a note for the purpose of sanitary sewerage system in the village of Antwerp, Ohio, and declaring the same

THE WEST BEND NEWS Answers on Page 15 Sudoku Puzzle

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers 5, 8, 6, 3, 8, 4, 9, 2, 3, 5, 6, 4, 4, 2, 1, 7, 7, 1, 4, 5, 6, 1, 2.

an emergency. Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Derck, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2014-18. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Ryan, to accept ordinance no. 2014-18. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2014-19: An ordinance authorizing the village fiscal officer to transfer \$8,000.00 from the general fund to the street lighting fund, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Derck, seconded by Ryan, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2014-19. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Jan Reeb, to accept ordinance no. 2014-19. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2014-20: An ordinance accepting the final plat of the Maumee Landing subdivision phase 3 (lot 2) to the addition to the village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio, pursuant to ordinance no. 94-17, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by West, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2014-20. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Rudie Reeb, to accept ordinance no. 2014-20. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

The village of Antwerp accepted the final plat for phase 3 (lot 2) in the Maumee Landing subdivision with the contingency that the final coat of asphalt for the streets identified on the final plat be applied at a later date and such streets not being dedicated or accepted for public use until such final coat of asphalt has been applied.

1st reading of ordinance no. 2014-21: An ordinance authorizing the change of water rates for the village of Antwerp, county of Paulding, Ohio.

1st reading of ordinance no. 2014-22: An ordinance authorizing the village administrator to let bids for the collection and removal of residential garbage, rubbish, refuse and bulky waste from the village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Safe Routes To School second phase has been awarded to the Village and handled by ODOT at a cost of \$187,000.00. This phase will install sidewalks from Kroos Drive, down the north side of E. Canal to Harrmann road, and down the west side of harrmann Road to the school. It is estimated an additional 10-foot right-of-way is needed on Harrmann road at an estimated cost of \$15,000.00. The village will be responsible for the payment to obtain this right-of-way.

Antwerp Exchange Bank will no longer make a listing of all names and amounts made for water, sewer, and storm water deposits. The bank will continue to collect the fees with the pay stubs. A drop box will be installed at the Depot for residents wishing to drop off payments after hours. Petty cash will be available to make change at the Depot for cash paying residents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fiscal Officer Baker issued a budget proposal to the finance committee to review. The finance committee will meet at town hall on November 12, 2014, at 7:30 a.m. to review.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Ryan, to accept the renewal of the Anthem Health Care Plan with same options as last year at a cost of \$10,023.22 per month for full-time employees. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

New business: no new business. Mayor's report: Mayor's court deposited \$2,126.30 for the month of September.

Trick or treat was well attended and went well. Mayor requested that cameras be installed at the Depot. Keeran stated she will be using the ones from the police department. Sewer plant cameras are to be considered also.

November 4th is the second "Open Night with the Mayor." Residents are urged to attend and speak to the mayor. It will be held from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at town hall.

The empty lot next to town hall may be considered for potential purchase in the future.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Ryan, to adjourn the meeting. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ODOT CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE PROJECTS WEEK OF 11/17/14

Paulding County: Ohio 114 west of U.S. 127 will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for the sealing of pavement cracks.

Traffic will maintained with flaggers. Work is being performed by the Paulding County ODOT maintenance garage.

Ohio 613 west of U.S. 127 will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for the sealing of pavement cracks.

Traffic will maintained with flaggers. Work is being performed by the Paulding County ODOT maintenance garage.

Van Wert County: U.S. 30 from the Paulding County Line to Middle Point Weitzel Road in the eastbound driving lane will be restricted through the work zone for sealing of pavement cracks.

Work is being performed by the Van Wert County ODOT maintenance garage.

Village of Haviland

The Council of the Village of Haviland plans to sell Lots 35 & 36 and 43 & 44 by sealed bid. They will be sold as one group. Lots 35 & 36 have a house on them and lots 43 & 44 have a garage on them. The village will furnish the warranty deed.

Bids must be submitted by December 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The sealed bids will be opened on December 8, 2014 at the Council House between 7 & 7:30 by the mayor.

