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NEW HAVEN 2X NHC TITLE WINNERS!



New Haven Boys basketball team holding the trophy after their win against East Noble. See more on page 8!

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COUNTS AT PAULDING

COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff's office is pleased to

announce the addition of two

new means of communica-

tion within this office. Their

staff has created accounts

with Nixie and Twitter, to go

along with the current Face-

book account that has been in

free to public safety agen-

cies, and is utilized to get

information out to subscrib-

ers instantly. This is the same

system the county EMA office

Nixie is a service that is

place for more than a year.

The Paulding County

WOODLAN AND HERITAGE TO PLAY FOR CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

On Saturday, February 22, the boys' basketball teams from Woodlan and Heritage will play for the outright ACAC conference championship at Woodlan's Elmer Strautman gymnasium. Both teams sit atop the conference with one conference loss. Woodlan comes in with a record of 12-5 (5-1 in ACAC), while Heritage is 7-7 (5-1 in ACAC). JV tipoff is 6:00 p.m. Come out and support your Warriors.

THIS WEEK:

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uses to get information out to the public during weather related events. Folks wishing to sign up to receive future messages from the Sheriffs Office, log on to www.nixle.com and follow the "sign up free" link, or simply text your zip code to 888777 to only receive SMS messages. If you are currently a subscriber of the Paulding EMA, you do not have to subscribe again. This system works off of zip codes, meaning if you are registered under the 45879 zip code, you will receive any message sent to that zip code from either agency.

For anyone wanting to follow this office on twitter, you must log into your account and search for @sheriffpaulding. Please don't confuse this office with Paulding County, Georgia. In order to follow this office on Facebook, you would have to log into your account and search for www.facebook.com/PauldingCountySheriffsOffice and click "Like."

"I believe in order to reach the citizens of this county in a timely fashion, I have to take this office to the next level of communication which is on the internet and cellular. We have created a very nice website at www.pauldingohsheriff.com and now we will venture further into social media. Please bear with me as I decide what is appropriate for this type of communication. I am always open for suggestions as well. I do not monitor these sites personally. My dispatch staff oversees this along with their daily obligations. So if you are reaching out to me or my staff via these

sites and you need something addressed quickly, do not assume we will see your request timely. Please use my office number at 419-399-3791 or dial 911 in the event of an emergency. My goal is to utilize these sources of communicating to alleviate literally hundreds of phone calls my emergency dispatchers take during inclement weather," said Sheriff Landers.

ONLINE ASSESSMENT PREPARES STUDENTS FOR NEXT YEAR



Kindergarten through second grade students at Antwerp Elementary recently participated in a pilot online assessment. This is one of the district's efforts to prepare students for state online tests that will begin next year. Pictured here are kindergartners Leigha Doster, Nikalas Brandenburg, and Corbin Lawson from Mrs. Hibbard's class.

ANTWERP EXCHANGE BANK UNITE FOR COWORKER



In honor of co-worker and friend Nancy Lichty the employees of the Antwerp Exchange Bank had "Team Nancy" shirts made and made a donation to breast cancer research and were able to wear jeans on Valentine's Day! "We wish Nancy the very best on her journey to recovery!"

LET THE GAMES BEGIN! OLYMPIC SPIRIT @ THE **PAULDING LIBRARY**

Are you a Wii pro? Do you want to compete for prizes and test your skills? Open to 4th – 6th graders, the Olympic-fun will be held on Thursday, February 20th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the main Carnegie library in Paulding. Youth will compete in Wii competitions

as well as other games for bragging rights and prizes. Snacks will also be served. Pre-registration is required. Register your 4th - 6th grader today by calling the Children's Room at 419-399-2032 and maybe they will be on the top of the "podium" in their best event.

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



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OBITUARIES

Norma Lee Hodge, age 79, died Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at her residence. She was born December 23,

1934 in Portsmouth, Ohio, the daughter of John W. and Phrona (Eaches) Marlow. On April 14, 1969 she married Ronald Charles Hodge, who preceded her in death on December 13, 1995. She served as Mayor of Melrose, Ohio from 1994 – 1997. She was a member of the Mayor's Association of Paulding County, Ohio; and a life member of New Haven, Indiana Moose Lodge #1480.

Norma is survived by a son, Charles (Peggy) Graves, Van Wert; a daughter, Chauvonne (Sam) Tolley, Clovis, New Mexico; a stepdaughter, Pamela Hill, Harding, Texas; a brother, Dent Flemmings, Columbus, Ohio; a sister, Margaret Long, West Portsmouth, Ohio; eight grandchildren: Charles Jr., Chondula, David, Jeannie, Samuel, Heather, Holly and James; and five great grandchildren: Charles, Thomas, Nichols, William and William. She is preceded in death by

her parents; husband; two sons, Duane and David Graves; a daughter, Tara Hodge; two brothers, James and Jack Flemmings; and two sisters, Gertrude Fyffe, and Mary Kathryn Deamicis. Funeral services were con-

ducted 12 Noon Saturday, February 15 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Visitation was 10 AM until time of services on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials made to the Norma L. Hodge Family.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com



Malinda E. Newhard, 70, of Harlan, died on February 14, 2014. Born on March 14, 1943,

she was the daughter of the late Orville C. & Mary C. (Woods) Evard. Her hobbies and interest included supporting her children's and grandchildren's activities, geneology, antiques, Boy Scouts of America, gardening and rock collecting.

She is survived by her husband, Steven Dale Newhard Sr., son of the late N. Gladys Puryear and Miles E (Florence Johnson) Newhard; children, Steven (Dana) Newhard Jr., Julie Benkenstein, Jill Newhard, James (Rebekeh) Newhard, Jared (Stephanie) Newhard, Jennie (Jonathan) Bothwell, and Jacob (Jessica) Newhard; 28 grandchildren and Six great-grand children; former Son-in-laws, William "Bill" Benkenstein and Spencer Pier; sister, Sonia (John, dec.) Plattner; brother-in-laws, Terry (Carol) Newhard and Edwin (Teri) Newhard.

Funeral service was 1 pm Monday February 17, 2014, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 5401 St Joe Road, Fort Wayne with calling one hour prior. Calling was also held from 2-4 and 6-8 Sunday February 16, 2014 at the Hockemeyer Funeral Home, 17629 State Road 37, Harlan. www.hockemeyerfuneralhome.com ANTWERP:

Sherri Anne Steffen, 71, of Fort Wayne passed away Saturday, February 15, 2014. Arr. by Dooley Funeral Homes of Payne & Antwerp.

Marjorie Underwood, 80, of Antwerp, died Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014. Arr by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne.

PAULDING COUNTY COM-**MISSIONERS MEETING** MINUTES 1/15/14

This 15th day of January, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following mem-

bers present:
Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein,
Fred Pieper, and Nola Ginter, Clerk
ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Warrants documented as 204838 through 204897 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Audi-

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING 'THEN AND NOW' PURCHASE OR-DERS AND PAYMENTS:

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on January 13, 2014, Warrants numbered 204685 through 204754 in the amount of \$24.655 the public in certified that both of \$34,658.51; and it is certified that both

made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code \$5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor: and it is found and determined Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section \$121.22 of

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on January 13, 2014, Warrants numbered 204757 through 204783 in the amount of \$37,141.02; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code \$5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners. County of Paulding County Commissioners. County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Com-missioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING

'THEN AND NOW' PURCHASE OR-DERS AND PAYMENTS:

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on January 13, 2014, Warrants numbered 204788 through 204834 in the amount of \$337,215.85; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code \$5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Pauld-ing, State of Ohio concerning the adoption

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of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. MEETING NOTES OF APPOINT-MENTS:

Joe Burkard, County Prosecutor:

Joe Burkard, County Prosecutor; Judge Tiffany Beckman, Common Pleas Court; Rick Weaver, Poggemeyer Design Group – Mr. Burkard, Ms. Beckman, and Mr. Weaver reviewed the blue prints of the County Court Annex building. Mr. Weaver will be doing the architectural work on the remodeling project. Mr. Weaver was provided with the blue prints for his review.

Judge Tiffany Beckman, Common Pleas Court – Judge Beckman discussed land access.com (a website that allows public access) and its availability in the Recorder's Office. Ms. Beckman estimates the annual cost to be \$3,600.00. She is leaking into specifyle fundings for this looking into possible funding for this Ioe Burkard, County Prosecutor - Mr. Burkard updated the Commissioners on the status of the Antwerp Ball Field, noting

the appraisal process has begun. A Memo of Understanding was recommended be-tween the hospital and the Senior Center for transportation services. Mr. Burkard also recommended an accumulating fee for delinquent sewer accounts. Lou Ann Wannemacher, County

Treasurer – Ms. Wannemacher presented a tax collection report for 2013.
Claudia Fickel, County Auditor – Ms.

Fickel distributed the Sales Tax Revenue, General Fund Receipts, and General Fund Expenses reports for the Commissioners' review. Sales tax received in January was \$13,780.03 less than December, 2013; and down \$13,646.65 from January, 2013. General Fund receipts for December, 2013, were \$233,924.69; which is down from November, 2013, by \$51,206.01 and down from December, 2012, by \$10,731.82. Tofrom December, 2012, by \$10,731.82. Total General Fund receipts for 2013 was \$4,893,223.48, which is up from the four year average by \$837,872.33. General Fund expenses for December, 2013, were \$401,988.41; which is up from November, 2013, by \$59,937.87; however, down from December, 2012, by \$281,349.08. 2013 total General Fund expenses of \$3,996,955.43 was up from the four year average by \$659,293.81. Ms. Fickel noted that dog tag sales are going well. Dog owners have until January 31 before late fees ers have until January 31 before late fees will be charged. Ms. Fickel also agreed to provide financial reports for the Audit Review Committee quarterly meeting on January 27, 2014.

Brion Hanenkratt, E-911 coordina-

tor – Mr. Hanenkratt presented a phone bill and explained the excessive charges. He has called Windstream and adjustments will be made. He noted that Bob Arend continues to work on analyzing the county's radio communication system. ERS would like to do a 'sweep' of the EMA office to access the equipment. Commissioner Pieper agreed to communicate via e-mail with Mr. Arend to address the

matter.

Ann Pease, Clerk of Courts – Ms.
Pease presented Title Office reports for
the Commissioners' review. The Title Office continues to process a high volume of
titles. Ms. Pease reports there were in excess of 1,000 more titles processed during
2013 than in 2012.

LATTA VOTES TO ENSURE WORKING-AGE MILITARY RETIREES RECEIVE FULL PENSION C.O.L.A.

'Our veterans have made great sacrifices for this country, and we are forever grateful for their service," said Congressman Latta. "I hope the Senate will take swift action on this legislation, so we can guarantee these benefits for our nation's heroes."

On February 11th, Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) voted in support of S. 25, legislation to ensure working-age military retirees, who became a member of the military before 2014, receive their full pension cost of living adjustment (COLA).

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"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than con-Romans 8:35,37 ESV querors through him who loved us."

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": SOPHOMORES 'FINALLY' **VISIT VANTAGE!**



Vantage junior Health Tech students Haley Sinning (Van Wert) left, and Cailyn Moran (Continental) right, flank a group of Wayne Trace sophomores - Carrie Thrasher, Jessica Offerle, Justice Canfield and Sydney Hofman - during Sophomore Visitation Day.



Antwerp sophomore Aqiyl Moore finishes up the toolbox he made during his visit to the Vantage Carpentry

After several delays due to bad weather, Vantage hosted over 700 sophomores for "Sophomore Visitation Day" on Monday, February 10. Each sophomore had the opportunity to investigate and explore two different career technical programs of interest to them. During each one-hour visit, there were hands-on activities, demonstrations and presentations prepared especially for the sophomores.

Vantage Cosmetology students prepared a style show for the 10th graders, while those visiting Welding and Auto Body got a chance to try out the new virtual welder and virtual painter. Students visiting Carpentry built and took home a wooden stool or tool box. In Auto Technology, students learned how to use the tire balancer and the rim clamp. Sophomores in Network Systems worked on Computer Modeling, programming, and internal computer components.

Monday also happened to be the annual Vantage Open House too! Many sophomores who are considering attending Vantage for their junior and senior years came back for the evening's event and brought their parents. Community members and alumni also came out in force to celebrate Career and Technical Education Month. Below are a few frequently

asked questions (and answers) about coming to high school at Vantage.

Q: Can I go to college af-

ter Vantage? A: About 41% of Vantage graduates continue their education immediately after

high school graduation at a

two or four year college. This

year's class is expected to be over 50%. Students are urged to check with their guidance counselor to be sure that all requirements for college entrance are met.

Q: Can I receive college credits through my high school class at Vantage?

A: YES! Almost all of the Vantage programs have articulation agreements with local colleges which provide some college credit for Vantage coursework. A dual enrollment opportunity is offered through Northwest State Community College

Q: Can I participate in home school sports and ac-

A: YES! Students are encouraged to stay involved in extracurricular activities at their home school, such as sports, drama, etc. Vantage has very active student organizations - BPA (Business Professionals of America), FFA, FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America), and SkillsUSA, along with the Rotary Interact Club and Student Am-

Q: What is the tuition to attend Vantage?

A: Vantage Career Center is a public high school, open to 11th and 12th graders in the participating school districts. There is NO tuition to attend Vantage. Each program has a fee, which covers the cost of tools, supplies, equipment, and one full uniform.

Q: When are applications due at Vantage?

A: Sophomore and junior students who are considering attending Vantage should be aware that the priority application deadline is March 5, 2014. This year, a new online application form may be submitted. Enter this address http://tinyurl.com/lec2nqato access the application form. Students may continue to enroll throughout the spring and summer; however, first choice programs may already be filled. Vantage Career Center of-

fers 16 different high school career technical programs to choose from. If you have any questions, please talk to your home school counselor or call Student Services at Vantage at 419-238-5411 or 1-800-686-3944 ext. 2032.

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HOSPITAL STRENGTH INDEX

The administration of Paulding County Hospital thinks it is important to compare the costs, patient outcomes and financial stability of PCH with other hospitals in Ohio and the United States. IVantage Health Analytics, an independent hospital rating company, has recently released their data regarding the Top 100 HealthStrong Critical Access Hospitals in the United States. Paulding County Hospital overall ranked 6th among the 33 Critical Access Hospitals in Ohio. The categories ranked were Market Strength, Value-Based Strength and Financial Strength. Notable was that Paulding County Hospital ranked 1st in Ohio among Critical Access Hospitals in the Cost & Charge Index. This measures PCH's affordability and efficiency, while still ranking in the upper half of our peers in the overall clinical outcomes of our patients. To put this in more simple terms, we are a lower cost healthcare provider that has good patient outcomes. PCH also ranked in the upper quarter nationally in Financial Stability which measures the hospital's financial

viability. The data presented was gathered by IVantage from publicly accessible data bases such as MedPar and the Medicare Cost Report.

Paulding County Hospital CEO Gary Adkins stated, "The mission and vision of our hospital is to continually improve the health status of the residents of our area by providing local access to high quality affordable care. We are pleased that our efforts are leading to success not only with affordability but with clinical outcomes as well. We will continue to strive to be the best hospital we can be in the New Year."

