

PAYNE, OH
Tony Adamski, 91 of Payne passed away Dec. 9, 2014. Arr by Dooley Funeral Homes of Payne & Antwerp.
ANTWERP, OH
Howard Dean Stout, age 86 of Antwerp died Dec. 10, 2014. Arr. by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne.
HICKSVILLE, OHIO
Mary Kathryn Rogers, 94, died Monday December 8, 2014 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.
 She was born on June 16, 1920 in Mark Center, Ohio, the daughter of the late John and Myrtle (Balsler) Schliesser.
 Mary was a 1938 graduate of Hicksville High School. She worked as a librarian in the Antwerp school system and ushered at the Embassy Theatre in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. She was a member of St. Michaels Catholic Church where she was a member of the Rosary Altar Society and the Social Club, volunteered for Dr. Smith at CMH for 16 years, volunteered at the Bargain Box and was a member of the CMH Auxiliary.
 Mary is survived by a son, Jim Rogers of Plains, Montana; two daughters, Judy (Bill) Johnson of Hicksville, Deb (Richard) Cacianno of Paharump, Nevada; grandchildren, Tina Judy, Matthew Johnson, William, Jimmy, and Gene Harlin; great granddaughter, Kamryn Harlin; siblings, Paul Schliesser of Dayton, Ohio and Teresa Miller of Ft Wayne, Indiana.
 She was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Harlin, a son Joe Rogers and brothers, Carroll and Basil Schliesser.
 A memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville, on December 20, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.
 Memorials may be made to St. Michael's Catholic Church.
 Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

GROVER HILL:
Ruth Marie Crone of Payne passed away Thursday, December 11, 2014. Arrangements by Den Herder Funeral Home.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 12/17 - 12/23

- 12/17 - Turkey, Ham & Cheese on rye, vegetable soup w/crackers, potato salad, tropical fruit, oatmeal raisin bar
- 12/18 - Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, wax beans, hot apples, WW bread, jello
- 12/19 - Seasoned veal cutlet, scalloped potatoes, brussel sprouts, apple juice, bread pudding, dinner roll

12/22 - Baked ham, sweet potatoes, wax beans, orange juice, WW bread, cherry pie
 12/23 - Chicken & broccoli casserole, warm applesauce, biscuit, grape juice

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 12/17 - 12/23

- 12/17 - Bunco, 12:30 p.m.; Buckeye Hearing Bingo at Noon; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Holiday grocery shopping in Defiance, leave at 9:00 a.m.
- 12/18 - Blood pressure & toe nail clinic, 9:00 a.m.; Bingo w/The Gardens, 10:00 a.m.; Exercise, 10:00 a.m.; Turn Up at 12:15 p.m.
- 12/19 - Red Hat Christmas Party; Bingo w/Vancrest of Antwerp, Noon; Craft store open, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Commodity Distribution, 11:00 a.m.
- 12/22 - Fingernail Clinic, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00; Exercise, 10:00 a.m.; AmeriCare Check-up, 10:15 a.m.; Christmas Movie, 10:00 a.m.
- 12/23 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.; Trivia w/Nicole, 12:00 p.m.

MAKE HOLIDAYS A LITTLE GREENER

- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**
- Send e-cards instead of paper greeting cards.
- Use reusable shopping bags.
- Avoid gifts with a lot of packaging; tickets, gift cards, lessons and memberships create almost no waste.
- Buy quality not quantity. Quality means more durable and longer lasting. This doesn't necessarily translate to more expensive.
- Buy gifts made with recycled content.
- What about wrapping gifts in old maps, posters, newspapers or magazines?

- So, what can be recycled?**
- Greeting cards, envelopes, gift cards and tags
- Non-metallic wrapping paper
- Non-metallic gift bags (handles removed)
- Cardboard with clear plastic windows
- Gift boxes
- Old calendars (coils removed)
- Electronics
- Christmas Trees
- Steer away from . . .**
- Disposable cups and tableware
- Styrofoam
- Shiny metallic-coated wrapping paper and gift bags

Save ribbons, bows, beads, string, garland and tinsel for next year. Clean packing material can often be recycled through area packing and delivery services.
 For more information about Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, visit www.acwastewatcher.org year-round.

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Christmas Lighting Contest (Continued from Page 1)

at 419-258-1722.

The categories for 2014 have been updated as well. They will be:

- Facebook Favorite - each home entered or nominated will be photographed and posted to the Antwerp Chamber Facebook page. The house with the most "likes" will win.
 - Kid's Choice - Houses will be judged by some local "little ones".
 - Chamber Honorable Mentioned - Houses will be judged by several Chamber members.
- A \$50.00 prize will be awarded to the top home in each category.
 Entries must reach the Antwerp Chamber through Facebook, email or phone call by 5:00 p.m. on December 18th. They will be posted to the Antwerp Chamber Facebook page and voting will close on December 23rd.

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

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

NH Parks & Rec. Earn Award (Continued from Page 1)

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.
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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 11/24/14

This 24th 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 212244 through 212309 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.
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 19, 2014, Warrant numbered 212165 in the amount of \$154.00; 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 ENTERING INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CCAO SERVICE CORPORATION (CAOSC) FOR SECURING ENERGY PRICING FOR ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION:
 On September 30, 2013, the Paulding County Board of Commissioners entered into a Participation Agreement Regarding Electricity Purchase Program of the CCAO Service Corporation (CAOSC); and CCAOSC has contracted with a subsidiary of Palmer Energy Company, Inc. to obtain information, provide a plan of governance draft and provide other assistance to Paulding County in this process; and this Memorandum of Understanding authorized CCAOSC and Palmer Energy to include Paulding County as part of its Request for Proposal (RFP) process with various potential suppliers, estimate the savings by average household and as a county, and present the results of these efforts to the Paulding County Board of Commissioners; and through this MOU, Paulding County shall authorize the electric distribution utility to provide general information regarding the number of eligible households and non-mercantile businesses, monthly consumption and demand, load profile distribution among these potential participants, rate information capacity information and such other information as they consider necessary to obtain competitive pricing from various potential third party suppliers to Paulding County's aggregation; and the Paulding County Board of Commissioners deems this request to be in the best interest of Paulding County and wishes to approve the same. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, hereby entered into a MOU with CCAOSC for securing energy pricing for electrical aggregation, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2014 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-013):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2014 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following:
 001-013-00003/General Fund/Coroner/Contracts/Services
 AMOUNT: \$4,000.00
IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2014 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 010):
 The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2014 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Soil Conservation Fund (Fund 010):
 010-001-00008/Soil Conservation/PERS
 AMOUNT: \$3,900.00

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

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2014 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
 FROM: 001-001-00008/General Fund/Commissioners/Other Expenses
 TO: 001-001-00009/General Fund/Commissioners/PERS
 AMOUNT: \$1,267.43
IN THE MATTER OF RECEIVING AND AWARDED SNOW REMOVAL BIDS FOR THE COUNTY PARKING LOT FOR THE 2014-2015 WINTER SEASON:

On this 24th day of November, 2014, sealed bids were received and opened by the Paulding County Commissioners' Clerk for the County parking lot snow removal for the 2014-2015 winter season:
 Solid Ground, LLC, PO Box 296, Paulding, OH 45879
 Blacktop Surfaces:
 Less than 2" - \$90.00
 2"-4" - \$157.00
 4"-6" - \$180.00
 6" + - \$225.00
 Salting per application - \$88.00
 Concrete Walks:
 Less than 2" - \$52.00
 2"-4" - \$78.00
 4"-6" - \$104.00
 6" + - \$143.00
 Salting per application - \$48.00
 Classic Land Design LLC, 5442 Road 117, Haviland, OH 45851
 Snowplowing for 2014-2015 season:
 2"-4" in 24 hours - \$100.00 per instance
 4" + - \$150.00 per instance
 Salting lot - \$85.00 per instance
 Snow removal of sidewalks - \$75.00 per instance
 Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby award the County Parking Lot Snow Removal bid to Classic Land Design LLC, Haviland, Ohio, for snow removal for the County Parking Lot Snow, including surrounding sidewalks, during the 2014-2015 winter season as delineated above.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2014 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 182):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2014 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following:
 001-013-00003/General Fund/Coroner/Contracts/Services
 AMOUNT: \$4,000.00
MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:
 Marsha Yuetter, Senior Center - Ms. Yuetter presented payroll and a dietician contract for signatures.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus."
Luke 1:30-31 NASB

GROVER HILL STUDENT COUNCIL HOST CANNED FOOD DRIVE



The Grover Hill Student Council is working on their canned food drive. The food drive will end on Wednesday, December 17, and all items will be given to the Grover Hill Food Bank. Pictured here are 6th grade WTGH Student Council members Cara Davis, Katie Stoller, Gabby Donis and Tiffany Sinn.

THE GIFT OF GIRL SCOUT COOKIES



Lily picked out 49 non-perishable food items to donate to the New Haven Food Bank.

Lily worked so hard this past cookie season. She worked the cookie booths with her troop and on her own every weekend. She exceeded her goal of 260 boxes by more than 100.

We also put out a donation box for people who wanted to support Lily and the Girl Scouts, but didn't want to buy cookies for themselves. For each box of cookies donated to a local food bank, we would match that with a non-perishable food item.

At the end of cookie season, there were 26 boxes to donate to the New Haven Food Bank. Lily picked out 49 items to donate. Lots of things most 7-year-olds would want to eat; mac 'n cheese, pickles, fruit snacks, and ranch dressing, just to name a few!

The purpose of doing this was to teach Lily the importance of giving back to a community that has been so supportive of her. Family, friends, and complete strangers helped her not only reach her goal, but exceed it!

According to their website, the New Haven Food Bank served 1,652 in 2011. If anyone is interested in making a food or monetary donation, you can contact the Emanuel Lutheran Church office.

Lily has been asked to come back during Christmas break to see how her donations are used by the food bank and to help however she can. We'll be taking some candy canes to pass out to spread some Christmas cheer!!
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MAD ANTS OFFENSE EXPLODES

It was an offensive explosion Saturday night as the Fort Wayne Mad Ants redeemed last night's buzzer beating dagger, as they defeated the Grand Rapids Drive 101-87 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

It was all Mad Ants through the first half, showing consistent dominance, declaring leads as large as 11 and presenting only one lead change through the 24 minute duration. New Orleans Pelican assignee, Russ Smith, lead the Mad Ants with 14 points at the half with teammate Andre Emmett recording 13. For the Drive, Lorenzo Brown posted 13 points to lead Grand Rapids at the half. Fort Wayne remained

strong against the Drive through the second half extending their lead to 25 and holding a lead the entirety of the second half. Leading the second half for the Mad Ants was the duo of Smith, who increased his points to a 19 total with 6 assists, and Emmett, who went on to lead the team with 22 points and 6 rebounds on the night.

For the Drive, Brown finished the night recording 22 points and 6 assists, while teammate Kelsey Barlow contributed nine rebounds to lead the team.
 The Mad Ants will be back in action Friday, December 16th as they travel to Sioux Falls for an 8:00 p.m. tip-off with the Sky Force. The Mad Ants next home game will be against Westchester Knicks Friday December 19th at 7:30 p.m.

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CHRISTMAS WITHOUT DISTRACTION

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

(continued from last week)
Mark's prologue

We can also look at the gospel of Mark, which was the first of the gospels to be written. We just read from chapter 1, which is the prologue of that gospel. A prologue is to give readers the background they need to follow the story that is to be unfolded in the book. Although we read only the first eight verses, when the prologue goes on from there to tell of Jesus coming to the Jordan River to be baptized by John, it places what follows in a timeframe and geographical context. And by describing the Spirit descending like a dove on Jesus at his baptism and the voice identifying him as God's Son, "the Beloved," Mark establishes Jesus' identity.

And that's all.
The undistorted Christmas message

One indicator of that change is in Jesus' announcement that "the time is fulfilled." We know the Old Testament that many people in Israel were looking for a new action from God, some intervention in the course of history that would change things dramatically. The focal point of this new action was the hope for a messiah, a savior who would rescue Israel from its domination by the Roman Empire and lead it to new heights of security, peace and glory.

Thus, when Jesus says the time is fulfilled, he is saying that that waiting period is over. And that would be reason for the people of Israel to rejoice, though they did not yet understand that he had not come to be a savior in the political or military sense.

Christians today understand these words of Jesus about the time being fulfilled as applying to them as well. For people who feel cut off from God by their sins, the coming of Jesus is the beginning of a new way to be reconnected with God and made holy. Thus, the coming of Jesus, whether you're thinking of his birth or his appearance at the Jordan, is good news, the start of God's new saving action in the world.

The other momentous indicator is in Jesus' claim that "the kingdom of God has come near." This is a critical piece of the announcement because if Jesus had only said that the time was fulfilled,

that by itself could be the beginning of worse news. The new saving action might have been launched but proven to be no more effective than the old covenant, the one based on law. But by saying the kingdom had drawn near, he was communicating that things were going according to God's plan.

Finally, Jesus also told his hearers how to become a part of the kingdom: "Repent and believe in the good news."

The time is fulfilled.
Following Jesus

Now that's all well and good if you see yourself as a sinner in need of God's forgiveness. But if you don't see yourself that way — and many people today do not — then you may not connect with the Incarnation on a personal level. If you don't have a sense that you need a savior, then what's the point of celebrating his birth?