The Council of the Village of Haviland reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Please include your name, phone number, bidding amount, and the lot number you are bidding on in the envelope. You may contact Mary Comer at 419-622-5561 or Ed Ruger at 419-670-4604 for more information. Sealed bids may be mailed to Village of Haviland, PO Box 114, Haviland, OH 45851 or given to a council member.

Village of Haviland

The Council of the Village of Haviland plans to sell Lot 41 by sealed bid. The village will furnish the warranty deed.

Bids must be submitted by December 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The sealed bids will be opened on December 8, 2014 at the Council House between 7 & 7:30 by the mayor.

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The Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District is currently accepting applications for a Full Time Educational Specialist.

Qualifications:

- Experience with Education, Agriculture, Natural Resources, or Related Field preferred.
• Goal Oriented
• Excellent Planning, Time Management, and Organizational skills a Must
• Must be able to work both independently and as a Team Player
• Excellent Communication skills with both Children and Adults
• Working knowledge of Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
• Experience in Surveying, Ag Engineering, Auto CAD a plus, but not required
• Higher Education Levels a plus, but not required
• Valid Driver's License and must be Insurable
• Must be able to pass a Drug Screen and Criminal Background Check

Responsibilities:

- Continue to build an Educational Program to reach out to our Community
• Create, Promote, and Present Conservation Methods and Programs to a variety of audiences
• Organize and Conduct Student Events and Contests
• Organize, Promote, and Conduct Classroom Programs and Adult Workshops
• Assist in Management, Utilization, and Maintenance of the Black Swamp Nature Center Building and 50 acres of natural areas
• Assist the District in other Programs

Application Details:

- Complete applications in the Paulding SWCD Office (8:30a - 4:00p) 503 Fairground Dr. NO PHONE CALLS
• Please bring a Resume to include with your application
• Please include a short essay (250 words or less) with the topic being "Conserving Our Natural Resources"
• Deadline for Applications: November 28, 2014
The Paulding SWCD is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

VETERANS DAY SURPRISE FOR ANN'S AFTER SCHOOL KIDS



Ann's Bright Beginnings After School Kids made a project for Veterans Day. They were super surprised when SIX veterans came to receive our gift! Shown here with veterans, Daniel Wilder, Phil Hanenkratt, Tom Diaz, Harry Manley, Eugene Weid-

enhamer and Jake Morse, are our kiddos Landyn Moore, Lincoln Lucas, Isaac Miller, Darcy Taylor, Noah Lucas, Parker Schisler, Jasmin Minck, Noah Schisler, Emiliano Turner, Mason Smith, MaKenna Schilt and Levi Athy.

BULLDOG WRESTLING CLUB STARTS SOON!

New Haven Bulldog Wrestling Club starts November 24th at New Haven High School upper deck. Practices will be Mondays and Thursdays from 6:00-7:15 p.m. Registration will be at the high school on Monday and Thursday of the week prior, 17th and 20th from 5:30-6:30 p.m., or late registration will

happen ON THE first day of practices. Grades 1st through 8th graders welcome.

COACHES: Jimmy Linn, Cody Shipp, Tony Kramer and NHHS wrestlers.

Wrestlers will be grouped by age and experience. The older age group will be focusing on technique and preparation for the upcoming season while the younger wrestlers will be introduced to the sport and learn basic

wrestling.

Benefits: Be a part of a winning tradition and an exciting new era for New Haven Bulldogs wrestling. Learn technique in takedowns, bottom, and top wrestling.

For more information, contact James Linn at 260-609-1290.

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ASKING FOR HELP MAKES YOU A BETTER CAREGIVER

By: Bonnie K. Burman, Sc.D., Director

Are you taking care of a friend or loved one or are you "just helping out?" Either way, your area agency on aging can help you help them.

Approximately 1.3 million Ohioans provide some level of care for a loved one who is older or someone who has a disability. Approximately 1.3 million Ohioans provide some level of care for a loved one who is older or someone who has a disability. This care, if provided by paid caregivers, would cost \$14.2 billion each year. If you help someone with chores like cleaning, grocery shopping, cooking or transportation, you are as much a caregiver as if you bathed them and helped them in and out of bed.

