

WAYNE TRACE CHEERLEADERS QUALIFY FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION



On Saturday, February 1, 2013, the Wayne Trace Cheerleaders qualified for the State Championship Competition by competing at the Anthony Wayne Regional Event in Whitehouse, OH. They will compete in State Competition in the Division IV Non-Mount grouping at St. Johns Arena on the campus of The Ohio State University on March 2, 2013.

POSTAL SERVICE ASKS TO PLEASE CLEAR SNOW AND ICE

With the major snowstorms blanketing the region throughout these winter months, one must-have tool is expected to make its return at homes and businesses - the shovel.

To help letter carriers deliver mail speedily and safely, the Postal Service is asking customers to clear snow and ice from sidewalks,

stairs and mailboxes.

"Snow and ice make delivery dangerous and slow," said New Haven Postmaster Denise Antinucci. "Maintaining a clear path to the mail box - including steps, porches, walkways and street approach - will help letter carriers maintain consistent delivery service and help them get letters and packages delivered on time."

Customers receiving door delivery should make sure their sidewalks, steps and porches are clear. Customers receiving curbside delivery should remove snow piles left by snow plows to keep access to their mailboxes clear for letter carriers. Delivery service may be delayed or curtailed whenever streets or walkways present hazardous conditions for letter carriers or when snow is plowed against mailboxes. "The Postal Ser-

vice curtails delivery only after careful consideration, and only as a last resort," says Antinucci. "Any curtailed mail is attempted the next delivery day."

Blue collection boxes also need to be kept clear for our customers to deposit their mail and for the Postal Service to collect the mail for delivery. Residents and businesses with collection boxes near their property are asked to keep them clear of snow and ice. "We want our letter carriers to be safe," adds Antinucci. "We can only do this with the help of our customers."

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

WOODBURN SNOW REMOVAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The city of Woodburn would like to remind its residents and property owners that it is their responsibility to remove snow from sidewalks. You can find the complete ordinance on the website: cityofwoodburn.org.

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL TRAINING IN NEW HAVEN

Spring Training for youth in 1st through 6th grade will give kids the chance to learn and improve their baseball skills. This is a 5-week session meeting twice a week on Mondays and Tuesdays. Call the Park Office for more information at 260-749-2212.

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BURKLEY SEEKING RE-ELECTION

State Representative Tony Burkley has filed petitions to run for re-election in the May primary.

Burkley is currently in his first two year term as State Representative in the 82nd District.

The 82nd District includes the Counties of Defiance, Paulding, Van Wert, and Part of Auglaize.

Burkley previously served as County Commissioner for 16 years.

He currently serves on the Agriculture and Natural Resources, State and Local Government, and Economic Development and Regulatory Reform Committees.

Burkley resides in rural Payne with his wife, Nancy.

OFFICER PETERSON CELEBRATES 20th ANNIVERSARY ON NHPD



Lieutenant Herb Baatz congratulates Officer Peterson on his 20th anniversary

By: Beth Stauffer

A lifelong New Haven resident recently reached a milestone 20 years of service to the community as a member of the New Haven Police Department.

Officer Darren Peterson began his employment with the City of New Haven as a full-time police officer on February 1, 1994. Prior to his commission as a patrol officer, Peterson worked for the police department in a different capacity, first as a dispatcher beginning in 1990 and a short time later joining the police reserves program.

At present, Officer Peter-

son is the School Resource Officer (SRO) at New Haven High School.

New Haven Police Department Lieutenant Herb Baatz has been on the police force for 35 years and worked with Officer Peterson throughout his entire career. "Darren's story is a good one," said Lieutenant Baatz at an informal ceremony honoring Officer Peterson.

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OBITUARIES

ANTWERP, OH

Wayne L. Zielke, 88, of Antwerp died on Saturday, February 8, 2014.

Arr. by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne. PAULDING, OH

Esther W. Huebner, 81, passed away February 9th at 4:30 AM at the Gardens of Paulding. She was born December 14, 1932 in Minster, Ohio to Harry and Anna "Minnie" Wilhelmina (Klosterman) Rempe. On Au-



gust 18, 1956, she married Leo L. Huebner who preceded her in death on May 5, 1987. She was a wonderful mother, aunt, sister and friend. She had many jobs over the years, but the one she enjoyed the most was bookkeeping.

She is survived by a son, Michael, Paulding, three daughters, Lori (Alan) Vogel, Cardington, OH, Beverly (Kevin) Hanenkratt and Amy (John) Kennedy, both of Paulding. She was blessed with 9 grandchildren in birth order: Benjamin Hanenkratt, Emily Hanenkratt Gorrell, Allyson Vogel Allison, Andrew (Megan) Hanenkratt, Adam Vogel, Sierra Kennedy, Kelsey Huebner, Luke Vogel and Evan Huebner; and 3 great grandchildren: Zoe Kochel, Ella and Ryder Gorrell, and one on the way; two sisters: Ruth Rush, Kendallville, IN, and Linda McDermitt, St. Marys, OH; and three brothers: Paul and James both of St. Mary's, and Thomas in South Carolina.

Preceding her in death are her parents; husband; two sisters; Marie Hobrock and Dorothy Delzeith; and a brother, Robert.

Funeral services will be conducted 10 AM Friday, February 14 at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Paulding, with Fr. Stites officiating. Burial will follow in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be 3 - 8PM with a wake service at 7:30PM on February 13 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Visitation also will be one hour prior to services on Friday at the church.

Thank You

Thank you to all of our wonderful family and friends for your concern, support, calls, cards, food, and visits during the long illness and death of our dear Husband, Dad, and Grandpa, **Gene Handy**. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

-Cara Lou Handy
Carol and Mike Brown and family
Ava and Hazen Kennedy and family
Linda and Pudge Kennedy and family

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Parkinson's Foundation; Gardens of Paulding Activity Fund or Masses.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

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Peterson on Tuesday, February 4, 2014. "Hometown kid does well for himself and gives back to the community; he aspired to be a police officer, got a job as a dispatcher and worked his way up the ladder," added Baatz.

Indeed, it is a good story. Peterson says he and his parents moved to New Haven, Highland Terrace to be exact, when he was just three months old. He graduated from New Haven High School in 1984 and enjoyed playing football and baseball while a Bulldog. After logging a semester of college at IPFW, Peterson decided that college might not be the right fit for him and enlisted in the Army.

According to Peterson, his interest in law enforcement began in high school; when his pre-enlistment testing gave him free reign to choose what career he wanted to train for, he says he only ever really considered becoming a helicopter pilot or joining the military police.

"Now I kind of wish I would have been a helicopter pilot," said Peterson, laughing. "No, honestly I'm happy. I love it here in New Haven and don't have any plans to leave."

Following his training in Alabama as a Military Police officer, Peterson spent time deployed to Germany and was later stationed in Louisiana. At the completion of his enlistment, he used the money he had earned from the GI Bill to enroll at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, later transferring back to IPFW and returning to New Haven and his new job as a dispatcher for the police department.

After spending three years as a member of the New Haven Police Reserves program, Peterson was hired as a full-time patrol officer for the department on February 1, 1994. He remembers his first patrol car fondly, a 1991 old-school Chevy Impala that he shared with another young officer at the time, current New Haven Police Chief Steve Poiry.

Peterson says that the advancements in both technology and police cruisers are two of the most striking changes that he has witnessed in his 20 years as an officer. "When I started, there were no laptops or computers," said Peterson, smiling. He recalls having to use radios with a manual dial that would allow the officers to talk on certain fre-

quencies, adding "we didn't have mounted radars in the car, but had to use handheld ones that weighed 10-12 pounds that you would hold up to the window. The in-car technology these days is amazing. The technology is ever-changing, and what we have today will be old news tomorrow."

While the technology related to law enforcement may be ever-changing, Peterson's long time colleagues, Chief Poiry and Lieutenant Baatz, both say that he has a consistent 20 year record of dedicated service to the New Haven community.

According to Chief Poiry, Officer Peterson has a history of being one of the department's top producing officers. "Darren always volunteers for assignments, and isn't afraid to complete his work. It doesn't matter what the is, he takes care of it, and he's been that way the whole twenty years he's been on the department," said Chief Poiry.

"Darren was a field training officer for the department before accepting the School Resource Officer position and he's exactly the kind of person we wanted in that position, someone who is experienced and has a strong work ethic to train new people," added Chief Poiry.

Lieutenant Baatz agrees. "As a seasoned officer with experience on all shifts, Darren knows how to deal with all the different nuances of the job," said Baaatz. "Usually a rookie police officer will take 5 years to work the 'John Wayne syndrome' out of their system, meaning that everything tends to be in black and white as opposed to being able to see the different challenges life brings to all of us. Darren never really had an issue being able to see the role of police officer from the more balanced perspective, even as rookie."

While Officer Peterson has a respected reputation among his peers as an outstanding officer, he also has seemed to have a well-earned reputation of being, shall we say, mischievous. Officer Peterson, affectionately known as "Lumpy" to a considerable population of New Haven, was originally conferred with this long term nickname by Lieutenant Baatz.

"I used to watch Leave it to Beaver as a kid growing up, and Darren always had a lot of the mannerisms of a character on the show named Lumpy, because he was ornery," explained Lieutenant Baatz with a smile. "So, I bestowed the nickname 'Lumpy' on him. 20 years later, you would be surprised by how many of

the residents, Fire Department and EMS personnel refer to him as Lumpy. They don't refer to Darren as Officer Peterson, they call him Lumpy."

Case in point: a 2007 Journal Gazette article Chief Poiry found in Peterson's personnel file had the following "Tip of the Hat" printed that read, "Thanks to New Haven Police Officer Lumpy for always being so good to the children of New Haven. It is much appreciated."

In his latest role as the School Resource Officer, Officer Peterson continues to be a good role model for the children and youth of the city of New Haven with his jovial-while-remaining-authoritative presence at New Haven High School.

"As the School Resource Officer, he may be a big guy, but he's a big teddy bear, a good guy who gets along with the kids over there, someone who cares for them and about them and that shows in the respect they have for him," said Lieutenant Baatz, who added with a mischievous smile of his own, "he does not get that respect here at the police station, however. There's a lot of teasing that goes on in these four walls, and he's not immune from handing it out, either."

It is clear that Officer Peterson enjoys his both his work as a police officer and the camaraderie that he has built not only with his fellow officers over the year, but with the residents of New Haven as well. "Just being out in the public and dealing with public every day, having the freedom to do what I enjoy doing every day for the last 20 years, it's great," said Peterson of what his favorite aspect of being a police officer for the past two decades has been. "I love coming to work every day, and I still enjoy it," he added.

Peterson's positive attitude has no doubt served him well in becoming the veteran police officer that he is today. Said Lieutenant Baatz, "Darren is a credit to how he was brought up and he is a credit to this community. The protect and serve that you see all the time these days in reference to police officers is very applicable to Darren; however, the vast majority of what Darren does is in the order of first, serve and second, protect. Darren has always been very strong in his service to the community of New Haven."

Officer Peterson says he has no immediate plans to retire, and would, in fact, like to serve at minimum another 5 years to allow him reach 25 years as a police officer with the NHPD.

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SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing."

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 ESV

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY HELPS COLLECT COATS FOR KIDS



Antwerp Elementary School recently participated in the 2013 Coats for Kids program. The program was funded by a grant through Paulding-Putnam Operation Round-Up. The program, implemented by United Way of Paulding County, provided winter apparel to students throughout Paulding County. Pictured looking over one of the coats are Mr. Tim Manz, Antwerp Elementary Principal with Executive Director Sonya Herber of the United Way of Paulding County.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL TO HOLD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Antwerp Elementary is now scheduling appointments for its Kindergarten Registration and Screening which will be held on March 25 and 26. Antwerp offers all-day, every-day kindergarten. If your child will be 5 years old before August 1, 2014, please call the elementary office at 419-258-5421, ext. 2200, between 7:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. to schedule your appointment. According to state law, all children must complete kindergarten before entering first grade. Please call today to schedule your appointment.

LOCAL VETERAN RYAN MACK TO SEEK COMMISSIONER SEAT

Ryan Mack, of Defiance, announced at a recent Republican Central Committee meeting that he is running for Defiance County Commissioner.

Mack is a graduate of Tinora High School and currently resides in Defiance with his wife Blair, and their two children. Following High School, Mack attended Kent State University before joining the U. S. Army. After completing Infantry Basic Training and Airborne School, he was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division. In 2009, Mack was deployed to Afghanistan where he received a Purple Heart for injuries received in combat. Upon completing two years of physical rehabilitation and receiving a medical retirement from the Army, Mack began work as a District Representative for Congressman Robert Latta (OH-5).

In his duties as a District Representative, Mack assists constituents and area veterans in resolving issues with the Veteran's Administration and other federal agencies. Additionally, his responsibilities include working with community leaders and local governments to help resolve problems that arise in their day to day operations.

"Through my experience I have seen first-hand the issues affecting communities in Northwest Ohio. My interactions with local leaders have allowed me to observe and be a part of the jobs they are tasked with such as, balancing tight budgets, infrastructure repair, and economic development. I believe this unique perspective will allow me to bring fresh ideas to the Board of Commissioners as we work to ensure a prosperous future for our county."

Being raised in Defiance, Mack was brought up with family values that spoke of the importance of service to the community. These values prepared him for and were strongly reinforced during his service in the United States Army.

"Along with the leadership and problem solving skills I learned as a soldier, I developed a deep respect for those who spend their lives in service to others. I believe at times the people of our country and politicians get so wrapped up in making campaign promises that they forget the true job of any elected official is to serve the people they represent. I have served my country in the Army and I would be honored if my friends and neighbors would allow me to continue serving them as the next Defiance County Commissioner.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Waylon Jack Hounshell was born on February 3, 2014 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville. He was born at 12:44 a.m., weighed 6 lb. 14.5 oz. and was 19.5 inches long.

He was welcomed home by his parents Sherri Hounshell and Jack Hounshell, and his older sibling Brooke Hounshell.

His proud grandparents are Elizabeth and Steve Pessefall Jr. of Paulding, and Chris Hounshell of Antwerp. Proud great-grandparents are Patricia Buchman of Paulding, and Jaqueline Walker of Paulding.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Brayden Karl Williams was born on February 6, 2014 at 10:07 p.m. at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville. He was 6 lb. 15 oz. and was 19.2 inches long. His parents are Shelby and Jessica Williams of Payne along with his sisters, Chloe and Avah Williams. Proud grandparents are Karen and Robert Williams of Payne, and Tonya Neeley of Van Wert. Proud great-grandparents are Ethel Flaugh of Hicksville, and Mike Andrews of Lima.

SCHOOL STANDARDS SHOULD BE CREATED BY HOOSIERS

The Kruse Report by: IN State Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn)

The federally-backed school standards known as Common Core have taken a very interesting journey through Indiana.

In 2010, Indiana – like many other states – adopted the Common Core State Standards in place of its previous state-created standards. After the State Board of Education adopted these standards, many Hoosier families and educators began raising concerns about the effectiveness of Common Core, and whether or not the standards were best for our state and students.

Based on these concerns, last year the Indiana General Assembly passed a law requiring state officials to review Common Core and decide if we should proceed or use our own standards created by Hoosiers.

