

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD A HUGE SUCCESS AT CENTRAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL



Working with Samaritan's Purse International Relief, students at Central Lutheran School participated once again in Operation Christmas Child. Rather than exchanging Christmas gifts in their classrooms, students and their families collect items that will be packaged in shoeboxes and shipped

all over the world to those in need. Items include hygiene items, small toys, school supplies, socks, and a story-book about Jesus. This year Central families filled 443 shoeboxes! Following Jesus' example, students at Central Lutheran School are helping those in need and sharing the hope of the Gospel.

WOODLAN HOSTS VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

By: Tanner Bair

On November 10, 2014, Woodlan Elementary held a Veterans Day program to honor all Veterans. There were over 100 people, veterans and over 500 students. Kids from kindergarten to seniors, band players to singers, uncles, aunts, grandparents, and even parents who had

come to see the phenomenal performance put on by the school.

First, they began by welcoming everybody to the program.

Next, the Woodlan and the New Haven bands began to play music. Throughout the program students read poems written by sixth graders. Then, students began to sing military songs that they had worked on making perfect

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MR. & MRS. LOWELL TRAUSCH CELEBRATE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Lowell and Ann (McGrath) Trausch celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 28, 2014. They were married on November 28, 1964 at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Paulding, OH.

They have seven children: Michael (Tracy) of Paulding; Deborah (Mike) Abbott of Aurora, CO; Karen (Barry) Hanenkratt of Defiance; Jonathan (Lindsay) of Noblesville, IN;

Michal of Asuncion, Paraguay; David of Noblesville, IN; and Matthew of Paulding; 16 grandchildren; five step-grandchildren.

Lowell retired in 2000 from GM after 30 years of service. Ann is a homemaker.

There will be an open house on December 6th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Antwerp Community Church, Antwerp, OH. No gifts, please.

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK LIKE CHRISTMAS!



With the blaring of the sirens, and the crunching of pavement by parade floats along Main Street, the town of Antwerp graciously welcomed the holiday season with the "Christmas Parade" on November 29th. In sequen-

tial order, the firetrucks and police department were first down the road, then Antwerp Local School student council were made up as Santa's reindeer and elves, the Antwerp Athletic Boosters followed.

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OBITUARIES

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 12/3 - 12/9

12/3 - Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, strawberry hash, dinner roll, apple crisp
 12/4 - Liver & onions, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, ambrosia salad, bread, graham crackers; liver alternative: Swiss steak
 12/5 - Shake & bake chicken, boiled potatoes, green bean casserole, mixed fruit, dinner roll
 12/8 - Creamed chicken, mashed potatoes, peas, cinnamon applesauce, cookie, biscuit
 12/9 - Stuffed pepper casserole over white rice, beets, hot apples, WW bread

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 12/3 - 12/9

12/3 - Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery shopping in Van Wert at 12:30 p.m.; PERI meeting & Holiday Luncheon, meeting at 10:00 a.m., lunch follows
 12/4 - Blood pressure & toenail clinic at 9:00 a.m.
 12/5 - Day Trip, Bearcreek Memories & Dinner Theater to Celina, OH, leave Center at 9:45 a.m.
 12/8 - Fingernail Clinic, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
 12/9 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

DAR CHAPTER MEETS

The General Horatio N. Curtis Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution met Thursday, November 20 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church meeting room in Paulding at 6:00 p.m.

Chapter Regent Jeanne Calvert from Oakwood opened the meeting with the opening rituals and the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

Minutes and Chapter reports were given by those officers present. Veteran-Patient Committee Chairman, Patricia Gottschalk made a motion that the chapter let her give out tangerines to those veterans at the Fort Wayne Hospital as a "Holiday Tradition" as she has done in the past. Motion carried.

Mayflower Compact was handed out by member, Caroline Zimmerman. She and others in the chapter either belong to the Mayflower Society or are eligible to join as they are direct descendants of signers of this most historical document. Discussion was held on the its historical value as compared to other documents signed at later dates in US history.

The National Defense Report was given by chairman on the fact that there is a Presidential proclamation for National Native American Heritage Month. President Obama proclaimed, "Native Americans stand among America's most distinguished authors, artists, scientists, and po-

litical leaders, and in their accomplishments, they have profoundly strengthened the legacy we will leave our children. So, too, have American Indians and Alaska Natives bravely fought to protect this legacy as members of our Armed Forces."

Department of Defense statistics prepared in 2010 by the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics show Native Americans serve in the US Armed Forces at a high rates and have a higher concentration of female service members than all other races. Nearly 20% of Native Americans serving in the Armed Forces are female. The % of female service members of all other races is 15.6%.

Among the most renowned in WWII were the Navajo Code Talkers who used their unbreakable code to send tactical messages during "Every Marine Corps assault in the Pacific from 1942-1945". There were 29 Code Talkers that received the Congressional Gold Medal in 2001. Pvt. 1st Class Ira Hayes, a Pima Indian from Arizona was one of the five Americans to raise the US flag at Iwo Jima. During the Vietnam war more than 42,000 American Indians served in the US Armed Forces. Many have died in wars since then.

The program was given by member, Mary Clark, entitled: "Six Buckeye Confederate Generals". As this nation commemorates and remembers its 150th anniversary of the pivotal 4-year conflict there are a lot of little known facts. Most Ohioans who fought in the Civil war fought for the Union - most did, but not all. The six Ohio Generals of the United States Civil War who fought for the South were:

- (1) Gen. Charles Clark of Lebanon, OH (as a young boy). Clark as an adult owned a plantation encompassing at least 3,000 acres near Natchez, MS. That he called "Doro" and he owned about 50 slaves.
- (2) Gen. Robert Hatton of Lebanon, OH (as a young boy) moved south and once called Northerners "miserable hypocritical Negro-worshippers."
- (3) Gen. Bushrod Johnson of Belmont County Ohio moved south as an adult and was working in the south in 1861.
- (4) Gen. Daniel Reynolds of Centerberg in Knox County Ohio moved to the south as an adult and was working there in 1861.
- (5) Gen. Roswell Ripley, born in 1823 of Worthington, Ohio. He was the son of a 1812 War Veteran. He attended West Point and served in the U.S. Army until marrying Alicia Middleton, a wealthy widow, in 1853 from Charleston. He immediately became entrenched in antebellum society and supported the war. He commanded several artillery batteries that fired in Fort Sumter, in Charleston Harbor, in the war's opening battle and later was placed in charge of defending Charleston. In that role, in 1863 he led the forces that repulsed African-American troops trying to take Fort Wagner - a battle that formed the climax of the 1889 movie *Glory*. Charleston fell the next year. When Ripley died in 1887, the people of Charleston erected a handsome monument at his gravesite. There is a "Ripley House which still stands at

623 High St. in Worthington, OH with a marker. The local chapter of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, whose membership numbers about 35 is named after Ripley.

(6) Gen. Otho Strahl of Malta, in Morgan County, Ohio was born into a Quaker family in 1831. He attended Ohio Wesleyan College from 1850 to 1853 where he met and befriended Daniel Reynolds. He eventually moved to Tennessee where he studied law, and again with Reynolds, under the same instructor, opened his own law practice. During the war Strahl rose steadily through the ranks. He was killed leading a charge at Franklin, Tenn., in 1864 - possibly by troops from an Ohio unit that included soldiers from hometown, according to a local historian, Brian McKee. There is a "combined" memorial in Malta which produced two Union generals (Joseph Bailey and Jeremiah Rusk) as well as Strahl, who earned his own marker in 2009. Two flags fly on the memorial site at this time.

The information for the program was taken in part from a newspaper item in the Columbus Dispatch and other local history. It was remarked that there are active Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy groups even though they "lost" the war. The war records for the above six Generals can be gotten at the National Archives by mail or on the Internet.

Note there was an invitation from the Lima DAR Chapter to a DAR/SAR/CAR Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 13, 2014. For more information contact your Chapter Regent or Caroline Zimmerman at 419-258-2222.

There will be no further meetings until March 2015. If you have any questions about membership or dues, please contact Chapter Regent, Jeanne Calvert, or Vice-Regent, Caroline Zimmerman at 419-258-2222.

MAYFLOWER COMPACT LUNCHEON

The Toledo Colony of the Ohio Society of Mayflower Descendants met Saturday, November 22, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Perrysburg French Quarter, Perrysburg, Ohio at 11:30 a.m. for their annual Mayflower Compact Luncheon.

After introductions and prayers, a traditional luncheon of turkey and dressing was served. A special cake was brought in by a member and served by the members.

The meeting was opened by Lt. Governor Mrs. Susan Fisher from Coldwater, MI. Before the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America, Member, Marge Waterfield gave information on the Pledge and its actual meaning. That "One nation IS inclusive of ALL states". "Liberty and Justice is for ALL people". Thereafter, the Mayflower Compact was read by the whole congregation while standing. It was then explained that Winston Churchill has even commented on this document profusely. It is like the birth certificate of a nation. The Virginia Company came to seek a fortune and came 100 miles too far north. Strangers seeking a fortune at a cold and dangerous time of year. The document that

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light."

John 1:6-8 NASB

THANKSGIVING FEAST AT GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY



Mrs. Bauer and Mrs. Walls' kindergarten classes from Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary celebrated Thanksgiving at school with a Thanksgiving feast. The children dressed as Indians and Pilgrims to recognize the friendship that was built long ago. They spent the day learning, feasting and working together!

KINDERGARTEN THANKSGIVING CENTERS



Antwerp kindergarten students participated in a special morning filled with Thanksgiving centers. Here, Mrs. McMichael's students Reid Nutter and Randall Hoehn practice writing Native American pictograms using a feather and paint.

they signed was not called the Mayflower Compact until 150 years after the fact. They had to drink beer on the voyage over because the water would not keep. Half of the 102 passengers did not make it through the first year when they did reach land. Trapping beaver was their only saving grace. And learning how to harvest corn. The Mayflower Compact was what their law was based on.

Continuing on with the meeting, each member was called upon to introduce themselves, name their direct descendants; and any guests. Treas. Report and State Board Report was given by Chrm. Dues will be raised to \$36.00 November 1, 2015.

The leading speaker then introduced our three newest members: Frank Wayne Brewster and his son, Michael Joseph Brewster (both descended from William Brewster); also, Dr. Joanie Barrett (Fuller Family).

Two scholarships were acknowledged from the Society. One was given to Jacob Ferguson, who was unable to attend and the other one to Mikayla Bowen of Findlay, OH who attends Hillsdale College. Her essay was on history and she plays the harp. She and her mother are descendants of George Soule.

Past Lt. Governor Ric Hamer, spoke on the Hillsdale College Program and introduced speaker Dr. Mark Kalthoff, Professor Of Christian History department at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI. He gave a talk on his book: *American Heritage* which dwelled on three documents in history: the Mayflower Compact, and two speeches by John Winthrop. John

Winthrop was a Puritan who came to America in 1630, a non-separatist from England on the ship "Arbella". He was a lawyer, not a clergyman. His writings were supposed to be the ideal of "Christian Charity" given about 1630-35. He made a Puritan dilemma. He was a lawyer and he knew what he was doing. He brought the charter and the stock information with him on the boat when he came with the company instead of leaving it in Europe. Usually, the charter was left in the home country for safety, but he brought everything 'lock, stock, and barrel.' Therefore, he did own the company and could prove it.

The next meeting is the 75th birthday of the Toledo Colony on March 22, 2015. It will be held at this location and time as this meeting. You will be receiving further info on this. Committee help is needed! Please contact Ann Gulbransen at 330-230-2388 or Lt. Gov. Susan Fisher at 517-218-5302.

Submitted by Caroline Zimmerman 419-258-2222

Note: Attending this meeting from Antwerp, Ohio was Mayflower Society Member, Caroline Zimmerman (descended from George Soule) and her husband, Myron Zimmerman.

PAULDING, OH:
Fallie Shelton, 61, passed away on Tuesday, November 25, 2014, at the CHP Defiance Area Hospice Center. Arrangements by Den Herder Funeral Home.
 ANTWERP, OH
Joseph E. Thompson, 66, of Antwerp, passed away at home on Thursday, November 27, 2014. Burial by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne.



WOODBURN, OH
Barbara L. Springer, 77, of Woodburn, Indiana, died Wednesday November 26, 2014 at her home.

She was born on June 3, 1937 in Harlan, Indiana, the daughter of the late Clarence and Rosie (Conwell) Dix.

On June 7, 1952, she was united in marriage to Frank Springer.

She was a member of Countryside Church of Christ. She was employed by Harlan Metals. Barbara is survived by her husband Frank; two daughters, Judy (Kenny), Penny (Dale); two sons, Frank Jr. (Ruth), Dennis (Tina); (14) grandchildren; (38) great grandchildren; and a sister Jean Butler.

Funeral services for Barbara will be Monday at 10:00 a.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio, with Pastor Brett Brown officiating. Visitation will be Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Harlan Memorial Gardens, Harlan, Indiana.

Memorials may be made to the family.

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and in traditional holiday spirit, Santa Claus rode by on a firetruck at the rear of the parade. The entire parade was headed down Main Street and towards Antwerp's Fire House, where children, of all ages, could sit on Santa's lap to plead with him for the gifts they've always wanted. The Antwerp class of 2020 also had a bake sale going on in order to raise money for their Washington D.C. trip in the fall of 2015.

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12	Austin Fancher	10	5'10
21	Elyjah O'Hara	12	5'10
22	Ben Schwartz	11	6'0
23	Loren Hahn	12	6'1
24	Andrew Krahn	11	6'2
30	Tre'van McCarter	9	5'11
34	Aaron Hahn	9	6'0
35	Josh Gerig	10	6'4
40	Hunter Louden	12	6'2
44	Blake Williams	11	6'4
54	Evan Gustin	12	6'7

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4	Deontae Biggs	10	5'11
5	Alec Bayman	10	5'11
10	Dane Herschberger	10	5'10
11	Andrew Krahn	11	6'2
12	Adam Hormann	11	6'0
14	Tre'van McCarter	9	5'11
21	Ben Schwartz	11	6'0
22	Justin Durkes	9	6'1
33	Aaron Hahn	9	6'0
42	Josh Gerig	10	6'4
50	Blake Williams	11	6'4

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2014-15 WOODLAN WARRIORS VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Tues, Dec 23	Fremont High School	Home	7:30PM	Fri, Jan 23	Heritage	Away	7:30PM
Sat, Nov 22	Hamilton Scrimmage	Home	11:00AM	Tues, Dec 30	Wayne Trace	Away	7:30PM	Tues, Jan 27	Whitko	Away	7:30PM
Wed, Nov 26	New Haven	Home	7:30PM	Wed, Jan 7	Churubusco	Away	7:30PM	Fri, Jan 30	Leo	Home	7:30PM
Sat, Nov 29	Bellmont High School	Home	7:30PM	Sat, Jan 10	Bluffton	Home	7:30PM	Sat, Feb 7	South Adams	Away	7:30PM
Tues, Dec 2	Garrett	Away	7:30PM	Tues, Jan 13	ACAC Tourney	TBA	6:00PM	Thurs, Feb 12	Southern Wells	Home	7:30PM
Fri, Dec 5	Jay County High School	Home	7:30PM	Wed, Jan 14	ACAC Tourney	TBA	7:00PM	Tues, Feb 17	Eastside	Away	7:30PM
Tues, Dec 9	Angola	Home	7:30PM	Sat, Jan 17	ACAC Consolation Game	TBA	10:00AM	Tues, Feb 24	Hamilton	Away	7:30PM
Sat, Dec 13	Blackhawk Christian	Away	7:30PM	Sat, Jan 17	ACAC Finals	South Adams	6:00PM	Fri, Feb 27	Antwerp High	Home	7:30PM
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This will be a place not only for the youth and children of our church, but also for a way for the church to reach out to the community too.

