

RAIDERS CRASH WARRIORS IN LAST 2014 GAME



David Sinn receives Luke Miller coordinated pass of perfect timing for the Alley-Oop dunk of the year. Visit westbendnews.net for the video and more pictures.

Wayne Trace hosted the Warriors for the annual New Year's Boys Basketball game at the Palace on Tuesday, December 30. The Warriors had previously come from playing Fremont last week before Christmas while the Raiders came in with a 6-0 record with an outstanding win against Miller City. Last year, the annual match took place at Woodlan with the guests winning by 10 points.

The game began with the Raiders taking an early rise and looking to be a tough rival, quickly gathering a 6-1 lead. Raiders are known for pulling out of deficits and swiftly at that. Full court press by the entire team led Wayne Trace to overtake their opponents.

In both the first and second quarters, the Raiders

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MR. & MRS. ZELLER CELEBRATE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Herb Zeller are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Herbert Zeller and Sandra Flory were married on January 9, 1965 at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Napoleon, OH.

The couple has two children, Troy (Cathy) Zeller and Stacy (Phillip) Jackson; and four grandchildren, Wesley and Bailey Zeller and Luke

and Shawn Jackson.

Their children and grandchildren wish to invite family and friends to join them in celebrating their special occasion at an open house being held on Sunday, January 18th from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus hall in Paulding. The couple respectfully requests no gifts, just the presence of family and friends.

WOODLAN FFA RECEIVES 2nd & 5th PLACE IN THE STATE FFA ENTOMOLOGY CDE



Pictured here are (l-r) are 2nd place State FFA team winners: Sophi Schultz, Janae Sowles, Kaitlyn Castleman and Skylar Hogle.

Woodlan FFA teams finished 2nd and 5th in the State FFA Entomology Career Development Event held on the campus of Purdue University, West Lafayette. The Entomology CDE includes correctly identifying insect specimens, listing the Order in which the insect belongs, and answering quiz questions about insects, pesticides and entomology in general. Kaitlyn Castleman placed 1st in the FFA division followed by 7th place finisher Sophi Schultz, and 17th place finisher, Janae Sowles. Eric

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Jeremiah Asa Johnson was born on January 2, 2015 at 2:09 p.m. at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville, OH. He weighed 6lb. 13.5 oz. and was 18 inches long. His parents are Pat and Michelle Johnson of Paulding, OH. Jeremiah was welcomed home by siblings Kaitlynn, Brandon, Noah, Grace, Jonah, and Isaiah.

Proud grandparents are Glen and Mary Johnson of Cecil, OH and Richard and Peggy Ward of Cecil, OH.

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OBITUARIES

ANTWERP, OH
Daniel Smalley, age 71 of Antwerp passed away Dec. 30, 2014. Arr by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne, Ohio.



Paul Edward Culler, 80, of Antwerp, Ohio was called to his heavenly home Tuesday December 30, 2014 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville, Ohio.

Paul was born on October 23, 1934 in rural Antwerp to the late Mabel (Wallace) and Jerry Culler and was preceded in death by his older siblings: Norman Culler, Eileen Kasner, Evelyn Lake and Helen Walters.

On February 11, 1953 Paul married the love of his life and high school sweetheart, Mary Schilb and the family they shared was his greatest joy.

He was a carpenter and farmer and his hobbies included hunting, fishing and playing cards and checkers. He will be sadly missed by his wife, Mary; five children, Mike (Jonne) Culler, Susan (Anthony) Marlin both of Antwerp, Diane (Ron) Conner of Mineral City, Ohio, Ruth (Dennis) Grobis of Ashburn, Indiana and Julie (Todd) Harmon of Paulding; 11 grandchildren & 12 great grandchildren, with two more on the way.

His Funeral service will be at the Antwerp United Methodist Church on Friday January 2, 2015 at 10:00 am, with viewing one hour prior.

Viewing is Thursday January 1st, 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp.

He will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at www.michaelfox.org Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com



PAULDING, OHIO
Lloyd Dean Miller, 76, of Paulding, passed away peacefully Friday, January 2, 2015 at Van Wert Manor.

Dean was born in Oceola, Ohio on August 24, 1938, a son of the late Mary Claire (Bohan) and Wesley Miller.

He was a lifetime member of IUOE Local #18 and worked for many years with Fruchey as a crane operator. In the 1960's Dean set missile silos on Johnson Island.

On Aug. 11, 1959 Dean married Donna Boldman.

Dean will be sadly missed by his wife, Donna; sons, Eric (Carrie), Steve (Connie) & Brian (Linda) Miller; daughters, Lorrie Miller & Lisa Kreischer. Dean was also the grandfather of four, Jennifer Minck, Josh Kreischer, Zac Miller & Rachel Walker & great grandfather of Ashton Minck.

His daughter, Theresa, preceded him in death.

Visitation is at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp on Tuesday, January 6th, 2 to 4 pm.

Dean received excellent care while at Van Wert Manor. Their staff is to be commended.

Memorials are to Van Wert Hospice or the donor's choice.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

ANTWERP, OH
Richard A. Andrist, 56, of Antwerp passed away at home on Sunday, January 4, 2015. Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne, Ohio assisted his family.



PAULDING, OHIO
Mary Elizabeth Laukhuf, age 82 died Sunday, January 4, 2015 at the Gardens of Paulding.

She was born August 22, 1932 in Paulding County, Ohio the daughter of John E. and Ruby E. (Gunderman) Buchman. On February 17, 1951 she married Edward E. Laukhuf, who preceded her in death on January 6, 1996. She retired in 1992 from Aeroquip, Van Wert after 21 1/2 years as receiving inspector. She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding; Altar Rosary Society; Paulding County Hospital Auxiliary; and Aeroquip Retirees Club.

Mary is survived by four children: Richard (Jean) Laukhuf, Tomball, TX, Debbie (Michael) Olinick, Indianatlastic, FL, Lori (Dwight) Stoller, Latty, OH, and Gary Laukhuf, Ft. Wayne, IN; two brothers, Raymond (Linda) Buchman, Paulding, and Martin (Mary Ann) Buchman, Ft. Wayne; 11 grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, David, Jim and Richard Buchman; three sisters, Louise Buchman, Kathryn Clark and Janice McMillen; and nephew, Don Buchman.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted 10 AM Thursday, January 8 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, with Rev. Joseph Poggymeyer officiating. Burial will follow in Latty Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be 2 - 8 PM Wednesday, January 7 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with a Rosary Service at 7:30 PM. There will also be visitation from 9 AM until service time at the church on Thursday.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Masses or donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

TIPS TO STAY WARM AND REDUCE ENERGY COSTS

(NAPSI)—There's no doubt that heating and cooling your home is the largest energy expense in your home. In fact, according to the Department of Energy, heating and cooling accounts for about 56 percent of the energy used in a typical U.S. home, which makes efforts to reduce energy costs that much more important.

As you heat your home this winter, the experts at the York brand of heating and air conditioning recommend the following:

- **Perform regular maintenance.** Clean air filters, seal any duct leaks, make sure registers are clear of obstructions and check your insulation. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports that improper insulation can reduce system efficiency by as much as 30 percent.

- **Hire a qualified technician to inspect and service your home comfort system.** The technician will make sure your system is working properly and at peak efficiency. As a rule of thumb, heat pumps and oil-fired furnaces need annual tune-ups, while gas-fired equipment can be serviced every other year.

- **Consider replacing an older, inefficient furnace or heat pump.** A knowledgeable technician will be able to recommend a new, more efficient replacement system, such as ENERGY STAR®-qualified equipment that can help save you money on energy bills.

Efficiency is measured as annual fuel utilization efficiency (AFUE) for furnaces and heating seasonal performance factor (HSPF) for heat pumps. The higher the AFUE or HSPF, the more efficient the unit and the less energy it requires to heat your home.

- **Adjust your thermostat.** By lowering it just a few degrees in cooler temperatures, you can help your heating system work less to maintain a comfortable indoor temperature.

- **Think about installing a programmable thermostat.** Programming your thermostat to accommodate your family's time away from home and sleeping schedule will help to ensure that your system is operating only when you need it.

- **Learn more.** To learn more about efficient products that can help you conserve energy and save money, or to find a heating and cooling contractor near you, visit www.york.com.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

“Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Remove the evil of your deeds from My sight. Cease to do evil, Learn to do good; Seek justice, Reprove the ruthless, Defend the orphan, Plead for the widow.” *Isaiah 1:16-17 NASB*



Pictured here are (l-r) are 5th place State FFA team winners: Matt Singer, Mike Singer, Zach Wietfeldt, and Eric Kurtz.

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Kurtz placed 16th in the FFA division followed by 20th place finisher Mike Singer, 22nd place finisher, Matt Singer, and 26th place finisher, Zach Wietfeldt.

A total of 33 FFA teams with 157 total members competed for a chance of winning the first place state banner and one of the top five team plaques.

help yourself feel better. Take advantage of the resources available in most communities such as free support groups, and make sure you get enough sleep and exercise. If your symptoms are keeping you from your normal activities or you have any thoughts of giving up, contact your doctor or local mental health resources. Know that it is okay to speak up, to acknowledge that “I’m having trouble here,” and look for an approach that works for you.

“Toughing it out” may be the right strategy for some challenges, but it’s not right for depression or mental anxiety. And pat yourself on the back for taking the step that could dramatically improve your life.

Ms. Smith is president and CEO of the Alliance of Community Health Plans, online at www.achp.org.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 1/7 - 1/13

1/7 - Johnny Marzetti, Italian green beans, apricots, tomato juice, garlic bread, fruit snacks

1/8 - Ham & cheese casserole, stewed tomatoes, spinach salad, hot applesauce, dinner roll

1/9 - Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, WW bread, cake

1/12 - Spaghetti & meatballs, coleslaw, warm pears, garlic bread

1/13 - Turkey & cheese on rye, chunky tomato soup, pineapple tidbits, pea salad, cookie, crackers

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 1/7 - 1/13

1/7 - Bunco & Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery Shopping at 1:30 p.m.

1/8 - Blood pressure & Toe nail clinic at 9:00 a.m.; Bingo w/PCH at 10:00 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Turn up at 12:15 p.m.

1/9 - Birthday & Anniversary Celebration; Presentation by PCH on Fall Prevention at 12:00 Noon; Craft store open 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

1/12 - Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Game day, Bingo w/ Fountain Park at 10:00 a.m.;

Steering Committee meeting at Noon; Volunteer training for after school program 4:00-5:00 p.m. at Emmanuel Baptist Church
 1/13 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

NEW PALLIATIVE CARE RESOURCE CENTER

(NAPSI)—Palliative care helps prevent, manage and relieve the symptoms of cancer and the side effects of cancer treatment, but too few patients with cancer receive this essential extra level of care.

The American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), the world's leading professional organization of doctors who provide cancer care, aims to change this and has launched an online Palliative Care Resource Center that provides a wide range of information and tools for physicians and patients.

In addition to treating physical issues that may accompany cancer and cancer treatment, such as pain, fatigue and nausea, palliative care also focuses on supporting a patient's emotional, spiritual and practical needs—and those of a patient's family and caregivers.

Anyone, regardless of age or type and stage of cancer, may receive palliative care before, after and during treatment. Talking about palliative care soon after a cancer diagnosis helps patients better understand their prognosis and goals of treatment, clarifies their expectations, and maintains their quality of life.

ASCO is committed to facilitating the integration of palliative care into standard cancer care and will continue to offer support and leadership for various initiatives that will help ensure that every patient with cancer has access to this important part of a cancer treatment plan.

ASCO's new webpage offers a comprehensive library of palliative care resources for physicians and features videos, podcasts and other materials for patients provided by ASCO's patient website, Cancer.Net.

To learn more about palliative care in cancer treatment, visit the ASCO Palliative Care Resource Center at www.asco.org/pallonc.

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DO YOU HAVE A SAFETY NET?

Winning the Battle for a Generation by: Pastor Rick Jones

Ever since the Golden Gate Bridge opened in 1937, people have been jumping off it to their deaths, about 1,200 to date. After eight decades of debate, the board of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District approved funds last month to a "suicide barrier"—a steel-cable safety net that will run the east and west lengths of the bridge—at a cost of \$76 million.

The non-profit Bridge Rail Foundation has one simple goal—to install a safety net on the Golden Gate Bridge and stop the suicides. Paul Muller, a spokesman for the organization, expressed what motivates them to save lives: "It's important to understand the value of the lives lost. Those who jump are often doctors, lawyers, teachers, people who can contribute a great deal to society. Saving them means adding to our community."

What or who is the safety net for the believer, the man or woman who places their hope in the Lord? Do you have a safety net?

Psalm 8:4-6 (NKJV), "What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor..."

God has placed us as people of faith in the midst of a generation who has lost hope that God is mindful of them, their circumstances, their plight. Let's endeavor in this new year to be a safety net for those who need to be pointed to the God who is mindful of them.

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

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

1. 17:11 - In this verse Jesus went to where?
2. 17:11 - What two places did Jesus pass through?
3. 17:12 - How many men met Jesus in this village?
4. 17:12 - What illness did these have?
5. 17:12 - These men were standing where?
6. 17:13 - What did these men ask Jesus to do?
7. 17:13 - What did the lepers call Jesus?
8. 17:14 - What did Jesus say to them?
9. 17:14 - As the leper's went on their way what happened to them?
10. 17:5 - How many lepers returned and glorified God?

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

Answers to today's questions:

1. Jerusalem; 2. Samaria and Galilee; 3. Ten; 4. They were lepers; 5. A far off; 6. Have mercy on us; 7. Master; 8. Go shew yourselves to the priests; 9. They were cleansed; 10. One.

Now some things to check on in this study to see truth:

Verse 12 tells us about twelve lepers. Back in the time of Christ leprosy was a terrible disease that ate away the body. What does it mean to stand afar off? This was required by Old Testament law (Lev 13:45f).