HAGGERTY PRESENTS AT FEBRUARY'S LUNCH AND

Johnathan Haggerty, DC, ATC, CCSP, will present "10 Tough Questions about Chiropractic Care" as part of the Lunch & Learn Series on February 26, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. The presentation will be held in Community Rooms 1 & 2. Dr. Haggerty, a chiropractor, sees patients as part of CMH's Musculoskeletal Institute, which offers a wide range of surgical and non-surgical treatments for muscle, nerve, and joint pain.

Dr. Haggerty received his

bachelors' degree in athletic training from Wilmington College. He later graduated from the notable Logan College of Chiropractic as a doc-

tor of chiropractic medicine.

Dr. Haggerty served as Athlet-

ic Trainer at Wilmington Col-

lege and as an Assistant Ath-

letic Trainer for the Cincinnati

Reds. Prior to CMH he was an

associate with the Winchester

Chiropractic Clinic in Dublin,

OH. His post graduate experi-

ence has helped countless ath-

letes and patients return to top

performance and a pain-free

tion properly, Dr. Haggerty

helps to correct and relieve

sprains, strains, disc injuries,

and premature arthritis pain.

In order to provide the best

care for his patients, he will

work closely with local or-

thopedists and medical physi-

cational session is geared

towards senior citizens, but

anyone is welcome to attend.

There is no charge to attend

this event, and a complimen-

tary brunch is provided by the

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state of life.

Jane Adella Posey Tressler is Vancrest of Antwerp's Resident of the Month. Janie was born in Athens, GA on July 1st. Her parents were Flonnie and Hazel Posey and she has three brothers and two sisters. Jane got married after

Jane worked for many years in housekeeping jobs and at Burger King. She now enjoys spending time reading and visiting with her many friends at Vancrest.

but especially autumn and spring because her sons were born at those times of the year.

Jane has a kind word for everyone she meets along with a great big smile! Anyone who walks down the hall at Vancrest will be sure to see Jane sitting in her faher hands.

VANCREST OF ANTWERP'S RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

high school and was married for nearly 25 years. She is a very proud mother of three sons: Doug, Bruce, and Tom. She has also been blessed with three granddaughters: Lori, Bridget, and Miranda. While raising her sons,

Jane enjoys each season

vorite chair with a book in

owners of the old grocery store to have it demolished.

The 1992 dump truck sold at auction

for \$9,000. Mayor would like the city to look for a boom truck.

Structure Point was here to meet with Ryan and the Mayor on issues regarding the lagoons.

TREASURER:

Meeting minutes from January

Meeting minutes from January 13th were presented. Two changes were made. Councilman Voirol made a motion to approve meeting notes as changed, Councilman Gerig 2nd, all approved, motion carried.

Warrants were presented. Councilman Voirol made a motion to pay the warrants, Councilman Abbott 2nd, all approved, motion carried.

Garage sale dates were discussed and it was decided to have it the same

SUPERINTENDENT WALLS: Home on Woodburn Road still needs to pay for and get water/sewer

taps. There is a house on 24 that share a grinder for sewer and a house on 101 that share a water line.

COUNCILMAN ABBOTT:
Can the street department fill the pot hole on 101 please. Superintendent Walls said they would put some patch in it.

Councilman Rice: None

Councilman Renner: absent Councilman Gerig: None Councilman Voirol:

Councilman Voiroi:
Encouraged people to recycle.
Councilman Abbott made a motion
to adjourn. Councilman Gerig 2nd, approved, motion carried at 7:55 p.m.
Minutes prepared by Clerk-Treasurer

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WLS CELEBRATE 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL ... FINALLY!

Woodburn Lutheran School were finally able to celebrate their 100th day of school. Pictured are the 1st grade and kindergarten classes. Grant Graber used 100 candy heart boxes to construct a building, and Ava Scheiderer used 100 coins to spell her name and make a heart.

OLD CROWN BRASS BAND FEATURED IN STRIKE UP **THE BAND 2014**

The Old Crown Brass Band will be featured in Strike Up the Band 2014 on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 2417 Getz Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46804.

This concert features Fort Wayne's own Old Crown Brass Band. The band is preparing for its upcoming performance at the North American Brass Band (NAB-BA) Championships in Grand Rapids, MI in April. The band will be competing for the first time in the Open Division.

The two contest selections will be a highlight of this concert. They are the four movement "Downland Suite" by John Ireland and the exciting "Resplendent Glory" by Rossano Galante.

Also on the concert pro-

"Strike up the Band" by Gershwin, "Chelsea Bridge" by Strayhorn, "March from Love of Three Oranges" by Prokofieff, ""Brass Machine" cornet section feature by Taylor, selections from "The Music Man" by Wilson and the traditional British brass band pieces "Piper in the Meadow" and "Floral Dance".

Old Crown Brass Band was founded in 2007 and has become one of Fort Wayne's premier performing ensembles. The band does about 8-10 performances a year and is in great demand throughout Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio. The 35-piece brass and percussion ensemble is made up of members of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, local music educators and freelance musicians.

The band is under the direction of T.J. Faur and Tony Alessandrini.

For more information contact: Dave Jones (260-710-2908) e-mail dsjones5533@ comcast.net

WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOTES 1/20/14

Meeting Minutes from January 20, 2014

ATTENDANCE:
Mayor Hoeppner, Councilman Abbott, Rice, Gerig & Voirol, Treasurer Sarrazine, Chief Duhamell and Superintendent Walls. (Councilman Renner

POLICE REPORT:
Woodburn Police Department
would like to remind citizens to lock

your cars, sheds and other property as thefts have been occurring in the county.

Audience – no one present MAYOR:

The mayor asked council to allow him to hire someone at \$10/hour to clean off sidewalks on main walkways. Councilman Abbott made a motion to give the mayor hiring authority to hire at \$10/hour individuals to clean sidewalks. Councilman Voirol 2nd, all approved,

motion carried.

A court order has been given to the

WEST BEND

NEWS READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

<u>Harlan</u>

- Marathon
- Harlan Donuts
- Harlan Cafe <u>Hicksville</u>

• Cline's Market

Hoagland

• Mel's Town Market

Melrose

• Uncle Fudd's Diner Monroeville

• Mel's Deli

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By: Pastor Max Begley, Fellowship Church, Antwerp

GIDEON

When I was in high school I was maybe an above average football player and that has been the only sport that I have ever been able to play with any hint of success. I attribute my football abilities to being raised on a farm and mv own natural abilitv at being clumsy. I believe the hard work of farming gave me some strength, and clodhopping helped me to be a cut above some of the others. It was pretty easy for me to crash into others (I still have that particular talent, especially at a restaurant). However, anything that took finesse always seemed more difficult for me. I never understood how someone could dribble a basketball and run at the same time, although I'm not so good at chewing gum and walking either. I found it frustrating to even attempt to hit a baseball thrown at the speed of light with a stick and I stand in awe of those who can. There are some things that I am just not good at, matter of a fact there are a lot of things that I am not good at. Have you ever tried golf? Some advice: go to the driving range with someone who

"There is no way that I could Church on Sunday evenings at ever succeed at that?" God 6:00 p.m. to hear more about the potential that God see's called Gideon to rescue the Israelites from the Midianites in you. Who knows, I might who had conquered their land see you at the golf course this and was hunting them down spring ... just sayin'. to kill them and made him Judge over Israel. It would be **BIBLE QUESTIONS** good for us who have limited abilities to understand who Gideon was. Gideon was just a regular guy who was so afraid of the Midianites that he was

hiding at the bottom of a wine-

press threshing wheat so he

wouldn't be found. That must

have been one hot dusty place

to thresh wheat. Just a place

for one with limited bravado

and ability when the situation

called for one of great cour-

age and skill. As Gideon was

threshing wheat, God showed

up and addressed him by call-

ing out to him, "Mighty hero,

the Lord is with you!" That

would be akin to someone

saying to me, "Great point

guard Max, or Golf Pro Beg-

ley, the Lord is with you!'

The Lord saw something in

Gideon that no one else saw,

including Gideon himself. It

was all a matter of perspec-

tive, God's perspective. How

many of us come up short

because of our perspective

of ourselves, never realizing

to feel like hiding in the bot-

tom of a wine press to escape

the trials and enemies of life.

But we will never defeat the

enemy of our lives there. Just

like Gideon, you have great

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God's perspective of us?

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

- 1. Luke 11:1-4 Name three basic needs of the Christian? 2. Luke 11:5 - Who said
- which of you shall have a 3. Luke 11:5 - What
- time did the friend go to his friends? 4. Luke 11:5 – How many
- loaves did he ask of his friend? 5. Luke 11:5-10 - What
- does this parable teach?
- 6. Luke 11:6 Where had this guy's friend come from? 7. Luke 11:6 – Why did this
- guy go to his friend's house? 8. Luke 11:7 - What did
- the friend within say? 9. Luke 11:8 – Why couldn't the friend rise and give to the
- 10. Luke 11:9 Why did the man rise and gave as many as the man needs?

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

This is answers to this week's questions:

1. Bread, forgiveness, deliverance from temptation.; 2. Jesus; 3. Midnight.; 4. 3 loaves.; 5. Earnestness or persistence in prayer.; 6. From his journey.; 7. He had no food.; 8. Do not trouble me.; 9. Children were in bed with him.; 10. This is God blessing his children.

Let us observe some things in what we have studied. Notice Jesus uses Father as He starts His prayer, as we all should. Loved ones, we should honor and respect the holiness of God our Father which art in heaven. Reveal a very tender relationship between God and true worshippers, like a family gathered together for meal time and giving God thanks for a bountiful meal. You and I, as we pray should say Our Father; but since Jesus is God's son, He can say my Father. Loved ones, God is our only spiritual Father, and to put this title to any man is sinful. Read Matthew 23:8-10,

especially verse 9. The same thing can go for other titles before a name. Evangelist, preacher, deacon or elder can be used for they are authorized. You and I can pray this prayer, but not in repetition, we need to use other words also. The wrong way to pray is like the Pharisee did in Luke 18:10-14, read verse 11. Also in these same verses, the publican prayed in the right way verse 13. And then in verse 14 see what Jesus said about this Please continue to pray,

read and study your Bible. Ol' Baldy says bye and I "luv ya."

ACYC HOSTS FIRST EVER "SING THING"

On Tuesday, February 25, the Antwerp Community Youth Center will be hosting the ACYC Sing Thing at the Antwerp United Methodist Church. Sing Thing is a time for people in the community to gather together for worship led by Antwerp United Methodist Praise Team, special music performances by people from various churches in the community, a brief update on the youth center, and an opportunity for the attendees to further support the youth center.

Following Sing Thing will be a time of fellowship at The Arch. If you plan on coming, please bring a snack to share

WAYNE TRACE NHS COL-LECTING BLANKETS FOR PROJECT LINUS

The Wayne Trace National Honor Society, in conjunction with Project Linus, is collecting new or homemade blankets to be donated to children in the Fort Wayne hospitals. The blankets cannot come from a smoking home or have any pet hair on them. We will begin collecting blankets on Tuesday, February 18 and will collect them through Friday, February 21. Students can bring the blankets to school and deposit them in the containers that will be available outside the library. Also, students can bring the blankets to the home boys' basketball game on Thursday, February 20. Any student who brings in a blanket will receive a voucher for a free candy bar/candy at the boys' home basketball game on Thursday, February 20. All of your help is greatly appreciated!

IF GOD IS BIGGER THAN US AND LIVES IN US, **WOULDN'T HE SHOW** THROUGH?

Winning the Battle for a

Every Sunday after church I have a discussion with young people about what they thought of my message, any questions or comments they may have. One of the questions that has come up from time to time is one, quite frankly, that I hear often from others, 'What does it mean to glorify God? How does one bring glory to God?' I read an illustration recently on "letting God shine through," or glorifying God, something that may help shed some light on these great questions.

PH: 419-258-2000 • 260-246-8843 • info@westbendnews.net **DIVINE MERCY STUDENTS** message this morning that I don't understand." **EXPERIMENT WITH ICE** The mother said, "Oh? **BALLOONS!**

What is it?" The little girl replied,

"Well, he said God is bigger than we are. He said God is so big that He could hold the whole world in His hand. Is that true?" The mother replied, "Yes,

that's true, Honey.' "Mommy, he also said

God comes to live inside of us when we believe in Jesus as our Savior. Is that true, too?" Again, the mother assured the little girl that what the pastor had said was true. With a puzzled look on her

face the little girl then asked, "If God is bigger than us and He lives in us, wouldn't He show through? (Jerry Shirley, "When God

Shows Through," Sermons. com newsletter)

The idea of glorifying God, "Letting God Show Through" is mentioned often in scripture. Please consider with me the exhortation we find in 1 Peter 2:12 (NIV), "Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

"Let us consider this week, today, in every opportune moment how we may "Let God show through."

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: defyfc@ embarqmail.com

2014 EMPTY BOWLS EVENT TO BE HELD FEBRU-ARY 20th

The 14th annual Empty Bowls event to benefit the PATH Center is planned for Thursday, February 20, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall, 111 Elliott Road. The project is jointly sponsored by the Defiance College Social Work Organization and DC art department. The goal is to help feed the hungry, all going to the PATH Center.

Area restaurants and individuals make and donate a variety of soups and breads included in the dinner menu, with soup served in handmade bowls. Defiance College art students and faculty member Jason Stockman will be making bowls for this year's event. Diners will be encouraged to continue using these one-of-a-kind bowls as a reminder of those who their donations will serve.

Kindergarten, first and second graders of Divine Catholic School Mercy worked together measuring and comparing. They put colored water into balloons and measured the balloon's weight, diameter, length, and amount of water put in the balloon. They then put them outside overnight and measured them again the following morning. They compared the differences and discussed the causes. It then resulted with colorful ice balls to place in the snow!

LATTA ENCOURAGES OHIO **VETERANS TO UTILIZE NEW WEBSITE TO CALCULATE** POST-9/11 GI BILL BEN-**EFITS PAYMENT TOWARD** COLLEGE

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) encouraged Ohio veterans to utilize a website recently launched by the Department of Veterans Affairs and several other agencies to help them calculate how far their Post-9/11 GI Benefits will go toward paying for college. The website provides information, such as graduation rates, default rates and average student loan rates, for colleges and universities throughout the country.

"Our nation's heroes have made significant sacrifices in service to this country and deserve every resource available to assist them in making a seamless transition to the civilian workforce upon their return home," said Congressman Latta. "This website provides a one-stop shop for veterans to access important information regarding colleges and universities and how their benefits can be applied to make their education aspirations, and ultimately future career goals, more attainable. I commend the VA for its work in establishing this website, and I encourage Ohio's veterans and service members alike to take advantage of this website and the valuable information it provides."

Generation by: Rick Jones, **Defiance Area YFC**

One Sunday as they drove home from church, a little girl turned to her mother and said, "Mommy, there's some-

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thing about the preacher's



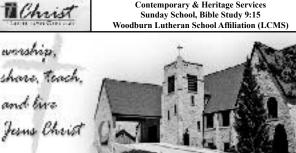
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that ... just sayin'. Have you ever felt that you were supposed to do something and you thought,

golfs on a regular basis before

you enter a tournament. Not

that I ever did anything like

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This letter is of a two-fold nature. One personal and one public.

