

VILLAGE SAYS NO STOPS ARE DANGEROUS; ODOT IMPLIES, "TOO BAD!"



Monday March 9th the Village of Payne and Ohio Department of Transportation's District 1 Deputy Director Kirk Slusher squared off in a debate of the Village's right to replace the downtown traffic signals. It is ODOT's position that the intersection of

SR 49 and Townline (SR 613) should no longer have any lighted traffic control device. The traffic on 49 will not stop, the traffic on Townline (SR 613) would now have only stop signs. The stop bar on the west side would be moved

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NEW HAVEN MAYOR TERRY E. McDONALD COMMENTS ON VERA BRADLEY'S DISAPPOINTING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Terry McDonald offered the following comments in reaction to the recent announcement from Vera Bradley in New Haven.

The City of New Haven has been advised of Vera Bradley's plans to close their manufacturing facility at the Adams Center Road location here in New Haven. Mayor McDonald has been in contact with the company and has received information that Vera Bradley is working with each of their employees that will be affected by this decision.

Mayor McDonald said, "The City of New Haven is of course deeply saddened to hear the news that 246 people will no longer be working at the Vera Bradley facility located on Adams Center Road. We stand ready to

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work with our partners at Work One, and GFW, Inc. as we find ways to help the families affected by the closure. We will work aggressively to market and find a company to fill the campus."

The elimination of any jobs is of great concern and we will work with our partners at Northeast Indiana Works and the WorkOne Northeast Center to assist affected individuals.

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Check out New Haven Fitness on page 9!

THREE PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC EMPLOYEES RECEIVE HOMETOWN HERO AWARDS



Pictured here with their awards are (l-r) Josh Smith, Zak Kauser, and Steve Kahle.

The quick action of three Paulding Putnam Electric (PPEC) employees saved the life of a contracted employee nearly three weeks ago and on Friday, March 13th those three employees were recognized for their heroism.

Linemen Zak Kauser and Josh Smith noticed a contractor wasn't feeling good as he was sitting down in the warehouse at PPEC. The contractor was disoriented and told the two to leave him alone. But Zak and Josh didn't leave him alone

and thank goodness they didn't because it ultimately saved the man's life. Zak and Josh called for help and that's when Staking Technician Steve Kahle stepped in and helped the man get into a vehicle to be taken to the hospital.

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OBITUARIES

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LATY: Warren Harding Lucas, age 94, died Wednesday, evening March 11 in his home surrounded with love by his family.

He was born in 1920 in Paulding, Ohio, the only child of Pete and Florence (Block) Lucas. On September 6, 1952 he married Olga Gonzales, who survives, and although divorced have remained the best of friends. He was a US Army veteran with the rank of Corporal serving during WWII. In 1980 he retired after 25 years from GM Powertrain in Defiance, Ohio where he was an iron pourer. He was a member of UAW #211. Warren was raised Baptist.

Warren is survived by his daughters, Juanita Martinez, Joanna (Carlos) Martinez, Kathy (Wesley) Goings, Mary Goings (all of Paulding, and Elena (Michael) Davis of Springfield, MO; grandchildren: Sophia Mobley, Emmanuel J. Lucas (more of a son than grandson), Guadalupe Martinez, Olga Gomez, Brian Godoy, Darnell Goings, Alvina Dial, Jensa Goings, Lawrence Goings Jr., Kierra Nabors, Tamara Perry, O.J. Goings and many, many great-grandchildren, caring family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three uncles and two grandchildren: Georgina Graves and Warren-Aric Goings.

Funeral services were conducted 11 AM Tuesday, March 17 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial followed in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding. Visitation was 4 - 8 PM Monday, March 16 at Den Herder Funeral Home. There was also visitation on Tuesday from 10 AM until time of services.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to Community Health Professionals & Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

forward slightly to improve the view of the intersection heading eastbound on Townline (SR 613). The intersection of SR 49 and Merrin St., also part of SR 500 and SR 613, would have a solid green light for traffic on SR 49 unless a traffic sensor detected cars on Merrin St. The only reason that Merrin St. will be issued a stop light permit is because of the visibility due to building proximity to the intersection. According to ODOT, the present design doesn't have any pedestrian activated switches to activate the red light to cross the street on SR 49. This is a huge concern for the Village of Payne and the safety of their children and residents. The Village also has a major concern over all the slow moving farm wagons during harvest to the largest public grain handling facility in Paulding County.

The entire situation was triggered by a lightning strike that took out the traffic control panel for the two downtown stoplights. To repair the stoplights properly a certified traffic light control company would need a permit from ODOT. This gave ODOT the control of the situation and they required a traffic study to be done before repairs could be made. This left the Village with temporary stop signs and the eyesore of plastic bags covering the traffic lights. The results of the study showed that there is so little traffic that it didn't even register on the chart according to ODOT. When asked if there was a break down or any consideration of the heavy truck traffic in the study the answer was NO.

Most of the Village officials and residents have found that the 4-way stop at both intersections has actually made the traffic flow safer and smoother than ever before. The Village would be happy to replace the old stop lights under the permit that is still currently valid from 1963 or go to two 4-way red flashing lights at both intersections. ODOT cited the Ohio Revised Code & the Traffic Control Manual stating that the role of traffic lights is not to control the speed of the vehicles, but to control the traffic flow. ODOT seemed to have made up their mind months ago and took very little into consideration from the approximately 30 people representing the Payne area during the two hour meeting. At the previous meeting in December and at the start of this meeting, ODOT

basically threatened to hold back funds to pave the State Routes if the Village reinstalled the lights without the permit. They later backed off that position slightly, which I think had a great deal to do with the attendance of State Rep. Tony Burkley as well as County Commissioners Mark Holtsberry and Roy Klopfenstien.

The support of the Village's rights were well represented with several speakers voicing their concerns of safety if traffic was allowed to speed through town unchecked by traffic lights. The largest concern was the increase in semi traffic with the addition of several of the area's livestock operations, the maintenance equipment for wind farms, and highway 49 being the main artery connecting US 24 to US 30. Speakers in favor of the Village's position included: Sheriff Jason Landers, EMA Director Ed Bohn, Antwerp Exchange Bank's Geoff Hyman, Divine Mercy School Principal Cathy Schoenauer, Wayne Trace Elementary School representative Nancy Speice, State Representative Tony Burkley, County Commissioner Mark Holtsberry, Williamson Insurance's Lindsay Timm & Kiley Flaugh, St. Paul UMC Pastor David Rohrer, Paulding County Coroner Joseph Kuhn D.O., The Rock Youth Center's Jennifer Martin, Payne Chamber's Chad Benschneider, Payne Police Chief Rodney Miller, and several others showing their support of the Village's position.

The EMA Director spoke about the 25% increase since last fall of crude oil and other hazardous tankers flowing down the rail road that crosses SR 49 and the increased risk of letting traffic flow unchecked through downtown heading directly at the dangerous rail crossing. Geoff Hyman voiced his concerns for AEB Bank's drive thru customers exiting onto SR 49 if the light only changes when traffic is sensed on Merrin St. Chad Benschneider asked ODOT for examples of cases where there have been lawsuits over placement of stop lights in which there wasn't enough traffic to justify a traffic light? This was one of ODOT's major reasons for denying the permit. The only case they could come up with was in Lima and the case was dropped before it went to court. It was also mentioned that the Payne Chamber along with the Antwerp Exchange Bank in cooperation with the Village of

Payne recently invested vast sums of money to revitalize the downtown and now taking away the stoplights is a black eye to the Village and the future of downtown improvements. Cathy Schoenauer spoke of the concern for all of the children crossing the street during school hours and didn't want to lose one of her students or any of the children walking to the schools. Sheriff Landers encouraged ODOT to see the bigger picture and understand that coming to Payne for a few hours or days of watching traffic doesn't mean the traffic is the same year round and suggested that Payne should have a say in the traffic control devices.

It was asked if ODOT would even consider letting Payne install a yellow flashing light on 49 with a red flasher on Townline. The answer was simply NO, ODOT finds that flashing lights are ignored shortly after being constructed. Then we asked if ODOT would consider a flashing school zone light on 49 near Divine Mercy School? The answer was NO citing that the school had to have property that had street frontage onto the highway to require such a light. The Village Solicitor Jim Sponsor spoke at length citing the Ohio Revised Code & the Traffic Manual stating that ODOT is using a very narrow interpretation of the code and that it is subjective to interpretation. The code states several times that ODOT "MAY" require the removal of traffic control devices which is the government's legal term that it can, but it isn't mandated or required. The Mayor stated that nearly one third of the traffic control manual is corrections and updates to the manual. The overall feeling is that something is driving this issue from special interest groups like the trucking industry to make these small rural towns have less control over their safety control devices. The likelihood is that unless we see several severe crashes at these intersections ODOT will likely keep this point of view. Let this be a warning to all the small towns that you are just one thunderstorm away from losing a part of your town's identity.

—Chad Benschneider, Payne Chamber President

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 3/18 - 3/24

- 3/18 - Sausage, egg & cheese sandwich on English muffin, hashbrown potatoes, stewed tomatoes, fruit salad, orange juice
- 3/19 - BBQ pork sandwich, broccoli, warm spiced peaches, carrot salad, goldfish crackers
- 3/20 - Tuna salad sandwich, potato salad, marinated tomato & cucumber salad, tropical fruit, sherbet
- 3/23 - Cabbage roll casserole over white rice, pineapple tidbits, dinner roll, fruit crisp
- 3/24 - Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, blushing pears, dinner roll

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

—Colossians 3:12 NIV

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 3/18 - 3/24

- 3/18 - Health, Business & Industry Fair from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Extension Building; Bunco at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery Shopping at 1:30 p.m.
- 3/19 - Blood Pressure & Toenail Clinic at 9:00 a.m.; Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Turn up at 12:15 p.m.; Evening Meal at 5:00 p.m.
- 3/20 - Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.; Commodity Distribution at 11:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- 3/23 - Tax clinic by appointment; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Senior Zumba at 10:30 a.m.; Steering Committee at 12:00 Noon
- 3/24 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

JPHS TO HOLD MARCH GENERAL MEETING

The John Paulding Historical Society will be holding their General Meeting on Tuesday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. at the museum located across from the fairgrounds in Paulding.

Speaker for the General Meeting will be Brad Dysinger representing the new Paulding County Parks Board recently appointed by the commissioners.

The meeting is open to the public and refreshments will be served afterwards. Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us for the evening. We would love to see you!

2015 SPORT FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY REFLECTS SOME SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS

Some Ohio waterways are showing signs of improvement based on sampling conducted for the 2015 sport fish consumption advisory. All "Do Not Eat" advisories for the Mahoning River have been removed and replaced with less stringent advisories described below. There are also improved advisories listed for Lake Erie, the Tiffin River and Findley Lake.

A total of 503 fish tissue samples collected from 16 lakes and 19 streams in 2013 form the basis for the new advisory. Fish consumption evaluations help Ohio anglers make informed decisions about consuming their catch. Fish low in contaminants can be an important part of a healthy diet.

A statewide advisory of one fish meal per week remains in place due to mercury. Fish contaminated with high levels of mercury have been shown to cause neurological damage and impaired development in young children.

Certain fish caught in the following areas can be eaten more often:

Findley Lake - All waters
 • Largemouth bass - one meal per week (previously one meal per month due to mercury).

Lake Erie - All waters
 • Rock bass - one meal per week (previously one meal per month due to PCBs).

Mahoning River - Rock-hill Avenue to the Pennsylvania border

• Smallmouth bass - one meal per month for all sizes, due to PCBs and mercury (was "do not eat" for fish over 15 inches and one meal every two months if under 15 inches).

• Channel catfish - one meal every two months for all sizes due to PCBs (was "do not eat" for fish over 21 inches).

• Largemouth bass - one meal per week.

Tiffin River - All waters

• Northern pike greater than 25 inches - one meal per month due to mercury (previously applied to all sizes). Fish under 25 inches revert to the statewide advisory of one fish meal per week.

Advisories in the following water bodies have been added:

Fish Creek - All waters

• Rock bass - one meal per month due to mercury.

Huron River - All waters

• Smallmouth buffalo and common carp - one meal per month due to PCBs.

Lake Erie - All waters

• Smallmouth bass - one meal per month now due to mercury as well as PCBs.

Mahoning River - Rock-hill Avenue to the Pennsylvania border

• Northern pike, rock bass, and bluegill - one meal per month due to PCBs.

• Yellow perch - one meal per week due to PCBs.

• Walleye - one meal per month now due to mercury as well as PCBs.

Mosquito Creek - All waters

• Northern pike - one meal per month due to mercury.

• Common carp - one meal per month due to PCBs.

• Bluegill - one meal per week due to PCBs.

Muskegon River - From Zanesville Dam to the mouth of the Ohio River

• Spotted bass - one meal per month due to mercury.

• Striped bass hybrid - one meal per month due to PCBs and mercury.

St. Joseph River - All waters

• Rock bass and northern pike - one meal per month due to mercury.

Tiffin River - All waters

• All flathead catfish and channel catfish 20 inches or more - one meal per month due to mercury.

Ohio EPA partners with the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to develop consumption advisories for fish caught in Ohio. Fish consumption advisories are updated annually.

Additional information about fish consumption safety for women of child-bearing age, pregnant and nursing mothers, and children under 15 can be found at the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Centers, local health departments, Ohio EPA and Ohio Department of Natural Resources regional offices.

The 2015 fish advisory information is available online and printed copies can be requested by calling (614) 644-2160.

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ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS *LITTLE WOMEN*



Antwerp School presents the musical *Little Women* on March 20-21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Antwerp Local Schools Auditoria.