After receiving much public input, many lawmakers, including myself, are confident that Indiana can do better than Common Core by utilizing school standards written by Hoosier education leaders.

This year, I co-authored Senate Bill 91 requiring the State Board of Education to completely void Common Core and create new academic standards that:

- Maintain Indiana's sovereignty over our schools while surpassing federal requirements
- Prepare students for suc-

cess in college and the workforce

- Address education needs specific to Indiana and its job market

- Protect the confidentiality of student information

SB 91 recently passed the Senate Committee on Education and Career Development by a vote of 8-3. It now moves to the full Senate for further consideration.

During Gov. Mike Pence's State of the State address, he spoke out in favor of Indiana-created standards. "When it comes to setting standards for schools, I can assure you, Indiana's will be uncommonly high. They will be written by Hoosiers, for Hoosiers and will be among the best in the nation," he said.

I couldn't agree more with Gov. Pence, and I believe Indiana will continue to advance our schools to prepare students for success.

What do you think?

ANTWERP 1ST GRADERS LEARN THE PHYSICS OF ROLLER COASTERS!



Students from Mrs. Grindstaff's first grade class at Antwerp Elementary visited Mrs. Reinhart's high school physics classroom to observe the roller coasters created by students in the physics class. The first grade students learned about push, pull, force, and motion. They were also able to help make adjustments to the roller coasters in order to move the marble to its destination at the end of the coaster.

Pictured in the back of the picture is junior Jacob O'Donnell, a physics student.

OHIO WILDLIFE DIVERSITY CONFERENCE CONTINUES TO GROW

The 30th annual Ohio Wildlife Diversity Conference will once again highlight some of Ohio's conservation success stories that often occur in the unlikeliest places. Entitled "Superheroes Among Us," the conference will recognize and explore some of the amazing abilities of Ohio's wildlife while recognizing many of the people that work so diligently to preserve and understand these creatures.

"This event provides an opportunity for people from all walks of life to share their ideas about conservation," said Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Director James Zehringer. "Every year, we look forward

to providing a forum that encourages education and discovery about Ohio's diverse wildlife populations."

This year's keynote speaker is photographer and author David FitzSimmons from Bellville. FitzSimmons has published conservation books, articles and photographs during his 17-year photography career. His presentation is entitled, "The Superpower of Wildlife Photography." Other topics discussed at the conference include citizen science and barn owls, range expansion of Ohio's fishes, volunteers enhancing cavity-nesting bird populations, the American woodcock, the influence of taxidermy on museum collections, aerial wildlife surveys and strategic trail camera placement.

The first Ohio Wildlife Diversity Conference was held in 1985 with 40 people in attendance. The conference continues to grow, as approximately 1,000 people attended last year's daylong event. Representatives from a range of conservation and natural resource organizations, including the Ohio Wetlands Association, Ohio Bird Sanctuary and Black Swamp Bird Observatory, will offer displays and be available to answer questions. ODNR staff will also be on hand to answer questions from those in attendance.

The conference will be held on Wednesday, March 12, at the Aladdin Shrine Center, located at 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219. Doors open for registration at 8:00 a.m., and the conference runs from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The conference is sponsored by the ODNR Division of Wildlife and is open to the public. People may register online at wildohio.com or call 800-WILDLIFE (945-3543).

ALICE TO BE PRESENTED AT FEBRUARY 18th EACS MEETING

East Allen County Schools is committed to providing the safest possible environment for our students and staff. Parents and guardians entrust the schools on a daily basis with their children. We take that trust seriously, and we are committed to doing everything within our power to keep everyone safe when they are at school. Our district has comprehensive procedures to address all types of emergency issues. We practice and train to prepare for many types of emergency situations including, but not limited to, fires, tornadoes, earthquakes, chemical spills, and armed intruders. Over the years, we have been very diligent in reviewing and updating our procedures to always be sure that we are doing everything within our power to protect the lives of our students and staff while they are at school.

Recently, we have been reviewing our lockdown procedures. Schools across the country have developed and practiced traditional lockdown procedures for over ten years. In a traditional lockdown, students and staff are instructed to lock their classroom doors, turn off lights, hide in a far corner of the classroom, and remain calm and quiet. This is the procedure that we have followed for years. What if there was a better course of action to follow than the traditional lockdown in the event of an

armed intruder in one of our schools? In that case, we believe it would be our duty to take action to better protect the lives of our students and staff.

At the February 18th EACS School Board meeting, I will recommend that the Board approve a new lockdown procedure. We join experts across the country who believe this new procedure will increase the safety of students and staff during an active shooter incident. The enhancements we will teach our staff and students are known as ALICE. What does ALICE mean?

ALICE is an acronym that represents an alternative way of responding to a crisis situation. Instead of relying on a typical static lockdown procedure, the ALICE concept encourages people to make decisions based on the specific crisis at hand. The five potential action steps in the ALICE concept are:

- Alert – Inform people that a crisis situation exists
- Lockdown – Lock doors and hide according to established procedures
- Inform – Give brief, specific, periodic updates about the crisis situation
- Counter – In an encounter with a perpetrator distract, delay or defend if necessary
- Evacuate – Get out of "harm's way"

The Alice method will provide students and staff with options to greatly enhance their safety in the event of an armed intruder. These options include escaping, barricading the door, and protecting oneself by any means necessary should an armed intruder enter the room. Training will emphasize that the best way to survive an active shooter is to escape. When that is not possible, being mentally prepared and having been given the authority and ability to act will save lives.

Please plan to join us on Tuesday, February 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the New Haven High School Auditoria for this presentation to our School Board. We ask that you enter through door #2 on the south side of the building as there is a home basketball game that evening. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, February 18th.

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VANTAGE BOARD MEETING NOTES 2/6/14



2014 Vantage Board of Education: (front row) Kim Wannemacher (Ottoville), Lonnie Nedderman, President (Crestview), Ron Bradford, Vice-President (Continental); (back row) Cliff Wieging (Ft. Jennings), Greg von der Embse (Kalida), Kim Brandt (Parkway), Eric Germann (Lincolnview), Debby Compton (Van Wert), Pat Baumle (Wayne Trace), and Greg Reinhart (Paulding). Unavailable for the picture was Dennis Recker (Antwerp).

The Vantage Board of Education held its regular meeting on Thursday, February 6, 2014. The minutes of the January 15, 2014 Tax Budget, Organization & Regular meeting were approved, as well as financial statements for December, 2013.

The report of the Treasurer included the approval of the cash reconciliation worksheet and the investment report.

Adult Education Director Pete Prichard reported on the excellent retention rates for this year's classes and the progress on the extensive accreditation process. High School Director Ben Winans reported on the results of the Regional BPA competition recently hosted by Vantage, program activities, and the upcoming Open House on February 10, 2014.

In new business, the Board approved:

- Employ the following list, as Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Shawn Cook, Police Academy Assistant;

- Appoint Staci Kaufman as Vantage Career Center's representative on the Putnam County Tax Incentive Review Council;
- Resolution to approve the revised 2013-14 school calendar.

The next meeting Board of Education meeting will be held Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the District conference room.

CAPTION: 2014 Vantage Board of Education: (front row) Kim Wannemacher (Ottoville), Lonnie Nedderman, President (Crestview), Ron Bradford, Vice-President (Continental); (back row) Cliff Wieging (Ft. Jennings), Greg von der Embse (Kalida), Kim Brandt (Parkway), Eric Germann (Lincolnview), Debby Compton (Van Wert), Pat Baumle (Wayne Trace), and Greg Reinhart (Paulding). Unavailable for the picture was Dennis Recker (Antwerp).

ANN'S PRESCHOOLERS ENJOY VISIT BY MR. HOLTSBERRY



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers were recently visited by Mr. Mark Holtsberry from Paulding Soil and Water. He brought along two fox pelts and a mounted fox for us to touch and feel. We learned about how they survive the

cold winters and what they like to eat. Shown here with Mr. Holtsberry are from the left: Andrew Englehart, Kalli Gorrell and Quinlyn Gonzales. These children are in the morning class with Mrs. Cheri Collins and Mrs. Ann Miller.

OHIO DIVISION IV BOYS SECTIONAL DRAW

- Seeds:
1. Wayne Trace, 2. Ayersville
- Tuesday, February 25, 7:00 p.m., Continental (6-12) vs. Patrick Henry (4-15)
- Wednesday, February 26,

6:15 p.m., Ayersville (12-6) vs. Hicksville (7-10); 7:45 p.m., Antwerp (11-7) vs. Holgate (8-10)

Friday, February 28, 6:15 p.m., Wayne Trace (14-2) vs. Continental/Patrick Henry winner; 8:00 p.m., Ayersville/Hicksville winner vs. Antwerp/Holgate winner



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BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Luke 11:15 – Some said Jesus casts out demons by what?
2. Luke 11:15 – Who did the people say was the ruler of demons?
3. Luke 11:15 – The word Beelzebub means what?
4. Luke 11:16 – What does the word test or testing mean?
5. Luke 11:16 – What were they seeking from Jesus?
6. Luke 11:17 – What did Jesus know about these people?
7. Luke 11:17 – How many kingdoms are there?
8. Luke 11:17 – Are these kingdoms physical or spiritual?
9. Luke 11:17 – What does the word kingdom mean?
10. Luke 11:17-18 – What does division cause?

Comments or questions? Call James Potter at 419-393-4775 or Lonnie Lambert 419-399-5022. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ.

Answers to Bible Questions in last week's West Bend News:

1. With love and respect;
2. Give him bread;
3. Look at Jesus, God provided for Him and God will provide for us;
4. Bread and fish;
5. God is our Father;
6. Ask implies a simple petition;
7. God;
8. Jesus;
9. The man;
10. The mute spoke.

In our comments in this study we will look at the word 'Beelzebub' and see what this word is saying. This word is from Hebrew in the Old Testament and derives or comes from the word 'Baal'. In the Old Testament 'Beelzebub' meant 'lord of flies' or 'fly god' (1 King 1:2) and was in common use among the Jews in Christ's day as the title of Satan as the prince of the demons.

Now as for the word 'Baal'. The meaning is master, a heathen idol. This could also be heathen ruler having people worship him. Also the sun as the great independent ruler of nature which was worshipped by idolaters of many nations including Israel: Judges 2:11-13; 3:7; 8:33; 1 Kings 16:31.

In Hebrew, which is another name or the Jews and some of the Old Testament is written in the Hebrew language, Baal was properly the name of one of the Chief gods of the Phoenicians and Babylonians representing either the sun or, more probably, the planet Jupiter. Romans 11:4 is quoted from 1 Kings 19:18.

"Ol Baldy" says bye for now, but would you please continue to pray, read, and study the Bible. Luv ya!

SPAGHETTI SUPPER AT MANDALE CHURCH

The Mandale Church is hosting a spaghetti dinner from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 15. This event will help to upgrade the church nursery. The menu is spaghetti, choice of corn or green beans, roll, dessert, and drink. This event is open to the public. The church is located at 2820 St Rt 66, Cloverdale, Ohio.

NEW HAVEN UMC PRESENTS HARRY RIPLEY'S BIRTHDAY BLUES

The New Haven United Methodist Church, 630 Lincoln Hwy E, presents *Harry Ripley's Birthday Blues* (a Comedy Murder/Mystery Dinner Show by Bower-North Productions) on Saturday, March 22nd. Social time begins at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:00 p.m. (show to follow). For more information, go online at www.newhavenumc.com or contact the church office at 260-749-9565. This event will benefit the NHUMC Youth Camp Program and the New Haven Food Bank.

IS THERE AN ANTIDOTE TO THE FATEFUL DISEASE OF PRIDE?

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

The Bible has several words that it uses to describe one of humanity's great problems, a haughty spirit, a prideful heart, an arrogant attitude. Call it what you will, the troubling question for us to consider is this... Is there a remedy for this fateful disease, a cure that is the antithesis of its nemesis, pride? Pastor and author David Jeremiah writes in his March 7, 2006 "Turning Point Devotional" the following on the subject of pride...

Sir John Templeton, the 92-year-old founder of the Templeton Prize in science and religion, said, "What I am financing is humility. I want people to realize you shouldn't think you know it all."

Perhaps admitting we don't know it all—that God is God and we're not—is Step One toward humility. When God spoke to Israel about its future, He said, "If my people... will humble themselves... I

will hear from heaven." Humility is saying, "I need God. There is much I do not know and cannot do on my own. I'm not ashamed to admit I am inadequate to save myself now or for eternity." Grace fuels humility, and grace comes from God. In fact, James wrote that God "gives grace to the humble." More grace, more humility. More humility, more grace. Tell God what you don't know, and let His grace lead you to a greater dependence on Him.

If Christ was willing to humble Himself before God, shouldn't we who follow Him do the same?

(Turning Point Daily Devotional, 3-7-06)
For more information about the work of Youth for Christ, you may contact Youth for Christ at 419-782-0656, P.O. Box 111, 210 Clinton Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512, or email to: defycf@embarqmail.com

I'M TOO SPIRITUAL TO GO TO CHURCH

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

Last Monday, famous Christian author Donald Miller wrote an article that created a lot of buzz: "I Don't Worship God by Singing, I Connect With Him Elsewhere." He shared, "So, do I attend church? Not often, to be honest." The internet started writing and buzz built around the article. People shared on Facebook. Those who claim to be Christian and don't go to church were feeling justified. The author of *Blue Like Jazz* does the same. And those who feel church is important were left trying to convince people, once again, the importance of church. All of the replies spurred Donald Miller to enter the fray again and he wrote "Why I Don't Go to Church Very Often, a Follow Up Blog."

In the follow up, he wrote: "And yet, most of the influential Christian leaders I know (who are not pastors) do not attend church."

That sentence greatly disturbed me.

When our life together as local churches are being greatly influenced by those who have abandoned the weekly worship gathering, it is no wonder that churches struggle.

When we "graduate" from the instructional side of church, we should turn around and become mentors to others. The cycle continues, and I find it wrong to say that we grow out of the cycle.

Tony Campolo famously said, "The church is a whore, but she's my mother." I can relate. Not because of my earthly mother. She's a wonderful and faithful woman. I can relate because I have also been disillusioned with the institutional church at times. Extremely disillusioned.

I can sympathize with the same wrestling match that Donald Miller is expressing, yet I was convicted through my journey to actually make a difference by being part of the institutional church. God convicts us of what is wrong not to flee but to bring about the change that is needed.

My disillusionment with the institutional church led me to plant a collection of house churches. I wanted to save God's money from staff and buildings to have a greater kingdom impact on

the world. I wanted to foster a more intimate, real community of believers. These house churches, despite having more resources and a better fellowship, really struggle to come alongside the lost and bring them into right relationships with Jesus. The "institutional" church still does a fairly good job at this. I don't understand how. It still baffles my mind.

I don't know how to gracefully say it, but I do say this filled with kindness and love: I think we all may be thinking that weekend gatherings are for us. But then our wishes and desires aren't catered to in the worship gathering. Maybe it doesn't jive with our learning style. Maybe the music isn't in a format that we would listen to on the radio. Maybe the speaker isn't connecting with us. So we, in a different way, begin to think that the weekend worship gatherings aren't for us because they weren't designed for us.