Well, how about simply celebrating Jesus himself? There are people who aren't too keen on the church in general who nonetheless declare that they like Jesus. We should note that one of the ways the early church evangelized the world was by telling the story of the grown-up Jesus. In fact, those early narratives about Jesus kept growing until they became the four gospels.

If we follow the story of Jesus further, we meet someone who calls us to be his disciples, which means, in part, living by the Sermon on the Mount. He calls us to a life that matters.

And if we continue to follow it, we find a man who made that kingdom vision so appealing and urgent that some people felt threatened, and thus Jesus had to pay for his teaching with his life. That's a person we can admire, whose birth we can celebrate and whose example we can follow.

Of course, there is more, for there is the defeat of death itself and his return in the Resurrection, which, for one thing, was God's way of putting his stamp of approval on what Jesus had done.

Enough for a start

Most of us are going to celebrate Christmas in one way or another. For some, it will be with the recognition that we need a savior. For others, it will be a recognition that a great person with great vision was born. That, too, is reason for celebration. We ought not let it end there, though, for there is the grown-up Jesus' call to follow him. But it is enough for a start.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT PIONEER CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Pioneer Christian Ministries cordially invites all to come and join and see all the shining twinkling stars and watch the "Little Drummer Boys" as they march. Notice the littlest angels fluttering wings and how they stop when kneeling beside the manger of Baby Jesus.

Enjoy the legend of "Silent Night" and how the words of this gentle carol were composed on a blustery winter's night in 1818 in Austria.

This is an "American Christmas" and will enjoy the "Story of the Pine cone" and what it represents.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 21st at 10:30 a.m. Pioneer Christian Ministries is located on 637, six miles north of Grover Hill and west on T-108. Please join us for this Christmas celebration.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Luke 16:26 - What separated the rich man from Lazarus?

2. Luke 16:26 - Can one travel from one place to another, where Abraham and the rich man are?

3. Luke 16:27 - What favor did the rich man ask Abraham?

4. Luke 16:28 - How many brothers did the rich man have?

5. Luke 16:28 - Who did the rich man want to send to his brothers?

6. Luke 16:28 - What was this man to tell the rich man's brothers?

7. Luke 16:29 - What did Abraham tell the rich man?

8. Thought question: What seals our destiny on earth as to whether we will be in heaven or hell?

9. Luke 16:30 - A word in this verse tells us what the rich man didn't do?

10. Thought question: Name a person that Jesus raised from the dead, and the Pharisees did not believe him? Read John chapters 11-12.

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

Answers to questions:

1. A great gulf; 2. No; 3. That he would send Lazarus; 4. Five; 5. Lazarus; 6. Testify; 7. They have Moses; 8. Death; 9. Repent; 10. Lazarus; Read chapter 11.

Now, we notice in verse 20 that Lazarus was laid at the rich man's gate. Apparently someone or people had carried him there. Lazarus didn't ask for much in life, just to receive the crumbs from the rich man's table. We notice also that Lazarus was in need of medicine for his sores, so the dogs licked his sores; was it God's fault that Lazarus was in such a condition? The answer is no, God is not the cause of what is happening to Lazarus, but God is the answer to Lazarus problem.

Loved ones, we as a people are very responsive to blaming someone and usually God is the culprit that gets the blame for everything. Loved ones, God is the answer to the problems we face each day. Folks we are people and we allow these things to come

into our lives. Lazarus had a problem, but as far as we read in this story, God was blessing him with someone taking Lazarus where he could have food, his sores were being taken care of. Loved ones, in this story we read that Lazarus died and the angels carried him to Abraham's bosom. Oh yes, how wonderful heaven will be after the judgment, for the teachings of both the Old and New Testaments.

"Ol Baldy" loves you and just pray that you will continue to pray and read and study the New Testament? Luv ya!

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT TWIN OAKS UMC

Please join us as we celebrate the wonderful birth of Jesus Christ! A candlelight Christmas Eve service with communion will be observed 9:00 p.m. at Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, Harmon Street in Oakwood, Ohio. You are invited to partake of the blessed elements and holy service with us.



DIVINE MERCY STUDENTS PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Divine Mercy has been hard at work preparing for their Christmas program. The program will have two showing times this year. The Christmas program will take place on Thursday, December 18 at 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. There will also be a cookie walk from 4:00-6:30 p.m. Pictured above are Allison Dyson (Mary) and Jacob Graham (Joseph).

MVNU HONORS CINCINNATI POLICE CHIEF WITH ALUMNI AWARD

Mount Vernon Nazarene University has honored Cincinnati Chief of Police Jeffrey Blackwell with the MVNU Distinguished Alumni Service Award (DASA). The DASA is the highest award given by the MVNU Alumni Association. Blackwell graduated from MVNU in '06 with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration.

After graduating from MVNU, Blackwell continued his education by attending the Columbus Police Academy, the Southern Police Institute Internal Affairs School, and the Police Executive Leadership College. He is a twenty-six-year veteran of the Columbus Police Department. During his tenure with the department, he served in numerous positions. As an officer, he worked in patrol, traffic, street crime enforcement, and cold-case homicide. As a Sergeant, he worked in internal affairs as a burglary detective and as a tactical leader in the narcotics area. Finally, as a Lieutenant in patrol, administration, and traffic, he developed "Quick-

CHRISTMAS PIZZA TREAT



As a wonderful Christmas treat, the children of Divine Mercy Catholic School enjoyed scrumptious pizza from Puckerbrush of Payne, OH. Pictured above is Mr. Brian Martin, own-

er of Puckerbrush and a former student of Divine Mercy Catholic School. All children filled their tummies and enjoyed the pizza tremendously!

Clear," a traffic management protocol for expeditiously removing accidents and obstructions in the streets.

On September 30, 2013, Blackwell took the oath of office and became the fourteenth Police Chief of the Cincinnati Police Department. He was selected from a large pool of candidates after an intensive nationwide search. As Police Chief, he has focused on forging new relationships with federal, state, and local organizations and has worked to maximize collaboration throughout the entire city with an emphasis on marginalized areas. He has been instrumental in developing an inaugural series of Town Hall Meetings that provide an opportunity for Cincinnati citizens to communicate directly with city officials. He has concentrated his efforts on building relationships and trust with citizens and on improving human connectivity between the Cincinnati Police Department and residents to further reduce crime. Authenticity and transparency are essential elements of his crime-reduction strategy.

Chief Blackwell was honored with the Distinguished Alumni Service Award during MVNU's 2014 Homecoming weekend. The award is conferred on an MVNU graduate who demonstrates outstanding professional achievements, works selflessly for church and community service, and exemplifies the university motto: "To Seek to Learn is to Seek to Serve."

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

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Fellowship Church
(Meeting at Riverside Family Center; Located at the corner of 192 & SR. 49, Antwerp)
Worship Service
6:00 pm Sunday Evenings
Pastor Max Begley

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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
Location: On Franke Road; 3 miles South of Hwy 30 and 2 1/2 miles North of Monroeville Road.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It seems almost embarrassing that a redneck county like Paulding County can suffer the robbing of a local credit union twice in two months by big city 'gangstas'. When I was in Costa Rica in '05, my wife and I stayed in a resort in a small town called Tamarindo. Across the street was a bank. In front of the bank stood a uniformed man with a 12 gauge riot gun. When the bank was open it was

guarded. That kind of thing couldn't be done here though. What would the insurance company think? What if someone got hurt and we got sued? How much would it cost? What if we got called racist because the robbers seemed to be of a different race than the local population? It would be too politically incorrect in the USA to guard the bank as the Costa Ricans do. How long can the little credit union in the vulnerable spot east of Antwerp survive this abuse?

—Phillip Piersma

THE \$7 MILLION UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

By: Lawrence S. Wittner

In a recent article about Shirley Jackson, the president since 1999 of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)—a private university located in Troy, New York—the Chronicle of Higher Education revealed that, in 2012 (the latest year for which statistics are available), she received over \$7 million from that institution. Like many modern campus administrators, President Jackson was also given a large mansion, first class air travel, and a chauffeured luxury car to transport her around the campus.

Due to the fact that Jackson also serves on at least five corporate boards, including those of IBM and Marathon Oil, she supplements this income with more than a million dollars a year from these sources.

Despite repeated complaints about Jackson from faculty and students, RPI's board of trustees has invariably expressed its total confidence in her. Indeed, the board

chair recently declared that she is worth every penny of her substantial income. This unwavering support appears to be based not only upon Jackson's fundraising prowess, but upon the corporate approach that she and the board share.

A key component of this corporate approach is embodied in Jackson's development and implementation of the Rensselaer Plan, a venture that includes an enormous construction program at a staggering cost. Worried about their institution falling behind rivals in the race to build a high-powered, modern campus, trustees found this university expansion deeply satisfying. But it also meant that RPI ran up its debt to \$828 million--over six times its level when Jackson took office. As a result, Moody's downgraded RPI's credit rating twice, and describes the financial outlook for RPI as "negative."

Of course, when operating as a business, there are many ways to pay a top executive's hefty salary and recoup huge financial losses. As is the practice on other campuses, RPI employs a considerable number of adjunct faculty members--part-timers paid by the course, with pitiful salaries, no benefits, and no guarantee of employment beyond the semester in which they are teaching. One of these adjuncts, Elizabeth Gordon, was paid \$4,000 a course--about \$10 an hour by her estimates. "Because the pay was so low," she recalled, "it was like being a volunteer serving the community." But, as the size of her RPI writing classes grew, she became concerned that the pace of grading, student meetings, and course preparation was undermining her health, which she lacked the insurance to cover. So she quit. Many other adjuncts, however, are still at RPI, scraping by on poverty-level wages and enriching President Jackson.

RPI's adjuncts once had a voice on campus, as some of them served on RPI's Faculty Senate. But that came to an end in 2007, when Jackson abolished that entity. From the administration's standpoint, the abolition of the Senate had the welcome effect of not only depriving adjuncts of their minimal influence, but of crippling the power of regular faculty, as well. The previous year, a faculty vote of no confidence in Jackson's leadership had been only narrowly defeated. Thus, the administration's abolition of the Faculty Senate served as a pre-emptive strike. Asked by irate faculty to investigate the situation, the American Association of University Professors condemned the administration's action as violating the basic principles of shared governance. The administration responded that RPI "has never recognized the role of the AAUP in what we regard as an internal issue." Ultimately, faculty resistance collapsed, leaving faculty powerlessness and demoralization in its wake.

The Jackson administration, using what union organizers charged were tactics of intimidation, also succeeded in defeating efforts to unionize RPI's downtrodden campus janitors and cafeteria workers. During one union campaign among janitors, the lead organizer recalled, security guards threw him off campus and the administration fired a janitor on the organizing committee.

In a further effort to cover the administration's costly

priorities, student tuition was raised substantially during the Jackson years. In 2013-14, it reached \$45,100-\$25,608 above the average tuition at New York's four-year colleges. Of course, beyond tuition, there are expenses for college fees, room, board, and books, placing RPI's own estimate of student costs for attendance in 2014-2015 at \$64,194. Perhaps to soften the blow to students of this enormous price tag or to signal them about what type of school this is, the RPI web page remarks helpfully that "many of our professors have close ties with top global corporations."

Having created the very model of an undemocratic, corporate university, President Jackson is appropriately imperious. According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, she has a series of rules that are clear to everyone. These include: 1) Only she is authorized to set the temperature in conference rooms; 2) Cabinet members all rise when she enters the room; 3) If food is served at a meeting, vice presidents clear her plate; and 4) She is always to be publicly introduced as "The Honorable Shirley Ann Jackson." Falling into rages on occasion, she publicly abuses her staff and frequently remarks: "You know, I could fire you all." In 2011, RPI's Student Senate passed a resolution criticizing her "abrasive style," "top-down leadership," and the climate of "fear" she had instilled among administrators and staff. It even called upon RPI's board of trustees to consider Jackson's removal from office. But, once again, the board merely rallied in her defense.

Perhaps, though, the response of the board of trustees is not surprising. After all, developments at RPI are very much in line with trends at institutions of higher education: inflating administration salaries; exploiting adjunct faculty, regular faculty, and other workers; strengthening administration power; raising tuition to astronomical heights; and, above all, running colleges and universities like modern business enterprises. RPI actually presents us with a glimpse of the future of higher education—a future that we might not like very much.

SECOND ROBBERY AT GENFED FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION



At 12:50 p.m. on December 11, 2014 a call was received in regards to an Armed Robbery occurring at GenFed Financial located on road 424 just east of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio.

Responding officers discovered four suspects entered the bank brandishing handguns and demanded cash from the three tellers. The suspects were wearing hooded jackets with different styles of face coverings. None of the bank tellers were injured during the robbery. The suspects did get away with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Two of the suspects were wearing gray hooded jackets, and two were wearing black jackets. The suspects fled the scene in a gray or silver SUV west-bound from the bank.

"This bank was robbed on October 22, 2014, and the same method was utilized today, said Sheriff Landers. It makes me sick that these tellers had to experience one bank robbery in their life and now another. I am disappointed I have not been able to apprehend the suspects from the first robbery, because I am convinced these were the same criminals today."

The FBI and Antwerp Police Department assisted the Sheriff's Office at the scene.

If anyone has information regarding this incident or any other crime, please contact the Sheriff's Office at 419-399-3791. You can also leave information via Facebook by



searching Facebook/Paulding County Sheriff's Office. View our website at www.pauldingohsheriff.com and leave an email for the sheriff. Or you may also leave an anonymous tip via the website by scrolling to the bottom of any page and clicking on "send us an anonymous tip."