“Based on Louisa May Alcott’s life, *Little Women*, follows the adventures of sisters Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy March. Jo is trying to sell her stories for publication, but the publishers are not interested. Her friend Professor Bhaer tells her that she has to do better and write more for herself. Begrudgingly taking this advice, Jo weaves the story of herself and her sisters and their experience growing up in Civil War America. *Little Women* embodies the complete theatrical experience, guaranteeing a night filled with laughter, tears, and a lifting of the spirit.” Music Theatre International

Cast members include:
 Jo March - Samantha Provines
 Professor Bhaer - Josh Steiner

Amy March - Mikayla Boesch
 Meg March - Bailee Sigman
 Beth March - Beth Hawley
 Marmee March - Kirsten Price
 Mr. Laurence - Alex Vail
 Laurie Laurence - Ian Blair
 Aunt March - Paige Rebber
 Mr. John Brooke - Erik Buchan
 Mrs. Kirk - Mariah Elkins
 Clarissa - Marissa Elkins
 Braxton - Brian Geyer
 Rodrigo - Taylor Provines
 Knight - Rachel Becker
 Beautiful Hags - Alex Hindenlang and Megaen Price
 Cute Troll - Maggie Wilson
 Chorus - Madison Boesch, Katilyn Clevinger, Aleyah Cline, Emily Derck, Mallory Ehrhart, Adi-

son Hindenlang, Makenna Jones, Becca McCroskey, Erica Meyer, Annie Miesle, Laura Miller, Katie Oberlin, Siera Octaviano, Molly Reinhart, Madison Ruen, Chloe Saul, Kortney Smith, Ali Taylor, Melanie Wann, Ellie Wolf

Dancers - Annie Miesle, Rachel Becker, Madison Boesch, Aleyah Cline, Marissa Elkins, Mariah Elkins, Aaron Hawley, Adison Hindenlang, Alex Hindenlang, Laura Miller, Katie Oberlin, Siera Octaviano, Megaen Price, Molly Reinhart, Madison Ruen, Chloe Saul, Kortney Smith, Melanie Wann, Maggie Wilson

Directors - Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Katie Scharr, Mr. Cord Ehrhart, Mrs. Corrie Ehrhart
 Chorographer - Mrs. Katie Scharr

For more information about this production, please contact the High School office.

is a Supervisor of Parkview Occupational Health’s Physical Therapy. He has a background in Orthopedic Physical Therapy with more than 20 years of orthopedic and worker’s compensation experience.

PARKVIEW SPORTS MEDICINE/TEAM MAC HOSTS JR. CAGE CLASSIC

Parkview Sports Medicine and the Team MAC 8th grade girls team combined to put on a Jr. cage classic event at the MAC Gym in Antwerp last Sunday. 41 girls and 48 boys participated from 18 different northwest Ohio junior high schools. Four games were played in 7th grade boys and girls and 8th grade boys and girls. The first time event brought over 400 spectators to the gym for the post season fun.

Game one was played by the seventh grade girls. A great battle ensued with the Scarlett team edging the Gray 34-32. The second game brought in seventh grade boys. The Gray team edged the Scarlett 41-34. The third game of the day brought in eighth grade girls. A see-saw battle ended with the Scarlett team holding on for a 35-27 win. The final game of the day was the eighth grade boys. The play was intense but Gray ran away with the lopsided victory 61-27.

As with most first time events, ideas will be tweaked and improvements will be made, but the overall experience, camaraderie, and positive comments and remarks shared by everyone in attendance was a positive. Look forward to seeing this event again next year.

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL MUSICIANS PERFORM WITH ARMY BAND



Three high school musicians from Northwest Ohio were selected to perform with the U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors in a concert held at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert, Ohio. The performance was held Tuesday night, March 3.

Katelynn Frazier, a trumpet player from Bluffton High School, Kendall Newcomer, a saxophonist from McComb High School, and Ben Tuttle, a trombonist from St. Mary’s Memorial High School were selected by District 3 Jazz Band Directors to perform a piece with the prestigious Jazz Ambassadors. They took the stage to join the Jazz Ambassadors midway through the concert to perform “Mr. Timmons,” a jazz chart by renowned jazz artist, Art Blakey.

The Jazz Ambassadors of the U.S. Army Field Band is stationed in Washington D.C. and travels all over the world to entertain troops, dignitaries and the public.

All players are commissioned officers of the U.S. Army and also professional musicians. Noted as America’s Big Band and formed in 1969, the Jazz Ambassadors have performed in all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, Japan, India, and throughout Europe.

Following the performance, all three high school musicians commented on what a thrill and honor it was to perform with such a great jazz band and to be on the stage of the Niswonger Performing Arts Center. The Niswonger is pleased to offer inspiring musical opportunities for students throughout the region.

Directors for the respective high school bands are David Sycks, Bluffton; Andrew Honse, McComb; and Craig French, St. Mary’s.

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The program will begin at 12:00 Noon.

It will be located at the New Haven City Administration Building in the Police Training Room at 815 Lincoln Hwy.

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Jana Hoepfner, PT, MBA, CEAS, is a certified Ergonomic Assessment Specialist and past Blankenship certified FCE evaluator. He

SPRING SPRUCE UP IN NEW HAVEN

Join the New Haven/Adams Township Park Department for the annual Spring Spruce Up Day on Saturday, April 11, 2015. Tasks will vary by park and may include ball diamond work, collection of trash and sticks, leaf pick up and flower bed preparation. Trash bags will be provided. Please bring work gloves if you have them and dress appropriately. We plan to work rain or shine.

Volunteers should meet at Schnelker Park for coffee and rolls at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers will then head out to various park locations and work until 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to return back to the Schnelker Park for a light lunch. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the New Haven Park Office at 749-2212 and put your name on the list. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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HITE ANNOUNCES LEGISLATION TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM MENINGITIS

Senator Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) announced the introduction of new legislation today regarding immunizations against meningitis.

Senate Bill 121 will require the Ohio Department of Health to prescribe a schedule for immunizations against bacterial meningitis. The Center for Disease Control currently recommends the vaccination to all students at ages 11 or 12, with a booster at age 16.

“Meningitis can quickly strike young victims and result in multiple amputations or death within hours,” said Hite. “Sadly, my family learned through tragedy that the best treatment for meningitis is often prevention.”

The bill comes as a follow-up to last year’s Senate Bill 275, which created a statewide Meningitis Awareness Day, set for March 9. Senator Hite’s niece, Tess Whitson, passed away within hours of contracting the disease.

“I am continuing my commitment to Tess and other victims by introducing this

bill. If we can prevent even one death with the passage of this bill, we will have made a difference,” said Hite.

Senator Hite introduced the bill while speaking to the Immunization Advocacy Network of Ohio today, a group of vaccination advocates from around the state. They have previously supported the addition of meningitis to the list of required vaccinations for students.

For more information on Senate Bill 275 and Meningitis Awareness Day, please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nriWLUAy18>.

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BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

1. Luke 18:18 - Who asked Jesus a question?
2. Luke 18:18 - What did this man call Jesus?
3. Luke 18:18 - What question was asked?
4. Luke 18:19 - What did Jesus say about being good?
5. Luke 18:20 - What did Jesus say the ruler knew?
6. Luke 18:21 - What did the ruler say in this verse?
7. Luke 18:22 - When Jesus heard what the ruler said, Jesus said what?
8. Luke 18:22 - Jesus said _____ all that you have and _____ to the _____?
9. Luke 18:22 - If the ruler did this, what would he have?
10. Luke 18:23 - The young ruler became what?

Comments or questions? Call James Potter at 419-393-4775 or e-mail at jjsp1941@yahoo.com also you can call Lonnie Lambert 419-399-5022. Jesus loves you and so does the church of Christ.

Answers to today's questions:

1. A certain ruler; 2. Good teacher; 3. What shall I do to inherit eternal life? 4. One is good, God; 5. The commandments; 6. I have kept the commandments from my youth; 7. You still lack one thing; 8. Sell, distribute to the poor. 9. Treasure; 10. Very sorrowful;

Now let's see what we can learn from this study. The first thing we need to see is the ruler calling Jesus good teacher. Loved ones, did this ruler fully understand the meaning of good? Why is Jesus telling the ruler only one is good? Loved ones, Jesus is telling the ruler that he needed and we need to understand that Jesus is more than good, He is sinless and deity. Notice also the ruler was saying that he was keeping all the Ten Commandments, but there was something he wasn't doing, loving his neighbor, read Matthew 19:18-19. Notice also in Luke 18:22 what Jesus told the ruler, sell all that you have and distribute to the poor. Notice there are three things the ruler needed to do.

1. Go sell all his possessions.
2. Give the money from that sale to the poor.
3. Jesus then tells him, come follow me. Jesus is telling the ruler prioritize, count the cost. Jesus told the ruler he would have treasure in heaven. This ruler lacks the willingness to let go and let God. Loved ones, something to think about, if Jesus told you to sell all you have and give to the poor, are you willing? Jesus isn't going to

ask this of us, but what Jesus is asking you and I to do is deny ourselves and follow Him.

"Ol' Baldy" says bye for now, but continue to pray, read and study the Bible, especially the New Testament.

A CHANCE FOR CHASE

There will be a benefit this Saturday, March 21st at the American Legion in Payne, OH. It will begin at 12:00 Noon and last into the night. There will be food available, a gun raffle (SWAT Firearm 223/5.56), a 50/50 drawing, a donated item raffle, and music.

Chase was diagnosed with NF2 on April 2, 2013. This disease causes tumors throughout his body; mostly on his nerves. Chase's body does not produce a suppressor that controls cell division. As a result of this, Chase has multiple tumors throughout his body. He has tumors in his brain, neck, chest, brachial plexus and arm. His brachial plexus tumors have caused almost a full paralysis of his left arm. It is quite possible these tumors could cause deafness, blindness, more paralysis, and in some cases, death. He currently receives care at Cincinnati Children's Hospital on a regular basis. We are hoping to raise funds for the Holt family to help with any medical bills, transportation, lodging, food and any other expenses that will be incurred as a result of Chase's condition such as the experimental medications that are being examined as a way of slowing the tumor growth. Some of these medications cost upwards of \$15,000 a month. They will need support now and into the future, as there is no cure currently available for his condition.

Music provided by Jarod Delgado, Cass Blue, Lifehouse Church Band, Section-Ate, Mind's Eye, Evolution, and Bydus. For more information contact Rick Pierce at 419-203-1873 or go to the website: <http://bigamcommunications.wix.com/chance4chase>

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AT NEW HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Treasured: Women, the Women's Ministry of New Hope Community Church, is hosting a Women's Conference on Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in their North Campus, 203 Old Farm Trail, Bryan, OH 43506. It will be a day to refresh your spirit and recharge your faith. It's inspiration, friendship, laughter, and of course, food. Come spend the day with your girlfriends, make some new friends and grow in your relationship

with our precious Father God.

Our featured speaker will be author, speaker and Director of Speaker Development for Proverbs 31 Ministries, Karen Ehman. Karen is the author of five books including *A Life That Says Welcome: Simple Ways to Open Your Heart and Home to Others*, *The Complete Guide to Getting and Staying Organized*, *Let It Go, Everyday Confetti*, *Keep It Shut: What to Say, How to Say It, and When to Say Nothing at All*. Karen has been a guest on national television and radio programs including The 700 Club, At Home Live, Engaging Women, The Harvest Show, Moody Midday Connect and Focus on the Family. We are excited for the time that Karen will spend with us, sharing her wisdom, knowledge and love for the Lord. For more information about Karen, please visit her website at www.karenehman.com.

The mission project for this event will be to collect items for donation to our local Community Pregnancy Centers of Northwest Ohio.

For more information about Renew, please contact the church office at 419.636.1362 or visit our website at www.newhopec.org

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORIES?

Winning the Battle for a Generation by: Pastor Rick Jones

I have many cherished memories of growing up a young boy with my family of 10 in Northwest Ohio. We were too poor to do the "vacation thing" but I do have many wonderful memories of taking a Sunday picnic with my family and many fishing adventures with my dad and brothers along the Blanchard River. I enjoyed arrow head hunting with my brothers, gleaning area cornfields in the fall for extra Christmas money and many other childhood experiences that were cherished. However, one memory I did not have growing up with my family was that of going to church, we were not church goers.

Though our family did not attend church, my mother did leave me with one particular memory I will cling to as long as I live. I was 6 or 7 years old and my mother would gather all of us who were younger and read to us from a large family Bible. My mother's favorite readings came from the Old Testament and more specifically, the Ten Commandments. Time after time she would read them... "Thou shalt not covet, thou shalt not lie, thou shalt not take the name of

the Lord they God in vain, thou shall honor thy father and thy mother, etc." When my mother finished reading the Ten Commandments, I always remember feeling sad, shamed because of all the commandments I had broken. Little did I know then how God would use the reading of His Word to plant the seeds of the reality of sin, separation and God's judgment. Years later, after the breaking of God's Laws had broken my heart, I came to know Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.

What are your favorite childhood memories? The reading of the Ten Commandments by my mother served a holy purpose, to lead me to Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul put it this way... Galatians 3:19,23; (NLT), "Why, then, was the law given? It was given alongside the promise to show people their sins. Before the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were placed under guard by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until the way of faith was revealed."

One of the best investments a mother and father can give their children are cherished memories, especially those that will lead them to faith in Jesus Christ.

Pastor 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.

HAPPINESS SOLUTIONS OFFERED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

Practical tips for living a happier life will be revealed at Lifetree Café on Thursday, March 19 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

The program, titled "Be Happy," features a filmed interview with Gretchin Rubin, author of the New York Times #1 bestselling book *The Happiness Project*.

"Happiness isn't a finish line; it's a process" says Rubin, who shares a dozen specific suggestions for moving people toward greater happiness at home, at work, and in relationships.

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are available. Lifetree Café is located in The Bachwell at 116 N. Washington Stree, Van Wert, OH.

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual coffeehouse-type setting. Questions about Lifetree may be directed to First UMC at 419-238-0631 or firstchurch@wcoil.com.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS 23 BLAST AT FREE MOVIE NIGHT

Christ Lutheran Church in Woodburn, IN will be showing a free movie night on Sunday, March 22nd. They will be playing *23 Blast*. Snacks begin at 4:00 p.m. and the movie will be begin at 5:00 p.m.

"*23 Blast* is based on the amazing, true story of Travis Freeman (Mark Hapka). When a high school football star is suddenly stricken with irreversible, total blindness, he must decide whether to live a protected life or summons the courage to continue playing football with the encouragement of his friends and determined coach (Stephen Lang, *Avatar*). *23 Blast* is a story of courage and perseverance that 'will motivate you to put your excuses on the sideline and get in the game.'"

Please join us at the corner of SR 101 and Park St., Woodburn.

NEW HORIZONS FELLOWSHIP CHURCH HOSTS EASTER EGG HUNT

New Horizons Fellowship Church, 1330 Werling Road, New Haven, will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4 at 2:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend this free family friendly event with fun for all ages. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Werling Park with parking at New Horizons Church. Children participating will be divided into three different age groups and receive gift bags. Contact the church at 260-749-0422 if you would like more information.

3rd ANNUAL TAMMY GIBSON MEMORIAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

The 3rd Annual Tammy Gibson Memorial Spaghetti Dinner is set for Saturday, March 21st from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Scott Fire Department. This dinner will go to the Paulding Co. Foundation Tammy Gibson Memorial Scholarship Fund. For more information call 419-622-4016.

LOCAL STUDENT NAMED OHIO NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC STATE BEE SEMI-FINALIST BY NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Catherine Strable (7th grader at Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School), daughter of Mike and Lori Strable, has been notified by the National Geographic Society that she is one of the semi-finalists eligible to compete in the 2015 Ohio National Geographic State Bee, sponsored by Google and Plum Creek. The contest will be held in Columbus on Friday, March 27, 2015.