Keep an eye on what will be happening here at our church location at 7722 Moeller Road. More information to come when we start to build our Community Family Life Center.

WCCH CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to a Christmas Open House at the Woodburn Christian Children's Home. Bring your family, bring your friends or just come by yourself. There will be tours and refreshments served. The Open House is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 7th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. All of the children and staff from the Woodburn Christian Children's Home hope to see you there. WCCH is located at 24902 Notestine Road, two miles east of State Road 101.

The Woodburn Christian Children's Home is a ministry of Christian Churches and Churches of Christ. Since 1972, this special home has provided a Christian family environment for children who are homeless or who have other special needs. Throughout these years about 200 young people (ages 6-21) have been a part of our family. Some of these young people have been reunited with their families, some are in college and others have Christian families of their own.

The Woodburn Christian Children's Home is supported entirely by voluntary contribution. We receive no feder-

al, state or county support. We are entirely dependent upon our private contributors whose strong support enables this ministry to operate on a cash basis.

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—Lee Bracey,
WCCH
Executive Director

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FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE AT DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Divine Mercy Catholic Parish of Paulding County invites you to join us for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe, on Friday, December 12, 2014.

We begin our celebration with music, mananitas, at 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Spanish Mass.

Immediately following the Mass, you are invited to a breakfast/brunch potluck in the church basement. This event will take place at the Paulding campus, 317 North Main St., Paulding. Everyone is welcome.

ANTWERP COMMUNITY BAND PRESENTS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Antwerp Community Band cordially invites all of the West Bend News' readers to our annual Christmas concert. The holiday concert is our gift to the community, so we consider your presence as the best thing we could possible wish for! We will give two performances of the concert, the first at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 14, in the Auditoria at Antwerp Local School, and an encore performance on Tuesday, December 16 at

7:30 p.m. at the Huber Opera House in Hicksville. As always, there is no charge for admission.

As we all know, the Christmas season is a feast for the senses - since you are undoubtedly busy creating memories that appeal to sight, smell, taste and touch, let the Antwerp Community Band help to heighten the festive mood with Christmas sounds! In this concert's selections, we've tried to capture some of the many different musical moods of the season: the "Sussex Mimmers' Christmas Carol" is deeply calm and sonorous; the "Fantasia on Kingsfold" is a more modern English carol; there are contemporary classic holiday songs in the medleys "The Great Songs of Christmas" and "Christmas Music for Winds", as well as versions of the traditional carols "Oh Holy Night" and "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear", not to mention some "Grinch-ly" music and that seasonal classic "Sleighride"! Please join us at one or both concert performances and help us to celebrate with the joyous sounds of this Christmas season!

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Luke 16:22 - What happened to Lazarus?
2. Luke 16:22 - How did Lazarus get to Abraham's bosom?
3. Thought Question - Where was Lazarus buried?
4. Luke 16:22 - Abraham's bosom is a type of what?
5. Luke 16:22 - What happened to the rich man?
6. Luke 16:22 - What happened to the rich man's body?
7. Luke 16:23 - Where is the rich man's soul?
8. Luke 16:23 - Where was the rich man, when he lifted up his eyes?
9. Luke 16:23 - Who did the rich man see afar off?
10. Luke 16:23 - Who was in Abraham's bosom?

Questions or comments? 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. He died;
2. Angels carried him there;
3. The Bible doesn't say;
4. Paradise;
5. He died;
6. He was buried;
7. Torments or Hades;
8. Torments or Hades;
9. Abraham;
10. Lazarus;

Something to think about: when Lazarus died, everything changed for him. No longer was he hungry, no longer was there pain, suffering, or sores; the problems of the earth were gone. This shows and tells us what it will be like for those who are obedient to God's teachings. The rich man died, and in hell lifted up his eyes being in torments. The scene changed for the rich from the best to the worst. Notice, the rich man left all he had behind, nothing went with him. Now, because he would have nothing to do with God, in eternity this torment he is in will never cease. Where will you be in eternity?

Ol' Baldy says bye for now, but continue to pray, read and study the Bible. (Luv Ya!)

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF 90 PEOPLE SHOWED UP FOR LUNCH?

Winning the Battle for a Generation by: Pastor Rick Jones

I grew up in a family of 10, with seven of our ten family members being male. As you can imagine, with seven men to feed for every meal, my mother had her hands full. She always did her best to provide enough food, especially during the holidays, and Thanksgiving was no different. I've always wondered what my mother would have done if she had 90 uninvited guests show up for Thanksgiving? What if 90 people showed up unexpectedly at your house expecting lunch? That's what happened when Gov. William Bradford declared a day of public Thanksgiving in Plymouth Colony. Pastor and author David Jeremiah writes in his November 24, 2007 Turning Point Devotional the following...

"Suddenly 90 Indians showed up to celebrate with them, and the Pilgrims almost panicked when they realized how many they had to feed. To make matters worse, the Indians showed up a day early!

"As it turned out, the Indians, too, had been preparing for the feast. They brought five dressed deer and more than a dozen wild turkeys. The Indian women went to work, showing the Pilgrim wives how to make hoecakes and corn pudding. Between meals, the Pilgrims and Indians competed in games, including races and wrestling. All in all, the celebration lasted three days, but the highlight was when William Brewster stood and offered a solemn prayer of thanksgiving to God who had protected them by His providence and provided for their needs.

"Food, sports and thanksgiving—it all goes back a long way. Let's not forget the thanksgiving part!"

In scripture, Thanksgiving is not just a one day phenomena, but it is an attitude and an action that is part of our daily worship of God; 1 Thesalonians 5:18 (KJV), "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

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.

WOODBURN UNITED METHODIST PRESENTS CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Woodburn United Methodist Church will be presenting the Christmas Cantata, "The First Noel" on Sunday, December 7 at 9:00 a.m. The cantata was created by Russell Mauldin & Sue C. Smith, arranged and orchestrated by Russell Mauldin, and is under the direction of Dawn Patterson. This cantata uses many of the carols of the season to demonstrate the beauty of the Christmas story.

The cantata begins with the "The Birthday of a King Medley". This medley begins with Handel's beautiful "For Unto Us a Child is Born". It then segues into the traditional French carol "Sing We Now of Christmas", and concludes with the lyrical "The Birthday

of a King".

Next is the rhythmic "Glory, Glory in the Highest" which features a powerful solo by Dick Hall. The next is a song of French origin that is centuries old, our theme song, "The First Noel".

The audience follows the story as the Mary gives birth to our Saviour in a stable in the expressive, "Jesus, Born on This Day". This song features the sweet voice of Lisa Dial.

The story leads on to the joyful singing of the angels with, "Light of the Stable with Angels We Have Heard on High"

The audience is then reminded that Jesus came to make the world different, to change our lives with the stirring "In the First Light". This song features solos and a duet by Annette Ruppert and Tom Bergman.

The audience will then be asked to remember "at the very heart of Christmas, there is only this: Jesus, God's only begotten Son, was born for our salvation". This is made very clear with the lovely "Jesus at the Center".

Finally, the cantata concludes with the "Birthday of a King Finale". This medley begins with a reprise of "For Unto Us a Child is Born", continues with a reprise of "The Birthday of a King" and then concludes with the memorable theme song, "The First Noel", including a chance for audience participation.

The members of the choir include the following:

- Soprano - Suzanne Brown, Lisa Dial, Joyce Drayer, Annette Ruppert, Patti Shuler
- Alto - Ruth Corn, Lyda Cutchin, Dawn James, Dawn Patterson, Karen Stir, LaVon Womack
- Tenor - Tom Bergman
- Baritone - Damian Gramling, Dick Hall
- Bass - Tom Cutchin, Dan Stir
- Narrator - Judy Copsey
- Sound Tech - Sean Patterson

Pastor Terry McDonald and the members of the Woodburn United Methodist Church would like to invite the public to join in celebration of "The Reason for the Season" by attending this worship in music. Refreshments will follow the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Woodburn United Methodist is located at 4300 Becker Road behind the Woodburn Xpress Gas Station in the middle of Woodburn.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Kaiden Lenard Neil Hastings was born on November 25, 2014 at 11:05 p.m. at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville. He was 9 lb. 12.7 oz. and 20.9 inches long. His parents are Mike and Maurea Hastings, and sibling is Michael Hastings Jr.

Proud grandparents are Wendell and Jen Thomas of Paulding, Elaine Hastings of Fort Wayne, IN, and Heat'n and Margaret Bernston of Fort Wayne, IN. Great-grandparents are Harry Thomas of Mark Center, OH, All an Shannon Sudholtz of Sherwood, OH, and Nancy King of Fort Wayne, IN.

LATTA: WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO FIND A REAL SOLUTION TO OUR BROKEN IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) issued the following statement after President Obama's announcement that he will unilaterally act on immigration:

"The American people sent a clear message to Washington earlier this month," said Latta. "The United States is a republic, not a monarchy, and they want us to work together to promote real solutions to the issues our country faces - issues that include our nation's border security and the approximately 11 million illegal immigrants who live here."

"The President's decision to take unilateral action demonstrates a blatant disregard for the will of the American people and the separation of powers explicitly outlined in our Constitution. It exceeds his executive authority, and I, along with my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives, will fight this gross executive overreach."

"As a Member of Congress, I was elected to represent the citizens of Ohio's Fifth Congressional District - hardworking Americans that I have the privilege to listen to and interact with every day. The President's plan does not address their concerns and will not sufficiently secure our border. I am committed to working in a bipartisan, bicameral manner and believe this is the best way we can develop long-term solutions to the issues our nation faces. It is time for the President to stop acting unilaterally and start listening to the American people. We need substantive solutions, not quick fixes."

Holiday Sale
Cookie - Candy Walk
Craft Items & Baked Goods
Edgerton Wesleyan Church
Corner Dawkins Road & Ohio State Line
(One Day Only)
Saturday, December 6th
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Maples United Methodist Church
13240 Church Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46816
Sunday Service: 11:00 AM
Pastor Gerry Weesner 260-627-8141
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"Is any sick among you? Let him call for (go to) the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, ..." James 5: 14-15a KJV
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

With the 73rd anniversary of the start of WWII approaching, a friend sent me the following information about what the government and what American people did then as opposed to what it's doing now. During the 3½ years of WWII that started with the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 and ended with the surrender of Germany and Japan in 1945, "we the people of the USA" produced the following: 22 aircraft carriers, eight battleships, 48 cruisers, 349 destroyers, 420 destroyer escorts, 203 submarines, 34 million tons of merchant ships, 100,000 fighter aircraft, 98,000 bombers, 24,000 transport aircraft, 58,000 trainer aircraft, 93,000 tanks, 257,000 artillery pieces, 105,000 mortars, 3,000,000 machine guns, and 2,500,000 military trucks. We put 16.1 million men in uniform in the various armed services. We invaded Africa, Sicily, Italy, won the battle for the Atlantic, planned and executed D-Day, marched across the Pacific and Europe, developed the atomic bomb and ultimately conquered Japan and Germany.

Now, in the almost exact amount of time the Obama administration couldn't even build a website that worked. It's no wonder this country is in the shape it's in and no one in the government seems to even care. As long as our money keeps flowing in for them to misuse, nothing to have to do with the everyday

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person matters. We are not even allowed to try and "win" these so-called "wars" they have gotten us into. America continues to fall apart while they pour billions of our money into other countries that don't even like us or want us there. We, the common people, still respect the flag and what it stands for and the people who fought to give it meaning. It's too bad Obama and his bunch of crooks could care less. The common people have woken up to the problem, the government needs to also!

—Gregg Gorman

2014 NWC FALL SPORTS SCHOLAR ATHLETES

These are the 2014 Northwest Conference Fall Sports Scholar Athletes. The criteria for gaining scholar athlete recognition by the conference is as follows:

Gold Level - Varsity letter earned in the sport and a grading period GPA of 3.5 or above.

Silver Level - Varsity letter earned in the sport and a grading period GPA of 3.000 to 3.49.

CHEERLEADING:

Crestview - (Gold) Eden Allison, Katie Hughes, Courtney Klinker, Hannah Leary, Olivia Leary, Whitney Smart; (Silver) Sydnee Gamble, Paige Michael

Paulding - (Gold) Taylor Schooley, Haley Schlegel, Kynsie Eetzer, Jordan Shull, Molly Meeker, Alexis Howell, Sese Bellard

CROSS COUNTRY:

Crestview - (Gold) Caleb Bagley, Branden Clayton, Cody Mefferd, Ashley Bowen, Hali Finfrock, Brooke Ripley, Leslie Skelton, Nevada Smith, Matteson Watts; (Silver) Zach Jellison, Adam Saylor

Lincolnview - (Gold) Tyler Brant, Mikinzie Dull, Jacob Gibson, Bayley Tow, Colton Snyder, Trevor Neate, Austin Leeth, Rynne Duchenev, Abbie Enyart, Brooke Thatcher, Andrew Fickert, Austin Elick, Alena Looser, Olivia Gorman, Miah Katalenas, Trinity Welch, Noah Daeger, Theresa Kurtz; (Silver) Aex Rodriguez, Anna Gorman, Clairra Rhoades, Brayden Farmer

Paulding - (Gold) Emilee Ringler, Lucas Arend, Dayton Pracht, JoEllyn Salinas, Shayla Shepherd, Corbin Kohart, Caylin Johanns, Melissa Martinez, Sean Jackson, Michael Kohart, Simeon Shepherd; (Silver) Brooke Clemens

FOOTBALL:

Crestview - (Gold) Braden Brecht, Jake Lippi, Jordan Roop; (Silver) Chase Clark, Luke Gerardot, Isaiah Kline, Corban Grubb, Nick Henry, Nick Jellison, Seth Moser, Justin Overmyer, Sage Schaffner, Jake Tatum, Preston Zaleski

Paulding - (Gold) Banson Minck, Zach Buchman, Jarrett Sitton, Kyle Gardner, Nathan Gee, Preston Ingol, Lorenzo Salinas, Aaron Horstman, Aaron Mock, Tyler Spoor; (Silver) James Mourey, Adam Deatrack, Preston Johanns, Preston Gross, Treton Gonzales, Bailey Combs, Austin Howell,

OHIO NATIVE ANIMAL FUR DISPLAY BY HOLTSBERRY



Mr. Mark Holtsberry from the Paulding County Water & Soil Department visited Antwerp Elementary kindergarten students. He showed animal furs that are native to Ohio. Pictured beside Mr. Holtsberry are Grace Miller, Josie Hahn, and Lexy Hicks.