—Jason K. Landers, Sheriff

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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

Broughton: Kohart's Surplus & Salvage

Bryan: Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center

Cecil: Cecil Elevator, Maramart, Vagabond

Charloe: Charloe Store

Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware

Defiance: Newman's Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots

Edgerton: Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Frager's Barbershop, Utilities Office

Grover Hill: Ross' Gas Station, N&N, Quick Stop

Grabill: Do-It Best Hardware, Save-A-Lot

Hicksville: Cline's Market, Hickory Hills Golf Course, Sailers, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, H2O, Senior Center

Melrose: Uncle Fudd's Diner, Morning Star Convenience Store

Oakwood: Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, Phil's Diner, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware

Paulding: Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Hol-

ly Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Country Inn Living Center, Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW Post 587

Payne: Lichty's Barber Shop, Payne Super Valu, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza

Scott: Scott Variety Store

Sherwood: Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank,

Van Wert: Pak-A-Sak, Short Stop, Family Video, Orchard Tree, BalyEat's, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market, Walmart

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Walmart (Maysville Rd)

Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales

Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Harlan Cafe, iAB Bank

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

Monroeville: Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General

New Haven: Curves, Milan Center, New Haven Branch Library, Ken's Meat Market, New Haven Bakery, Broadway Deli, Paterson Hardware, Richard's Restaurant, New Haven Chamber

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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS: BUILD A JEEP OUT OF THE ASHES

By: Stan Jordan

Let me tell you the rest of the story about how we got our own Jeep. The Jeep received its name for being a G.P. or general purpose vehicle for WWII. There were hundreds of them in England. The Col. and I took the bent wheels and ruined tires off the chassis we found. The boys returned with two good wheels and tires. They had found a usable top and side curtains, with all the brackets and bows to make it sort of waterproof and wind-proof. They also found an extra five gallon gasoline can and bracket.

The eight of us loaded the chassis into the body of our 2x4 truck. All the spare parts were loaded separate. The two right hand tires and wheel were off.

The Col. showed the guard at the gate his top security pass and the guard waved us on through. Rank has its privileges.

We unloaded the Jeep and all the spare parts in the back end of our hangar, and then went to supper in the Col.'s Jeep and our truck.

Lt. Barnes made a lot of points with the Col. as he said, "Let's stay here in the barracks tonight and play a few rounds of euchre." We had had a long day and that is just what we did. One of the boys had a package from home with a birthday cake surrounded by popcorn. There was plenty to go around. That was a fine end to a good day.

We went on dawn patrol this morning all the way over to Caen. We found some locomotives in the railroad yards. We shot them up and there was a couple of big cranes used to make track repairs so we blew them apart with a couple of rockets.

We took some ground fire from some anti-aircraft units and my plane got a hole in the tail surface. Lt. Nelson took a big hole in the fuselage behind the cockpit, but the plane got him home alright.

It has rained all day to-

day so we all worked on getting our Jeep drivable. It not only rained, but the wind has blown something fierce for a couple of days. This is the first week in June of 1944.

Well, the time has come. What we have been waiting for the Invasion. Col. Bainbridge came over around 2:00 a.m. and said the Invasion is on for today, June 6, 1944.

It will be in the Normandy Sector not the Calais area as the Germans figured. The Col. wants us to patrol around the Calais area to help make them think the Invasion will be there. He said, "Make all the trips you can and destroy whatever you can."

See ya!

A REPORT ON THE EAGLES

By: Stan Jordan

All of the foliage and leaves have fallen from the trees and the eagles nest is very visible from the south side of the Maumee.

I have gotten a number of reports of sightings this fall. The eagles all seem to be healthy and growing.

Robert Bland is a bird watcher and reporter on the eagles pretty regular. He was telling me that a few days ago he saw five eagles on the ground a little ways off the country road eating at a carcass, probably a deer. There was a pair of adult eagles that are easy to spot because of their white head. The other three were probably their young from the past. Our pair of adults usually have two young. The third was probably a young one at another date. The young ones don't have a completely white head until they are three years or more.

If you are interested in seeing the eagles nest here in Antwerp, it is now fairly visible. Just stay on East River Street or CR 424 at the east end of Veterans Memorial Park and look across the river. Bring your camera and field glasses you might be lucky enough to see the birds...

I was talking to the Honorable Corky Hughes, our Carryall Township trustee for many years, the other day and it had been reported to him that a snow owl had been spotted just north of the Maumee River.

Now, last year they reported about the snow owls all the way from the Defiance/Paulding County Line to SR 114.

We thought at that time that maybe they were forced this far south because of the bad winter. It seems like may-

be a little early for that.

Anyway if you see a snow owl in the coming weeks please let me know. Maybe they are becoming common to this area.

See ya!



The Correct Way To Call The Police (Not Really)

George Phillips of Meridian, MS, was going up to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. George opened the back door to go turn off the light but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things.

He phoned the police, who asked, "Is an intruder in your house?" and he said no. Then they said the patrols were all busy and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be along when available. George said, "Okay," hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called a few seconds ago because there were people in my shed. Well you don't have to worry about them now 'cause I just shot them all." Then he hung up.

Within 5 minutes, three police cars, an Armed Response Unit, and an ambulance showed up at the Phillips residence. Of course, the police caught the burglars red handed.

One of the policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"

George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

MORE THAN 65,000 DEER CHECKED DURING OHIO'S WEEKLONG GUN HUNTING SEASON

Hunters checked 65,485 white-tailed deer during Ohio's 2014 gun hunting season, December 1-7, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

Rifles using specific straight-walled cartridges were allowed during Ohio's deer-gun season. Gun hunters took advantage of the new opportunity and checked 5,360 deer with straight-walled cartridge rifles.

Hunters have checked 148,830 deer so far in all 2014 hunting seasons, compared to 162,720 at the same point last year. Hunters harvested 75,408 deer during the 2013 deer-gun season.

Until recently, the populations in nearly all of Ohio's counties were above their target numbers. In the last few years, through increased harvests, dramatic strides have been made in many counties to bring those populations closer toward their goal, and the effectiveness of these herd management efforts are reflected in the number of deer checked this season. Once a county's deer population is near goal, harvest regulations are adjusted to maintain the population.

Counties reporting the highest number of checked

deer during the 2014 gun season: Coshocton (2,308), Muskingum (2,084), Tuscarawas (2,074), Guernsey (1,788), Ashtabula (1,730), Knox (1,727), Licking (1,655), Harrison (1,491), Carroll (1,477) and Belmont (1,428).

Hunting is the best and most effective management tool for maintaining Ohio's healthy deer population. During the 2013-2014 hunting season, Ohio hunters checked 191,459 deer. Ohio ranks fifth nationally in resident hunters and 11th in the number of jobs associated with hunting-related industries. Hunting has a more than \$853 million economic impact in Ohio through the sale of equipment, fuel, food, lodging and more, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation's Hunting in America: An Economic Force for Conservation publication.

The ODNR Division of Wildlife remains committed to properly managing Ohio's deer populations through a combination of regulatory and programmatic changes. The goal of Ohio's Deer Management Program is to provide a deer population that maximizes recreational opportunities, while minimizing conflicts with landowners and motorists. This ensures that Ohio's deer herd is maintained at a level that is both acceptable to most, and biologically sound.

Find more information about deer hunting in the Ohio 2014-2015 Hunting and Trapping Regulations or at wildohio.gov. An updated deer harvest report is posted online each Wednesday. Archery season remains open through Sunday, February 1, 2015. The muzzleloader season is January 2-5, 2015.

Ohio's first modern day deer-gun season opened in 1943 in three counties, and hunters harvested 168 deer. Deer hunting was allowed in all 88 counties in 1956, and hunters harvested 3,911 deer during that one-week season.

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.

Editor's Note: A list of all white-tailed deer checked by hunters during weeklong 2014 deer-gun hunting season is shown below. The first number following the county's name shows the harvest numbers for 2014, and the 2013 numbers are in parentheses.

- Adams: 1,134 (1,343);
- Allen: 348 (380); Ashland: 1,160 (1,162); Ashtabula: 1,730 (2,334); Athens: 1,360 (1,745); Auglaize: 278 (299); Belmont: 1,428 (1,851); Brown: 940 (932); Butler: 308 (312); Carroll: 1,477 (2,019); Champaign: 434 (414); Clark: 195 (198); Clermont: 685 (667); Clinton: 285 (250); Columbiana: 1,245 (1,726); Coshocton: 2,308 (2,658); Crawford: 515 (528); Cuyahoga: 24 (31); Darke: 241 (170); Defiance: 871 (744); Delaware: 422 (393); Erie: 219 (176); Fairfield: 708 (827); Fayette: 142 (103); Franklin: 124 (113); Fulton: 336 (341); Gallia: 1,220 (1,420); Geauga: 470 (509); Greene: 213 (224); Guernsey: 1,788 (2,401); Hamilton: 165 (202); Hancock: 443 (338); Hardin: 487 (544); Harrison: 1,491 (2,133); Henry: 334 (326); Highland: 1,004 (1,041); Hocking: 1,195 (1,456); Holmes: 1,349 (1,494);

Huron: 921 (1,029); Jackson: 968 (1,156); Jefferson: 1,120 (1,494); Knox: 1,727 (1,966); Lake: 138 (126); Lawrence: 779 (1,002); Licking: 1,655 (1,887); Logan: 672 (653); Lorain: 646 (678); Lucas: 105 (131); Madison: 154 (127); Mahoning: 555 (750); Marion: 340 (348); Medina: 567 (555); Meigs: 1,270 (1,482); Mercer: 206 (219); Miami: 250 (211); Monroe: 1,056 (1,337); Montgomery: 130 (109); Morgan: 1,207 (1,445); Morrow: 671 (640); Muskingum: 2,084 (2,604); Noble: 1,031 (1,454); Ottawa: 121 (88); Paulding: 509 (499); Perry: 1,160 (1,362); Pickaway: 330 (343); Pike: 701 (818); Portage: 451 (568); Preble: 272 (274); Putnam: 315 (255); Richland: 1,159 (1,182); Ross: 1,106 (1,167); Sandusky: 261 (208); Scioto: 761 (1,099); Seneca: 710 (747); Shelby: 397 (371); Stark: 759 (883); Summit: 122 (140); Trumbull: 983 (1,298); Tuscarawas: 2,074 (2,604); Union: 313 (301); Van Wert: 283 (214); Vinton: 1,032 (1,424); Warren: 321 (285); Washington: 1,409 (1,606); Wayne: 639 (724); Williams: 831 (838); Wood: 389 (213); Wyandot: 749 (690). Total: 65,485 (75,408).

FIRST FEDERAL BANK & FIRST INSURANCE GROUP DONATES IN COMPANY-WIDE PAY IT FORWARD DAY

First Federal Bank and First Insurance Group know what it means to Pay it Forward. The community bank and agency have donated more than \$15,000 in a company-wide Pay it Forward event that included over 550 random acts of kindness and eight donations to non-profit organizations in their footprint totaling \$10,000.

"It has been exciting to see the positive impact our employees have been able to make in our communities," said Donald Hileman, President and CEO of First Defiance. "Pay it Forward events get our employees out into the communities to live our mission of serving and supporting the places where we live and work."

On November 19th, every employees received ten dollars to "Pay it Forward." They did random acts of kindness in their communities such as delivering a gift basket to a patient receiving

chemotherapy treatment, treated local police and fire departments to lunch and paid for a stranger's utility bill.

In return, First Federal Bank and First Insurance Group asked community members to go online and vote who the company should Pay it Forward to next. Out of the eight selected non-profit organizations, voters chose Ovarian Cancer Connection to receive a \$2,500 donation. A total of \$10,000 was given away to all eight non-profit organizations. The Boys and Girls Club of Lenawee County received a \$1,500 donation and Equestrian Therapy Program, Habitat for Humanity of Lenawee County, Junior Achievement of Northwestern Ohio, Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Habitat for Humanity of Wood County and Hope House of Findlay each received a \$1,000 donation.

Each organization will use the donation to help fulfill their mission; Ovarian Cancer Connections will use the \$2,500 to would help provide financial assistance for survivors who are in need of assistance.

First Federal Bank and First Insurance Group will continue to Pay it Forward and encourage others to take the opportunity to make someone's day a little brighter. Through even the smallest acts of kindness, we'll make our community - better together.

MR. & MRS. GEORGE STIEGLITZ CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

George Stieglitz and Joyce Rarabaugh were married at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, IN, on December 4, 1964 by Rev. Ellsworth D. Busch. George retired from North American Phillips (Magnavox) after 34 years of service. Joyce was the office and billing clerk for Maysville Regional Water and Sewage District for 26 years and a homemaker.

They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner at the Holiday Inn across from the Coliseum on November 28th with their children and grandchildren and also a tour of seven countries in Europe in September.

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GUILTLESS TIPS FOR PIZZA LOVERS

The Nurturing Well by: Jill Starbuck

Whether you like yours with pepperoni and mushroom, thick or thin crust, extra cheese or light cheese, pizza is one of America's favorite meals. In fact, most Americans eat pizza, with 94% of us eating at least one pizza per month. Through nearly 70,000 pizzerias, we sell more than three billion pizzas each year! This equates to approximately 100 acres of pizza every day or 350 slices per second. Pizza is in such hot demand that the industry commands a whopping \$40 billion, with Pizza Hut, Domino's, Papa John's, and Little Caesars topping the list of pizza chains.