This is the second level of the National Geo-

graphic Bee competition, which is now in its 27th year. School Bees were held in schools with fourth-through eighth-grade students throughout the state to determine each school champion. School champions then took a qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society. The National Geographic Society has invited up to 100 of the top-scoring students in each of the 50 states, District of Columbia, Department of Defense Dependents Schools and U.S. territories to compete in the state Bees.

Each state champion will receive \$100, the "National Geographic Atlas of the World, 10th Edition," a medal, and a trip to Washington, D.C., to represent their state in the National Geographic Bee Championship to be held at National Geographic Society headquarters, May 11-13, 2015. The national champion will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship and lifetime membership in the Society. The national champion will also travel (along with one parent or guardian), all expenses paid, to the Galápagos Islands, where he/she will experience geography firsthand through up-close encounters with the islands' unique wildlife and landscapes. Travel for the trip is provided by Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic. Visit www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee for more information on the National Geographic Bee.

National Geographic Channel and Nat Geo WILD will air the 2015 National Geographic Bee Championship final round, moderated by award-winning journalist Soledad O'Brien, on Friday, May 15, at 8:00 p.m. ET. The final round will be aired later on public television stations. Check local television listings for air date and time in your area.

How would you fare as a Bee contestant? At the school Bees this year, students had to answer such questions as:

- Six-time Super Bowl champions, the Pittsburgh Steelers, play football near the source of the Ohio River in which state—Alabama or Pennsylvania? *Pennsylvania*
- Balboa Park, with more than ten museums, performing arts centers, and gardens, is located in which southern California city? *San Diego*
- Taylor Swift performed songs from her album *Red* last summer in Kuala Lumpur, the capital of which Asian country that borders the South China Sea? *Malaysia*
- Disney's blockbuster movie *Frozen* is set in the fictional land of Arendelle, which was largely inspired by the country of Norway. Norway is located on which European peninsula? *Scandinavian Peninsula*

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

MR. Q & MISS U TIE THE KNOT!



Pictured here are Miss U: Emily Laker and Mr. Q: Blayne Hogrefe.

Mr. Q and Miss U tied the knot in Mrs. McMichael's kindergarten class at Antwerp Elementary School! Students in the class participated in the event as grooms-

men, bridesmaids, parents of the newlyweds, flower girl, choir, and guests. Mrs. McMichael was the minister of the ceremony, and Miss Gadsen (student teacher) was the wedding planner. Through this event, students learned how the letters Q and U are almost always joined together in words.

ANTWERP ENGINEERING YOUR FUTURE STUDENTS PROJECTS



Students in the class include (l-r) Alex Vail, Hayden Spryn, Alston Doctor, and Kennedy McMichael; Mikayla Burns (sitting)



Senior Alston Doctor created an impressive and beautiful wooden card table for his Industrial Tech I project.

Students in Mr. Weirich's classes at Antwerp High School have been busy with a variety of projects.

Students in Engineering Your Future created wooden reels; the class did all of the planning, developed all of the jigs and fixtures, and is currently developing a business plan for production.

caption 1: Students in the class include (l-r) Alex Vail, Hayden Spryn, Alston Doctor, and Kennedy McMichael; Mikayla Burns (sitting)

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

PAULDING COUNTY TO HOST NORTHWEST OHIO LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS MEETING

Paulding County OSU Extension will be hosting a Northwest Ohio Livestock Producers (NWOLP) meeting on March 18, 2015, from 12:00 until 2:00 p.m. at the Black Swamp Nature Center, 753 Fairground Drive, Paulding, OH 45879. Kevin Elder of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Livestock Permitting Division, will be the featured speaker. This meeting is open to any person from Paulding, Van Wert, Putnam, Defiance, Williams, Fulton, Mercer, Allen, Henry, Lucas, Wood, Hancock, Auglaize, Hardin, or Ottawa with an interest in Livestock and

Environmental Stewardship.

Mr. Elder will be speaking on Senate Bill 1. Currently, Senate Bill 1 has passed in the Senate and has been referred to the House Agriculture and Rural Development Committee. Elder will be discussing provisions of Senate Bill 1 and the effect on livestock producers.

OSU Extension Educator, Sarah Noggle, stated, "This bill effects so many practices of livestock producers on manure and fertilizer applications that it's great to hear information from Mr. Elder at ODA. It gives livestock producers the most up to date information and to inform producers of the changes that may need to be made in their operations on how they haul, handle and apply manure.

Despite many positive agricultural practices already being done, we must continue to protect the environment and our watershed, but still sustain the family farm as well as be profitable in the future. These farmers are stewards of the land and they too want to protect our local environment. Change is hard, but I would rather be proactive than reactive to what is going on in legislation at the state level. Extension truly helps with this education process by giving producers and local farmers the opportunity to learn early on in the process."

The event will have a meal sponsored by Cooper Farms and ODA will be offering two (2) hours of Certified Livestock Manager (CLM) credits for attending the event. Space for the event is limited and RSVPs are due by March 17th at noon. RSVPs can be submitted by mailing forms to: 503 Fairground Drive, Paulding, OH 45879; by calling (419)399- 8225 or by emailing noggle.17@osu.edu. Registration forms can be found under the OSU Extension website at paulding.osu.edu.

HONORING AMERICA'S FARMERS ON NATIONAL AG DAY MARCH 18

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

For more than 40 years we have celebrated National Ag Day as a time to pause and honor the American farmer. Today, our farmers are the most productive and efficient in the world with each one helping feed more than 144 people.

This year National Ag Week is March 15-21 and is highlighted by National Ag Day on Wednesday, March 18.

And there is another very important date in March we want to remind farmers about this year. March 31 is the last day to make several important choices on federal safety net programs that could make a big difference for their farms through 2018.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) is urging farmers and landowners across the nation to finalize their decisions by March 31 on updating crop yield histories and reallocating base acres for new safety net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC). Updated yields and base acre reallocations could help improve a farmer's potential to recover payments when a weather disaster or unexpect-

ed changes in the marketplace negatively affects their income.

March 31 is also the last day to decide which program - ARC or PLC - is the right one for their operation. Each program provides unique protections. The best choice will depend on factors specific to their individual farm.

FSA, in cooperation with a number of universities, has provided online Web-based tools, found at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc to help make this important decision. The online tools have already helped more than half a million farmers so far.

If you have not yet considered your PLC or ARC options, take the time today to explore the web tools and then contact your FSA county office if you have questions. Celebrate Ag Day and Ag Week with the peace of mind knowing your farm will be protected as you make plans to enter the fields this spring.

If you don't make a decision by the March 31 deadline, then you will be assigned Price Loss Coverage, the default program, and lose payments for losses incurred in 2014. However, if you complete your ARC or PLC election by the deadline, you will be protected against 2014 price or revenue losses.

Don't let this opportunity slip by. Finalize your yield or base acre decisions, complete those conversations between landowners and producers, and conduct your final reviews to determine how ARC or PLC can help you. Avoid that end-of-the-month rush, and make an appointment today. Your Ohio FSA county staff is standing by ready to help.

MAD ANTS FALL IN TIGHT OVERTIME GAME

The Mad Ants, sponsored by Lutheran Health Network, fell in their return home, Sunday, March 1st to the Sioux Falls Skyforce 122-118 in overtime at the Allen Co. War Memorial Coliseum.

The game exploded straight from the jump ball, filling the first twelve minutes with high powered offense from both sides, keeping the game close, but ultimately ended in the Mad Ants favor 44-38. The pace of the second quarter would weaken just

so slightly, but the Mad Ants were still able to find themselves on top 70-61 at the half way point. Emmett recorded 21 first half points, while McKinney-Jones netted 14 of his own. CJ Fair in his new starting role put up 12 points.

The Mad Ants held the lead the majority of the third quarter before the early half of the fourth quarter became a tightly contested offensive game that couldn't be settled after twelve minutes, as the score was set at 113-113 both sides. In the Mad Ants sec-

ond overtime game this season, the Mad Ants, although with the push at the end to take back control, fell 122-118. Emmett led all scorers with his double-double of 37 points and 11 rebounds. Fair recorded 24 of his own and Gary Talton would add 11 assists to his 14 points.

For the Skyforce, Scotty Hopson led with 35 points and Andre Dawkins followed close behind with 34 of his own. Khem Birch led all with 17 rebounds in that category to add to his 15 points.

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READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

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, Cabin Fever Coffee

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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

Edgerton: Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Frager's Barbershop, Utilities Office
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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, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware

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
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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan

This morning on dawn patrol, we had extra fuel tanks because we weren't sure where we would end up. We flew over to the Dieppe area and got there shortly after sun-up. We found some truck traffic on the coastal highway all headed south towards Le Harve. We hit them hard and we destroyed everything that was in that column. We saw some action at the water front and the harbor.

There was a couple of German-style power boats in that area, sort of a harbor patrol. It looked like they could do 40mph or more. I did a wing over and started down to get one of those boats with my machine guns and 20mm cannon. He would turn one way and then the other to get out of my line of fire. But, I know I put some rounds into his hull. I could see some smoke coming from somewhere on that boat, and then I went skyward to get some more elevation.

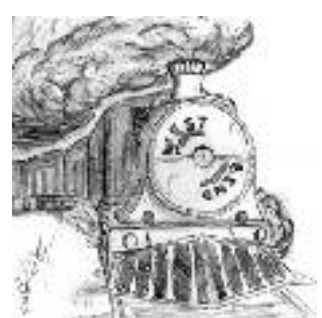
My wingman, Lt. Ames, followed me down to the boat and I guess he wanted to make sure of it because he put one of his 4" jumbo rockets in the dead center of the boat. I could look around and down at all of the action and I saw Lt. Ames' plane sort of wobble or shudder a little. So, I flew out into the middle of the channel where I couldn't get hit with small rounds and the aircraft fire.

I talked to Lt. Ames on the radio and he said, "I have a big hole in the tip of my left wing, and probably some more damage on the underneath part of my wing. But so far, the ship answers to all of

my flying." I suggested that he stay down low and head for home. He said he was not losing fuel and the oil pressure was okay. I asked if he wanted me to fly back to the base with him and he said, "I think I will be okay by myself and I'm going to set a course now for our airbase back home. I will slow down to about 300mph and have plenty of fuel." So, we other three pilots stayed with him on the radio and he said everything seemed to be going okay and he was going on home.

We three flew on down around to the Caen area and we shot up anything that moved and some targets that didn't move. Well, Lt. Ames got back to the base alright, and the boys got his plane repaired for the dawn patrol tomorrow. I guess none of his super-structure was damaged.

See ya!



There are Two Kinds of Dumb

One time I was in the barber's chair at the local barber shop when the barber looked out of the big front window and saw a young boy walking this way from across the street. The barber said, "Now you watch this boy, as he is a little slow and not good at figuring, and probably won't amount to much. He stops in here pretty regular."

So, the barber finished with my haircut and I got out of the chair and went over by the wall and sat down to observe what went on. The young fellow came in and he was a very nice, clean, friendly and polite boy. He stood by the chair and the barber stuck out both of his hands, as he had two quarters in one hand and a dollar in the other and

offered both to the boy and said, "Take your pick!" Well, the boy took the hand with the two quarters and after a few "thank you's," he left. The barber said to me, "See, what did I tell you? He is not very sharp with money!" I got up and followed the boy across the street and I asked him why he took the hand with the two quarters when the other hand had a whole dollar bill in it.

He replied, "Sir, the day I take the dollar bill instead of the quarters... that's when the game ends."

This story is courtesy of Jerry Grimes.



THE LATEST NEWS ON THE SNOW OWLS

By: Stan Jordan

This picture of the snow owl was given to me by Roger Lily. It was taken February 6th, in Harrison Twp., west of State Route 49. There have been a number of sightings in that area. Mr. Lily is very interested in conservation and wildlife. He has taken some good pictures of the owls and the eagles. If you notice, this shot of the owls shows him on a light pole. The owls have very good eyesight and see the smallest movement of a rodent at quite a distance. On a pole or on a limb is generally where you see the owls.

Mrs. Linda Baumert was telling me a few weeks ago that she has seen a snow owl right near her home. She lives over in Harrison Twp. On County Road 21. That is not too far from the Indiana and Ohio State-line Road.

I have received four reports of people seeing a snow owl in that area. Linda tells me that she has seen a pair of owls around her house. She also tells me that they build their nests on the ground and not in a tree. We both hope that they will build a nest around here and become part of our wildlife picture.

I have been told that Susie Hull saw a pair of snow owls in her neighborhood. She lives on the River Road East. She wasn't sure of what kind of birds they were, but from their size and description, they must be snow owls. She was astonished how larger they are!

Corky Hughes, our Township Trustee, tells me that his sister, Cindy Kauser has seen a snow owl over on State Highway 111 in the Paulding County Hospital area. She too was amazed at how large of a bird they are. I certainly appreciate hearing from you folks about seeing these birds. Call me anytime 419-506-1924.

See ya!

THE SMELL OF SKUNK IS IN THE AIR!

By: Staci Miller, Paulding SWCD, Education Specialist, staci.miller@paulding-swcd.org

It's starting to look a lot like springtime, the snow has melted and the sun is shining and the familiar smells of spring are returning. Those familiar smells may include blooming flowers, fresh cut grass and even the unpleasant scent of skunks. You may not see the skunks, but you will be sure to smell their fragrant scent as the weather continues to warm up.

During the winter, skunks spend the majority of their time in their dens until the warm weather breaks.

Early spring is the peak breeding season for skunks. The skunks will mate in early March and they will have their young in May and June. Skunks have a gestation period of 60-75 days with an average litter size of three to ten of young baby skunks called kits.

The skunk's main defense is a complex chemical substance that includes sulfuric acid that can be released when the animal is threatened. Because of this ability, skunks will stand and face a threat rather than run away. They may be able to face their threats but they don't stand a chance against cars.

Cars are the leading cause of death to skunks especially in areas of high traffic. Skunks may have a horrible smell that can linger for days once they spray, but they do serve a valuable purpose in our communities.

Skunks eat insects and small creatures such as mice that are considered pests to humans.

As we welcome the warm weather, keep your nose(s) out for skunks especially during this peak breeding time.

NEW STATE WILDLIFE OFFICER ASSIGNED TO HANCOCK COUNTY OHIO

State Wildlife Officer Eric VonAlmen has been assigned as the new state wildlife officer in Hancock County, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

"I am pleased that Eric chose to come to Hancock County. The skills that Eric has learned in his previous assignment in Lucas County will greatly assist him here in Hancock County,

"according to Kevin Russell, ODNR Wildlife Supervisor. "Eric's many achievements in his military service, his professionalism and his familiarity with the area will greatly benefit the sportsmen and women of Hancock County. I believe that Eric will be an excellent fit as the state wildlife officer in Hancock County."