Why do you need to recognize yourself as a caregiver? More than 90 percent of people who identify themselves as caregivers become more proactive, engaged and confident. As a result, they provide better care longer. Caregivers who actively seek and accept help also report fewer negative emotions like depression, anxiety and anger.

Your area agency on aging, working on behalf of the Ohio Department of Aging, can connect you and your loved one to services such as training, resources and information; support groups; respite care; adult day services; home delivered meals programs and more. There are many options, and they can help determine what is right for you. Staff at your area agency will do a free assessment in which they talk to you and your loved one and help you decide what would help the most.

You can call 1-866-243-5678 to be connected to the area agency on aging serving your community.

If you are caring for or helping a person with Alzheimer's disease or another type of dementia, you know the emotional struggle that comes with watching someone you love slip away. But what if something as simple as a song could help?

Our brains are hard-wired to connect music with long-term memory, and this doesn't change for people with dementia. Music & Memory is an innovative approach to dementia care that uses personalized playlists on digital music players to help people with dementia reconnect to the world and gain improved quality of life. The one-on-one approach of Music & Memory holds tremendous potential for Ohioans and their caregivers. Download the free guide, "How to Create a Personalized Playlist for Your Elder at Home," from our website to get started.

Caring for someone else is a big, important, and rewarding job. Asking for help to do that job means you want to do your best and ensure the best care for your loved one or friend.

INDOT READIES FOR WINTER WEATHER

The Indiana Department of Transportation has spent the warmer months preparing for winter weather, including that forecast this weekend. Now it's time to do your part ahead of Winter Weather Preparedness Week this November 16 through 22.

"INDOT urges drivers to dust off their winter driving habits before snow or ice leads to a crash or slide off," said INDOT Commissioner Karl Browning. "This means planning extra travel time and allowing a safe distance between cars, especially our plow trucks. Remember, if the roads are blocked, plows cannot get through."

Salt in stock:

Last winter, INDOT deployed 437,000 tons of granular salt and 5.1 million gallons of salt brine on Indiana's interstates, U.S. highways and state routes. Prior to last winter, the five-year average for salt usage was roughly 291,000 tons and salt brine was 3.4 million gallons.

Ongoing demand from last year's record winter has resulted in less competition among suppliers than in prior years and average salt price increases of 57 percent across the state. INDOT's salt contract prices for this winter range from \$72.59 to \$105.89 per ton.

INDOT continues to receive deliveries of salt and already has more than 220,000 tons on hand statewide - most of what would be needed during a typical winter.

"A recent customer survey found that Hoosiers' top priorities for INDOT are maintaining our existing roads and bridges and removing snow and ice," Commissioner Browning said. "INDOT is focusing our resources to ensure that we have the manpower, equipment and materials needed to make state highways as safe as possible."

New plow equipment:

Last winter, INDOT's yellow plow trucks logged nearly 8.8 million miles - the equivalent of 353 trips around the earth or 18 round trips to the moon.

INDOT is realigning its snow routes to create better efficiencies and adding more plows to some routes. This includes eight new "tow plows" across the state. Already used in northeast Indiana and 22 other states, a tow plow and material spreader are pulled behind and to the side of INDOT's standard yellow plow truck, allowing two lanes to be cleared at once. The investment intends to optimize usage of fuel, anti-icing materials, equipment and labor during snow and ice removal.

Tow plows will only be used on multi-lane highways and interstates. Tow plows often partner with other plow trucks to clear adjacent lanes more efficiently, providing a more consistent surface for motorists in winter weather.

Drivers should not attempt to pass a tow plow if all lanes are blocked, but stay a safe distance and speed behind the plows. Road conditions are always better behind a plow at work than in front.

Hiring, training drivers:

Last winter, INDOT plow drivers worked alternating 12 to 16 hour shifts every day for weeks or months straight, logging 526,000 man hours - the equivalent of nearly

INSPIRING VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY AT OAKWOOD ELEM.