Loved ones, just what their affliction had done for them?

1. It brought them to a common level; causing them to forget racial hatreds, sin reduced men to a common level before God.
2. It made them unclean;
3. They are isolated;
4. Made them hopeless.

Loved ones, in the healings that Jesus did, each were commanded to go show themselves to the priests, a necessary requirement of the law, before they could be pronounced healed and re-enter society. This is how Jesus takes care of the disease called sin, is through baptism. In Acts 22:16 Ananias told Paul, "and now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

"O! Baldy" says bye for now, but continue to pray, read and study the New Testament for this holds your future heaven or hell. "Luv Ya!"

GRAND OPENING EARLY LEARNING CENTER MONROEVILLE BRANCH

The Monroeville Branch Library will celebrate the grand opening of their new Early Learning Center (ELC) with a ribbon cutting and reception on Friday, January 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Monroeville Branch Library. The Center, supported by a grant from PNC Foundation, is designed to encourage adult/child interactions that will help preschoolers enter school ready to learn. The wall units feature multiple activities related to science, technology, engineering, and math and include explanations of how these activities are a foundation to build upon for school success. Each of these items contains interactive panels that can be changed for new activities, ensuring that the play never get stale for kids. The Early Learning Center silhouette resembles a garden, fitting since Monroeville has a community garden in the summer and is located in a farming community.

Over the past two years The Allen County Public Library has grouped all efforts for early literacy together into a program called, READY! This READY! Program encourages parents to Talk, Play, Sing, Write, and Read: Everyday, Everywhere with Your Child from Birth to Age Six. Ready! includes easy-to-do activities designed to help children get ready to read and can be done in a variety of settings—at the library, at home, on a bus, in a car or while walking down the street.

JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The John Paulding Historical Society will be holding their Annual Membership Meeting with election of officers on Sunday, January 18, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the museum located across from the fairgrounds. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

The program for the afternoon will feature Ed Bohn, Paulding County EMA Director. Ed was hired by the Paulding County Commissioners on June 16, 2014 part-time and full-time, on October 13, 2014. Mr. Bohn retired from the Defiance Fire Department after 30 years, on October 4, 2014. He held the rank of Captain for the last 11 years.

"I have been a certified Fire - Tech Rescue - Haz-Mat instructor for 18 years, teaching for, Four Co. Career Center, Ohio Fire Academy and Cleveland State University. I served on the Defiance County LEPC for 12 years," states Mr. Bohn, "I graduated from Bryan High School, attended Defiance College and received my fire services education from, The Ohio Fire Academy, National Fire Academy, Cleveland State University, BGSU Fire School and numerous other schools. I am a member of a number of local, regional and state fire and EMA organizations."

Ed hopes to work with the state on improving the various emergency operation plans and evaluate some of the facilities across Paulding County. Ed comments, "I am looking forward in 2015 to get more involved in community events and activities across

Paulding County."

You are invited to come and listen to Mr. Bohn explain the duties and responsibilities of the Paulding County Emergency Management Agency and to find out his plans for the future of this office.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

EXPERT TIPS FOR DISCOVERING YOUR FAMILY'S HISTORY

(NAPSI)—If you're like many Americans, you have questions about your family history. Now, genealogy experts Kenyatta Berry, Joshua Taylor and Mary Tedesco from "Genealogy Roadshow" on PBS offer some advice for researching your family's history:

1) **Collect as many oral histories as possible.** Your living ancestors have information and stories to share. Interview them and record their stories.

2) **Gather all the photos and documentation that you can.** Items might include birth, death and marriage certificates; diplomas and other school documents; military service documents; Communion or other social, service and religious documents; and real estate documents.

3) **Begin a secondary search.** Fortunately, many ancestry-related documents, such as the U.S. Census, military documents, immigration lists and newspaper archives are now digitized and available on the Internet at little or no cost.

4) **Consult with outside sources,** such as librarians, historians, genealogy organizations and databanks to find access to resources.

5) **Work backward.** It's generally easier if you begin

with the present day and go back through time.

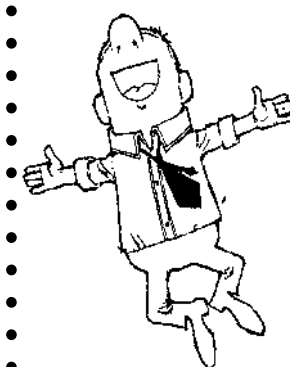
Here are two more enjoyable ways to inspire yourself and your family in your ancestry search:

1. The next time you're planning a family reunion, make it more meaningful by incorporating a visit to a place of significance—such as a location relevant to your family history—into the festivities.

2. Watch how others go about finding their roots. Part detective story, part emotional journey, "Genealogy Roadshow" (running as of January 13 on PBS and also available at PBS.org) combines history and science to uncover the fascinating stories of diverse Americans.

Each individual featured finds that his or her past links to a larger community history, revealing the rich cultural tapestry of America. Find additional resources for tracing your own ancestry at www.PBS.org.

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BLIND DATE BAND TO PERFORM TRIBUTE CONCERT



Take a trip down memory lane at the Rockford Belle on Saturday, January 10, 2015 as local band "Blind Date" delivers a performance reminiscent of bygone years with their expansive range of music. A tribute concert highlighting music by Neil Diamond, Glen Campbell, and Johnny Rivers will start at 7:00 p.m. with doors open at 6:00 p.m. The band will also perform Gospel and many Patriotic songs. Soloist Shannon Wagner will make a return visit to open for the event. The public is invited to attend the entertainment venue at 135 Market Street, Rockford, OH.

Re-live the experience of 60's/70's music when "Blind Date" revs up the night with featured five-piece band members: Dan Schoen, Rick Temple, Mike Bruns, Kent

Krogman, and newest addition from Chicago - John Lessick. Band members have been around! They have the experience to take you back to a time when the greatest bands made music; a time of music that offered songs you could sing along with, and dance to, and music you fell in love with. The Belle welcomes the band back and invites all listeners who have enjoyed "Blind Date" outdoor performances during the annual Sock Hop & Cruise-In held in Rockford. Parkway Local School District music teacher and vocalist, Shannon Wagner, plans to open the event and entertain by singing hits by various female artists such as Carrie Underwood, Anne Murray, Donna Summer and Adelle. Wagner has performed

for the last nine years at the annual Rockford Lions Club Variety Show, headlined with Paula Linn for the 100th year anniversary of the Chatt Picnic, and was invited to sing "Our National Anthem" at Eldora for Monster Jam and the World 100 this year.

Shannon is now in her 10th year of teaching at Parkway and is the K-8 music and choir director. New adventures abound for her and the students she teaches! This fall, she directed the first Middle School Musical, "Into the Woods, Jr." She also took her Middle School choir to the Komet Hockey game where they sang "Our National Anthem."

Prior to teaching music to middle school students, Wagner taught high school choir, show choir (Karizzma) and chamber choir. She directed seven musicals: Into the Woods (full version), Music Man, Once Upon a Mattress, M*A*S*H, Wonka, Cheaper by the Dozen, and The King and I.

Wagner is happily married to her husband, Andy, for 11 years. She has two daughters and three sons.

Mark your calendars for January 10 and rekindle bygone memories when Blind Date Band and Shannon Wagner perform at the Rockford Belle! For more information call Tom Rogers at 567-644-9993.

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nations, and impacting future generations and the planet that is our home. A global ethic is needed if we are to reduce the nuclear threat and work towards nuclear disarmament.

"Nuclear deterrence and the threat of mutually assured destruction cannot be the basis for an ethics of fraternity and peaceful co-existence among peoples and states. The youth of today and tomorrow deserve far more. They deserve a peaceful world order based on the unity of the human family, grounded on respect, cooperation, solidarity and compassion. Now is the time to counter the logic of fear with the ethic of responsibility, and so foster a climate of trust and sincere dialogue..."

"The desire for peace, security and stability is one of the deepest longings of the human heart... this desire can neither be satisfied by military means alone, much less the possession of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction..."

"...peace must be built on justice, socio-economic development, freedom, respect for fundamental human rights, the participation of all in public affairs and the building of trust between peoples."

This profound message was delivered December 7th to representatives of 158 nations, the UN and more than 100 international, civil society, academic and religious organizations in two days of testimony about nuclear weapons from experts on health, humanitarian and environmental law, climate change, agriculture and the global economy at the Vienna Conference on the Humanitarian Impacts of Nuclear Weapons.

This conference focused on the recent scientific reports on global humanitarian effects of these weapons and the impotence of any effective response to their use. These weapons long known to threaten our extinction if large numbers were used are now recognized to be much more dangerous threatening the lives of approximately two billion people from the climatic disruption that would come with the firing of only 100 weapons—representing just 1/2 of 1 percent of the global nuclear arsenals.

This meeting was followed days later by the annual Nobel Peace Laureate Conference in Rome where the Peace Laureates stated,

"If we fail to prevent nuclear war, all of our other efforts to secure peace and justice will be for naught. We need to stigmatize, prohibit and eliminate nuclear weapons..."

"We welcome the pledge by the Austrian government 'to identify and pursue effective measures to fill the legal gap for the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons' and 'to cooperate with all stakeholders to achieve this goal.'"

"We urge all states to commence negotiations on a treaty to ban nuclear weapons at the earliest possible time, and subsequently to conclude the negotiations within two years. This will fulfill existing obligations enshrined in the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which will be reviewed in May of 2015, and the unanimous ruling of the International Court of Justice. Negotiations should be

open to all states and blockable by none."

And yet the governmental actions of the principle nuclear nations of the United States and Russia who hold ~94 percent of the global stockpiles fail to recognize the reality of the people's demands. As though stuck in a Cold War time warp, the U.S. is planning to spend a trillion dollars over the next 30 years on modernizing our nuclear arsenals and Russia is unveiling its rail ICBM system as we are all held hostage to these immoral weapons of genocide. The mythological illusions of security based on deterrence only serve to fuel an ongoing arms race robbing our children and indeed the poorest nations of the world of precious resources creating the very conditions that foster additional conflict and violence.

This is not acceptable and the growing chorus of world leaders and the people are getting louder every day. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The diminishing Hibakusha survivors of these explosions are a daily reminder of the atrocities that mankind has wrought.

Let 2015 be the year when the words of President Eisenhower move closer to a reality. "I like to believe that people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than our governments. Indeed, I think that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of the way and let them have it."

When your children's children ask what you did to make peace a reality, what will be your response? Now is the time to take action and make your voice heard. Let there be peace on earth.

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POLL SHOWS PUBLIC DEMAND FOR INCREASED NATIONAL SECURITY SPENDING

(NAPSI)—Today, our country is facing an unprecedented range of threats that require a more robust response than the current budget limits on national security and research and development spending allow.

When the Budget Control Act (BCA) of 2011 was signed into law, ISIS was an unknown entity in the Middle East. Three years ago, Russia hadn't invaded a neighboring country and committed to increasing weapons spending by 85 percent through 2017. Back then, official Washington was still debating the reasons for China's military growth, which has now produced new stealth fighters, deployment of its first nuclear fleet ballistic missile submarine, and testing of hypersonic missiles. And three years ago, some experts were convinced cyber attacks were just a nuisance. What North Korean operatives reportedly did in hacking into Sony Pictures' computer systems is just one of many recent disturbing cyber assaults on U.S. businesses and federal

government agencies. Yet we're on course to cut more than \$1 trillion from national security budgets through 2022. What do the American people think about this?

In a recent poll, two-thirds of registered voters (69 percent) say that given the evolving and increased threats to America's security, the U.S. government should increase spending on America's national security relative to the budget caps set more than three years ago. The Aerospace Industries Association released this data in December from a study conducted on its behalf by Harris Poll. It also revealed that after discussing present and future security threats facing the United States, the same number of voters (69 percent) say they would be more likely to support a candidate for public office who supports increased spending on national security. The study was conducted by telephone in November among over 800 registered voters.

"These numbers don't surprise me one iota—the public understands the need to invest in national security, and the aerospace technologies that help provide that security and propel economic advancement," said AIA President and CEO Marion C. Blakey. "The new Congress should sit up and listen to them attentively."

A majority of voters across party lines (83 percent of Republicans, 63 percent of Independents and 60 percent of Democrats) share the sentiment that the U.S. government should increase national security spending relative to current budget caps. In addition, nearly four out of five voters (78 percent) say they believe threats to American security raised by increased activity from ISIS/ISL, al Qaeda and other groups in Syria and Iraq are increasing, including majorities of Republicans (90 percent), Independents (75 percent) and Democrats (69 percent). Finally, 73 percent say they believe the United States is less secure due to cuts of nearly \$1 trillion over the 2012–2022 time frame in planned budgets for the military, including majorities across the entire political

spectrum (Republicans—90 percent, Independents—71 percent, Democrats—55 percent).

"Public polls are at historic lows in terms of voter perceptions of Congress," Blakey said. "If this new Congress is to restore any faith in our political process, they can start in January by revisiting the budget caps to reflect today's needs for investment in space, infrastructure and national security."

The study was conduct-

ed November 13–16th, 2014 by telephone by Harris Poll on behalf of AIA among 818 registered voters nationally, with a sampling error of 3.6 percent. Highlights of the poll can be found here: www.aia-aerospace.org/research-reports/year-end_review_and_forecast/. A full methodology is available upon request. Results are weighted to be representative of voters demographically and geographically across the United States.