Officer VonAlmen is a 2004 graduate of Columbus Grove High School in Putnam County. In 2009, he received an associate degree in wildlife management from Hocking College.

VonAlmen has been the State Wildlife Officer assigned to Lucas County since his graduation from the Wildlife Officer Academy in 2012.

As a state wildlife officer, VonAlmen will have statewide jurisdiction to enforce wildlife regulations, investigate allegations of waterway pollution, protect state property, and make arrests. He will also conduct educational programs, perform fish and wildlife management duties, and advise landowners on dealing with wildlife. Wildlife officers serve an important role as a point of contact with law enforcement and other agencies on topics of mutual interest, providing assistance and expertise.

JPHS' HEE HAW NOW ON DVD!

Did you miss the John Paulding Historical Society's HEE HAW Show that was held last October? Well, the DVD is now available. If you would like a DVD, you can contact Kim Sutton at 419-399-2388, any of the Directors or stop at the museum on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It's a great souvenir of a hysterical show.

A MUCH DESERVED "THANK YOU" FROM THE ANTWERP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

The Antwerp Volunteer Fire Dept. wants to extend a very much deserved "thank you" to the Defiance Lowes store. Lowes of Defiance donated all of the hand tools that were requested, to supply our new fire truck. Thank you Tony Casper, the manager of the store, for the tools. They are greatly appreciated.

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Any questions, please call 419-399-8285



TOUGH TIMES INTENSIFY PERSISTENT FRIENDS

The Nurturing Well by: Jill Starbuck

Friends are some of the most influential and important people in our lives. Some of our most memorable experiences happen with our friends. We laugh, celebrate, and have fun with them. We often share the same interests. Most of all, we enjoy spending time with them. However, our truest friends are those who not only laugh and have fun with us, they are the ones who stick around during difficult times—especially the difficult times.

Our truest friends know us more than most anybody else. In fact, they are the ones who aren't afraid to argue with us when we aren't making the best decisions or when we can't see past a certain viewpoint. They interfere when we do something that could be harmful to ourselves. They listen relentlessly and drop everything to be by our side. They encourage us and become our biggest advocates. They hound us to do something we should be doing. And they do not give up when we are being stubborn. They can become the most annoying people we know when times are tough.

Here are some of the reasons our friends can come across as annoying:

1. They want to help. When times are tough our friends often feel helpless. They want to do something to make us feel better. Anything. They care for us and can't stand to see us suffering in any way.

2. They know us better than most people. Because our friends know us better than anyone else, they know our most vulnerable aspects. However, when we aren't feeling well or going through some emotional turmoil, we don't want to feel vulnerable. It's harder for us to put up a front and pretend that we are feeling fine when we aren't. And our friends can see right through this. It can be irritat-

ing.
3. They are scared. In the event of an illness, our friends sometimes fear the worst. After all, we are important people in their lives. When we are sick, it becomes terrifying for our friends because they often can't do anything about it. But they desperately try to find some way to control the situation by becoming more persistent than ever.

4. They want us back. While our friends will do anything for us at any time, they'd prefer to see us at our best. They want us healthy and happy. So they will go to great lengths to try and get us back to being ourselves.

5. They love us. When times are tough, our friends can't stop thinking about us. They will do anything for us simply because they love us.

For these reasons, we should embrace our friends during tough times. While they can annoy us and seem overbearing, they really have the best intentions. They are often the most loyal, reliable, and trustworthy people we know.

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

WRITERS' GROUP FORMING IN MONROEVILLE

By: Jill Starbuck

Starting Wednesday, April 15, the Heartland Writers' Forum will meet every third Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Monroeville Library. Formed by editing and writing professionals Bobbi Madry and Jill Starbuck, the forum offers a supportive and educational environment for both aspiring and published writers. Bringing more than 55 years of combined experience to the group, Madry and Starbuck offer a wealth of knowledge.

Madry brings more than 35 years of editing and writing experience to the forum. She is a published author and former senior editor of textbooks, teaching guides, audio-visu-als, and novels. Some of her published titles include *Tell It to the Future*, *Love Makes the Difference*, and *New Horizons*. She has also written columns and articles that have appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Der-*

mascope Magazine, and other publications. She served as author and senior editor for three major New York publishers: MPC Educational Publishers, John Wiley, and Thomson International. In addition, she was the associate publisher of a Rockland, New York newspaper. She was also lead editor of a publishing business called Golden Quill Press. Madry holds a degree in Behavioral Sciences and Communication, and graduated from the Vance School of Speech and Drama.

Starbuck brings more than 20 years of communication experience in editing, researching, training, and writing. Her business writing includes analytical reports, brochures, catalog copy, manuals, newsletters, and technical documents. In addition, she has edited a variety of works, including an intellectual property valuation book and market intelligence reports. She writes weekly health and wellness articles for the *Monroeville News* and *West Bend News* and a blog for an intellectual property valuation firm and a running business. She has created and facilitated writing courses at the college and business levels. She has also developed house style guides and standard operating procedures. Starbuck holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree in English, graduated from The Publishing Institute, and earned certification in editing from UC Berkeley.

The Heartland Writers Forum's mission is to help writers realize their writing potential through moral support, collaborative efforts, and accountability. The forum provides writing tools, tips, advice, constructive feedback, and more. "We decided to create this forum to help local writers find a constructive writing environment that joins like-minded individuals. With a lack of writing support groups in the general area, we decided to fulfill this need and inspire writers to keep moving forward. Many times self-doubt and fear often hinder writers from taking the steps necessary to complete their projects. We provide encouragement and accountability to get them to the final phase," commented Starbuck.

Whether you are just getting started or you are a published author, this forum provides learning and bonding experiences for all types of writers. Join the group every Wednesday at the Monroeville Library. If you have any

question, feel free to contact Jill at 260-615-0306 or Bobbi at 260-417-9647.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Madison Lee Justinger was born on March 12, 2015 at 7:19 a.m. at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville. She weighed 8 lb. 4 oz. and was 19.3 inches long.

Her parents are Emily and Clay Justinger of Antwerp, OH. Her older sibling is Emma Lynn Justinger. Her grandparents are Audrey and Steve Boviall of Auburn, IN; Kim Justinger of Antwerp, OH; Mark Justinger of Paulding, OH. Great-grandparents are Al and Sharon McMaken.

PANGRAZIO TO ENTER NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME; 14 HEADED TO OHSAA OFFICIALS HALL OF FAME

The late Joseph (Joe) Pangrazio Sr., one of Ohio's legendary football and basketball officials, will become the 28th Ohioan to enter the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Hall of Fame, while 14 individuals have been selected for induction into the Ohio High School Athletic Association Officials Hall of Fame.

Pangrazio is the 28th Ohioan to enter the National High School Hall of Fame, which is more than any other state (Illinois ranks second with 23 inductees). The previous 27 Ohioans to be inducted are posted at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/NFHSHallOfFame.asp>

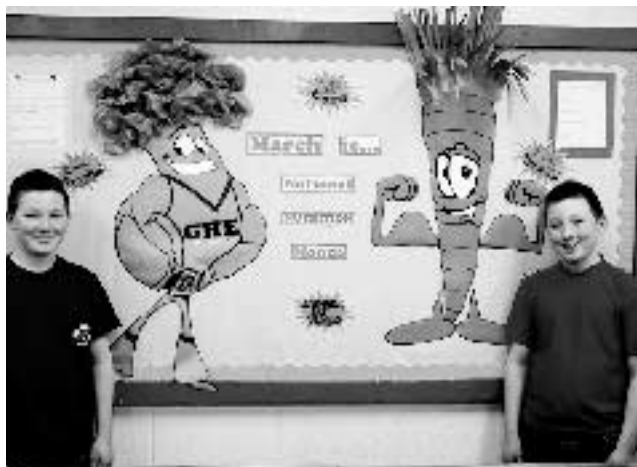
Pangrazio was a 1989 charter member of the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame, and last year he was inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame. He and 11 other individuals will enter the NFHS High School Hall of Fame July 2 in New Orleans during the 33rd Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, which will wrap up the 96th annual NFHS Summer Meeting.

The OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame induction banquet is scheduled for June 13 in Columbus. Each of the 14 inductees is being honored for significant contributions to interscholastic officiating in Ohio and were selected by the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame Committee. More information on the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame is posted at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/officials/HallofFame.htm>

"It is an honor to have an Officials Hall of Fame where the best in Ohio are recognized for their outstanding careers and their dedication to officiating," said Beau Rugg, OHSAA Assistant Commissioner and one of last year's Hall of Fame inductees. "Officiating is a service and it is a joy to recognize these highly respected individuals with induction into the Hall of Fame."

Pangrazio was an OHSAA football official for 45 years (1955-2000) and an OHSAA basketball official for 55 years (1945-2000). He officiated six state football championships and 10 state basketball tournaments (eight boys, two girls). He conducted countless clinics and camps and was instrumental in recruiting and mentoring numerous new football and basketball officials. Pangrazio was also a highly successful college basketball official in several conferences and was a Big

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Grover Hill Elementary Cooks designed Super Hero characters to promote healthy eating for staff and students during "March National Nu-

trition Month." Pictured here are Dade Sanders standing by Broco-Man and Deacon Sanders by Carrot-Top.

Ten Conference basketball officials observer and evaluator at Ohio State University for 25 years.

The OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame is the only Hall of Fame sponsored by the OHSAA. The OHSAA's Circle of Champions recognizes individuals from various areas who had outstanding careers in high school athletics and have further contributed to interscholastic sports.

2015 OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame Induction Class:

- Marie Anthony, Columbus (BK)
- Dolores Billhardt, Willoughby (Administrator, deceased)
- Joseph Grimes Jr., Shaker Heights (BK)
- John Gurney, Shelby (BB, BK)
- Galen Harris, Tipp City (BB, SB, VB, WR)
- Ken Kaiser, Columbus (BK, FT)
- Robert Peterfish, Columbus (SD, deceased)
- Pat Porter, Chillicothe (BB, BK, SB, VB)
- Bryan Reamsnyder, Toledo (FT, deceased)
- Sue Sheck, Coshocton (BB, SB, BK, VB)
- Brian Spangler, Reynoldsburg (BK, FT)
- Melvin Staats, Newton Falls (BB, SB)
- Elizabeth Van Tine, Englewood (CC, TF)
- Eugene Wodzisz, Parma (BK, FT)

MAD ANTS DROP GAME TO CANTON

The Mad Ants, sponsored by Lutheran Health Network, fell at home, Saturday, March 7th to the Canton Charge 97-94 at the Allen Co. War Memorial Coliseum.

The first half came without one sole possessor of the lead; with 10 lead changes and 10 ties in the first half alone, the fight for the half-time lead fell in the Mad Ants' favor heading into the

locker room up 57-55. Starting the game off with two immediate dunks, CJ Fair led the Mad Ants with 16 points the first half, while Gary Talton, Trey McKinney-Jones, Xavier Thames and coming off of a strong Friday night performance at Delaware, Matt Bouldin, all posted 7 apiece.

The Mad Ants and the Charge continued their battle late into the second half; however, in the end, the Charge were able to come out on top, despite being behind with under three minutes remaining in the game. A late three with only thirty seconds remaining from Canton's Brandon Paul served as the dagger, pushing the Chargers to their Saturday night victory. Fair would lead the team with 21 points, while Talton would clock a double-double with 13 points and 10 assists. Thames followed with 12 of his own.

For the Charge, Stephen Holt led with 17 points, while teammate, Arinze Onuaku grabbed down 17 rebounds for his 16 points.



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PANTHERS END SEASON IN DISTRICTS



Alex Arellano is fired up in the second period and scores for Paulding. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Boys Basketball teams, Paulding and Ottawa-Glandorf, competed for the opportunity to play in the District Championship game. This tournament game took place on Thursday, March 12 at the Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, OH. Previously, Paulding won the sectional championship against Liberty Center, enabling them to move onto this game. First quarter began and was quite close between the competitors. The teams were only one point apart when

the buzzer stopped the game. Ben Heilshorn posted a nice 3-point basket. Alex Arellano and Corbin Edwards each added one basket. Nathan Gee was fouled on the shot and was able to add two singles to the score. In the second period, the Titans started early scoring while the Panthers took a bit to get points rolling in. Glandorf's Brad Recker was quick to get 6 posted and they quickly took a 10 point lead over the guest team. About 4 minutes left on the clock and

Paulding's Arellano got three in a row for 6 and the student section was getting excited. Gonzales was also doing well with 4 fouls shots and a two point basket. The half ended at 21-24.

I can't really pin-point what went wrong for the Paulding team when the second half fell apart. Gonzales and Arellano were being guarded more, and when they shot, it just wasn't going in like the previous period. The Titans were pressing and the offense was working well for them. Both the third and fourth quarters they added 18 points to Paulding's 9 and 10.

The last period for Paulding was still a struggle and the Titans were continuing their pressure that Paulding just couldn't break. When Paulding was fouled in the second half, less than 50% of the shots were made. This didn't contribute well to the team score. The game finished with the Titans taking the game at 60-40.

Overall, Paulding finished the season breaking even at 12-12. These boys did well and will be looking forward to next year, of course, after a nice break. The teams says goodbye and good luck to seniors Brad Crawford, Ben Heilshorn, Treston Gonzales, and Christian Burtch.

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 9 12 9 10=40
Ottawa-Glandorf - 10 14 18 18=60

Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Edwards 7, Gee 2, Heilshorn 4, Gonzales 13, Arellano 12, Burtch 2

Ottawa Glandorf - Verhoff 8, Schripke 9, Untvbrink 3, Osting 2, Weihrauch 1, Kuhlman 6, Recker 12, Blevins 2, Bromlage 17.