Jacob Rodriguez

GOLF:

Crestview - (Gold) Jon Germann, Mitchell Rickard, Ronnie Schumm; (Silver) Derek Biro, Caden Hurless, Connor Lautzenheiser, Cyler Miller

Lincolnview - (Gold) Mikenna Klinger, Braden Thatcher, Nick Motycka, Mckenzie Davis, Joshah Rager, Macala Ashbaugh, Marissa Miller; (Silver) Damon Norton, Logan Kraner, Justis Dowdy, Derek Youtsey, Skyler Whitaker, Makenzie Kraft

Paulding - (Gold) Cade McGarvey, Ellie Miller, Isaac Baldwin, Ben Heilshorn; (Silver) Christian Burtch

BOYS SOCCER:

Lincolnview - (Gold) Jacob Pollock, Hayden Ludwig, Dustin Hale, Chandler Adams, Dylan Neate, Frankie Carey, Braxten Robey, Alex Crow; (Silver) Wyatt Schmersal, Cole Schmersal, Louis Crow, Cody Hoehn, Jacob Hale

GIRLS SOCCER:

Crestview - (Gold) Kenzi Case, Kaitlin Hallfeldt, Lauren Schmid, Kara Strabbing; (Silver) Kylee Gent, Jada Preston, Bekka Tracey, Madison Tracey, Siera Wood

Lincolnview - (Gold) Clarissa Clay, Julia Thatcher, Hannah McCleery, Brooke Schroeder, Autumn Proctor, Sydni Thatcher, Haley Pollock, Allison Warnement; (Silver) Savannah Bigham, Lainie Jones, Madison Gorman, Trinity Brown

VOLLEYBALL:

Crestview - (Gold) Malloory Bowen, Brady Guest, Haley Helm, Tianna Rager, Mackenzie Rigggenbach, Courtney Trigg, Claire Zaleski; (Silver) Megan Hartman, Reghan Waltmire

Lincolnview - (Gold) Baylee Neate, Ashley Teman, Ashton Bowerxock, Gracelyn Gorman, Zoe Miller, Kaitlyn Wendel, Kate McClure, Kayla Schroeder, Kaitlyn Brenneman, Kayla Schimmoller, Alana Williams; (Silver) Devann Springer, Gracie Lamers, Makenna Klausung

Paulding - (Gold) Cassidy Posey, Faith Vogel, Malayna VanCleve, Jaycie Varner, Audrey Manz, Morgan Riley, Suzanne Reinhart; (Silver) Kristen Schilt, Brooke Combs

For the full listing of NWC fall sports scholar athletes at www.westbendnews.net

NORTHWEST OHIO LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKED TOGETHER AND SAVED LIVES

Beginning at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday November 20, 2014 state, county and municipal law enforcement throughout Northwest Ohio conducted a 48 hour traffic enforcement effort aimed at saving lives. This effort, known as "Lights For Lives", began last year as an annual event to show solidarity in the law enforcement community as it pertains to traffic safety. This year again, "Lights For Lives" was a successful operation that showed what can be accomplished by law enforcement working cooperatively in a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional effort. In the spirit of cooperation, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Findlay District and over 30 law enforcement agencies in Northwest Ohio from the following counties: Williams, Fulton, Lucas, Defiance, Henry, Wood, Putnam, Paulding, Hancock, Van Wert, Allen, and Hardin Counties participated.

"Lights For Lives" was a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional, cooperative enforcement campaign focused on officers activating their overhead lights and stopping as many vehicles as possible to save as many lives as possible. It began on November 20th at 6:00 a.m. and lasted until November 22nd at 6:00 a.m.

During the 48-hour op-

eration officers reported stopping 1,641 vehicles and issued 730 citations.

89 safety belt citations were issued, while 40 impaired drivers were removed from Ohio's roadways (OSHP Troopers, Allen County Sheriff's deputies, and Lima Police conducted a cooperative OVI Checkpoint), 11 felony and 39 misdemeanor criminal arrests, as well as 12 drug arrests were made during the operation. Of the citations issued, 394 of them were for

speed violations. Agencies reported handling 84 property damage crashes and 21 injury crashes.

On behalf of all law enforcement who participated in "Lights For Lives", we would like to remind motorists to always buckle up, throughout this holiday season, as it is the one thing most likely to save their life. Additionally, they must remember to plan ahead and never operate a vehicle when impaired by drugs and/or alcohol.

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READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

<p>OHIO LOCATIONS</p> <p>Antwerp: Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, River Street Market, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Papa Oley's, Hometown Pantry, Pop-N-Brew, The Rootbeer Stand, Agora, Pit-Stop</p> <p>Broughton: Kohart's Surplus & Salvage</p> <p>Bryan: Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center</p> <p>Cecil: Cecil Elevator, Maramart, Vagabond</p> <p>Charloe: Charloe Store</p> <p>Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware</p> <p>Defiance: Newman's Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots</p> <p>Edgerton: Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Frager's Barbershop,</p> <p>Grover Hill: Ross' Gas Station, N&N, Quick Stop</p> <p>Grabill: Do-It Best Hardware, Save-A-Lot</p> <p>Hicksville: Cline's Market, Hickory Hills Golf Course, Sailers, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, H2O, Senior Center</p> <p>Melrose: Uncle Fudd's Diner, Morning Star Convenience Store</p> <p>Oakwood: Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, Phil's Diner, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware</p> <p>Paulding: Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General</p>	<p>Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., John Paulding Historical Society, Country Inn Living Center, Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW Post 587</p> <p>Payne: Lichty's Barber Shop, Payne Super Valu, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza</p> <p>Scott: Scott Variety Store</p> <p>Sherwood: Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank,</p> <p>Van Wert: Pak-A-Sak, Short Stop, Family Video, Orchard Tree, BalyEat's, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market, Walmart</p>
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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan

We have been patrolling over Calais area about everyday. The Germans know that when the invasion comes it will be in that area and they have loaded that area with old tanks as well as the Tiger tanks.

We don't know any more about D-day than anyone else. We have been getting in a lot of rockets, ammo, and gasoline trucks.

The Tiger tank has four inches of armored plate on the front, and the 75mm shells just bounce off the front of the tank. The allies don't have any weapon that will knock that tank out from the front. You have to knock a track off or start it to burning in the motor area.

There are four soldiers in a German tank, and they are not allowed to exit the tank until it is burning. Even though it is out of commission it is still a nasty pill box, it is not out of commission until fire burns up the wiring and the hydraulic system.

The SS Panzer Division is their toughest soldiers and they have a number of those Panzer divisions. This Calais area is protected by the tiger tanks.

This morning we flew up around the LeHarve area.

The docks and warfs are gone.

They are useless as a harbor.

When the bombers come back from raid over the continent and still have a load of bombs they dump them on the harbor area over LeHarve.

The French people there hate the Americans and the English and you can't blame them too much.

We found a German armored infantry out in the open. Boy, a jumbo rocket just blew that half track to bits. We used up our rockets and most of our ammo. We left that meadow a mess of burning half tracks.

We could also see some German machine gun nests along the edge of the woods and we shot them up pretty good.

Lt. Nelson called on the radio and said his fuel was running low and we should head for home. We told him to drop down to about 250mph and start home and we would catch up with him.

Lt. Ames still had one rocket and he wanted to use it to a good advantage he spied a building with a couple German command cars hidden under a tree. So he shot his rocket into the building and we raked the cars as well as we could. All in all we had a very good patrol. We are planning on hitting the sack early.

See ya



GETTING EVEN

By: Stan Jordan

Sam and Mabel were a middle aged couple who lived in the suburb and worked in town.

Sam would mention about going on vacation, but Mabel only said, "Let's not go. Let's save our money and when we retire we can travel wherever we want to." So they worked long and hard for retirement.

Mabel came down with an incurable condition and after a few weeks she passed away.

At the Pearly Gates, Saint Peter told her she qualified for heaven, but before she could enter, she must be able to spell a common word. She agreed to that and she had to spell the word 'love.' So, she was allowed to enter. She was a good worker and after a fashion she was working at the main gate like Saint Peter did.

After a few short years, Sam died and he appeared at the main gate while Mabel was on duty. After a few greetings Mabel said, "I'll bet you really missed me when I was gone?"

Sam said, "No, not really. After you passed away, I married that young nurse who took care of you at the hospital. We did a lot of traveling, we bought a new house in Florida, and we had a summer cottage in Canada. We made a couple trips to New York City and a couple of trips to Los Angeles. Yes, we made a number of trips. I was pretty busy."

This whole scene did not sit very well with Mabel. She said, "According to my sheet here, you are allowed to enter heaven, but you must be able to spell a word for me."

Sam replied, "Okay, I can do that. What is the word?"

And Mabel said, "Massachusetts."

See ya!



A NEW LADY AT THE WEST BEND NEWS

By: Stan Jordan

We have a new employee here at the WBN. Katrina Muir was born in Bryan, OH in 1990. Her parents are Kip and Billie Jo Dix and Debra McCague. There are seven children in the family.

She went to school here in Antwerp. She was a member of the color guard while in high school and she graduated in 2009.

She worked for four years at Kammeyer's IGA, which is now the River Street Market. While she was a clerk, she attended the University of Phoenix online. She graduated with a degree in Psychology. She also attended Walden University online in Minneapolis, Minnesota and graduated with a degree in Psychology.

She married Adam Muir in 2012. They have a daughter Makenzie. They are expecting another child next July. Adam is employed at the Antwerp Bank. They live here in the Antwerp area. Her job here at the WBN is Marketing Manager. She will be working here at the office and sometimes on the road.

Katie, here at the WBN, we welcome you aboard.

See ya!

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the students and staff of Woodlan Primary School for honoring us veterans and a special thanks to Addi Jehl for her nice letter written to me in appreciation of my service. It's because of kids like her that made the sacrifice worth it. I am proud to have served in the United States Marine Corp from 1964-68.

—Ron Woods,
Payne

MAD ANTS ACQUIRE DAHNTAY JONES

The Fort Wayne Mad Ants, presented by Lutheran Health Network, announced that they have acquired Dahntay Jones from the available player pool. Jones (6'6", 225lbs) played for the Mad Ants during the 2007-08 season.

Jones, an NBA veteran out of Duke, has played for several NBA teams in his professional career including four seasons with the Denver Nuggets and three seasons with the Indiana Pacers. During the 2007-08 season he played in 10 games for the Mad Ants averaging 24.4 points and 4.6 rebounds per game.

Jones will be available for the Mad Ants game against the Delaware 87ers Friday, November 28th at 7:30 p.m. at the Memorial Coliseum.

For more information, please visit the Memorial Coliseum Box Office at www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000.

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for weeks. Military banners began being carried in to the center of the gym. Veterans stood to be recognized as their branch of the service was honored.

Woodlan presented a check for the Honor Flight that students from Woodlan had raised money for. Finally, the high school principal, Mr. Kammeyer, gave a quick speech and then people began being dismissed. When the program was over I asked a sixth grade teacher from Woodlan Elementary, Mrs. Gibson, "How do you think the Veterans Day program went?" she replied, "I thought it was excellent and everybody did their part wonderfully."

By: Bryan Chen

Veterans from all branches of the service came to this program. They were honored, respected, filled with joy, a lot of them even cried. They got cookies and the fifth grade kids were covered in an American flag and stood up and down to make it look as if the flag were waving in the wind.

The students were very well-behaved at the program. The bands performed excellently. It really was outstanding! The poems were beautiful. They played the Army's, the Navy's, Marine's, Coast Guard's, and the Air Force's hymns while the children sang them. Students carried each branch of the services' banners as the songs were played.

The speakers did wonderfully, as did the banner-holders. Really, the whole thing was just extraordinary, beautiful, awesome, outstanding.

By: Mattie Reed

Veterans Day is a day to honor the soldiers that fought for our freedom. The Woodlan schools honored the veterans by having a program. The program had the first graders singing a few songs for the veterans. The little second graders did the little white table. There were six poems read to the guests and two people read the names of active duty military. The sixth graders sang with the high school choir. The Elementary choir sang "American Tears" with the music teacher. It was an outrageous event! The school made almost \$2,000 for the Honor Flight program and Shoey Koos was the one to give the check to the veteran. Caleb Quintance, Josh Perkins, Lane Fox, Teven



Householder, and Ashley Vanhorn stood at attention in uniform as Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force soldiers. They gave out roses and candy to all the veterans. It was phenomenal to be at that program.

By: Abigail Elias

The Veterans Day program was so much fun! There was one part that really touched my heart. When we were singing the songs all the Veterans stood up when it was their military song. Once we started singing the Marines song this Veteran was in wheelchair and he was raising his hand and two women helped him stand up! Then he started crying. I almost cried myself. I loved all the songs people sang! The elementary choir was really good. The show choir was really good too! I'm not just saying that because my brother was in it. The whole program touched my heart! I hope it did to yours too!

I just wanted to thank the people who came to this outstanding program! We love to celebrate what our Veterans did for us so we did this program to say Thank you!

By: Leah K. Thomas

November 10th was Veterans Day at Woodlan Elementary. We had kids from the Sixth grade greet the veterans as they came in. The veterans got bags of candy and mints. The people who came got coffee, water, and cookies. As everyone came in we heard the Woodlan 7th and 8th grade band and New Haven Middle School played with them.

When everyone was seated we heard an introduction from Mr. Chen, the principal. Then a girl walked up and told us to stand as we listened the choir sing "The Star Spangled Banner". We had a few kids come in dressed up in uniforms carrying wreaths for each branch of the military and a kindergartener in front of them with a red flow-

er. The kindergartener sat down as the uniformed kid put the wreath on the stand.

There were uniforms and Color Guard marching. There were 6th graders on the stands. Soon they stood up and started singing along with the high school choirs. They sang songs for the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Then they thanked the veterans for coming.

By: Jacob Kurtz

At the Woodlan Elementary School on November 10, 2014 they held a Veterans Day program. The whole school was involved. Sixth grade sang the songs of the five branches of the United States Military, while the band played the music. Fifth grade held up the American flag, Miss Kowatch's class did a white table and also read the book that goes along with it. The elementary choir sang the song "American Tears". Then the first grade did a presentation to honor all veterans living and dead. Near the end of the program the Honor Society presented a check for the honor flight that the high school and elementary school raised money for. They raised over \$1800.00.

Also sixth graders Michelle Yoder, Aidan Baughman, Bryan Chen, Collin Quintance, Jesse Foust, and Ella Palm, read their poems that they wrote in class. All of the students wrote poems but only the best were read. Sixth graders Teven Householder wore the Coast Guard uniform, Joshua Perkins wore the Marines uniform, Lane Fox wore the Air Force uniform, Caleb Quintance wore the Navy uniform, and Ashley VanHorn wore the Army uniform.

Richard Loney a veteran spoke at the meditation part of the event. He spoke about veterans with PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). Thank you to all of the veterans.

STEER TAGGING FOR 2015 PAULDING COUNTY JR. FAIR

The Paulding County Jr. Fair will be holding its annual steer tagging on Saturday, December 6th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds. All members planning to exhibit a steer(s) at the 2015 Paulding County Fair MUST have their animal(s) tagged on this date. There will be no steer weigh-in this year due to the new construction of the livestock barns. Livestock trailers should enter through the East GATE (Race Horse Gate) and tagging will take place at Race Horse Barns. If you have any questions about steer tagging, please contact Kenny Thomas, Beef Barn Superintendent at 419-594-3583, Lonnie Miller, Livestock Committee Chair at 419-203-1672 or Tony Miller, Jr. Fairboard Advisor at 419-203-1673 for questions concerning steer tagging.

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TOXIC WORK ENVIRONMENT AFFECTS WELL-BEING

The Nurturing Well by: Jill Starbuck

Did you know that approximately 30% of our lives are spent working? For some people, they may spend even more of their lives working. What's even more startling is that an overwhelming majority of Americans hate their jobs. According to a survey conducted by Gallup, 70% of participants hate their jobs. While many people can tolerate their jobs out of necessity, some find themselves living a nightmare. Given that so much of our lives are spent working, such toxic environments can take a dramatic toll on a person in many ways.

1. Alters mood. Working in a toxic environment creates an enormous amount of anxiety and stress. As a result, very little enjoyment, excitement, or happiness occurs at work. Work becomes a dismal, dark place.

2. Causes a sense of powerlessness. Constant work pressures create a sense of powerlessness, especially when an employer ignores, interrupts, or threatens you. This sense of powerlessness can creep into everyday matters.

3. Affects health. Continual toxic exposure can cause long-term effects such as depression. Some people become consumed by issues at work and face insomnia. In turn, constant stress and lack of sleep causes exhaustion. Exhaustion can weaken the immune system, causing frequent illnesses. These are just a few of the ways a toxic environment can affect health.