Donald Miller exemplifies this thinking, but I also see it in the lives of those in the community I live in. Many Christians have abandoned the weekend gatherings of believers despite those gatherings being the best method of reaching the lost. And if the mature Christians all flee because they have grown beyond it, what happens? This becomes an even bigger issue in our transient culture. The mature Christians will move on, leaving those they began discipling without a community to be plugged in to.

We have a serious dearth of mature Christians to mentor the new ones in our weekly worship gatherings. Christians who will invite people over after the gathering and open up their homes and share a meal. Christians who help when help is needed. Christians who will step up and be the bridge that the gospel travels on. And this may be because the Donald Millers of this world are leaving the weekly worship gatherings. Christians who reach that point then want to abandon the gathering that helped them get there.

The weekly gathering of the church is something worth fighting for. It works. And it also has a historical tradition that can be traced all the way back to the early church. It may have some difficulties in our hyper-individualized American culture of the moment, but it is still the vessel I am seeing lives changed through. And, despite all its flaws, that is a beautiful thing.

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

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY SPRING CONFERENCE TO FEATURE LIZ HIGGS AND JJ HELLER

The MVNU's Women's Auxiliary will host its annual Spring Conference on March 7-8, 2014. This year's speaker is Liz Curtis Higgs, with live music by singer and songwriter JJ Heller. Register online before March 1, 2014.

Liz Curtis Higgs shares messages that are biblical, encouraging, down-to-earth, and profoundly funny, helping both sisters and seekers embrace the truth of God's amazing, unchanging grace. She is the author of 30 books, including her best-selling *Bad*

PAYNE ELEM. STUDENTS RAISE FUNDS FOR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY



In January, the Payne Elementary Student Council presented a check for \$700 to Mrs. Ellen Henriott, Director of the Payne

St. Paul UMC Food Pantry. The funds came from excess revenue collect during the December Penny Pitch Collection.

Girls of the Bible series. Liz has also created five books for children.

JJ Heller's honest invitations the honest and soul of an everyday wife and mother pursuing truth and desiring a perfect love is what continues to draw her fans to her music. She is an active songwriter, blogger, and speaker. Learn more at www.jjheller.com.

Registration for the Women's Auxiliary Spring Conference begins at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 7, and at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 8.

To register or for more information, go online to www.mvnu.edu/womensaux.

CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA IX "RUN FOR THE ROSES"

Chocolate and fun times are just around the corner to cure that cabin fever! The Event Planners are in full gear planning a Kentucky Derby atmosphere with "Run for the Roses" as the theme for the ninth Chocolate Extravaganza. Slated for March 13 and 15 at 7:00 p.m., this event helps maintain Oakwood's Cooper Community Library, a branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library.

The Community Room will be transformed to Churchill Downs so attendees are encouraged to join in the spirit of the night by donning their fancy hats or jockey attire! Once seated, guests can expect to be entertained and overwhelmed with a minimum of 30 chocolate goodies. The fun continues throughout the night with three people at each of the eleven tables winning a prize! All guests will also go away with a favor that can be used for years to come! Many have made this an annual event with friends

by reserving entire tables of eight. For more information, call the library today at 419-594-3337.

WBESC SCHEDULES FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

Western Buckeye Educational Service Center governing board regular February meeting will be TODAY, Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Paulding ESC Office, 202 N. Cherry St., Paulding, OH 45879.

GAME TOURNAMENTS TO TAKE PLACE IN ANTWERP

Game tournaments are set to take place in Antwerp soon. There will be deck shuffleboard, pool, snooker, and quiz tournaments. The entry deadline is Midnight, March 1, 2014. Please send entries to Lynn Lichty, 7874 CR 424, Antwerp, OH 45813.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Good ol' Gov. John Kasich up for running again for governor of Ohio—big news! Let's see what he's done for (or to) the people he's governed over the last three years. In 2008, good ole John wanted to do away with the state income tax Ohio runs on (34% of state budget!) at that time he didn't say how he'd replace that funding... since then we all know! He and the legislature raised the sales tax to make up some of the income loss! In future years, his goal is to cut more of the income tax, another way to make up income is elimination of the Homestead Act reducing property taxes on the elderly! Other user fees will follow—raise the sin taxes, license plates and property taxes! I guarantee this, good ole John will not eliminate his own perks to help cut income taxes. How about only paying for the hours he's in session, eliminate healthcare for the governor and staff, no rebates on mileage for travel?!

Folks, remember this guy was a managing director at Lehman Bros., yeah the banking firm WE baled out, then went bankrupt, then out of business! Good ole John left with \$614,692.00 in his pocket in wages and bonuses—not bad for helping kill a company while their investors lost millions! As governor, good ole John cost the state of Ohio \$385 million by opposing a high speed rail system across the state which could have added jobs in a state that's been losing a lot of jobs! This guy is not here to help the state of Ohio, only himself and a select few. Look at how his party has jerry-mandered the state's districts to guarantee re-election over and over! This shows they needed to do this since they can't run on their own merits! And Fox News can give John lots of campaign funds legal or not, the state election board will guarantee it! (Fox did in 2010! and the election board okay-ed it) good ole John Kasich is not going to do anything that benefits low income and elderly. Remember their changes to the voting processes that, without the threat of putting it on the ballot, would have made it harder to vote for people who work long hours to provide for their families, guaranteeing less voters at the polls, and victories for this guy! At least if he does win re-election, he only gets four more years to strip the state of rights, drain the treasury and live better than 95% of us live, paid for by us! just a thought or two!

—Mike Porter

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In the midst of the worst winter that we have seen in many years, I feel sorry for the people who have to rely on propane for heating because they are getting ripped off in a way never seen before. Thanks to our government's greed for money and allowing too much propane to be sold overseas—at I'm sure a greatly over inflated price—there is a shortage in this country and these companies have lowered

themselves to the government's level and are bleeding people for all they can.

Why are we so worried about other countries that we have to put our own peoples' lives and health in danger. These countries don't send us any help when we have disasters, but sure cry for help when they have one. I don't give a cent to any foreign charity as I don't really care about their problems. When I see good American people who pay the taxes and support this country losing jobs, homes, living on the street and being ignored by our government, I get mad. And our veterans who fought and gave so much for this country not being able to get work, help they need and also living on the street—that really burns me. Our government's empty promises to them when they join the services to protect our freedom are just that, empty promises.

You propane users need to write your state's and federal governments and demand steps be taken to resolve this travesty you are experiencing. It's time our useless leaders in government started taking care of this country and quit being the saviour of the world. Propane companies and distributors should be ashamed of being so obvious of what they are doing by taking advantage of people in this harsh situation. Wonder how they sleep at night, do they think of the people or just the money they are making? Probably just the money. There is a perfect song out now that describes the world's situation, it's called "God Is Dead?" by Black Sabbath. It's not nonreligious or blasphemy but if you watch the video it is about protesting everything going on in the world. Useless wars, greed of money, poverty, the rich not caring about anything but themselves, and more. It's time our government started caring about the people who live in this country first and other countries second. Help America and America can help others. Oh I see our local rulers have increased our sewer replacement bill also—it never ends!

—Gregg Gorman

NEW FACES AT PAULDING COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

It's a new year in 2014 with newer faces here at the Paulding County Soil & Water Conservation District (located with the OSU ext. office at the Fairgrounds). Tim Racster is the new Technician for Paulding's SWCD. He also heads up and manages the Rental Equipment Program through the office.

For those who may not know these are some of the services Tim can assist you with and at Paulding SWCD. He can assist with technical engineering services for your drainage needs and erosion control assistance. He can show you your land tract and plots through satellite imagery and elevation contours along with free field soil maps. The office can offer surveying toward conservation and drainage projects, examples could include pre-ditch dip outs, grass waterways and filter/buffer strips.

Please feel free to contact Tim or come into the office for any questions or assistance. 419-399-4771 (Office)

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MARCUS MILLER HEADS TO REGIONAL SPELLING BEE

The Paulding County Spelling Bee was held on Thursday, January 30, 2014 at the Paulding Middle School. Ten school champions were asked to spell words such as boodle, stethoscope and icicle through nine rounds of competition. At the end of the ninth round, only two spellers remained. Both Aaron Hawley, grade 5, Antwerp Elementary School, and Marcus Miller, grade 7, Paulding Middle School, successfully navigated another four rounds. In round 15, Aaron stumbled on the word lariat (a long light but strong rope used with a running noose for catching livestock), while Marcus successfully spelled temporal. Marcus was able to clinch the championship with his final word, potash, to emerge as the 2014 Paulding County Spelling Champion.

All of the competitors received certificates and medals as recognition of their participation. Marcus and Aaron each received a trophy and a gift card to Barnes & Noble Booksellers. The awards were donated by the Antwerp Exchange Bank. Marcus will next represent Paulding County at the Regional Spelling Bee which will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rinehart Music Center at IPFW in Fort Wayne, IN. The public is invited.

Spelling Bee Coordinator, Sandra Freeman, would like to recognize the following for their participation and support of the Spelling Bee: Master of Ceremonies, Steve Arnold, Superintendent Wayne Trace Local Schools; Judges: Jody Dunham, Principal, Wayne Trace-Payne Elementary; Jennifer Manz, Principal, Oakwood Elementary; Tim Manz, Principal, Antwerp Elementary; Pronouncer, Doug Grooms, Van Wert; Host and Set-up, Chris Etzler, Paulding Middle School; and Greeter, Stephanie Tear, Principal, Paulding Elementary.

DEFIANCE COLLEGE TO HOST RECYCLED PROM DRESS DRIVE

Defiance College Greek Life students are reaching out to high school girls to ensure that they are able to have that special high school prom experience by hosting DC's first-ever Recycled Prom Dress Drive.

Beginning Monday, Feb. 10, DC students will accept gently used prom specific items including dresses,

shoes, purses, gloves and jewelry, and other prom related accessories. The donation drive will run through Tuesday, March 18.

"The Recycled Prom Dress Drive has had a huge success on other campuses and, in my experience, has been able to assist many high school students in making their prom a special experience," said Nicole Buccalo, Defiance College's director of student activities and leadership and Inter-Greek Council advisor. "We really want to help make prom a memorable day and are encouraging the local communities to give back by donating to the Prom Dress Drive."

Following the Prom Dress Drive initiative, the IGC will hold a Prom Dress Extravaganza for high school students and their families. During the April 12 event, attendees will have the opportunity to acquire prom dresses and accessories better than reasonable. Shopping mentors will be on hand to assist individuals with their shopping experience.

The Prom Dress Extravaganza will take place from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in Hubbard Hall, McCann Center Lounge on the DC campus.

All prom donations can be dropped off in the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Office located in Hubbard Hall, room 105. Hubbard hall is located off of College Place road.

For more information, or to make a donation, contact Nicole Buccalo at (419) 783-2388 or nbuccalo@defiance.edu

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION REAPPOINTS STATE COMMITTEE FOR USDA'S OHIO FARM SERVICE AGENCY

Steve Maurer, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Ohio, announced the reappointment of four State Committee members. The State Committee is responsible for the oversight of farm programs, county committee operations, appeals, federal farm policy determinations and provides FSA program information to the general public and other Agency stakeholders.

"I am grateful that our state

committee members were re-appointed and can continue their involvement with Ohio FSA," said Maurer. "The individuals reappointed to serve on this committee are:

- Robert Boggs (Chairperson) is from Ashtabula County, OH, and grew up on a small dairy farm. He served in elective politics for thirty-four years, serving in both the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate. In 2007, Ohio Governor Ted Strickland appointed Boggs as Director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

- Bruce Long is from Clark County, OH. Bruce and his wife Connie, have a row crop grain operation raising corn and soybeans. He has served with the Ohio Corn Marketing Board, the Ohio Livestock Coalition Board and the U.S. Grains Council.

- Jim Rex is from Morgan County, OH. Jim and his wife Judy farm in partnership with their son Jason and wife Cherie and granddaughters in a beef cow-calf, stocker and feedlot operation.

- Jim Zumbrink is from Darke County, OH and he has a farming operation, consisting of corn, wheat, soybeans and contract turkeys with Cooper Farms.

John Bresler has decided to step down after five years of dedicated service to the Ohio FSA State Committee. The administration is currently looking for a fifth state committee member to fill his position.

"In Ohio, the State Committee has a tremendous responsibility to be accountable for the use of taxpayer dollars as our Agency allocated more than \$325 million in federal farm program benefits to producers statewide in fiscal year 2013," said Maurer. "These appointed individuals have proven they can be both fair and effective in their service to Ohio farmers and landowners," he said.

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THE REAL LOW DOWN ON VALENTINE'S DAY

By: Stan Jordan

Here it is almost Valentine's Day and it is getting to be the worst case of coercion forced on the male species that you can imagine. Maybe I better explain this a little.

Once upon a time there was a man in Pennsylvania named Hershey. He experimented a lot with cocoa beans and he made a substance called chocolate candy. Now this was a good tasting product but he didn't have a big market for it and he had barrels of chocolate around his house because of not very many buyers. This was the case year after year. He barely kept his head above the water. There was a guy in Skee-ster, Texas who raised acres and acres of roses. He was a short fellow so he raised long stemmed roses so he didn't have to lean over far to cut them off. Well, he says he had a lot of roses left over because of no market for them either. These 2 fellows met through a mutual friend and they built their chocolate and long stemmed roses into a billion dollar industry—mostly at the expense and woe of the male gender.

Over the years they had developed an ad campaign on what you should give your sweetheart on Valentine's day. They infer that if you don't cover her with gifts of their products you are a lowlife... you are lower than a snake's belly in a rug. Most men can't handle this and they fell into the trap.

Whether the men can afford it or not doesn't seem to enter into the picture. One lady will show and tell what she received and the race is on to keep up with the Jones'. Chocolates range from a thing called a kiss, and there are dozen sizes and forms and shapes with lots of sweets inside. Sometimes in funny papers and colors.

If you are dating a girl, purchase a box of chocolates for her and it will improve your standings if you give her dad a big box.

Men are encourage to send flowers, not any flowers but the long stemmed roses "of course".

The restaurant people have jumped on the wagon and wants to bring your lady in for an exquisite meal and that will necessitate a new dress, jewelry, shoes and purse. There just don't seem to be an end to this Valentine's Day of giving.

The common run-of-the-

mill American male knows he can use some extra points at home so he falls for all this hoopla.

Love makes the world go around but so does cash.

See ya!

KUDOS TO THE STATE HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES

By: Stan Jordan

I would like to use this column to show our appreciation to the State Highway employees who operate the big snow plows. You people have done a fantastic job of keeping the highways open for us and this is an extra heavy snowfall that is breaking all area records. This is February 6th, and I understand we have a lot more winter left and a number of snowstorms coming our way.

The boys who plow the snow here on Main Street have done a fine job of keeping the roads clean and also the parking areas. I know the boys are doing the best they can on the side streets. I know that neighbors help neighbors in this unusual situation.

I live on SR 49 north of Antwerp and those snow plows are out on the road as need be, day or night, work-days, Sundays and holidays. The biggest share of the time, SR 49 is plowed clean right down to the blacktop.