Many of us love pizza for its variety, adding different ingredients each time we order one. We love it because it is one of the few meals in which we can get all five food groups in one sitting—if you include the right ingredients. For instance, you can choose a Hawaiian pizza that includes fruit (pineapple), protein (Canadian bacon), vegetables (onions, mushrooms, etc.), dairy (cheese), and grains (crust). Voilà!

OK. Using pizza as a great nutritious meal may be stretching it. However, pizza doesn't always need to carry a bad reputation with it. While pizza often contains high fat content, loads of sodium, and many calories, we can control how much of these we consume. For healthier options, consider the following when ordering your next pizza.

1. Hold the cheese. What?! Pizza isn't pizza without the cheese you may say. If you can't live without the cheese, then consider ordering half the amount of cheese. Or order your pizza without cheese and lightly sprinkle grated parmesan on it for flavor.

2. Load it with veggies. Veggies provide fiber and flavor with few calories. Plus, they are filling.

3. Thin it out. Avoid stuffed crust or deep dish pizza that typically consists of deep fried crust. Request wheat crust if available.

4. Choose low-fat meat. Rather than pizza favorites such as pepperoni and sausage, try chicken, shrimp, or Canadian bacon instead of the higher fat choices.

5. Blot it. Blotting the oil off pizza can save you 20 to 50 calories per slice. If eating more than one slice, this can

add up!

Naturally, there may be times when you just want to splurge and get the meat lovers or extra cheese versions. In these situations, you can try other tricks to help avoid pizza overload. For instance, you can cut the pizza into smaller slices so you are more likely to stop when you are full. If you get a large slice of pizza, you are more likely to eat the whole slice, even after you are full. Or try eating a salad or a piece of fruit beforehand so you are less likely to overdo it on the main meal. Bon appetit!

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2nd ANNUAL SILENT NIGHT BASKETBALL GAME AT FAIRVIEW

For the December 23rd home boys' basketball game against North Central, the Fairview Student section will be hosting the 2nd annual "Silent Night" game.

The theme for the game will be costume night (school appropriate). Students will be wearing a range of different outfits.

The "Silent Night" part comes into effect at the start of the Varsity game. The entire student section will sit down and not say a single word or make a single sound until the 10th point is scored by our team. Once the 10th point is scored, the student section will erupt with school spirit. (A goal will be to get the opposing team to call a timeout because of the noise, like last year.)

The Fairview Athletic Department encourages the students and parents to participate in the "Silent Night" to continue to make it a yearly tradition. Parents do not have to wear costumes, but they can wear black shirts and follow the rule to remain silent until the 10th point is scored. With a little pride and spirit this can continue to be something very special and historical.

Please spread the word to anyone and everyone that will be attending the game. Last year's attempt was a HUGE success and hopefully it will be even better this year!

NOTE: If there is no game Tuesday the 23rd, the "Silent Night" will be rescheduled for Saturday January 31, 2015 versus Stryker.

Free admission to those students who participate. Follow the FHS Student Section on Twitter© for themes and updates! @the_apaches

This event was inspired by an idea adopted at Taylor University.

WAYNE TRACE OVERPOWERS PAULDING



Cole Shepherd scores for Wayne Trace. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Wayne Trace's Luke Miller dives into the crowd for the ball. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The annual game between Paulding and Wayne Trace took place on Saturday, December 13 at the Palace. The Raiders won the JV game 42-37 and the varsity match was able to start early.

The Raiders scored the first baskets, and quickly, the boys had an early lead with Corbin Linder's points. Paulding was trounced in the first 7 minutes of the quarter with a 19-5 lead. It was nearly devastating for the Panthers as the tried to hold on to the ball. The turnovers wouldn't stop. It wasn't until a getaway break when Paulding's Treston Gonzales stole a pass, ran down to their basket and dunks the ball, starting the Paulding revival. With a minute left in the first quarter, the Paulding boys were able to score another 7 points with Alex Arellano leading the charge.

The second quarter, the game was much more controlled with both teams doing well. Luke Miller had a great

first half and Wayne Trace still kept the lead but it was near the difference seen by the first quarter. By the half, the score was 33-24 and both teams scored the same in the fourth quarter.

By the fourth quarter, Wayne Trace kept their lead and eventually finished with the lead with a final score of 69-54.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 22 11 15 21=69

Paulding - 13 11 10 20=54

Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace - Ethan Linder 20; Luke Miller 16; Corbin Linder 12; Davin Sinn 11; Jake Arend 1; Cole Shepherd 9

Paulding - Alex Arellano 23; Treston Gonzales 14; Corbin Edwards 3; Ben Heilshorn 3; Preston Ingol 4; Jarrett Sitton 7

Alex Arellano, Luke Miller and Ethan Linder each scored 2 3-point baskets.

COMMITTEE'S #RECORDS SUCCESS GROWS WITH PASSAGE OF BILL TO ADDRESS PROPANE SHORTAGES & PRICE SPIKES

The House Energy and Commerce Committee expanded its record of success with the House of Representatives' approval of H.R. 5705, the Propane Education and Research Enhancement Act of 2014. Committee member Bob Latta (R-OH) and Rep. Tim Walz (D-MN) authored the bipartisan legislation, which directs the U.S. Department of Com-

merce to more accurately calculate consumer propane costs to help prevent future price spikes.

Millions of Americans were forced to pay extreme heating prices last winter due to propane shortages. This bill helps provide relief to families across the country by allowing the propane industry to adequately address supply and pricing issues.

"Last winter, a combination of weather conditions, high demand and infrastructure challenges led to propane shortages in Ohio and throughout the Midwest," said Latta. "Reduced capacity and the resulting high prices

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at all five businesses were eligible to enter a drawing for a cash prize. Winners were Paula Renninger and Addi Meyer. Other winners of the day included Gingerbread House participants. For the People's Choice award, there was a tie between Brames Farms and Evan Hormann. Arizona Brames was named second place winner, with Madison Cross as third place winner. Congratulations to all of the winners and to the businesses for putting on a beautiful, annual holiday tradition!



Staff at Blueberry Pancake House.

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Four members of Rip It Fit Club Fitness running club accomplished a Spartan Obstacle Mud Run triecta this year. Sprint 5 miles and 15 obstacles, Super 8 miles and 20 obstacles, beast 15 miles

and 30 obstacles. We have ran in Ohio, Indiana and Chicago for several different races this year. Jamey Hinschlager, Marcia Mohre, Reta Ptak, Simona Jackman.

of propane were especially harmful for homeowners, businesses and farmers - placing many of their lives and livelihoods at risk. The Propane Education Research Enhancement Act is one of the many ways we're working with all parties involved to ensure hardworking American families do not face the same heating challenges in the future, and I thank Chairman Upton and Congressman Walz for their assistance on this bipartisan effort."

House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI) added, "Last year's harsh winter was compounded by propane shortages, driving up heating costs and threatening the livelihoods of families in Michigan and across the Midwest. To prevent a repeat of this disaster, we have

been working with states and industry to address the underlying issues to ensure families have access to the affordable energy they need to heat their homes. This bipartisan bill offers a common-sense solution to help mitigate future disruptions, and I thank Rep. Latta and Rep. Walz for their leadership on this important issue."

The Propane Education and Research Enhancement Act of 2014 clarifies Congress' intent in the Propane Education and Research Act (PERA), requiring the Department of Commerce to use proper data to calculate consumer prices. It would also allow the Propane Education and Research Council to improve training for distributors and consumers to help mitigate the negative effects of propane price spikes.

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Wayne Trace's Max Rassman wins over his Hicksville opponent in a first period pin. The Raiders beat the Aces, 66-18. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Wayne Trace wrestling team traveled to Lincolnview on December 13th to compete against 14 other schools in the Lincolnview Invitational. Wayne Trace would be short one wrestler, as senior Jacob Dingus is recovering from injury and would be a couple of weight spots empty as wrestlers continue to work towards their weights they will be wrestling the remainder of the season. Still, the red, white, and blue would easily walk away with this tournament scoring 301 team points followed by Spencerville 222, and Ada with 206.

"I thought we came out and wrestled really well for our first tournament. Many of the guys picked up right where they left off from last year. We have a great mix in the lineup with some experience and some new varsity wrestlers, and we need to bring those younger men up to the level of some of our wrestlers. Overall, I am very excited. Sure, there is room for improvement, but I think we have a high ceiling this year," commented Coach Clemens.

George Clemens IV would wrestle is way to first place honors on the day. He would be tested twice on the day by a very competitive Ada wrestler, but would prevail both matches. His first place match on the blue mat at Lincolnview will surely be a memory, as not only had he wrestled this way to be a champion on the day, but also to his 100th career victory.

At 126, Ruger Goeltzenleuchter would put the second Raider wrestler atop the podium for the day. He would dominate in his championship match tech falling his opponent with a score of 22-6. He would finish the day with an unblemished record.

The other champion for Wayne Trace was Tyler Showalter. He would finish tops at 152 with a thrilling match in the championships. He would battle a Fairview wrestler back and forth and find himself down late, however, he would push the pace, gain a stalling call, and put the match into overtime. Showalter would earn the take down in overtime to seal the win.

Seniors Zaine Cotterman and Josh Reel would also place and earn valuable points on the day. Cotterman would battle to a 5th place finish defeating a wrestler from Lehman Catholic and Reel would wrestle to a 6th place spot on the day. Carl Elliott would also garner two wins on the day and earn bonus points for pinning in both of his victories to round out the seniors on the team.

The underclassman would prove themselves in this tournament. Max Rassman would be the highest placing of those for the Raiders. He would find himself in the championship match winning his first four matches with pins, but would fall short in the last match of the day and finish as runner up.

At 138, the red, white, and blue would place two wrestlers. Hunter Showalter

would garner 4th place honors, as Caleb Schultz would finish in 5th. Both would pick up bonus points with earning pins on the day. Brandon Laney would also find his way to the podium at 160, finishing in 4th place and earning two pins for the day. Anthony Baxter would add points gaining his first ever victory.

The heavy weights are filled with freshman for the Raiders this year, and they would prove valuable in the team race. Colton Hower would finish in 8th for the day. Braxton Asher and Quinton Stabler would garner wins and pins for the day and find themselves earning podium spots in their first tournament. Asher would finish 5th and Stabler 4th to round out the placers for Wayne Trace.

"It was a solid day for us. Not only did we win a lot of matches, but we did with pins and gained valuable bonus points for the team race. Freshman matured in front of our eyes in matches, and gained confidence. Less experienced wrestlers stepped up, and we could rely on our more experienced wrestlers throughout the day," stated Coach Clemens. "We are a work in progress, but we will fix what we need to and continue to improve during the season."

The Wayne Trace Wrestling Club and fans would like to congratulate George Clemens IV on his milestone of capturing his 100th victory. Quite an accomplishment to do as a Junior. The Raiders will have a busy week, traveling to Fairview on Tuesday night and Hicksville on Thursday night.

OHIO EPA AWARDS \$42,000 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANT TO OSU EXTENSION FOR MANURE APPLICATION RESEARCH

Expanding the manure application window into late spring and early summer will benefit crops and reduce runoff of nutrients that contribute to harmful algal blooms in Ohio surface waters. A \$42,000 Ohio Environmental Education Fund grant from Ohio EPA to the Ohio State University Extension Service will help fund on-farm demonstration plots in seven western and northwestern Ohio counties.

Ten grants were awarded statewide for \$269,334.

The grant will fund on-farm demonstration projects with livestock producers to demonstrate the application of liquid livestock manure to growing crops for better uptake of nutrients and reduced runoff to local streams compared to manure applications to bare ground after the growing season.

Three new technologies will be used to apply manure to growing wheat and corn in side-by-side comparison to commercial fertilizer. The plots will demonstrate the economic and environmental value of applying manure to growing crops as a method of better capturing the nitrogen, phosphorus and potash in liquid swine and dairy manure.

OSU Extension is working with producers in Darke, Fulton, Hancock, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam and Seneca counties.

The Ohio Environmental Education Fund is administered by Ohio EPA. Eligible

grant recipients include non-profit organizations, public and private schools, colleges and universities, trade or professional associations, businesses and state and local governments.

The next grant application deadline is January 15, 2015, with an electronic letter of intent to apply due by January 8. For additional information, contact the Ohio Environmental Education Fund at (614) 644-2873.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

World Heritage, a non-profit student exchange program, is seeking volunteers to serve as Area Representatives in your local community. World Heritage offers qualified students from around the world, between the age of 15 and 18, the opportunity to spend a high school year or semester in the United States with a host family. World Heritage area representatives are the cornerstone of the organization, making all of this possible!

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Chief Supermarket Manager Tom Eickhoff has worked with Flat Rock Limbhangers for four years, helping the food pantry in Paulding.

(Continued from Page 1) live on what they get paid.

The Caring and Sharing Food Pantry depends on donations of money and food to be able to help people eat and live. This year the Flatrock Limbhangers gave 18 frozen turkeys for people to have a blessed dinner this Christmas season. Jason Messman, president of the club, was there to present the turkeys to Linda along with the treasurer, Wally Owens.