4. Disrupts relationships. Often, people who work in such environments have a hard time leaving work troubles at the office. Therefore, their anxiety stretches into the evening and weekend hours. Constant stress creates a stressful home, making it hard for anyone to relax.

5. Creates self-doubt. In many toxic work environments, the culprit is the manager or somebody you may not be able to avoid easily. They may belittle, blame, or mistreat their coworkers. These types of peo-

ple cause you to second-guess your worth. Nobody deserves that.

As you can see, nothing good can come out of a toxic work environment. Too much of our lives are spent at work to deal with unacceptable treatment. Life is too short to put our well-being in jeopardy. For those who feel that they cannot escape, seek help outside the work environment to ensure you are handling it in the best possible way.

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

LOCAL CHARITIES NEED YOUR HELP

While we are all aware of the difficult economy and the uncertainty of the job market, local charities are having hard times too. The economy affects everyone and especially not-for-profits that depend on the generosity of individual donors for much of their operating budget. Every day they are finding new ways to do more with less. When dollars are few and prices are high, our local New Haven organizations need you. You are the ones who will keep their doors open, their shelves stocked, and their clients and members provided for. Please consider making an extra mile gift to your favorite charity this year. It will surely be appreciated.

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CHRISTMAS WALK IN PAULDING

The Paulding United Methodist Church will host its annual Christmas Walk will be held on Sunday, December 14, from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m.

The church and fellowship hall along with five homes will be decorated for your enjoyment.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Louella Thomas at 419-399-3547 or the church office.

BLACK FRIDAY BRIGHTENS MAC GYM

Thanksgiving dinner didn't sit long for 18 basketball teams that played in the "Black Friday" tournament last week. The season's first MAC Gym event of the new school year grew into five divisions. Awards were presented to the Berne Bears as they defeated Tinora in the 5th girls division 39-5; Napoleon won the 6th grade girls division 37-13 over Crestview; Fairview upended Archbold 20-19 in 6th grade boys play; 5th grade boys championship had Lima Shawnee beat Spencerville 24-20 and the final event of the day has Defiance overtake Archbold 35-23.

The teams participating in the second annual Team MAC fundraising event came from all over the area. Five teams were from Indiana and included: Fort Wayne Indian Village Elementary; Berne; New Haven; and two Leo teams. Ohio teams travelled from Archbold, Spencerville, Lima, Defiance, Edgerton, Fairview, Tinora, Napoleon, Crestview, and two teams from Antwerp.

The next tournament will be the Santa Slam Tournament on December 20. Information can be found at www.macgymohio.com

46 TEAMS - MAC WINTER LEAGUES BEGIN

The third annual MAC Gym boys and girls winter basketball leagues begin Saturday. This year brings a new record 46 basketball teams to Antwerp weekly for six Saturday's and a seventh week for tournament finals. Games will be played 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. each week on the two courts at the MAC Gymnasium and afternoons at the two Antwerp Local School gymnasiums. League dates include: December 6, 13, January 3, 10, 11, 17, with single elimination tournaments beginning January 24 and finals on January 31. Sandwiched in the league dates will be a Santa Slam tournament December 20.

With more interest in the leagues there are more divisions this year. 3rd grade boys, 4th grade boys and 4th grade girls will play in addition to our standard 5th and 6th grade boys and girls divisions. Paulding, Wayne Trace, and Antwerp continue to be the staple teams for the gym with Tinora, Defiance, Butler Eastside and Woodlan right there as well. New teams this year will travel from Hamilton and New Haven, Indiana as well as Crestview, Fairview, and Delphos, Ohio.

For detailed schedule information on this league, upcoming tournaments or other upcoming leagues visit the MAC Gym website at www.macgymohio.com

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING VOLLEYBALL MATCH AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



The annual Thanksgiving Volleyball game between the 5th and 6th grades was played just before Thanksgiving break... the winners and still champs... the teachers!

SPORTS COLLECTION SHOW JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

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ST. ROSE SCHOOL CELEBRATES FIRST YEAR IN NEW HOME

By: Jill Starbuck

In November 2013, the St. Joseph of Lima School students, staff, parents, and community made a big move. They said goodbye to a 100-year-old school building and entered their new home, which was the former Monroeville School. In comparison, the new home represents a castle, filled with new opportunities, a media center, a gymnasium, more room for expansion, and its very own chapel, among other new amenities. With the move, the school system became St. Rose of Lima School, home of the Archers.

A year later, the St. Rose of Lima School community has much to be thankful for. They took the opportunity to celebrate on November 25 in grand style with a day full of activities. The day began with mass where Father Dino blessed food items that would be used in family Thanksgiving meals. After mass, parents and guests enjoyed doughnuts and coffee in the school cafeteria. Next, everyone joined together to watch a slide show in the school's media center that highlights the move from the St. Joseph School to the St. Rose School.

The rest of the day centered on Family Day, which is a day once a month where students form "families" among all grades and are



This picture is of Iesten Roe and Mrs. Hoffman collecting food baskets to be blessed.

grouped by specific colors. Wearing tie-dyed shirts they had made on a previous family day, each family enjoyed various activities throughout the day. A favorite activity of the day was enjoying a Thanksgiving meal with all staff, complete with Thanksgiving favorites: turkey, noodles, mashed potatoes & gravy, fruit, and dinner roll.

While the school community gave thanks for many things, they also focused on giving. Students provided nonperishable food items to donate to the

local food pantry. They also made ornaments for the St. Rose Parish Giving Tree. Other ongoing and upcoming projects include collecting shoes for Haiti and donating items for the Hope Clinic in Decatur, IN.

These are just a few examples of the way St. Rose School offers Thanks and Giving. On a daily basis, the school strives to honor its motto: "We Build Saints and Academic Excellence." To learn more about St. Rose of Lima School, visit <http://strosemonroeville.org/> or call 260-623-3447.

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 11/17/14

This 17th day of November, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Roy Klopfenstein, Fred Pieper, and Nola Ginter, Clerk; Absent: Tony Zartman

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
Warrants documented as 212027 through 212134 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2014 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 134):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2014 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the County Court Special Projects Fund (Fund 134):

134-001-00001/County Court Special Projects/Other Expenses

AMOUNT: \$24,750.00

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Marsha Yeutter, Paulding County Senior Center - Ms. Yeutter was excited to report she had recently received an unexpected check from an estate for an amount that will almost cover the cost of repair on the Senior Center furnace. She also noted the old van has sold through govdeals.com. Ms. Yeutter reported her 2015 budget has been completed. She then shared a short video of the parking situation at the

Senior Center, explaining their plans to stone an area that would park five to six agency-owned vehicles. Ms. Yeutter announced the resignation of a staff member. She discussed options to fill the vacancy. Ms. Yeutter thanked the Commissioners for the recent addition of outside lighting at the Senior Center.

Rob Goshia and Randy Ruge, Paulding County Hospital - Mr. Goshia presented the 2015 budget for the Paulding County Hospital. He reviewed the balance sheet and the revenue/expense statement. Mr. Ruge reviewed the capital budget report, denoting various departments and their anticipated equipment purchases projected for the next three years. Mr. Ruge noted that for the first time in its history, the Paulding County Hospital will seek contributions for the purchase of equipment for the radiology department. They plan to purchase a Diamond Instrumentarium Mammography and Fuji Mammo CR machine. Mr. Goshia reported the hospital had been using an outside billing service until recently when they brought the billing back in-house. He estimates there are 1,200 people in Paulding County who are still uninsured. Both Mr. Ruge and Mr. Goshia squelched the rumors that the Paulding County Hospital is being 'sold' to a larger medical group.

Kevin Hanenkraat - Mr. Hanenkraat provided an update on the water status at the old JFS building. He also requested the Commissioners look at the old Law Library and Common Pleas Adult Probation buildings to determine the best way to control the water usage in the buildings.

CLOSE GAME FOR WAYNE TRACE GIRLS

The Lady Raiders took on the Lady Cougars on Saturday, November 29. It was the early season thriller game for the Wayne Trace team.

Raider Nation began burning up the court early on, easily doubling the Van Wert team in just the first quarter. The second quarter was nearly reversed with Van Wert turning the tables and finishing the half at 28-24 and the Raiders only hold the lead by a small amount.

Coming back from half-time, the Van Wert team was back in action and delivering score after score. Wayne Trace was still scoring, just not as much as the Cougars' 32 second half points.

Van Wert's Riley Jones was pushing points from the 3 point line with nine altogether. But the top scorer of the game wasn't on the Cougar team, it was Erin Mohr with 21 for the Raiders.

The game finished 48-56 with the Cougars taking the win. 25 turnovers were a big factor in this game for Wayne Trace, compared with 19 for the home team.

Score by the Quarter:
WT - 19 9 10 10=48
VW - 7 17 15 17=56
Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace - Erin Mohr 21; Shayna Temple 10
Van Wert - Erin Morrow 19; Emma Kohn 16

WALGREENS, UNITED WAY OF PAULDING COUNTY & FAMILYWISE TEAM UP

FamilyWise Community Service Partnership and United Way of Paulding County are dedicated to building strong communities through better health. FamilyWise has been selected to help distribute 1,000 free flu shot vouchers provided by Walgreens. The vouchers are for families and individuals who are uninsured or underinsured, and otherwise unable to afford a flu shot without the voucher.

The flu can have significant impact on the lives of many individuals, especially those with lower income and/or who are either underinsured or not insured. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports parents spend between \$300 to \$4,000 in medical expenses and miss an estimated 11 to 73 hours of work when their children get the flu.

"Many of the families we support cannot afford the cost of an influenza vaccination let alone the direct medical costs

and time away from work if they or someone in their family contracts the flu," commented Dan Barnes, CEO of FamilyWise. "Families who are unable to afford proper medical coverage need support from community partners to stay healthy and financially stable."

Individuals can apply to receive a free flu shot voucher by visiting the FamilyWise website (www.FamilyWise.org). The vouchers have been provided by Walgreens as part of a nationwide program with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which helps to make flu shots available to people without health insurance coverage and who are unable to afford a flu shot through the program. In addition to the free flu shot vouchers, which are available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last, everyone visiting the website (www.FamilyWise.org) can get a free FamilyWise prescription savings card for savings up to 75% off cost of their prescription medication.

"FamilyWise has existing relationships with many families and individuals who can benefit from the free access to flu vaccinations the voucher program was designed to provide," said Brad Wasson, Walgreens group vice president. "Over the past five years, we've distributed more than 1 million vouchers nationwide, helping to respond to the needs of the communities we serve, while also improving immunization rates during flu season."

The families and individuals who are eligible to receive a free flu shot voucher are subject to the terms and conditions on the voucher.

"At FamilyWise we believe that stronger, healthier and happier people make healthier and better communities and we are thrilled to be working with Walgreens to help provide greater access to flu vaccinations," stated Mr. Barnes.

About FamilyWise Community Service Partnership

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WARRIORS FALL TO BULLDOGS IN SEASON OPENER



New Haven's Treve Kraner blocks Andrew Krahn's shot in the first quarter with Brandon Washington helping from behind. More pictures at westbendnews.net

It didn't take long for the Bulldogs to gain an early lead over the Warriors. The boys basketball game began at 7:30 p.m. in Woodlan's closest competition. This game took place the day before Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 26 at the Warrior basketball court.

New Haven took an early lead at 9-0 before Woodlan posted any to the scoreboard with only 5 minutes left in the first quarter. By the end of the half it was 38-15. The Warrior boys struggled to get in rebound territory after the shots.

New Haven's basketball team has a new coach after legendary Al Gooden moved over to another school. Bruce Stephens, who has coached alongside Gooden for 18 years, is taking the reigns for the Bulldogs.

The first night looked good for Stephens as his team pulled the game off in a substantial way.

The second half was better for the home team with Triston Moses leading the team on the scoreboard.

One thing that can be said for Woodlan, Coach Randall's team was able to continue building their score every quarter. By the fourth quarter, the deficit was too

great for the Warriors to overcome even with the scoring spree at the end, giving New Haven the first win of the season.

Score by the Quarter:
NH - 21 17 20 13=71
Woodlan - 7 8 16 18=49

Scorers of the Game:
New Haven - Crowe 5, Shearer 2, Westrick 13, B. Washington 2, Stevenson 9, C. Washington 4, Moehler 5, Rudolph 11, Workman 6, Kraner 3

Woodlan - Moses 16, Jones 5, Fancher 8, O'Hara 6, Hahn 4, Gerig 4, Loudon 2, Gustin 4

On Saturday night, November 29th, Woodlan played host to Bellmont. It was a narrow loss for the Warriors, 51-54.

Score by the Quarter:
Bellmont - 13 18 15 8=54
Woodlan - 3 19 13 16=51

Scorers of the Game:
Bellmont - Ainsworth 8, Selking 10, Okoniewski 4, Hall 9, Treney 9, Baker 2, Bauer 12

Woodlan - Moses 2, Jones 20, Fancher 21, O'Hara 3, Hahn 3, Gerig 2

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Look for the Penguin!



The National Honor Society students Alston Doctor and Aaron O'Donnell helping the Antwerp Chamber set up the Nativity in downtown Antwerp. Also pictured is Shawn Dooley putting the finishing touches on Santa's mailbox.

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MAURICE CLARETT VISITS THE 21ST CENTURY AFTER SCHOOL STUDENTS AT WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH



Former Ohio State University running back, Maurice Clarett, visited with the 21st Century after school program at Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School. Clarett, a star running back who helped elevate the Buckeyes to a national championship in 2002, urged students to use the resources around them to build a suc-

cessful life, career and future. Clarett blamed his downfall on hanging out with the wrong people. Clarett shared his signature phrase: "Show me your friends, and I'll show you your future."

Staff and students had a great time and everyone left with an autographed Maurice Clarett photograph.