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- OHIO LOCATIONS**
- Antwerp:** Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, River Street Market, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Papa Oley's, Hometown Pantry, Pop-N-Brew, The Rootbeer Stand, Agora, Pit-Stop
 - Broughton:** Kohart's Surplus & Salvage
 - Bryan:** Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center
 - Cecil:** Cecil Elevator, Maramart, Vagabond
 - Charloe:** Charloe Store
 - Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
 - Defiance:** Newman's Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots
 - Edgerton:** Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Frager's Barbershop, Utilities Office
 - Grover Hill:** Ross' Gas Station, N&N, Quick Stop
 - Grabill:** Do-It Best Hardware, Save-A-Lot
 - Hicksville:** Cline's Market, Hickory Hills Golf Course, Sailers, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, H20, Senior Center
 - Melrose:** Uncle Fudd's Diner, Morning Star Convenience Store
 - Oakwood:** Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, Phil's Diner, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware
 - Paulding:** Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Chief, Corner Bob's Restaurant, Woodburn Market, Integrity Ford, Napa Xpress, Country Oasis, and True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Hol-
- ly Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Country Inn Living Center, Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW Post 587**
- Payne:** Lichty's Barber Shop, Payne Super Valu, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza
 - Scott:** Scott Variety Store
 - Sherwood:** Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank,
 - Van Wert:** Pak-A-Sak, Short Stop, Family Video, Orchard Tree, BalyEat's, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market, Walmart
- INDIANA LOCATIONS**
- Fort Wayne:** Walmart (Maysville Rd)
 - Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
 - Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Harlan Cafe, iAB Bank
 - Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
 - Monroeville:** Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General
 - New Haven:** Curves, Milan Center, New Haven Branch Library, Ken's Meat Market, Deli Haven Bakery, Broadway Deli, Paterson Hardware, Richard's Restaurant, New Haven Chamber
 - Woodburn:** Clip-N-Tan, Jim's Pizza, Woodburn Hardware, Bob's Restaurant, Woodburn Branch Library, Financial Partners

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Right Thing To Do

On Saturday, January 3rd, I was taking down my Christmas tree and I heard the dog barking and the doorbell ring. First, I went to the garage to get the dog in, but she wouldn't come to me. I then hurried back to see who was at the front door. There stood a young man and my Irish Setter. Immediately the young man said to me that he had slid off the icy road into our yard and said how sorry he was about messing up the yard. What impressed me most was what he said next. I had a chance to do the right thing so I came to your house to let you know. I think I can get out of your yard, but I wanted to do the right thing. I admired this young man for his manners, conscience, and attitude. He told me he was not hurt, but felt badly about our yard. He also told me he had gone into Maplecrest to help a friend who was house-sitting because of a prank someone had done to his friend's car. Today, we do not hear much about the good in teenagers, but this young man from Antwerp is a true asset to his parents who have instilled a wonderful value in this young man. Also, the town of Antwerp can be mighty proud that it has a young man who wanted to do the right thing. Why did I write this article? I wanted to do the right thing!

—Jeanne Hertig

PEACE ON EARTH – 2015

By: Robert F. Dodge, M.D.

At the beginning of each new year people around the world express their hopes and desires for seemingly elusive peace on earth. In the past year there have been many strides toward that goal. The greatest threat to peace and our survival, nuclear weapons, are at long last on the road to abolition. The people have spoken and leaders have heard. This new year we must recommit to the steps necessary to make this a reality.

In the words of Pope Francis,

"Nuclear weapons are a global problem, affecting all

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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan

We all met in the barracks after supper and we really discussed today's sorties over at Le Mans. The Col. got two tanks with his four rockets. With his one rocket, he knocked the engine and the first three flat cars loaded with trucks and tanks down the hillside. We figured we got one electric locomotive and the three flat cars out of service for days or longer. Seven tanks destroyed, 13 trucks of supplies and a number of rails and signal towers, and we didn't have much damage of our own.

We certainly had a good run. The Col. was as happy as a bug in a rug. He enjoyed his part of the show, and he was really impressed by the damage a four inch jumbo rocket can do. He said, "Boys, let's get a euchre tournament going here for a couple hours. I'm going to fill in for Lt. Nelson again for tomorrow's dawn patrol."

He said, "I know we are loaded and ready for morning. But, we won't have the luck we had today. Let's live it up and enjoy ourselves tonight!" Yes sir, it was a good end to a fine day. We went to bed after a few noisy games of euchre and then rolled out early this morning, and all went to breakfast at about 4:00 a.m. The Col. is very enthused about those four inch jumbo rockets. He said, "I'm going to ask my driver, who is a graduate of M.I.T., if we could put two more rockets under the wing of our plane."

We discussed this before and all agreed we probably couldn't do it because it would probably ruin the balance of the airplane. But, the Col said, "My driver is a mathematical whiz, and I will let him work on it." We pilots all agree that the plane is loaded down enough already. Yes, we sure would like to have two more rockets, but we love the ship as it is. It flies so nice, and it has a good top speed as it is.

On all our sorties today, we flew back around the Dieppe

and Kaen areas looking for Panzers and supply trucks. We had plenty of targets. Not much luftwaffe, but plenty of ground fire. We can't destroy a King Tiger tank by shooting at the front end of the tank. There is too much steel plating there. Our best deal is to come down on him from the rear and start a fire in his motor area. This will tie up the engine, the electric wires and the hydraulic system. If it doesn't destroy the unit, it will be out of action for weeks.

For a few minutes today, our four planes were all over the sky. We had plenty of targets and I bet we sounded like a bunch of kids at a ball game. It makes you feel good when you know you have helped push the Germans back.

See ya!

LATE NEWS ON THE SNOW OWLS

By: Stan Jordan

A week or so ago, I told you about Corky Hues being informed about some people spotting a snow owl northeast of Antwerp. Well, a few days later, Kathy Shaner told me she saw a snow owl in the area of the Auglaize Village. That is just this side of Defiance.

Last week, I got a call from Ron Kadesch, who lives about halfway between Antwerp and Paulding, and he said he saw a snow owl sitting on a light pole. He said there was no doubt about it being a snow owl because it was so big. Then he said, "Of course, I didn't have my camera along, but he probably would have flown away if I tried to get closer."

I really appreciate hearing from you folks about the owls. Please give me a call if you see one.

See ya!



THE LEGEND OF THE FIT BROTHERS

By: Stan Jordan

There were three Fit brothers that were good farmers and had a good piece of land just outside of Huntley, Illinois. Their names were Fit, Fit Fit, and Fit Fit Fit. They were very good grain farmers

and got along well with each other. It was a good business arrangement. One day, Fit got sick. Fit Fit and Fit Fit Fit took Fit to the doctor. The doctor gave Fit some medicine to take and Fit Fit and Fit Fit Fit took Fit back to the farm.

Well, I'm sorry to say, that Fit didn't make it. So Fit Fit and Fit Fit Fit had a funeral for Fit. Fit Fit and Fit Fit Fit went back to the farm and worked harder than ever to make things go. Well, after a while, Fit Fit got sick and Fit Fit Fit took Fit Fit to the doctor. The doctor gave Fit Fit some medicine and Fit Fit Fit took Fit Fit back home. But it just wasn't in the cards and Fit Fit passed away.

So, Fit Fit Fit took Fit Fit to the undertaker and had a funeral for Fit Fit. Fit Fit Fit was all alone now and he had to do the work of Fit and Fit Fit and it was not very fitting. After a few months of hard work, Fit Fit Fit became sick. So, Fit Fit Fit went to the doctor. The doctor gave Fit Fit Fit some medicine and he sent Fit Fit Fit home. Fit Fit Fit was a good patient and he took his medicine and everything as the doctor ordered, and Fit Fit Fit got well. So, Fit Fit Fit went to the doctor and the doctor gave Fit Fit Fit a clean bill of health and declared Fit Fit Fit to be clean of whatever it was. So, Fit Fit Fit went home and did the work of Fit and Fit Fit.

I guess the moral of the story is: A survival of the fittest.

See ya!

PLANTING THE RIGHT TREES TO MEET YOUR NEEDS

By: Staci Miller, Paulding SWCD Education Specialist

Trees are a vital part of our community and wildlife in Paulding County. Trees can provide you with shade, a serene atmosphere, is a natural cover for vital wildlife, as well as increase your property value. According to the USDA Forest Service, "Healthy, mature trees add an average of 10 percent to a property's value." Planting trees are a true investment in not only our environment, but your property for the future. The Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is holding their Annual Tree Seedling Event now through March 1, 2015. This year the event will offer over 20 different varieties of trees to meet your needs. The Paulding SWCD is able to work one on one with landowners to help determine the trees that best fit your own unique soil types based on the location of the property.

The Paulding SWCD invites individuals to visit the office to acquire more information about the many different trees available and to determine what trees can meet your needs. As an Ohioan, show your true spirit for the Ohio State Buckeyes by capitalizing in our feature tree, "The Ohio Buckeye." If you are unable to stop by, you can call at 419-399-4771 or visit our website at paulding-swcd.org. "Like Us" on Facebook at Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District. We look forward to working with you to help with your tree planting needs.

SOLDIERS LOOKING OUT FOR THEIR NEIGHBORS

(NAPSI)—The Guard is a component of the Army that is composed of men and women who serve their country, state and community on a part-time basis. These Citizen-Soldiers—sons, daughters, students, neighbors—tend to hold civilian jobs or attend college when not serving and training.

Serving Many Roles

The Army National Guard has been used in a variety of fashions since its origin as a Colonial militia force.

Over time, it has evolved from being a "strategic reserve" that was never meant to see combat except in the most dire of circumstances, to a unit in regular use overseas and at home.

In fact, in most situations where there is an emergency here on U.S. soil, the Army National Guard is the military's first responder.

A Local Resource

Each state, most territories and the District of Columbia have National Guard units, as provided for by the Constitution of the United States. Each unit is a resource that is under the direction of a state's governor and, as such, serves the needs of its state. This gives governors broad authority in using their Guard units, from helping to protect lives and property during a natural disaster to maintaining peace during civil emergencies.

Often, the presence of Army National Guard units will benefit local communities in indirect ways. For example, nearly all Army National Guard military construction projects are built by local citizens and small businesses. This means adding new jobs to a local economy.

A National Mission

When Guard Soldiers, under the order of the president, are placed under the control of the nation's military, they serve equally alongside their active-duty counterparts.

Whether it's to fight in times of war, participate in military exercises with allied forces, man missile defense batteries in Alaska, support Customs and Border Protection, or conduct security patrols at the Super Bowl, Guard Soldiers perform the same jobs, in the same way, as active-duty soldiers.

Currently, the Army National Guard has just under 360,000 Citizen-Soldiers who are ready to protect and serve their local community, state and country at a moment's notice.

Rewards For Serving

A Guard Soldier is paid for his or her service and that pay level is determined by the rank, job and education level he or she has attained. The higher one goes, the more he or she can expect to make. And the more time they serve, the more they earn.

The Guard offers a wide range of valuable education benefits, which provide an allowance for books and supplies. They are also eligible for Federal Tuition Assistance and state-specific benefits. In addition, Guard members are eligible for health insurance, and life insurance and Veterans Affairs (VA) home loans with minimum or no down payment.

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GOLDEN BUCKEYES: KNOW THE FACTS, PROTECT YOURSELF AND LOVED ONES FROM THE FLU

According to data from the Ohio Department of Health, nearly half (48 percent) of the 1,919 hospitalizations due to influenza to date in Ohio are residents age 65 or older. The Ohio Department of Aging is joining with the Department of Health to strongly urge all older Ohioans—as well as those who care for and serve them—to do everything you can to reduce your risk of getting and spreading the flu or to reduce the severity of symptoms if you do get it.

"The peak of flu season is not yet upon us, and the flu is already widespread in Ohio. Where older adults are concerned, the flu is a serious illness that can lead to health complications, hospitalizations and even death," said Bonnie K. Burman, director of the Ohio Department of Aging. "There are many things Golden Buckeyes can and should do to protect themselves. In addition, the millions of Ohioans of all ages who come into regular contact with older adults have a responsibility to do all they can to prevent the spread of the virus."

According to the National Council on Aging, our immune systems typically weaken as we get older, making it harder for our bodies to fight disease. As a result, adults age 65 and older are at increased risk of flu and its complications. Not only can the flu include mild to severe illness, it can also make other chronic health conditions worse. Eighty-five percent of older adults have at least one chronic condition such as diabetes, heart disease or COPD, and 68 percent have two or more.

A flu shot is the best thing you can do to protect yourself and the older adults in your life from the flu. The vaccine can prevent most strains and can lessen the severity and length of symptoms if you do get the flu. The annual flu shot is a Medicare Part B benefit, which means that the vaccine is covered with no copay for adults age 65 or older. There also is a higher-dose vaccine specifically designed for older adults - ask your health care provider if the higher-dose vaccine is right for you.

Other things you can do to prevent getting or spreading the flu:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water; use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are

not available. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with your hands.

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when sneezing, coughing or blowing your nose; throw away the tissue and wash your hands immediately. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or upper sleeve.

- Avoid contact with people who are sick. If you are sick, stay home, rest and limit your contact with others until you are fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of medicine.

- Call ahead to places like doctor's offices, nursing homes and senior centers to see if they have special appointment or visitation policies during flu season or for people who have flu-like symptoms.

- If you work with or provide care to older adults and have flu-like symptoms or have been exposed to someone with the flu, contact your employer to see if you should report to work. Ask about your employer's policies and procedures about the flu and other infectious diseases.

Symptoms of seasonal flu include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some might also experience diarrhea and vomiting. Warning signs include difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen, sudden dizziness, confusion, severe or persistent vomiting and flu-like symptoms that improve, but then return with fever. If you have a chronic medical condition, such as diabetes, heart disease or COPD and/or are age 65 or older, and experience any of these symptoms, seek medical attention immediately.

Visit www.flu.ohio.gov for information and resources to help you fight the flu.

About ODA - The Ohio Department of Aging works to ensure that our elders are respected as vital members of society who continue to grow, thrive and contribute. We collaborate with state agencies and community partners, including area agencies on aging, to help integrate aging needs into local plans and ensure that aging Ohioans have access to a wide array of high-quality services and supports that are person-centered in policy and practice. Our programs include the PASSPORT Medicaid waiver, caregiver support, the long-term care ombudsman program, the Golden Buckeye Card and more. Visit www.aging.ohio.gov.