On the public side, I just wanted to acknowledge all of the State, County, and Paulding Village snow removal crews for the fantastic job they have done in keeping up on the roads with this almost record snowfall. They have all done a tremendous job of keeping the roads in the best possible condition. Countless hours of hard work has gone into keeping the roads cleared and passable and as safe as possible for everyone. I, for one, am very grateful for the job they do.ʻ

The personal side is one of sadness yet joy. I retired from the education business on December 31st with 35 years in the kid business. I am extremely sad to leave because I will miss the kids and the wonderful people I have worked with these past 35 years. I spent 9 years at Antwerp Local Schools, 2 years at Fairview Local, and the past 24 were spent serving the kids in the Paulding Exempted Village School district. It was a fantastic career and one I will miss greatly.

The joy comes in knowing I will now be able to do some of the things I have had to put off for many years and to be able to spend more time with family and friends.

The fine communities and everyone have sent me best wishes, cards, gifts, etc. These have meant a lot to me and I will never forget. Each school district will always hold a special place in my heart and the memories made at each will always stay with me.

Keep supporting our kids in their educational needs. They deserve to have the chances we were all given to succeed.

—Dave Stallkamp

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

No Kid Goes Hungry Program

With the Paulding Exempted Village School lunches, if a child is in the negative, the lunch trays are pulled and dumped in the trash (Ohio laws state lunches are not allowed to be served twice). The students are given a PB&J sandwich for lunch-that wouldn't hold any student over until they get home—for all we know this may be the only meal a child gets for the

The No Kid Goes Hungry Program will accept aluminum cans or any metals for recycling. We all have aluminum cans and metal lying around the house. It's really not any money out of pocket. You can't miss what you never had, and it would be for a good cause to feed a student.

I spoke with Eric Kohart, one of the owners of Kohart Salvage. He mentioned he would send the money to the school treasury department for No Kid Goes Hungry Program. Anyone can do this.

I set this program up so any person donating can feel comfortable donating, knowing that's where their donations is going—to the right place with no one person handling the money other than the people they're donating to.

For more information about this program, please call the PEVS treasury department at 419-399-4656 or Kohart Salvage at 419-399-

> —Jr Gonzales, Paulding

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DROPnSHOP, the new online auction, located in Antwerp, needs your help bringing buyers and sellers together! This is a brand new business, but don't despise meager beginnings—bring in your consignment items and let DROPnSHOP help you! For more information about this innovative new business, please visit www. dropnshop.net, check out this week's ad in The West Bend News, call 574-298-6199 or stop in at the Old Dana building on CR 424 east of Antwerp during operating hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

WHY I FARM CONTEST

Joshua Jank (20) is defying the odds in his battle against the liver/lung dis-Hepatopulmonary Syndrome, complicated by Sickle Cell Anemia. Given days to live last August, Josh rallied through a number of difficult times and has been blessed with five months to pursue his "Go Make A Difference" list.

Near the top of Josh's "Go Make A Difference"

list is adoption and orphan care. Josh's love for farming is giving him an opportunity to raise money through a "Why I Farm" photo contest sponsored by Beck's Hybrid Seeds. If Josh comes in the top three winners, the award money will go exclusively to adoption funding and orphans in need. (We've worked it all out with Beck's and a local farmer). The award money (after taxes) could be between \$5,000 and \$16,000.

Most of the photo contestants have had almost a year to collect votes by the March 3rd deadline. Josh just signed up. He needs about 1,500+ votes a day to make this dream come true. Maybe you can help make it happen. You're invited to vote every day.

To learn about Josh's mission visit: www.Red-DiamondDays.com, https:// www.facebook.com/Red-DiamondDays

To vote for Josh, visit: www.whyifarm.com. Once at the site, head up to the top right hand corner where it says, "VOTE". Trouble voting? Contact Shawn Smith ssmith@beckshybrids.com

www.newhavenbulletin.com

VANTAGE BOARD HOLDS 2014 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 1/15/14

Prior to the regular Vantage monthly board meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2014, the Board held a tax budget hearing and an organizational meeting. President Pro-Tem Lonnie Nedderman (Crestview) called the organizational meeting to order and the oath of office was administered to returning Board members Ron Bradford, Continental, and Greg Reinhart, Paulding, and new members Eric Germann, Lincolnview, Kim Wannemacher, Ot-toville, Cliff Wieging, Ft. Jennings, and Debby Compton, Van Wert.

Elections were held and Lonnie Ned-derman from Crestview was elected President and Ron Bradford from Continental was elected Vice-President. Dennis Reck-er from Antwerp will serve as Legislative er from Antwerp will serve as Legislative Liaison and Greg Reinhart from Paulding, Student Achievement Liaison. Regular monthly meetings were scheduled for the first Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m., with the exception of the April Board meeting which will be held at 5:15 p.m. on April 3, 2014, prior to the All Boards dinner. The July Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2014. Lori Davis was appointed as Treasurer and Chief vis was appointed as Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer for Vantage Career Center and was authorized to request tax advances from appropriate county auditors, pay outstanding bills, make general fund transfers and invest active, inactive and interim funds. The Vantage Career

Center Board of Education Service Fund was set at \$8,000. Superintendent Staci Kaufman was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Van-tage Career Center, Purchasing Agent, Signatory for salary notices and contracts following Board of Education employment or salary notice adoption and the official to review and approve student activity budgets. The Superintendent was authorized to extend employment contracts as well as accept resignations between regularly scheduled board meetings when necessary for the efficient operation of the school. The Superintendent was authorized to approve staff member attendance at professional meetings and to approve travel and business related. to approve travel and business related to approve travel and business related expense vouchers, leave forms, etc. She was appointed as the Vantage VWASIG Board Representative. The Treasurer was authorized to approve travel and busi-ness related expense vouchers and leave forms, etc., submitted by the Superinter dent. The Vantage Board of Education as a whole was designated to serve as Audit Committee for the finances for the school district. The Van Wert Times Bulletin was designated as the official school newspa-

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Membership was approved for the Ohio School Boards Association, Association of Career Technical Education, Ohio Association of Career Technical Superintendents, and ETPI – Education Tax Policy Institute, and OSBA Legal Assistance Fund. Legal counsel and cashier positions were designated. Petty cash

by law of \$125 per meeting.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman presuperintendent Stact Naturnan pre-sented an update on the recent water damage and repair work in two areas of the building due to the frozen sprin-kler system, which occurred on January 8. High School Director Ben Winans reported that during the month of De-cember, the Vantage students and staff cember the Vantage students and staff worked together to help those in need in our local community. One project was the Toss A Toy Program, which provides toys to those who are less fortunate. Amy Grothouse and the VCC students spearheaded the drive at Vantage and were able headed the drive at Vantage and were able to raise over \$1600 to purchase toys. The students and staff again pitched in as we assisted one of our own students whose family had lost everything in a house fire. Through generous donations Vantage was able to present the family with a check for close to \$1500 to help them get back on their feet. On December 10, 2013, Vantage inducted 18 students into the National Technical Honor Society. Adult Educa-tion Director Pete Prichard reported that Enrollment Coordinator Dee Dee Dirk-sen is still working with inquiries and building enrollment for Northwest State

CNC and Industrial Maintenance programs this summer.

In new business, the Board:

• Approve the following supplemental contracts: Marylo Wilhelm, Annette Klinger, Reesa Rohrs and Leigh Carey, "Step Into Your Future" as presented;

• Accept a donation of metal tubing, with the market value of \$1521.64 from Advance Chassis of Antwerp, Ohio to be used in the welding classes;

• Resolution to approve the Van Wert Community Reinvestment Area Agree-ment between Harry Schaffner, 569 S. Chestnut St., Van Wert and Vantage Ca-

Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between Warren Straley, 563 S. Chestnut St., Van Wert and Vantage Ca-

Resolution to approve the 2014-15
Vantage Career Center school calendar;
 Resolution to approve the Van Wert

8, 2014;

• Resolution to approve the Ottoville Board of Education representative,

 Resolution to approve the Ft. Jennings Board of Education representative, Cliff Wieging to serve on the Vantage Board Education effective January 8,

view Board of Education representative, Eric Germann to serve on the Vantage Board Education effective January 13,

nental Board of Education representative, Ron Bradford to serve on the Vantage Board Education effective January 8,

funds were set. At the regular board meeting, the minutes from the December 5, 2013 board meeting were approved along with financial statements for the month of November, 2013. The 2015 Vantage Career Center Tax Budget was approved as presented at the Budget Hearing. The Treasurer was authorized to compensate Vantage Board nembers at the maximum rate allowable

bine and pipe welding programs. We are scheduled to graduate students from the CNC and Industrial Maintenance pro-

used to purchase electronic items. (Ro-thacker-Lampe Bequest);

reer Center;

professional development;
• Approval of NEOLA new & revised policies (First reading was at the Decem-

City Board of Education representative, Debby Compton to serve on the Van-tage Board Education effective January

Community College classes. She has been working on enrollment procedures for ACCSC accreditation and has represented us at area eight workforce development meetings. Northwest State Community College programs will continue into the next semester. We have maintained 100% retention. All students are earning college credit that can be applied to an Associate of Technical Studies Degree. Pete Weir has been working on schedules and pre-paring for our truck driving, wind tur-

used in the welding classes;

• Accept a grant of \$37,500.00 from the Van Wert County Foundation to be

reer Center;
• Resolution to approve the Van Wert

• Approve a waiver day for staff on February 24, 2014 for the purpose of staff

Kimberley Wannemacher to serve on the Vantage Board Education effective January 8, 2014

Resolution to approve the Lincoln-

Resolution to approve the Conti-

PAGE 5 - WEST BEND NEWS - FEBRUARY 19, 2014 **100'S DAY GLASS FOR PAYNE STUDENTS**



Miss Hughes' Kindergarten students at Payne Elementary celebrated the 100th day of school on February 12th by decorating 100's day glasses and creatively making collections of random items to represent the number 100.

PAULDING COUNTY COM-**MISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 2/5/14**

This 5^{th} day of February, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein,

Fred Pieper, and Nola Ginter, Clerk
ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
Warrants documented as 205294 warrants documented as 205294
through 205359 for County Bills were
approved and certified to the County
Auditor for payment.
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein to go into executive session at 8:04 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fred Pieper. All members voting yea.
At 8:50 a.m. all members present

agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session. IN THE MATTER OF APPROV-

ING 'THEN AND NOW' PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS:
The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on

February 5, 2014, Warrants numbered 205296 through 205316 in the amount of \$1,200.00; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or or-der was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code \$5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefor the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all delibera-tions of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. MEETING NOTES OF AP-POINTMENTS:

Travis McGarvey, County Engineer
Mr. McGarvey met with the Commissioners with an update on the road conditions. He reported his staff have been working overtime in an effort to keep up on snow removal. Mr. McGarvey noted he still has an ample supple of road salt. He also commended his drivers for their good driving records in the dangerous weather conditions.

Mr. McGarvey discussed an issue that will be on the ballot this spring, stating he would encourage supporting it, as it benefits the Engineer's Office. Mr. McGarvey then discussed the railroad crossings on County roads close to US 24. He noted there are several crossings that are passive with no gates. Mr. McGarvey reported he has filed for several exemptions on the crossings where there is no rail activity. If the exemptions are not approved, stop signs will replace the yield signs. ODOT and the railroad will be responsible for the stop signs, while the County would be responsible for the stop ahead signs. Mr. McGarvey is somewhat concerned with the effect the covertions because and with the effect the overtime hours and repairs on vehicles will have on his 2014 budget. He then noted he is pleased to have recently sold some equipment on govdeals.com. Jeff Hollis, All-Trades – Mr. Hollis

spoke to the Commissioner via tele-phone conference call. He reported having a pressing project in Florida that will cause a slight delay in the Courthouse interior painting project. He agreed to call next week for a start

date.

Ken Maag, Poggemeyer Design
Group – The Commissioners spoke to
Mr. Maag on a telephone conference
call. Mr. Maag answered several questions regarding charges for registered
campgrounds within the sewer project
boundaries. Mr. Maag noted he will be
on vacation next week, but agreed he
would have competing in writing his would have something in writing by the week beginning February 17.

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PEACE CORP SERVICE IN BULGARIA

By: Stan Jordan

The heroine in this story is Joan Overmyer Myers. She graduated at AHS in 1967. Her parents are Bud and Ruth Hartman Overmyer, who live in Hicksville but graduated at AHS in 1943.

Joan has been teaching language, reading and social studies in Central Springs, Iowa for over 20 years.

To work for the Peace Corp was something she always wanted to do and one day she made up her mind to fulfill her dream. The Corp workers are usually a lot younger, but she took an early retirement and filled out an application.

She was an English Education volunteer in Rakouski, Bulgaria. She taught the 5th grade through the 8th grade, and sometimes one on one with a struggling student.

She taught English to adults in evening English classes. Some knew the basics but just needed to improve their grammar. At the same time they were teaching her Bulgarian.

Joan, at one time, secured a grant to fund an English resource that included a library, computer and projector for her school. Some of the students researched other European countries to share their land and soil and natural resources and history—even some other countries' recipes and prepared them in the kitchen.

She encouraged students to join in the countries' spelling bees and helped them prepare

She noticed that in Bulgaria lots of people still smoke. They still use a lot of horse and wagons. Lots of people don't have a

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clothes dryer so they hang the clothes on the line year round. Bicycles are used a lot. Everyone has a garden and is good at gardening. She came back home and

was employed as a tutor for students learning at North Iowa Area Community College. She and her husband, Da-

vid, have two grown children.

She just returned from Ghana, Africa where she helped start a new grade school. She was there for over three weeks.

When asked if she was planning on doing any more Peace Corp work, she said she would not rule it out. I'm proud of you, Joan.

See ya!

EAST TO WEST ON CANAL STREET IN 1930

By: Stan Jordan

On East Canal Street on the north side there were no houses of any type east of Kroos Drive. That whole housing addition, I think it was called the Daggett Addition, comes down to a point and then gets wider go-

That first small house was my grandparents, George and Sarah Jordan. Then the next house was the home of Everett and Ida Carr. We lived in the next house, the William and Dolly Jordan family. The next house was the home of Kay Fisher; they moved to Columbus in the early 1930's. The next house was the Sam Anderson family. James and Anna Barnhart was next, and around the S curve to the north was the Cecil Billman Family. John Fett was the next house to the north. Gene Donnell lived next on the corner. A couple from Ursela, Sweden named Jaderstrom lived in the next house to

the west for years. Fred Carr lived on the corner, where Dan Fowler now lives. He became a probate court judge. When he moved to Paulding his son, Lavonne Carr, moved there. Across the street to the west was Tug Wilson. The next house was the John Steiner home, he was a custodian in the old school building. At the next corner of Main and East Canal was the home of Bill Brown. Across the

street was the home of John Radenbaugh. Then the oldest house in Antwerp, some people named Jackson lived there. Mrs. Kearns lived in the next house that was destroyed by fire. Across Cleveland Street—I don't remember who lived in that house—it might have been a Mr. DeLong. The next house was the home of Sidney Carr. Joe Muncin lived in the next house. Fred Majors lived in the corner house. Ted Hawkings lived across the street to the west. After you left the Hawkings' house, there was no buildings of any type until you get to Wilhelm Street and Reed Laney lived there. Across Willhelm to the west was the home of Skeet Treaster, Billy Treaster, Goldie, Vera, Doris Machier and Leo Ruse. Granny Sweet was the next house, and the last house on the north side was the home of Johnny Schooley.