I've talked to people who use SR 111 and other highways and the new US 24. Those people all say the same thing. The state highway employees have done an excellent job here in Paulding County and we drivers sure appreciate it.

My neighbors Ken and Jan Hahn keep my driveway plowed out for me. There was a time when we had that big snow and drifting snow. Kenny plowed e out five times in a three day period. I really appreciate it.

I remember back in 1775 Ben Franklin told me, "If you will scratch my back, I will scratch yours."

A tip of my ball cap to you!

See Ya!

OLD ANTWERP ON WASHINGTON STREET IN THE 1930'S AS I REMEMBER IT

By: Stan Jordan

We start at the east end of Washington Street extended on the north side.

The house farthest to the east end was the home of Adam Carr. He still suffered from sores from burns from mustard gas he received in WWI. The second house was the home of Arthur Delong, sometimes he was called Fuzzy Delong, and he had four boys. Tommy and Audrey Eckenroad was in the next house. Then the next house was Frank Carr. The next house was the home of Conrad Grubb. Then we jump clean up to where the Antwerp Exchange Bank sits. There was a big house and Dave Johnson lived there. A small house sat at the north-

west corner where a teacher named Samaha lived, but a number of renters occupied that house. Across the street to the west was the home of Northrop Abraham Garfield Sunday, a bridge builder, and his nickname was Nag. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Armstrong was next. I don't remember who lived in the next house but Dick Rhoads lived in it for years after the war. Donald Boyce lived in the corner house. Across the road was the catholic school, and then the big house of Frank Lewis. Mrs. Hummel and her son Joe lived on the corner. Across the street was the home of the Henry Helsel family. The next house was the home of Floyd Rumbaugh. Sid Ludwig was next, he operated a garage with his home. There was a number of vacant lots in that block. The Anna Miller family was the only house in that last block.

See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

One Liners

**How can a black cow eat green grass and give white milk?

**If Federal Express would merge with United Parcel would they call it Fed-Up?

**Last Sunday morning it was very foggy, you couldn't see your hand in front of your face. A young school lad lamented, "We just wasted a perfectly good fog."

**She opened the door and in flew Enza.

**A rose by any other name would smell as sweet.

**You are never too old to learn something stupid.

**Snow, snow go away don't come back some other day.

**America is free, only because of the brave.

**Never say never.

**A person who will not change his mind is a fool.

**A fish, like people, would not get into trouble if he kept his mouth shut.

**I only open my mouth to change feet.

**I know a fellow who chased rainbows for the pot of gold. At the end all he found was an empty gas tank.

**Over the hill to the poor house.

**Point to your head and give the abbreviation for mountains.

**Newspaper is black and white and read all over.

**What else is black and white and red all over? Two penguins fighting.

See ya!

HELPING OUR VETERANS

The Kruse Report by: IN State Senator Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn)

As Hoosiers, we understand how important it is to support our veterans. It's no secret that returning to civilian life brings about challenges for many veterans. That's why the General Assembly makes it a priority to remove roadblocks veterans face.

The Indiana Senate recently passed several pieces of legislation - many of which

I co-authored - aimed at improving the lives of our state's veterans.

• Senate Bill 135: Allows more disabled veterans to receive property tax deductions by increasing the income eligibility cap. This bill could result in an estimated 3,900 additional deductions for disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. Freeing disabled veterans from these taxes could improve their quality of life and lessen their financial burden.

• Senate Bill 300: Offers local government bodies incentives to hire disabled veterans.

• Senate Bill 331: Creates the Second Service for Veterans program. It would require state higher educational institutions to: provide academic and career counseling for veterans, offer in-state tuition to state veterans who apply and are accepted into the Second Service program, develop scholarship opportunities for veteran students who major in education, allow military training experience to count toward an education degree and create a plan to attract and recruit veterans to the school of education.

• Senate Bill 352: Extends the time period of eligibility for qualifying post-9/11 veterans to receive assistance from the Military Family Relief Fund. Last year, seven applicants were denied grants simply because they missed the deadline. These veterans lost out on \$24,500 in additional grant money. This bill reopens the opportunity for any Iraq and Afghanistan veteran to receive assistance if they haven't already.

• Senate Bill 354: Establishes the Hoosier Women Veterans Program to provide information and services specifically to Indiana's female veterans. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, more than 33,000 women veterans reside in Indiana.

According to the Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation, the state unemployment rate for post-9/11 veterans is 20 percent. This is concerning. We must focus our energies on decreasing this number by helping our service men and women find a well-paying job.

I hope these legislative initiatives will provide veterans with much needed resources to help them find employment, lead successful lives and raise a family in Indiana.

What do you think?

WELCOME TO DROPnSHOP ONLINE AUCTIONS

Antwerp has a new business just on the outskirts of town: 5278 County Road 424 Antwerp, Ohio 45813, is where DROPnSHOP Online Auctions is now located. The business is renting space from Kirk Hopkin's building.

This is Northwest Ohio's "Online" 24/7 auction site. They are bringing sellers and buyers together by offering a variety of items from: new items to antiques, crafts, furniture, household items, cars, boats, tools, and building materials. Something different every week.

Auction bidding starts every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. and bidding will begin closing on Friday nights, starting at 8:00 p.m. The next week's auction will then be open for viewing.

Please feel free to come by



and look at the items before you bid. Then sit back in your easy chair and let the bidding begin. Please note there is just a 7% buyer's premium on all auctions. It's fun and easy to see the great deals you can get.

Like they say: one's junk is another's treasure! So bring in your treasures today! Entrepreneur, Norma Weir of Antwerp is accepting items now. The first auction was open for viewing on January 31st.

Contact Norma at 574-298-6199 for more information about DROPnSHOP Online Auctions. Store hours are Monday and Tuesday, 4:00-8:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; closed Thursday; Friday, 4:00-8:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

ANTWERP EMS RECEIVES DONATION TO SAVE PETS

Antwerp first responders recently became some of the best-equipped in the nation to save a pet's life. That's because Invisible Fence Brand of NW Ohio donated a pet oxygen mask kit to the Antwerp EMS Department.

This donation is just a small part of Invisible Fence® Brand's Project BreatheT, which was established with the goal of equipping first responders in America and Canada with pet oxygen masks. These masks allow them to give oxygen to pets who are suffering from smoke inhalation when they are rescued from fires and often save pets' lives.

Invisible Fence® Brand has donated a total of more than 10,000 pet oxygen masks all over the U.S. and Canada throughout the life of the program. A reported 90+ pets have been saved by the donated masks so far, including a cat saved on January 1 in Tecumseh, Ontario.

"When a family suffers the tragedy of a fire, lives are turned upside down," said Albert Lee, Director of Invisible Fence® Brand. "Pets are valued family members, so we want families to know that their pet can be cared for if tragedy strikes."

"We realize that humans are the first-priority, but in many cases, pets can be saved if first responders have the right equipment," said Lee. "Project Breathe is simply a way of giving them the tools necessary to save pets' lives."

Antwerp is now joining the ranks of cities like Denver, Cleveland and Memphis, who have all received donated pet oxygen masks from Project BreatheT.

"Thank God they had the masks. They (the dogs) are just like family. I don't know what I'd do without them. Things can be replaced. Lives can't, whether they're animals or people." Said a pet owner whose dogs were recently rescued using donated masks.

Although the number of pets that die in fires in not an official statistic kept by the U.S. Fire Administration, industry web sites and sources have cited an estimated 40,000 to 150,000 pets die in fires each year, most succumbing to smoke inhalation. In most states, emergency responders are unequipped to deal with the crisis.

"These masks truly are blessings for Antwerp" said EMS Chief Randy Shaffer. "We've seen residents run back into burning homes to save a pet. It's understandable, but extremely dangerous. These masks will give residents comfort in knowing that we can save their pets if they are suffering from smoke inhalation."

FROM THE PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Candidates filing to run in the Primary Election on May 6, 2014:

County Commissioner - Bob Burkley, 9436 Rd. 61, Payne, OH 45880, democratic candidate; Mark W. Holtsberry, 15804 SR 613, Paulding, OH 45879, republican candidate; Fred Pieper, 11902 Rd. 162, Paulding, OH 45879, republican candidate

County Auditor - Claudia J. Fickel, 5376 Rd. 197, Oakwood, OH 45879

Local Issue: Paulding County Library - renewal, current operating expenses, 2.17 mills, for 5 years 2014-2018

Write In candidates filing deadline: February 24 by 4:00 p.m. for May 6th primary election

Independent candidates filing deadline: May 5 by 4:00 p.m. for November 4th general election

The board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2014 to review and certify petitions.

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TIPS FOR INCREASING WATER INTAKE

The Nurturing Well by: Jill Starbuck

Most of us realize that we need to drink a certain amount of water daily to obtain optimal health. However, many of us fall short. Some of us are so conditioned to drinking small amounts of water that we don't know how to squeeze in the proper amount. Before we know it, the day is over and we've only had a glass or two of water. Others simply get bored with water.

Try the following tips to increase your water intake if you are among those who don't get enough water.

• **Keep it near you at all times.** You are much more likely to increase your water intake if it is readily available. Using a straw can also help encourage you to grab frequent sips. Consider investing in a portable water bottle that you can refill versus buying bottled water. Bottled water is expensive and most plastic is terrible for the environment.

• **Filter it.** Don't like the taste of tap water? Invest in a water filter. There are tons of options that are relatively inexpensive. For instance, check out the filters that you place directly on your faucet. Or filter pitchers such as Brita.

• **Add flavor.** Bored with plain ol' water? Try adding cucumbers or fruit. Squeeze a fresh lemon for added flavor. But hold the lemon while at restaurants. Studies show that those lemons are loaded with germs.

• **Eat more water-based fruit and veggies.** Keep oranges, grapes, tomatoes, and the like nearby. These are great sources of water and nutrition.

• **Drink first thing in the morning.** Studies show that a warm glass of water first thing in the morning gets the digestive tract moving. If you start to do this every morning, it becomes a habit and you'll have one glass down before you do anything else

for the day. These are just some of the tips to help you achieve your daily water intake. If you only drink half of the recommended ounces or less, then ease your way into it. Otherwise, you will spend your day running to the bathroom and feeling waterlogged. Eventually your body will become accustomed to the proper amount of water.

ADOPTION SAVES LIVES

Casey's Comments by: IN State Rep. Casey Cox, House District 85

The General Assembly has reached the halfway point of the legislative session. It is at this point that bills passed out of the House will be sent to the Senate for further consideration and vice-versa. We have addressed a wide range of issues so far, everything from education and road funding to economic development and cutting red tape. While votes on each of those issues are important, one of the proudest votes I have cast in my first month in office was for House Bill (HB) 1222, a measure which would promote adoption by providing a state tax credit for individuals that adopt a child.

As an unapologetic defender of life, it is my prayer that by working to make Indiana an increasingly pro-adoption state, we can provide avenues of hope for children and loving families while at the same time working to provide alternatives to people who think abortion is the only answer.

Governor Pence has made it his top priority for Indiana to become the most pro-adoption state in the United States. The House's passage of HB 1222 is the first step in that direction. The legislation would provide an adjusted gross income state tax credit for individuals that also qualify for the federal adoption credit. Extending an additional state tax credit would go even further to help alleviate the financial burden of adoption. Besides the lengthy process, cost is a main deterrent to why many are unable to adopt. Making adoption more affordable has the potential to help reduce part of this financial burden.

HB 1222 would also establish the Interim Committee on Adoption. That committee would research adoption issues and make recommendations for improving adoption programs in Indiana, perhaps including the fostering of relationships between our state

agencies and other private, faith-based and local community organizations.

I whole-heartedly support adoption, because I believe it brings a precious life to a new family. Quite literally, adoption is a life-saver. For me, the vote on HB 1222 to make adoption more affordable was an easy yes.

MAIN STREET VAN WERT INC. RELEASES 2013 DOWNTOWN ANNUAL REPORT

The Board of MSVW Inc. is excited to release the 2013 Downtown Van Wert Annual Report. This yearly report documents the efforts of the non-profit downtown development program and summarizes downtown activity and reinvestment statistics for the past year.

In 2013, nine new businesses opened or moved into downtown Van Wert, adding to a healthy and growing mix of downtown businesses. These new businesses along with existing business growth resulted in 21 new jobs created. Building renovations and improvements large and small resulted in over \$1.3 million reinvested into downtown. This reinvestment is the result of property owners tackling the improvements and continued maintenance to make sure their buildings are serving today's business needs. At the same time, they are preserving the buildings that are essential to the unique character and charm of downtown Van Wert.

New retail businesses in downtown last year include: The Embroidery Coop, offering embroidered apparel and gifts as well as custom screen printing services; Smith & Sons Firearms specializing in modern tactical firearms and carry pistols; Once I Was, an artisan style boutique with a wide selection of gifts, home décor, jewelry and women's clothing; RedNeck Pickers Variety Store boasts a large selection of lightly used furniture, clothing, and electronics; and MOD Boutique, offering on-trend women's clothing and fashion accessories. Not a bakery but a cakery, Cake-crazy offers a daily selection of unique flavored cupcakes and provides custom-ordered special occasion cakes. Other businesses to move downtown include R&R Employment which opened a Van Wert location of the training and employment services company headquartered in Decatur, IN; 540 Martial Arts moved their studio to downtown, with classes for youth and adult Karate and Tae Kwon Do; and the Wassenberg Art Center moved into the former Van Wert Armory building. The nonprofit community art center presents an average of eight admission-free exhibits annually as well as classes, workshops and activities for adults and children.

Milestones for the MSVW organization in 2013 include a successful June ArtRageous event, as well as an expanded weekly Market on Main through the summer months. Many new retail promotions were organized and are planned again for 2014. The organization's Program Manager position was returned to a full time status thanks in large part to the many new financial Supporting Partners who have allowed the organization to grow. In turn,

MSVW strives to offer more to serve businesses downtown and fulfill state requirements as one of only 22 Ohio Main Street designated communities.

Main Street Van Wert, Inc. is committed to serving the community by stimulating economic growth while preserving the historic buildings and promoting Downtown Van Wert as a great place to shop, visit, work, and live. Copies of the full report can be picked up at 136 East Main Street, or viewed online at www.mainstreetvanwert.org.

OHIO WILDLIFE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER PROPOSED DEER HUNTING DATES, BAG LIMITS

Last night, the Ohio Wildlife Council received the 2014-2015 hunting proposals for deer season dates, changes to deer bag limits and the possibility of allowing some straight-walled rifle cartridges for deer hunting, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

Ohio deer hunters and other interested parties are invited to share their comments regarding the proposed 2014-2015 deer hunting seasons and regulations at open houses on Saturday, March 1, from 12:00-3:00 p.m., and online at wildohio.com through Sunday, March 2.

ODNR Division of Wildlife biologists proposed that 2014-2015 deer hunting season dates remain consistent with previous years, with one exception. In an effort to provide more potential hunting opportunity, it was proposed that deer-muzzleloader season begin on Friday, January 2, 2015, and end on Monday, January 5, compared to last year when the season began on a Saturday and concluded on a Tuesday. A proposal to continue the October antlerless deer-muzzleloader weekend for a second season was also introduced.