Oakwood Elementary hosted a Veterans Day program on Monday, November 11th in the school gymnasium. Many students were involved in the program titled, "Everyday Heroes". The veterans enjoyed the presentation put on by the students. Other activities that took place during

the program included WWII memorabilia displays, student made American flag presentations, and many patriotic tunes like "There Are Many Flags in Many Lands", "Red, White, and Blue", "America the Beautiful", and a reading entitled "Freedom Isn't Free" by Zachary Coppes.

44,000 12-hour shifts.

INDOT has been hiring aggressively over the past few months and is still accepting seasonal and full-time plow driver applications in some locations at www.in.gov/spd/careers/. Annual winter training has been performed for all plow drivers and supervisors, and winter equipment has been inspected.

Repairing winter damage:

Extreme temperature shifts last winter did more damage to Indiana's highways than normal. Statewide, INDOT invested 183,000 man hours and nearly 14,000 tons of asphalt as part of the pothole blitz announced in February by Governor Mike Pence.

INDOT's efforts to repair

winter damage and preserve existing roadways continued during the warmer months after the hot mix asphalt plants reopened. INDOT reprioritized more than \$40 million in its state and federal construction program for additional pavement patching and repairs across the state.

INDOT maintenance crews have also been performing chip-seal projects on rural state highways to seal off tiny cracks from water that could freeze and expand, forming potholes. Stone chips also provide improved traction for stopping during winter. National research has shown that every \$1 used to preserve our pavements saves \$6 to \$14 in future, more disruptive repairs.

PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

Mechanics Shop Equipment, Tools & Much more
Date: November 29th, 2014 • **Time:** 9:00 am SHARP!
Location: 4728 State Route 2, Hicksville, Ohio (from Hicksville go Northeast approx. 7.5 miles on St. Rt 2)

Equipment: Hunter Tire Changer TC3250, Hunter tire balancer DSP9000, Hunter Alignment Eq., Ammco Brake lather, Rotary Car/Truck lift (mod. SPOA9-200-9000#), Clean Engine furnace (Mod. CB85C, 300,000BTU), Napa Aircompressor 7 1/2 hp 2-stage, 55 ton heavy duty press, Engine Stands, Transmission jack, jack stands, air jacks, floor jacks, battery chargers, Kysor aircond./heating mach., Electra Insulation blower, Hydro Blitz Hot pressure washer, **Tools:** Snap On, MAC, Craftsman, S & K, impacts, impact sockets, wrench sets, torque wrenches, Balkamp Pressure tester, Hobart-175 wire welder, Thermo Arc plasma cutter, Century AC/DC welder, Sand blaster, Air hose/hose reels, Drill Press, tap & die sets, Tool boxes/chess, Spring compressor, Napa work table, band saw, porta paks, tire blaster, Chilton repair manuals, **Lawnmowers-Semi Accessories-Misc.:** ExMark Midmount 52" zeroturn 25hp Kohler mower, Wheelhorse Raider 12 ridingmower, load straps various sizes, load ratchets, Merritt aluminum trailer boxes, aluminum tool boxes, New & Used automotive & semi parts, bolt bins, Euclid brake shoe repair kits (new), New & used car/truck tires, Metal shelving, trailer tarps, Mariner In & Outboard boat w/trailer, Ford Big block engine w/trans, 8' x26' steel tank, Storage Van Boxes (2-28'x8.5' 1-48'x8.5') 8-58'x30" Flat trusses, treated lumber, scaffolding, yard roller, yard seeder, office furniture, Metalink safe, some misc. household **Collectibles:** Nathan Air Chime, Erie Railroad lantern, Coca Cola sign, Pepsi wood cases, Wooster Bricks

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T-SHIRT PROJECT FOR GROVER HILL STUDENTS



The fourth grade at Grover Hill Elementary had a wonderful time creating their very first book report. As a part of

the book report, the students had to design a T-shirt which summarized their book.