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 12/3 - 12/9

JH/HS Breakfast:
12/3 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice/fruit, milk
12/4 - French toast slices, sausage links, juice/fruit, milk
12/5 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice/fruit, milk
12/8 - Breakfast pizza, sausage, bacon & egg, juice/fruit, milk
12/9 - Egg & sausage burritos, salsa, juice/fruit, milk

JH/HS Lunch:
12/3 - Idaho nachos w/ potatoes, meat & cheese, breadstick OR Chicken quesadilla, refried beans, toppings: salsa, banana peppers & sour cream, milk
12/4 - BBQ pork w/bun, pickles, potato soup, crackers, carrots OR Big Daddy pizza slice, seasoned corn, juice box, milk
12/5 - General Tso chicken, chicken tortilla wrap, lettuce, deli roast OR Salad bar w/meat, vegetables & salads, garlic breadstick, milk

12/8 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, dinner roll, celery w/ranch dip OR Salad bar w/meat, vegetables & salads, garlic breadstick, milk
12/9 - Oriental chicken salad, roasted sesame dressing, eggroll, tomatoes, rice krispy bar OR Assorted entree items, pickles slices, oven fried potatoes, milk

Paulding Elementary Breakfast:
12/3 - Breakfast pizza, juice/fruit, milk
12/4 - Breakfast burrito, juice/fruit, milk
12/5 - Assorted cereal, juice/fruit, milk
12/8 - Warm cinnamon roll, juice/fruit, milk
12/9 - Mini pancakes, juice/fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary Lunch:
12/3 - Cheesy bread w/marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk
12/4 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, corn, whole grain bread, fruit, milk
12/5 - Fish on whole grain bun, salad, fresh broc-

coli, fruit, milk
12/8 - Grilled chicken on whole grain bun, carrots & celery, fruit, milk
12/9 - Hot dog on whole grain bun, baked beans, celery & carrots, fruit snacks, fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary Breakfast:
12/3 - Breakfast pizza, juice/fruit, milk
12/4 - Breakfast burrito, juice/fruit, milk
12/5 - Assorted cereal, juice/fruit, milk
12/8 - Warm cinnamon roll, juice/fruit, milk
12/9 - Mini pancakes, juice/fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary Lunch:

12/3 - Salisbury steak, whole grain roll, whipped potatoes, gravy, romaine mix salad, fruit, milk
12/4 - Cheese cup, tostilla chips, green beans, carrot stix, fruit, milk
12/5 - Cheese pizza, romaine mix salad, three bean salad, fruit, milk
12/8 - Hamburger on whole grain bun, romaine lettuce & tomato, oven potatoes, fruit, milk
12/9 - Chicken strip wrap, corn Romaine lettuce, fruit, milk

WT LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 12/3 - 12/9

Breakfast:
12/3 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
12/4 - Cheese omelet w/ toast, juice, milk
12/5 - Fruit stick, juice, milk
12/8 - Sausage pizza, juice, milk
12/9 - Egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk

Lunch:
12/3 - HS: BBQ rib sandwich; ELEM: Pizza burger sandwich, tator tots, peas & carrots, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad; Pizza sub or Pretzel w/cheese w/salad bar
12/4 - BBQ pork sandwich, sweet potato fries, peas, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar
12/5 - Pizza, romaine lettuce salad, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad; Pizza sub or Cheeseburger sandwich w/ salad bar
12/8 - Popcorn chicken, HS: mashed potatoes w/gra-

vy; ELEM: french fries, corn dinner roll w/butter, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad; Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar
12/9 - Tacos w/meat, cheese & iceberg lettuce, black beans w/salsa, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad; Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU 12/3 - 12/9

12/3 - Cheeseburger on bun, carrots w/dip, mixed fruit, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
12/4 - Chicken fajitas, baked fries, orange smiles, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
12/5 - Hodge podge pizza, veggie juice, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
12/8 - Chicken nuggets, baked fries, apple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
12/9 - Sloppy joe on bun, green beans, orange smiles, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

BIG BAD VODOO DADDY IN CONCERT AT NISWONGER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Celebrate a new year of music in big band style at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center with the high-energy and swank sounds of Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. These masters of contemporary swing launched the 1990's craze for classic American dance music and they will bring their robust retro sound to the Niswonger stage on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. Presented by Westwood Behavioral Health Center, Inc, their unique creation of swing and jazz oriented sound appeals to a wide audience of listeners looking for that zing-filled edge of something different. We DARE you to stay in your seat when this Biggest Baddest band takes the stage.

This year marks the 22nd anniversary of Big Bad Voodoo Daddy's remarkable arrival onto the music scene. In its first years, having secured their legendary residency at the Derby nightclub in Los Angeles, they reminded the world in the middle of the grunge era, that it was still cool to swing, big band style. Today the high energy nine piece ensemble continues the party and takes things to the next level with the release of "Rattle Them Bones", the

follow up to the much lauded 2009 release, "How Big Can You Get?: The Music of Cab Calloway."

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy was made famous with notable singles, "Go Daddy-O", "You & Me & the Bottle Makes 3 Tonight," and "Mr. Pinstripe Suit" is known for their swinging styles of the '40s and '50s complete with Rat Pack lingo and zoot suits. Rattle Them Bones urges their millions of fans worldwide to shake and move to their inimitable grooves while also expanding their horizons forward with new musical inspiration and influence. Alternatively, the intensity of the Calloway project helped the band further hone it's ability to honor the great musicians and music of the past while pushing the genre forward through interpretation and vision. Leader Scotty Morris has called that experience "The greatest musical education possible, and one that again solidified the brotherhood of the band."

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy is a featured "Dinner And A Show" event. Willow Bend Country Club features the Prime Rib Buffet for all ticketed guests. Seating is limited. For more information, call 419-238-0111 or go online at www.NPACVW.org. Supporting sponsors are Dark Horse Productions, Brewed Expressions, Lincoln Printing, iHeart Media, Times Bulletin Media and Willow Bend Country Club.

HAVE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Bring your camera and appetite and have breakfast with Santa at the New Haven Park Center where you can enjoy "all you can eat" pancakes, sausage, applesauce, juice, milk & coffee on Saturday, December 13, 2014 from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Join us for a fun filled morning and meet Santa. For questions, contact the Park office at 749-2212.

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Bring your family and join us in downtown New Haven as they celebrate community festivities on Friday, December 12th. Santa will arrive by fire truck downtown on Broadway where he will stop in front of Canal Landing Park and light the Christmas tree. Santa will then head to the New Haven Depot where he will meet with children from 5:30-7:30 p.m. At that time, Santa will travel over to Ruhl Furniture and draw the winners of several different giveaways. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the community festivities on Friday, December 12th in downtown New Haven.

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WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH ANNOUNCES NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



After tallying the teacher votes, the November Students of the Month pictured above are: 7th Grader Tyce Homier, 8th Grader Emily Williams, 9th Grader Erica Mohr, 10th Grader Cory Thompson, 11th Grader Erin Mohr, and 12th Grader Haley Saylor. They all received a "Raider Pride - Pay Forward" t-shirt as part of their award. Way to go Raiders!

Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High teachers recently nominated and voted on November Students of the Month. Nominees were:
7th grader Tyce Homier; 8th graders Emily Williams,

K-Lynne Hawkins, and Natasha Torman; 9th graders Erica Mohr, Brooke Sinn, Alyssa Dysinger, and Weston Sinn; 10th graders Seth Yenser, Cory Thompson, Sam Nickols, and Blaine Jerome; 11th

graders Estie Sinn and Erin Mohr; 12th graders Charles Chastain, Latasha Rivera, Nick Mansfield, Haley Saylor, and Daron Showalter.

COOPER FARMS DONATES TO CHALLENGED HIGHER



Challenged Higher Drop In Center of Van Wert, OH received a turkey donation from Cooper Farms just in time for their annual Thanksgiving Dinner held on November 20. They had

an amazing turn out for the event with over 50 attendees.

Pictured here are Megan Sanderson (left) of Challenged Higher, and Kacy Wagner (right) of Cooper Farms, Van Wert, OH.

USDA URGES DAIRY PRODUCERS TO CHOOSE PROTECTIONS

By: Ohio Farm Service Agency, State Executive Director, Steven D. Maurer

In modern agriculture, there is much we can control, but two dynamics remain beyond our reach: weather and markets. The unpredictability of both, and sudden changes in either, can disrupt any family farming operation.

Ohio dairy producers know these dynamics firsthand. The 2014 Farm Bill provides a safety net, in the form of the new Margin Protection Program for dairy, so that when unforeseen swings in markets occur, dairy producers are better protected and family businesses remain strong.

The Margin Protection Program for dairy, was created in this Farm Bill to shield against when the margin —

the difference between the price of milk and feed costs — falls below the levels of coverage selected by participating dairy producers.

However, this safety net is not automatic. Dairy producers must visit their Farm Service Agency office to enroll before December 5 to lock in these protections for 2014 and 2015. For \$100 dairy producers can cover 90 percent of their production at \$4 margin swings. With affordable incremental premiums, they can cover \$8 margin swings.

Dairy producers not sure of how the Margin Protection Program works or what it means, should contact the Farm Service Agency or OSU Extension. USDA's online resource also can help. Go to www.fsa.usda.gov/mpptool, type in operation data and explore price projections and market scenarios to determine how the program works. (The website also allows anyone to compare how

this program would have performed in previous years like 2008 when margins dropped from \$8 to \$3 in just three months.) The online resource is on a secure website that can be accessed by computer, mobile phone or tablet, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Everyone can share comments and help shape the Margin Protection Program for the future. According to statistics, more than 90 percent of dairy farms are family-owned and operated, often by multiple generations. USDA is committed to supporting family farmers and creating strong opportunities for the next generation of dairy farmers. But we need to hear from producers and the public about how best to make the Margin Protection Program work for everyone.

American agriculture has a long and proud history of providing historic bounty and economic benefit to the whole society. This Farm Bill and its provisions ensure that for the future.

Submit comments via the regulations.gov website at <http://go.usa.gov/GJSA> or send them by mail to: Danielle Cooke, Special Programs Manager, Price Support Division, FSA, USDA, STOP 0512, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC, 20250-0512. Although enrollment in the Margin Protection Program ends December 5, 2014, comments will be accepted until December 15, 2014.

ing County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fred Pieper. All members voting yea.

At 8:18 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

IN THE MATTER OF A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-015):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct the County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation for the following:

FROM: Pay-In #104626
TO: 001-015-00010/General Fund/Election Board/Salaries/Precinct Workers

AMOUNT: \$1,321.52

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE FOR THE JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT OF DEFIANCE, FULTON, PAULDING, AND WILLIAMS COUNTIES, OHIO:

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.55, the Joint District Policy Committee has updated a Solid Waste Management Plan for the Joint District on October 23, 2014; and the Joint District requests legislative action supporting the adoption of this plan. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby support the adoption of the Solid Waste Management Plan Update for the Joint Solid Waste Management District of Defiance, Fulton, Paulding, and Williams Counties, Ohio.

IN THE MATTER OF SIGNING NOTES TO BORROW FUNDS:

This 12th day of November, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners signed a general obligation note with the State Bank & Trust for the CIC #1.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Roger Gasser, Apostolic Christian Counseling and Family Services – Mr. Gasser met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss possible office space for rent.

Lisa McClure, Paulding County Area Foundation; Stan and Barb Searing, Courthouse Heritage Fund – Paulding County Area Foundation Executive Director Lisa McClure presented a short report, updating the Commissioners on the Courthouse Heritage Fund. The Courthouse Heritage Fund is classified as a Field of Interest fund within the Paulding County Area Foundation. It was the first special interest fund created through the Area Foundation. Earnings are to be used for preserving the historical heritage of the Paulding County Courthouse. The Fund is managed by three trustees, appointed for one three year term (may be reappointed for a second term), serving as volunteers and without compensation. The trustees consist of one County Commissioner (appointed by the Commissioners), one member of the Paulding County Area Foundation Executive Committee, and one member of the John Paulding

Don't wait to question, comment or enroll. Today's market conditions can turn on a dime, affecting both producers and consumers. This program affects us all.

Steven Maurer is the State Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency in Ohio. To learn more about the Margin Protection Program for dairy, contact your County's Farm Service Agency.

MAD ANTS & PENN STATION PRESENT COATS FOR KIDS NIGHT

The Fort Wayne Mad Ants, presented by the Lutheran Health Network, is partnering with Penn Station to support the local Coats for Kids drive this winter.

Join the Mad Ants and Penn Station for a special Coats for Kids Night at the Mad Ants game on Sunday, December 7th to donate a new or gently used winter coat. For every coat donated, participants will receive a free ticket to that night's game AND a certificate for a free 8" Hot Grilled Sub at Penn Station.

The Mad Ants will take on the Westchester Knicks at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum on the Coats for Kids Night. Doors will open to the public at 4:00 p.m. and the game will tip-off at 5:00 p.m. Penn Station and the Mad Ants thank fans in advance for their coat donations.

WT 2014 SPELLING & GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS



Wayne Trace Jr. High hosted its annual school spelling bee on November 26th. Mrs. Kim Miller is pictured with runner-up: Hannah Wilhelm,

and winner: Catie Strable. The winning word was 'pouttrait', and other words in the final round included 'sesame', 'duvet', and 'gambol'.



The Wayne Trace Junior High School students recently participated in the National Geography Bee. This year's bee was a hard fought battle between several students.

Winner Catie Strable is pictured with Mrs. Kerry Gudakunst, and runner up Lucy Stoller.

Look for dates of the regional bees in early 2015.

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 11/12/14

This 12th day of November, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein, Fred Pieper, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Warrants documented as 211932 through 211980 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST:

Sandee Buffington, CSEA District Meeting, Findlay OH – December 5, 2014

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein to go into executive session at 8:05 a.m. with the Paulding

Historical Society. Initial terms are three years, two years, and one year, respectively. Since its inception in 2008, the Courthouse Heritage Fund's principal has grown to \$34,475.00, which has resulted in \$1,724.00 in earnings (at 5%). The Courthouse Heritage Fund Trustees will approve fund distribution based on a request submitted by the Board of County Commissioners that defines a project or expense that will preserve the historical heritage of the Paulding County Courthouse. The Trustees will have the final decision on whether the project or expense meets the requirements of the fund.

Judge Suzanne Rister – County Court Judge Rister met with the Commissioners to update them on the progress on the County Court Annex roof. She also reported Mr. Jason Turnbull is the new County Court Probation Officer.

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS BOARD MEETING MINUTES 11/18/14

The PEVS Board of Education Regular Board Meeting took place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 in the Administration Board Room.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on this agenda.

Pledge of Allegiance was stated. Roll Call: Robert Burkley; Greg Reinhart; James Foltz, Vice Pres.; Clint Vance; and Mark Manz, Pres.

Introduction of Guests and Public Participation:

In order for the board to fulfill its obligation to complete the planned agenda in an effective and efficient fashion, a maximum of ten (10) minutes of public participation will be permitted at each meeting.

Each person addressing the board will give his or her name. Each person will be allotted two (2) minutes unless extended by the presiding officer. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer. No person may address or question Board members individually or speak more than once on the same topic unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.

Persons desiring more time should follow the procedure of the board to be placed on the regular agenda. The period of public participation may be extended by a vote of a majority of the board members present.

• Caroline Arend, Beth Kelly, Deedi Miller, Erin Schroeder, Shelley Shinnors and Ellen Williams. These teachers completed the requirements needed to attain the Master Teacher status.

• PEVS Bus Driver Mike Mericle commended on taking action to

help with a preschooler's ill mother during his bus route.

• FFA Students Estee Miller and Kortney Thomas, competed at the 2014 FFA National Convention in Louisville, KY on October 30, and earned a gold rating and placed 5th in the Nation in their division.

• Mrs. Ellie Barns, Mr. Ron Burt, and Mrs. Sandy Dobbela are speaking in regards to the Clyde Burt artwork in the Administration Conference Room.

Treasurer's Report:

A. Regular Monthly Items (Attachments A & B)

(1) Approval of minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting of October 21, 2014.

(2) Approval of the amended minutes of the Special Board of Education meeting of October 29, 2014.

(3) Approval of financial reports and bills for October 2014.

(4) Approval of Investment Ledger for October 2014.

Administrator Reports:

A. Superintendent's Report

• Paulding Elementary was recently recognized as a High Progress School of Honor and School of Promise by the Ohio Department of Education.

• Senior Citizens' Christmas Breakfast, December 10, 8:30 a.m.

• Academic Hall of Fame – Nomination application deadline is February 1, 2015.

B. Principal, Curriculum Coordinator and Special Ed Director Reports (Attachment C)

JV S Report

Legislative Report:

Recommendations by the Superintendent

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WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 11/3/14

Meeting Minutes from November 3, 2014.

Attendance: Mayor Heppner, Councilman Abbott, Gerig, & Voirol, Treasurer Sarrazine, Chief Duhamell and Superintendent Walls were present.

Chief Duhamell: The Woodburn Police Reserves logged 53 hours of service in October. The department has worked 73 recorded incidents during the month of October, 711 so far this year. The WPD reserve application process is now closed; reserve command will be going through the applicants for background checks and scheduling the testing process in the next few weeks. WPD traveled to Roanoke this past Sunday for firearms training. WPD will be starting the process for our 3rd annual "Santa Toy Patrol". This event brings free Christmas Toys and Gifts to area children for families who may need a little help for the Holiday Season. If you know of a family or are a family that needs help please contact City Hall so you can be added to the list of participants.