Proposed seasons for 2014-2015:

- Deer archery: September 27, 2014 - February 1, 2015
- Antlerless deer muzzleloader: October 11-12, 2014
- Youth deer gun: November 22-23, 2014
- Deer gun: December 1-7, 2014
- Deer muzzleloader: January 2-5, 2015

Bag limit proposals reflect the reduction in the deer population in many counties as numbers continue to move closer to target levels. The proposal presented to the council called for a reduction in 44 counties and an increase in five counties, while bag limits in 39 counties would remain the same.

It was also proposed that antlerless tags be eliminated in some counties as deer populations approach target levels. Antlerless tags were introduced as a way to reduce Ohio's deer herd, and have been successful, thereby eliminating their need in certain counties.

Proposed county deer bag limits:

- Two (no more than one antlerless permit): Auglaize, Darke, Fayette, Hancock and Madison counties.
- Three (no more than one antlerless permit): Adams, Allen, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clinton, Columbiana, Crawford, Erie, Hardin, Henry, Highland, Huron, Knox, Lawrence, Licking, Logan, Lorain, Marion, Medina,

NEW HAVEN MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER



New Haven Middle School Enrichment classes have been studying and researching Hunger in our world today. Students worked closely with local doctors to develop a blend of rice, 21 vitamins and minerals, and protein to help starving people with the basic nutrition they need for a day.

Students organized a fundraiser called "Stick it to Hunger". Teachers who received the most money (provided by students) in their buckets were able to duct tape a teacher to the wall at a school-wide assembly. Students raised over \$3400 to support the cause.

www.newhavenbulletin.com

Morgan, Ottawa, Paulding, Pickaway, Pike, Preble, Putnam, Ross, Sandusky, Scioto, Seneca, Shelby, Tuscarawas, Union, Vinton, Wayne, Wood and Wyandot counties.

• Three (antlerless permits are not valid): Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Defiance, Fairfield, Fulton, Gallia, Geauga, Greene, Guernsey, Harrison, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Meigs, Mercer, Miami, Monroe, Morrow, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Richland, Van Wert, Washington and Williams counties.

• Four (no more than one antlerless permit): Brown, Clermont, Cuyahoga, Delaware, Franklin, Hamilton, Lake, Lucas, Mahoning, Montgomery, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull and Warren counties.

A proposal was also offered that would allow the use of pistol cartridge rifles for deer hunting. The proposed rifles are the same caliber and use the same straight-walled cartridges that are currently legal for use in handguns. The proposal is designed to allow additional gun-hunting opportunities for hunters that own these guns or want to hunt with these guns. These rifles have reduced recoil

compared to larger shotguns, and the proposed rifles are more accurate than the same caliber handgun.

Proposed hunting rifles are chambered for the following calibers: .357 Magnum, .357 Maximum, .38 Special, .375 Super Magnum, .375 Winchester, .38-55, .41 Long Colt, .41 Magnum, .44 Special, .44 Magnum, .444 Marlin, .45 ACP, .45 Colt, .45 Long Colt, .45 Winchester Magnum, .45 Smith & Wesson, .454 Casull, .460 Smith & Wesson, .45-70, .45-90, .45-110, .475 Linebaugh, .50-70, .50-90, .50-100, .50-110 and .500 Smith & Wesson.

Open houses to receive public comments about hunting, trapping and fishing regulations and wildlife issues will be held on Saturday, March 1. Open houses will be held at the ODNR Division of Wildlife District One, District Two, District Three and District Four offices, the Greene County Fish and Game Association clubhouse in Xenia, the Lake Erie Fairport office and the Lake Erie Shores and Islands Regional Welcome Center in Port Clinton. Directions to the open houses can be found at wildohio.com or by calling 800-WILDLIFE (945-3543).

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ANTWERP MAKES COMEBACK, RAIDERS WIN



Antwerp's Derek Smalley reaches over the top of Wayne Trace's Ethan Linder, attempting to block the shot. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Raiders hosted the Archers on Friday, February 7 at the Palace for the annual boys basketball game. The home team is the Green Meadows Conference champions for 2014.

The JV game was a packaged deal for the Raiders as they dominated Antwerp 46-19.

The varsity game started with the Wayne Trace team and Ethan Linder and TJ Blackmore burning up the court and commanding the first quarter. With 4:30 seconds left, the Raiders were winning 15-0. The Archers only scored 5 points in the 1st period, making this game severely one sided. The Ar-

chers performed very well in the second quarter. Sam Williamson and Kaden Brumett hit their stride in three point baskets and it was like a different match. Antwerp more than quadrupled their first quarter points while the Raiders only scored 13 points. The first half finished with Wayne Trace in the lead 36-26.

Wayne Trace outscored Antwerp in the third while Antwerp returned the favor in the fourth quarter with both teams adding 30 points in the second half to their scores. The game went to Wayne Trace 66-56 in a great match.

Scorers of the Game:

WOODLAN & NEW HAVEN WRESTLERS MOVE ON TO SEMI-STATE



Woodlan's Nik Hoot (bottom) against Snider's Eriqre Early in the first round of Semi-Finals at Regionals. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

HS Wrestling Regionals for Northeast Indiana took place at Carroll High School on Saturday, February 8 with 20 teams joining in the event. Of the 114 wrestlers and 20 schools competing, Woodlan and New Haven both sent wrestlers to the tournament.

Woodlan: Nik Hoot, Jay Knepp, and Brian Salmon. New Haven: Ryan Shaffer, Kyle Bender, Nic Lash, Luis Chacon, and Mikey Rivera.

Team scores:

Carroll 140.0, Leo 92.0, Columbia City 89.5, FW Wayne 61.0, FW Snider 53.0, Huntington North 50.0, Churubusco 45.5, Homestead 42.5, Northrop 34.5, Bishop Dwenger 28.0, Heritage 25.0, Garrett 22.0, FW South Side 16.0, New Haven 16.0, Concordia Lutheran 13.0, Woodlan 12.0, North Side 10.5, Whitko 10.0, Eastside 6.0, FW Bishop Luers 0.0.

Antwerp - Kaden Brumett 16; Sam Williamson 14; Trenton Copsey 14; Derek Smalley 6; Colton Stout 3; Tyler Messman 3

Wayne Trace - Ethan Linder 15; TJ Blackmore 13; Jake Arend 11; Corbin Linder 9; Colby Speice 4; Devin Wenzlick 7; David Sinn 7

Score by the Quarter:

Wayne Trace - 23 13 20 10=66

Antwerp - 5 21 15 15=56

Wayne Trace is now 14-1

Antwerp boys are now 10-7

138 - (guaranteed places) 1st Dominic Garrett of Bishop Dwenger; 2nd Bryce Woenker of Northrop; 3rd Nathan Smith of Columbia City; 4th Kyle Bender of New Haven; 1st Match Dominic Garrett (Bishop Dwenger) 35-3, Sr. over Bryce Woenker (Northrop) 29-7, Sr. (Dec 2-1). 3rd Place Match Nathan Smith (Columbia City) 24-13, So. over Kyle Bender (New Haven) 21-21, Jr. (MD 13-2).

170 - (guaranteed places) 1st Tristan Wilson of Carroll; 2nd Aaron Eicher of Leo; 3rd Luis Chacon of New Haven; 4th Travis Glick of Churubusco; 1st Place Match: Tristan Wilson (Carroll) 41-1, Sr. over Aaron Eicher (Leo) 31-3, Sr. (Dec 3-2); 3rd Place Match: Luis Chacon (New Haven) 33-8, Sr. over Travis Glick (Churubusco) 24-8, Sr.

(Dec 6-4). 126 - (guaranteed places) 1st Eriqre Early of FW Snider; 2nd Logan Aldrich of Northrop; 3rd Ryan Fawcett of Leo; 4th Nik Hoot of Woodlan. 1st Place Match: Eriqre Early (FW Snider) 22-0, Sr. over Logan Aldrich (Northrop) 29-4, Sr. (Dec 4-2). 3rd Place Match: Ryan Fawcett (Leo) 26-10, Sr. over Nik Hoot (Woodlan) 24-10, Jr. (Dec 2-0).

195 - (guaranteed places) 1st Kanez Omar of FW Wayne; 2nd Corey Rickman of Carroll; 3rd Bo Davis of Garrett; 4th Brian Salmon of Woodlan. 1st Place Match: Kanez Omar (FW Wayne) 40-0, Sr. over Corey Rickman (Carroll) 34-8, Sr. (Dec 7-1). 3rd Place Match: Bo Davis (Garrett) 31-6, Jr. over Brian Salmon (Woodlan) 24-9, Sr. (Dec 4-2).

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ON VALENTINE'S DAY, FINANCIAL GIFTS CAN BE SWEET



Financial Focus by: Gabe Pollock, Edward Jones Advisor

Valentine's Day is almost here. This year, instead of sticking with flowers or chocolates for your valentine, why not give a gift with a future? Specifically, consider making a meaningful financial gift.

However, a "meaningful" gift doesn't gain its meaning from its size, but rather its impact. What types of financial gifts can have the greatest effect on the life of your loved one? Here are a few possibilities:

- Charitable gifts — Your valentine may well support a variety of charitable organizations. Why not give to one of them, in the name of your loved one? Not only will you be helping a group that does good work, but you may also be able to receive a tax deduction for your contribution, assuming the organization qualifies for tax-exempt status. And if you give financial assets, such as appreciated stocks, you may also be able to avoid paying capital gains taxes on the donated shares.

- IRA contributions — Many people don't contribute the maximum annual amount to their IRA (which, in 2014, is \$5,500, or \$6,500 if you're 50 or older). While you can't directly contribute to your valentine's IRA, you can certainly write him or her a check for that purpose.

- Gifts of stock — Like everyone else, your sweetheart uses a variety of products — and he or she might enjoy being an "owner" of the companies that produce these goods. You can help make that happen through gifts of stock in these businesses. A financial advisor can help you through the straightforward process of buying stock and transferring it to another person.

- Debt payment — Consider volunteering to pay your

valentine's car payment, or credit card payment, for a month, and then encouraging him or her to put the savings to work in an investment. The fewer debts we have, the more we have to invest for our future.

- Life and disability insurance — Quite frankly, life insurance and disability insurance do not sound like the most romantic of Valentine's Day presents. And yet, if your valentine is also your spouse, your purchase of life and disability insurance may actually be one of the most thoughtful gifts you can give. Of course, your employer may offer some life and disability insurance as employee benefits, but this coverage may be insufficient for your needs. After all, if something were to happen to you, your insurance may need to provide enough income to pay off your mortgage, send your children to college and perhaps even help pay for your spouse's retirement. As for disability insurance, many employers' plans are quite limited in what they provide, so you may need to supplement this coverage with a separate policy. And the possibility of incurring a disability, even for a short time, may be greater than you think. In fact, a 20-year-old worker has a three-in-10 chance of becoming disabled before reaching retirement age, according to the Social Security Administration.

As you can see, you can choose from a range of financial gifts to brighten Valentine's Day for your loved one. So, consider the ones that make the most sense for your valentine and start "wrapping them up," so to speak.

UPCOMING MARTIAL ARTS TOURNAMENT

On Saturday July 12, 2014 Lear's Martial Arts Academy (Delphos, OH) and www.buckeyekarate.com will join forces to host the 1st Annual Lear's Martial Arts Buckeye Karate Bash at the Delphos Jefferson Highschool in Delphos, OH. Event will be covered by *Ohio Martial Arts Magazine* and is sanctioned by five organizations: MVTA, PRO-AM, SKIL, UPMAC, and ALLIANCE. Come out and see some of the area's best take on competitors from all over Ohio, and several other states. For more information visit www.buckeyekarate.com, or contact Shane Lear at 419-692-7717. View the entire tournament packet at http://www.mvta-karate.com/docs/Buckeye_Karate_Bash.pdf

NEW HAVEN MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS MAKE THE GRADE



Over 370 New Haven students received special recognition for academic success for their first semester grades. Well over 100 of those students raised grades during the second 9 week grading period. No student received a grade lower than a C. Students received a very encour-

aging message about 'striving for excellence' from Dr. Ken Folks, superintendent.

"Our kids work really hard in the classroom and we recognized them for their hard work, said Doug Pickett, Principal.

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MAPLECREST EXTENSION WINS NATIONAL AWARD

The Allen County Highway Department has received a national award for its work on the Maplecrest Road Extension Project.

The highway department was the recipient of a Silver Award in the Urban Arterials and Collectors category from the American Concrete Pavement Association as part of its 24th annual "Excellence in Concrete Pavements" awards. The organization is the national trade association for the concrete pavement industry.

The awards program encourages high-quality workmanship in concrete pavement projects. Judging is based on a point system, with points awarded for quality construction, addressing unique and unusual challenges, innovation, traffic management, and other criteria. Awards are presented in both gold and silver levels.

The Maplecrest extension was opened to traffic in late October 2012 and represents the largest infrastructure project Allen County government has ever overseen. The 1.5-mile east corridor connector extends Maplecrest from Lake Avenue to Adams Center Road at Indiana 930 in New Haven. It features construction of one and a-half miles of new four-lane roadway with curb and gutter and four new bridges. Also included were new storm sewers and a multi-use trail. The new highway is expected to help spur economic growth in the area, as well as provide a safer, more efficient route for motorists.

The ACPA judges also recognized Primco, Inc. for its work, noting that "the contractor...delivered this

complex project with outstanding quality on time and under budget." The construction costs totaled \$30.7 million, well under the engineer's estimate of \$52 million.

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ODOT SHOPS FOR EMERGENCY SUPPLY OF EXTRA SALT

Ohio officials could order hundreds of thousands of tons of additional salt in anticipation of the next big storm in the forecast.

The Ohio Department of Transportation said it may order as much as an additional 210,000 tons of salt to share with cities and towns with diminishing supplies.

"It is unprecedented for Ohio," ODOT director Jerry Wray said. He said the state usually stocks about 600,000 tons of salt; this year, it is approaching 1 million tons.

The extra supply could cost more than usual.

"As the demand goes up, supply is limited," he said. "I think we're going to be seeing higher prices and we will have to deal with that as best we can. It is not an option for us not to take care of the roads."

The salt will be dumped in seven strategic locations around the state so that hard-hit cities, towns and villages can replenish their own supplies.

But, as Wray pointed out, they will have to share.

"We have to be careful that we don't allow one jurisdiction to take what might be more than their share and shut some jurisdictions out," he said.

ODOT officials said they hope the new order will be enough to at least last the next few weeks.

PCAF AWARDS 2013 GRANTS



Paulding County Area Foundation has granted \$1,000.00 to Boy Scout Troop 315. The grant funds will be added to funds for six in the Boy Scout Troop to attend a 14 day high adventure trip to a Scout camp in New Mexico in June. Lisa McClure, Executive Director presents the grant funds to Phillip Jackson, Assistant Scout Master.

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

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

CC BANKS SPEAKS AT ROTARY



Pictured here are Ron Eschbach, Rotarian Program Chair, and Chris and Crystal Banks.

Chris and Crystal Banks addressed the Antwerp Rotary Club on January 30 at the Essen Haus. CC Banks was formed 17 years ago when the Banks' daughter, Rachel, became interested in acting at the age of 4. Their goal is "to provide quality entertainment within our small communities through live theatre".