More pictures at westbendnews.net

SUMMER SOCCER CAMP FOR GIRLS

Wooster Girls Soccer Camp held at The College of Wooster, Wooster, OH is accepting registrations for its June 14-17 and June 29 - July 2 sessions. This is a residential soccer camp only for girls ages 10-18. Second session is for elite high school players. Group discounts are available. Register before May 1st and receive discount. All information is at www.woostersoccercamp.com

2015 GMC GIRLS BASKETBALL ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce the All-Conference Selections for Girls Basketball 2014-2015 season:

PLAYER OF THE YEAR:
Molly Hammersmith, Ayersville 11

FIRST TEAM:
Molly Hammersmith, Ayersville 11; Rachel Desgranges, Holgate 12; Mattie Grim, Holgate 12; Ashley Maack, Tinora 12; Shayna Temple, Wayne Trace 11; Erin Mohr, Wayne Trace 11

SECOND TEAM:
Kyra Waldron, Ayersville 11; Ali Hug, Fairview 12; Chelsey Taylor, Hicksville 10; Addison Bergman, Hicksville 9; Sarah Niese, Holgate 11; Taylor Pedroza, Tinora 12

HONORABLE MENTION:
Peyton Short, Antwerp 10; Brittany Addington, Ayersville 11; Natalee Laandel, Edgerton 11; Erin Marshall, Fairview 12; Rachel Schroeder, Hicksville 12; Dani Like, Holgate 12; Emma Bowden, Tinora 12; Leah Sinn, Wayne Trace 12

WYSS VOTED "POY" IN NWC GIRLS HOOPS

Ada senior Tori Wyss was selected as the 2014-15 NWC Player of The Year in voting by Northwest Conference girls basketball coaches. In a close vote Wyss received 117 of a possible 120 first place points to earn POY honors over Crestview senior, Lyndsey Motycka (113 points) and Crestview junior, Emily Bauer (101 points).

Wyss averaged 15.6 points, 5.0 rebounds, and 2.2 assists per game in leading the Bulldogs to a 7-1 conference record and second place in the NWC. In conference play, Wyss averaged 18.1 points per game helping the Bulldogs to improve upon last year's sixth place conference finish.

Wyss, Motycka and Bauer were joined on the NWC First Team by Columbus Grove sophomore Jade Clement and Lincolnview senior Julia Thatcher.

Greg Rickard, who led Crestview (8-0) to the school's sixteenth NWC girls basketball title was selected as the

NWC Coach of the Year.

The team breakdowns are as follows:

FIRST TEAM:
Tory Wyss (ADA) 12, Lyndsey Motycka (CV) 12, Emily Bauer (CV) 11, Jade Clement (CG) 12, Julia Thatcher (LV) 12

SECOND TEAM:
Mackenzie Riggbach (CV) 12, Abbie Parkins (BL) 10, Aubri Woods (AE) 12, Alexis Amburgey (ADA) 12, Carly Clum (AE) 12

HONORABLE MENTION:

Emilee Meyer (SV) 12, Brooke Culp (DJ) 12, Andie Schmutz (BL) 10, Hannah McCleery (LV) 12, Lynea Diller (CG) 11, Faith Vogel (PL) 12, Kennis Mercer (CV) 12, Jacey Grigsby (SV) 11, Kylie Wyss (AE) 11, Terra Crowle (CV) 12, Ashton Bowersock (LV) 11

FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS:

Crestview 8-0
Ada 7-1
Columbus Grove 6-2
Allen East 5-3
Lincolnview 4-4
Delphos Jefferson 3-5
Bluffton 2-6
Spencerville 1-7
Paulding 0-8

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EDGERTON CONCEDES DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP TO WAYNE TRACE

Fourth Time of Regional year over year appearances for the Raiders!

On Friday, March 13 the Wayne Trace Raiders and the Edgerton Bulldogs competed for the District Championship title at Van Wert High School. The game came after the Bulldogs won a hotly contested match against Hicksville and the Raiders winning against Antwerp.

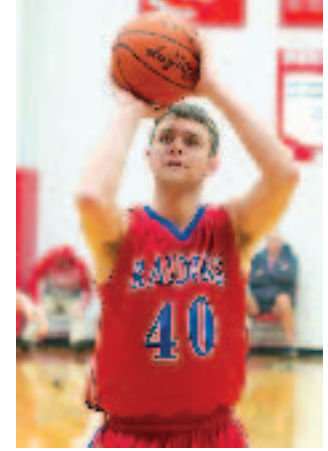
This match started with Edgerton taking the tipoff, but a turnover allowed Wayne Trace's Cole Shepherd to score the first shot of the game. The first quarter wasn't even close and this is the victory period for the Raiders at 6-19. Duane Miller and Max Nihart were the only scorers for Edgerton in this period. Shepherd, Luke Miller, Ethan Linder, Corbin Linder and Justin Specie all had baskets in this period. It felt good for the guest team



Wayne Trace Seniors Darius Hale, Corbin Linder, Jake Arend and David Sinn hold up the District Champion's Trophy the team earned.

on both teams from this point out in the game. Both sides were being called left and right for the hands on approach in this game. Wayne Trace could only score 7 points to the Bulldogs' 13 in this period.

What really made the third quarter memorable is David Sinn was finally able to come back to the court. Fans were cheering his return. He had been out since February 6 in the game



Edgerton Senior Duane Miller scores a basket with Justin Speice attempting the block.

and it appeared the rest of the game could go just as well. But it didn't.

The next period of this once again foggy night had the Bulldogs back on board and competitive. They scored 11 points before ending the half while Wayne Trace posted 12 and the half ended at 17-31, not looking so hot for Edgerton.

The second half began and Edgerton was on fire. Nihart added a 3-point basket and Alex Michael was scoring on the foul shots. There were quite a few fouls



A sample of the Wayne Trace Superfans packing the Den.

against Hicksville when he fractured part of his foot, coming down from a jump under the basket after being fouled. It seemed like it had been a long time, but the doctor gave him the okay to play in the tournaments.

The fourth quarter was ruled by free throws on both sides. Ethan Linder and Luke Miller both successfully used their speed and agility to gather free shots. It was a good thing too for the Raiders' as several were nearing the point of fouling out. This was the Raiders highest quarter at 22. Bulldogs scored 23, showing how important that first quarter was. The game finished with Wayne Trace winning at 53-60

Score by the Quarter:

Edgerton: 6 11 13 23 = 53
Wayne Trace: 19 12 7 22 = 60

Edgerton finishes their 11 game winning streak and the season with a fantastic 19-6 record. The Raiders move on to the Regional game at Bowling Green on Tuesday, March 17 at 6:15pm.

There are more action pictures of this and other Wayne Trace Raider games at westbendnews.net

Wayne Trace Raiders

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BULLDOG BRAWL COMING TO FORD FIELD

Bulldog Brawl, a Marine Corps. sponsored event is set to take place at Ford Field in Detroit, MI on April 11, 2015. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. This event is free.

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MAUMEE GO-GETTERS MARCH 24th MEETING

Our next 4-H meeting will be held Tuesday March 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at the Nahrwold Farm located at 18812 Gar Creek Road. We will elect officers for the year, and have a demonstration. We will also be collecting individually wrapped candy to make Easter Baskets for the Woodburn Christian Children's Home. Anyone who wishes to attend this meeting please RSVP by March 20th to Joyce Nahrwold at 260-749-7040 or her cell at 260-410-6339, you may also RSVP to Anita Collins at 260-749-7386. We look forward to seeing all the Maumee Go Getters at this meeting.

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The fifth annual St. Patrick's weekend tournament was held at the MAC Gym last weekend. Twenty girls teams from around the area participated on Friday evening and all day Saturday to battle for three division crowns. Thirty total games were played in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade divisions.

Fourth grade girls started the weekend with teams from; Butler Eastside in Indiana and Edgerton, Hicksville, Tinora, Crestview and Archbold, in Ohio. Pool play brought Crestview and Hicksville into the Saturday afternoon finals. Crestview prevailed 19-15.

Fifth grade teams included; Hicksville Red and White teams, Continental, Tinora, Napoleon, and Huntington, IN. Pool play put Huntington and Tinora into

the finals. Huntington was just too much for the Rams in a 24-14 win.

The sixth grade division was the biggest with eight teams. Ontario, OH made their third annual trip the tournament along with Bryan, Defiance, Lincolnview, Crestview, and the only Paulding County team Wayne Trace. New Haven and Huntington travelled from Indiana. Games were close all day long in this division. When the dust settled it was Defiance and Crestview standing tall. This game was a rematch of the most exciting final game in the winter leagues this last season. In that game Crestview prevailed at the buzzer. The outcome this time was almost an exact repeat and remained the same as Crestview hit a shot with time winding down for a 20-18 victory.

This brings a close to the 2014-15 school year tournaments. MAC Gym summer league tournaments and leagues are scheduling now.

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Paulding High School FCCLA members recently attended the FCCLA Regional Meeting at Vantage Career Center and the FCCLA Regional Rally at Van Wert High School. February 10th Paulding

competed in the Chapter Service Project Display STAR Event with their project titled "Caring for a Cause" and received a gold medal and qualified for state competition in April. Michelle Young competed in the National Pro-



FCCLA members attended the FCCLA Regional Meeting at Vantage Career Center. Five members earned their Power of One degrees. These five members are pictured

in Action STAR Event with her project titled "Welcoming Memories" and received a gold medal and also qualified for state competition in April.



with FCCLA State Officer Elizabeth Pleiman. They are Taylor Schooley, Morgan Riley, Jacob Long, Haley Schlegel, and Melissa Martinez. They will receive their award at the FCCLA State Leadership Conference in April.



February 28th Paulding FCCLA members attended the FCCLA Regional Rally at Van Wert High School. Members competed in STAR Events. Jordan Shull, Kynsie Etzler, and Kacie Karlstadt

ANTWERP FIRE DEPT. GUN RAFFLE

The Antwerp Volunteer Fire Dept. will be having a gun raffle during the month of September 2015. We will be raffling off one gun per day for the whole month. The winners of the day will be determined by the Ohio Pick 3 evening drawing. There will be a \$200.00 cash option if the gun is not desired. This will be used for equipment purchases for the department.

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DARBYSHIRE VOTED NWC'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Columbus Grove senior Jace Darbyshire was chosen as the 2014-15 NWC Player of The Year by Northwest Conference boys' basketball coaches at the annual selection meeting Monday evening in Delphos. Darbyshire received 113 total points to edge out Connor Lautzenheiser (CV) and Trey Smith (DJ) in the coaches' voting.

Darbyshire averaged 21.0 points per game along with 3.4 assists for the Bulldogs, while shooting 46 percent from the field and 87 percent from the free throw line this year.

Darbyshire, Lautzenheiser and Smith were joined on the NWC first team by Lincolnview's Justis Dowdy and Spencerville's Zach Goecke. Darbyshire and Dowdy are seniors with Lautzenheiser, Smith and Goecke being juniors.

The voting procedure called for each coach to vote for the top 15 players on a 15-14-13, etc. point descending scale. No coach could vote for his own players.

Coach of the Year honors in the NWC go to Kevin Sensabaugh of Spencerville. He led the Bearcats to a 7-1 conference mark and a regular season record of 14-5.

The team breakdowns are as follows:

FIRST TEAM:
Jace Darbyshire (CG) 12; Connor Lautzenheiser (CV) 11; Trey Smith (DJ) 11; Justis Dowdy (LV) 12; Zach Goecke (SV) 11

SECOND TEAM:
Levi Kistler (BL) 12; Alex Arellano (PL) 11; Grant McBride (ADA) 12; Mason Nourse (SV) 11; Chandler Adams (LV) 11

HONORABLE MENTION:

Jace Stockwell (DJ) 10; Spencer Miller (AE) 10; Cody Mefferd (CV) 11; Dakota Prichard (SV) 10; Gabe Stechschulte (CG) 11; Brett Rumer (BL) 11; Blake Willeke (ADA) 11; Hayden Ludwig (LV) 11; Brayden Sautter (ADA) 11; Mitchell Ault (BL) 11

FINAL STANDINGS:
Spencerville 7-1, 14-5
Columbus Grove 6-2, 15-7
Crestview 5-3, 12-9
Bluffton 4-4, 16-6
Ada 4-4, 10-11
Lincolnview 3-5, 13-9
Delphos Jefferson 3-5, 12-10
Paulding 2-6, 11-11
Allen East 2-6, 8-14

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EXHAUSTED ARCHERS PASS VICTORY TO RAIDERS

The Antwerp Archers Boys basketball team came off the Stryker sectional victory all fired up and ready to play the Wayne Trace Raiders. The game followed the intense match between Hicksville and Edgerton at the Van Wert High School Facility.

The game began with Antwerp's Matt Jones grabbing the tipoff, dribbling down court and shooting a 3-point basket. Entering the score was Wayne Trace with 3, 2-point baskets between Luke Miller, Corbin Linder, and Seth Saylor in the next few seconds. Antwerp retaliated and Jones came back with another 3-pointer and the game was tied at 6-6. The Raiders were struggling to get the ball in the basket. Rebounds weren't much of a problem but the north hoop was not cooperating. The first quarter finished at 12-10 in the Raiders favor.

Second quarter tightened the game even more as the struggling Raiders failed to hit several free-throw shots. Antwerp, meanwhile, was burning up the court with baskets across the board including Brandon Pendergrast making a foul shot after scoring from the key. Corbin Linder and Justin Speice topped the Raiders score in this period. Half-time began with Antwerp and Wayne Trace only one point different.

Third quarter made all of the difference in the world for both teams. The Archers appeared to be fatigued after the first half of full-court press from Wayne Trace. The home team bounced back to their usual self. Ethan Linder's game had been cold in the first and second periods, but now scored 10 points this period alone. Twenty-one points altogether for the Raiders. Antwerp's Trenton Copsey had a good quarter in this period with a 3-pointer and a shot from the key. Due to the turnovers in this period, the Archers finished with only nine points in this period.

By the time the fourth quarter came around, it was almost too late for Antwerp to come back. It was Copsey's best, but the rest of the team struggled to post numbers on the board. The game finished at 63-46 and the Raiders go on to play the Bulldogs in the championship on Friday.



Pictures: "Can't Touch This!" says Josh Longardner to Wayne Trace's Alec Vest. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Wayne Trace's Ethan Linder gets a basket from a turnover with Antwerp's Sam Williams attempting to stop the shot. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The good news for Antwerp is they had a great night at the free-throw line. Out of 16 free-throws, the team only missed one shot, producing a 94% keeper rate. Wayne Trace will need to improve their attempt vs. made ratio in the coming games. They made only 65% of their free-throws.

Score by the Quarter:
Antwerp - 12 14 21 16=63
Wayne Trace - 10 15 9 12=46

Scorers of the Game:
Antwerp - Jones 10, Mills 4, Pendergrast 3, Williamson 11, Copsey 16, Longardner 2

Wayne Trace - Miller 11, E Linder 18, Shepherd 6, C Linder 20, Vest 1, Speice 7

Antwerp congratulates Trenton Copsey and wishes him well in the future. This was his last basketball game for the Antwerp Archers.