Audience: A resident that had a softer malfunction asked for a discount. Superintendent Walls will determine if it is going through the sewer. If so a payment plan will be arranged. Heidy Stoller representing the Woodburn Partnership for Downtown Revitalization (Main Street committee) asked for \$275 to decorate the planters for Christmas. Councilman Abbott made a motion to approve, Councilman Rice 2nd, all approved, motion carried. A resident requested permission to shoot ducks/geese off the sewer ponds. After discussion, it was recommended that he get permission from the farmer nearby to shoot from that property.

Mayor: The county surveyor has been contacted about repayment from the ditch work that was performed at the beginning of the year on their ditch. Assessments have to go out and appropriations made before they can pay the city back. Mayor met with AEP on 10/28/14 and with Marvin Ramer (Ramco). Ramco will have power tomorrow. Sturtz had indicated that we could get \$5,000 from AEP to have the modeling work done for our long term plan for the sewers. AEP has committed to \$2500. Councilman Rice made a motion to move forward with the modeling and pay the other half of the \$2500. Councilman Voirol 2nd, all approved, motion carried. Once again ACSW will be providing a dumpster under the Water Tower for discarded Christmas trees. Please do not put recycling in that dumpster or any other refuse.

Treasurer:

Meeting minutes were presented from 10/20/14. Councilman Abbott made a motion to approve Councilman, Rice 2nd, all approved, motion carried. Warrants were presented for payment. Councilman Gerig made a motion to approve, Councilman Rice 2nd, all approved, motion carried. EACS has asked for consideration on their water/sewer bills for the old elementary school. Councilman Abbott made a motion to leave water at the minimum but reduce sewage to the minimum usage for a residential which is a 5/8" line. Councilman Gerig 2nd, all approved, motion carried.

Superintendent Walls: The house on Main Street was given a 30 day notice to do a sewer separation on their sump pump. Those 30 days has expired, but we have not been able to access the property yet. Loves will start sewer work this week.

Councilman Abbott: No report
Councilman Rice: No report
Councilman Renner: Absent
Councilman Gerig: 4117 Carl thanked the city for removing the stump in the city easement. When Ellis Tree Service is doing city work can the dump in the composting site? After discussion council agreed that it would be okay.

Councilman Voirol: Asked if anything could be done about the barking when the police are having a training session at the elementary school. Chief Duhamell responded that they are in the cars (which are air conditioned) for a couple of hours while the school is set up for the dogs to train and there is really nothing that can be done. Councilman Voirol read a letter that Joe Malfait asked that he read to council regarding the downtown work site. Councilman Abbott made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Voirol 2nd, meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Minutes were prepared by Clerk-Treasurer Holly Sarrazine.

DO WARS REALLY DEFEND AMERICA'S FREEDOM?

By: Lawrence S. Wittner

U.S. politicians and pundits are fond of saying that America's wars have defended America's freedom. But the historical record doesn't bear out this contention. In fact, over the past century, U.S. wars have triggered major encroachments upon civil liberties.

Shortly after the United States entered World War I, seven states passed laws abridging freedom of speech and freedom of the press. In June 1917, they were joined by Congress, which passed the Espionage Act. This law granted the federal government the power to censor publications and ban them from the mail, and made the obstruction of the draft or of enlistment in the armed forces punishable by a hefty fine and up to 20 years' imprisonment. Thereafter, the U.S. government censored newspapers and magazines while conducting prosecutions of the war's critics, sending over 1,500 to prison with lengthy sentences. This included the prominent labor leader and Socialist Party presidential candidate, Eugene V. Debs. Meanwhile, teachers were fired from the public schools and universities, elected state and federal legislators critical of the war were prevented from taking office, and religious pacifists who refused to carry weapons after they were drafted into the armed forces were forcibly clad in uniform, beaten, stabbed with bayonets, dragged by ropes around their necks, tortured, and killed. It was the worst outbreak of government repression in U.S. history, and sparked the formation of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Although America's civil liberties record was much better during World War II, the nation's participation in that conflict did lead to serious infringements upon American freedoms. Probably the best-known was the federal government's incarceration of 110,000 people of Japanese heritage in internment camps. Two-thirds of them were U.S. citizens, most of whom had been born (and many of whose parents had been born) in the United States. In 1988, recognizing the blatant unconstitutionality of the wartime internment, Congress passed the Civil Liberties Act, which apologized for the action and paid reparations to the survivors and their families. But the war led to other violations of rights, as well, including the imprisonment of roughly 6,000 conscientious objectors and the confinement of some 12,000 others in Civilian Public Service camps. Congress also passed the Smith Act, which made the advocacy of the overthrow of the government a crime punishable by 20 years' imprisonment. As this legislation was used to prosecute and imprison members of groups that merely talked abstractly of revolution, the U.S. Supreme Court ultimately narrowed its scope considerably.

The civil liberties situation worsened considerably with the advent of the Cold War. In Congress, the House Un-American Activities Committee gathered files on over a million Americans whose loyalty it questioned and held contentious hearings designed to expose alleged subversives. Jumping into the act, Senator Joseph McCarthy began reckless, demagogic accusations of Communism and treason, using his political power and, later, a Senate investigations subcommittee, to defame and intimidate. The president, for his part, established the Attorney General's List of "subversive" organizations, as well as a federal Loyalty Program, which dismissed thousands of U.S. public servants from their jobs. The compulsory signing

of loyalty oaths became standard practice on the federal, state, and local level. By 1952, 30 states required some sort of loyalty oath for teachers. Although this effort to root out "un-Americans" never resulted in the discovery of a single spy or saboteur, it did play havoc with people's lives and cast a pall of fear over the nation.

When citizen activism bubbled up in the form of protest against the Vietnam War, the federal government responded with a stepped-up program of repression. J. Edgar Hoover, the FBI director, had been expanding his agency's power ever since World War I, and swung into action with his COINTELPRO program. Designed to expose, disrupt, and neutralize the new wave of activism by any means necessary, COINTELPRO spread false, derogatory information about dissident leaders and organizations, created conflicts among their leaders and members, and resorted to burglary and violence. It targeted nearly all social change movements, including the peace movement, the civil rights movement, the women's movement, and the environmental movement. The FBI's files bulged with information on millions of Americans it viewed as national enemies or potential enemies, and it placed many of them under surveillance, including writers, teachers, activists, and U.S. senators. Convinced that Martin Luther King, Jr. was a dangerous subversive, Hoover made numerous efforts to destroy him, including encouraging him to commit suicide.

Although revelations about the unsavory activities of U.S. intelligence agencies led to curbs on them in the 1970s, subsequent wars encouraged a new surge of police state measures. In 1981, the FBI opened an investigation of individuals and groups opposing President Reagan's military intervention in Central America. It utilized informers at political meetings, break-ins at churches, members' homes, and organizational offices, and surveillance of hundreds of peace demonstrations. Among the targeted groups were the National Council of Churches, the United Auto Workers, and the Maryknoll Sisters of the Roman Catholic Church. After the beginning of the Global War on Terror, the remaining checks on U.S. intelligence agencies were swept aside. The Patriot Act provided the government with sweeping power to spy on individuals, in some cases without any suspicion of wrongdoing, while the National Security Agency collected all Americans' phone and internet communications.

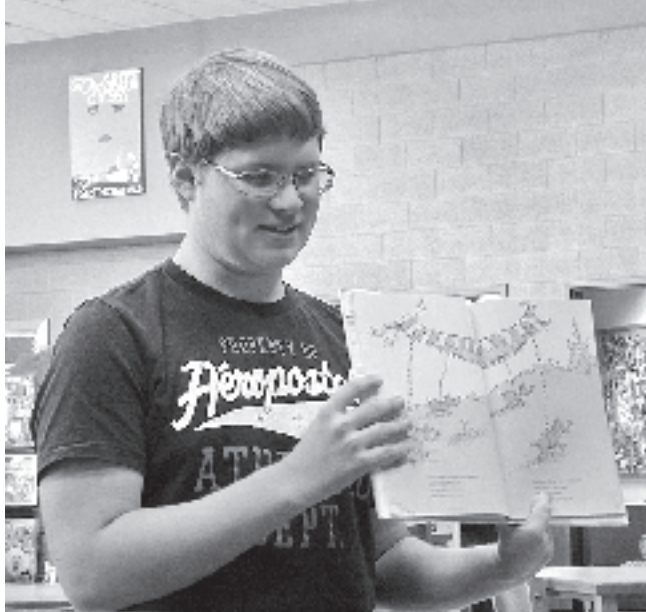
The problem here lies not in some unique flaw of the United States but, rather, in the fact that warfare is not conducive to freedom. Amid the heightened fear and inflamed nationalism that accompany war, governments and many of their citizens regard dissent as akin to treason. In these circumstances, "national security" usually trumps liberty. As the journalist Randolph Bourne remarked during World War I: "War is the health of the state." Americans who cherish freedom should keep this in mind.

Lawrence Wittner, syndicated by PeaceVoice, is Professor of History emeritus at SUNY/Albany.

ANTWERP STUDENTS CELEBRATE PICTURE BOOK MONTH

November is Picture Book Month, so in honor of this event, kindergarten through third grade students at Antwerp Elementary enjoyed special guest readers in the library the last few days. Several community members, school administrators, and Antwerp High School seniors read some of their favorite picture books to students and encouraged them to be

lifelong readers. Some of the special guests included Mr. Manz, the elementary principal; Mrs. Ross, the school superintendent; Mrs. Schilb, the curriculum director; Mrs. Reutter, the high school Spanish teacher; many Antwerp Exchange Bank employees; Mr. Steiner from the West Bend News; Sheriff Landers; and Mr. Derck from the Antwerp Insurance Agency.



Senior Josh Steiner reads one of his favorite books, *Oh the Places You'll Go* by Dr. Seuss, to the second graders and explains how it relates to his life as graduation draws closer.



After explaining to the kindergarteners how important reading has become in his career, Sheriff Jason Landers reads *The Rain Came Down*.



During second grade library time, Antwerp Elementary Principal Mr. Manz reads a picture book that stars himself as the main character.



Using the book *Mr. Tiger Goes Wild*, Antwerp High School student Samantha Provines encourages second graders to be proud of who they are.

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SAT., DEC. 13, 2014 @ 10:00 A.M.
FARM LAND & RECREATIONAL

"Paulding School Farm"
2 Parcels - 2.8 acres & 38.1 acres

Farm Location: East edge of Paulding, OH on CR 111- watch for auction signs
Auction Parcel 1 ---- 38.183+- acres ... lays south of Rd 111 -- FSA & aerial map indicates 34+- tillable acres USDA soil survey indicates predominate soils are Latty and Roselms silty clay loam with small areas of St. Clair silty clay loam and Fulton loam **Auction Parcel 2** ---- 2.816+- acres Lays north of Rd. 111 ----- rough and tough little parcel of wooded, recreational, Flat Rock Creek bottom land A small "fun" parcel that probably won't fetch much money...
Auction Location: Gorrell Bros. Auction Facility At 1201 N. Williams St., Paulding, OH. **Auction Procedure:** Multi Parcel Bidding with the bidder able to bid on either one or both Auction Parcels **Call or Stop In The Office For Survey, Aerial Map & Information** **Terms:** \$5,000 earnest money for parcel 1 and \$500 earnest money for parcel 2 on the day of auction; balance due at closing on or before Jan. 10, 2015 upon delivery of deeds and certificate of title **Owner:** Paulding Exempted Village School Board Of Education **Gorrell Bros. Auctioneers;** Don Gorrell, Sale Mgr; Larry D. Gorrell, Broker; Sandra Mickelson - Aaron Timm - Nolan Shisler - Auctioneers

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Land Auction

SAT., DEC. 20TH - 10:00 A.M.

146 Acres

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Paulding Co., Ohio
Farm Land With River Bottom
Woods & Recreational
Offered In Three Parcels

Parcel 1 ----- 51.756+- acres nice parcel with the River Rd. bordering the farm on the south and east (along the long curve in the road) and Rd. T-163 bordering the farm on the west ---- there is a small amount of Maumee River Frontage in the southwest corner of the parcel ---- FSA indicates 29.61 tillable acres in two areas north and south of the woods, with a large wooded, rolling, recreational area near the center of the farm ... USDA Soil Survey indicates a mixture of soils including Nappanee, St. Clair, Knoxdale and Clair. **Parcel 2** ----- 25.133+- acres with frontage along Rd 192 and the Maumee River - river bottom area in the rear FSA indicates 21.37 tillable acres USDA Soil Survey indicates a mixture of soils including Nappanee, St. Clair, Knoxdale and Medway **Parcel 3** ----- 69.218+- acres mostly fertile river bottom with frontage along the River Rd. and the Maumee River - FSA indicates 61.07 tillable acres USDA Soil Survey indicates a mixture of soils including Latty, Lucas, Oshtemo, Knoxdale, Medway and Rossburg
 **Call for Brochures, Surveys, Soil Maps, FSA and other auction information** \$5,000 earnest money for each parcel with closing on before Jan. 20, 2015
Farm Location: 1 mi. north of Antwerp, OH on Rt. 49 to Rd. C-192 (River Road); Then east on C-192 for 3 1/2 mi.- watch for auction signs **Auction Location:** Gorrell Bros. - 1201 N. Williams St., Paulding, OH **Seller:** Family of Helen Keating; Norman E. Cook, Attorney For The Sellers **Gorrell Bros. Auctioneers;** Sandra Mickelson, Sale Mgr; Larry D. Gorrell, Broker; Don Gorrell - Aaron Timm - Nolan Shisler - Auctioneers

AARP HOSTS DECEMBER LUNCHEON

The local AARP Chapter 187 will host a December luncheon at Hall's Gas House on Thursday, December 11 at 12:30 p.m. Members will celebrate another year of informative presentations and meaningful service to Allen County residents. If you are interested in learning more about the mission and activities of Chapter 187 of AARP, you are invited to join us at the Hall's luncheon.

For more information about this luncheon or AARP, please contact Cheryl at efuru66@yahoo.com.

PAULDING COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE BOARD 2015 MEETINGS

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Commission has announced its board meetings for 2015:

January 26, February 23, March 30, April 27, May 18, June 29, July 27, August 31, September 28, October 26, November 30, December 14

Meetings start 9:00 a.m. To schedule an appointment, please contact us at 419-399-8285.

OHIO AWARDED A NEW NUTRIENT REDUCTION PROGRAM FOR THE WESTERN BASIN OF LAKE ERIE

Ohio's Department of Natural Resources Division of Soil and Water Resources has a new conservation program for local farmers and landowners to participate in that will help improve water quality in Lake Erie. USEPA under its Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) has approved \$5,940,000 in funding to help combat the recent harmful algal blooms (HAB) in the western basin of Lake Erie. The recent HAB's were a factor in the drinking water scare in Toledo on August 2, 2014. This program aims at reducing the phosphorus loading, including dissolved phosphorus loading from agricultural landscapes in the Maumee River to waters into the western basin of the lake. The program will use a systems approach that uses a combination of management practices such as soil testing, cover crops, drainage water management, precision soil sampling with fertilizer placement and manure storage.

The program will be targeted to four specific ten digit HUC's in the western basin that lie within parts of nine counties. The selected watersheds are: South Turkey Creek, Flat Rock-Creeks-Auglaize River, Bad Creek-Swan Creek and Rock Creek-Sandusky River. The goals of the program are to complete 40,000 nutrient soil tests, 60,000 acres in cover crops, 500 drainage control structures, 20,000 acres of fertilizer systems with cover crops and 25 manure storage facilities.

Best Management Practice - BMP and cost-share information:

1) BMP Controlled Drainage Structures: - an installation will be eligible to receive a maximum payment of \$1,500 on a structure based upon the actual costs. The site needs to drain a minimum of 15 acres. The opening and closing dates must be reported to the SWCD office for a

three year period.