See ya!

WIND

By: Stan Jordan

Who has seen the wind? *Neither you nor I. But when* the trees bow down their heads, the wind is passing

As I sit at my desk at the WBN and look across the street I see many piles of snow of at least 10' high where the road crew kept piling it up. My co-worker, Josh, the wannabe weather man, tells me the Alberta Clippers are coming out of northern Canada and the Arctic Circle the whole month of January.

They make life miserable for over 150 million people in the eastern half of the United States. This very extreme cold weather, lots of snow and terribly high winds make life difficult all over. The snow drifts and the extreme cold just about brings traffic to an absolute

We all remark that it is the wind that makes our problems, and we have had strong winds all fall and

I know that right now the wind has caused us a lot of problems with this weather, but is the wind all bad?

From the wind we get a cool breeze in the summer, the wind dries the wash, it moves the sailboats, it is the only power for the sailing ships, it flies little boys' kites, it dries the ground after a rain, it makes it comfortable to fish as it blows the bugs away, it drifts the boat, it blows the fog away and dissipates the smoke. It helps to make a nice bonfire, it assists with sail planes, gliders and balloons. To the farmer it helps with the harvest, it dries the hay and helps to propagate the corn at tasseling time, it dries a new coat of paint, it blows away our leaves and sometimes brings some.

Now here are some of the ways that the wind can be a problem. It blows dust and dirt and top soil. It blows the trees and limbs down on electric lines, blows the weed seeds, and the fertilizer away. It is bad when spraying the crops; it blows foul odors where their not wanted. It is very bad for the fireman in forest fires; it speeds up the burning and ruins the water stream. That wind ruins girls' hairdos, blows men's hats away and

makes the air a lot colder.



By: Stan Jordan One Liners **Take a long walk on a

short pier. **Early to bed and early to

rise, and you miss a lot of soap operas on TV.

**To get even with her husband, whenever she went

shopping she put the TV re-

mote in her purse. **The wise old owl sat on the oak, the more he heard the less he spoke, the less he spoke the more he heard, now wasn't that a wise old bird.

**Two boys were playing in the yard. One said, "My father can whip your father."

The other said, "Big hairy deal, so can mom.'

**Blondes don't make koolaid because they can't get eight glasses of water into that little packet. **They say love makes the

world go around; no, cash makes the world go round. **If your food tastes good,

good for you. **How was it that Santa went down all those chimneys

and never got soot on his suit? **"Two wrongs do not make a right," Charlie said as he left the divorce court for a 2nd time.

**Defeat goes over defense

**It ain't over till the fat lady sings.

wore a yellow ribbon.

and not heard.

and spice and everything nice; boys are made of snails and whales and puppy dog tails.

red suspenders?

**Green side up.

the pelican, his beak holds more than his belly can.

two in the bush. **His mother-in-law was

hunt bears with a switch.

**She was flying too high for my little 'ole sky.

ammonia and pneumonia: one comes in bottles and one comes in chests.

lead with his chin all the time.

**The Japanese don't cook out very much because the rice keeps falling through the grill.

See ya!

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*Around her neck she

**Children should be seen

**Girls are made of sugar

**Why does a firemen wear

**What a wonderful bird, *If you snooze you lose.

**One in the hand is worth

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SLEEP YOUR WAY TO HEALTH

The Nurturing Well: Jill

Everyone loves a good night of sleep. However, studies show that the majority of Americans are sleepdeprived. According to the National Sleep Foundation, adults need between 7-9 hours of sleep. The problem is that many of us are so used to the lack of sleep that we feel it is normal. Yet, not meeting the required amount of sleep on a daily basis can create many unwanted effects. Some of these effects include weight gain, blurred vision, lack of coordination, exhaustion, a weakened immune system, and memory loss.

To avoid the bad effects of sleep deprivation, work on getting the recommended hours of sleep. Here are some tips to help you do that.

• Set a routine. Go to bed at the same time and wake up at the same time daily, even on weekends. Your body will naturally develop a good habit of getting quality sleep when it follows a routine.

• Exercise. Those who exercise get into an easier sleep mode than those who don't. However, make sure you do your workouts several hours before bedtime.

• Lighten up. Avoid heavy or spicy meals in the evening and save caffeinated beverages for earlier in the day.

 Avoid smoking and **drinking.** The stimulants from nicotine and alcohol wreak havoc on sleep pat-

• Cool it. Reduce the temperature in the evenings. Cooler rooms aid in a restful

• Black it out. The darker the room, the better you'll sleep. Even the slightest light triggers your brain to wake up. This means that you should shut off all electronic devices about an hour before your bedtime to allow your mind and body to prepare for

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HOUSE PASSES LATTA'S BIPARTISAN SHARE ACT

The U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R 3590, Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) Act, bipartisan legislation sponsored by Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) to provide America's sportsmen and sportswomen increased access to hunting and fishing opportunities throughout the

"As Co-Chairman of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus and a lifelong hunter and outdoorsman, issues relating to hunting and conservation are extremely important to me," said Congressman Latta. "Our country's hunters and anglers provide a tremendous economic benefit to this country and have played a significant role in fueling our nation's conservation efforts. In my home state of Ohio, our sportsmen and sportswomen spent \$2.85 billion on hunting and fishing in 2011. There are no better stewards of our natural resources than our sportsmen and sportswomen, and I am pleased that the House could come together today to pass the SHARE Act, so they can continue our country's rich hunting legacy.'

The SHARE Act includes various pro-sportsmen's and sportswomen's items that will help ensure our outdoor traditions are protected and advanced. The legislation also addresses some of the most current concerns of American hunters, recreational anglers, shooters and trappers by allowing open access to federal lands and providing the needed certainty for the rules surrounding these ac-

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATH-LETIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors met Thursday morning in Columbus for its regularly scheduled February meeting. The follow-

scheduled rebruary meeting. The following are highlights from the meeting. The complete set of meeting minutes will be posted at OHSAA.org in the near future.

• The OHSAA's Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Committee nominated Logan, Ohio, native and former Ohio State, WNBA and U.S. National Team basketball standout Katie Smith as its religious of the 2012 A OHSAA Ethics and Integrity Award. The board unanimously approved the recommendation. Ms. Smith will be honored at the upcoming state basketball tournaments.

 The board was updated on new sponsorship of the Respect the Game program coming from the American Dairy Association Mideast office. The increased support will allow the OHSAA to send Re-

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the Game banners to all schools and

spect the Game banners to all schools and fund the school sportsmanship awards program, among other items.

• The financial reports for the regional (if applicable) and state tournaments in field hockey, golf, soccer and girls tennis were presented to the board. The field hockey state tournament resulted in a profit of \$8,770. The golf state tournaments resulted in a loss of \$8,916. The soccer regional and state tournaments resulted in a profit of \$66,808. The girls tendents are profit of \$66,808. The girls tendents are sulted in a profit of \$66,808. The girls tendents are sulted in a profit of \$66,808. The girls tendents are sulted in a profit of \$66,808. The girls tendents are subjected in a profit of \$66,808. The girls tendents are subjected in a profit of \$66,808. The girls tendents are subjected in a profit of \$66,808. The girls tendents are subjected in a profit of \$66,808. The girls tendents are subjected in a profit of \$66,808. The girls tendents are subjected in a profit of \$66,808. The girls tendents are subjected in a profit of \$66,808. The girls tendents are subjected in a profit of \$66,808. The girls tendents are subjected in a profit of \$66,808. The girls tendents are subjected in a profit of \$66,808. The girls tendents are subjected in a profit of \$66,808. The girls tendents are subjected in a profit of \$60,808. The girls tendents are subjected in a profit of \$60,808. The girls tendents are subjected in a profit of \$60,808. The girls tendents are subjected in a profit of \$60,808. The girls tendents are subjected in a profit of \$60,808. The girls tendents are subjected in a profit of \$60,808. The girls tendents are subjected in a profit of \$60,808. The girls tendents are subjected in a profit of \$60,808. The girls tendents are subjected in a profit of \$60,808. The girls tendents are subjected in a sulted in a profit of \$66,808. The girls tennis state tournament resulted in a loss of \$5,601. The regional and state tournament financial reports in volleyball and football are expected to be presented at the April

are expected to be presented at the April board meeting.

• The volleyball coaches association made three proposals. First, to raise the height of the net in junior high contests so that it is the same height as the high school net. Second, that in varsity trimatches, the contest can be determined by a best three-out-of-five sets instead of two-out-of-three if the coaches and ath-letic administrators all agree before the match. And third, to eliminate the portion of warm-ups when both teams are serving across the net at the same time. The board will vote on the proposals at its April meeting.

• Three schools were recently pe-

nalized for committing infractions of OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations. The complete list of penalties and sanctions is always included in the complete meeting minutes, however media may request the list in advance from Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Information Services, at tstried@ohsaa.org.

• The board conducted the regional

and state tournament bracket draws in softball and baseball. The information will be posted on the softball and baseball pages at OHSAA.org. In addition, the tourna-ment regulations in boys tennis, softball, baseball and track & field were approved and will be posted on the respective sport pages at OHSAA.org.

• The National Federation of State

High School Associations recently announced the 2012-13 state and sectional coaches of the year (eight sections nation-wide). The OHSAA will issue a separate press release on February 17 detailing the award winners.

• The Northeast District Athletic Board has selected Cleveland's Dale Ga-bor, while the Northwest District Athletic Board has selected Sylvania Northview's Jerry Sigler as their honorees for the OHSAA Naismith Meritorious Service Awards. They will be honored at the boys basketball state tournament. A rotation system allows each of the OHSAA's six district athletic boards to honor a rep-resentative from their area every three

• The board thanked Kim Zabor-niak for her 33-plus years of service to the OHSAA as an administrative assistant. Ms. Zaborniak will retire from the OHSAA office February 14.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTERS (ESCS) CEL-EBRATING 100 YEARS OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

Educational Service Centers (ESCs) are celebrating 100 years of educational service. ESCs were first established as county offices of education in 1914. Western Buckeye ESC was previously known as the Paulding County Board of Education and Van Wert County Board of Education. Over time, county offices evolved from regulatory agencies to service-oriented agencies and, in the mid-1990s, became ESCs and experienced several statutorily required mergers and consolidations.

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center's main objectives are to support improved academic outcomes and reduce cost to partner schools through a shared services delivery model. This includes sharing Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapists. We also share School Psychologists, Gifted education and grant writing personnel. Western Buckeye ESC provides curriculum directors and special education directors to meet the needs of our partner schools. The overall goal of our agency and staff is to positively impact student achievement. ESCs all over Ohio are providing similar academic and operational support services to schools. As a matter of fact, ninety-seven percent of school districts statewide are actively engaged with their local ESC.

Other ESC instructional services include Itinerant special education and related services staff, paraprofessional support, preschool special education support, 21st Century after-school programs, and Alternative Schools. Our

Alternative School tailors curriculum around the emotionally disabled students to meet their specific learning needs. It also has an Opportunity side that serves those students who need to recover credits in order to meet graduation requirements. The administration and staff at the Alternative/Opportunity School work together with partner school support to develop a curriculum that will allow their students to succeed and graduate. This is directly related to the economic vitality of our community and state. These students range from the most gifted to the most at-risk, including special needs students and other at-risk populations

such as dropouts and adjudi-

cated youth.

ter non-instructional support services include bus driver certification, bus driver physicals, teacher licensure, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation/FBI background checks, maintenance of LPDC licensure and substitute list, security upgrades to the Alternative School and Thomas Edison Early Childhood Building, parent mentoring, county spelling bees, juvenile court liaisons, and student attendance officers. We also work with our local schools by inputting data into DASL in order to keep student files current. Western Buckeye ESC pays for or subsidizes these programs in order to assist our partner schools in keeping costs down.

Western Buckeye ESC is very proud of our history of providing shared services that enhance student achievement and drive down the cost to our partner schools by sharing staff to save money for the good people of Paulding and Van Wert Counties. Assisting our partner schools is an educational task we have been accustomed to providing for the past 100 years since 1914. We look forward to partnering with our schools and the state of Ohio for the next 100 years and beyond.

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Yours in Education,

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END OF THE ROAD FOR NEW HAVEN GIRLS

Haley Fox encourages Fernhaze McGraw for her next free throw shot. More pictures at westbendnews.net

It was a good recovery, but not enough for the Bulldogs to move on in the tourna-

The Lady Dawgs competed against Bishop Dwenger at Garrett High School on Wednesday, February 12. This was for the IHSAA Sectional Basketball Tournament.

Previously in regular season play, the New Haven girls basketball team had won against the Knights 60-49. With the weather this year, the ladies had nearly a three week hiatus in playing and this may account for the struggle in the last part of their basketball season.

This was a different game and both teams got off to a rough start. Many shots were taken but the first basket didn't take place until the middle of the first quarter. The first points of the game were posted by New Haven's Olivia Casterline. New Haven

quickly got the upper hand and was ahead in the game by 5 points. The Saints got themselves back together and the score was 9-8 at the first quarter with the Bulldogs in the lead.

In the second quarter, Dwenger kept it's groove while New Haven struggled with getting their first basket with 4:00 left on the clock. The second quarter finished 16-27, Saints on top.

The second half was much better for the Lady Dawgs, as they outscored the guest team 32-25, but it wasn't enough to recover from the first quarter deficit in this close tournament game. The final score was 52-48 with Dwenger going on to play Concordia on Friday in the tournament bracket.

Missing pictures? We have a stack of pictures here at West Bend News from previous publications.

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Sam Williamson scores on a layup. More pictures at west-

Due to all of the bad weather and tournament schedule changes, the Woodlan vs Antwerp Boys Basketball game was moved to Monday, February 10 at the Archer home

The game started close with the first quarter giving Antwerp the lead at 11-13. The second quarter had a strange

first 4 minutes as Antwerp more than doubled their Warrior opponents. Coach Randall took a time out to get the boys back in the game and it worked. Woodlan's Kadin Gerig hit 3 3-point baskets in a row, in his personal best game, and the momentum turned back. The halftime score was 26-27 in Antwerp's favor, as

they struggled to hold on to their lead.

The second half started with Greg White and Woodlan quickly posting a five point lead. Antwerp reciprocated with Kaden Brummet and Copsey both making quick returns to the basket. With Smalley being fouled and making his free-throw shots, it brought the game right back together with the score tied at the end of the third quarter.

The fourth quarter showed the offense for both teams were working, burning up the courts and the crowds were wild for their teams. Both scored 22 points and the game went into overtime.