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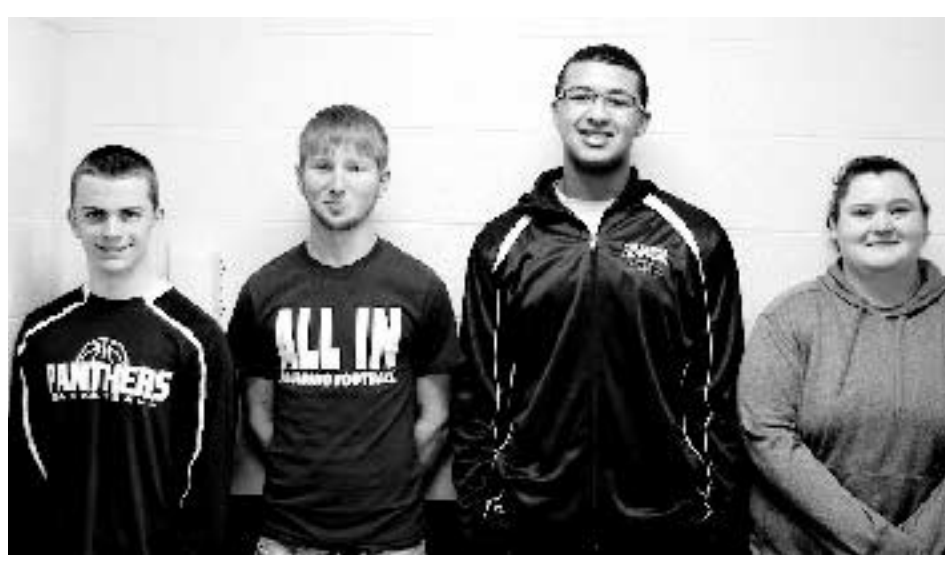
In recognition of the first annual Ohio Maple Syrup Month, Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted today announced that March's Ohio Business Profile honors the state's maple industry.

"One of my favorite Ohio exports is maple syrup," Secretary Husted said. "When I see what these companies produce, it makes me ready to eat some pancakes!"

Companies profiled this month include:

- Richards Maple Products, Inc. - Chardon - Established in 1910, the Richards Family has been in business for 105 years. Thinking "out of the jug" has given birth to a year-round maple business that features maple candy and confections, maple caramel corn, maple barbeque sauce and maple salad dressings, in addition to pure maple syrup and other popular products.
- Bissell Maple Farm - Rock Creek - Produces

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



The following Paulding High School students were voted as Students of the Month for February: (l-r) Freshman Cade McGarvey, Sophomore Tyler Spoor, Junior Jarrett Sitton, and Senior Hannah English.

high-quality maple products including syrup, confections, and their signature product, Bourbon Barrel Aged Maple Syrup. The family farm was founded in the 1800's to protest cane sugar that was harvested with slave labor and create an alternative product.

• Grossman Brothers Maple Products - Chardon - This third-generation family operation produces more than 1,800 gallons of pure maple syrup annually in Northeast Ohio. The farm combines modern technology with family tradition to create high grade maple syrup.

• Goodell Family Farm - Mantua - Now a certified organic farm, seven generations have farmed the same land in Northeast Ohio. They produce both pure, organic maple syrup as well as organic milk. Their syrup is harvested from nearly 4,800 taps.

• Dick's Maple Farm - Montpelier - Produces award-winning maple syrup using all natural organic practices. Having been in business since 1965, the farm supplies maple products to local health food and craft stores. The farm is also active in supporting educational initiatives to teach the science and history of maple syrup production.

• Warner's Pure Maple Syrup & Loudon Crest Farms - Granville - In business since 1877, the farm and maple syrup production remain the family business. Their products are sold across Central Ohio where they also engage in a number of educational programs to help people learn about maple products.

• Bonhomie Acres - Fredericktown - Produces maple syrup from trees that are 250 years old. The farm was home to William Brown, the only Ohioan to be inducted into The North American Maple Producers' Hall of Fame.

• Sticky Pete's Pure Maple Syrup - Athens - Having de-

rived their name from their faithful dog Pete, this farm produces syrup from a 2,000-tap maple sugaring operation in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in Southeast Ohio.

• Krazigoose Maple Syrup - Auburn Township - Supplies maple products to local farmers' markets, health food stores, and individuals. A family business, this farm derives its old fashioned techniques from previous generations of maple farmers.

Launched in June 2011, Ohio Business Profile has helped raise awareness about companies registered and doing business in Ohio that are creating interesting products, offering outstanding service, contributing to their local communities and employing Ohioans in the process. Each month, a handful of diverse businesses linked together by a common theme are featured on the Secretary of State's website at OhioBusinessProfile.com, where Ohioans are encouraged to go to submit companies they feel are deserving of recognition in future months.

The Secretary of State's office also releases a monthly report of new business filings in Ohio and recent data has shown that Ohio experienced another record year for the number of newly-registered businesses. In fact, over the course of the past five years, the number of new business filings has grown by 24 percent. One reason for the growth has been the launch of online services. In October 2013, Secretary Husted launched Ohio Business Central allowing businesses to file some of the most commonly used forms online and services continue to be expanded. Since January 2011, more than 340,000 filings have been submitted and half of all new companies are now started online in Ohio.

FIRST DEFIANCE FINANCIAL CORP. ANNOUNCES REPURCHASE OF OUTSTANDING TARP WARRANT

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BULLDOGS END ACES SEASON IN DISTRICT BASKETBALL



Alex Michael attempts a basket in the District Basketball game against Hicksville at Van Wert. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Den at Van Wert High School played host on Tuesday, March 10 to the OHSAA District games between the Sectional Champions from the first week of March. Oddly enough, they were all from the Green Meadows Conference.

The first game was between the Hicksville Aces and the Edgerton Bulldogs. This game could have gone either way as it was a tight match from beginning to the end. Jonny Giesige was tops in the first half for the Aces while Max Nihart was for Edgerton. Three-pointers were both in their favor. At this point in the competition, the Bulldogs were able to spread their points across the roster instead of with a stand-out player. The half ended with 19-15 with the SR 49 north team in the lead.

Hicksville came back from half-time with their cards on fire. They out-scored Edgerton in every way, led by Logan Thiel by 2.5x. With Hicksville taking back the game, the fans for Hicksville were cheering so loud a person could not hear what was happening. The third ended with Hicksville in the lead 24-27.

Hicksville started well and continued their run, but it was short-lived when Mitchell Cercone nailed 2, 3-point shots in a row. Both sides were fired up now and the gym was literally very hot.

What could have changed the game for either team is the foul shots. Hicksville posted only a 43% approval while Edgerton hit 61%. It was overtime that put Edgerton at the higher percentage. Before, that seemed a challenge to put in free shots.



Hicksville's Garrett Crall scores from under the basket. More pictures at westbendnews.net

With Edgerton tying the game in the last 20 seconds, and the Aces not able to push ahead, the game went into over-time at 35 each.

Over-time increased the tension in the stands. Everyone was standing and the gym was in an uproar. Edgerton had the momentum and Hicksville was doing what it could to change the game back to their favor. It didn't help when Hicksville had two fouls called on them with one being a technical on coach Tony Tear. Edgerton got the chance to shoot 6 uncontested baskets in a row. The fouling didn't save the Aces in the fifth quarter, instead it gave the game to the Bulldogs.

Score by the Quarter:
 Edgerton - 9 10 5 11
 14=49

Hicksville: 9 6 12 8 5=40

Scorers of the Game:
 Edgerton - Nihart 15, Cercone 8, Dustin Miller 3, Knecht 1, Duane Miller 14, Michael 8

Hicksville - Giesige 10, Crall 9, Thiel 8, Neidhardt 6, Harvey 3, Jasso 2, Kinn 2

The Aces wrapped up a great 2014-2015 boys basketball season with a 18-7 record. Seniors finishing their high school career include Jarin Jasso, Trevor Kinn, Jonny Giesige and Brennan Hammond. Edgerton continues on with a 19-5 record and an 11-game winning streak.

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THE SECRET GARDEN NURSERY RHYMES



Mrs. Reyes' 7th grade students at Antwerp Middle School wrote nursery rhymes in correlation with the novel, *The Secret Garden*. Next, they visited Mr Schindler's preschool room and were paired with his students. The 7th graders read their nursery rhymes and asked the preschool students various comprehension questions.

THIRD TIME'S A CHARM, CLEMENS 6th AT STATE WRESTLING

The 2015 OHSAA state wrestling tournament was held this past weekend at the Jerome Schottenstein Center on the campus of The Ohio State University. Two Raider wrestlers, senior Tyler Showalter and junior George Clemens IV once again found themselves wrestling on the biggest stage in Ohio. This was Showalter's second trip and Clemens' third to the state wrestling tournament.

The Clemens' name is nothing new to the state wrestling tournament, and is actually synonymous with Paulding County wrestling. George Clemens Jr. started a wrestling club in Paulding County back in the 80's and began setting the foundation of what is today's wrestling landscape in the county, as many Paulding kids would begin their wrestling career in the Paulding County Wrestling Club.

George Clemens III, eldest son of Clemens Jr., began in this very club. He only went on to be the first ever state qualifier from Paulding High School and Paulding County. Luke Clemens was the next son to step onto the mat and only improved on what George Clemens III was able to accomplish. Luke was only a three-time state qualifier for the Panthers. Several other Paulding wrestlers made it to the state tournament, and most of them had some experience with a Clemens, either in the club, or at the Jr. High level.

George Clemens III then began the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club and in its inaugu-

ral year, had eight wrestlers. George Clemens IV began wrestling in this year, and Tyler Showalter started his wrestling career the second year of the club's existence. Clemens III then began his coaching career at Wayne Trace and eventually became the school's varsity wrestling coach when Dennis Stabler stepped down and became the Jr. High coach.

Wayne Trace and Dennis Stabler had its first ever state qualifier, Corbin Griffiths. Lucas Jacomet then became the second, and Stabler and Clemens III were the coaches in the chairs for both of these wrestlers; however, as the wrestlers that began in the WT Wrestling Club were beginning their high school careers, the number of wrestlers qualifying for the state tournament was about to explode.

Kameran Clemens was the next Clemens and Wayne Trace wrestler to grace the floor of the Schottenstein Center. He made two trips to Columbus, but like his father and uncle before him, was unable to capture that extra win needed to be able to stand atop the podium. He was the first product of the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club to achieve this honor, but not the last.

Dustin Taylor and Sawyer Temple were the next two. Dustin qualified once in his career and Sawyer was a two-time state qualifier. Temple placed his name in the record books as being the first ever Raider wrestler to place at state by garnering a 7th place finish and the work of beginning wrestlers at an early age was starting to show for Clemens III.

George Clemens IV made his first trip to the Schott in

his freshman year and was joined by Taylor and Temple as being the only year the red, white, and blue sent more than two wrestlers to state. Clemens IV was only the sixth wrestler from Wayne Trace to make the trip, but was unable to wrestle to a podium finish this year.

The following year, Tyler Showalter, yet another product of the WT Wrestling Club, joined Clemens IV, and the two wrestled on the floor of the Schott, but neither were able to garner a podium finish.

In arguably the toughest district in the state of Ohio, Clemens IV earned his third trip and Showalter his second to wrestle their last matches of the season, and Showalter's last matches of his career, in front of thousands at the state wrestling tournament. This also marked the fifth year in a row that Wayne Trace sent multiple wrestlers to the state wrestling tournament.

Showalter may be the oddity in wrestling today as wrestling comes second to football and in a sport that demands so much to be in the elite, most wrestlers will only focus on wrestling and wrestle year round. The two sport stand outs dropped a close match to Josh Weber of Loudonville to open the tournament by a score of 9-7. He then followed that up by pinning Davidson of Eastwood in 44 seconds. Another win ensured a spot on the podium. He met Brandon Bates from Genoa in this match, and was up 6-2 when an aggressive move placed him out of position and eventually cost him the match.

"I am grateful that the last time I stepped on a wrestling mat was here. This is the biggest stage for an Ohio wrestler, wrestling against the top 16 kids in the state. Many seniors don't get the chance to even come here and compete, and I am just glad I had the opportunity to do it again," commented Showalter.

For Clemens IV, wrestling is his passion. He wrestles nearly 12 months a year and is driven by a desire to break what the family deemed the Clemens curse at the state wrestling tournament. When he stepped on the mat for his first match this year, it was the ninth time a Clemens attempted to place on the podium and his first match was a tight one. He notched a 2-1 decision over Luke Coniker of Steubenville Catholic Central.

Next up, he faced returning state placer Louis DeMarco of Gates Mills Hawken. With a win in this match, he could secure a spot that his father, uncle, and brother before him were unable to attain, a spot on the podium. It was a tight match, and as the clock ticked down, you could hear all Clemens' that had wrestled before yelling encouragement to the youngest of the family.

With seeing triple zeros on the time of the clock, and the score reading 9-5 in favor of Clemens, a huge weight was lifted off of the wrestling family from Paulding County, Ohio. Clemens IV was guaranteed a podium finish, but more importantly, he had done what no Clemens before him had been able to.

Clemens IV went on to wrestle very well the remainder of the tournament and dropped close decisions in matches that Ohio has to offer at 120

ASK ME Miss C!

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to date because they think school is more important, show them that you'll still make school a priority. If they're not ready to lose you, promise to them that you will still be around to hang with them. Don't just focus on the things they are worried about. Instead focus on your maturity. Give them examples of times when you have followed rules and been responsible or perhaps made good choices. Don't go into the conversation with the mindset that only you will get what you want. Maturity shows that you can compromise! So don't whine, yell, or beg!

Once the conversation is over you need to give your parents some time to think about it, then approach your parents with a follow-up. But give them a few days. Let them get to know the person you want to date. It may sound old-fashioned, but perhaps you could invite that cutie over to meet your

parents. If you are not comfortable with that, then make sure you talk about the person a lot, and let your parents ask as many questions as they want. Start small... maybe the best first date is with a group of friends and an adult supervisor. And finally, be prepared for them to say no. Sometimes your parents are going to say no. That's just how it is. It stinks, but they're your parents, and you have to respect what they say. If they say no, respect that and wait a few weeks or months to ask again. Don't keep begging every day, and please try not to sneak around behind their backs (that never ends well!). Good Luck!

Blessings,
—Miss C

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pounds. He finished his junior year with a 6th place finish in the OHSAA state wrestling tournament.

"I just didn't know if we would ever get it done. Nine trips down here to wrestle, and finally, on George's third attempt, we can say a Clemens is standing on the podium. It is overwhelming now, but I am so proud of his performance down here. This is the hardest place to win at, and I am just glad we could finally get on the podium," commented Coach Clemens.

The Clemens family and Raider wrestling fans are grateful to the Grover Hill Fire Dept for bringing the second ever state placer for the red, white, and blue home in style. If anyone happened to see the lights, or hear the sirens—that was George, his family, and wrestling fans heading back to the high school late Saturday evening.

MCDONALD'S® HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL PLAYERS OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY 2015

The Fort Wayne Mad Ants and McDonald's have partnered to recognize two outstanding high school basketball players in the Fort Wayne community. In February, McDonald's and the Mad Ants selected Kyle Mallers and Darby Maggard as the McDonald's High School Players of the Month. Both players will be recognized at an upcoming Mad Ants home game.