Chris spoke of the requirements, costs, and hours that are needed to produce a high quality show. Chris and Crystal have produced numerous plays and musicals locally and are always on the lookout for volunteers and/or local talent. Check out CC Banks Productions on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/CcBanksProductions>.

GROVER HILL JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Presenting the Wayne Trace Grover Hill January Students of the Month: (front row) Cameron Sinn, Whitney Boroff, Corbin Kimmel, Addison Stoller and Devin Nichols; (standing) Tatum Tigner, Jacob Howell, Julie Sinn, Jacob Hull and Andrew Sinn; (back) Tucker Antoine and Ryley Baker. Absent: Hayden Manson and Macy Doster.

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WAYNE TRACE WINS COUNTY TRI-MEET



Raider Brandon Laney attempts to pin Antwerp's Justice Clark in 152 weight class. Justice ended up winning by decision. More pictures at westbendnews.net

All of the Paulding County schools got together for the annual wrestling meet on Thursday, February 6, 2014. The Paulding county teams work very close together. Wayne Trace Coach stated, "I think When my team is all present and healthy we are a solid team. The County Meet was one of our goals for the season. Now its time to prepare and get as many as we can to districts."

Team Scores:
Paulding 62, Antwerp 5
Wayne Trace 59, Antwerp 18
Wayne Trace 60, Paulding 18

1st match: Paulding vs. Antwerp; 2nd match: Wayne Trace vs Antwerp; 3rd match: Wayne Trace vs Paulding

106 - George Clemens won by void; 106; George Clemens pinned Sidney Salinas 3:18

113 - Dustin Taylor won by void; 113 Dustin Taylor won by void

120 - Ruger Goeltzenleuchter defeated Logan Shaner 20-5; 120 Ruge Goeltzenleuchter dec Branson Mink 14-1

126 - Matt Baxter won by void; 126 Matt Baxter dec Nelson Foster 11-3

132 - Caleb Schultz won by Void; 132 Caleb Schultz loss to Taylor Deatrck via pin 1:51

138 - Zaine Cotterman won by void; 138 Zaine Cotterman pinned Dylan Gamble 3:43

145 - Tyler Showalter won by Void; 145 Brandon Laney pinned Tyler Nichols 1:41

152 - Brandon Laney loss to Justice Clark 6-2; 152 Tyler Showalter won by default Zach Wesley

160 - Jacob Dingus pinned Colton Hall 1:11; 160 Jacob Dingus dec Cody Jarrell 13-1

170 - Josh Reel pinned Chase Gerkin :15; 170 Adam Deatrck(paul) won by void

182 - Austin Vanatta (ant) won by void; 182 Josh Real pinned Cotey Nickols 3:33

195 - Jordan Laker(ant) won by void; 195 Dakota Valdez (paul) won by void

220 - Justin Pierce loss to Jarett Bute 3-0; 220 Justin Pierce pinned Cystal Ramirez

285 - Riley Moore won by void; 285 Riley Moore won by void

106 - Sidney Salinas (P) won by void

120 - Branson Minck (P) def. Logan Shaner (A) fall 1:02

126 - Nelson Foster (P) won by void

132 - Taylor Deatrck (P) won by void

138 - Dylan Gamble (P) won by void

145 - Tyler Nichols (P) won by void

152 - Aaron Mock (P) def. Justice Clark (A) dec. 8-4

160 - Cody Jarrell (P) def. Colton Hall (A) fall 1:23

182 - Cotey Nichols (P) def. Austin Van Atta (A) fall 3:29

195 - Dakota Valdez (P) def. Jordan Laker (A) TF 15-0

220 - Jarrett Bute (A) def. Cystal Ramirez (P) TF 17-2

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING CLUB COMPETES IN ARCHBOLD BIDDY TOURNAMENT

On Sunday, February 9th, the WTWC participated in the Archbold Biddy Wrestling Tournament.

Placing 1st for WT: Maddox Treece, Jarrett Hornish, Eli Ames, Brendon Bidlack, Hunter Long, and Gabe Sutton. Placing 2nd: Kaiden Sueffel, Kamryn Sutton, Brayden Sherry, and Ty Tinlin. Placing 3rd: Kaiden Feeny, and Brendon Egnor. Placing 4th: Jess Munger, Graiden Troth, and Devin Egnor.

ANTWERP JH ENDS SEASON AT GMC TOURNAMENT

The Antwerp JH Wrestling Team recently competed in their season finale on February 8, 2014 at the GMC Tournament in Edgerton. Antwerp only had two wrestlers competing in

WAYNE TRACE GIRLS TRIUMPH AGAINST ANTWERP

The Lady Raiders team went to Antwerp for the girls basketball game. This was a cold night on Thursday, February 6.

The JV game finished with the Wayne Trace Raiders prevailing 33-25 against the Archers.

No doubt about it, the varsity could have been a very close game. The first quarter ended with only one point difference. Quarter number two was where the Archers fell behind, only earning five points. The Antwerp defense could not stop Erin Mohr and

fringe, several times adding 3 point shots to the scoreboard. Antwerp's Senior Night followed the game where Kaiya Jemison was honored by her team, fans, friends and family. She was also given WKSD's Player of the Game award.

Scorers of the Game:
Antwerp - Kaiya Jemison 16; Cheyenne Miller-Sweet 4; Avery Braaten 4; Kianna Recker 4; Audrie Longardner 3; Annie Miesle 2; Peyton Short 2

Wayne Trace - Erin Mohr 15; Lauren Speice 8; Brenda



Kaiya Jemison scores two of her 16 points with Lauren Speice blocking the shot. More pictures at westbendnews.net

the rest of the team, with the first half going Wayne Trace 22-14.

The second half of the game was very competitive but the home team could not make up the difference lost in the first half. The fourth quarter was the best for Antwerp when Kaiya Jemison was hitting baskets from the outside

Feasby 7; Sylvia Young 5; Shayna Temple 4; Brooke Wilcox 2; Madi Poling 2

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 10 12 12 9=43

Antwerp - 9 5 10 11=35
Wayne Trace is now 13-6. Antwerp's record is 1-16.

WT leading 14-22 at half Final 35-43

the tournament but those wrestlers faired very well for themselves. 7th grader Aidan McAlexander finished 2nd at 80 pounds to close his season with 9-4 record. Aidan's successful year also included a 3rd place finish at the Wayne Trace Invitational, 3rd place at the Bryan Invitational, 3rd at the Pilot Invitational, and a 1st place finish at the Antwerp Invitational. The 2nd wrestler competing for Antwerp at the GMC tournament was Tyler Bauer. Tyler was the first 7th grader to become a GMC champion for the Archers. He finishes his season with an 11-4 record with a 2nd place finish at the Bryan Invitational, a 2nd place finish at the Pilot Invitational, and a 1st place finish at the Antwerp Invitational. Congratulations to both Aidan and Tyler for their hard work and success this season. We look forward to having them back next year as 8th graders.

PAULDING WRESTLERS COMPETE IN ROSSFORD INVITATIONAL

The Paulding Panther wrestling team traveled to Rossford High School for

the Rossford Invitational on Saturday, February 8. There were a total of 12 teams participating at the tournament. Paulding came in 3rd overall. The Panthers had 10 wrestlers going into the finals.

Leading off was Sydney Salinas 106# placing 3rd after defeating Tanner Krotzer, Rossford.

Kage Seals 113# place 3rd after defeating Charley Boles, Napoleon.

Branson Minck 120# placed 3rd after defeating Justin Lutz, Whitmer.

Nelson Foster 126# placed 6th.

Taylor Deatrck 132#, placed 1st after defeating Joe Barlage, Rossford.

Aaron Mock 152# placed 1st defeating Timmy Smith, Napoleon.

Cody Jarrell 160# placed 4th.

Adam Deatrck 170# placed 2nd due to injury default.

Cotey Nichols 185# placed 2nd

Dakota Valdez 195# placed 2nd.

"It was good going into finals with 10 wrestlers, considering we had 2 empty weight classes all day," stated Coach Gonzales.

PAULDING'S MAJOR VICTORY OVER HICKSVILLE



Paulding Senior Kyle Kauser adds two more points to the Panther Score. More pictures at westbendnews.net

All the games were moved up in starting time due to the weather outside. The Aces travelled to Paulding for a competitive boys basketball game against the Panthers.

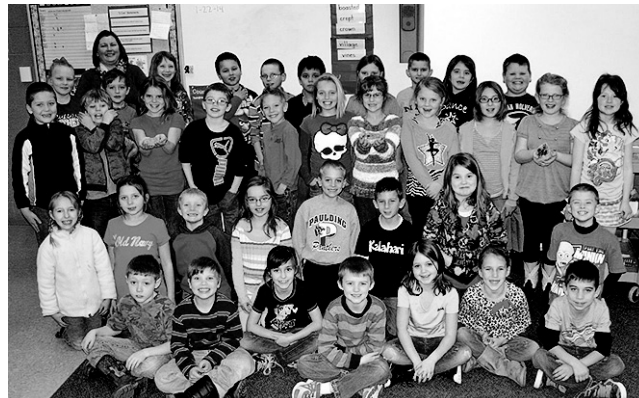
Paulding was ahead in the second quarter with a 10 point lead. Soon the Aces pulled back to only a 5 point difference. At half time it was a seven point difference at 25-32.

It was a surprise crush in the second half with the Panthers destroying the Aces. By the end of the third, Paulding was ahead by 48-27.

In the fourth quarter, Paulding expanded their lead and was ahead 60-32 when Paulding was at their largest - 28 point - lead.

The final score finished with Paulding winning 66-41.

FOSSILS AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



The Oakwood Elementary 2nd graders learned about fossils, including fossils we can find locally. Shown in this picture is Tara Miller, from Paulding, who shared many of the fossils her family has found right here in Paulding County!

WAYNE TRACE JH WRESTLING TEAM WINS 3rd CONFERENCE TITLE

The Wayne Trace Junior High wrestling team won their 3rd conference title in the past 5 years 4th overall. The Raiders placed all 11 wrestlers for the day.

Taking All-Conference honors are Max Rassman, Nick Barnett, Braxton Asher, and Quinton Stabler. Bringing home as runner-up is Dylan Jackson. Placing 3rd are Austin Smith, Caleb Baughman, Hunter Showalter, and Matt Stouffer. Rounding out taking 4th are Cassidy Knott, and Wyatt Stabler.

UNIVERSITY OF SAINT FRANCIS STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Dr. J. Andrew Prall, Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University of Saint Francis, has announced students named to the Dean's List for the Fall of 2013 semester. These students have maintained a 3.5 grade point average on a four-point scale and have carried at least 12 credit hours.

These students for our readership area have been named to the Dean's List:

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 SAT. FEB. 15...JEFFERSON AT VAN WERT (WERT)***
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WOODLAN BOYS VICTORIOUS OVER SOUTH ADAMS



Caleb Stieglitz scores under the basket for Woodlan. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Woodlan took on South Adams on Saturday, February 8 at the home court after the weather caused the game to be rescheduled. The boys basketball game followed the girls varsity game. The first quarter began with Woodlan taking a large lead, more than doubling the score of the Starfires. Both Greg White and Jeffrey Jones were on fire hitting baskets left and right for the team. The second part of the first half the South Adams boys slowed the scoring progress of the home team. The first half ended with Woodlan on top at 34-25. The second half of the game was much the same as the first. The Warriors out-

scored by more than double in the third quarter and the Starfires had higher points for the fourth. The final score was 70-55 win. Scorers of the Game: Woodlan - Kadin Gerig 3, Caleb Stieglitz 7, Greg White 23, Jaylin Bennett 6, Jeffrey Jones 22, Elyjah O'Hara 5, Loren Hahn 2, Evan Gustin 2 South Adams - Marcus Teeter 7, Marco Vasquez 7, Derek Wanner 18, Cal Clouser 2, Jared Grubau 12, Conner Sealscott 9 Score by the Quarter: South Adams - 9 16 9 21=55 Woodlan - 19 14 21 16=70 The record for the Woodlan Boys basketball team is currently 11-4

DC CHAMBER SINGERS TO HOLD VALENTINE CABARET

The Defiance College Chamber Singers will present the second annual Valentine's Day Cabaret on Friday, February 14, at 8:00 p.m. in the Serrick Campus Center dining hall. As either a night out or an after-dinner stop, the DC Chamber Singers are sure to please guests with their musical entertainment specifically chosen for this romantic holiday. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m., and music begins at 8:00 p.m. For more information, please contact the Chamber Singers president Lindsay Kasmer at lkasmer001@defiance.edu or 330-635-5416.

DC PLAYERS TO PERFORM 'THE FINAL ROUND'

Defiance College's DC Players will present "The Final Round" by Kara Quillard on February 20-23. The performances will be held in Schomburg Auditorium beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. "The Final Round" is a play about friends who are in college, and all of the ups, downs, and turning points in friendships, as well as the reunions that come with time. It is a play that encourages all to reflect on the relationships of our lives. This production is performed by DC students: Phillip Balla, Rossford; Toni-Ann Boyd, Jamaica; Aman-

da Fooce, Bellevue; Gareth MacMillan, Coloma, Mich.; and stage managed by Beth Pieonski, Sheffield Lake, and Kelsea Burns, Antwerp. Also performing is Nolan Fout. The production is presented under the direction of Danae Jimenez in her second year with the DC Players. The event is free to DC students, faculty and staff with a valid campus ID. Some language may not be suitable for children. For more information, please refer to the college website is www.defiance.edu.

2014 GREEN MEADOWS CONFERENCE WRESTLING

The 2014 GMC Wrestling tournament was at Fairview High School on February 1, 2014.