With 1.3 seconds left on the clock in the short overtime period, Antwerp was down by two points to Woodlan. Sam Williamson got the ball and scored a 3-point shot placing Antwerp in the lead by one and the game finished at 69-68. Both teams were well matched at this cross state competition

Scorers of the Game:

Antwerp - Kaden Brumett 12, Derek Smalley 15, Joe Buerkle 3, Colton Stout 1, Sam Williamson 19, Garrett Jones 2, Trenton Copsey 15, and Tyler Messman 2

Woodlan - Greg White 14, Jeffrey Jones 10, Kadin Gerig 30, Jaylin Bennett 12, and Caleb Stieglitz 2

Scores by the Quarter: Antwerp - 13 14 12 22

Woodlan - 11 15 13 22

CLOSE GAME GIVES WAY TO RAIDER LOSS

The Wayne Trace boys basketball team took on the Lincolnview Lancers on Feburary 11th. The Lancers skimmed passed the Raiders to end the game with a WT loss: 59-61.

Score by the Quarter: Wayne Trace – 12 15 13

Lincolnview - 15 15 14

Scorers of the Game:

Wayne Trace - E Linder 14, C Speice 14, Arend 5, C Linder 14, Wenzlick 6, Sinn 4, Blackmore 2

Lincolnview - Leeth 2, Williams 23, Dowdy 19, Adams 4, McCleery 2, Farmer 6, Ludwig 5

Records: Lincolnview 10-

8, Wayne Trace 14-3 JV: WT won, 37-33

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WARRIORS POST WIN OVER STARFIRES

By: Jeff Abbott

The South Adams and Woodlan boys basketball was close early with 3 ties and 2 lead changes before a run by the Warriors late in the quarter. It gave the home team a 10 point advantage at 19-9 at the end of the quarter and the Warriors went on to win 70-55 over the Starfires. The Warriors led by as many as 20 points in the game. Greg White finished with 23 points and Jeffrey Jones had 22 points for the Warriors.

Score by the Quarter: South Adams - 9 16 9

Woodlan - 19 14 19 16=70 Scorers of the Game:

South Adams - Wanner 18, Grabau 12, Sealscott 9, Teeter 7, Vasquez 7, Clouser 2

Woodlan - White 23, Jones 22, Stieglitz 7, Bennett 6, Gerig 5, O'Hara 3, Hahn 2, Louden

LADY RAIDERS FALL TO KNIGHTS

The Wayne Trace Lady Raiders took to the court against the Crestview Lady Knights on February 10th. It was a close game all throughout the evening, but the Knights kept a victory: 54-49.

Score by the Quarter: Wayne Trace – 10 10 10

Crestview - 15 11 12 16=54 Scorers of the Game:

Wayne Trace - Mohr 20, Temple 10, Speice 6, Wilcox 4, Feasby 5, Poling 4

Crestview - Crowle 6, Mercer 4, Riggenbach 11, Bauer 12, Motycka 19, Hicks 2

JV: Crestview 26, WT 23

NEW HAVEN BOYS WIN NHC CONFERENCE TITLE

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New Haven senior Lowell Griggs dunks the ball the third quarter. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Brayton Rudolph scores 3 for the home team.

The New Haven boys basketball team steamed ahead to crush East Noble on Thursday, February 13. The game was entirely in favor of the Bulldogs who ended up winning the Northeast Hoosier Conference Title.

Coach Al Gooden, in his third year as coach, has a phenomenal team performing near flawlessly.

The Bulldogs won the game 67-46. Their current record is now 13-3 and this is their second conference win.



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Financial Focus by: Phil Recker, Edward Jones Advisor

It's a good thing to have some savings. When you put the money in a lowrisk account, you can be pretty sure it will be readily available when you need it. Nonetheless, "saving" is not "investing" — and knowing the difference could pay off for you far into the future.

Think about it this way: Saving is for today, while investing is for tomorrow.

You need your savings to pay for your daily expenses, such as groceries, and your monthly bills - mortgage, utilities, and so on. In fact, you might even want your savings to include an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses to pay for unexpected costs, such as a new furnace or a major car

These are all "here and now" expenses — and you could use your savings to pay for them. But in thinking of your long-term goals, such as college for your children and a comfortable retirement for yourself, most individuals typically can't simply rely on their savings they'll need to invest. Why? Because, quite simply, investments can grow — and you will need this growth potential to help achieve your objectives.

To illustrate the difference between saving and investing, let's do a quick comparison. Suppose you put \$200 per month into a savings account that paid hypothetical 3% interest (which is actually higher than the rates typically being paid today). After 30 years, you would have accumulated about \$106,000, assuming you were in the 25% federal tax bracket. Now, suppose you put that same \$200 per month in a tax-deferred investment that hypothetically earned 7% a year. At the end of 30

years, you would end up with about \$243,000. (Keep in mind that you would have to pay taxes on withdrawals. Hypotheticals do not include any transaction costs

This enormous disparity between the amounts accumulated in the two accounts clearly shows the difference between "saving" and "investing." Still, you might be thinking that investing is risky, while savings accounts carry much less risk. And it is certainly true that investing does involve risks - investments can lose value, and there's no guarantee that losses will be re-

Nonetheless, if you put all your money in savings, you're actually incurring an even bigger risk — the risk of not achieving your financial goals. In fact, a low-rate savings account might not even keep up with inflation, which means that, over time, you will lose purchasing power.

Ultimately, the question isn't whether you should save or invest — you need to do both. But you do need to decide how much of your financial resources to devote toward savings and how much toward investments. By paying close attention to your cash flow, you should be able to get a good idea of the best savings and investment mix for your particular situation. For example, if you find yourself constantly dipping into your long-term investments to pay for shortterm needs, you probably don't have enough money in savings. On the other hand, if you consistently find yourself with large sums in your savings account even after you've paid all your bills, you might be "sitting" on too much cash - which means you should consider moving some of this money into investments with growth potential.

Saving and investing — that's a winning combi-

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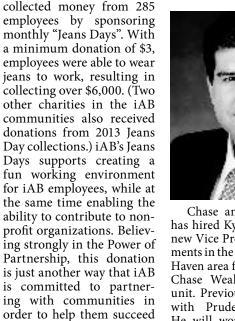
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PAULDING-PUTNAM ELEC-TRIC BOARD APPROVES **RATE REVISION**

and Warren.

At their regular meeting on February 13, the Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees approved several rate revisions for their

'The board approved a revision to the residential rates that will increase rates approximately 4 percent for all residential members," George Paulding-Putnam CEO/GM said. "The average residential member will see their electric bill increase about \$6 per month, which will include both a change to the monthly service charge and the distribution energy

Carter noted that the generation and transmission portion of the billing will not be

John Saxton, president of the Board of Trustees, called the increase necessary because of two main factors.

"First, the cooperative is committed to improving reliability and service to members. Our investment in the poles, wires, transformers and other infrastructure must continue to meet member needs," said Saxon. "Second, our power costs continue to increase. In 2013 alone, we saw an additional 2 percent

increase from our suppliers." In the past 5 years, the cooperative has invested more than \$26 million into the infrastructure needed to serve the members. Mr. Carter stated that plans are being made for the next construction cycle and he expects an additional \$20 million to be invested over the next 4 years.

The new rates will become effective with the billing statements members will receive in March 2014. The increase will not just affect residential rates but will also impact the other rates as well. Members are encouraged to visit the cooperative's website (www. ppec.coop) for more information on the revision.

NEW HIRE AT CHASE BANK



Chase announced that it has hired Kyle Metzger as its new Vice President of Investments in the Fort Wayne/New Haven area for the company's Chase Wealth Management unit. Previously, Metzger was with Prudential Financial. He will work out of Chase branches:

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FROM THE PAULDING **COUNTY GRAND JURY**

Paulding County prosecuting attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted nine persons on Thursday, February 13, 2014.

Eraclio Arreola Ayala, Paulding, DOB 4/4/1990, Aggravated Vehicular Assault F-3; Stopping after accident, exchange of identity and vehicle registration F-5

Botrir Hawley, Antwerp, DOB 2/8/1990, Theft F-5

Nicholas E. McCorkle, DOB 12/18/1986, Sexual Offender Registration F-4

Jennifer E. Lantz, Oakwood, DOB 9/22/1972, Illegal Assembly or possession of Chemicals for the Manufacture of drugs F-3

Joshua A. Meeks, Oakwood, DOB 12/18/1986, Non Support of Dependants F-5

David Mendieta, Hicksville, DOB 8/27/1962, Driving While Intoxicated F-3

Dustin A. Wrobleski, DOB 12/21/1988, Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor F-4, 2

Dale R. Jividen, Antwerp, DOB 7/8/1962, Non Support of Dependants F-5

Nichole V. Shugars, Antwerp, DOB 2/19/1988, Complicity to Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor F-4

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PH: 419-258-2000 • 260-246-8843 • info@westbendnews.net ART EDUCATION FLOURISHES AT WOODBURN **LUTHERAN SCHOOL**



burn Lutheran School students and their artwork; Natalie Schlatter, Jacob Gentz, Connor Knoblauch, Sydney Schlatter, Madison Smith, and Mia Adams.

Woodburn Lutheran School realizes the importance of art education in its curriculum. Art promotes skills in students that serve as building blocks of a child's development. Some of these skills include creativity, decision making, motor skills, focus, and confidence.

Art teacher, Mrs. Dana Klopfenstein, recently submitted WLS student art projects to a contest sponsored by Celebrating Art. Celebrating Art promotes art appreciation, and provides talented young artists the opportunity

to have their artwork published. Out of the 8600 entries from the United States and Canada, approximately 25% are chosen. Woodburn Lutheran School had six students chosen to have their art projects published!

Mrs. Klopfenstein said, "Art manifests such confidence in students. I am proud of the students who are having their artwork published. And I am equally proud of their classmates, who were so excited and happy for their

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Erin Mohr is looking to pass the ball to a Raider player under the basket. More pictures at westbendnews.net

This last girls basketball game of the regular season conference took place at the Palace on Thursday, February 13 with the two top teams of the GMC.

Is this a practice game for the tournament? Both teams will come together once again in sectionals.

The game opened with the Raiders grabbing the ball. Brenda Feasby scored the first basket for Wayne Trace at 4:22 on the clock. The Lady Raiders defense struggled to hold down Edgerton and let them get ahead 0-9. The Lady Raiders were back in the game quick enough though and finished the quarter even.

The second quarter once again started with the home team finding it difficult to stop the Edgerton offense who more than doubled the points WT scored and finished the half at 18-28.

It was in the second half where Wayne Trace got its wind back and they literally reversed the quarter scoring of the first half, and then the game was tied at 46. Lauren Speice had the highest points for the Raider side of the board and had a great game from the beginning.

The first overtime tied once again at 51. Overtime for the second time is where the Bulldogs took the lead and won. Either way it was a close match!

Scorers of the Game:

Wayne Trace - Lauren Speice 19, Sylvia Young 12, Brenda Feasby 11, Erin Mohr 9, Brooke Wilcox 3, Madi Poling 2, and Shayna Temple 1

Edgerton - Devin Stark 26, Brenna LaLonde 8, Han-

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Score by the Quarter: Wayne Trace - 10 8 10 18

Edgerton - 10 18 8 10 5

Wayne Trace is now 13-9 and Edgerton is 15-6.

The tournament game for the Lady Raiders takes place on February 19 at Paulding against Edgerton at 8:00 p.m.

GMC 2014 ALL CONFER-ENCE SCHOLAR ATHLETES

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce their "All Conference Scholar Athletes" for the winter of 2014!

To be eligible for this honor, the athlete must be a senior, participate and letter in a recognized sport or cheerleading and have a 3.5 GPA or better after 7 semes-

> **ANTWERP:** Matthew Reinhart **AYERSVILLE:**

Kyle Behringer, Taylor Nicholson, Alexa Moore, James Howard, Megan Schubert, Natalie Hammersmith, Gage Odom, Brooke Lvoyd, Mitchell Hines, Jennifer Richards

EDGERTON:

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HOLGATE: Sean Mack TINORA:

Taylor Sanders, Allison Weber, Brittany Steingass, Kurtis Kahle, Alexa Behringer, Derek Drewes, McKenzie Hall, Lynn Overmier,

Reid Renollet, Dakota Stark WAYNE TRACE:

Sylvia Young, Madison Poling, Jake Gerber

DC TO HOLD FEBRUARY GRADUATE PROGRAMS INFORMATION SESSION

An information session on Defiance College graduate programs is planned for Tuesday, February 18, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Persons interested in obtaining a Master of Arts in Education or Master of Business Administration degree are invited to learn more about these distinctive graduate programs, and how they can earn their degree with flexible and convenient course offerings.

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

MBA students can choose to follow a concentration in leadership or sport manage-

The event will be held in room 116 of the Serrick Campus Center.

To reserve a seat, contact Michelle Call, office coordinator for graduate studies and professional development, at 419-783-2351, or email gradstudies@defiance. edu. Reservations can also be made online at https:// www.defiance.edu/info-ses-

sions.html.

MVNU TO HOST TRADI-TIONAL AMERICAN MUSIC FESTIVAL FOR LECTURE/ ARTIST SERIES

Mount Vernon Nazarene University will host the first Traditional American Music Festival as a part of the 2013-2014 Lecture/Artist series on Friday, February 28th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Hyson Campus Center cafeteria on the main campus of MVNU. The event is open to the public.

Bring family and friends for a special session of the Lecture/Artist series featuring an all-you-can-eat dinner and an evening of Bluegrass, Old Time, and Celtic music with JMJ Crescent, Sugar Creek Bluegrass, and Skeptikells. This will be a great opportunity to spend the evening together enjoying good food, good music, and good friendship.

Dinner is available from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. For more information, check out the Lecture/Artist page at http:// mvnu.edu/lectureartist/.

WBESC GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES 2/12/14

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held its regular monthly Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at the Paulding ESC office. Board President Mr. Ron Treece welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting.

Treasurer Kim Jones and Assistant Treasurer Linda Clark reviewed the current financial reports, investments and the monthly expenditures with the Board.

Superintendent Brian Gerber updated the Board on Legislative Issues, Personnel items, and ESC activities. He also pointed out the retirement of long time teacher and coach Tom McCord. "Tom is a great example of a highly effective educator. He served special needs students for 35 years. He took pride in his job and cared about his students. He also coached every sport known to mankind and was highly successful in all the sports he coached at Wayne Trace. I will miss Tom as a professional and friend and we greatly thank him for his 35 years of service." friend and we greatly thank him for his 35 years of service." Consent Items - WBESC:

A. Motion to approve holding a public hearing during the March 12, 2014 Governing Board meeting on the retirement/reemployment

on the retirement/reemployment of Chris Feichter after the 2013-2014 school year. B. Motion to accept the retire-ment resignation of Thomas Mc-Cord, Intervention Specialist at Wayne Trace, effective May 29, 2014.

C. Motion to approve additional days as needed for the Trea-

surer.

D. Motion to extend a one (1) vear certified contract to Kara Beers as teacher at Divine Mercy School effective February 17, 2014 for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year with prorated salary as per Salary Schedule 0/B Step.