Kyle Mallers, a junior forward out of Carroll High School, averaged 11.8 points in the month of February. Mallers' performance was highlighted with his 19 points in the Chargers win over Fort Wayne Snider back in mid-February. He also recorded 17 points as Carroll went on to defeat Columbia City. Fort Wayne Carroll, currently at 21-3, will compete in the Fort Wayne Northrop Sectional where they are slated to play the winner between the Northside Redskins and

the DeKalb Barons.

Darby Maggard, a senior at Canterbury High School, has been a strong leader for her team this season as they continue their state title run down in Indianapolis this Saturday, March 7th. Along with averaging 20.5 points in February and registering several double figure stats; Maggard recently signed her letter of intent to continue her basketball career at Belmont University next year. In her top performances of the month, Maggard led her team with 28 points in their win over Churubusco High School early in February. In regional play, she recorded 27 points in the win over North Judson-San Pierre, which matched her 27 points against Eastside earlier.

MAD ANTS FALL AT HOME TO SPURS

The Mad Ants, sponsored by Lutheran Health Network, fell at home, Tuesday, March 3rd to the Austin Spurs 108-99 at the Allen Co. War Memorial Coliseum.

The game started out quickly in the Mad Ants' favor, with the abundant

energy present in the return of Matt Bouldin, a key factor to the Mad Ants Championship run last April. However, the Spurs would begin to challenge the Mad Ants as the end of the first quarter approached, as well as the duration of the second quarter into half. The Mad Ants would go into the locker room trailing 61-54. Andre Emmett led with 16 early points and Trey McKinney-Jones put in 9 of his own.

The Mad Ants came out of the lock room after half, challenging the Spurs' lead and eventually cutting it down to 1 late in the third quarter. Entering the fourth quarter, the Spurs would eventually run away with the single digit lead, creating a double digit reassurance margin that they ended their night on. Emmett would again, lead all scorers with 30 points. CJ Fair followed with 15 points and 7 rebounds and McKinney-Jones posted 13 of his own.

For the Spurs, Kyle Anderson ended the night with 29 points and 7 rebounds. Orlando Johnson recorded 27 points of his own.

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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 9th day of April, 2015 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:

120 East Wayne Street,
Paulding, Ohio 45879

Parcel Number: 30-24S-022-00

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 Sixty-six Thousand and No/100 (\$66,000.00) 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
Stephen D. Miles, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAMP2002-HE2, MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-HE2, Plaintiff,
vs.

DEBORAH R. BAXTER, ET AL., Defendants,
Case No. CI 14 207

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 9th day of April, 2015 at 10:05 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:

17624 Road 168,
Paulding, Ohio 45879

Parcel Number: 16-35S-015-02

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

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Andrew C. Clark, Attorney for Plaintiff

one ordered 40 hrs of community service; completed Third Millennium marijuana course; 87 jail days reserved

Jeremy E. Shaffer; Oakwood, OH; FTY/Intersect; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Joshua Michael Vogelsong; Hicks-ville, OH; Driv/ Fra Susp; Dismiss; Case dismissed without prejudice, costs waived
Devvon M. Hale; Latty, OH; Driv/ Fra Susp; Ct-Guilty; Fines and costs to be paid in full by 7/31/15; complete 20 hrs of community service by 7/31/15

Cornel Vaedejan; Sterling Hts., MI; ACD; No Cont; Case was waived by defendant
Larry E. Lambert; Defiance, OH; FTY/Intersect; No Cont; Case was waived by defendant

Hameed Zuzua Alanazi; Fort Wayne, IN; Regist Viol; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Real Estate Transfers:
Benton Twp.:
3/11/15; Steven E. Moore, trustee, et al; Sec. 6; 40.36 acres; To: Steven E. Moore, trustee

Steven E. Moore, trustee, et al; Sec. 6; 39.11 acres; To: Michael I. Moore
Crane Twp.:

3/9/15; Ruth Hart, trustee, et al; Sec. 18; 0.61 acres; To: Aaron & Barbara Butzin

Ruth Hart, trustee, et al; Sec. 18; 3.19 acres; To: Aaron & Barbara Butzin

3/10/15; Federal National Mortgage Association; Sec. 28; 2.273 acres; To: Kyle Hanenkratt

Harrison Twp.:
3/9/15; Balynda L. Elkins; Sec. 26; 1.412 acres; To: James & Amanda Ringle

Jackson Twp.:
3/9/15; Baughman Tile Co.; Sec. 34; 47.06 acres; To: Mary Ann Baughman, trustee

3/10/15; Jimmy L. Shaffer; Sec. 25; 1 acre; To: Taryn K. Nelson & Nathan Doblelaere

Paulding Village:
3/9/15; Thomas J. Reinhart & Kathleen E. Reinhart; Lot 4; 0.2851 acres; To: Kathleen E. Reinhart

LATTA STATEMENT REGARDING PRIME MINISTER NETANYAHU'S ADDRESS BEFORE CONGRESS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) released the following statement regarding Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's address before the United States Congress.

"This morning, Prime Minister Netanyahu addressed a joint meeting of Congress, which I was proud to attend," said Latta. "The Prime Minister's address was an important opportunity for members to hear directly from one of our greatest allies about the threats facing the Middle East, and especially Israel.

"A nuclear Iran not only poses a great threat to the Middle East, it poses a great threat to the entire world. Iran has proved time and again that it cannot be trusted, and until it changes its behavior, sanctions should not be lifted. The United States must continue to stand with Israel and prevent Iran from moving forward with its mission of becoming a nuclear power.

"Today's address was an excellent reminder of the strong relationship our two great countries share, and I urge the Administration to take the Prime Minister's words to heart."

STATEMENT FROM OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE JON HUSTED

Regarding the passage of Senate Bill 26, sponsored by State Senator Larry Obhof (R-Medina), in the Ohio Senate to cut new business filing fees by 21%, all of the following may be attributed to Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted:

"I appreciate the Senate's support on this important reform and Senator Obhof for his hard work.

"These actions send a strong message to entrepreneurs everywhere that Ohio is not only open for business, but we want to be the best state in the nation to start a new company because more businesses mean more jobs and a better way of life for the people of Ohio.

proving customer service and doing more with less at the Secretary of State's Office has led to record business filings and increased revenue, and we want to share this success dividend with our customers by cutting the cost of doing business in Ohio.

"This strong support in the Senate, as well as the commitment the Ohio House has shown by making this issue a priority with House Bill 3, demonstrates what is possible when government operates with greater efficiency and is focused on the people it serves."

HOUSE PASSES LATTA'S BIPARTISAN DRINKING WATER PROTECTION ACT

The U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 212, the Drinking Water Protection Act, sponsored by Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH). The bipartisan legislation would help protect drinking water from harmful cyanotoxins, which caused a water emergency in Northwest Ohio last August.

"I am proud to have sponsored the Drinking Water Protection - the House's bipartisan legislative solution to address the health of our drinking water," said Latta. "This thoughtful, robust approach adequately assesses and manages the risks of algal toxins in our drinking water, and I am pleased that we could come together to pass this critical legislation in the House today. I also look forward to working with the U.S. Senate, so the Drinking Water Protection Act may become law."

The Drinking Water Protection would require the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop and submit a strategic plan to Congress for assessing and managing the risks associated with algal toxins in drinking water. Companion legislation has also been introduced in the U.S. Senate by Senator Rob Portman (R-OH).

VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 3/2/15

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on March 2, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor White called the meeting to order.

Finance Director Annette Hasch called roll with the following members present: Jim Guelde, Barb Rife, Tom Diaz, and Tim Boss. Administrator Harry Wiebe was also present, as was Solicitor Mike Jones. Roger Sierer and Randy Daege were absent.

Tom Diaz motioned to approve the minutes of the February 19th Council meeting, seconded by Jim Guelde. Vote: all yeas.

Ordinance No. 1495-15 re: An Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2015 Edition, as the Code of Ordinances for the Municipality of Paulding, Ohio was read for the first time.

Harry Wiebe reported that the Soil & Water Conservation is assisting in the updating of the water distribution map. Soil & Water Conservation will be working with Jones & Henry on this project.

Harry Wiebe will be rescheduling the Street Committee meeting when his gets other committee members availability.

Harry Wiebe and the Utility Committee has been discussing the process of going to Monthly Utility Billing. Further research on the Monthly billing needs to be done at this time.

Mayor White would like to remind council members that there is a Safety Committee meeting Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be with Susie Crossland and Randy Crawford.

Solicitor, Mike Jones reported that the Ohio Water Development Authority has approved the loan application for Phase 2 of the Combined Sewer Separation project. He asked council for the approval and authorization for Harry Wiebe to sign the Notice of Award to the contractor, VTF Excavation, LLC, in Celina, Ohio. Barb Rife made a motion to authorize Harry Wiebe to sign the Notice of Award to the contractor, VTF Excavation, LLC, seconded by Tom Diaz. Vote: all yeas.

Solicitor, Mike Jones also reported that the Ordinance No. #1493-15 that was passed on the February 19, 2015 Regular Council meeting was approved by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) which is a paving project for

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Sudoku Puzzle

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US 127 for this summer. VTF Excavation will need to have Phase 2 of the Williams Street part of the project done by August 31" so this paving project can be done. VTF Excavation was also awarded the contract for the "Safe Routes to School" project.

Tom Diaz had a couple of citizen complaints regarding the snow removal around the town square. Tom told them that Kaiser removes the snow as soon as their schedule allows.

Harry Wiebe received a citizen comment regarding the Village's snow removal and they thought they were performing an excellent job.

Barb Rife motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Tim Boss. Vote: all yeas.

Jim Guelde motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tom Diaz. Vote: all yeas.

SECRETARY HUSTED TESTIFIES BEFORE HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON REDUCING OHIO'S BUSINESS FILING FEE

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted appeared before the Ohio House Standing Committee on Economic and Workforce Development as a proponent of House Bill 3, which would reduce Ohio's business filing fee by 21 percent, from \$125 to \$99. The legislation is one of the House leadership's priority bills.

"We want Ohio to be the best place to start a business," Secretary Husted said. "Cutting the cost of doing that by 21 percent is another step in the right direction."

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Annual Financial Report for the Antwerp Cemetery Association, Antwerp, OH, for the year ended or the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 is complete and available for public inspection, at the clerk's office, by appointment. A copy of the report can be provided upon request.

Kim M. Kemerer, Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO
LOU ANN WANNEMACHER,
PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER
Plaintiff,
vs.

JOHN W. OBERDIER, ET. AL.,
DEFENDANTS,
Case No. CI-15-017

Judge Tiffany Righter-Beckman

TO: JOHN W. OBERDIER AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN W. OBERDIER

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 625 Broadway Street, Latty, Ohio 45855

Please take notice that a complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against you seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by JOHN W. OBERDIER AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN W. OBERDIER to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed by you.

The real property in question is situated in the Village of Latty, County of Paulding, and the State of Ohio and more fully described as follows:
Situated in the Village of Latty, County of Paulding, and State of Ohio.

Secretary Husted's administration has used modern technology to streamline the process of starting a new business in Ohio over the past four years. This effort, combined with responsible fiscal stewardship, has significantly reduced costs in the Secretary of State's Office, saving Ohio taxpayers more than \$14 million.

"Through technological improvements, the Secretary of State's office has been able to streamline operations, making it easier and less expensive to start a business in Ohio," added the Secretary. "These efforts have led to a success dividend of record filings and increased revenues that we want to now pass on to our customers."

In January, Secretary Husted called on the General Assembly to reduce Ohio's business filing fee to continue the state's efforts to make Ohio a more attractive place to start a business and create jobs.

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Being Lot Number Six (6) in the Rixsom South Addition to the Village of Latty, Paulding County State of Ohio.

Also, Lot Number Seven (7) in the Rixsom South Addition to the Village of Latty, Paulding County, State of Ohio.

Parcel ID No. 29-07S-010-00 (Lot 7) and 29-07S-011-00 (Lot 6) Property Address: 625 Broadway Street, Latty, Ohio 45855

You are required to answer in the above-captioned cause twenty-eight (28) days after the last publication hereof, or a default judgment seeking sale of your real estate will be sought. Your answer should be filed with the Clerk of Courts, Courthouse, 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Ann Pease, Clerk
Court of Common Pleas
Paulding County, Ohio

By: *Frank Ann Hart*
Clerk

Respectfully submitted,
John W. Wannemacher
John W. Wannemacher, Treasurer
Paulding County, Ohio
Presiding Authority
112 1/2 St. Water St.
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FROM THE PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted 14 persons on Thursday, March 12, 2015.

Luis Miguel Morales; Paulding, OH; DOB 10/15/95; Identity Fraud, F-5

David O. Bidlack III; DOB 8/24/90; Identity Fraud, F-5

Ryan S. Dawson; Fort Wayne, IN; DOB 7/15/98; Possession of Drugs, F-5; Operating While Under the Influences of Alcohol or Drugs, OVI, M-1

Arie M. Hogans; Leesburg, FL; DOB 9/7/86; Forgery, F-5; Possession of Heroin, F-5

Heather A. Ladd; Oakwood, OH; DOB 8/13/86; Possession of Heroin, F-5

Sheri S. Kraegel; Oakwood, OH; DOB 12/26/86; Possession of Heroin, F-5

Holly A. McVey-Flores; Oakwood, OH; DOB 9/22/77; Possession of Heroin, F-5

Amber L. Orona; Napoleon, OH; DOB 10/4/83; Non-Support of Dependents, F-5, 3 counts

Cody A. Dickerson; Cloverdale, OH; DOB 8/11/92; Non-Support of Dependents, F-5

Shannon R. Lambert; Oakwood, OH; DOB 5/2/69; Domestic Violence, M-1

Kendall J. Snyder; Paulding, OH; DOB 7/2/83; Illegal Assembly or Possession of Chemicals for the Manufac-

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PAULDING 8th GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM NWC CO-CHAMPS!



The 8th Grade Girls Basketball team at Paulding Middle School was the Northwest Conference Western Division Co-Champions this basketball season. Pictured from left to right are (front row)

Asia Arellano, Megan Tope, Ashlynn Rice, Jennifer Stahl, Kamdyn Etzler and Elizabeth Temple; (back row) Katelyn Estle, Briana Townley, Coach Mark Rhodes, Kaly Strahley and Trinity Temple.