WT LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 11/19 - 11/25

Breakfast:
 11/19 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 11/20 - Cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk
 11/21 - Fruit stick, juice, milk
 11/24 - Sausage pizza, juice, milk
 11/25 - Egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk
Lunch:
 11/19 - Mini corn dogs, baked beans, baked chips, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad; Pizza sub or Pretzel w/cheese w/salad bar
 11/20 - Oven roasted turkey, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, dinner roll w/butter, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad; Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar
 11/21 - Pizza, romaine lettuce salad, carrots sticks, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad; Pizza sub or Cheeseburger sandwich w/salad bar
 11/24 - Cheeseburger sandwich, french fries, baked beans, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad; Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar
 11/25 - Rotini w/meat sauce, green beans, cheese stick, garlic bread, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad; Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU 11/19 - 11/25

11/19 - Mini corn dogs, green beans, orange smiles, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 11/20 - Meatball sub, baked fries, mixed fruit, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 11/21 - French bread pizza, celery & carrots w/dip, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 11/24 - Chicken nuggets, baked tator tots, apple, milk
 11/25 - Turkey Manhattan, applesauce, cookie, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

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RAIN TECH Seamless Gutters, 419-258-1818. 47-49
SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS NEEDED: Paulding Exempted Village Schools has immediate openings for substitute bus drivers and extra-curricular event drivers. No experience needed - will train. Must hold a valid driver's license. Interested persons please contact Rick Varner, Transportation Supervisor, at 419-399-4656 ext. 1570. 47

DEADLINE FOR THE CLASSIFIEDS IS MONDAYS AT 12 NOON!!

Let West Bend News announce your engagement, wedding or anniversary. It's only \$6 per column for the photo and the announcement is community news.

Sudoku solution from page 13

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1	2	7	6	9	4	3	8	5
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HAVE A WEDDING, ENGAGEMENT OR ANNIVERSARY?

Let your friends and neighbors know for FREE in the West Bend News.
 (pictures are extra)

Help Needed

- Licensed Physical Therapist - (PRN, as needed)**
 The Licensed Physical Therapist will direct the administration of physical therapy modalities and treatment as prescribed by a Licensed Physician. Must have a degree from an accredited institution, and hold a current State of Ohio Physical Therapist License.
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 The Housekeeper performs job duties that present a clean and contamination free environment for the patients, visitors, and employees. Responsibilities include: Picking up soiled linens and delivering clean ones; picking up and removing trash; using cleaning equipment such as buffers, extractors, shampooers, scrubbers, vacuum, floor polishers, mops, dusters, and any other necessary equipment. Requires standing and walking for long periods of time. Prior Housekeeping experience preferred.

Please submit your resume/application to: online at www.pauldingcountyhospital.com, or by email to: mrrittenour@pauldingcountyhospital.com, or in person at Paulding County Hospital, 1035 W. Wayne Street, Paulding, OH 45879.

LITTLE BIG VETS



Mrs. Bauer's kindergarten class from Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary made soldiers from each branch of the military in honor of Veterans Day. Representing the

Navy: Roger Taylor and Bella Cutright; Air Force: Don Stahl and Aubrie Longstreth; Army: John Wilkin and Miley Jacobs; and Marines: John Ladd and Leah Bland.

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 11/19 - 11/25

JH/HS Breakfast:
 11/19 - Sunrise flatbread, juice/fruit, milk
 11/20 - Toasty cinnamon biscuit, juice/fruit, milk
 11/21 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice/fruit, milk
 11/24 - Breakfast pizza w/sausage & bacon, juice/fruit, milk
 11/25 - Egg & sausage burrito, salsa, juice/fruit, milk
JH/HS Lunch:
 11/19 - Chicken fajita w/ peppers & onions, refried beans, salsa OR Top Your Own Philly, whole grain chips, milk
 11/20 - Roast pork, whipped potato w/gravy, biscuit, apple dessert OR BD pizza slice, seasoned corn, milk
 11/21 - Cheeseburger w/ bun, pickles, oven potatoes OR Salad bar, garlic breadstick, milk
 11/24 - Popcorn chicken bowl, juice box, dinner roll OR Salad bar, garlic breadstick, milk
 11/25 - Chicken chunk salad, tomatoes, beans, cheesy bread OR Sandwich w/bun, oven fries, milk