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regular Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center will be on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Van Wert ESC office.

LATTA & WALZ INTRODUCE H.R. 3862 TO ASSIST COM-**MUNITIES WITH WASTE-**WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH), along with Congressman Tim Walz, (D-MN), introduced the Clean Water Affordability Act of 2014. This bill will assist municipalities to more affordably manage their wastewater infrastructure projects.

Everyone should have access to a clean, affordable, and abundant supply of drinking water," Congressman Walz said. "This bipartisan bill will cut through red tape and give our rural communities the flexibility and certainty they need to provide that water supply."

Specifically, H.R. 3862 amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, upLADY PANTHERS DEFEAT MILLER CITY ON SENIOR NIGHT

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While Miller City players were distracted Sierra McCullough scored two points. More pictures at westbendnews.net

It was a good night for the Lady Panthers on Monday, February 10. Following the JV game, the Paulding seniors were recognized for their time on the basketball team. This year's seniors include Sierra McCullough, Jerika Bland, Slesha Simon, and Abby Pease.

The varsity game started with Suzanne Reinhart getting fouled and making one of two baskets. Miller City followed with making the next 2 point shot. The first quarter ended with Paulding on top 14-12. The second quarter reversed and Miller

City finished the half 1 point in the lead. The second half of the

game was great for the home team. The Lady Panthers outscored the other team in both quarters, winning the game Score by the Quarter:

Paulding - 14 12 21 19=66 Miller City - 12 15 14

Scorers of the Game: Paulding - Varner 5; Mc-Cullough 5 (1-3); Combs 14 (1- 3); Vogel 6; Pease 23; and Reinhart 13 (2-3)

Paulding is now 7-12 and Miller City is 1-13.

dating the EPA's clean water affordability policy to assist municipalities' that cannot meet unfunded mandates to improve their wastewater infrastructure projects. Under the bill, municipalities will have an extended loan repayment period from the current limit of 20 years to 30 years, as well as allow extra time for their implementation schedules of up to 30 years for projects. In addition, it will allow states to use up to 30 percent of total capitalization grants received by the state as grant funds.

"Across the country, communities are struggling to pay for the critical wastewater infrastructure necessary to protect public health and the environment. NACWA recognized Congressmen Bob Latta (R-OH) and Tim Walz (D-MN) for introducing The Clean Water Affordability Act to provide communities with the added flexibility to advance clean water projects while minimizing the financial impacts on already stressed ratepayers and municipal budgets. Optimizing limited resources will help communities improve water quality and community vitality, and we urge Congress to enact this important legislation," added Ken Kirk, Executive Director, National Association of Clean Water Agencies.

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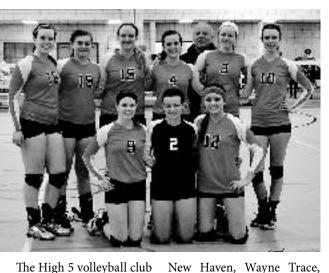
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The Northwest Ohio Volleyball Club 12's team competed at a tournament in Fort Wayne on Saturday, February 8th and finished with the silver medal.

Members of the team and their schools are: (front row, l-r) Kennedy Foor, Oakwood; Jalynn Parrett, Oakwood; Chloe Saul, Antwerp; and Emily Woodbury, Tinora; (back row, l-r) Melanie Wann, Antwerp; Sadie Estle, Oakwood; Coach Pat Ross; Maddie Boesch, Antwerp; Alyssa Fuller, Antwerp, and Hannah Rettig, Antwerp. Missing from the picture is Coach

HIGH 5 VOLLEYBALL CLUB TAKE 1st



The High 5 volleyball club continues its strong start to the season. The ladies placed 1st after winning all five of their matches in the OVR - Bowling Green State University tournament in Bowling Green, OH on February 9th. The High 5 VBC consists of girls from Antwerp,

ka Hoffer, Coach Kammeyer, Erin Mohr, Emily Derck; (front row) Cassidy Weidenhoeft, Ashley Luginbill, and Peyton Short. place finish out of 16 wres-

and Woodlan High Schools.

Pictured here are (l-r, back

row) Andrea Jordan, Kianna

Recker, Cortlyn Sowers, Ani-

WAYNE TRACE JH WRES-TLERS QUALIFY FOR STATE

WTJH wrestlers Max Rassman and Braxton Asher competed at the Bowling Green JH Districts this past Sunday. Both Max and Braxton qualified for the state tournament which will be held in Youngstown, OH. Max finished with a 3rd place finish out of 24 wrestlers in his weight class. Max started the day by winning his first two matches and then going into the to go match he suffered his first loss. After that loss Max bounced right back and finished the day without another looking impressive.

Braxton finished with a 4th

tlers. Braxton started his day with a loss then he took one match at a time and rambled off three straight victories to earn his ticket to the state

WAYNE TRACE DEFEATED BY LIMA SHAWNEE IN HS **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Wayne Trace girls basketball traveled to Lima to square off against Lima Shawnee on February 11th. The Lady Indians kept a win for themselves at the end of the night: 67-62.

Score by the Quarter: Wayne Trace - 8 11 21

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Lima Shawnee - 24 7 16

Scorers of the Game: Wayne Trace - Mohr 13, Temple 5, Speice 16, Wilcox 8, Feasby 16, Young 4

Lima Shawnee – Ra Magee 4, Gronas 3, Dahlke 15, Rh Magee 2, Quillen 7, Hughes 15, Marlowe 15, Herschler 6

Records: Lima Shawnee 9-11, Wayne Trace 13-8

JV: Lima Shawnee 39, Wayne Trace 33

ANOTHER ANTWERP WRES-TLER MAKES HISTORY



Aidan McAlexander made history for Antwerp wrestling by becoming the first Junior High wrestler to qualify for the state tournament. On Sunday, February 16, 2014, Aidan placed 4th at the Bowling Green District Wrestling Tournament, thus earning him an invitation to the Junior High State Championships on March 8-9 at the Covelli Center in Youngstown, OH. On the day he had 3 wins and 2 losses with 2 pins. Aidan's success at Districts has been the culmination of a season long effort of hard work and sacrifice. His dedication to wrestling day in and day out is without a doubt an example that constant effort and hard work will pay off no matter how big the obstacles are in front of you. We in the Antwerp Wrestling program congratulate Aidan and wish him the best as he prepares for the State Championships. Good luck and Go Archers!

BIG WIN FOR WAYNE TRACE AGAINST EDGERTON

On February 14th, the Wayne Trace boys basketball team won against Edgerton:

Score by the Quarter: Wayne Trace - 9 14 14

Edgerton - 7 12 8 10=37

Scorers of the Game:

Wayne Trace - E Linder 15, Speice 7, Arend 3, C Linder 10, Sinn 4, Blackmore 11

Edgerton - Hihart 7, Wright 11, Brady 4, Miller 5, Michael 9, McClellan 1

JV score: Wayne Trace 43, Edgerton 34

RAIDERS TAKE THE WIN FROM ADA BULLDOGS

On February 15th Ada took on Wayne Trace in HS boys basketball. The Raiders posted a big win on the night:

Score by the Quarter: Wayne Trace - 19 20 15

Ada - 10 20 13 22=65 Scorers of the Game:

Wayne Trace – Miller 1, E Linder 12, Speice 9, Arend 7, C Linder 21, Sinn 10, Blackmore 13

Ada – Sautter 12, Willeke 11, Bass 4, Conley 4, McBride 16, Dumbaugh 12, Archer 6

JV score: Ada 50, Wayne

WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL ANNOUNCES ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISH-MENTS

Woodburn Lutheran School would like to recognize the following students for their academic achievements. Academic honor students have a G.P.A. of 10.0 or above (an A- average on all core subjects). Honorable mention students have report cards with all A's and B's. Congratulations to these students and to those who improved their G.P.A for the 2nd quarter.

ACADEMIC HONORS:

Max Adams (4), Rebekah Gentz (4), Karlee Hulbert (4), Carter Knoblauch (4), Connor Rekeweg (4), Summer Singley (4), Lydia Dyer (5), Abigail Gentz (5), Madelyn Mull (5), Ella Smith (5), Madison Smith (5), Adison Wasvick (5), Katelyn Dyer (6), Victoria Schlatter (6), Jacob Gentz (7), Connor Knoblauch (7), Nicole Osborn (8)

HONORABLE MEN-TION:

Olivia Baumert (4), Madelyn Borchelt (4), Hannah Dietel (4), Alexis Henderson (5), Cailyn Volkert (5), Cayden Whitacre (5), Taya Kitzmiller (6), Merik Lengacher (6), Emma Romines

IMPROVED G.P.A.:

Grade 4 - Max Adams, Mia Adams, Olivia Baumert, Madelyn Borchelt, Hannah Dietel, Rachal Emenhiser, Rebekah Gentz, William Hoover, Karlee Hulbert, Carter Knoblauch, Sierra Mrak, Connor Rekeweg, Summer Singley

Grade 5 - Lydia Dyer, Abigail Gentz, Hailey Gerardot, Alexis Henderson, Madelyn Mull, Cole Patterson, Cassidy Romines, Sydney Schlatter, Ella Smith, Madison Smith, Addison Wasvick, Cayden Whitacre, Nicholas Wrightsman

Grade 6 – Dakota Adams, Katelynn Dyer, Merik Lengacher, Victoria Schlatter

Grade 7 - Christopher

Grade 8 - Makayla Henderson, Nicole Osborn, Natalie Schlatter

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Paulding, and Van Wert.

Tyler Bauer (right) became Antwerp junior high's first ever conference champion as a seventh grader. Tyler wrestled in the 86 pound weight class at the Green Meadows Conference Junior High Championship which was held at Edgerton Junior High School on Saturday, February

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ANTWERP JH WRESTLER FIRST EVER 7th GRADE CHAMP!

Tyler has amassed a record of 20 wins with eight losses

with 11 pins on the season. Tyler states that he's looking forward to moving on to district junior high championships (which was held in Bowling Green, OH on Sunday, February 16, 2014). Tyler is also looking forward to working hard in the offseason, improving his record and also repeating as GMC conference champion as an eighth grader.

ANTWERP BRANCH LI-**BRARY UPCOMING EVENTS**

The Antwerp Branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Libary has two new exciting programs coming up beginning in March.

On March 3rd at 6:30 p.m. there will be a "Downton Abbey Discussion". Scones and tea will be served, but bring your own tea cup! On April 5th a "Mys-

tery Lovers" book club will start. This club will meet on the first Saturday of every month from 11:00-11:30 Regularly scheduled

story times, movies, and Lego programs occur each month.

For more information or questions, call the library at 419-258-2855 and check us out on Facebook!

WRESTLING COUSINS GO **FAR AT GMC**



Tyler Bauer and Aidan McAlexander are cousins that live in Antwerp. They are in the seventh grade at Antwerp JH. Tyler placed first at The Green Meadows Conference Wrestling Championship. Tyler wrestled at 86 pounds. Aidan placed second in his division; he wrestled at 80 pounds. They both plan on pushing each other to being state champs someday.

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WAYNE TRACE DIGITAL ACADEMY UPDATE



Cory Thompson.

The Wayne Trace Digital Academy has seen significant growth over the first half of the 2013-14 school year. The digital program provides an education opportunity for students who prefer or need the flexibility that on-line instruction offers. Initially serving seven students, there are currently twenty students enrolled part-time or full-time in the program. The majority of the students are coming into school and working in the digital classroom while a growing number have decided to work from home. Each student has his or her own reasons for choosing on-line instruction according to Digital Academy Director Dave Alt. "We have a few students with some health concerns in which attendance is a complication. A few others like to work at their own pace, and still others are behind in school and can earn additional credits by participating in the on-line program," according to Alt. He added that other schools that have implemented an on-line component into their school district have seen similar growth. "Adding an online feature gives our school district another instructional component in the ever changing educational landscape," said Alt. He also added, "Our Superintendent, Mr. Steve Arnold believes, and I concur, that the best educational model remains the classroom with a teacher, but there are students who need another option and our on-line program is an excellent complement." Additionally 22 students taking over 40 on-line college classes throughout the day also report to the digital

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 2/19 – 2/25

Breakfast:

2/19 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk 2/20 – Cheese omelet,

toast, juice, milk 2/21 - Fruit turnover,

juice, milk

2/24 Sausage pizza, juice, milk

2/25 – Egg/cheese muf-

fin, juice, milk

Lunch:

Cheeseburger sandwich, french fries, lima beans, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Pretzel w/cheese w/salad

2/20 - Chicken nuggets, tator tots, carrot sticks w/ dip, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Grilled chicken on bun w/salad bar

2/21 – Pizza bosco sticks, romaine lettuce salad, corn, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Cheeseburger sandwich w/salad

2/24 - Popcorn chicken, HS: mashed potatoes w/ gravy; ELEM: french fries; corn, dinner roll, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Grilled chicken on bun w/salad bar

2/25 - Cook's choice, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Grilled

chicken on bun w/salad bar Menus subject to change at any time.

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 2/19 - 2/25

JH/HS - Breakfast:

2/19 - Sausage biscuit, hashbrowns, fruit/juice, milk 2/20 - French toast, sau-

sage links, fruit/juice, milk 2/21 - Sausage gravy w/

biscuits, fruit/juice, milk

2/24 - Breakfast pizza w/

PAULDING COUNTY COM-**MISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 1/29/14**

This 29th day of January, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following

members present:
Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein,
Fred Pieper, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Warrants documented as 205081 through 205216 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment. litor for payment.
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Fred Pieper to go into executive session at 8:07 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecutor, the Economic Develop-ment Director, and the Paulding County Treasurer to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein. All members

voting yea.

At 8:40 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

TRAVEL REQUEST:

Carol Temple, Scanning machine demonstration, Van Wert OH – Janu-

ary 23, 2014
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING 'THEN AND NOW'
PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAY-

MENTS:

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance (College) of Claims on January 22, 2014, Warrants numbered 204967 through 205038 in the amount of \$26,790.43; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code \$5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section \$121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF AP-PROVING 'THEN AND NOW' PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAY-

MENTS:

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on January 15, 2014, Warrants numbered 204901 through 204966 in the amount of \$22,333.46; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code \$5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of

legal requirements including Section \$121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (EUND 0.72).

were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board

of County Commissioners and of any

of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct the County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation for the following: FROM: Pay-In #101425 TO: 078-001-00001Infrastructure

AMOUNT: \$48,798.64
IN THE MATTER OF AMEND-

ING THE 2014 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 032):
The Board of County Commis-

sioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2014 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following:
032-001-00006/Certificate of Ti-

032-001-00006/Certificate of Title/Other Expenses
AMOUNT: \$23,250.00
IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2014 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 032):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County

Auditor to amend the 2014 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following:

032-001-00008/Certificate of Ti-

tle/Insurance AMOUNT: \$40.76

IN THE MATTER OF ENTER-ING INTO AGREEMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTUR-ALSERVICES:

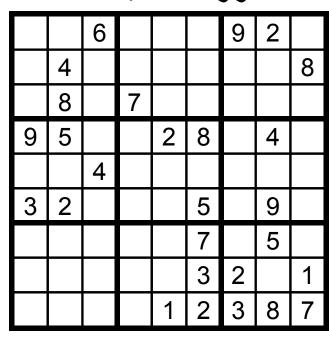
AL SERVICES:

The Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services building at Dooley Drive and the Paulding County Court Annex building are in need of renovating in an effort of better utilize the office space; and renovation design plans must be prepared by a professional architect and submitted to the State of Ohio for annoval. Now to the State of Ohio for approval. Now, therefore the Board of County Com-

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Sudoku Puzzle

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missioners does hereby enter into an missioners does nereby enter into an agreement with Poggemeyer Design Group, 935 Cleveland Avenue, Defiance OH 43512, for professional architectural services to assist the County with State of Ohio permit drawings for interior renovations of the follow-

for interior renovations of the following County-owned buildings:
Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services, 252 Dooley Drive, Paulding OH 45879, in the amount of \$3,490.00; and Paulding County CSEA, Caroline and Main Streets, Paulding OH 45879, in the amount of \$10,500.00.