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DONATE BLOOD; SAVE A LIFE!

The Nurturing Well by: Jill Starbuck

One of the easiest ways to save a life is by donating blood. You may not realize how much your blood donation may mean to someone, but it really does matter. In fact, the number of people who need blood daily is astronomical. According to the American Red Cross, every two seconds a person in the United States needs blood. Furthermore, donated blood doesn't have a really long shelf life. Therefore, the need for blood donations is an ongoing one.

January marks National Blood Donor Month, specifically because winter months tend to be challenging for blood donations. Poor weather conditions and frequent colds cause donors to miss appointments. Therefore, raising awareness during these months is important for getting more people involved in the donation process. This is especially critical as nearly 38% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, yet only 10% do. While A nega-

tive, B negative, and O negative often top the list of most needed blood types, no blood type will go to waste!

In order to donate blood, the American Red Cross lists three requirements: 1. Be at least 17 years of age. 2. Weigh at least 110 pounds. 3. Be in good health. If you meet these requirements, you are a good candidate. Before the actual donation, a health professional will ask more questions to ensure you can donate. Once it is determined you can donate, the actual donation process is a safe, simple, and fast one.

Please consider becoming a regular blood donor. Chances are that you may know someone who needs or has needed a blood transfusion. Reasons for blood transfusions are numerous, including anemia, blood disorders, burns, cancers, illnesses, infections, injuries, liver failure, surgeries, and others. You just never know when you may be the person who needs a blood transfusion. If you would like to donate blood, check out the American Red Cross website at www.redcross.org and contact them today. Your donation would truly be a life-saver!

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 1/8 - Cinnamon roll, juice/fruit, milk
 1/9 - Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice/fruit, milk
 1/12 - Breakfast pizza, sausage, bacon & egg, juice/fruit, milk
 1/13 - Egg & sausage burritos, salsa, juice/fruit, milk

- JH/HS Lunch:*
 1/7 - Cheeseburger or Breaded chicken w/whole grain bun, oven potatoes; toppings: tomato slices, onions, banana peppers, pickles & lettuce; milk
 1/8 - Chili dog w/whole grain bun, baked beans, whole grain chips, juice box OR Whole grain personal pizza, lettuce salad, ranch & french dressing, fruit, milk
 1/9 - Italian dunkers, green beans, marinara sauce OR Salad bar w/meat, vegetables & salads, garlic breadstick, fruit, milk
 1/12 - Chicken tenders, garlic cheese whipped potatoes, whole grain roll, celery w/PB cup OR Salad bar w/meat, vegetables & salads, garlic breadstick, fruit, milk
 1/13 - Oriental chicken salad, tossed sesame dressing, eggroll, tomatoes, rice krispy bar OR Assorted entree items, bun, pickle slices, oven fried potatoes, fruit, milk

- Paulding Elementary Breakfast:*
 1/7 - Burrito, fruit/juice, milk
 1/8 - Muffin, string cheese, fruit/juice, milk
 1/9 - assorted cereals or Cereal bar goldfish graham, juice/fruit, milk
 1/12 - Yogurt, goldfish graham, fruit/juice, milk
 1/13 - Pancakes, fruit/juice, milk

- Paulding Elementary Lunch:*
 1/7 - Egg omelet, tator tots, tomato juice, muffin & goldfish, graham, fruit, milk
 1/8 - Sloppy joe on whole grain bun, tator tots, green beans, fruit, milk
 1/9 - Pizza, romaine blend, celery, carrots, broccoli, sherbet or goldfish bread w/PB cup, celery & carrots, fruit, milk
 1/12 - Hamburger on whole grain bun, carrots, celery, fruit, milk
 1/13 - Taco salad w/crackers, refried beans, romaine w/blue cheese, salsa, fruit, milk

- Oakwood Elementary Breakfast:*
 1/7 - Pancakes on stick, fruit/juice, milk
 1/8 - Breakfast pizza, juice/fruit, milk
 1/9 - Assorted cereal packs, juice/fruit, milk
 1/12 - Powdered sugar donuts, fruit/juice, milk
 1/13 - Whole grain biscuit, sausage patty, fruit/juice, milk

- Oakwood Elementary Lunch:*
 1/7 - Salisbury steak, whole grain bread, whipped potatoes, gravy, romaine mix salad, fruit, milk
 1/8 - Cheese cup, tortilla chips, green beans, carrot stix, fruit, milk
 1/9 - Cheese pizza, romaine mix salad, salsa bean salad, fruit, milk
 1/12 - Hamburger, whole grain bun, romaine lettuce, tomato, oven potatoes, fruit, milk
 1/13 - Chicken strip whole grain wrap, corn, romaine lettuce, fruit, milk

WINTER IS HERE, GOLDEN BUCKEYES! ARE YOU READY?



Are you ready for another Ohio winter?

After a mild December, January is bringing winter weather to Ohio, with a blast of snow and cold temperatures forecasted for most of the state over the next few days. Because older adults are at increased risk of complications from cold and snow, the Ohio Department of Aging encourages all Golden Buckeyes to have a plan to stay warm and injury-free.

"As we age, our bodies react differently to extreme conditions, in part because we lose body heat more quickly and also because we are more likely to take medications that affect our ability to regulate body temperature," said Bonnie K. Burman, director of the department.

It's not too late to prepare. Create a plan today that will allow you to remain in place for at least three days should you be unable to leave your home due to weather conditions:

- Create an emergency kit that contains a battery operated radio, a flashlight, extra batteries, a loud whistle or bell, food that you can open and prepare easily, water (one gallon per person per day), extra blankets and a first aid kit.
- Keep a backup supply of the medications you take every day. Have an ice chest on hand and keep ice packs in the freezer for medications that need to be kept cool.
- Make sure your medical equipment and assistive devices (such as canes, walkers, wheelchairs, lifts, oxygen tanks, etc.) are easy to locate in an emergency. Have spare batteries or non-powered options for any equipment that will not work if there is no electricity.
- Designate a safe place to go (such as a friend or neighbor's house or shelter) and have a plan for getting there if it becomes unsafe to stay in your home.

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• Be prepared to quickly explain to rescue personnel how to move you or help you move safely and rapidly (e.g., "take my oxygen tank," "get my insulin from the refrigerator").

(Adapted from "Emergency Management Be-Prepared Kit," available at www.disabilityrightsohio.org)

The Ohio Department of Aging works with the state's 12 area agencies on aging to make sure that each community has a plan for assisting older adults during weather emergencies. Your area agency can also help you identify resources, such as energy assistance, chore service and minor home repairs that can help you stay warm and safe this winter. Call 1-866-243-5678 to be connected to the agency serving your community, or visit www.aging.ohio.gov for local contacts.

"Snow, ice and inactivity can also increase the risk of falling for older adults during winter," Burman added. "Falls are the leading cause of injury-related hospitalizations and deaths in older Ohioans and the risk goes up with ice and snow."

To prevent falls, the STEADY U Ohio initiative encourages you to "Win Winter!"

- Dress warmly, but be sure you can still see in all directions and move easily and freely.
 - Wear sturdy shoes or boots with good treads.
 - Allow extra time to get to where you're going.
 - Keep sidewalks and stairs outside your home clean of ice and snow.
 - Carry a cell phone and designate someone to call for help if you need it.
- For more winter falls prevention tips, visit www.steadyu.ohio.gov.

The department encourages all Ohioans to check on their older loved ones and neighbors during extreme weather conditions. Call or visit to ensure they have what they need to stay warm and healthy. Things to check include:

• Are they staying warm? Is their heating system working properly and set at reasonable temperature? Are they using portable heaters safely? Do they have an adequate supply of fuel, if appropriate?

• Do they need medical attention? Do they have symptoms of cold-related illness (e.g., shivering, exhaustion, confusion, memory loss, slurred speech or white/grayish skin color)? Do they depend on oxygen? Are they out of or running low on any medications or medical supplies? Have they fallen?

• Do they have an adequate food supply and a safe way to prepare meals? Do they have non-perishable food that can be prepared without electricity? Do they have plenty of clean drinking water?

• Can they get help if they need it? Do they have access to a phone that works, even if the power goes out? Do they know who they will contact if they need assistance?

Remember: Confusion and disorientation can be symptoms of hypothermia, dehydration or stress, and may have nothing to do with the person's age. If someone seems ill, call 9-1-1.

Follow the Ohio Department of Aging on Facebook and Twitter for more cold-weather safety information all winter long. The Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness has information and resources about winter weather at www.weathersafety.ohio.gov.

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Alec Vest shoots for the Raiders with Woodlan's Evan Gustin blocking the shot. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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easily doubled Woodlan in points. By half time, the score was 49-21. Long arms and high jumps created many turnovers for the Warriors.

In the third quarter, the ball was being passed around the court and the Raider offense was setting the shot up. Luke Miller, who looked to be taking a shot, became a coordinated pass of perfect timing to David Sinn for the Alley-Oop dunk of the year. I'm certain this had been practiced by these boys, having been executed so precisely. See the video in full HD on westbendnews.net!

Both the third and fourth

quarters Woodlan outscored the Raiders but it was not enough for the first half shortfall.

Wayne Trace, leading so much the fourth quarter, was very quick in running the clock down.

The final score was 76-51 and Wayne Trace increased their wins to 7-0 for the season.

Ethan Linder and Jeffrey Jones tied for most 3-point baskets at 3 each. Woodlan had an impressive 8 3-point baskets.

Score by the Quarter:

Wayne Trace - 24 25 11 16=76

Woodlan - 9 12 12 18=51

Scorers of the Game: Woodlan - Jeffrey Jones 19; Andrew Keahn 8; Austin Fancher 6; Aaron Hahn 3; Elyja O'Hara 3; Ben Schwartz 3; Josh Gerig 2; Blake Williams 2; Evan Gustin 2

Wayne Trace - Ethan Linder 19; David Sinn 12; Corbin Linder 11; Justin Speice 6; Luke Miller 4; Brady Stabler 4; Darius hale 3; Cole Shepherd 3; Clint Sinn 2; Seth Saylor 2; Jake Arend 2

ARCHERS WRESTLE WELL AT VERMILION

The Antwerp High School wrestling team recently competed at the Vermilion Holiday Tournament on December 29-30, 2014. Unless you are a parent or a fan of Antwerp Wrestling you may think the Archers did not wrestle well at the two day event. They finished 10th out of 10 teams, but with only 4 wrestlers on this years squad team titles are hard to come by with 14 weight classes in high school wrestling. What the Archers do have this year are 4 very committed and hard working wrestlers who have impressed at every meet so far this year and Vermilion was no exception. For the Vermilion tournament the Archers won 30 out of 36 matches and had 20 pins as a team.

Junior 152 pounder Justice Clark had 7 wins and 2 losses with 6 of his wins coming by pin. At 285 pounds senior Jordan Laker accumulated 6 wins, 3 losses and 3 wins at the two day event. Senior 220 pounder Jarett Bute had an impressive tournament as well winning 8 of his 9 matches to go along with 3 pins. His lone loss was a 3-1 defeat in overtime. Sophomore 132 pounder Logan

WAYNE TRACE GIRLS WIN IN SECOND HALF

Woodlan invited the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders to the Etzler Court on Friday, January 2. The game began with Woodlan winning the JV game, 34-30.

The varsity game had Wayne Trace gaining an early lead at 2-6. Woodlan quickly recovered as they moved up to 8-8 as the Raiders appeared to stall. Soon Wayne Trace stole the momentum and pulled ahead again to 15-8. Woodlan, stunned by Erin Mohr's performance, realized they had to get back in the game in the second quarter, soon the difference was narrowed by half time with a score of 23-28 and the Lady Raiders in the lead.



Shayna Temple hits 3 points. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Shaner had an outstanding showing as he went undefeated over the 2 day event. Logan won all 9 of his matches with 8 wins coming by pin. His performance at the tournament earned him the most valuable wrestler award.



Wayne Trace's Erin Mohr shoots as Woodlan's Rain Hinton attempts to block. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Wayne Trace not only kept their lead in the second half but improved upon it with Leah Sinn and Shayna Temple both hitting 3 point baskets. Woodlan's Kendra Graber performed well on the perimeter of the court with 3-3 baskets to call her own. Rain Hinton was the top scorer for the Lady Warriors as she was good under the basket.

The final score was 58-43 and Wayne Trace took home the win.

Scorers of the Game:

Woodlan - Rain Hinton 16; Kendra Graber 9; Emily Summers 6; Kenzie Salzbrenner 4; Jazmine Williams 4; Ellie Kayser 2; Vickie Cook 2;

Wayne Trace - Erin Mohr 21; Shayna Temple 12; Danae Myers 10; Lea Sinn 5; Gracie Gudakunst 4; Hollie Wannemacher 4; Brooke Sinn 2.

Score by the Quarter: Wayne Trace - 15 13 17 13=58

Woodlan - 11 12 11 9=43
Records: Wayne Trace is now 5-3. Woodlan is 5-7.

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PAULDING PULLS IN WIN OVER LIBERTY CENTER



Alex Arellano scores under the basket for the Panthers in the first quarter. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Liberty Center travelled to Paulding for the boys basketball game on Saturday, January 3rd. The new year match for the JV team fell in the Panther's favor with a 45-26 win.

The varsity score wasn't quite the margin when it was completed. The game against the Tigers began with a tight defense as soon as Paulding got the ball. Paulding's first basket was put in by junior Corbin Edwards. The first quarter was a close match finishing at 12-11. Both Edwards and Jarrett Sitton posted the

top points for the quarter—and the game. The first half finished at 24-20.

The third quarter was the most intense of the game with Jarren Altman topping the points for Liberty and they outscored the Panthers, 15-12.

The Tigers excelled at hitting three point shots, while the Panthers were better under the basket. Paulding got some extra groove back in the fourth quarter, and were able to increase their lead and the defense held the Tigers' score down.