Paulding Elementary Breakfast:
 11/19 - Burrito, juice/fruit, milk
 11/20 - Muffin, string cheese, juice/fruit, milk
 11/21 - Cereal or Cereal bar, juice/fruit, milk
 11/24 - Yogurt, goldfish grahams, juice/fruit, milk
 11/25 - Pancakes, juice/fruit, milk
Paulding Elementary Lunch:
 11/19 - Pancakes w/sausage, oven potatoes, tomato juice, milk
 11/20 - Vegetable soup, crackers, whole grain bread, milk
 11/21 - Tuna salad or Chicken salad on whole grain bun, salad, milk
 11/24 - Hamburger on whole grain bun, carrots, fresh veggie choice, milk
 11/25 - Chicken fajita wrap, lettuce, cheese, salsa, refried beans, milk
Oakwood Elementary Breakfast:
 11/19 - Breakfast pizza, juice/fruit, milk
 11/20 - Mini pancakes, juice/fruit, milk
 11/21 - Assorted cereals, juice/fruit, milk
 11/24 - Warm cinnamon roll, juice/fruit, milk
 11/25 - Egg biscuit, juice/fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary Lunch:
 11/19 - Popcorn chicken, whipped potatoes, dinner roll, romaine lettuce salad, milk
 11/20 - Pepperoni breadstick, marinara, green beans, milk
 11/21 - Soft taco, romaine lettuce, refried beans, milk
 11/24 - Pepperoni breadstick, green beans, marinara, milk
 11/25 - Cheese pizza, corn, carrot stix, milk

HELP NEEDED

Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities is looking for an **Early Intervention Specialist** Sub to work as needed at our Parc Lane location. To apply send resume to: **PCBDD**
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ANTWERP & WAYNE TRACE SCHOOLS BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE



L-R Ruger Goeltzenleuchter and George Clemens IV with Coach Clemens in the background, practicing in the new room dedicated for wrestling.

"We finally have our own training room," excitedly says the wrestling coach at Wayne Trace High School. For years the wrestling team has found its home practice room moved around in various places in the building. From the cafeteria to the second story behind the bleachers, the wrestlers have not had a place to call their own... until now.

Coach George Clemens announced the school has finally set aside a dedicated room just for the wrestling team. The room was previously a combination of training/

bathroom and a classroom. A couple of walls were removed and the entire 40x60' room was ready to be finished with new paint, mats and now include the record boards for the past and present wrestlers of Wayne Trace.

Outside the high school facility you'll also see brand new construction just south of the parking lot by the ball diamonds. With the approval of the school board, the Athletic boosters and the school are constructing two brand new concession stands with upper floor press boxes, and



Construction is well underway for the new concession stand/field houses for the Baseball and Softball teams at Wayne Trace.



Walt Kauser of Kauser Excavating is surveying after moving dirt around in preparation for the new baseball diamond.

they should be ready for action just in time for the spring baseball and softball teams to make great use of both.

Both of these are a great addition to the Raider Nation of sports excellence.

At Antwerp, there are new projects happening and one that recently finished.

For the basketball season a new addition to the scoreboard that will display the players, fouls, and points. This will bring the boys and the girls games up to date for the 2014-15 basketball season.

The next addition is a brand new baseball diamond. This field has been a work in progress for quite some time, now finally becoming a reality. The "Booster" Field next to the football season is being retired as the new field next to the softball diamond should be ready by the spring season.

The field at its prior location was difficult to access, especially for the older people who needed more assistance.

The new field being constructed, is just south of the current softball diamond. Walt Kauser of Kauser Excavating in Paulding said they had started this early last week and will have most of

the heavy work done within a couple of weeks. The tiling will be installed in the ground this week by Kennedy Excavating in Antwerp. Next, the topsoil will be added. The ground will be given all winter to rest and settle into place, ready for the finish work to be done including the fences and the red clay put into place for the beautiful new field for the Archer baseball team.