The Flatrock Limbhangers is the Paulding County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF). Last year, the group was able to donate 12 turkeys with the help of Chief Supermarket. This is the fourth year they have partnered to make a difference. In this way the food pantry is appropriately named. The Limbhangers and the food pantry truly appreciate the continued support of Chief Supermarket.

Each year in the month of July, the Flat Rock Limbhangers hold a fund-raising banquet at the fairgrounds in Paulding. The monies raised help support our local programs such as the Turkey Care Program, Scholarships (local, state and national), rakes (youth) and other programs. Look

for the flyers posted in local businesses that, like Chief Supermarket, support the local chapter.

There are times when the food bank is nearly empty and the next day it may have a lot. The Poly-One workers collected lots of food for the pantry and brought in a full pallet of shelf food. The West Ohio Food Bank brings in food monthly. This week the Paulding FFA and United Way donated citrus fruit left from the sale of oranges and grapefruit.

It sounds like there's a lot, but to be honest, it's not. The need is greater than what is coming in. Caring and Sharing need you. Food stamps (EBT) nor can money donated go to paper and hygiene products. Any donations such as toilet paper and paper towels are greatly appreciated. People are allowed to come once per month for food.

Did you know you can also volunteer? The pantry is open every Wednesday and Saturday and volunteers are needed. A person does not have to work every day. They can set their own schedule. Stop in or call Linda at 419-399-9562, and she'll get you working to help the community in this small way, which makes a huge difference.

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TOUGH GAME FOR PAULDING GIRLS



Paulding's Samantha Megison rebounds the ball vs. Ada. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Paulding girls basketball took on Thursday, December 11. Before the game was Parents' Night, where the girls all walked before the crowd, embarrassed by their parents. The JV game was won by Ada.

The game began with Ada scoring the first basket. The Lady Panthers scored early, but not often. They really struggled to make a dent against the Bulldogs. By the end of the first half the score was 11-28, more than Paulding scored the entire game.

The differences mounted the second half while Ada doubled their score. The Paulding girls scored 16 the second half.

Faith Vogel had the most rebounds for Paulding, and overall, beat Ada. The home team just could not get the ball in the basket with the Bulldogs towering over them.

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 4 7 14 2=27
Ada - 15 13 17 11=56
Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Combs 3 (1-3); Vogel 6; Meggison 6; Rein-

hart 5; McCullough 7
Ada - Sutton 1; Amburgey 13 (2-3); Faine 3; Wildman 12 (1-3); Walden 4; H. Wyss 7 (1-3); T. Wyss 14 (1-3); Woods 2
Stats:

Rebounds - Paulding: 24 (Vogel 7); Ada: 21

Turnovers - Paulding 17; Ada 5

Records: Paulding is now 0-4, while Ada is 2-0.

Earlier in the week Paulding took on Hicksville. The Lady Aces overpowered Paulding easily while racking up their own score.

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 8 4 4 5=21
Hicksville - 7 13 14 14=48
Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Combs 4; Vogel 4; Meggison 6; Reinhart 3; McCullough 2; Posey 2

Hicksville - Berenyi 4; Briskey 1; Demland 4; Slatery 8; Taylor 6; Schroeder 8; Bergman 14; Siebenaker 3
Stats:

Rebound - Paulding 21 (Meggison 6); Hicksville 37 (Bergman 13);

Turnovers - Paulding 24; Hicksville 19

ANTWERP FALLS TO FORT JENNINGS

The Archers hosted the Fort Jennings team on Friday, December 12. The first and second quarters were a pretty intense matchup with 16-19 at half. The game continued



Josh Longardner shoots the ball. More pictures at westbendnews.net

on with a slow and steady increase by the guests and by the end of the game the Fort Jennings team declared victory with a 58-49 lead over the Antwerp boys team.

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 12/17 - 12/23

JH/HS Breakfast:
12/17 - Bacon, egg & cheese pocket, juice/fruit, milk
12/18 - Toasty cinnamon biscuit, juice/fruit, milk
12/19 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice/fruit, milk
12/22-23 - No school
JH/HS Lunch:
12/17 - Cheeseburger or Breaded chicken (reg. or spicy), bun, oven potatoes; Toppings: tomato slices, onion, banana peppers, pickles, lettuce, milk
12/18 - Cheese lasagna

Trenton Cosey pulled together some great action as he earned the title of top scorer for the Antwerp team with 20 points. Sam Williamson was close behind with 18; Matt



Jones 5; Trey Mills 3; Dylan Peters 2; Josh Longardner 1.
The Archers were 46% from the field in both 3 point baskets and 2 point field goals. Free-throws were 2-4.

roll w/sauce, lettuce salad, garlic toast OR Pretzel w/cheese dip or marinara sauce, milk
12/19 - Popcorn chicken, corn, potatoes & gravy, cheese bowl, roll OR Salad bar w/meat, vegetables & salads, garlic breadstick, milk
12/22-23 - No school
Paulding Elementary Breakfast:
12/17 - Breakfast pizza, juice/fruit, milk
12/18 - Breakfast burrito, juice/fruit, milk
12/19 - Assorted cereal, juice/fruit, milk
12/22-23 - No school
Paulding Elementary Lunch:
12/17 - French toast, sausage, smiles, tomato juice, fruit, milk
12/18 - Salisbury steak on whole grain bun, smile potatoes, peas, fruit, milk
12/19 - Ravioli, romain blend, broccoli, whole grain bread, fruit, milk
12/22-23 - No school
Oakwood Elementary Breakfast:
12/17 - Breakfast pizza, juice/fruit, milk
12/18 - Breakfast burrito, juice/fruit, milk
12/19 - Assorted cereal, juice/fruit, milk
12/22-23 - No school
Oakwood Elementary Lunch:
12/17 - Whole grain breaded chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, whole grain dinner roll, romaine mixed salad, fruit, milk
12/18 - Pepperoni whole grain breadstick, marinara sauce, corn, fruit, milk
12/19 - Cheese pizza, green beans, bean salad, fruit, milk
12/22-23 - No school

WAYNE TRACE GIRLS WIN FIRST @ HOME



Gracie Gudakunst jump shots the ball in the fourth quarter, adding two points plus the foul shot. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

This is the first game since the Van Wert Classic last week and hit happened to also be the first game at home. The Golden Bears travelled down from Bryan for the competition.

Even though the girls basketball team lost the two games in Van Wert, this one appeared to come easy to them, from their hard work, and putting their record at 1-2.

The JV began the night, handing a powerful defeat to the guest team at 47-22.

Following that, the varsity was fired up for the first quarter and doubled the score of the Bryan team. Brianna Sinn led three point baskets for the Lady Raiders with 6 points from the cheap seats.

The second quarter was once again led by the home team, adding 26 points to board, the best yet for the season.

The score leaders for the Lady Raiders were Danae Myers and Shayna Temple with 14 and 16 respectively.

The third and fourth quarters continued on, with the Wayne Trace girls holding a consistent 20 point lead. The JV team came back in for varsity experience play in the second half the fourth quarter and still performed admirably even though the Lady Bears cut the difference a little.

All the girls had a great night for the first home game of the season.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 8 26 16 9=59

Bryan - 4 13 12 13=42

Top Wayne Trace Scorers:
Shayna Temple 16, Danae Myers 14, Erin Mohr 11, Gracie Gudakunst 6, Brianna Sinn 6, Hollie Wannemacher 3, Brooke Sinn 3

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—Sisterly Woes

Dear Sisterly Woes,

As with all family situations, yours is not so simple. But you said something very important. You love your sister. And it is difficult to give advice without knowing the whole history, but it may be time for a conversation coming from that loving place. On one side your sister needs to know how you feel, but she does not need to feel like she has to defend her adult choices. Nothing good will come from that. But perhaps you might say, "Sister, I love you and I want the very best

for you. You deserve to love and be loved, respect and be respected, and live the fairy tale happy life. If you believe that (fiancé) is that person, I support you 100%. I will never be okay with anything less than that. I hope you will always have the same love, respect, and hopeful standards for yourself. I will celebrate with you for all your dreams and I will have your back when celebration is not warranted...always."

So really, if you love your sister you will be there with and for her. You must respect that she is an adult and makes her own choices. If at any time you feel there are bigger concerns, such as safety concerns, always contact a professional.

—Miss C

***I am ready to answer YOUR questions. You can email me at askmemissc@gmail.com, LIKE my Face-

book page (ASK ME MISS C), or send a correspondence to the West Bend News to my attention!***

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anced attack with Kendall Baker and Audrey Hug with 8 points each. Sami Kime with 7, Riley Mealer 6 and Alexis Rucker 5.

Varsity Wrestling:

The Varsity wrestling team competed at the Lancer Invite Saturday coming away in 4th place out of 15 teams. Jacob Laguna was 2-3 on the day and finished in 4th place at 120 lbs. Reilly Heater went 5-0 on the day with 4 pins and was the 132 lb Champion, Bobby Kelley went 4-1 on the day with 4 pins and losing 14-16 in sudden victory OT to the #8th State ranked wrestler at 152. Bobby placed 2nd but was our team MVP for his tremendous leadership and example he displayed despite losing this final match under controversy. Chase Carpenter went 4-1 on the day with 4 pins and finished 3rd at 182 lbs. Joey Hatchett went 4-0 with 2 pins and was the 285 lb Champion.

MS Wrestling:

Fairview wrestled Paulding and Lincolnview and defeated both teams. They only gave up 1 match to Paulding and 2 matches to Lincolnview!

Swimming:

The highlight of the first swim meet was the 100 fly. Hunter and one of the OG seniors made it a very close race both teams were screaming at the top of their lungs. Hunter won the event: 100 Butterfly – 57.81, 1st; 100 Backstroke – 1:05.19, 1st

Hunter had another impressive day winning the 200IM and the 100 Fly with times of 2:17.89 in the 200 and 58.62 in the 100. Nice Job!

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TWO PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC CO-OP EMPLOYEES COMPLETE APPRENTICE TRAINING PROGRAM



Josh Smith (right) and Andrew Hermiller (left) recently completed the Apprentice Training Program at Paulding-Putnam Electric Co-Op.

Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op employees Josh Smith and Andrew Hermiller recently completed their apprentice program and were recognized for their dedication. The COLT program ran by Ohio Rural Electric Cooperative is designed to teach line worker apprentice the skills to safely operate a distribution system. This includes learning to safely climb poles, the handling of conductors carrying 12,000 volts of energy, and general trouble-shooting.

Both Smith and Hermiller demonstrated their commitment to the line worker career by completing a six week course before they were even hired by

PPEC. They paid the tuition, bought their personal tools and equipment. After PPEC hired them, they were required to attend four weeks of class in Marion, Ohio each of the last three years. Each week of class required many hours of preparation that they did on their own time.

PPEC benefits from Smith and Hermiller's commitment and sacrifice in many areas. Combined with those that have gone before them, PPEC has made this investment to develop an effective and safe work force to benefit our member-owners for the foreseeable future.

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VANTAGE MAKES PHAALS DONATION



Jeff Swick from Putnam County, accepted a \$600 donation from Vantage Career Center's ALS Ice Bucket challenge on behalf of Playing Hardball Against ALS (PHAALS). Pictured with Jeff (center) are Vantage students Derrick Schimmoeller, Brandon Boecker, Terry Dockery, and Bailey Siebert.

Varsity girls beat Lakewood Park 59-38. Ali Hug was leading scorer with 22 and Erin Marshall and Kelsey Beck each had 9.

Varsity girls lost to Hicksville 61-50. Ali Hug was leading scorer with 35.

JV Girls Basketball:

JV girls won against Lakewood Park, 39-27. Carlie Phillips and Katie Robinson each led the team with 10 points and Allison Vetter added 8.

JV girls won 31-22 over Hicksville. Carlie Phillips was leading scorer with 9 and Kelsie Crites added 8 points.

Freshman Boys Basketball:

The freshmen boys defeated Antwerp 41-13.

8th Grade Boys Basketball:

8th grade went down to Bryan 62-38. Leading scorer was Cole Burgrave with 16. Zac Johns was strong with 14.

The 8th grade moved to 1-1 on the season with a score of 42-24 against St. Paul. Keenan Jackson finished with 13 points and Cole Burgrave with 11.

7th Grade Boys Basketball:

7th grade boys won a hard fought game with Bryan 32-25. Chayse Singer lead all scorers with 14. Noah Haberman had 6, Riley Lucas had 4.

The 7th grade boys improved to 2-0 with a victory over St. Paul 36-19. Chayse Singer led the scoring with 9 points. JT Nusbaum finished with 8.

8th Grade Girls Basketball:

The 8th grade Lady Apaches beat a strong Bryan team 27-21. Leading scorers were Rose Zeedyk, Katie Crites, and Mercedes Wagner all with 8 points. The Lady Apaches had a solid team effort defensively pressuring the ball early.

7th Grade Girls Basketball:

The 7th grade girls improved to 2-1 on the season defeating Bryan by a score of 36-23. Fv was lead by a bal-

PAJAMA DRIVE AT GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY



The fourth grade at Grover Hill Elementary participated in a Pajama Drive sponsored by Scholastic Book Club. As a group, the

class donated over 30 pajamas! The Pajama Program is a non-profit organization who provides New Pajamas and New Books to children in need. All pajamas donated during this drive will stay in the Paulding County community.

FAIRVIEW HS ATHLETIC RESULTS

Varsity Boys Basketball:

Varsity boys lost to Wauseon 66-36. Matthew Kozumplik was leading scorer with 11. 8 total varsity players scored.