WRESTLER OF THE YEAR:

- Gabe Santa-Rita, Edgerton 12
- Team Standings: Ayersville 207.5; Wayne Trace 148; Edgerton 132; Tinora 126; Fairview 98; Antwerp 36; Hicksville 20
- Individuals Results: 106 - 1. Clemens George WT; 2. Guilford Evan AY; 3. Retcher Hunter TIN 113 - Taylor Dustin WT; 2. Steinberger Martin TIN; 3. Jordan Trystan EDG; 4. Grennay Chase AY 120 - 1. Behringer Kyle AY; 2. Goeltzenleuchter Ruger WT; 3. Heater Reilly FV; 4. Shaner Logan ANT 126 - 1. Santa-Rita Gabe EDG; 2. Alvarado Francisco AY; 3. Miller Jared HV; 4. Baxter Matt WT 132 - 1. Shreve Kody AY; 2. Brown Jonah EDG; 3. Duron Tyler TIN; 4. Warnke Jared FV 138 - 1. Kelley Bobby FV; 2. Cotterman Zaine WT; 3. Hicks Braden EDG; 4. Fackler Elijah AY 145 - 1. Showalter Tyler WT; 2. Huffman Jacob EDG; 3. Bouza Gavin TIN; 4. Sidle Cory FV 152 - 1. Clark Zack AY; 2. Clark Justice ANT; 3. Shufelt Jordan EDG; 4. Slattman Bailey TIN 160 - 1. Fry Nate AY; 2. Dingus Jacob WT; 3. Hahn Chris TIN; 4. Roose Kolbe FV 170 - 1. Bergeon Devon AY; 2. Carpenter Chase FV; 3. Reel Josh WT; 4. Motter Tyler EDG 182 - 1. Bouza Devin TIN; 2. Belcher Skyeler AY; 3. VanAtta Austin ANT; 4. Decker Travis EDG 195 - 1. Hinajosa Alex TIN; 2. Stein Logan EDG; 3. Drees Isaac AY; 4. Bassett Burton FV 220 - 1. Fry Alex AY; 2. Smith Derek TIN; 3. Bute Jarrett ANT; 4. Branham Jimmy EDG 285 - 1. Hatchett Joey FV; 2. Moore Riley WT; 3. Cade Andrew EDG; 4. Mosier Jarrod HV

RAIDERS BLOW AWAY APACHES IN HS BOYS BASKETBALL

On February 3rd the Wayne Trace boys basketball team met Fairview on the court for some high school boys basketball. The Raiders were on fire and took away an impressive win: 92-50. Score by the Quarter: Wayne Trace - 25 25 24 18=92 Fairview - 8 19 9 14=50 Scorers of the Game: Wayne Trace - Wobler 6, Miller 6, E Linder 13, C Speice 6, Shepherd 1, Arend 8, C Linder 16, Vest 5, Wenzlick 8, Sinn 11, Blackmore 4, J Speice 8 Fairview - Wolfrum 7, Robinson 3, Bostater 11, Macsay 10, King 5, Schwarzbek 2, Kozumplik 1, Ebaugh 11 JV score: 38 WT, Fairview 22

OHSAA OFFICIALS HALL OF FAME TO WELCOME 15 NEW MEMBERS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Officials Hall of Fame Committee has announced that 15 individuals have been selected for the 2014 induction class into the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame. The induction banquet is scheduled for June 14 in Columbus. Each of the 15 inductees is being honored for significant contributions to interscholastic officiating in

the state of Ohio. While the OHSAA's Circle of Champions recognizes individuals from various areas who had outstanding careers in high school athletics and have further contributed to interscholastic sports, the Officials Hall of Fame is the only Hall of Fame sponsored by the OHSAA. "We thank all officials for their service to student-athletes, coaches, schools and other officials and it is an honor to have an Officials Hall of Fame where the best are recognized for their dedication to officiating and outstanding careers," Beau Rugg, OHSAA Assistant Commissioner and one of the 2014 Hall of Fame inductees, said. "Officiating is a service and it is a joy to recognize these highly respected individuals with induction into the Hall of Fame." More information about the Officials Hall of Fame is at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/officials/HallofFame.htm>

- 2014 OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame Induction Class: Tim Ahart, Columbus (BB, VB, deceased) Tom Burton, Columbus (BB, BK, FT, SB) Bonnell "Barney" Ellis, Akron (BB, BK, SB, VB) Jeff Diosi, Dover (BB, SB) Keith Fisher, New Carlisle (BK, SB, VB) Phil Garcia, Conneaut (BB, BK, SB, FT, VB) Samuel Gomer, Ottawa (TF) James Heller, Dover (TF) John Keener, Athens (BB, BK, SB, FT) Linda Jarvis Kochan, Munroe Falls (BK, FH, VB) David May, Elida (BB, BK, SB, FT) David Nash, Urbana (BK, FT, deceased) Danner "Beau" Rugg, Columbus (BB, FT) Steven Trout, Wapakoneta (BK, SB, VB) Kimberly Zaborniak, Millersport (Administrator)

LIMA PERRY FALLS TO PAULDING GIRLS

Paulding was on fire in the first quarter of the girls basketball game they ultimately won. In the second quarter the tide changed in favor of Perry and the half time score ended 28-31 with Paulding falling behind. The Lady Panthers earned their points back in the third quarter overtaking the guest team at 39-38. The fourth quarter was another close battle but Paulding ended up on top 58-55 by the end and winning the match.

LADY BULLDOGS FALL TO WOODLAN



Woodlan's Jazmine Williams attempts to block the shot under the basket against Haley Fox. More pictures at westbendnews.net

This night on Friday, February 7 started off by honoring the seniors of the home basketball team. There have been several records broken by the girls on this team. The seniors honored were Haley Fox, Angela Lahr, Hannah Hope, Rachel Drew, and Jessica Rush. Following the senior presentation, the game started with Woodlan taking the first quarter with both Rain Hinton and Haley Hostetler leading the team. The second quarter was good for both teams but the Bulldogs took that quarter finishing the half at 27-21 with the Lady Warriors taking the top spot. The third quarter was low scoring once again for New Haven while the fourth looked very good. It really shows the Bulldogs have the

talent, since they had the highest scoring quarter, but they struggle to keep it consistent. Woodlan finished the game with the win 54-40. Between Fox, Lapsley, Grundy and Tanner, New Haven had the most 3 point baskets. Scorers of the Game: New Haven - Olivia Castlerline 2; KaNiah Creech 3; Haley Fox 6; Ja'Nyia Grundy 5; Hannah Hope 7; Tarralapsley 10; McGraw 4; Dionne Tanner 3 Woodlan - Morgan Franklin 4; Brooke Gerbers 5; Kendra Graber 2; Rain Hinton 13; Haley Hostetler 16; Kenzie Salzbrenner 6; Jazmine Williams 8 Score by the Quarter: Woodlan - 14 13 15 12=54 New Haven - 4 17 5 14=40 Woodlan won the junior varsity game 54-40.

Coach Lyndsi Shultz was proud of her team. Something to notice about Paulding girls basketball is how well they spread the points out between the girls. Scorers of the Game: Jaycie Varner 3; Sierra McCullough 9 (all 3 point shots); Brooke Combs 10; Faith Vogel 11 Alesha Simon 5; Abby Pease 11; Suzanne Reinhart 9 Score by the Quarter: Paulding - 18 10 11 19=58 Lima Perry - 12 19 7 17=55 Paulding Girls are now 6-12

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Laney (Wayne Trace) took second place in the Basic Office Systems contest. Courtnie also serves as the Secretary for Region 16 BPA.

White finished with a triple double, getting 14 points, 10 rebounds, and 14 assists. Leo, trailing by as many as 9 points in the third period, cut the lead down to 2 points to start the final stanza but couldn't get past the Warriors.

Students who qualified for the state contest will compete March 13 and 14 in Columbus.

Score by the Quarter:
Woodlan - 17 13 16 14=60
Leo - 12 10 22 10=54

WARRIORS COME OUT ON TOP IN LEO REMATCH

By: Jeff Abbott

Scorers of the Game:
Woodlan - Bennett 16, White 14, Gerig 10, Stieglitz 8, Jones 6, O'Hara 6

There was no letdown in the rematch between Leo and Woodlan in boys' basketball. The Warriors and Lions battled for all 4 quarters with Woodlan coming out on top at the by a final score of 60-54. The two teams had faced each other just 17 days before in the semi-finals of the ACAC basketball tournament. Greg White sealed the game 2 weeks ago from the free-throw line and repeated the heroics, sinking a free-throw with 21 seconds left to go in the game and again with just 9 seconds to go to give Woodlan the win.

Leo - Barrow 15, Hardin 12, Beer 11, Klopfenstein 8, Eldridge 5, Davison 3

LEGAL NOTICE

The Paulding County Board of Commissioners will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of the following described real estate:

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Said premises are subject to all restrictions, ordinances, road rights-of-way and easements either apparent or of record.

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SHSAA GIRLS BASKETBALL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

Class 3A #22 at Garrett:
February 11, 7:00 p.m., Garrett vs Angola
February 12 6:00 p.m., Concordia Lutheran vs Bishop Luers; 7:30 p.m. Bishop Dwenger vs New Haven
Semi-Finals:
February 14, 6:00 p.m., Leo vs Garrett/Angola winner; 7:30 p.m. Concordia/Bishop Dwenger/New Haven winner
Championship Game
Class 2A #36 at Bluffton:
February 11, 7:00 p.m., South Adams vs Woodlan
February 12, 6:00 p.m., Bluffton vs Churubusco; 7:30 p.m., Adams Central vs Canterbury
Semi-Finals:
February 14, 6:00 p.m., Eastside vs South Adams/Woodlan winner; 7:00 p.m., Bluffton/Churubusco winner vs Adams Central/Canterbury winner
February 15, 7:00 p.m., Championship Game

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26
THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:
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vs.
WILLIAM E. PLOTTS, ET AL., Defendants,
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Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney

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THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:
BMO HARRIS BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO M & I BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,
vs.
VIRGIL C. ROGERS, ET AL., Defendants,
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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE BPA STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR STATE COMPETITION



Vantage Business Professional of America (BPA) 2014 state qualifiers!

Vantage Career Center recently hosted the first round of Region 16 Business Professionals of America (BPA) skills contests. Fifty students from the Vantage business programs - Interactive Media, Medical Office Management and Network Systems - competed in a variety of different contests including PC Security, VB Programming, Medical Office Procedures, Computer Modeling, Web Site Design, Computer Animation, Network Design, Advanced Office Systems and Procedures, and Administrative Support. In all, 30 students earned the right to advance to the state competition held in Columbus in the spring.

Network Systems' senior Robert Leonard (Parkway) took top honors in the VB Programming, while junior Zachary Parr (Parkway) placed second. A team of seniors - Alex Gorman (Van Wert), Dustin Carter (Van Wert), Harley Sturgill (Van Wert) and John Upole (Wayne Trace) - placed first in the Computer Animation competition. Junior Rex Wilson (Ft. Jennings) will serve as alternate. Junior Matthew Schrader (Delphos Jefferson) placed first in Network Administration Using Microsoft contest. Junior Dmitry Billingsley (Continental) placed first in the PC Servicing and Troubleshooting contest and his classmate Matthew Searles (Van Wert) placed third. Zachary Crider, a junior from Parkway took top honors in the Java Programming competition. A group of seniors - Daniel Brown (Paulding), Audrey Smith (Wayne Trace), Tyler Stienecker (Lincolnview) and Taylor Dixon (Van Wert) - placed first in the

Parliamentary Procedures contest. Senior Gene Gillespie (Crestview) advances to state in the Financial Math & Analysis Concepts contest, while junior Omar Martin (Kalida) goes to state in the Advanced Accounting event. Senior John Upole (Wayne Trace) placed second in the individual Computer Network Technology event.

Tiffany Romero (Antwerp) a senior in the Interactive Media program placed first in the Computer Modeling competition. Junior Chelsea Gephart (Crestview) took first place in the individual Presentation Management event and a pair of seniors Emilee Nicelley (Paulding) and Hannah Robach (Continental), took top honors in their Parliamentary Procedures event.

Several Medical Office Management students took first place in their event. Senior Layna Mihm (Van Wert) was first in the Advanced Word Processing contest. Layna also serves as Treasurer for Region 16 BPA. Senior Amber Sloan (Continental) placed second in the same contest. BreAnna Stegaman (Crestview) took first place in the Fundamental Accounting event. Junior Jill Ross (Wayne Trace) placed first in the Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications contest while senior Karrisa Carder (Lincolnview) placed second. Juniors Maranda Bigham (Lincolnview), Mayleen Plescher (Delphos St. John's) and Hannah Smith (Van Wert) placed first in the Advanced Office Systems contest, Advanced Interview Skills contest, and Keyboarding event respectively. Cailah Rickard, a senior from Continental, took second place in the Advanced Office Systems competition. Junior Courtnie

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BOWLDOGS ROLL TO SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WIN



New Haven Bowldogs Varsity and Junior Varsity Team: Sectional Champions, Row 1 Mike Savard, Devon Geller, and Nick Smith Row 2 Coach Doug Geller, Colin Bradtmiller, Jacob Sarrazine, Cameron Smith, Aaron Burns, and Coach Joleen Gottwald

By: Beth Stauffer

New Haven High School has another Sectional championship team to be proud of this school year; intriguingly enough, many aren't even aware that this team exists.

On a personal note, I sincerely hope this story changes that!

The NHHS Bowling Team, affectionately referred to as the Bowldogs, made history at the Fort Wayne Conference sectionals held at Georgetown Bowl on January 26, 2014. For the first time in team history, the Varsity Boys' team, consisting of Seniors Cameron Smith, Colin Bradtmiller, and Mike Savard and Juniors Devon Geller and Aaron Burns, clinched a Sectional crown and spot at Regionals as a team, knocking down 2,843 pins. The next closest competitor to the Bowldogs score at Sectionals was Snider with 2,789 pins.

The Bowldogs belong to the Fort Wayne Conference, the largest conference in Indiana with 16 teams including Snider, Northrop, Wayne, South Side, Carroll, Columbia City, Homestead, Blackhawk, Canterbury, North Side, Concordia, Bishop Dwenger, Woodlan, Heritage, and Bishop Luers.

"We are definitely proud of the team's accomplishment and growth this year," said Coach Doug Geller. Geller is currently in his third year leading the team along with Coach Joleen Gottwald, who also joined the team as coach in 2011.

The Bowldogs encompass a Boys' Varsity team, a Girls' Varsity team, and a Junior Varsity team (the JV team can consist of both male and female students). In addition to Smith, Geller, Bradtmiller,

Savard and Burns on the Varsity Boys' team, the remaining members of the Bowldogs are Tori Criswell, Alexia Garn, Hannah Ferguson, Christina Sakofske, Cyrus Mitchell, Nick Smith, Jacob Sarrazine, and Cohen Rigby.

According to Senior Tori Criswell, who would like to one day return to the team as a coach, the team works diligently at practice 2 to 3 times a week on becoming better bowlers.

As the old saying goes, practice makes perfect and Criswell's teammate, Devon Geller says that it also pays off. "If I look at my scores from last year to this year, I've really improved a lot," said Devon. At the Sectional meet, Geller qualified for Regionals as an individual along with teammate Cameron Smith; Geller placed 6th overall with 605 pins over three games and Smith placed 13th with 547 pins.

While Geller and Smith's individual scores are impressive, team member Nick Smith says you don't have to be a great bowler to join the team.

Coach Geller agrees. "If you watched singles qualifying, the difference between body physiques is amazing. Everyone is different. You don't have to be the biggest kid, the fastest kid, the strongest kid. Accuracy and consistency is what counts," said Coach Geller.

"Just like any other sport, it takes practice to get better." In addition to practicing, Coach Geller also says the team's success is due in large part to the passion the kids have for the sport. "The kids have to have the passion, but there is also a lot of parental support for our team," said

Geller.

This support was evident at the Regional competition on Saturday, February 2, 2014, as Georgetown Bowl was packed to near capacity. A sizable crowd watching from the temporary bleachers placed inside the bowling alley sported New Haven's purple and gold colors, along with several shirts emblazoned with a New Haven Bowldogs motif.

Coach Geller says that the team's true success might not be as glaringly obvious as the Sectional trophy, but is no doubt even more important. "A lot of kids don't play football, don't play basketball, aren't musically or artistically inclined," said Geller. "School is a very social environment where they learn soft skills, and with bowling you can teach them sportsmanship, etiquette, how to communicate and be a part of a team—all things they don't necessarily know they are learning."

Coach Gottwald agrees, saying that the confidence that learning a new skill, such as bowling, provides is priceless. "I think bowling really gives kids confidence," said Gottwald, adding "more confidence than what they actually know they have. They are learning something that we teach them, and as they improve, their confidence grows."