Three out of the four quarters Paulding stayed consistent at 12 points each. The close game finished 50-46 and Paulding winning their 4th game of the season.

Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Corbin Edwards 16; Jarrett Sitton 15; Alex Arellano 8; Prestin ingol 4; Ethan Rhonehouse 4; Brad Crawford 3.

Liberty Center - Jarren Altman 18; Logan Meyer 15; Jared Bishop 6; Brooks Hinton 3; Zach Carpenter 2; Joel Studer 2.

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 12 12 12 14=50
Liberty Center - 11 9 15 11=46



Brad Crawford nails three points for Paulding. More pictures at westbendnews.net

season since posting 28 in his November 22nd performance against the BayHawks. Fair followed behind with 21 points and Will Frisby would grab 11 rebounds to add to his 13 point performance.

For the BayHawks, Coursey would lead with 24 points and grab down 10 rebounds to lead in each category.

NOAH VONLEH RECALLED TO HORNETS

The Charlotte Hornets announced on December 31st that Noah Vonleh has been recalled from the Fort Wayne Mad Ants. Vonleh played two games for the Mad Ants this season averaging 7.0 points and 4.5 rebounds per game.

BRUNO CABOCLO RECALLED FROM FORT WAYNE

The Toronto Raptors have announced today that Bruno Caboclo has been recalled. Caboclo played just three games for the Mad Ants this season, where he averaged 4.3 points and 2.7 rebounds per game in his 13 minutes of action.

For more information about the Mad Ants at 1-800-745-3000.

DEREK REEB TO BE AN OUTBOUND ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENT



Derek Reeb, of Antwerp, has been officially accepted to be a Rotary Exchange Student. His choice of countries are mostly European; Belgium, Germany, and France are his top choices. He will find out sometime this month where he will be placed.

Derek had to go through an interview process through the local Rotary, then through another interview with a panel comprised of members of the regional District 6600 Rotary and inbound students. Although the district originally expected about 16 outbound students, only five were present for the interview in Fremont, OH, and Derek was the only male. He will now be attending monthly orientation meetings until his departure.

He is the first outbound student from Antwerp in five years. The Rotary exchange program is a cultural exchange, not an educational program. To be prepared, Derek will be taking online courses this year before he leaves to be sure he will be able to complete his senior year here and graduate with the classmates he has been with for his school career. He will also take a crash course in the host country's language, but will learn to be fluent while living there. Exchange students are immersed in their host country's culture and language and, in return, represent their home country.

Although there is a short-term option (students go abroad for 4-6 weeks, then bring back a student for the balance of time in the summer), Derek will be participating in the long-term program. He is expecting to leave mid-August and return in early summer, when his host school year is complete.

This program is expensive, so Derek is looking for a local after-school job and other money-making activities. He has also signed up with Indiegogo Life, a crowdfunding site, to accept donations to help him and his family pay for this exchange. If you are interested in donating, go to life.indiegogo.com and search for Derek Reeb.

Derek is very excited to represent the USA and bring back his experiences from another country.

If you are interested in learning about becoming an outbound student in this program, or being a host family for an inbound student, you can contact Floyd Ramsier at 419-258-2191.

WT LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 1/7 - 1/13

Breakfast:
1/7 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
1/8 - Cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk
1/9 - Fruit stick, juice, milk
1/12 - Sausage pizza, juice, milk
1/13 - Egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk

Lunch:
1/7 - HS: Chicken fajita w/ iceberg lettuce, cheese corn; ELEM: Creamed chicken sandwich; black beans w/salsa, fruit, milk
1/8 - Macaroni & cheese, broccoli, breadstick, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar
1/9 - Fiestada, romaine lettuce salad, carrot sticks, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad; Pizza sub or Cheeseburger sandwich w/salad bar
1/12 - Cheeseburger sandwich, french fries, baked beans, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad; Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/ salad bar
1/13 - Grilled chicken sandwich, green beans, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad; Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU 1/7 - 1/13

1/7 - Fish on bun, cooked carrots, orange smiles, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
1/8 - Meatball sub, broccoli & cauliflower, pears, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
1/9 - Pepperoni pizza, cole slaw, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
1/12 - Chicken nuggets, baked beans, mixed fruit, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
1/13 - Mini corn dogs, baked fries, pineapple crisp, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

MAD ANTS BEAT BLUE IN THRILLER

The Mad Ants, sponsored by Lutheran Health Network, rang in 2015 with a win at home in a late fourth quarter thriller over the Oklahoma City Blue 100-99 Thursday night at Allen Co. War Memorial Coliseum.

The Mad Ants, despite a slow start to the game, forced a close 47-50 deficit to close out the first half. After only posting 17 points in the first quarter, the Mad Ants were able to secure a 30 point second quarter to draw a 3 point

margin at half. Leading the Mad Ants was Ramon Harris and Andre Emmett with 10 points and 2 rebounds each. CJ Fair grabbed 5 rebounds to follow close with 9 points. Semaj Christon lead all scores at half with 14 to contribute to the Blue's 50 first half points.

Fort Wayne bounced back to take a late fourth quarter lead, but as the final minute dwindled down, the Blue hung with the Mad Ants to tie it up. With two clutch free throws from Fair, the Mad Ants were able to pull ahead and pull out the victory despite a late shot attempt ruled no good from the Blue. Harris led the Mad Ants with 22 points and 5 rebounds, while Emmett recorded 20 points and 7 rebounds of his own.

For the Blue, Christon would lead all scorers with 29 points and grab down 7 rebounds. Talib Zanna grabbed 16 rebounds for the Blue to add to his 12 points.

MAD ANTS DROP OVERTIME NAIL BITER

The Mad Ants, sponsored by Lutheran Health Network, fell just short at home in overtime heat, dropping the game to the Oklahoma City Blue 87-90 Tuesday night at Allen Co. War Memorial Coliseum.

Despite a slow first quarter start, the Mad Ants were able to hold the Blue to only 12 in the second quarter to create a 40-32 lead in favor of Fort Wayne going into the half. Gary Talton led the Mad Ants at the half with 9 early points and 2 assists. Marcus Hall grabbed six rebounds off the bench to add to his 5 first half points. For the Blue, Reggie Williams lead off the bench with 8 points and 4 rebounds.

Fort Wayne remained dominant through much of the second half, creating leads of up to 18 late in the third quarter. However, it was the Blue who pushed back late in the fourth. With a key lay-up hit as time expired by Andre Emmett, the game was going into overtime. The Mad Ants were unable to hold their overtime lead as they would fall to the Blue by three as time expired. Emmett lead all scores with 23 and 8 rebounds. Dahntay Jones recorded 16 points with 6 assists and Talton banked 14 points of his own. Ramon Harris grabbed 13 rebounds to lead the team.

For the Blue, Mario Little led the team with 18 points and 7 rebounds, while Richard Solomon registered 14 points and 13 rebounds.

MUSCALA RECALLED TO ATLANTA

The Atlanta Hawks announced today that Mike Muscala has been recalled from the Fort Wayne Mad Ants. Muscala has played 4 games with the Mad Ants this season where he has averaged 15.0 points and 9.0 rebounds per game.

STRONG OFFENSIVE GAME FUELS MAD ANTS

The Mad Ants, sponsored by Lutheran Health Network, took off early and never looked back as their offensive game surged over the Erie BayHawks 111-91 Saturday

night at Allen Co. War Memorial Coliseum.

The Mad Ants jumped out early and found themselves leading by margins of up to 23, including a 65-49 lead at the half. Andre Emmett led the Mad Ants at the half with 18 points and 5 rebounds, while CJ Fair recorded 16 points of his own. Daniel Coursey lead the BayHawks with 12 points at the half.

Fort Wayne continued their dominance well into the second half as their offense continued to top the BayHawks. Emmett would go on to lead the team with 26 points and 8 rebounds on the night, his second highest points performance on the

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ACES DOMINATE ROUTE 49 BOYS TOURNEY



Hicksville's Garrett Crall blocks Josh Longardner's jump shot. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Route 49 Tournament took place at Edgerton this year for the Boys Basketball teams, including: Antwerp, Hicksville, Edgerton, and Edon.

The game Monday took place between Hicksville and Antwerp and the Aces won 44-33. The second game took place between Edon and Edgerton and Edgerton won 79-

29 in a blowout match. The second night of the games took place with Antwerp and Edon in the loser bracket. The Archers came out on top with a whopping 63-44 win. Next the Aces took on Edgerton for the championship game. The game came down to Hicksville winning by only one point 54-53 in a very close match.



Edgerton's Duane Miller shoots and scores in the first quarter against Edon. More pictures at westbendnews.net

NEW HAVEN BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL FALLS TO CHESTERTON

On Tuesday December 30th, New Haven travelled to Chesterton High School for some high school boys basketball. Final score was a tough loss for New Haven to take home: 69-80.

New Haven lost hard fought game against Chesterton. 10 players scored for New Haven. Sophomore guard/forward Ivan Upshaw led the Bulldogs in scoring with a team high 16 points. Followed by guard Marqis Stevenson, who scored 14 points. Junior forward Jacob Workman, had a solid game as he pulled down 6 rebounds and scored 6 points. Junior Center, Trever Kraner also had a solid game scoring 6 points 6 rebounds and had 2 blocks.

Score by the Quarter:
New Haven - 14 15 16 24=69
Chesterton - 18 20 16 26=80

REINHART STARTS NEW YEAR WITH TOURNAMENT WIN

Although the Antwerp Wrestling Club has not officially started, there are still tournaments going on and naturally wrestlers will still wrestle. Eli Reinhart recently competed at the Liberty Center tournament on January 3, 2015 and earned 1st place for his efforts. Reinhart was 3-0 on the day with 1 technical fall to begin the new year in a big way.

If you are interested in wrestling, be sure to stop by the Wrestling Club on Archer Drive or contact Jeremy Kosch at 419-506-0211. Practices will run on Mondays and Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. with unlimited opportunities to compete in tournaments nearly every weekend.

STRIKES FOR CHARITY BOWLING TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITIES

Fire Police City County FCU and Reflection of Caring invite you on Saturday, February 21, 2015, to Georgetown Bowl located at 6770 East State Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46815. The bowling tournament will begin at 1:00 p.m., doors open at 12:30 p.m. Registration is required and public is welcome. Registration includes three games of bowling, shoes rental, and a door prize ticket. Bowler registration forms are available online at http://www.fpccfcu.org/R_O_C.html. Reflection of Caring was established by Fire Police City County FCU for the purpose of providing monetary donations as well as volunteer support to charitable organizations. In 2014, Reflection of Caring donated over \$14,000 to nearly 50 local and national charitable organizations while Credit Union employees gave 800 hours of volunteer service to the community! Sponsorship opportunities are available, for additional information about the Strikes for Charity Bowling Tournament please contact Fire Police City County FCU, call Melissa at 260-484-2102 or email melissa.miller@fpccfcu.org.

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BEST BASKETBALL TRY-OUTS

Best Basketball will be hosting tryouts for a 4th grade team and a 5th grade team that will compete in 8-9 tournaments from March 7th through the end of May. Tryouts will be held on January 11, 18, and 25 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at Heidelberg University in Tiffin, OH. If you think you are the best of the best in basketball and want to compete at a higher level, attend at least two of the three try-out dates. See www.bestofthebestbasketball.com for more information under the "travel teams" tab.

CASHLESS CLASSROOM FUNDRAISING

(NAPSI)—While fundraising is an essential for nonprofits, charities and local schools across the country, it can be particularly challenging to raise funds in today's environment—but there are ways around the problem. It doesn't help that Americans are donating 8 percent less today than they were in 2007, before the recession, and many schools faced with budget cuts are feeling the brunt of the decline.

The good news is that there are cashless fundraising alternatives that take the strain of giving money off parents and teachers. For example, you can be paid to collect trash to be upcycled or recycled. Many eco-fundraising programs pay participants to collect and recycle such things as chip bags, beauty care waste and drink pouches. The Drink Pouch Brigade—offered by Capri Sun and TerraCycle—rewards participants and their schools with points and cash donations for collecting drink pouches. Hazelwood Elementary School in Washington did just that, using money generated through collecting drink pouches to help counteract school-wide funding cuts.

"We needed money for our library due to budget cuts," said Brigade leader Erin Wickstron. "We have recycle bins in each hallway and the kids drop their pouches in after lunch. Each week, we collect the bags from the bins, put them in a box and mail them off."

"We wanted our project to be global and we didn't want to ask people for money," added Ashley Carlson, Drink Pouch Brigade participant. "This project collects and upcycles trash, which benefits the environment. The money we raise then goes toward charities providing clean water to children and families in developing countries—it's just a positive project all around."

Aside from consumer product waste, getting rid of old cell phones, laptops and other "e-waste" can help raise some easy fundraising cash. Not only that, it frees up space in the house or garage that was once cluttered with old, useless electronics.

Programs like these that engage the school and the community at large can make people more receptive to and supportive of your fundraising efforts.

To learn about recycling drink pouches and other traditionally nonrecyclable waste while earning money for schools or charity, visit www.TerraCycle.com

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LADY ARCHERS FALL IN CLOSE MATCH



Rachel Williamson shoots from the outside. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Coming off the Route 49 win against Edgerton, the Lady Archers were back in action on Saturday, January 3 at home against Delphos Jefferson.

The Antwerp girls were consistent throughout the game. The first quarter went to Delphos with a small 10-9 lead. The Archers were able to keep them in check well with half the points from junior Kianna Recker.

The second quarter's top scorer for the home team was Rachel Williamson with five, ending up with the highest points in the game for the Archers. The 1st half ended tied at 16 all.

The second half allowed the Wildcats to gain a small lead and the fourth quarter extended that by quite a bit. The Archers, before time ran out, was able to score several more points and keep the game in check. The game finished at 31-35 and the win went to the visitors.