JV Boys Basketball:

JV girls lost 56-24 to Wauseon. Cole Crites, Justin smith, and Riley Cooper each scored 6 points.

Varsity Girls Basketball:

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continue to grow as a viable and desirable community for current and future residents," said Mayor McDonald. "The people of New Haven share a strong sense of camaraderie where residents and businesses come together to make things happen. All contributions to the New Haven Community Foundation will make a lasting impact right here in our community."

Chamber President, Charlie Hatten said, "We are excited to partner with the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne who has offered a \$100,000 match of funds from the Lilly Endowment to help the New Haven Community Foundation grow."

For more information, contact Craig Dellinger at (260) 460-7161 or Charlie Hatten at the New Haven Chamber at (260) 749-4484. Together, we are building a local foundation for a stronger community.

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ANTWERP STUDENT COUNCIL HOSTS 1ST SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST



At the end of the breakfast, seventh grade National Junior Honor Society members Madison Boesch, Karsyn Brumett, Aleyah Cline, Alyssa Fuller, and Adison Hindenlang prepare to hand out homemade Christmas ornaments as a gift.



Band director Mrs. Newell directs one of the many student musical performances at the event.



Senior Alston Doctor, National Honor Society member, serves coffee to guests when they arrive at the Senior Citizen Breakfast.

On Thursday, December 11, Antwerp Local School

LADY ARCHERS WIN ONE & LOSE ONE

On December 11th, Antwerp girls basketball traveled to Kalida. Both JV and varsity took home victories. Varsity score was Antwerp 45, Kalida 17. JV score: 32-17. Archer varsity leading scorers: Williamson 7, Longardner 6

Coach Taylor said of the game, "The girls responded by playing harder than the last time out. They took care of the battle on the rebounds, as it was pretty even. We now have to concentrate on taking care of the ball."

hosted its first-ever Senior Citizen Breakfast. Guests enjoyed a meal prepared by the cafeteria staff and served by student leaders, cookies made by the gourmet foods class, decorations compliments of various art students, a video prepared by the broadcast class, many performances by the music department, readings by different students, Spanish carols sung by Spanish students, handmade Christmas ornament gifts, and more. Winter athletes escorted guests into the auditoria, and afterwards, National Honor Society students delivered breakfast meals to senior citizens who could not attend the event at the school.

Junior Varsity top scorers: Wilson 7, Johanns 4

On December 13th, both varsity and JV took losses home after a match up with Fayette. Varsity: 30-65, JV: 26-29.

Coach's comments: "The girls played a well rounded team in Fayette. They had size and good shooters. The girls never quit playing with intensity after a half time score of 39-9. With the intensity of the second half, they were only out-scored 26-21."

Varsity top scorers: Braaten 8, Recker 6. Junior Varsity top scorers: Cline 8, Johanns 6

RAIDERS TAKE DOWN GOLDENBEARS

On December 11th, Wayne Trace squared off in boys basketball action with Bryan.

Final score on the night was a Raider victory, 55-42.

Score by the Quarter:

Wayne Trace - 10 15 19 11=55

Bryan - 6 10 12 14=42

Scorers of the Game:

Wayne Trace - Miller 13, E Linder 3, Shepherd 8, C Linder 10, Vest 2, D Sinn 17, Speice 2

Bryan - Valderas 2, Miley 7, Lehmann 13, Z Dean 5, Rupp 11, B Dean 2, Witter 2

WT LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 12/17 - 12/23

Breakfast:

12/17 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk

12/18 - Cheese omelet w/ toast, juice, milk

12/19 - Fruit stick, juice, milk

12/22-23 - No school

Lunch:

12/17 - Pizza rippers, romaine lettuce, carrot sticks w/ranch dressing, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad; Pizza sub or Pretzel w/ cheese w/salad bar

12/18 - Cheeseburger sandwich, french fries, baked beans, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar

12/19 - Breadsticks w/ cheese, broccoli & cheese, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad; Pizza sub or Cheeseburger sandwich w/salad bar

12/22-23 - No school

ARCHERS SHOOT FAYETTE IN LAST QUARTER

The Archers took on Fayette on Saturday, December 13. The first half of the basketball game was dominated by the Eagles, finishing the half at 17-23. Sam Williamson was the point leader in this game with 17 and Trenton Copey followed at 10. Matt Jones 9; Dylan Peters 3; Josh Longardner 2.

The team was on fire with 3 point baskets with a total of 8.

The second half of the game Antwerp outscored Fayette and finished the game in the lead by two points and a final score of 41-39.

Score by the Quarter:

Antwerp - 8 9 13 11=41

Fayette - 13 10 10 6=39

Antwerp is now 2-2 for the season.

Their next game is at the home gym against Continental on Saturday, December 20.

ANTWERP JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLERS DOMINATE AT BRYAN

The Antwerp Junior High wrestling team recently competed in the Golden Bear Invitational at Bryan High School on December 13, 2014. The remaining 2 wrestlers on this year's junior high squad made a statement Saturday with their performances. 8th grader Aidan McAlexander won the 80 pound weight class with a 2-0 record and 2 pins. Also winning 1st place Saturday in his season debut

was 8th grader Tyler Bauer. Bauer was 4-0 on the day with 3 pins. These 2 wrestlers were also able to win the Team Sportsmanship Award as voted on by the coaches at the tournament. Winning their respective weight classes as well as the Sportsmanship Award shows that these 2 individuals are both very skilled wrestlers with great character and leadership. The Antwerp Wrestling Program is lucky to have these guys as role models and leaders for their program for many years to come.

ANTWERP GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE CHANGE

On December 20, Antwerp JV/Var girls basketball game with Parkway has been moved to a 2:00 p.m. tip from a 1:00 p.m. start. The boys game with Continental will start as scheduled at 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL BEAT HUNTINGTON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL 85-71

New Haven Boys struggled in the first half and were lucky to only be down 12. The New Haven Boys fought back and we're lead by Junior guard Marquis Stevenson scoring a career high 24 points, Adam Westrick and Brayton Rudolph each scoring 15 points. New Haven coach commened, "Very proud of the way we played tonight!!!! Great job!!!"

Score by the Quarter:

New Haven - 15 17 24 29=85

Huntington North - 23 21 11 16=71

WARRIORS FALL TO HORNETS

Score by the Quarter:

Angola - 12 12 9 13=46

Woodlan - 7 11 10 5=33

Scorers of the Game:

Angola - Jake Honer 7; Hunter Kohart 12; Sam Bradley 6; Robby Honner 4; Craig Nofziger 8; Ben Atha 8; Myles Turner 1

Woodlan - Jeffrey Jones 5; Austin Fancher 11; Elyjah O'Hara 7; Loren Hahn 4; Josh Gerig 4; Hunter Louden 2

ANTWERP 7TH GRADE LADY ARCHERS SLAM RAIDERS

The 7th grade Antwerp basketball team finished strong on December 11th against Wayne Trace. Final score of the night was Antwerp 34, Wayne Trace 24

Top Archer scorers:

Tiera Gomez 10, Heather Oberlin 8, Kendyl Miller 8

ARCHER 8TH GRADERS TRAMPLE WARRIORS

8th Grade Boys defeated Woodlan 35 to 24 led by Keaton Altimus with 10 points. Their record is 1-1. 7th grade boys lost to Woodlan 45-29 led by Boston Dunderman with 13 points. Their record is 1-1 on the season.

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ANNUAL SENIOR BREAKFAST AT PAULDING EX. VILLAGE SCHOOLS



The Annual Senior Citizens' Breakfast was held at Paulding Ex. Village Schools on Wednesday, December 10th in the Auditoria. Serving Ruth and Harold Williams are seniors Kayla Deitrick and Kastin Kelly. Other se-

niors that helped that day included were (front) Suzanne Reinhart, Jessica Schroeder, Brooke Combs, (back) Brad Crawford, Aaron Mock, Treston Gonzales, and Adam Deatrick.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION IN PAYNE



Students from the Cross Categorical Classroom at Payne Elementary sort food and paper products at the Payne Food Pantry. The food

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General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

CITIFINANCIAL, Plaintiff,
vs.
LYNETTE L. DeTRAY, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 13 190.
Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 8th day of January, 2015 at 10:05 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:

13638 Nancy Street,
Paulding, Ohio 45879
Parcel Number: 23-51B-089-00

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Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
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Kevin L. Williams, Attorney for Plaintiff

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General Code, Section 11681
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THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
vs.
CARRIE L. REYNOLDS, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 14 093.
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205 North Harrison Street,
Grover Hill, Ohio 45849
Parcel Number: 26-075-029-00
and 26-075-030-00

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Ellen L. Fornash, Attorney for Plaintiff

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General Code, Section 11681
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THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

CITIFINANCIAL SERVICING LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ROSE M. SHEPARD, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 14 157.
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6728 County Road 177,
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Peter L. Mehler, Attorney for Plaintiff

for taking swift action on this legislation and encourage the President to expeditiously sign it into law."

The Propane Education and Research Enhancement Act of 2014 clarifies Congress' intent in the Propane Education and Research Act (PERA), requiring the Department of Commerce to use proper data to calculate consumer prices. It would also allow the Propane Education and Research Council to improve training for distributors and consumers to help mitigate the negative effects of propane prices spikes.

FIRST DEFIANCE FINANCIAL CORP. TO RELEASE FOURTH QUARTER EARNINGS

First Defiance Financial Corp. (NASDAQ: FDEF) announced today that it intends to report fourth quarter and year-end results on Monday, January 19, 2015 after the close of the market. The earnings news release will be available on the company's investor relations website at www.fdef.com and at major financial information sites.

At 11:00 a.m. ET on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, First Defiance will host a conference call at which Donald P. Hileman, President and CEO, and Kevin T. Thompson, Executive Vice President and CFO, will discuss the fourth quarter and year-end results. The conference call may be accessed by calling 1-877-444-1726.

The audio replay of the conference call Webcast will be available at www.fdef.com until Friday, February 20, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. ET. For those without Internet access, the earnings release will be available by fax or mail upon request. To receive a copy, please call First Defiance Investor Relations at (419) 782-5104.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU 12/17 - 12/23

- 12/17 - Fish on bun, veggie juice, mixed fruit, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
- 12/18 - Tex Mex chili, baked fries, oranges, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
- 12/19 - Pizza rippers, tossed salad, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
- 12/22-23 - No school

ANTWERP WRESTLERS COMPETE AT LINCOLNVIEW

The Antwerp High School Wrestling Team recently competed in the Lancer Invitational at Lincolnview High School on December 13, 2014. All 4 Archer wrestlers were able to finish in the top 5 of their respective weight classes. Sophomore Logan Shaner had 3 wins and 2 losses on the day with 2 pins on his way to a 5th place finish at 132 pounds. Junior Justice Clark finished the day with 4 wins, 1 loss and 1 pin to finish 3rd at 152 pounds. Senior 220 pounder Jarett Bute was also 4-1 on the day with 1 pin to finish 3rd. Senior Jordan Laker finished 2nd at 285 pounds. His record on the day was 2 wins, 2 losses and 2 pins. Not only was it a solid showing for the Archer wrestlers, but this was the highest finish at the Lancer Invitational for each wrestler as well.

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Sudoku Puzzle

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WMEA PAULDING COUNTY POSTER CONTEST WINNERS



Becky Suvar is seen here with Hayden Mullen and Gabe Nunez.



Pictured here with Becky Suvar are Grover Hill students Laura Thornell and Rylee Miller.

The Paulding County WMEA sponsored a poster contest for the fourth graders in Paulding County. The students were asked to design posters about recycling. Becky Suvar, program manager of the Paulding County WMEA, is pictured with the winners from Oakwood Elementary School. Hayden Mullen's poster was chosen to be displayed on a billboard. Only four students' posters from throughout the county

were chosen for billboards. Hayden's artwork will be displayed on the billboard on State Route 613 between Oakwood and Melrose. Gabe Nunez was the first place winner from Oakwood. Becky Suvar also visited Grover Hill Elementary to discuss recycling with the fourth graders. She held a bill board decorating contest. First place winner from the building Laura Thornell and second place to Rylee Miller.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": SEVENTEEN INDUCTED INTO VANTAGE NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY



Newly inducted members of the Vantage 2014-2015 National Technical Honor Society. Unavailable for the photo was Cheyenne Miller-Sweet.

Seventeen outstanding Vantage seniors were recently selected as members of the Vantage chapter of the National Technical Honor Society. They were introduced and inducted at the annual NTHS banquet on December 9, 2014, held in the Commons Area. In addition to the guests of honor, parents, home school principals and counselors, and Vantage teachers and administrators attended the banquet to recognize this elite group of students.

The main purpose of the National Technical Honor Society is to reward scholastic achievement in career technical education. Membership encourages skill development, honesty, service, leadership, citizenship, and individual responsibility. In addition, students are selected for membership in NTHS as a reward for excellence in workforce education; to develop self-esteem, pride and

encourage students to reach for higher levels of achievement; and to promote business and industry's critical workplace values - honesty, responsibility, initiative, teamwork, productivity, leadership, and citizenship.

NTHS membership is the highest award for excellence in career technical education and is a reliable indicator of performance and leadership in the workplace. Students who achieved a 3.5 grade point average or better, while maintaining a 95% attendance rate at Vantage, were eligible to apply for membership. In addition to submitting a resume and writing an essay stating why they would like to be a part of the NTHS, the students also were required to obtain three teacher recommendations.