For all the things the members of the Bowldogs are learning, what they want you to know is that being a part of the NHHS bowling team is a lot of fun because of the camaraderie between the teammates. "We see our teammates maybe 2 or 3 times a week, so we are like a family now," said Junior Hannah Ferguson.

Tori Criswell agrees. "You might have your own individual game, but it is altogether a team sport so we have to rely on each other," she said of the importance of being a part of the team.

Devon Geller says he enjoys being able to meet other bowlers at competitions. "It's competitive, but we have a lot of fun," said Geller. "Even when we are competing against another team, you can still talk to them and make new friends. When you look at other sports, it's much more competitive and you can't be friendly with the other team, but bowling is different," he added.

Of course, while it's nice to display good sportsmanship, perhaps winning a title for your school is even more gratifying... particularly if it comes with a big, shiny trophy.

"Yeah, it feels really great to know that we are the best team in all of Fort Wayne," said Senior Mike Savard with a smile of the team's Sectional win.

The Bowldogs competed at Regionals on Saturday, February 2, 2014 at Georgetown Bowl against more than 20 teams from around Northern Indiana. Sadly, the team did not qualify for Semi-State but even though their season has ended for this year, there is little doubt that the team has nothing but a bright future ahead of them.

"We're just so proud of them," said Coach Geller. "My only wish is that more people knew about them and what a great group of kids these are," he added.

PAYNE SMOOTHIE MAKING CONTEST FOR FUEL UP TO PLAY 60



As part of an informational writing project, Mrs. Brenneman's 6th grade language arts classes at Payne Elementary teamed up with the Payne Fuel up to Play60 program for a smoothie making competition. Working in groups, students had to write "How To" instructional papers that included the health benefits of their group's smoothie.

Students then made these smoothies as part of a preliminary competition in which

the smoothies were voted on to narrow down the top four recipes. These top four groups created their smoothies for each student, Kindergarten through 6th grade to sample at lunch.

They then participated in a cook-off and blind taste test that afternoon during which celebrity judges, WTPE Principal Mrs. Jody Dunham, WT Superintendent Mr. Stephen Arnold, and Puckerbrush Restaurant Chef Brian Martin tasted all of the smoothies

and chose the Cocoa Banono smoothie as the winning recipe.

The first place team consisted of sixth grade chefs Jayde Garcia, Zoey Wright, and Reed Zartman. Each team member received a \$10.00 gift certificate for the Puckerbrush Restaurant. Those students will also get to participate in a cooking demonstration by Chef Brian Martin at Puckerbrush.

CLOSE WIN FOR LADY WARRIORS

The Woodlan girls basketball team went head to head with the ladies of South Adams on February 8th. The Lady Warriors closed a narrow win in the end: 58-55.

Score by the Quarter:
Woodlan - 14 7 21 16=58
South Adams - 14 12 11 18=55

Scorers of the Game:
Woodlan - Graber 14, Hostetler 15, Franklin 2, Gerbers 18, Salzbrenner 4, Hinton 4, Williams 1
South Adams - Willis 14, Jennings 4, Bluhm 17, Ahmetovic 16, Groen 4

LADY RAIDERS LOSE TO PIRATES

Wayne Trace played a rough game on February 4th. The Continental Lady Pirates rallied and took the win in the end: 60-53.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 9 18 15 11=53
Continental - 17 14 15 14=60

Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace - Mohr 9, Temple 14, Speice 12, Wilcox 1, Feasby 2, Poling 7, Young 8
Continental - Geckle 2, Fitzwater 12, Scott 5, Quigley 4, Zachrich 14, Ordway 9, Kindilien 12, Zachrich 2

LADY PANTHERS FALL TO DELPHOS ST. JOHN

On February 3rd the Paulding Lady Panthers took on Delphos St. John Lady Bluejays. The final score was a Bluejay victory: 38-55

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 8 5 13 12=38
St. John - 11 9 21 14=55
Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Varner 8, McCullough 7 (1 -3), Combs 3, Vogel 6, Simon 2, Pease 5, Reinhardt 7

St. John - Vorst 2, Rischer 8 (2-3's), Schulte 12 (3-3's), Boberg 2, Benavidez 3, Geise 6, Hays 3, Fischbach 19
Rebounds:
Paulding 16 (Varner 4); St. John 21
Turnovers:
Paulding 24; St. John 12
Records:
St. John 6-11; Paulding 5-12
JV: St. John won

WAYNE TRACE JH STUDENTS REWARDED AT OLYMPIC LANES



Wayne Trace JH recently took 75 students to Olympic Lanes in Van Wert as a Reward Day. In order to be eligible for this reward, a student could not have: a late homework, a discipline referral, a failing grade, or a tardy to class during the 2nd grading period.

PAYNE 5th GRADERS USE DATA ANALYSIS



The 5th graders at Payne Elementary have been working on a data analysis unit in math. During their unit, students developed a survey question with choices for students in grades 3-6. They sorted their data either by gender or grade grouping and tallied it on a frequency table. Afterwards, students loaded the data into a graph maker program to create a double bar graph of their information. The students then used a document camera and projector to display their graph and give an oral presentation to their classmates.

RAIDERS FALL TO KNIGHTS IN BOYS BASKETBALL

The Crestview Knights took down the Wayne Trace Raiders on February 8th in the boys basketball court. Final score was 70-40.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 9 15 10 6=40

Crestview - 16 15 21 18=70

Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace - Miller 2, E Linder 10, C Speice 6, Arend 2, C Linder 9, Wenzlick 3, Sinn 1, Blackmore 7
Crestview - Zaleski 3, Etzler 13, Co Lautzenheiser 12, Helm 21, Colsten 2, Bolenbaugh 14, Ca Lautzenheiser 2, Rickard 3

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For more information, please refer to the college website is www.defiance.edu.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT REPORTS

Criminal Disposition Report:
Leslie A. Porter; Defiance; Count A; Menacing; J-GUILTY; pay all fines & costs; probation; evaluation at Westwood; community service; no contact w/victim; Count B; Disorderly Conduct; J-GUILTY; Same as Count A

Ken H. Kohart; Paulding; Confine of Dog; GUILTY; case was waived by defendant

Real Estate Transfers:

Auglaize Twp.:
1/30/14; Estle Properties, LLC; Sec 27; 5.01 acres; To: Kenneth R. Branham
1/30/14; Samuel D. Kieffer; Sec 30; 0.837 acre; To: Rickey A. & Myra J. Heck
1/30/14; Wesley B. & Debra K. Ratliff; Sec 20; 1.37 acre; To: Larry R. Sherry
1/29/14; Dolores Retcher, dec'd, LE; 64.99 acres; To: Jerry I. Retcher, et al
Benton Twp.:
1/31/14; Leo F. Davis, dec'd; Sec 3; 0.29 acre; To: James R. Davis, et al
Brown Twp.:
1/29/14; Lynn & Sandra Bradford, et al; Sec 23; 3.51 acres; To: Jerrilyn Parrett
2/3/14; To H. Nam & Ae Ja Kim; Sec 8; 6.88 acres; To: Graber Tilapia, LP
Carryall Twp.:
1/30/14; Donald G. & Jeannine L. Leckrone; Sec 33; 1.31 acre; To: Donald G. & Jeannine L. Leckrone
1/29/14; Mercer Landmark, Inc; Sec 27; 5.135 acres; To: James M. Hertel
1/31/14; Darlene Stuck; Sec 24; 2.36 acres; To: Michael S. Stuck & Rebecca E. Ringer
2/3/14; Marsha M. Oberlin, et al; Sec 8; 1.00 acre; To: James R & Nadene M. Greenser
Crane Twp.:
2/3/14; Mary Kathryn Woodbridge; Sec 13; 30.0 acres; To: Michael R. & Tara J. Todd
2/3/14; Pamela D. Keller aka Bricker; Sec 12; 15.46 acres; To: Michael R. & Tara J. Todd
2/3/14; Rebecca Ann & Jeffery Riley; Sec 13; 43.13 acres; To: Michael R. & Tara J. Todd

Harrison Twp.:
1/30/14; Joshua P. & Jessica A. Pinaradi; Sec 29; 93.58 acres; Sec 30; 80.00 acres; To: S & L Shrenk Family, LLC
Paulding Twp.:
1/31/14; John Michael & Lucinda Beth Kauser; Sec 14; 0.89 acre; To: Zachary A. Kauser
1/31/14; Barbara Marie King; Sec 5; 45.467 acres; To: Richard L. & Jacqueline Johanns
Paulding Village:
1/31/13; Den Adams, dec'd; Lot 45 & 46; Lot 46 Schultz Addition; 0.393 acre; To: Judith Ann Adams
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INDOT AWARDS \$86 MILLION STATEWIDE

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is awarding \$86 million statewide in federal transportation funds to rural cities, towns and counties. This announcement includes \$47 million for road construction, \$22 million for bridges and \$14 million for bicycle and pedestrian projects. In the Fort Wayne District, 14 projects were awarded to recipients in northeastern Indiana.

In the Fort Wayne District, INDOT has awarded federal transportation funding to:

City of Wabash, \$1,612,560 for the Alber Street, from Euclid Street to US 24

Allen County, \$3,171,850 for the Ryan Road, from Dawkins Road to Harper Road

City of Kendallville, \$3,142,357 for the Fairview Boulevard, from Dowling Street to US 6

Grant County, \$1,152,000 for Bridge Number 10 on CR 500 N over Mississinewa River

City of Marion, \$445,500 for emergency vehicle signal preemption project

Miami County, \$1,300,000 for Bridge Number 159 over the Wabash River

City of Montpelier, \$142,480 for sidewalks/ADA on Monroe Street, from Washington to Adams streets

Town of South Whitley, \$262,340 for ADA Sidewalk Improvements, in various locations

Town of Van Buren, \$80,000 for ADA sidewalk

improvements on Main and Vine streets

Town of Converse, \$180,000 for ADA sidewalk improvements on Jefferson Street

Blackford County, \$427,563 for the Blackford County High School Trail

City of Garrett, \$291,120 for Safe Routes to School sidewalks on Houston and Warfield streets

Town of Churubusco, \$264,000 for Safe Routes to School sidewalks on Windsor, Mill and East Douglas streets

City of Angola, \$274,500 for emergency vehicle signal preemption project

Awarded rural projects would be designed, developed and have purchased land according to federal standards prior to bid during the state fiscal year beginning July 2016. Applications for those awards were due Friday, December 13. In the near future, INDOT plans to issue a call for applications for rural local projects that would be bid during the state fiscal year beginning July 2017.

The State of Indiana programs 25 percent of its federal highway appropriation each year to fund larger local transportation projects. Metropolitan Planning Organizations distribute federal highway funds to local communities within the state's larger urbanized areas while INDOT distributes such funds outside MPO areas. To receive federal monies, communities typically pay 20 percent in local matching funds.

More information about INDOT's Local Public Agency program is at www.in.gov/indot/2390.htm.

Sudoku solution from page 13

9	2	8	6	7	5	1	9	4
7	4	5	9	1	8	6	9	
1	6	9	4	9	8	2	5	7
4	8	1	7	5	9	9	2	6
6	5	7	2	8	9	9	4	1
2	9	9	1	4	6	5	7	8
8	7	4	9	9	2	6	1	5
9	9	6	5	1	4	7	8	2
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Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced the complete list of candidates who filed with his office to run for statewide offices. Candidates filing petitions include:

- ATTORNEY GENERAL:**
Mike DeWine (R)
Steven R. Linnabary (L)
David Pepper (D)
- AUDITOR OF STATE:**
John Patrick Carney (D)
Robert C. Coogan (L)
David A. Yost (R)
- GOVERNOR/UT. GOVERNOR:**

- Larry Ealy/Ken Gray (D)
Charles R. Earl/Sherry L. Clark (L)
Edward D. FitzGerald/Sharen Neuhardt (D)
John Kasich/Mary Taylor (R)

- Dennis S. Spisak/Suzanne Patzer (G)
- SECRETARY OF STATE:**
Aaron Keith Harris (L)
Jon Husted (R)
Nina Turner (D)
- SUPREME COURT:**

- Judi French (R) - Term Commencing 1/2/15
Sharon L. Kennedy (R) - Term Commencing 1/1/15
Tom Letson (D) - Term Commencing 1/1/15
John P. O'Donnell (D) - Term Commencing 1/2/15
- TREASURER OF STATE:**
Marc Allan Feldman (L)
Josh Mandel (R)
Connie Pillich (D)

The Secretary of State's office will process and catalog the petitions prior to sending them to the county boards of elections, which are tasked with verifying that the signatures collected represent qualified electors of Ohio who are registered at the address provided. County boards have been instructed to complete their review of statewide candidate petitions by Friday, February 14, 2014.

To qualify for the ballot, candidates must have collected a certain number of signatures from qualified electors. Major party candidates need 1,000 signatures and minor party candidates need 500 signatures.

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For more than 10 years, the American Heart Association has sponsored National Wear Red Day® to raise awareness in the fight against heart disease in women. The Go Red for Women national campaign increases awareness of heart disease and stroke so that women can take action and achieve longer, better heart-healthy lives.

HEART MONTH—LHN URGES EVERYONE TO COMMIT TO BECOMING HEALTHIER

As a leader in cardiac care featuring a hospital with the region's only heart transplant program, Lutheran Health Network has planned several opportunities for the public to learn about heart conditions and personal heart health. Maintaining optimum heart health plays a big role in enhancing quality of life, even for those who are never diagnosed with cardiovascular disease.

tionally. Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women.

The important numbers to know for gauging heart health include: blood pressure, cholesterol, weight, glucose level and ejection fraction for those with previous heart issues. Several opportunities to determine these numbers and to learn more valuable information have been scheduled by LHN throughout the month of February.

Cardiovascular disease includes high blood pressure, coronary heart disease (acute heart attack or chest pain caused by reduced blood supply to the heart muscle due to plaque buildup in arteries), stroke and heart failure. Every year in the United States, about 715,000 people have a heart attack and nearly 600,000 die from heart disease. This accounts for one out of every four deaths na-

tionally. Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women.

Upcoming physician presentations (free of charge):

- February 20 - "Aortic Stenosis: Does Walking Up Stairs Feel Like Running Five Miles?" by Vijay Chilakamarri, MD, interventional cardiologist, Lutheran Medical Group

—5:00 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital, 7950 W. Jefferson Blvd., Kachmann Auditorium

February 26 - "Atrial Fibrillation—New and Emergent Therapies," by Rakesh Chawla, MD, cardiologist, St. Joseph Medical Group

—11:30 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Special Function Rooms 3 and 4

—Free lunch by Miller's Merry Manor for Senior Circle members; registration deadline is February 21 by calling (260) 425-3087.

Upcoming heart-related activities and screenings:

Cardiac risk assessments can be scheduled weekdays by calling (260) 435-7377.

February 13 - Chem 30: Blood chemistry screening measures levels of sodium, potassium, glucose, uric acid, calcium, phosphorus, magnesium, HDL, LDL, triglycerides and more.

—8:00 to 9:00 a.m. at Dupont Hospital, 2520 E. Dupont Rd. Preregistration required by calling (260) 425-3087.

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February 25 - Free blood pressure check

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