Antwerp - Williamson 11; Recker 6; Braaten 4; Johanns 4; Short 3; Sraith 2; Miesle 2.
DJ - Culp 15; Wallace 7; Gorman 4; Pimpas 4; Miller



Kianna Recker adds to the Archer score with a basket from the free throw line. More pictures at westbendnews.net

3; Black 2
Antwerp - 9 7 8 7=31
DJ - 10 6 11 8=35
The Lady Archers is currently 2-7.

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SANTA SLAM RUNNERS UP



On Saturday December 20th, under the direction of Mr. Stacey Sweet, the Antwerp 5th and 6th grade girls basketball team took the court in the MAC Gym Santa Slam basketball tournament. The Lady Archers defeated

the girls from Paulding (28-10) and a feisty team from Woodburn (17-16) to make it into the championship game against Tinora. The girls in blue played hard, but lost a close game to the talented Rams (15-14).

EASY MATH TIPS FOR PARENTS: MAKING MATH FUN OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

(NAPSI)—As parents, we understand the important role that math plays in our children's education and the impact it has on their lives and our own. Despite this, we don't always recognize the opportunities we have each day to encourage our children's interest in and knowledge of math.

Research has shown that children develop a better understanding of math when mathematical principles are presented to them as part of real-world scenarios. Kasey Bratcher, a former mathematics teacher who develops K-12 math teacher workshops for Carnegie Learning, a publisher of research-based mathematics software and textbooks for middle and high school students, provides the following tips to keep math relevant in your child's life outside the classroom.

1. Ask questions... and answer questions with questions. When a child asks a question, it is an opportunity to expand his or her learning beyond just

a simple response. If your child asks how many minutes it will take to drive to the grocery store, it is perfectly okay to respond with your own question, such as "How many minutes do you think it will take to drive to the store?"

This can lead to a broader discussion about the number of minutes in one hour, one half-hour or one quarter-hour. You can also discuss the length of time required to travel from home to other places, like school or Grandma's house. In all mathematical conversations, do not be too quick to give your child the answer. Allow him or her the time needed to process the information given and formulate the answer on his or her own.

2. Look for mathematics all around you. Relating math to everyday life situations has a direct effect on how well children learn and utilize mathematical principles. Carnegie Learning, collaborating with researchers at Southern Methodist University, found that tailoring word problems to student interests results in as much as a 40 percent improvement in performance, particularly

for more difficult problems. "Children are more enthusiastic about learning when the topic presented is specific to their personal interests," said Bratcher. "For example, questions related to gaming, sports, food or friends will generate more attention from students than asking them to calculate the square footage of a room."

Parents should also take advantage of everyday events that can incorporate mathematics. For example, helping Mom or Dad in the kitchen provides a great opportunity to practice fractions and measurements, including calculating weights and amounts.

3. Make math a family affair. Everyone in the family can play a role in keeping math an ever-present part of a child's day. Bratcher often engages her kids through friendly competitions at one of their favorite restaurants. She encourages her kids to figure out the sale price of their soft drink or milk shake by finding half, starting with questions like "What's half of \$2.00?" and moving to more difficult questions, like "What's half of \$1.80?"

Math is all around us, and opportunities to deepen a child's understanding of math principles abound. By employing mathematics to the world around them, kids can sharpen their basic math skills and even teach parents a thing or two.

RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT SCHOOL CHOICE

(NAPSI)—There's good news for community organizations, groups and nonprofits that support school choice. They now have another way to raise awareness about the education options available to families.

An effort called National School Choice Week will be held January 25-31, 2015. With more than 10,000 events planned, it will be the nation's largest-ever education-related celebration.

The goal is to shine a positive light on all types of education options available for children and families—including traditional public schools, public charter schools, magnet schools, online learning, private schools, and home schooling.

To take part, community groups can receive free meeting materials that can be used to educate others about the education choices available in their community.

The materials include 24 yellow fleece scarves, posters, placards and other educational materials. They can be ordered at schoolchoice-week.com/mymeeting. Shipping is also free.

According to Andrew Campanella, president of National School Choice Week, school choice is a local issue with national importance. He said the goal of the Week is to make sure all parents know what choices they have when it comes to their child's schooling. He added that groups interested in receiving materials should register online by January 12, and that supplies will be provided on a "first come, first served" basis.

For more information, visit www.schoolchoice-week.com/mymeeting.

ASK ME Miss C!

Dear Miss C,

How do you tell a family member that they have body odor without them getting upset or defensive?

—*Politely Suffering in Silence*

Dear *Politely Suffering in Silence*,

There are two main ways you can address this issue, since I do not know the individuals involved, I do not know if there may be a medical reason for the odors. If it is medical, the best thing you can do is be honest and understanding about the issue. Approach your loved one with an approach such as, "I would want you to tell me..." If it is a cleanliness issue, you might even use the

same approach. It is very likely they are unaware of the odors. Popular research surveys report that people WANT to be told about offensive odors. No matter their defense, they would rather be told by a friend or family member, than from a co-worker or stranger! You might say, "Jane, I really don't want to embarrass you or make you upset, but I feel like I should say something because I hope you would say something to me... (insert concern here)" If she seems surprised or upset be ready and armed with an embarrassing story of your own so that you can try to even the field. You are right, people do get defensive when

they are embarrassed. So be careful with your words.

Alternatively, if you believe that there is no way to have the conversation with your family member, you can always anonymously leave a care package with your favorite scents, etc. They might appreciate the gesture and use the scents.

This said, an honest and caring conversation is the best option whenever possible.

Blessings,

—Miss C

Miss C is now accepting your questions! You may submit them to Ask-MeMissC@gmail.com, to the West Bend News to my attention, or via my Facebook page Ask Me Miss C!

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Gradyn Joseph Stairhime was born on January 2, 2015 at 6:38 a.m. at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville. He was 8 lb. 7 oz. and was 20.3 inches long. He was welcomed by his parents, Adam and Stacie Stairhime of Hicksville. He has a big sister, Sophia and a big brother, Brady. Proud grandparents are Joe and Kathy Smalley of Antwerp, Jim Stairhime of Hicksville, and Joe and Nora Muupin of Auburn, IN. Great-grandparents are Paul and Betty Smalley of Antwerp, Vaughn and Kathleen Franklin of Antwerp, and Norval Stairhime of Hicksville.

OHIO EPA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANT DEADLINE APPROACHING

The deadline to apply for Ohio Environmental Education Fund grants is January 15, 2015. Grants are available for up to \$50,000 to educate Ohio students, citizens and the regulated community about environmental problems and potential solutions. Funding in 2015 will target four areas where Ohio EPA has determined a need for more education, due to significant environmental impacts in the state:

- Projects that encourage best management practices for nutrients, including efforts to reduce nutrient loadings to rivers and streams from urban and rural areas;
- Projects that demonstrate the use of innovative storm water management practices;
- Projects that encourage the reduction of air emissions, including promotion of alternative modes of transportation; and
- Projects that explain the importance of habitat restoration efforts to increase biodiversity and improve air and water quality.

The following entities are eligible to receive grant funding from the OEEF:

- Schools, outdoor education facilities, nature centers, zoos;
- Municipalities, counties, townships, and local governments;

GROVER HILL RECEIVES SCHOOL LIBRARY DONATION



Grover Hill Elementary received a donation from Gleaner Oakwood Arbor #759 to the school library. Accepting the check is (center) Librarian Vicky Noffsinger with Arbor members Bonnie Pier and Kathy Denny.

Gleaner Oakwood Arbor #759 is made of volunteers that do community service and in return the Gleaner Life Insurance Group donates money for the Arbor to reinvest into the community.

- State agencies;
- Watershed groups (with local government sponsorship);
- Businesses, trade groups and associations; and
- 501 (c)(3) nonprofit groups.

Funding for OEEF grants comes from a portion of the civil penalties collected by Ohio EPA for violations of Ohio's air and water pollution control laws.

Interested applicants

should review the application guidelines and create an account in Ohio EPA's eBusiness Center, then submit an online letter of intent to apply in the OEEF Grant Service no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 8, 2015. Completed applications must be submitted online no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 15, 2015. Applicants are encouraged to discuss proposal ideas with OEEF staff members at (614) 644-2873 or oeef@epa.ohio.gov.

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(Fund 175):
175-001-00001/Unvoted Jail Debt/Note Principal
AMOUNT: \$50,000.00
IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2014 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-013):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2014 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 001-013-00012/General Fund/Coroner/Salary, Employees
TO: 001-013-00005/General Fund/Coroner/Travel
AMOUNT: \$500.00
IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2014 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-015):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2014 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 001-015-00002/General Fund/Election Board/Salaries-Employees
TO: 001-015-00003/General Fund/Election Board/Supplies
AMOUNT: \$141.10
IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2014 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 185):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2014 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Sanitary Sewer Rev Fund (Fund 185):
FROM: 185-001-00001/Sanitary Sewer Rev/Salaries
TO: 185-001-00009/Sanitary Sewer Rev/Insurance
AMOUNT: \$1,381.00
IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING WESTERN BUCKEYE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER TO BE THE FISCAL AGENT FOR PAULDING COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST/HELP ME GROW PROGRAM (FISCAL YEAR 2016):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize the Western Buck-

eye Educational Service Center to be the fiscal agent for Paulding County Family and Children First Council/Help Me Grow Program for Fiscal Year 2016, to be effective from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016.
MEETING NOTES OF MEETINGS:
Marsha Yeutter, Senior Center - Ms. Yeutter presented in-kind paperwork for her 3B funding for the Chairman's signature. She reported she has hired a cook for the Center. Ms. Yeutter discussed the Center's transportation issues in lieu of reduced funding for 2015.
Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - Ms. Fickel presented December Sales Tax Revenue report for the Commissioners' review. She also distributed the General Fund Receipts and Expense reports for period ending November 31, 2014. Ms. Fickel noted dog tag sales will run through the month of January, 2015.

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SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 1168.1
Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,
vs.
JOSHUA L. COLLINS, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 14 168.
Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 5th day of February, 2015 at 10:05 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:

316 North First Street,
Oakwood, Ohio 45873
Parcel No. 10-09S-009-00
and 10-09S-010-00

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse.

Said premises appraised at Eighteen Thousand and No/100 (\$18,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount.

The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the property at the time the purchaser takes possession.

Purchasers are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent down on day of the sale with the balance to be paid before the deed is issued.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
www.pauldingohsheriff.com
Neil C. Sander, Attorney for Plaintiff

All members voting yea.
At 8:22 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on December 24, 2014, Warrants numbered 213118 through 213138 in the amount of \$1,498.76; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY AND THE PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby, on this day, execute the Cooperative Agreement between the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority and the Paulding County Board of Commissioners regarding future economic development projects.

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2014 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following:
001-016-00007/General Fund/Commissioners' Building & Grounds
AMOUNT: \$150,000.00

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

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2014 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following:
001-031-99997/General Fund/Note/Unvoted Jail
AMOUNT: \$50,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2014 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 175):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2014 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the Unvoted Jail Debt Fund

of the total bid price as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, a written contract will be entered into by the Bidder and the Village. The Bidder to whom the contract is awarded will be required to furnish a Surety Bond or a Letter of Credit on a solvent bank made payable to the Village of Antwerp, Ohio in the amount of three (3) months of the total bid price, to be renewed at the end of the first year if the option to extend the contract for one (1) additional year is exercised, and at the end of the second year if the option to extend the contract for a third year is also exercised, and at the end of the third year if the option to extend the contract for one (1) additional year is exercised, and at the end of the fourth year if the option to extend the contract for one (1) additional year is exercised for the faithful performance of the Agreement.

The Village of Antwerp reserves the right to waive any and all formalities or irregularities in any Bid or in the bidding, to accept any Bid which is deemed lowest and best and to negotiate contract terms with the successful Bidder. The Village of Antwerp shall have the absolute right to reject any or all Bids.

Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for the opening of the Bids, but no Bid may be withdrawn for at least ninety (90) days after the actual opening thereof.

Capitalized terms shall have the meanings defined in the Bid Documents.

By order of the Council of the Village of Antwerp.

on standard probation.

Suffel, Justin; Paulding, OH; Rec Stolen Prop; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard Probation; Remain compliant with case in common pleas court pay restitution if any; Complete Third Millennium Theft course.

Gibson, Melody M; Fort Jennings, OH; Possession; Dismiss; Case dismissed per state; Costs to Defendant; Count B; Drug Parapherna; Dismiss; Case dismissed per state; Count C; OVI/ Under Inf; Guilty; May attend DIP program in lieu of jail pay all fines and costs by 12/31/14 or will be sent to collections evaluation at pathway secure a valid driver's license 20 hours of community service Third Millennium 87 jail days reserved

Dangelo, Matthew J; Defiance, OH; Trespassing; No Cont; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; pay \$50 today 12/22/14; victim advocate to contact commissioners to see if any restitution is requested

Marie A Weible; Paulding, OH; Driv w/o Lic; No Cont; Pay all fines and costs by 1/30/15 or will be sent to collections

Shepherd, Christian W; Warren, MI; Identity Fraud; Prel-Waive; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing; Case bound over to the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio; 4 counts

Do Tran, Minh Trong; Warren, MI; Identity Fraud; Prel-Waive; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing in writing in open court; Case shall be bound to the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio; 5 counts

Do Tran, Minh Trong; Warren, MI; Forgery; Prel-Waive; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing in writing in open court; Case shall be bound to the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio

Shepherd, Christian W; Warren, MI; Forgery; Prel-Waive; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing in

writing in open court; Case shall be bound to the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio

Mortakis, Paige A; Grover Hill, OH; Disorder Conduct; Dismiss; Case dismissed per state; costs to defendant; costs to be taken from bond on Case #14-CRB-214

Perl, Logan C; Payne, OH; Driv/Fra Susp; J-No Cont; Pay all fines and costs by 1/30/15 or will be sent to collections; proof of insurance provided; Count B; A.C.D.; J-No Cont; Pay all fines and cost by 1/30/15 or will be sent to collections

Apple, Emily; Van Wert, OH; DUS; J-Guilty; Pay half of fines and costs today has a POC date of 1/30/15; defendant was given her physical license back in open court today

Gebhart, Alan W; Defiance, OH; OVI/Under Inf; Guilty; Report to jail 1/16/15 for 3 days and 1/23/15 for 3 days ALS vacated pay \$50 per Mo commencing 1/30/15 standard probation secure a valid driver's license 20 hr community service 147 days in jail reserved; Count B; OVI/ Breath High; Dismiss; Ct B dismissed at the states request.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 12/24/14

This 24th day of December, 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 213115 through 213142 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 8:06 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fred Pieper.

LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids properly endorsed "Bid for Collection, Transportation and Disposal of Residential Solid Waste within the Village of Antwerp, Ohio" shall be received by the Village Administrator of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio at the Village Administrator's Office, 503 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio, until 12:00 P.M., January 21, 2015, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The principal items of the Required Services include the Regular Weekly Collection Service of Acceptable Waste generated by Residential Customers located within the Village of Antwerp, Ohio and the Bulky Waste Collection Service from Residential Customers located within the Village of Antwerp, Ohio. The Bidder is made aware that the Required Services include regularly scheduled collection from Public Buildings and Locations at no charge.

Copies of the Village of Antwerp map are on file in, and can be obtained from, the Village Administrator's Office, 503 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio, where they may be examined and obtained at any time during regular business hours without charge.

Bidders must use the prepared Bid Forms available at the Village Administrator's Office to submit their Bids. Bids must contain the names of every person or company interested therein. Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Cashier's Check in the amount of 10%

PAULDING COUNTY COURT REPORTS

Criminal Dispositions

Geren, Andrew; Paulding, OH; Hunt W/O Orange; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant; Count B; Fail To CK Deer; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Clifford, Robert I; Cecil, OH; Driv w/o Lic; J-Guilty; Proof of financial responsibility provided; Pay all fines and cost by 2/27/15 or will be sent to collections

Chadwick, Pamela J; A.C.D.; Madison, WI; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant.

Kachenmeister, Eric Edwin; Toledo, OH; Drg Abuse Instu; Guilty; Case dismissed per state.

Elliott, Burton J; Grover Hill, OH; OVI/ Breath High; J-No Cont; ALS vacated pay \$250 today shall pay \$25 monthly commencing 1/30/15, has a POC date of 5/29/15, shall make restitution community control ordered 40hrs of community service secure a valid driver's license 174 jail days reserved; Count B; Fail control; J-No Cont; Pay all fines and costs by 5/29/15 or will be sent to collections

Jones, Willie; Holgate, OH; Assault; Guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Placed

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TROOPERS PARTICIPATING IN NATIONAL EFFORT STRESSING OFFICER SAFETY

The Ohio State Highway Patrol is asking for the public's assistance in a national effort aimed at reducing yearly line-of-duty deaths of law enforcement officers. The initiative, Below 100, focuses on five key areas that can improve officer safety and reduce deaths to an annual count that is below 100. Motorists can do their part by always moving over and obeying traffic safety laws.

Each year, for the last 70 years, more than 100 police officers have been killed in the line-of-duty in the U.S. The number is often much higher, as an average of 145 officers were killed annually from 2009-2013.

The tenets of Below 100 are:

- Wear your belt
- Wear your vest
- Watch your Speed
- Remember What's Important Now (WIN)
- Remember complacency kills

"Troopers attending the training will learn different behaviors that could save their own lives. We are asking the public to do what they can, too," said Lt. Brode Post Commander. "By moving over when an emergency vehicle is on the side of the road and obeying traffic laws, you can help remove hazards for

both troopers and other motorists."

To view the statistical analysis regarding our safe driving awareness month visit http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/doc/Below_100_Bulletin_2015.pdf

As always, the Patrol asks drivers to call #677 to report impaired drivers or drug activity.

2015 REGISTRATION FOR FREE ABLE CLASSES

Thinking of starting off the New Year by preparing for a new job, obtaining a career certificate or enrolling in post-secondary education? The Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE) program offered through Vantage Career Center can help! Many adults attend ABLE classes to refresh basic skills in reading, writing and math, improve skills needed for employment or further education, or prepare for the GED® exam to obtain a high school equivalency diploma. ABLE classes are offered at convenient times and locations throughout the Vantage service area, including Van Wert, Paulding, Delphos and Celina.

Registration for 2015 starts Monday, January 5, 2015. In Van Wert, registration will be held at Vantage Career Center, 818 N. Franklin St. from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. or from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. Regular classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the same times.

Paulding classes are held at the Paulding County Ohio Means Jobs Center, 252 Doolley Dr. Suite. B. Students may register at the next orientation session: Monday, January 5th, from 12:00 Noon until 3:00 p.m.

Evening classes are also offered in Paulding at the Paulding County Library, 205 S. Main St., beginning Thursday, January 8th from 5:00 until 7:30 p.m.

Delphos classes are located at the Public Library, 309 W. 2nd St. Class times are Monday and Wednesday; 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. and Monday evening from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. Orientation is the first Monday of the month.

In Celina, classes are located at the Mercer County Ohio Means Jobs Center, 220 W. Livingston St. New students may register on Monday, January 5, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon. Classes in Celina meet on Tuesdays and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

Since January, 2014 there have been several significant changes in the content, format and cost of the GED® exam. ABLE classes can help students learn more and prepare for the new computer-based GED® test. Let Vantage ABLE/GED classes assist in making your goals for further education become a reality. It's never too late to get ahead by going back to school.

For additional information regarding registration for ABLE/GED classes, cost of the new GED® exam or participation in the Ohio voucher program for first-time test-takers, please contact the ABLE Coordinator at 419-238-5411 or 1-800-686-3944 ext. 2075; or visit the ABLE/GED link on the Vantage Career Center Adult Education website at: www.vantagecareercenter.com

MAKE COMMITMENTS, NOT RESOLUTIONS

By: Laura Finley

It's 2015. People everywhere are making resolutions... lose weight, read more, quit smoking, etc. To resolve is the act of finding an answer or solution to a problem. Yet most of our resolutions are never achieved. According to Marti Hope Gonzales, Associate professor of psychology at the University of Minnesota, just six weeks after making a resolution, 80 percent of people either have broken them or cannot even recall what they resolved. And of course, we feel like losers when we don't achieve these goals.

According to Amy Cuddy, a social psychologist and Harvard Business School professor, the process of making resolutions then failing to achieve them could actually be doing more harm than good: We set ourselves up to fail, and when we do, our self-esteem tanks, making us even less motivated than we were before making the resolution. Among the many reasons why so many of us fail is the fact that our focus tends to be largely if not entirely on personal improvement. In a highly individualistic culture, it is not surprising that people tend to think largely about personal, not societal, changes.

To that end, I suggest that instead of making resolutions, we should make

commitments for the new year. The word commitment means "the state or quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity, etc." Some would say this is simple semantics, that commitment means almost the same thing as resolution. But I argue that making a commitment connotes a much more sustained emphasis on something, hence the word "dedicated" in the definition. Further, when most of us think of commitment, we think of relationships, which by definition involves someone other than ourselves. My idea, then, is that we should pledge to be committed to a cause or activity that betters others or our communities. Clearly, there is no shortage of community needs for which our assistance would be tremendously beneficial.

I recommend the making of commitments instead of resolutions because not only would more people will get involved in community-level instead of merely personal change, but more involvement in the community inevitably results in new friendships and interests. It also feels good, and, according to the National Corporation for National and Community Service, results in a number of positive health benefits for older adults, including lower mortality rates, lower rates of depression later in life, and increased functional ability. Youth who are involved in their schools or communities tend to earn better grades and are less likely to engage in risky behaviors.

For all of us, volunteering or serving our communities results in reduced stress and helps build emotional resilience. According to Sheryl WuDunn and Nicholas Kristof, authors of the new book *A Path Appears: Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunity*, who both underwent brain scans to see which parts of the brain were activated by engaging in charitable acts, "the parts of the brain that light up when you give are the same areas that light up when you indulge in pleasures like when you're eating ice cream or falling in love."

New year, new commitments. Let's go.

Laura Finley, Ph.D., teaches in the Barry University Department of Sociology & Criminology.

CREATING YOUR OWN VIDEO JUST GOT EASIER

(NAPSI)—A company known for its award-winning digital multimedia solutions is making it easier to put a high-tech spin on keeping in touch with friends and family.

Nero has introduced video-editing software for the home—Nero 2015. It's designed to help users create their first video in just a few minutes-complete with music, sound effects and creative transitions-and upload it to YouTube or send it via e-mail.

Thanks to the software, the process is pretty straightforward and makes it easy to send your video updates to friends and family.

The Process

• Plug in your point-and-shoot camera or camcorder. Go to "Import from AVCHD" and "Camera." You can also import photos and videos directly from your photo folder in the event that you've already copied it over

from your camera or smartphone.

• Next, arrange the still photos and videos in a way that tells a story. Then add effects for that creative touch—such as slow motion, pan and zoom or enhanced brightness.

The good news is that thanks to the software, this process doesn't require a lot of high-tech experience. If you can "cut and paste" or "drag and click," you can master the steps required to create your video.

• Once you have arranged your files, you're ready to add a soundtrack. Again, if you can drag and click an audio file, such as MP3, OGG or WAV, you can add music.

• Distribution of the final product is just as easy. Simply export your movie to the Web via YouTube, into a smartphone-compatible format or burn it straight to DVD/Blu-ray. Another option is to upload your video to a cloud-based file transfer service, such as Nero's free online drive, and share it with your family via e-mail in just a few seconds.

This transfer service, Nero SendIt, is a new component of the company's backup service. That service allows users to back up 5 GB (free) or unlimited data with a paid subscription from PCs, Android, iOS and Windows Phone devices.

To learn more, visit the website at www.nero.com.

NEW HAVEN VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL FALLS TO AVON

On Tuesday, December 30, 2014 the New Haven Varsity Basketball team travelled to Avon where they lost a close game. New Haven fell to Avon with the final score of the game 66-74.

Score by the Quarter:
New Haven - 11 15 16 24=66
Avon - 18 13 21 22=74

NEW HAVEN FALLS TO GOLDEN EAGLES

New Haven suffered its 4th loss of the season against the #1 ranked team in 3A Guerin Catholic. New Haven played well for 3 quarters and rebounded the ball better. New Haven could not overcome 17 turnovers. Final Score: 43-54 Guerin Catholic

Score by the Quarter:
New Haven - 12 10 11 10=43
Guerin Catholic - 12 19 11 12=54

LEARN THE FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE PRICES AT THE PUMP

(NAPSI)—Over the next two weeks, millions of Americans are expected to make this holiday season one of the busiest for travel on record. Many drivers will take longer road trips than last year, due in no small part to major relief at the pump. Across the U.S., consumers are currently paying less than \$2.40 per gallon for regular gasoline, the lowest average price since May 2009.

Why was there such a steep plunge in gas prices after they were so high last summer? In order to understand why, you need to consider the series of factors that influence the price of oil, the commodity from which gasoline is produced.

Futures Fundamentals (www.futuresfundamentals.com), the new online resource brought to you by CME Group—the world's leading and most diverse derivatives marketplace—now provides visitors with an easy-to-follow infographic titled "The Facts Behind Oil Prices" to explain the many components that determine the price of fuel: from global demand to the changing supply landscape to geopolitical issues to others.

This diagram follows the release of Futures Fundamentals' video tutorial, "The Story of Oil," which takes viewers on a journey from the ground to the pump, explaining the extraction of crude from underground wells to price discovery at the exchange, and finally to the gas station.

"The Facts Behind Oil Prices" and "The Story of Oil" are just a few of the concepts made simple on the site, which also tackles complex topics like food prices and mortgage rates.

"In an increasingly interconnected world, we've seen growing interest among consumers and businesses for easy-to-understand information about what factors cause commodity prices to fluctuate and how to manage that risk," said Anita Liskey, CME Group Managing Director, Corporate Marketing & Communications. "Our educational website addresses these questions and demonstrates through simple images, videos and examples how futures and options can help people and businesses manage price risk."

Visit Futures Fundamentals today to uncover the reasons behind oil prices and start learning how the marketplace impacts the world around you.

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COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS WITH PAULDING COUNTY RESIDENTS

Overall Purpose:

The design of the research project will be to identify areas of concern/issues as expressed by Paulding County residents.

Participants will choose between two research methods: focus groups or individual interviews.

At the conclusion of data collection and analysis, residents, organizations, and institutions will create collaborative efforts to address identified areas of concern/issues.

Key Objectives:

Help residents speak of their aspirations, and their aspirations for the community.

Encourage residents to express and examine concerns, challenges, and issues experienced in their lives.

Have the residents identify organizations and institutions that are authentic, credible, and trustworthy. Identify what things people hold as valuable in their community.

About The Harwood Institute:

This research is based on the work of the Harwood Institute for Public Innovation. The Harwood Institute inspires and guides people to step forward and take action rooted in their community and stay true to themselves.

They work with individuals, organizations and communities to turn outward and develop their ability to make more intentional choices and judgments that lead to impact. After 20+ years of innovating, they are providing guides to enable people to conduct Community Conversations that allow residents of local communities to discuss their aspirations for the community.

Richard Harwood said, "I have a great faith in people's abilities to come together,

that under the right conditions, people can identify and work together to solve difficult problems. There is a deep yearning that we all want to be a part of something bigger than ourselves." And, his role is to gently nudge people in that direction.