MEETING NOTES OF AP-POINTMENTS:
Jason Landers, Paulding County

Jason Landers, Paulding County Sheriff – Sheriff Landers reported the K-9 officer has been very effective. The dog and his handler have been providing demonstrations upon request. Mr. Landers related the dog has assisted in several arrests. The Sheriff then requested permission a Ford then requested permission a Ford Transit Connect to transport inmates to and from the Putnam County Jail. He explained the vehicle is a seven He explained the vehicle is a seven passenger and is fuel efficient. Sheriff Landers reported on the furnace at the Dog Kennel, noting a part needs to be ordered. Focusing on the Sheriff's Office, Mr. Landers informed the Commissioners sections of the ceiling are missioners sections of the ceiling are water soaked due to roof leakage. He also noted there is a variety of office furniture that is not being used. He will make a list and e-mail departments to see if they have a use for these items. Sheriff Landers presented the 2013 Jail Statistical Data as Compared to 2012. 2,288 more days were paid in 2013. Total housing costs were up by 2013. Total housing costs were up by \$89,678.20 from 2012.

Chad Crosby, Engineer's Office

Mr. Crosby met briefly with the
Commissioners to discuss options on

the Perry Street parking lot. Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer; and Claudia Fickel, County

PUBLIC NOTICE HOSPITAL BOARD APPLICATIONS

Applications will be accepted the Paulding County Commissioners' Office, 115 North Williams Street, Suite B-1, Courthouse, Paulding, Ohio, until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 21, 2014, for a position for a six year term as Paulding County Hospital Trustee expiring March 1, 2020. Please pick up an application at the Commissioners' Office for these positions between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Previous applicants must reapply. Ohio Revised Code Section §339.02 determines that the applicant for this term must be a Republican or Independent. NOLA GINTER,

CLERK BY ORDER **BOARD OF** COMMISSIONERS PAULDING, OHIO TONY ZARTMAN, ROY KLOPFENSTEIN, AND FRED PIEPER

Auditor – Ms. Wannemacher discussed a stop pay fee on a check. Ms. Fickel had questions regarding recent calamity days and how they effected the payroll.

Corey Walker, Director of Defiance/Paulding County JFS – The Commissioners presented a refund check from CORSA to Mr. Walker. Mr. Walker reported an increase in cases

Auditor - Ms. Wannemacher dis-

Walker reported an increase in cases due to health care reform. He then presented a bill for the remodeling project at the Dooley Drive building. Mr. Walker reported there is cable and security work that needs to be done before the office can move. He then discussed some maintenance issues at the Jacob Eaton Children's Home.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

Situated in the Village of Paulding, County of Paulding, and State of Ohio, to-wit:

Lot Number Two Hundred Six (206) and Lot Number One Hundred Ninety-five (195) of the Original Plat of the Village of Paulding, Paulding County, Ohio. Parcel No. 30-24S-075-00 and 30-24S-074-00

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

All sealed bids shall be marked "Bid for Lots" and delivered to the Paulding County Board of Commissioners at 115 N. Williams Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879. The deadline for bids is Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at 9:45 a.m. The bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2014. The bid award is scheduled for Monday, March 17, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.

A non-disclosed minimum bid amount has been set by the seller. The seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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

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2/20 - New Orleans chicken bowl, egg roll or BD pizza slice, seasoned corn, celery, fruit, milk 2/21 - Cheeseburger w/ bun, pickles, oven potatoes or Salad bar, breadstick, fruit,

sausage & bacon, fruit/juice,

rito, salsa, fruit/juice, milk JH/HS – Lunch:

2/25 – Egg & sausage bur-

2/19 - Glazed chicken, vegetable blend, mac & cheese

or Top Your Own Burrito, as-

sorted fruit, milk

2/24 – Popcorn chicken bowl, dinner roll or Salad bar, breadstick, fruit, milk

2/25 - Grilled chicken salad, tomatoes, pretzel breadstick or Sandwich w/bun, oven fries, fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Breakfast: 2/19 - Burrito, juice/fruit,

2/20 - Muffin, string cheese, fruit/juice, milk

2/21 - Cereal or Cereal bar, juice/fruit, milk 2/24 - Yogurt, goldfish

grahams, juice/fruit, milk 2/25 - Pancakes fruit/ juice, milk

Paulding Elementary

2/19 - Egg & cheese omelet, potatoes, tomato juice, muffin, goldfish grahams or Peanut butter & jelly, gogurt/ crackers, fruit, milk 2/20 - Sloppy joe on bun,

potatoes, green beans or Peanut butter & jelly, gogurt/ crackers, fruit, milk 2/21 - Pizza, salad, fresh

veggie choice, sherbet or Peanut butter & jelly, fruit, milk 2/24 – Hamburger on bun,

mixed vegetables, fresh veggie choice or Bologna/salami on bun, fruit, milk 2/25 - Chili soup w/crack-

ers, bread or Bologna/salami on bun, fresh veggie choice, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:

2/12 – Burrito, fruit, milk 2/13 - Mini pancakes, fruit, milk

2/14 - Assorted cereals, fruit, milk

2/17 - Powdered donut, fruit, milk 2/18 - Biscuit, egg, fruit,

milk Oakwood Elementary

– Lunch: 2/19 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, lettuce salad, fruit, milk

2/20 - Chicken fajita, lettuce, corn, fruit, milk

2/21 - Taco in a bag, lettuce, refried beans, fruit,

2/24 - Grilled chicken on bun, broccoli, carrot sticks, fruit, milk

2/25 - Mini pancakes, ini sausage, cel carrot sticks, fruit, milk

Menus subject to change at any time.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS 2/19 – 2/25

2/19 – Beef & onion burger on bun, baked beans, sliced apples, milk; PLUS: Salad bar 2/20 - Walking taco,

tossed salad, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar 2/21 - Pepperoni pizza, coleslaw, applesauce, milk;

PLUS: Salad bar 2/24 - Fish on bun, baked beans, blue applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad Menus subject to change at

2/25 - Taco, green beans,

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PRESIDENT RESEARCH PAPERS AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



guage Arts students at Oakwood Elementary School are finishing their presidential research papers. Here "President William Taft" (Kaitlyn Shaffer) is preparing to enlighten the class about the 27th president.

PRESCHOOLERS COUNTING WHILE BOWLING



The Paulding Elementary Preschool students and their parents enjoyed bowling at Alley Cat Lanes. They had fun bowling and worked on counting and numbers as they kept track of how many bowling pins they knocked down. What a fun way do to math! Shown in the photo is preschooler Braden Rich-

DO YOU CELEBRATE PRESI-DENTS' DAY OR WASHING-TON'S BIRTHDAY?

Guest Column by: Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted

Officially, the United States Code deemed this Monday, February 17 a federal holiday commemorating "Washington's Birth-day." However, over the years, this has caused some confusion among astute history students who generally agree that our nation's first president was born on February 22, 1732.

Why the discrepancy? Well, what started out as a legal holiday to honor George Washington on the anniversary of his birth was revised in 1971 under the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. That meant from that

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year forward, the federal holiday would be observed on Mondays, regardless of the date, and that many Americans could therefore celebrate George Washington each year with a threeday weekend! In the state of Ohio, we

respect and honor the contributions of George Washington just as all Americans do. We are also more than happy to celebrate "Presidents' Day," as the holiday has unofficially come to be known, because our state has the distinction of contributing more individuals to our nation's highest office than any other state. Ohio is the "Mother of Presidents" and on Presidents' Day, I encourage all to take a moment to learn something new and to reflect on our history by visiting www. OhioFoundingFathers.com. For example, did you know that February is also the birth month of our nation's ninth president, William Henry Harrison, who ran and was elected president while a resident of Cincinnati, OH? My office launched the

Founding Fathers initiative last year in order to provide a one-stop shop for students of all ages to learn these and other facts about Ohio. Here you will not only find information about the leaders and events that have shaped our state's history, but you can also easily access historical records maintained by the Secretary of State's office, including election statistics, past and current laws of Ohio and the Ohio Constitution. One of our primary goals was to make civics education fun. We are pleased that since July of 2013, thousands of visitors have logged on to our site and tested their Ohio knowledge by taking our

"Do You Know Ohio" quiz. As the chief elections official for the state, I believe that if we want future generations of voters to be good citizens and to make informed decisions, having a strong foundation in our history is a good place to start. So whether you plan to celebrate "Presidents' Day," 'Washington's Birthday," or maybe even William Henry Harrison's birthday (February 9) please take this opportunity to learn something new about our past

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FROM OHIO, LESSONS IN REDISTRICTING REFORM

By: Jon Husted, a Republican secretary of state of Ohio

More than six out of 10 Americans believe our nation is on the wrong track, according to a recent NBC News/ Wall Street Journal poll. Many factors contribute to the political dysfunction that fuels these numbers. There is no comprehensive quick fix, but done correctly, redistricting reform has the greatest potential to repair what is broken in our democracy. I am a conservative Re-

publican, served as speaker of the Ohio House before becoming secretary of state and have been pushing to reform the way Ohio does redistricting since 2005. I believe that gerrymandering is the fractured foundation on which our legislative branch of government is built. It's a survival skill that both parties have mastered because they know that the party that controls the line-drawing process can all but guarantee the outcome of general elections.

In 2012, President Obama won the Ohio vote by three percentage points. Meanwhile, Republicans retained control of the Ohio House 60 to 39 and control of the state Senate 23 to 10. Republicans have a 12-to-4 majority in Ohio's delegation to the U.S. House. But very few of the congressional races were actually competitive. The closest House race was decided by four points, and the average margin of victory was 32

In the private marketplace, competition results in better quality and lower prices. Yet our society allows legislative districts to be designed to avoid competition and the virtues it can produce.

Our system has ensured that the most consequential point in most state legislative and congressional elections is the primary election, where small groups of like-minded voters decide who will represent the majority of the population that official is supposed to serve. This phenomenon, of course, is not unique to Ohio, and we have seen the consequences of partisan gerrymandering play out to their dysfunctional conclusion in Washington. When elected officials from both parties know they need to please only partisan interest groups and primary voters to keep their jobs, they recognize that it is counterproductive to their reelection to work across party and ideological lines.

That isn't how things are supposed to work. It is the competition of ideas that makes America great — yet under our winner-takes-all system, we are shielding ourselves, and our democracy, from that healthy debate.

Although in my state it was the legislative Republicans who most recently reaped the rewards, this is not to suggest that they are guilty of any wrongdoing. We followed the process exactly as designed in the Ohio Constitution. Accordingly, if government is to be more responsive, it is not the people but the Ohio Constitution that needs to change. In amending the rules, we can change the incentives and

thus the actions of the people

simple, fair and inherently

A good plan should be

sworn to uphold them.

bipartisan. For Ohio, I advocate creating a seven-member bipartisan board. A supermajority, with at least one vote from a minority member, would be required to pass any map. This board would draw state legislative and congressional districts using the same rules for both. The prevailing criteria: Districts must be compact and competitive. That means all districts must have the same number of people - the one-person, onevote principle — and counties and communities should not be split apart. In short, no more gerry-

mandering. Because the board would

not be handpicking voters for certain districts, these districts would be more competitive, and representatives would be more accountable to everyone they serve. Those drawing the maps would be required to adhere to all federal requirements under voting rights acts and would perform their duties out in the open, where voters could see the process for themselves. Some redistricting re-

formers believe that a better route would be to create an "independent" or "nonpartisan" board and that complex formulas should be used to make all districts competitive. Though these arguments are well intentioned, I think that when it comes to drawing political districts, there is no such thing as "independent," and that complex formulas created at think tanks failed when presented to Ohio in 2005 and in 2012. Different solutions can work in differ-

The answer is to create a clear and simple process in which public officials, who answer to voters, are forced into a room to work out their differences. Americans want to see more of that. It could go a long way toward fixing our broken democracy and restoring our citizens' confidence in government.

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WT WRESTLING CLUB **COMPETE IN 4th ANNUAL AARON HIGGINS MEMO-RIAL TOURNAMENT**

On Sunday, February 16th, the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club participated in the Fourth Annual Aaron Higgins Memorial Tournament in Carey, OH. Both Hunter Long and Kameron Bevis placed 1st. Jarrett Hornish placed 3rd. Eli Ames traveled to the

Third Annual Novice State Tournament in Delta, OH. Ames placed 3rd, ending 5-1 for the day.

RAIDER WRESTLERS SEC-**TIONAL RUNNERS UP**

The Wayne Trace wres-

tling team competed in their sectional tournament this past Friday and Saturday against thirteen other varsity programs in the sectional wrestling tournament. "I am very proud and excited for this team, for the records they tied or broke today, and for their competitiveness," commented head coach George Clemens. The Raiders would qualify eight, tying a school record for the number of wrestlers qualifying for the district tournament at Hobart Arena in Troy, OH, and they would break a record in crowning three individual sectional champs and finishing second to a very tough Coldwater team.

George Clemens would be the first sectional champion on the day in the 106 pound weight class. He would defeat Meyer from Coldwater with a pin and become a two time sectional champion for the red, white, and blue.

Dustin Taylor wrestle next at 113 pounds and would fall just short of defeating Uhlenhake from Coldwater by a score of 8-6. Taylor would again qualify for the district tournament in his senior year.

The Raider coaches would not have to leave the center mat where the championship matches took place as they would have their third wrestler in a row vying for a sectional title. Ruger Goeltzenleuchter would not disappoint. The freshman 120 pounder would take care of Dues from Allen East with a decision of 8-6 and earn his first trip to the district tour-

At 126, Matt Baxter would face off against Sampson of Columbus Grove in a third place contest. Baxter would fight till the end and tie the score with second waning in the match. Unfortunately, Baxter would not be able to defend off a takedown in overtime and would drop this Zaine Cotterman, 138,

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would wrestle his way through the consolation rounds and fall one win shy of garnering a trip to districts. Cotterman would pin Hicks of Delphos Jefferson to become a district alternate with a fifth place Again, Stabler and Clemens would find themselves on the center mat for the 145

pound match up. Tyler Show-

alter would need all six min-

utes and would score a takedown against Vermule from Delphos Jefferson with a few seconds left to earn his sectional title with a score of 8-7. This would secure a school record of three sectional champions on the day. Jacob Dingus, 160, would then follow that up with a win

of his own. He would battle Haunhorst of Delphos St. Johns and win by a decision of 3-0 for his ticket to district and a third place finish.