2) Soil Testing - soil sampling will be for acres that do not have a current soil test or any samples that are four years or older. Sample size or Grid/Zone will be a maximum of 7.5 acres. Soil test must include fertilizer recommendations that are based on the Tri-State Fertility Recommendations Guide.

3) Cover Crops: a flat rate will be used for this practice. The minimum number of acres a producer can enroll is 25 acres. Cover must be established and maintained until March 15th and be over-wintering variety.

4) Precision Soil Sampling & Placement with Cover Crop: precision soil sampling done in grids/zones of a maximum grid or zone size of 7.5 acres; soil testing will be reimbursed and will be used in a systems approach that include fertilizer placement below surface along with a cover crop. All fertilizer must be placed 1.5 inches below the surface and will be reimbursed; cover crop must be established into the rotation. Total system will be reimbursed. Fertilizer recommendations will be at the Tri-State Fertility level of 80lbs/acre.

5) Manure Storage & Roofing - each storage system will be required to have a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP). Cost to be based upon Engineers estimate.

The GLRI-NRP is a voluntary program that reimburses farmers to plant cover crops, install drainage management devices such as controlled drainage structures, soil testing, precision soil sampling with fertilizer placement and over-wintering cover crop system and manure storage facilities. In addition to reducing runoff of nutrients and pesticides the practices will allow farmers to manage and maintain the water from their fields after harvest and during the growing season, ultimately enhancing production. Cropland enrolled must be approved by local SWCD technical staff and ODNR Division of Soil and Water Resources area engineers.

Landowners in the above mentioned watersheds can sign up for the program in the following counties: Fulton, Henry, Putnam, Sandusky, Defiance, Lucas, Paulding and Seneca. Program will be implemented the fall of 2014.

Farmers and others owning land in Paulding County are encouraged to contact Deb at the Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District at 419-399-4771.

Information is also available by contacting the ODNR Division of Soil and Water Resources at 614-265-6610 or soilandwater.ohiodnr.gov.



Antwerp High School Spanish teacher Mrs. Reutter reads *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* in Spanish to the kindergarteners.



With Aewyn McMichael assisting, Mr. Tim Derck from the Antwerp Insurance Agency reads *Jack and the Baked Beanstalk* to the third graders.



Mr. Ron Eschbach from the Antwerp Exchange Bank reads the classic picture book *Make Way for Ducklings* and describes his recent trip to Boston, where he saw many of the sights mentioned in the book.



Gordon Barnes from the Antwerp Exchange Bank



West Bend News owner, Bryce Steiner, gets on the floor with the second graders to read one of his favorite picture books by Weird Al Yankovic.

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,
vs.
RANDY J. WEAKS, ET AL., Defendants.

Case No. CI 14 119

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

Situated in the Township of Auglaize, County of Paulding, and State of Ohio and known as:

Lot Thirty-eight (38) of Auglaize Country Club Riverside Allotment in Section Nineteen (19), Township Three (3) North, Range Four (4) East, Paulding County, Ohio.

Parcel ID No. 01-03C-050-00
Property of Address: 19454 Road 1048, Defiance, Ohio 43512

Total amount of judgment is Seven Thousand Five Hundred Nine and 75/100 (\$7,509.75) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

Whereas, such judgment orders such real property to be sold by the undersigned to satisfy the total amount of said judgment;

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:00 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the 8th day of January, 2015, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the 22nd day of January, 2015 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.

Payment in full is due at the time of the sale and the purchaser(s) are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL SUCH REAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FEDERAL TAX LIEN THAT MAY NOT BE EXTINGUISHED BY THE SALE, AND PURCHASERS OF ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY ARE URGED TO SEARCH THE FEDERAL TAX LIEN INDEX THAT IS KEPT BY THE COUNTY RECORDER TO DETERMINE IF NOTICE OF A FEDERAL TAX LIEN HAS BEEN FILED WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 11/17/14

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Tom VanVlerah. Council persons present: Ken Reinhart, Keith West, Larry Ryan, Steve Derck, Rudie Reeb and Council President Jan Reeb.

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: Joe Shouse from Paulding Progress. Visitors present: Fire Chief Ray Friend, Paul Reinhart and John Chilicote. Students attending were Austin Wendt, Carlos Sanchez, and Brooke Gerig.

Minutes from the regular council meeting held October 27, 2014, were reviewed.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Derck, to accept the minutes from the October 27, 2014, council meeting. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

The October disbursements were reviewed.

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

VISITORS:

Fire chief Ray Friend addressed council regarding the purchase of the new fire truck. Due to the increase in price since the initial quote obtained and with the additional

options selected, the purchase price has increased to \$263,597.00. There is a pre-pay discount offered of \$3,254.28, which would reduce the purchase price to \$260,342.72. This discounted amount would be due when the contract is signed. Ryan expressed some concern with the proposed payment terms and will contact the sales representative to discuss further. Antwerp Exchange Bank board is meeting tonight about the loan for this purchase and the village will know more about the potential loan for the next meeting. Solicitor Farr states a resolution will need to be passed for authority to enter into a contract for the purchase of the fire truck and a special meeting may be called as the proposal is good for thirty (30) days. The purchase will be through the state cooperative purchasing program.

Paul Reinhart addressed council regarding the village-wide trash collection by a single provider. Reinhart stated he is a believer in free enterprise. He has not seen a cost, duration of the contract, or administrative cost for the village published in the council minutes. He stated it is not fair for residents with one or two bags to pay the same as residents with more bags. He also mentioned it is unfair to place fee on water bill. He acknowledged that one positive would be less traffic on the streets; however, if businesses are allowed to keep same service, unsure if less traffic will result. Jan Reeb responded that other villages have this service and this will be a savings of \$3,000.00 a year to the

village for the large item pick-up service. Reeb also stated she estimated a savings of \$8.00 per month compared to her current trash collection services.

John Chilicote stated that trash collection service may start out with lower charges but may escalate in future years. At his business, the charges for trash collection started at \$52.50 per month and in three (3) years, it increased to \$118.00 per month. Chilicote also asked if residents who are on vacation will still have to pay. The proposed bid documents include language that residents gone for thirty (30) continuous days or more in duration can suspend trash collection services during that time. He also mentioned drain issue, unrelated to trash collection, and he will follow-up with the village administrator on this.

Three students from Antwerp High School government class were present for observation purposes only.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Clemens reported 161 calls for service and 50 citations for the month of October. Chief Clemens reported the department has been very busy. Cameras at the park need some attention due to the fact they do not pan in and out to view moving objects. Schweller Electric has been called to review this problem. Clemens would like to have more cameras in the village, especially one at the memorial. Clemens is looking into purchasing body cameras for his deputies.

EMS REPORT:

Randy Shaffer provided a written report showing 23 runs for the month of October. EMS Billing Clerk, Ashley McDougall, provided a detailed report for EMS runs billed, collected, and outstanding for the year. She was also present to answer questions and explain her report.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

3rd reading of resolution no. 2014-10: 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.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Derck, to accept resolution no. 2014-10. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

2nd reading of ordinance no. 2014-21: An ordinance authorizing the change of water rates for the village of Antwerp, county of Paulding, Ohio.

2nd 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.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2014-23: An ordinance to provide for the issuance of a note for the purpose of a waterworks system in the village of Antwerp, Ohio, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Jan Reeb, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2014-23. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by Ryan, to accept ordinance no. 2014-23. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2014-24: An ordinance authorizing the mayor of the village of Antwerp to enter into an addendum of the lease agreement with Metalink Technologies, Inc. and Qualstar Communications, Inc., and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Jan Reeb, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2014-24. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to accept ordinance no. 2014-24. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of resolution no. 2014-11: A resolution authorizing the village of Antwerp, Ohio, to participate in the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by West, seconded by Jan Reeb, to suspend the rules regarding resolution no. 2014-11. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by Ryan, to accept resolution no. 2014-11. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Fiscal Officer Baker asked council for approval to disperse \$3,250.00 to match monies given by ACDC for new ball diamond to be constructed at Antwerp Local Schools. This request for funds was made to the village by the ACDC board. These monies will be paid to the Antwerp Athletic Boosters for the purpose stated.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Reinhart, to authorize payment of \$3,250.00 to Antwerp Athletic Boosters at the request of ACDC for construction of new ball diamond at Antwerp Local Schools. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Public service committee met on November 13, 2014, to discuss issues on the village-wide trash collection by single provider. The following items were recommended to council from this meeting:

1.) The village will not add to the accepted bid any additional per month charge.

2.) With the exception of mobile home parks, apartment complexes, and downtown second story apartments, currently supplied with dumpsters, every residence inside the village corporation limits will be billed and supplied with trash collection services by single provider. Commercial, industrial and agri-business will continue to negotiate their trash collection services. There will be no other exceptions.

3.) Residents that will be gone for more than thirty (30) continuous days can ask their trash collection services to be suspended during that time and they will not be billed during the suspended service period.

4.) Decided by council to have the successful bidder approach residents outside village corporation limits that receive other village utility services, instead of including them as part of the residential units covered by the bid documents.

ODOT informed Keeran they will do all paperwork and footwork to determine the fair market value for right-of-way on Harrmann Road property for Safe Routes To School sidewalk project. The village will still be responsible for paying for this right-of-way.

Commercial zoning language needed for zoning ordinance to address potential development, especially at the 24/49 exit. Poggemeyer design group estimated the cost of the work would be \$3,500.00. This has been included in the 2015 budget.

Park recreation board met to discuss the VFW's proposal to provide and pay for the installation of a decommissioned military tank at Riverside Park. Keeran stated she believes installing the tank in the park may change the nature of the park. The Natureworks Grant Program states if the village changes the nature of the park, the village must replace the acres used somewhere else in the village. Solicitor Farr provided council members with a legal memorandum on potential issues with installing the tank in the park. The park board is in favor of installing the tank in the Riverside Park. Discussion held on the placement of the tank either near the center or near the memorial. The mayor wishes to see the location at the park. Jan Reeb and the mayor requested to go to the park with members of the park board to view their thoughts about placement and bring back their recommendations to the next council meeting. A contract will need to be put in place to include terms, among others, that the local VFW post will be responsible for maintaining the tank.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The finance committee met on November 12, 2014, to review the 2015 budget prepared by Fiscal Officer Baker. Ryan expressed his concerns about a deficit budget and advised that expenses need to be watched carefully. Fire contracts with townships were discussed. Ryan will meet with Carryall Township trustees about the 2015, 2016, and 2017 contract for fire service to be provided by the village. Finance committee did not see any items the village could cut for 2015, except some items the village will hold back on purchasing until later in the year to review fund availability.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Jan Reeb, to accept the 2015 budget numbers for use in preparing the ordinance for December meeting to approve a budget for 2015. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Old business: No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

Meetings for 2015 will be held on the third Monday at 5:30 p.m. with the exception of January and February. The January meeting will be held on January 26th and the February meeting will be held on February 23rd, due to holidays on the third Mondays in those months. Solicitor Farr will prepare the ordinance for the December council meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor's court deposited \$6,345.75 for the month of October.

The mayor asked that the village support the chamber's "Small Business Saturday" on November 29, 2014, to support local businesses. Santa Claus will be at the fire hall that same day starting at 10:00 a.m.

November 25th is the third "Open Night with the Mayor." Residents are urged to attend and speak to the mayor. It will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at town hall.

Discussion on empty lot next to town hall and whether council should consider for potential purchase in the future to provide additional parking.

Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by Reinhart, to adjourn the meeting. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ELVIS AARON PRESLEY, JR. TO PERFORM HOLIDAY CONCERT ON DECEMBER 6



On Saturday, December 6, 2014 witness the King's legacy through the actual son of the late Elvis Presley, Elvis Aaron Presley Jr., at the Rockford Belle, Rockford, OH. His incredible voice continues to thrill audiences worldwide and will amaze listeners locally with a special holiday concert at 7:00 p.m. Doors are scheduled to open at 6:00 p.m. Performers Ann Flamingo and Jeff Davisson will open for the event; entertainer and former long time radio host of WCSM, Jim Highley, will emcee. The public is welcome to attend this exciting event located at 135 Market Street, Rockford, OH.

Elvis Aaron Presley, Jr. is a riveting performer with a rare capability to establish a very special rapport with his audience. His incredible singing voice, naturally reminiscent of "The King", and fine sense of humor has thrilled audiences worldwide. Jr. has been represented by several prominent managers over the years including a thirteen year association with the late Seymour Heller, who was also Liberace's long-time manager and close friend of Colonel Tom Parker.

Mr. Presley, Jr. has appeared in 18 countries and six islands. A gifted linguist, Jr. has surprised many crowds by serenading them in their native tongue. Performing for both private and ticketed events, he has appeared in venues ranging from night clubs and theatres to concert halls and arenas as well as amusement parks and casinos. Accompanying him has been some of the U.S.'s best

musical conductors including Bobby Morris (who was also Elvis Sr.'s musical conductor as well as Barbra Streisand's and many others) and Larry White (who has conducted for the likes of Kenny Rogers, Wayne Newton and Robert Goulet). He has generated 21 DVD's of his performances and has also had a prolific recording career amassing 34 CD's culled from both live and studio performances.

Elvis Jr.'s talent as a musician and entertainer is a gift to all who enjoy the works of his late father. His looks, style, grace and demeanor has captivated audiences worldwide and is a testament that the King's legacy indeed continues.

Mark your calendars now for an opportunity of a lifetime to enjoy locally on the Rockford Belle stage the legacy left to Elvis Aaron Presley, Jr. For more information contact Tom Rogers at 567-644-9993.

NOTICE

The following dates are for The Paulding County Veterans' Service Commission Board Meetings for 2015

January 26, February 23
March 30, April 27
May 18, June 29
July 27, August 31
September 28, October 26
November 30
December 14

Meetings begin at 9:00 a.m.

To schedule an appointment, please contact us at 419-399-8285

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-12** on November 24, 2014, entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PIERCE MANUFACTURING, INC. TO PURCHASE A FREIGHTLINER FXP PUMPER FOR THE VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Resolution authorizes the Village Administrator to sign the contract to purchase a fire engine from Pierce Manufacturing, Inc.

The publication of this Resolution is by summary only. The Complete text of the Resolution may be obtained or viewed at the office of the Village of Antwerp Fiscal Officer located at 118 North Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

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.

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 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.

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VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-10** on November 17, 2014, entitled "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." This Resolution accepts the amounts and rates determined by the Paulding County Budget Commission and the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by the Village Council.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2014-23** on November 17, 2014, entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A NOTE FOR THE PURPOSE OF A WATERWORKS SYSTEM IN THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the issuance of a note to pay for the Village's waterworks system capital improvement.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2014-24** on November 17, 2014, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP TO ENTER INTO AN ADDENDUM OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH METALINK TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND QUALSTAR COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Mayor to enter into an addendum of the lease agreement with MetaLINK Technologies and Qualstar Communications for internet access to be provided to the Village at Riverside Park and no longer to be provided at the Water Plant Drive location.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-11** on November 17, 2014, entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Resolution authorizes the Village Administrator to purchase supplies, services, equipment and certain other materials through the Department of Administrative Services, Office of State Purchasing.

The publication of these Ordinances and Resolutions is by summary only. The Complete text of the Ordinances and Resolutions may be obtained or viewed at the office of the Village of Antwerp Fiscal Officer located at 118 North Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

PHOTOGRAPHY LESSONS FOR GH THIRD GRADERS



3B class from Grover Hill School had a photographer (Jessica Chapman) come to visit. She showed us old cam-

eras and her camera she uses now. She told us how things have changed and all about her job.