It will be an exciting day for these senior boys when they step out onto the new field for the first time, knowing there will be generations following them. They have a lot to look forward to and high standards to set for the coming years.

JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES NEXT GENERAL MEETING DATE

The John Paulding Historical Society will be holding their General Meeting on Tuesday, November 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the museum located across from the fairgrounds in Paulding.

Speakers for the General Meeting will be representatives of the American Red Cross of Paulding County. District Program Specialist, Bill Steinbrunner will be on hand to discuss disaster services. Mr. Steinbrunner serves Allen, Auglaize, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert counties. Rick Noggle, Chairman of Disaster Assistance Team (D.A.T.) in Paulding County and Phil Wells, member of the D.A.T. will also be present to answer questions about local issues.

The meeting is open to the public and refreshments will be served afterwards. Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us for an informative evening.

PARDON ME; OHIO TURKEY FARM TO PRESENT PRESIDENTIAL TURKEY THIS THANKSGIVING



A 76-year-old family-owned Ohio farm is raising the National Thanksgiving Turkey that's expected to be presented to President Barack Obama in just a few weeks. The presentation of the National Thanksgiving Turkey to the President is bestowed each year upon the individual serving as chairman of the National Turkey Federation (NTF). This year, the presidential flock is being raised by Cooper Farms in Fort Recovery, Ohio.

"The Cooper family is proud to have the opportunity to be part of this time-honored tradition," said Gary Cooper, chief operating officer of Cooper Farms and chairman of the NTF. "As a family-owned farm, we take great pride in the turkeys we raise."

Gary Cooper's youngest son, Cole, has been raising a flock of approximately 20 birds in a custom-built red barn at his home in Mercer County, Ohio, since July, when the turkeys were hatched. The barn was designed as a smaller version of one of the original farms owned by Virgil Cooper, founder of Cooper Farms and Gary Cooper's father.

The "family" essence is a quintessential part of Cooper Farms and very important to the Cooper family. Raising the turkeys has truly been a family affair, involving not only the Coopers, but also much of the company's team.

"It was a great honor for my dad to ask me to raise the presidential turkey flock," said Cole Cooper. "This is my heritage. It is what my grandpa started and is what I grew up with, as I watched my dad, aunt and uncle expand Cooper Farms into what it is today."

Cooper Farms will hand-select two tom turkeys for the special national honor. One will serve as the National Thanksgiving Turkey and the second as an alternate.

Four different breeds of turkeys are represented in the presidential flock to celebrate NTF's 75th anniversary and Cooper Farms being in business for just more than

75 years. The variety of birds has also offered a unique opportunity for Cooper Farms to educate elementary students from across Ohio. Since October, Cooper Farms has hosted and visited more than 3,000 students from the local community. These visits have helped get the turkeys accustomed to large audiences and have let students meet the soon-to-be famous presidential flock.

Americans are invited to submit name suggestions for the two turkeys during a national naming contest that begins November 5, 2014. Ideas may be submitted by visiting: OhioPoultry.org/NameTheTurkey. The final decision on names for the National Thanksgiving Turkey and an alternate will be made by President Obama, his family and the White House staff.

Individuals are also encouraged to follow #PresidentialTurkey14 on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Pinterest to see photos and videos of the turkeys as they grow and prepare for their trip to Washington, DC.

In Ohio, turkey farming is an important part of the state's agricultural economy. The Buckeye state ranks ninth nationally in turkey farming, producing more than 219 million pounds of turkey each year, valued at more than \$158 million. Turkey farming is responsible for the creation of 2,183 jobs and \$71 million in earnings.

"Ohio is a major turkey farming state, and we are pleased to be raising this year's presidential turkey flock," said Jim Chakeres, executive vice president of the Ohio Poultry Association. "Ohio's turkey farmers are firmly committed to providing safe, affordable food for consumers and to caring for their flocks and the environment. It's our responsibility, and it's the right thing to do - and Cooper Farms is a great example."

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