Students selected for membership in the National Technical Honor Society for the 2014-2015 school year are: Dmitry Billingsley (Continental), Network Systems, Jar-

ett Bute (Antwerp), Welding, Brandi Calvelge (Van Wert), Health Technology, Jeremiah Dealey (Crestview), Industrial Mechanics, Caitlin Geckle (Continental), Cosmetology, Grant Gillett (Wayne Trace), Industrial Mechanics, Jasper Godeke (Antwerp), Building & Grounds, Nicholas Grote (Ottoville), Industrial Mechanics, Jenny Holbrooks (Wayne Trace), Cosmetology, David Leathers (Delphos St. John's), Building & Grounds, Cheyenne Miller-Sweet (Antwerp), Cosmetology, Alysha Moran (Continental), Health Technology, Jill Ross (Wayne Trace), Medical Office Management, Derek Schroeder (Kalida), Precision Machining, Alexa Sikraji (Lincolnview), Cosmetology, Tyler Talboom (Delphos Jefferson), Auto Body, and Samantha Van Vlerah (Wayne Trace), Auto Body.

LATTA'S PROPANE BILL CLEARS SENATE, HEADS TO PRESIDENT'S DESK

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH), member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Energy and Power Subcommittee, released the following statement applauding the U.S. Senate's passage of H.R. 5705, the Propane Education and Research Enhancement Act, bipartisan legislation he sponsored with Congressman Tim Walz (D-MN) to address some of the winter heating challenges experienced in Ohio and throughout the Midwest last year. The legislation is headed to the President's desk for his signature.

"During the winter months, heat is a matter of survival not a matter of convenience," said Latta. "Last year, we were faced with propane shortages that threatened the lives and livelihoods of many living in Ohio and throughout the Midwest. The Propane Education and Research Enhancement Act addresses some of the challenges experienced last winter in an effort to avoid another disaster. I applaud the Senate

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received until 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 30, 2014, in the Paulding County Commissioners' Office for cleaning the courthouse and other county offices. Specifications may be obtained at the Paulding County Commissioners' Office in the basement of the courthouse Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bids must be sealed and addressed to the Clerk of the Paulding County Commissioners, 115 North Williams Street, Suite B-1, Paulding, Ohio 45879. The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Paulding County Commissioners are requesting bids for an Information Technology service provider for various county offices for the calendar year 2015. Qualified and interested providers shall submit an hourly rate for services to the Paulding County Commissioners, 115 N Williams Street, Suite B-1, Paulding OH 45879 no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2014. The Paulding County Commissioners services the right to reject any bids submitted.

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The Ohio State Highway Patrol joined forces with members of the 6-State Trooper Project for a high-visibility enforcement effort focused on impaired driving from December 5-7, resulting in 651 OVI arrests.

OSHP made 284 of those arrests. A breakdown of all counts can be found at statepatrol.ohio.gov.

The multi-state initiative included members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Indiana State Police, Ken-

tucky State Police, Michigan State Police, Pennsylvania State Police and the West Virginia State Police.

"The Patrol is committed to removing impaired drivers from our roadways," said Colonel Paul A. Pride. "We are thankful for this multi-state partnership that contributes not only to a safer Ohio, but a safer nation."

This multi-state law enforcement partnership is aimed at providing combined and coordinated law enforcement and security services in the areas of highway safety, criminal patrol and intelligence sharing.

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TWENTY-NINE COMPLETE REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM AT NSCC



Defiance County: Kaylee Rohlf, Sheena Priddy, Barbara Beattie, Kayla Jesse and Tayler Notestine

Twenty-nine students completing Northwest State Community College's registered nursing associate degree program were recognized during a special ceremony. Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam and enter directly into the workforce, or they may transfer their credits into a bachelor's degree program.

The following graduates were recognized during the ceremony:

Allen County: Brandon Kleman (Elida)

Defiance County: Barbara Beattie (Defiance), Kayla Jesse (Defiance), Tayler Notestine (Ney), Sheena Priddy (Defiance) and Kaylee Rohlf (Defiance)

Fulton County: Chelsea Crowell (Wauseon), Meagan Helmke (Archbold), Braydon Meck (Archbold) and Jessica Wyse (Metamora)

Henry County: Sara Bullock (Florida), Rebecca Chester (Napoleon), Erin Davis (Holgate), Jacqueline Eis (Liberty Center), Sarah Matheny (Holgate), Katelyn



Paulding County:
Brice Ferris

Rasey (Napoleon) and Tiffany Vocke (Napoleon)

Lenawee County: Emily Kutzley (Morency, MI)

Lucas County: Amanda Morrison (Waterville) and Kylee Palicki (Maumee)

Paulding County: Brice Ferris (Cecil)

Putnam County: Ashley Hazelton (Continental)

Williams County: Crystal Anthony-Mills (Bryan), Bridgette Botts (Bryan), Jasmine Britenriker (Stryker), Andria Griser (Stryker), Sara Millay (Edon), Lindsey Ogden (Edon) and Jennifer Sanders (Bryan)

iAB FINANCIAL BANK DONATES TO PATHFINDER SERVICES

iAB Financial Bank recently donated a wheelchair ramp system to Pathfinder Services in Huntington. "We strive to be of service to those living in our communities. We were privileged to be able to make this donation to Pathfinders and those they serve," stated Michael C. Marhenke, iAB President and CEO. "The power of partnership can make a tremendous impact for us all." With an estimated value of \$9,000, this ramp will be used to assist Pathfinder individuals using wheelchairs and will benefit countless others in the years to come.

WBESC SCHEDULED DECEMBER MEETING TONIGHT!

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center regular December governing board meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the Van Wert ESC office located at 813 N. Franklin St., Van Wert 45891.

WAYNE TRACE JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING INVITATIONAL

Wayne Trace hosted a JH tournament on Saturday December 6th to kick off wrestling season. The Wayne Trace Raiders took 8th out of 16 teams. Individually, Cameron Bevis took first place pinning his opponent in the first period in he finals. Also placing for the Raiders were Noah Reel 2nd, Caleb Baughman 4th, and Nick Barnett 4th. Other Raiders picking up wins were Austin Smith, Dylan Laney, and Zack Moser.

SANTA CLAUS IN ROCKFORD ON DECEMBER 20

Santa Claus is coming to the Rockford Belle on Saturday, December 20 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Parents be sure and bring your own cameras and capture a special photo of your loved ones telling Santa what is on their Christmas wish list! The Rockford Belle is located at 135 Market Street, Rockford, Ohio. Refreshments will be available.

MAD ANTS FALL AT THE BUZZER

Despite a late fourth quarter comeback, the Fort Wayne Mad Ants fell to the Grand Rapids Drive Friday evening, December 12th at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum by a score of 99-101.

The Mad Ants controlled much of the first half of play leading by as much as eight, but the drive kept the game close to end the first half down 48-49 in favor of Fort Wayne. Brandon Fields led the drive with 13 points at the end of the first half, and Andre Emmett finished the first half with 10 points for the Mad Ants.

It was all Grand Rapids late in the third quarter, as they found themselves progressing toward an eventual 15 point lead. With a little over four minutes left on the game clock, the Mad Ants found themselves down

just 6. New Orleans Pelican assignee, Russ Smith, hit a key lay-up with 20 seconds left on the game clock to draw the foul and create a 99-99 tie with 7 seconds left to play. As time wound down, Adonis Thomas hit the deciding jumper for the Drive that would be the dagger for the game and a hard loss for the Mad Ants.

Thomas finished the game with 33 points to lead the Drive. Brandon Fields added 20, while Willie Reed proceeded to lead the team with 11 rebounds.

For the Mad Ants, Smith led the team with 16 points, while CJ Fair contributed 13 points and 8 rebounds of his own.

THE TACKETTS CHRISTMAS CONCERT TO PERFORM

The "At Home with The Tacketts" Concert Series returns with "The Tacketts' Christmas Concert" on Saturday, December 20th at 7:00 pm at First Baptist Church, Defiance, OH. Recently added to the Red Hen label of Daywind Music Group in Nashville, the music and ministry of this Christian Country trio and their band is sure to be a blessing. Join The Tacketts - Jeff, Sarah, and Jason - for a night of inspirational songs of the Savior and Season. No tickets needed. For more information, contact The Tacketts at 419-393-2225, visit their website at www.tackettmusic.com or email at trio@tackettmusic.com

STATEMENT FROM OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE JON HUSTED

Regarding action on a bipartisan legislative redistricting reform proposal, all of the following may be attributed to Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted:

"This is great news for the people of Ohio.

"Legislative elections will be more competitive and the elected representatives more accountable to those they serve. The voice of the average voter got stronger today.

"I encourage Ohio voters to vote in favor of this proposal when it comes to the ballot.

"For those of us who have worked for years to reform the system, this is a special day. I congratulate the House and Senate members and leaders for their work on this issue."

LANE RESTRICTION CONTINUES ON SOUTH STREET IN NEW HAVEN

Beginning Wednesday, December 10th South Street, in New Haven, Indiana a lane restriction began for sanitary sewer installation. The restriction is between West Street and State Street. The restriction will be in effect until Wednesday December 24th.



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

A ROCKIN' CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH THE J TAYLORS SLATED FOR DECEMBER 20



Celebrate the holiday in style on Saturday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m., doors open at 6:00 p.m. when The J Taylors Rockin' Christmas comes to the Rockford Belle, 135 Market Street, Ohio. Husband and wife team, Jonathan and Janelle, based in Fort Wayne, Indiana will perform a meaningful, fun, interactive show to include popular and traditional Christmas favorites, as well as their own original arrangements and songs!

The J Taylors started performing together professionally in 2009 and have mastered many popular styles of music: classic rock & country favorites; traditional holiday and faith-based songs; famous musical duets and upbeat, "dance-able" tributes to American music legends from the 1940s to today.

The J Taylors' American Voices is a wonderful look back at some of the greatest vocal performers in American history. The show features songs from and stories about many of the most memorable

singers of the twentieth century—from the big band era to classic country to popular music from the '50s to the '80s.

To accompany their unrivaled vocal harmonies, the duo plays multiple instruments over the course of their show. Come early and prepared for this opportunity at the Rockford Belle on December 20 to enjoy The J Taylors for two hours of beautiful music and great memories! For concert information contact: Tom Rogers at 567-644-9993.

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AMERICANISM TEST AWARD WINNERS



The Payne American Legion Post 297 sponsored the Americanism Test for Wayne Trace sophomores, juniors and seniors on November 10th. The winners in each class were awarded with \$50

checks. Pictured here are Legion Commander Tim Baumle, Addison Baumle (senior winner), Christopher Davis (junior winner), Emil Stoller (sophomore winner) and Principal Greg Leeth.

NATIVE AMERICAN ARTIFACT STUDIES



Kent Eddy visited the 4th grade Social studies classes at Grover Hill School. He brought in his collection and knowledge of Native American artifacts. The students were able to identify the spe-

cific types of tools and arrowheads made by prehistoric and historic tribes. They also ground wheat using a mortar and pestle and shelled corn using a deer jaw bone.

PAYNE STUDENTS HOST THANKSGIVING PARTY FOR FAMILIES



Mrs. Moran's students at Payne Elementary hosted a Thanksgiving Party for their families. These children made

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Sudoku solution from page 13

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PAULDING COUNTY COURT REPORTS

Criminal Dispositions

Timothy E. Powell; Styker, OH; Off Inv Underag; J-GUILTY; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; complete thinking for a change; complete third millennium alcohol online course; complete 40 hrs community service; review hearing set for 4/16/15 at 4:00; 10 days jail pending review hearing
Terry J. Ranes; Defiance, OH; Off Inv Underag; No Cont; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; shall complete 40 hrs community service; placed on standard probation; defendant to repay Ct. appt. counsel fees

Miguel R. Hernandez; Oakwood, OH; OVI/Refusal; Guilty; Proof of insurance by 12/4/14 shall pay \$50 per mo commencing 12/30/14 has a POC date of 8/28/15 community control order ed secure a valid driver's license evaluation at Westwood; repay scam 107 jail days reserved; Count B; OVI Susp; Guilty; Shall pay \$50.00 per mo commencing 12/30/14 has a POC date of 8/28/15 170 jail days reserved

Perry M Hull; Ocklawaha, FL; Reckless Oper; Guilty; To be removed from Scram 11/24/14 may attend the DIP Program in lieu of 3 days of jail ALS remain in place for 1 year POC date of 3/27/15; shall pay \$100 per mo. Commencing 12/30/14 community control ordered 49 jail days reserved
Cheyenne R. Holton, Cloverdale, OH; Pass bad check; Dismiss; Case dismissed per state; without prejudice, costs waived

Billy J. Ferrell; Oakwood, OH; Written permis; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Mason W. Simonin; Paulding, OH; Guilty; Antwerp, OH; Case was waived by defendant

Justin Michael Kipfer; Antwerp, OH Public Indecenc; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; shall serve 2 days jail; Probation-addition to rules; complete 10 hrs. community service; shall pay for stay at the Paulding County Jail; Count B; Disorder Conduc; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines

Robert Bland; Oakwood, OH; Confine of Dog; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Elizabeth H. Harmon; Latty, OH; Att ID Fraud; J-No Cont; Defendant to pay all costs; complete 60 hrs community service; complete 3rd millennium theft online course; placed on standard probation; shall have no contact with victim