The Power and Potential of Community Conversations:

The purpose of holding Community Conversations is to help gain a stronger sense of people's aspirations for their community, a window into how they talk about their concerns and lives. With this public knowledge, Paulding County can be more effective and more relevant in organizing people around the concerns people feel most strongly about and ultimately have greater influence in their communities.

The Community Conversations are also a powerful tool for engaging people beyond the "usual suspects," and building a collaborative reach within the community. At a time when so much public and political discourse is hostile and divisive, these conversations are a place where people are talking about their aspirations. Participants begin to create a collaborative effort toward finding an in-depth solution to critical issues. These "kitchen table" conversations are small groups made up of around 10 people, and the conversations normally last an hour and a half.

Community Conversations yield new insights into the community, and builds up your capacity to engage the community in a new way.

If you would like to participate or suggest someone you think would make a good participant, send an email to: CommunityConversationPauldingO@gmail.com. Please include suggested person's name and phone number. You can also join us on Facebook using Community Conversation Paulding Ohio.

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(NAPSI) - Jackson Hewitt Tax Service® and GetInsured, a leading health insurance online marketplace, are joining forces for a second year to help consumers understand how the Affordable Care Act (ACA) may impact them. By answering a few simple questions during the tax interview, clients will understand if they qualify for money-saving tax credits, and with the help of GetInsured, can enroll in a health insurance plan that fits their budget.

Research by Kaiser Health shows that 90 percent of Americans are unaware of when open enrollment is, and many aren't aware there's a tax penalty for being uninsured or that they may qualify for money-saving tax credits to help them pay for health coverage.

"Open enrollment began November 15th and there is still a lot of confusion among Americans about the ACA and how it will actually impact them," said Chini Krishnan, co-founder and CEO of GetInsured.

In order to avoid a tax penalty, you must buy health insurance before open enrollment closes on February 15, 2015. The tax penalty for remaining uninsured is \$325 per adult or up to 2 percent of your income—whichever is greater—and \$162.50 per uninsured child. But thanks to tax credits, health insurance

may be more affordable than expected.

"The ACA affects Americans beyond health insurance-it impacts their taxes," said David Prokupek, CEO, Jackson Hewitt®. "The tax penalty for being uninsured in 2015 can have a significant impact on people's refunds. At Jackson Hewitt, we want clients to get the biggest refund possible. That's why we're working to help clients understand how they may be affected, and offer them an easy process to get enrolled in health insurance, thanks to GetInsured."

"With a limited time frame for consumers to enroll, we're happy to be working with Jackson Hewitt again this year to make it as efficient as possible for Americans to understand the implications of the ACA and find a plan that's right for them," added Krishnan.

For many Americans, their tax refund is the most important paycheck of a hard-worked year. With recent changes in health care tax laws, having expert tax preparers who know how to protect clients from possible penalties is important. Jackson Hewitt guarantees 100 percent accuracy and biggest refunds. In fact, every one of Jackson Hewitt's tax preparers makes a personal pledge to treat each tax return as if it's their own.

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SCAM IN PAULDING & DEFIANCE COUNTIES CONCERNING SCHOOLS

It has been reported to the West Bend News there is a an organization called The Ambassador Company promising to run ads for a two year period in the West Bend News and a radio station in Defiance for a certain price and this will include several companies as sponsors of a book program. The book is supposed to be given to students in the 1st and 4th grades at Hicksville Elementary School along with parent and teacher guides.

The company claimed to be "Enriching Your Community." On further research the advertisers/sponsors have found themselves without anything, and apparently the company is enriching themselves. The company has no address or phone number to address questions and the website gives generic and bear minimum information.

If your business or school has been approached by someone representing the Ambassador Program and promising ads in the West Bend News, please call 419-258-2000 to see if the representative is actually from your community newspaper.

STATE SEN. DENNIS KRUSE ACCEPTING STUDENT PAGE REQUESTS

Local students in grades six through 12 can submit requests to serve as a page with Indiana State Sen. Dennis Kruse's (R-Auburn) office at the Statehouse during the Indiana General Assembly's

2015 legislative session.

"The Senate Page Program exposes students to how state government operates," Kruse said. "It also provides an opportunity to not only tour the Statehouse, but to interact with state lawmakers, observe debates and witness votes on important issues. Students interested in state government or public service should consider applying."

Serving as a page is considered an excused absence from school. The day begins with orientation at 8:30 a.m. and pages are dismissed at 3:30 p.m. Students break for lunch prior to the Senate session.

The program runs from January through April. Students may serve as pages on Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays. Groups serve together on Wednesdays. Due to limited space, applicants need to submit materials as soon as possible.

Students can apply online at www.IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/page-program or send a letter to State Sen. Dennis Kruse, 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Applications need to include the student's name, address, home telephone number, age and school affiliation or home-school status.

After applications are processed, students receive confirmation of his or her scheduled date to serve. For more information, call 800-382-9467.

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WHY SUFFER FROM ALLERGIES? PCH IMPLEMENTS ALLERGY SERVICES THAT CAN ALLEVIATE SYMPTOMS FOR LIFE

Paulding County Hospital has implemented allergy testing and customized treatment services to its already extensive services offered to patients at the main campus at 1035 West Wayne Street, Paulding, OH. The new allergy services include the gold standard in testing and custom-formulated immunotherapy, an FDA approved method for desensitizing allergies over time that has been proven to effectively alleviate allergy symptoms for life.

"We want the best possible care and treatment for our patients," says Dr. Halachanova, MD, Chief of Medical Staff. "This new service can significantly increase our patients' quality of life by reducing or eliminating allergy symptoms and discomfort."

Patients who suffer from seasonal allergies can be tested at Paulding County Hospital for the 48 most geographically specific mold and airborne allergens in the area. The medications, called allergy immunotherapy, are then custom-formulated based on the allergy test results and help desensitize patients to many of the pollens, molds and other triggers that cause symptoms. This desensitization therapy can allow patients to be around those allergens without having an allergic reaction such as sneezing, coughing, runny nose, itchy and watery eyes, congestion, sleepiness, headache and nausea.

Allergen immunotherapy is a form of treatment aimed at decreasing an individual's sensitivity to substances called allergens. It involves introducing increasing amounts of allergens to a patient over several months. Immunotherapy is administered in the comfort of the patients' home, instead of some common allergy therapies that require an appointment at the physician's office, saving patients' time and money.

Unlike allergy medicines, which act only to "cover up" allergic symptoms or prevent them temporarily, allergy immunotherapy can change the underlying problem of allergies. This occurs because

the body treats the injection much like a vaccine, resulting in the production of infection-fighting antibodies against pollen, dust, mold or pet dander. The body then stops producing allergic antibodies against triggers, and therefore won't have an allergic response when exposed to the allergens. These changes can last for many years even after stopping allergy immunotherapy. Recent studies show that allergy immunotherapy can also prevent people from developing new allergies, and reduce the risk of developing asthma in children with nasal allergies.

"The testing is not painful. A tiny comb gently abrades the skin surface. After the test is performed, it takes about 15 minutes to develop. A positive test will appear as a raised, red bump on the skin, similar to a mosquito bite," says Dr. Halachanova.

"Skin prick testing is the oldest and most reliable form of allergy testing. Skin prick testing continues to be the "gold standard" for diagnosing allergic disease," Dr. Halachanova says.

Adults and children over the age of two can be tested for allergies. This is especially helpful for patients who suffer with asthma, allergic pneumonia, conjunctivitis (pink eye), undiagnosed cough, dermatitis (skin irritation), insect allergy, rhinitis, sinusitis, urticaria (hives) and angioedema (similar to hives, but beneath the skin).

After a course of allergy immunotherapy, 80 to 90 percent of patients have less allergy symptoms, and in many cases their allergies have completely resolved.

"At Paulding County Hospital, we understand that every patient is different. Each responds differently to different allergens. That's why we custom-formulate every single dosage of our allergy medications specifically for the individual patient," says Dr. Halachanova. "Unlike over-the-counter and prescription medications that ease your symptoms, but may have significant side effects, we identify, and then treat the cause of your disease with custom medications."

For more information, or to make an appointment for allergy testing, please call Dr. Ahmed, Paulding 419-399-

1745; Dr. Gilreath, Antwerp and Paulding, 419-258-5641 or 419-399-1782; Dr. Gray, Antwerp, 419-258-5641; Dr. Halachanova, Paulding, 419-399-2045; Dr. Hogan, Oakwood, 419-594-3520; Dr. Kuhn, Payne, 419-263-2947; Dr. Spangler, Paulding, 419-399-2045; Janet Zeedyk, PA, Antwerp, 419-258-5641.

26th ANNUAL FORT WAYNE FARM SHOW IN JANUARY

The Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, IN celebrates the 26th annual Fort Wayne Farm Show on January 13-15, 2015. Show dates and times are as follows:

Tuesday, January 13th, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 14th, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 15th, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Fort Wayne Farm Show has established itself as one of the most respected farm shows in the upper Midwest, featuring the latest technology the industry has to offer. Over 35,000 farmers attend the show annually to view the area's largest variety of farm machinery and equipment in one location. The Northeastern Indiana Soil & Water Conservation District and Purdue Cooperative Extension Services present educational seminars daily. Free CPR classes will be offered each day by Parkview Health Systems. The Wheels of Yesteryear Collection of antique tractors will again be displayed. This year's grand prize drawing will be a Massey Ferguson Zero Turn Lawn Mower[®] courtesy of Harmony Outdoor Equipment located at 102 Peckhart, Auburn, IN.

In support of Indiana's FFA Scholarship Foundation, a fund raising auction will be held at 1:00 p.m. both Tuesday and Wednesday, featuring a variety of donated items. Last year's action raised over \$20,000.00 for scholarships.

In addition to the Fort Wayne Farm Show, Tradexpos produces the North American Farm & Power Show in Owatonna, MN, the Wichita Farm & Ranch Show along with the Topeka Farm Show; both in Kansas.

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WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL GIVES CHRISTMAS TO A FAMILY IN NEED



The 2nd quarter chapel offerings were used to provide a Christmas for a family in our community. The 7th and 8th grade students went on a shopping trip and picked out items for each family mem-

ber. Other grades from WLS helped wrap the presents. The WLS students and their families were able to provide a Christmas with many presents to a family of seven, and still had money left over

to make a donation to the Woodburn Food Bank, which was the chapel collection for the first quarter. Most importantly, the students were able to spread the love of Jesus during the Christmas season!

the Fort Wayne Farm Show, contact Tradexpos, inc. PO Box 1067 Austin, MN 55912 or call Fred Cline 1-800-347-5225.

SPORTS CARD SHOW IN FORT WAYNE

Saturday, January 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Hotel Fort Wayne located at 305 E Washington Center Rd. (exit 312a off of I-69) in Fort Wayne, IN there will be a Sports Card and Collectibles Show. Dealers from the tri-state region will be in attendance buying, selling and trading both sport and non-sport cards and collectibles. Featured will be vintage and new singles, hobby boxes and supplies.

Attendance is free and the public is invited to attend. Please feel free to bring your items in for appraisal. For more information, please contact Brian Mayne at 260-824-4867 or mcardcomics@adamswells.com or on Facebook at Fort Wayne Baseball Card Show.

YOUR OPTIONS IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(NAPSI)—If you or someone you care about is contemplating a first or new career, here's something to think about: Information technology (IT) is deeply embedded in virtually every industry.

More than ever, employers seek technology workers who think strategically, communicate effectively and possess strong business fundamentals.

A job in technology can mean a rewarding, well-paying career that lets you combine an interest in tech with another field: health care, education, government, finance, entertainment, sports or dozens of other industries.

Here are just a few of the tech jobs that are in high demand:

- **Network Administrators** are responsible for maintaining a reliable, secure and efficient data communications network. This typically includes a local area network (LAN), wide area network (WAN), intranet and Internet that organizations rely on to communicate, share, store

and process information.

- **Information Security Architects** plan and carry out security measures to protect an organization's computer networks and systems.

- **Cloud Computing Architects** fill a critical role in designing and implementing cloud-based solutions and resilient and stable cloud platforms. This involves analysis and planning to meet business needs within budget guidelines.

- **Mobile App Developers** work in video game studios; advertising and marketing shops; media firms looking for new ways to distribute their content; and government agencies, financial institutions, health care concerns, retailers and others that want to deliver information, products and services to mobile users.

- **Software Engineers** develop, test, maintain, support and upgrade the software solutions used by an organization. Medical, industrial, military, communications, aerospace, business, scientific, and general computing and technology are just a few of the industries with high demand for software engineers.

To help you see whether the IT workforce is for you, there's a free, interactive career road map. It can help job seekers identify career paths in a variety of tech disciplines and it's available from CompTIA, a nonprofit association for the IT industry. The association also offers CompTIA IT Fundamentals, a credential that covers a range of IT topics and provides a solid grounding in the technology concepts and practices organizations use today.

To learn more, visit <http://certification.comptia.org/home.aspx>.

NEW LAW INCREASES HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED VETERANS

According to Paulding County Auditor, Claudia J. Fickel, the recent passage of House Bill 85 increases the amount of homestead exemption for military veterans who are rated 100% disabled from a service-related disability from \$25,000 to \$50,000. It also exempts disabled veterans from the income means testing, regardless of age.

The bill is designed to add all disabled veterans to the list of individuals who may apply for the homestead-tax exemption, as well as increase their deduction from \$25,000 to \$50,000. This means a disabled veteran who qualifies would only have to pay taxes on \$100,000 of a home valued at \$150,000.

To receive the increased exemption under the bill, a homeowner must be a veteran of the United States armed forces, reserves, or National Guard who was honorably discharged with a service-connected total and permanent disability certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or other federal agency. When applying for the exemption, the veteran must provide written confirmation of the disability from the federal government.

Applications may be filed from January 5, 2015, until the first Monday in June.

Any disabled veteran currently on the homestead exemption needs to complete a new application to receive the new expanded exemption.

For more information, please contact the Paulding County Auditor at 419-399-8205.

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