The 220 pounder for the Raiders, Justin Pierce would find himself wrestling for a third place finish. He would face Pitney from Ada. Justin would earn his way with a pin finishing third on the day.

Riley Moore, heavyweight would put together a solid tournament and find him self wrestling for third. He would fall short to Thomas from Van Wert and end the day with a spot at Troy with a fourth place finish.

Unable to capture a birth at districts, but wrestling valiantly were Josh Reel, Čaleb Schultz, and Brandon Laney. "I really feel with some work in the off season, mat time, and some maturity, we may be capable of sending the whole team to districts next year," commented coach Clemens.

"We are going into the toughest district in the state. Troy will be a nasty, hard fought battle for any wrestler that wants to earn a trip to the Schottenstein center in Columbus. We are peaking at the right time and I really feel we have a chance to send several wrestlers to state," quipped Clemens.

One dream, one Schott," is on the back of every Raider wrestlers shirt this year. They have all dreamed, and now eight of them are one step closer to the Schott. All of the Raider wrestling fans, wrestling club, and parents want to wish all of the boys good luck on their next step towards that dream.

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This 3rd day of February, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the

following members present:

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

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Warrants documented as 205225 through 205289 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment. IN THE MATTER OF AP-PROVING 'THEN AND NOW' PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAY-

MENTS:

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on January 29, 2014, Warrants numbered 205083 through 205208 in the amount of \$6,457.48; and it is certified that \$6,457.48; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code \$5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commission the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; d it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concernng the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal require-ments including Section \$121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF AP-PROVING 'THEN AND NOW' PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAY-MENTS:

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Al-lowance of Claims on February 3, 2014, Warrants numbered 205231 through 205289 in the amount of \$15,305.66; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Audior is completing the certification "now"), that sufficient funds were tion, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and oursuant to the Ohio Revised Code pursuant of the Children State Cara-\$5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Or-

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ders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commis-sioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action. were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal require-ments including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. IN THE MATTER OF SUP-

PLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 078):

It was the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to adopt a resolution supplementing the 2014 Annual Appropriation on January 8, 2014. Now therefore the Board of County Commissioners does here-by authorize and direct the County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Infrastructure Projects Fund (Fund 078): FROM: Pay-In #101145 TO: 078-001-00001/Infrastruc-

ture Projects/Infrastructure Proj

AMOUNT: \$208,490.22 IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2014 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 193):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2014 Annual Appropriation by appro-Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Job and Family Services Building Fund (Fund 193):

(Fund 193): 193-001-00002/Job and Family Services Building/Building Up-

AMOUNT: \$5,248.39
IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2014 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-003):

The Board of County Commis sioners does hereby modify the 2013 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds FROM: 001-031-00003/General

Fund/Commissioners neous/Contract Services 001-003-00014/General

Fund/County Treasurer/Bank Fees AMOUNT: \$34.00

AMOUNT: \$34.00
IN THE MATTER OF
AMENDING A RESOLUTION
SETTING THE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR COUNTY
EMPLOYEES USING THEIR
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BUSINESS FOR CALENDAR
YEAR 2014:

On January 22, 2014, a resolution (Journal 54, Page 20) was adopted setting the mileage reimbursement for County employees using their personal car for County business for calendar year 2014; and the resolution states "that beginning to Lovers 1, 2014, the sender on January 1, 2014, the standard mileage rate will be fifty-six cents (\$0.56) per mile for business miles driven"; and the beginning or effective date should have been January 22, 2014. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby establish the calendar year 2014 County employee reimburse ment mileage rate at fifty-six cents (\$0.56) per mile for prior approved business miles traveled effective January 22, 2014.

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NSCC TO HOST BREAST CANCER SYMPOSIUM FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSION-

Northwest State Community College and the Northwest Ohio Affiliate of Susan G. Komen are offering a breast cancer symposium for healthcare professionals on Friday, March 21, 2014. The event will take place in the Voinovich Auditorium at NSCC and will feature six guest speakers. "The symposium has been

made possible through a grant from the Northwest Ohio Affiliate of Susan G. Komen. Our goal with the grant is to reach two audiences; those who could be breast cancer patients and those who work with breast cancer patients," said Bette Hughes, grant committee chair at NSCC. "Last fall, we sponsored a mobile mammography unit and provided free mammograms to the uninsured and underinsured. This spring, we will close out the grant activity with the symposium for healthcare professionals." The breast cancer sympo-

sium will offer six continuing education credits (pending approval) for nurses, social workers and counselors who attend all sessions. Topics range from compassion fatigue to current breast cancer research. The day will include a vendor fair as well. "Continuing education

opportunities in northwest Ohio are limited and usually for a very specific audience. We wanted this event to be inclusive, which is why we have topics that will appeal to a range of professionals, from physicians and nurses

to front-line medical personnel like receptionists," said Hughes. "Attendees can expect to learn about topics from the newest developments in breast cancer research and treatment to alternative and

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complementary therapies." For more information and a complete list of speakers, NorthwestState.edu/ breast-cancer-symposium or call Sandie Markley-Dick at 419.267.1405.

DOE-C-DOE 4-H NEWS

The Doe-C-Doe 4-H club meeting on February 8, 2014 was in the party room above the Ice Cream Depot. The roll call question was 'what is your favorite season?' And most of the club said summer was their favorite. The club has four committees run by Rebecca McCroskey (Float/ Parade), Brock Taylor (Community Service), Katie Oberlin (Booth), and Courtney Kupfersmith (Fundraiser).

There were several reports done. Our treasurer (Jared Sukup) spoke about how much money our group has earned; the safety/health officer (Luke McDorman) spoke to us about protecting yourself from the flu; and our President (Brock Taylor) read off several important future dates. Some of these dates include: Quality Assurance on March 18th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and March 22nd from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Goat, sheep, swine and feeder calves tagging is April 5th and rabbit tattooing is May 21st from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the rabbit barn. The club received their project books that they have to complete for Fair.

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HOPE ROCKS ANTWERP



Casey Hathaway and Holli Altic were the artists behind the **Hope Rocks campaign in Antwerp.**

If you've been around the Antwerp area recently, you may have noticed some graffiti art on the ginormous snow banks at various business, houses and buildings. The "Hope Rocks" logo is part of a campaign to raise awareness about suicide prevention. A person by the name of Darick Reed started a Hope Army last summer and he walked 1,264 miles around four states to raise awareness for suicide prevention. He lives in Montana, and picked up on the news of three students in the past two months that have committed suicide at the Butte, Montana High School. This sparked in him to start a Facebook page, https://www. facebook.com/SendHo-

Hope Rocks shows the families who lost their children a little support, and the town as well. For more information or to keep up to date about this organization go to this website - http://meagainstfear.com/hoperocks/

Antwerp is no stranger to the devastation of suicide loss. A huge Facebook event is set to take place when Darick visits the Butte Montana School on March 7th. To join in, follow this link, https:// www.facebook.com/events/ 680220328700674/?ref_dashboard_filter=upcoming

This is a list of the Antwerp businesses that have joined in the "Hope Rocks" campaign: West Bend News, Riverside Christian Church, Antwerp Branch Library, Riverside Hardware, River Street Market, Antwerp Community Church, Oasis Bar & Grill, First Baptist Church, The Arch (ACYC), and the Antwerp Local School. The slogan didn't stop with businesses though; there were many houses that also donned the

inspiring message. The news of Antwerp's involvement and interest in spreading Hope Rocks, reached across the country

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to Darick Reed and he posted a pictured on Facebook of him holding a sign, "Antwerp Rocks!" with the word 'hope in the 'O' of 'Rocks'.

In this time of year when all seems so cold, dark and bleak, it's good to know that Hope still Rocks!

FORMER DEFENSE SEC-RETARIES GATES AND PANETTA REQUEST LAW-MAKERS PASS LATTA'S OSS CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ACT

Former Defense Secretaries Robert Gates and Leon Panetta have contacted lawmakers, requesting they pass H.R. 3544, the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) Congressional Gold Medal Act, legislation introduced by Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) and Senator Mark Kirk (R-IL). The legislation would award the Congressional Gold Medal to the members of the OSS for their superior service and significant contributions during World War II.
"The OSS's heroic actions

and innovative inventions played a crucial role in the allied victory in WWII," said Congressman Latta. "It is time for these men and women of the Greatest Generation to be collectively recognized and honored for their contributions, and I am extremely grateful for the support of Secretary Gates and Secretary Panetta in this effort."

As the predecessor of the CIA, the OSS was America's first effort to implement a system of strategic intelligence during World War II and provided the basis for the modern-day American intelligence and special operations

PAULDING COUNTY COURT REPORTS

Criminal Disposition Report
Ken H. Kohart; Paulding; Confine
of Dog; Guilty; case waived by defen-

Lloyd P. Moyer; Farmland, IN; Assualt; Dismiss; case dismissed per state

Joshua Blu Miller; Cecil; hunt w/o permit; guilty; pay all fines & costs; hunt w/o permission; A-dismissed; case dismissed at defendants cost Jarad Sharp; Sherwood; criminal

trespa; J-guilty; pay all fines & costs; make restitution through clerk's of-fice; community service; shall have no contact with the property on Crane Township Robert Herr; Oakwood; pass bad

check; defendant has paid restitution; pay fines & costs Djuna L. Casarez; Fortville, IN;

pass bad check; dismiss; case dismissed per state at defendant's cost; shall repay

court appointed fees Michael A. Wiesehan; Payne; D/C firearms; A-dismiss; case dismissed per state w/prejudice, costs waived

James E. Dailey; Cecil; D/C firearm; A-dismiss; case dismissed per state w/ prejudice; costs waived

Dennis P. Woodring; Cecil; D/C firearm; A-dismiss; case dismissed per state w/prejudice, costs waived Chavelo V. Baldazo; Paulding; Case A; agg menacing; no cont; fines & costs of defendants to be taken from

bond; shall have no unlawful contact w/victim; complete 'The Ridge Project'; probation; Case B; crim. damages; dismissed; Case B dismissed per state Sylvia M. Bair; Antwerp; Case A; cruel to animal; J-no cont; pay all costs; probation; repay ct. appt. fees; make restitution through clerk's office; shall have no animals at residence; Cases B-

G; cruel to animal; dismissed per state
Jaden M. Burden; Lima; attempted Jaden M. Burden; Lima, attempted theft; guilty; community service; pro-bation; complete Ged/High School di-ploma by end of probation; complete 'Thinking for A Change'; seek employ-

Aaron A. Carpenter; Oakwood; theft; guilty; community service; make restitution through clerk's office; pro-bation; pay all fines & costs

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Brown Twp.:

2/4/14; Fannie Mae; Sec 1; 1.19
acres; To: Self Help Ventures Fund
2/4/14; Self Help Ventures Fund;
Sec 1; 1.19 acres; To: Robert A. Randall

Crane Twp.: 2/3/14; Norma Jean Beague; Lot 3; 0.539 acre; To: Norma Jeane Beague, LE, Charles W. & David L. Krohn

2/6/14; Thomas J. Howell, dec'd; Sec 22; 20.233 acres; To: Barbara A. Howell Emerald Twp.: 2/10/14; James P. & Linda K. Ring-ler; Sec 7; 1.43 acres; To: Myra J. Evans

Harrison Twp.: 2/4/14; Richard L. & Candice F. Brenneke; Sec 5; 39.709 acres; To: Richard L. & Candice F. Brenneke 2/7/14; James A. Brooks, Jr.; Sec 28; 2.05 acres; To: Irene Toljaga

Latty Twp.: 2/6/14; Lyle R. & Debra Ebel; Sec 26; 1.0 acre; To: Danny R. Martin

Washington Twp.: 2/6/14; Joseph W. Majors, Sr. Trust-Lot 48; 0.248 acre; To: Dale Clifton & Debra Sue Hackney

2/6/14; Lorraine & James M. Bremer; Lot 48;).248 acre; To: Dale Clifton & Debra Sue Hackney

2/6/14; Fred Black; Lot 48; 0.248 acre; To: Dale Clifton & Debra Sue Hackney

2/6/14; Brenda S. Hall, Trustee; Lot 48; 0.248 acre; To: Dale Clifton & Debra

Sue Hackney 2/6/14; Nancy L. Back; Lot 48; 0.248 acre; To: Dale Clifton & Debra Sue Hackney 2/6/14; Delores Smith aka Delores

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& Debra Sue Hackney 2/6/14; Joseph W. Majors, Sr., Trustee; Lots 45-47'; 0.69 acre; To: Dale

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Broughton Village:
2/4/14; Robert R. & Kerrie A. Schriver; Lot 16; 0.727 acre; To: Victoria S. Gray

Kendra Graber attempts two points for Woodlan. More pic-

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WOODLAN WINS OVER SOUTH ADAMS

Woodlan and South Adams competed against each other in the first round of the Girls Basketball Sectional Tournament on Tuesday, February 11th at Bluffton High School. The new facility hosting the event was very nice. The game was not a diffi-

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cult one for the Warriors, who were also labeled as 'home'. They started in the lead with Brooke Gerbers scoring the first two points.

The Lady Warriors team performed well together on this night against the Starfires. Adams County team. Scores by the Quarter: Woodlan - 8 14 19 14=55

Woodlan kept the lead the en-

tire game, not relenting to the

South Adams - 6 7 17 The Lady Warriors then

went on to face Eastside on February 14th, where they posted another win: 54-28. In the championship game on February 15th, Woodlan ended their season with a loss to Canterbury: 40-83. Overall season record for the Lady Warriors is 14-7.

Haviland Village: 2/5/14; Hogar Community Reinvestments, LLC; Lot 132; 0.17 acre; To: Paulding Village: 2/4/14; Secretary HUD; Lot 2; Homeside Allotment; 0.19 acre; To: Melissa E. Scalera 2/4/14; Mark K. & Lourene J. Willitzer; Lot 22; 0.424 acre; To: J.P. Morgan Chase Bank 2/7/14; Birdstone, Inc., Lots 29-31; 0.127 acre; To: Donald L. & Catherine 2/7/14; Donald L. & Catherine J.

Colter; Lots 29-31; 0.127 acre; To: Terry L. & Cynthia J. Slattman 2/10/14; Gary B. English; Lot 4; 0.19

acre; Lot 13; 5.2 acres; To: Federal Narional Mortgage Association
Payne Village:
2/7/14; Nolan G. & LaDonna K.

Sishler; Lots 4-6; 0.46 acre; To: Jeff P. & Sheila J. Tempel Scott Village:

2/5/14; Kari Amarsee aka McMil-lan; Lot 27; To: Cody L. McMillan 2/6/14; Nanette D. & Scott McMil-

lan; Lot 11; 0.20 acre; To: Jimmie J. Pol-

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