Tyler C. Smith; Defiance, OH; Fail to Reinsta; J-No Cont; Points waived, proof of financial responsibility not provided, pay all fines and costs by 12/30/14 or will be sent to collections

Billy J. Mills; Antwerp, OH; Phys Control; No Cont; 105 days of Scram, ALS vacated shall pay \$50 per mo. Commencing 1/30/15 standard probation secure a valid driver's license, 10 hrs. of community service third millennium proof of financial responsibility provided 165 jail days reserved
Alexander Brandt; Lorain, OH; Fail Control; J-No Cont; Pay all fines and costs by 12/31/14 or will be sent to collections

Chastity A. Leamon; Defiance, OH; Driv w/o Lic; J-GUILTY; Pay \$62.00 today has a POC date of 12/5/14

Brittany A. Barnes; Paulding, OH; Driv/Fra Susp; J-No Cont; Pay all fines and costs by 1/30/15 or will be sent to collections

Jorge Granados Caballero; Paulding, OH; Driv w/o lic; J-GUILTY; Pay \$50.00 today shall pay \$50.00 per month commencing 1/30/15

Briana Lee Schaffer; Payne, OH; ACD; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Raymond Sandoval; Paulding, OH; Driv w/o lic; J-No Cont; Fine \$50.00 suspended on condition defendant gets valid OL proof of financial responsibility not provided pay all fines and costs by 3/27/15 or will be sent to collections

Jared N. Moyer; Haviland, OH; OVI/Under Inf; Dismiss; Ct A dismissed by state's request; Count B; OVI/UA 0.08 breath; No Cont; Pay all fines and costs today

Sarah James; Paulding; Endanger Child; Dismiss; Case dismissed per state; with prejudice; costs waived

Todd S. McLaughlin; Continental, OH; Pass bad check; Other; Defendant is deceased and all unpaid fines and costs shall be waived and all previous orders associated with this matter are vacated

Willie Jones; Antwerp, OH; Possession; Dismiss; Case dismissed at defendants cost

Michael R. Thomason; Paulding, OH; Assault; Guilty; Defendant placed on standard probation; shall be released from jail today; pay all costs; shall have no unlawful contact with victim; complete 20 hrs community service; submit an evaluation at Westwood and complete counseling; Count B; OVI/Under Inf; Guilty; Shall pay \$50 per mo commencing 1/30/15 has a POC date of 9/25/15 standard probation evaluation at Westwood Behavioral complete 20 hrs of community service complete third millennium 177 jail days reserved; Count C; OVI/Breath (low); Dismiss; Case B dismissed at states request; Count D; Driv w/o lic; dismiss; Ct. D dismissed at the state's request

Lucas Leverton; Antwerp, OH; theft; J-GUILTY; Defendant shall have no contact with Antwerp Pit Stop; placed on standard probation; shall seek employment; stay med complaint; shall be fingerprinted; complete the third millennium online theft course; 40 hrs community service

Darian Nicole Fowler-Crawford; Payne, OH; Fail control; J-GUILTY; Pay all fines and costs by 2/27/15 or will be sent to collections

Adam H. Troth; Payne, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendants
Zachary Dallas Harshman; Paulding, OH; FTY Emer Vehicl; Guilty;

Case was waived by defendant; Edwin H. Kimmel Jr.; Grover Hill; OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Edwin H Kimmel Jr.; Seat Belt/Drive; Grover Hill; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jason A Zamora; Payne, OH; theft; defendant to pay all cost; pay for stat at Paulding County Jail; complete the 3rd millennium theft course; complete 10 hrs community service; addition to probation rules; pay restitution through the clerk's office

Patrick R. Crutchfield; Paulding, OH; W/O orange vest; Guilty; case was waived by defendants

Edward P. Ringler; Paulding, OH; Shoot firm road; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jacob A. Whidledge; Fort Jennings, OH; Aid walking off; guilty; case was waived by defendant

Real Estate Transfers
Brown Twp.:
11/26/14; Michael R. & Kay E. DeVeoux; Sec. 16; 35.583 acres; To: Cooper Hatchery Inc.

12/2/14; Richard E. & Sue Brennan; Sec. 42-44; 0.623 acres; To: Edwin & Stephanie R. Collazo & Jacqueline K. Price

Douglas W. & Shirley A. Miller; Sec. 22; 1.507 acres; To: Douglas W. & Shirley A. Miller, LE

12/3/14; Michele S. Porter, dec'd; Sec. 31; 62.797 acres; To: John N. Porter, Michele S. Porter, dec'd; Sec. 31; 198.28 acres; To: John N. Porter, LE

Carryall Twp.:
11/26/14; Thomas Alan & Mary K. Kemerer; Sec. 5; 20.0 acres; To: Thomas A. & Mary K. Kemerers

12/3/14; Jane L. & G. Richard Limber; Sec. 28; 2.42 acres; Lot 8, 1.95 acres; To: Jane L. & G. Richard Limber

Crane Twp.:
12/2/14; Karen K. Carlile; Sec. 18-19; 133.08 & 7.550 acres; To: Steven C. Emehiser, et al

Emerald Twp.:
12/3/14; Terry E. & Judith Miller et al; Sec. 14; 56.17 acres; To: Victor E. & Amy D. Schlegel

Terry E. & Judith Miller et al; Sec. 14; 2.0 acres; To: Robert E. Miller

Jackson Twp.:
12/1/14; Pamela R. Manz et al; Lot 7-8; 0.823; acres; To: Loren J. & Loucilla I. Thomas LE

Haviland Village:
12/3/14; Glenn A. Baker, dec'd; Sec. 93-94; 0.33 acres; To: Joyce A. Baker

Paulding Village:
11/25/14; Walter T. & Linda A. Carlisle; Lot 28; 0.17 acres; To: Jerome L. & Karen S. Bortel

11/26/14; Troy M. & Sarah R. Shultz; Lot 3; 0.20 acres; To: Jacob W. Taylor

12/1/14; Pamela R. Moore et al; Sec. 12; 6.517 acres; To: Loren J. & Louella I. Thomas LE

12/2/14; Randall D. & Rose M. Wilson; Lot 21; 0.23 acres; To: Justin D. & Amie Marie Wilson

12/3/14; Fifth Third Mortgage Company; Lot 105; 0.22 acres; To: Secretary of HUD

Calvary Bible Church; Lots 1101-1102; 5.615 acres; To: Grace Community Church of Fremont, OH, Inc.

OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE JON HUSTED CERTIFIES OFFICIAL RESULTS FOR 2014 NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced the certification of results for the 2014 General Election, which are available online.

"Once again Ohio has shown itself to be a leader in elections administration," Secretary Husted said. "I applaud the work of the more than 40,000 poll workers, local officials and my staff for helping to ensure the voters experienced a well-run election this past November."

Secretary Husted certified results for the following races: Governor; Attorney General; Auditor of State; Secretary of State; Treasurer of State; U.S. Congress; and Ohio Supreme Court. Results for all other races and issues that appeared on the November 4th ballot are certified by county boards of elections. (Note: Though certified by boards of elections, the website does include results for the following races: Ohio Senate; Ohio House of Representatives; State Board of Education; and Court of Appeals.)

Under Ohio law, county boards of elections were required to complete their official canvas of the election no later than the 21st day after Election Day, which was November 25th for the November 4th General. The Secretary of State then had 10 days from the date that all results are received from the boards to certify the votes.

GREAR CONGRATS BY FORD C.E.O.



Rick Grear of Integrity Ford, Paulding, recently took part in a seminar for dealers in Dearborn, MI. Ford Motor Company conducted the four days of meetings and facility tours, which focused on

customer satisfaction. Here, Grear receives congratulations from Mark Fields, president and chief executive officer of the Ford Motor Company.

"A LITTLE CHRISTMAS VACATION"



Students in grades 3-6 presented their Christmas program titled "I Need A Little Christmas Vacation" on

December 12. Miss Vranesvic led and directed the students in two performances for family and friends.

SUPPORT LOCAL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Guest Column by Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted

Winter weather has arrived and Christmas songs are playing on the radio all across Ohio. Whether we were ready for it or not, the holidays are here. As Tina and I look forward to spending time with family and friends, we are also among the millions of other folks who are trying to wrap up their Christmas shopping.

As you scour store shelves and online deals in search of the perfect gifts for those you love, I hope you will consider taking a look at what Ohio companies and small businesses have to offer. A great place to start your search is www.Ohio-BusinessProfile.com.

The Ohio Secretary of State's Office is the first stop companies need to make before they can do business in Ohio. When I became Secretary of State, we decided to take a closer look at our ever-growing database of more than 1.1 million Ohio businesses. Through www.OhioBusinessProfile.com

and social media, we feature companies that are creating interesting products, offering outstanding services and contributing to their local communities all while employing Ohioans in the process.

We have found that there is no shortage of outstanding companies in Ohio worthy of your holiday business.

Each month, we feature a handful of diverse businesses that are linked together by a common theme. This December, and just in time for the holidays, we are featuring companies that make goods by hand right here in Ohio as part of our theme "Handmade for the Holidays."

I encourage you to check out the companies we've discovered. Their profile pages will tell you a little about their histories, how many people they employ and what they like about doing business in Ohio. It is uplifting to read and a great way to get unique gift ideas. While you are there, if you know of a company deserving of this recognition, please send us your ideas.

From my family to yours, have a very happy and safe holiday season.

KLOPFENSTEIN REPRESENTS PAULDING COUNTY 4-H AT NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS

By: Staci Miller, 4-H Program Assistant

Matthew Klopfenstein, a thirteen year 4-H member in Paulding County, recently represented Ohio at the 93rd National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, held November 28th through December 2nd. Matthew earned this opportunity by completing the Ohio Achievement Record. In order to complete this form, 4-H members must keep an accurate record of their 4-H projects, community service and awards received throughout their 4-H careers. After completing this application, the forms are received by the state 4-H office and youth are selected to represent Ohio at this National event. This year, the state of Ohio had 26 representatives during the congress. There were approximately 800 4-H'ers at this national event with, 45 states and one territory represented. The goal of the National 4-H Congress is to allow 4-H members to interact with each other and increase their leadership skills while focusing on personal development. There was an itinerary each day for the youth to follow. The representatives participated in many different sessions, workshops, listened to guest speakers and gave back to their community with a community service project. The topics for the sessions and workshops ranged from leadership to Agriscience. Matthew's community service project included spending the day in a kindergarten class assisting the students with school work and providing activities to the youth. The 4-H National Congress included an International dinner which featured different cultural foods and cuisine from around the world; this truly was a unique experience for all the youth. Matthew said that this experience in-

spired him to improve his own community and make a difference in the lives of others. His favorite part of the trip was being able to meet 4-H'ers from around the United States and make new friendships. He also found motivation from the guest speakers sharing their unique stories, there was a speaker from the Holocaust that shared his hardships and ability to overcome life's challenges. Matthew was inspired by the 4-H program to always strive to "Make the Best, Better" and he would like to encourage more 4-H members from Paulding County to participate in this opportunity. Matthew is a freshman at The Ohio State University majoring in Agricultural Engineering. He states that 4-H has helped him to become the person he is today through the leadership projects and citizenship opportunities he was given while being part of the Paulding County 4-H Program.

SANTA'S MAILBOX IN ANTWERP FILLING UP!

Better watch out, better not cry, Santa's gearing up and taking to the sky with a sleigh full of toys for the good girls and boys. Sliding down the chimney chute with all the Christmas presents and loot. Are you naughty or are you nice, does Santa need to check his list twice?

Christmas time is right around the corner so now is the time to get those wish lists to Santa! This is his busiest time of the year and the sooner kids get their letters to him the better! With less than a 15 days left until Christmas, Santa Claus is asking kids to please send their letters soon!

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is helping Santa this year by collecting letters and forwarding them to the North Pole. So get those letters written and drop them off at Santa's mailbox located next to the Antwerp Insurance Agency, across from the post office. Don't forget to include your return address so Santa can get back to you!

Look for the penguin!

ALLEN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCES CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING SITES

The Allen County Solid Waste Management District advises real Christmas trees may be dropped off at several locations for recycling into mulch beginning December 26 through January 16. Christmas trees CANNOT be placed in the trash.

Before recycling, ornaments, lights, tinsel and plastic bags MUST be removed from the trees. Wreaths are NOT accepted in the program.

Allen County residents are encouraged to call 449.7878 or visit www.acwastewatcher.org for more information about how to reduce waste over the holidays.

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(l-r) Dennis Recker and Pete Vail from Integrity Ford, John Kobee from Antwerp Exchange Bank, Matt Hormann from Hormann Heating and Cooling, and Tim Derck from Antwerp Insurance Agency.

The generous donations from several area individuals and businesses, made it possible for Antwerp High School to expand the scoreboard in the high school gym

to include player numbers, fouls, and points. The following sponsors were presented plaques at the basketball game on Saturday night:

OAKWOOD STUDENT COUNCIL SPONSOR LOCAL FOOD DRIVE



The Oakwood Elementary Student Council held a drive for the local food pantries in the Oakwood and Melrose area. 19 huge boxes of items were collected and delivered to three different locations. Student Council members de-

livering a load of canned food are Megan Dearth, Jalynn Parrett, Connor Hunter, and Kaitlyn Shaffer along with bus driver Kris Blair.

Safe Start Driving School Driver's Education Classes At Antwerp Office

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