LATTA INTRODUCES BILL TO HELP PROTECT DRINKING WATER

Rep. Bob Latta (R-OH) introduced legislation to help protect drinking water from harmful algae blooms known as cyanotoxins. Latta authored the legislation in response to Toledo, Ohio's August water emergency caused by the increased presence of harmful algal blooms in Lake Erie. H.R. 5753, the Drinking Water Protection Act, requires the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and submit a strategic plan to Congress for assessing and managing the risk associated with cyanotoxins in drinking water.

"My legislation will ensure a robust approach when addressing the health of our drinking water," said Latta. "In addition, by requiring the EPA to develop a strategic plan that outlines how it will assess and manage the risks associated with cyanotoxins in our water, the bill will foster close, ongoing coordination between all agencies involved and set timelines to ensure the health of our drinking water is addressed in a timely manner. I would like to thank Chairman Upton and Chairman Shimkus for bringing Congressional attention to this issue and look forward to working with them on this important issue."

House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI)

gave his support to the legislation, stating, "This is an important issue facing millions of Americans that live in the communities surrounding our Great Lakes. The water supply scare in Ohio this summer brought this issue to the forefront, and I thank Representative Latta for his leadership in responding to this critical threat and working toward a solution that helps keep our drinking water and our families safe."

The Environment and the Economy Subcommittee, chaired by Rep. John Shimkus (R-IL), held a hearing Wednesday to examine cyanotoxins in drinking water and solutions to address the problem. During the hearing, Rep. Latta stressed the need for federal, state, and local officials to work together to better understand this threat to human health and the environment and find ways to increase protections. Watch Latta's questioning with Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Craig Butler regarding the need for EPA to provide research and guidance to states:

Latta's bill directs the EPA to formulate a plan, including the necessary steps and timelines to fully evaluate the risk of cyanotoxins, publish a comprehensive list of potentially harmful cyanotoxins, and provide additional guidance and technical assistance to states to help mitigate risks to drinking water systems.

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DEADLINE FOR THE CLASSIFIEDS IS MONDAYS AT 12 NOON!!

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 11/19/14

This 19th day of November, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Roy Klopfenstein, Fred Pieper, and Nola Ginter, Clerk; Absent: Tony Zartman

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Warrants documented as 212135 through 212243 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST: Judge John DeMuth, Judicial Conference for Juvenile Court, Columbus OH - December 4-5, 2014

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Mr. Fred Pieper to go into executive session at 8:03 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein. All members voting *yea*.

At 8:16 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING "THEN AND NOW" PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS:

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on November 10, 2014. Warrants numbered 211867 through 211922 in the amount of \$26,825.00; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING "THEN AND NOW" PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS:

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on November 12, 2014. Warrants numbered 211935 through 211943 in the amount of \$2,087.47; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Com-

missioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 182):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct the County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Capitol Improvement Fund (Fund 182) for the following:

FROM: Pay-In # 104700
TO: 182-001-00001/Capitol Improvement/Capitol Improvement
AMOUNT: \$41,571.96

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2014 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-002):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2014 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-002-00005/General Fund/Auditor/Contract Services
TO: 001-002-00008/General Fund/Auditor/Other Expenses
AMOUNT: \$1,051.50

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2014 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-031):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2014 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-030-00004/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/Salaries/Loss Control
TO: 001-031-00001/General Fund/Commissioners' Misc/Postage
AMOUNT: \$5,000.00

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Marsha Yeutter, Paulding County Senior Center - Ms. Yeutter presented a dietician contract for the Commissioners' review. The Commissioners requested that Ms. Yeutter have the prosecutor approve the contract as to form before securing signatures.

Ed Bohn, Paulding County EMA - Mr. Bohn provided the Commissioners his last two weeks' activity logs. He reported the plane crash debriefing went well. Mr. Bohn informed the Commissioners that Rich Lauffer of the Ohio EMA had attended the recent LEPC meeting. Mr. Bohn is still working with Mr. Lauffer to update EMA policies and procedures. He is also planning to work with the Henry County EMA director on various reports that need to be done. Mr. Bohn reported he has located most of the defibrulators purchased from a previous year grant. He will arrange for training for staff members who wish to participate. Mr. Bohn noted he has been and will participate (on his own time) in Christmas for Kids and Neighbors in Need in both Paulding and Defiance Counties. He reported the local Red Cross are no longer local organizations. They are run regionally, with our County reporting to Lima.

SANTA'S STUCK IN THE 50S!



The fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students at Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary are preparing for their annual Christmas program. This year the program is titled "Santa's Stuck in the 50s!"

The program will be held on Thursday, December 11th, with performances at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m. In this picture, fifth grade students are practicing the song "Rockin' Down the Chimney Tonight!"

WIZARDS ASSIGN RICE TO FORT WAYNE MAD ANTS

The Washington Wizards announced today that guard Glen Rice Jr. has been assigned to the Fort Wayne Mad Ants of the NBA Development League.

Rice has appeared in five games this season for Washington while averaging 2.2 points in 8.5 minutes per game.

4-H ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN FOR 2015

4-H Enrollment Now Open for 2015, Easier than Ever with New Online System Indiana 4-H enrollment is now open in Allen County through January 15, 2015. 4-H is a premier source of enjoyable, educational programs to help young people reach their full potential. Plus, new for 2015, enrollment is easier than ever with the 4-H Online system, <https://in.4honline.com>. Indiana 4-H is the state's largest youth development program for grades 3-12, reaching over 200,000 youth in all 92 counties. 4-H Youth Development Educators in each Purdue Extension county office coordinate local activities.

In Allen County, approved adult volunteers teach young people specific skills related to a wide variety of subjects through hands-on, experiential learning. Youth also develop leadership and citizenship skills by participating in one of 17 organized 4-H Clubs. Subjects include: science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); agri-

culture; citizenship; healthy living; art; consumer and family sciences; and more. In 2013, a Tufts University study showed that 4-H members also excel in positive youth development areas compared to peers, including:

- Four times more likely to contribute to their communities (grades 7-12)
- Two times more likely to make healthier choices (grade 7)
- Two times more likely to be civically active (grades 8-12)
- Two times more likely to participate in extracurricular STEM programs (grades 10-12)

Now, the new 4-H Online system makes it even more convenient to offer enrollment, event registration, calendars, and secure payment online. Youth may be enrolled in Allen County 4-H by January 15, 2015 online at <https://in.4honline.com> or by visiting the Allen County Purdue Extension office, 4001 Crescent Avenue in Fort Wayne, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

For more information about specific 4-H subjects in Allen County or the 4-H program in general, visit www.extension.purdue.edu/allen or call Samm Johnson, 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator, at 260-481-6826.

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Sudoku solution from page 13

8	9	7	4	5	1	3	6	2
1	5	3	6	2	9	4	7	8
2	4	6	8	3	7	1	9	5
5	6	2	9	8	4	7	1	3
4	8	9	7	1	3	5	2	6
7	3	1	5	6	2	9	8	4
3	1	5	2	9	8	6	4	7
9	2	4	3	7	6	8	5	1
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2014 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR NEW HAVEN PARKS & REC

The New Haven Parks and Recreation Department has been chosen as the recipient of a 2014 Awards of Excellence Award from the Indiana Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). IPRA will present the award publicly at a special awards banquet at the IPRA State Conference in Michigan City on January 15, 2014.

The 4 Wellness Summer Series is four running events that are a collaboration between the parks department, the New Haven High School Cross Country teams and Well Strategies Inc, a local wellness non-profit. These events appeal to all ages and abilities and our main focus is to encourage an active, healthy lifestyle. The series includes an elementary mile run, a 5K, A kid's triathlon and a 10K. 2014 sponsors include Parkview Physicians Group, Parkview Live, Lutheran Health Network, Indiana Physical Therapy, Beacon Credit Union and Three Rivers Running Company.

Each year, IPRA Awards of Excellence are presented to individuals and agencies across Indiana to honor their efforts - both personally and professionally in the field of Parks and Recreation. Winners are evaluated by their peers in the industry based upon a scoring system for quality of the project, impact on the community, creative solutions as well as other criteria.

For more information on the IPRA and the Awards of Excellence program, please

contact the IPRA Office at 317-573-4035 or vmayes@inpra.org. Visit www.inpra.org for general information.

The Indiana Park and Recreation Association founded 1916 is a state not-for-profit membership association dedicated to advancing the value of parks and recreation and those that provide it. Through its network of recreation and park professionals, corporations, elected officials and organizations, IPRA encourages the promotion of health and wellness, recreation initiatives, and conservation of natural and cultural resources.

4 Wellness Summer Series

Since 2012 the New Haven-Adams Twp. Parks & Recreation Department has partnered with the New Haven High School Cross Country/Track teams and the not for profit Well Strategies Inc to put on four running/walking events. These events are held once a month, May-August and include the Elementary Mile Run, the Canal Days 5K, the Jury Kids Triathlon and the New Haven 10K. The series was developed to get people active and to promote a healthy lifestyle. In 2014 we had 520 participants from 5 years old in the Elementary Mile to 76 years young in the New Haven 10K. We have information on the series under the event tab on our website www.newhavenparksandrec.org. If you have any questions or would like to sponsor one or all of our events please contact me at 260-749-2212 or email mclendenen@newhavenin.org

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2015 DOG TAGS NOW AVAILABLE



Deputy Sheriff, K-9 Handler, Gary Deitrick and K-9 Officer, Jano recently visited the Auditor's Office to discuss 2015 Dog Tag Sales. 2015 Dog Tags went on sale Monday, December 1, 2014.

1 Year Tag, \$18, 3 Year Tag, \$54, Permanent, \$180

Tags may be purchased

at the Courthouse, Auditor's Office, 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, OH 45879, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (cash or check only), by mail (please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope) or visit www.pauldingcountyauditor.com. Deadline for new tags is January 31, 2015.

DUPONT HOSPITAL RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN ELDER CARE

Dupont Hospital is one of only six hospitals in Indiana to receive the Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem Elders designation, which emphasizes a hospital's commitment to excellence in elder care. The effort to implement NICHE practices at Dupont began in earnest this spring.

The national NICHE agenda provides the largest geriatric nursing program available. Just last week, 11 registered nurses at Dupont completed one month of intensive training and coursework to achieve an esteemed title of geriatric resource nurse. The training has empowered these nurses to become subject matter experts for their specific units on various issues that impact seniors. NICHE supplies evidence-based, interdisciplinary approaches that promote positive experiences for older adults. Older adults have reported greater satisfaction rates, as have their families, in NICHE designated hospitals.

"In our opinion, the formal NICHE designation is the gold standard," said Theresa Shull, RN, CEN, emergency department and chest pain coordinator, NICHE coordinator. "NICHE stood out above other designations primarily because it relies on evidence-based practices to achieve patient-centered care for older adults. It is a priority for Dupont Hospital to improve our service for this fast growing population."

Shull has led Dupont's development of the geriatric resource nurse model. Dupont completed a hospital-wide Geriatric Institutional Assessment Profile provided by NICHE, measuring perceptions of skills, attitudes and knowledge of the older adult. The intent of the survey, con-

ducted in both inpatient and outpatient areas, was to hone in on education—recognize deficits, strengths and areas for growth.

Members of Lutheran Health Network's Senior Circle program visited Dupont this summer as an advisory panel to assess important issues for older adults. The hospital plans to continue inviting them to help assess the facility on a quarterly basis as part of its ongoing efforts to reach this patient population.

More training for Dupont team members is planned with guest presenters including a specialist on dementia, understanding hospice care options, an in-service provided by the Northeast Indiana Coalition for Advance Care Planning, and many other related subjects.

Dupont's NICHE team has reached out to long-term care and assisted living facilities to discuss opportunities to improve continuity of care for patients. Dupont nurses also plan to partner with the leadership teams at some of these facilities to develop and offer specialty education topics to their staff nurses. Some of these topics include chronic disease management and palliative care.

Several changes have occurred at Dupont Hospital as a result of NICHE. Some enhancements include upgraded mattresses added to the emergency department; improved campus visibility—ER red stripe was repainted; and more communication to seniors about valet parking, a free and safe service for all Dupont Hospital guests and visitors.

The emergency department was selected as the pilot unit to begin NICHE implementation whereby the team is developing and refining processes over a span of 18 months to two years. Shull expects NICHE practices to be integrated throughout the entire hospital by 2016.

OHIO'S YOUNG HUNTERS HARVEST MORE THAN 6,400 DEER DURING YOUTH GUN SEASON

Ohio's young hunters checked 6,453 white-tailed deer during the two-day youth gun season, Nov 22-23, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). This season provided youth hunters with their first opportunity to pursue deer with specific straight-walled cartridge rifles and young hunters, taking advantage of these rifles, harvested 378 deer over the weekend.

The Ohio counties that reported the most checked deer during the 2014 youth gun season were: Coshocton (282), Tuscarawas (220), Holmes (218), Knox (207), Guernsey (191), Muskingum (187), Licking (168), Ashtabula (167), Carroll (145) and Meigs (143). Coshocton was also the top county in 2013. Last year youth hunters checked 6,640 deer.

Youth hunters could pursue deer with a legal shotgun, muzzleloader, handgun or specific straight-walled cartridge rifle and were required to be accompanied by a non-hunting adult during the two-day season. The youth deer-gun season is one of four special youth-only hunting seasons designed to offer a safe and early hunting experience for young hunters. Youth hunting seasons are also set aside for small game, wild turkey and waterfowl.

Youth hunters can commemorate their hunt with a First Harvest certificate, available at wildohio.gov. Participants can upload a photo and type in their information to personalize the certificate. Hunters can also share photos by clicking on the Photo Gallery tab online.

Ohio offers many more opportunities for hunters of all ages to pursue deer. The deer-gun season is Monday, December 1, through Sunday, December 7. Deer-muzzleloader season is Friday, January 2, through Monday, January 5, 2015. Deer-archery season is open now through Sunday, February 1, 2015. Find complete details in the 2014-2015 Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations at wildohio.gov.

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at ohiodnr.gov.

PATROL OFFERS TIPS AND WARNINGS ABOUT DRIVING IN WINTER WEATHER

The Van Wert Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is warning drivers about the dangers of driving in winter weather and is offering some tips on what drivers should do in the event of a vehicle break down or a crash.

From December 2013 through March 2014, 33,085 crashes occurred on snow, ice or slush covered roadways killing 38 people and injuring 9,013. Speed-related factors were reported as a cause in 49 percent of these crashes. To view a breakdown of winter crashes visit http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/doc/Winter_Driving_Bulletin_2014.pdf

In the event of inclement weather, the Patrol is urging motorists to allow extra time to get to their destination, maintain a safe distance between their vehicle and the traffic ahead, pay close attention to bridges and overpasses - as they are often the first to freeze over - and to drive slowly, as everything including accelerating, turning and braking, take longer on snow-covered roadways.

"In case of a vehicle breakdown, motorists should turn on their hazard warning lights, safely position the vehicle as far off the road as possible, call #677 for assistance and remain in the vehicle until help arrives," explained Lt. L.D. Brode commander of the Van Wert Post.

Troopers further suggest that if you get stuck in snow, make sure that your tail pipe is free of all snow and debris, to decrease your chance of carbon monoxide poisoning.

All motorists are encouraged to prepare their vehicle for winter driving by ensuring that the battery, cooling system, tires, wipers and defroster are all in working order. Drivers are also encouraged to carry the following winter car kit items in their vehicle in case of a breakdown:

- Cell phone with car charger
- Road flares or reflectors
- Help or Call Police signs
- First aid kit
- Flashlight
- Blanket/Sleeping bag
- Small shovel
- Bottled water and energy foods
- Candles and matches
- Tow strap/chain

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