OUTDOORS ENTHUSIASTS INVITED TO ODNR DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OPEN HOUSES

Ohioans are invited to offer public comment regarding the proposed and future hunting, trapping and fishing regulations at open houses scheduled across the state. The open houses will be held on Saturday, March 7, between Noon and 3:00 p.m., and online comments will be accepted through Sunday, March 8, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

Open houses provide opportunities for anyone interested in sharing input and participating in Ohio's professional wildlife management process. ODNR Division of Wildlife biologists and law enforcement officers will be available to answer questions and receive comments. Those unable to attend an open house can provide

comments online at wildohio.gov. All interested Ohioans are encouraged to participate.

Open house location information for March 7:

- Central Ohio: Wildlife District One office, 1500 Dublin Road, Columbus 43215; 614-644-3925;
- Northwest Ohio: Wildlife District Two office, 952 Lima Avenue, Findlay 45840; 419-424-5000;
- Northeast Ohio: Wildlife District Three office, 912 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron 44319; 330-644-2293;
- Southeast Ohio: Wildlife District Four office, 360 E. State Street, Athens 45701; 740-589-9930;
- Southwest Ohio: Greene County Fish and Game, 1538 Union Road, Xenia 45385; 937-372-9261.

Directions to open houses can be found at wildohio.gov or by calling 800-WILD-LIFE (945-3543). Public input gathered at these open houses and online is critical and will be considered during the for-

mation of future hunting and fishing regulations.

This year's open house attendees and online visitors will have an opportunity to learn about and comment on Ohio's 2015-2016 deer hunting proposals. Proposals include a reduction in bag limits and antlerless permit use, as well as a shift in the youth season. A statewide hearing on all of the proposed rules will be held at the ODNR Division of Wildlife's District One office on Thursday, March 19, at 9:00 a.m.

The Ohio Wildlife Council is an eight-member board that approves all of the ODNR Division of Wildlife proposed rules and regulations. The council will vote on the proposed rules and season dates during its meeting on Wednesday, April 8, after considering public input. Small game and wild turkey hunting season dates were proposed at the January council meeting and will also be voted on by the council on April 8.

Council meetings are open to the public. Individuals who want to provide comments on a topic that is currently being considered by council are asked to preregister at least two days prior to the meeting by calling 614-265-6304. All comments are required to be three minutes or less.

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OHIO WILDLIFE DIVERSITY CONFERENCE EXPLORES OUR EVOLVING RELATIONSHIP WITH NATURE

As encounters between humans and wildlife continue to grow, it is imperative that these challenges are met to help create positive experiences moving forward. The process of creating these productive connections is the theme of the 31st annual Ohio Wildlife Diversity Conference on Wednesday, March 11, at the Aladdin Shrine Center in Columbus.

This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Stephen Kellert from the Yale School of Forestry. Kellert's work focuses on understanding the connection between nature and humanity. He has authored more than 150 publications, including his recent book, *Birthright: People and Nature in the Modern World*. Other topics presented during the conference include lichens, surveying hunters and bird-watchers, the threat of the Asian longhorned beetle, resolving conflicts with urban wildlife, hellbenders, lady-beetles and swans.

Doors open for registration at 8:00 a.m., and the conference, titled "Wildlife Connections and Positive Challenges," runs from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The Aladdin Shrine Center is located at 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219. The conference is sponsored by the ODNR Division of Wildlife and is open to the public.

register now at wildohio.gov or call 800-WILD-LIFE (945-3543). People who pre-register will have the option of signing up for the sit-down luncheon at the conference.

The first Ohio Wildlife Diversity Conference was held in 1985 with 40 people in attendance. The conference continues to grow, as approximately 900 people attended last year's daylong event. Representatives from a wide range of conservation and natural resource organizations will offer displays and be available to answer questions. ODNR staff will also be on hand to answer questions from those in attendance.

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RENOVATIONS FOR SHOOTING RANGES ANNOUNCED

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Director James Zehringer and ODNR Division of Wildlife Chief Scott Zody announced that the department will be renovating firearms and archery shooting ranges across the state. Zehringer and Zody discussed the planned improvements during a recent tour of the Spring Valley Shooting Range in Waynesville.

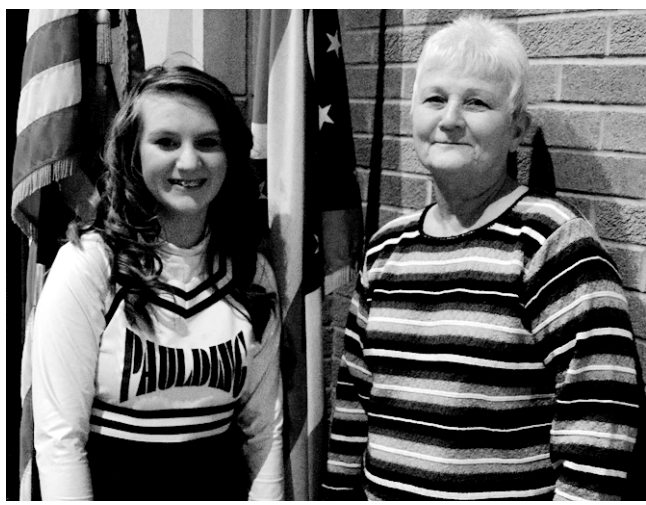
These improvement efforts have already started at the Delaware Shooting Range located in the Delaware Wildlife Area east of U.S. Route 23. This Class A public range will receive much needed renovations, improvements and additions. The improvements will include 90 shooting positions, a significant increase from the existing range's 16 positions. The initial development of this project includes preparation of the site and removal of trees, which will begin in the coming months. New construction will begin this spring, and the reconstructed range is expected to be open by summer 2016.

New facilities at the Delaware Shooting Range will include:

- Four hand trap fields
- 30 shooting positions at 100-yard range
- 36 positions at 50-foot pistol range
- 24 positions at 25-yard range
- 20 positions at the 90-meter archery range
- 14 position 3-D archery walkthrough course with elevated shooting positions
- Men's and women's restrooms
- Range master building with video surveillance and intercom

The education and training center at the Delaware Shooting Range will feature an indoor archery/air gun

McDANIEL WINS ESSAY CONTEST



Hailey McDaniel, 8th grade student at Paulding Middle School recently placed first in the VFW Northwest District Patriot Pen Essay Contest.

Hailey received \$425 for her essay. Shown here with Hailey is Judy Davis, President of the Paulding VFW Post 587 Ladies Aux.

range, classroom amenities, kitchenette, storage space, office space, climate control and have a building capacity for 92 people.

Development and construction of the range has been designed to have minimal impact on the existing shooting range. Once construction begins, the existing Delaware range will remain open under normal guidelines.

Preliminary design work at the Spring Valley Range, located in the Spring Valley Wildlife Area, should begin after July 1. Some of the improvements include the current entrance being closed and relocated, and the trap range shooting line will be renovated for improved operation. A new indoor archery training and hunter education building will be constructed, and the range and buildings will be designed for federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance.

Other improvements for the Spring Valley Shooting Range include:

- New 90-meter static archery range
- Updated walk-through 3-D archery course
- Automated trap throw-

ers on the shotgun range

- Reconstructed and redesigned backstops
- An extended shooting line on the rifle/pistol range to provide additional shooting opportunity
- Parking lot redesign
- Correction of drainage issues

Funding for these projects comes directly from the Wildlife Restoration Act excise taxes collected from the sale of firearms and ammunition, as well as the sale of Ohio hunting licenses.

ODNR's long-term goal is to renovate all five of the Class A ranges in the state.

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Parcel 1: 1 1/2 +- acres with Home Located at 4270 Rd. 96, Payne, OH (1 1/2 mi north of Payne on Rt. 49 to T-96; then west on T-96 for 1/2 mi --- Approx 1,416 sq. ft. 3 BR, ranch style home with 1 1/2 baths, 2 car garage, full basement, propane generator, asphalt drive, garden shed & mature trees --- nice affordable property close to Payne

Parcel 2: 38 1/2 +- acres of land Located adjacent to Parcel 1 with frontage on Rd. 96

Parcel 3: 40+- acres of land Located 1/2 mi north of Payne on Rt. 49 to Rd. T-94; then west on T-94 for 1/2 mi with frontage on Rd. 94

Both land parcels are mostly Hoytville & Nappanee type soils and are mostly tillable - Parcels 2 & 3 are contiguous tracts with Parcel 1 having frontage on Rd T-96 and Parcel 2 having frontage on T-94

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Terms: Multi parcel bidding with bidding on each individual parcel or any combination of parcels during the auction process \$2,000 earnest money for Parcel 1 and \$5,000 earnest money each for Parcels 2 & 3 on the day of the Auction upon the signing of the purchase agreement. Balance due at closing on or before May 11, 2015 upon delivery of Deed & Certificate Of Title. **Auction Location:** Divine Mercy Catholic Church Reception Hall / Gym - 203 W. Townline St. (Rt. 613) Payne, Ohio - 1/2 block west of Rt. 49. **Seller:** Alice Bruns Estate, William J. Bruns, Ex., Paulding Co. Probate Cr. Case 20141074, James M. Sponseller, Attorney Aaron Timm, Sale Mgr.; Larry D. Gorrell, Broker; Sandra Mickelson, Nolan Shisler Auctioneers

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SAT., APRIL 4TH @ 10 A.M.

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Sec. 16, Harrison Twp., Paulding, Co., OH

Parcel 1: 80+- Acres Of Land Located 3 mi north of Payne on Rt. 49 to Rt. 111; then west on Rt. 111 for 1 1/2 mi. Frontage on Rt. 111 USDA Soil Survey indicates all Hoytville type soil, Nearly all tillable There was 161 ton (\$7,084) of poultry manure applied to Parcel 1 in the fall of 2014, for which the Buyer of Parcel 1 will reimburse the Seller at closing.....

Parcel 2: 76+- Acres Of Land Located 3 mi north of Payne on Rt. 49 to Rt. 111; then west on Rt. 111 for 2 mi to Rd. 21; then south on Rd. 21 for 1/2 mi. with frontage on Rd. 21 USDA Soil Survey indicates all Hoytville type soil Nearly all tillable Parcels 1 & 2 are contiguous tracts with Parcel 1 having frontage on Rt. 111 and Parcel 2 having frontage on T-21

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As part of a continuing effort to ensure only those eligible are registering to vote and casting ballots in Ohio, Secretary of State Jon Husted today announced his office has identified an additional 145 registered voters who are not citizens of the United States as required by law. Of these, 27 have been referred for further investigation and possible prosecution based on reported vote history in previous elections.

"No amount of voter fraud is acceptable and as the state's chief elections officer it is my responsibility to maintain our voter rolls and ensure only those who are eligible are participating in our elections," Secretary Husted said. "Every vote matters, especially given that 70 local elections have been decided by single vote or tied over the last 16 months."

The Secretary of State's office was able to identify these 145 individuals using information provided by the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) by virtue of the fact that in order to obtain a driver's license, someone who is residing in Ohio legally and not a citizen must provide documentation to the BMV. Records show that the individuals in question provided non-citizen documentation on at least two occasions. This is important because based on information the individuals themselves provided to the BMV, there is a greater degree of certainty that they were not citizens at the time they registered to vote.

In addition to the 27 individuals referred to the Attorney General, the Secretary of State's office also identified 118 non-citizens who are currently registered to vote in Ohio, but there is no evidence to show they ever cast a ballot. They have been sent letters requesting that they cancel their registrations if they are indeed not United States citizens.

This announcement is a continuation of Secretary Husted's work over the past four years to clean up Ohio's voter rolls through improved sharing of government-held data. In fact, he was the first Ohio Secretary of State to share data electronically with the BMV, which has made identifying non-citizens on the voter rolls possible.

The 145 individuals identified brings the number of non-citizens registered to vote in Ohio to 436. In December 2013, Secretary Husted found 17 non-citi-

zens who appeared to have voted illegally in the 2012 Presidential Election and an additional 274 non-citizens who registered to vote but there was no record of casting a ballot. The 17 cases were referred to the Ohio Attorney General's office for further investigation, which so far has resulted in four convictions. Letters were sent to the remaining 274 non-citizens, which has resulted in 96 voter registration cancellations, six individuals have become naturalized citizens, 63 were undeliverable and 109 remain under investigation by the Attorney General's office.

Despite these efforts, the Secretary of State's office does not have access to the resources necessary to identify all non-citizens on the rolls. This is due to the fact that many non-citizens have access to Social Security numbers, which under federal law can also be used to register to vote. President Barack Obama's recent Immigration Accountability Executive Actions will only exacerbate this problem by granting millions more access to this valid form of identification that can be used to register to vote.

In an attempt to address this issue before the executive actions are fully implemented, Secretary Husted recently wrote President Obama and testified before Congress to raise awareness about this matter and to ask the federal government to give states real-time access to accurate, searchable, electronic databases of non-citizens who have valid Social Security numbers so that they may distinguish between citizens and lawfully-present non-citizens.

"I am committed to my responsibility to make it easy to vote and hard to cheat, and with the cooperation of the federal government we can do this without any additional burden on the voters," Secretary Husted said. "Without access to the information we need, this will continue to be an unresolved problem."

When it comes to improving the security and access of elections in Ohio, Secretary Husted continues to seek legislative authority to offer full online voter registration. This system would save the taxpayers money and create additional ease in participating in Ohio elections, but would also add an extra layer of security by allowing the state to instantaneously check voter eligibility before new voters are even placed on the rolls.

"Maintaining accurate voter rolls is an important part of our ongoing mission to protect the integrity of our elections," Secretary Husted said. "I will continue to push for legislative authority to create an online voter registration system and access to all of the tools necessary to ensure that Ohio remains a national leader in election integrity."

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2015 LEGISLATIVE SURVEY RESULTS

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

Every year, I send out a legislative survey to gather input from residents of Senate District 14 on important issues from across the state. As your state senator, it is my job to listen and to understand what my constituents have to say regarding various topics and issues.

My office has recently calculated the results based on responses to my online and hardcopy surveys. The questions and results are as follows:

1. Indiana has reserve funds that equal about 13% of annual state spending. Do you favor A) using that money to increase government spending now, or B) maintaining our reserves to protect against budget shortfalls in the future?

A: Spend: 10%
B: Save: 90%

2. Do you think Indiana should base part of each public university's funding on performance measures like how many students graduate on schedule?

A: Yes: 61%
B: No: 39%

3. The gas tax is the main source of road funding, but revenue is not keeping up with inflation, creating maintenance problems. Do you support allowing the gas tax rate to change with inflation each year to maintain funding for road projects?

A: Yes: 52%
B: No: 48%

4. Do you think the right to own and fish should be placed in the Indiana Constitution to protect against those who want to limit these practices?

A: Yes: 65%
B: No: 35%

5. Do you think city and town governments should be able to annex property without first obtaining the approval of a majority of the affected property owners?

A: Yes: 10%
B: No: 90%

6. Do you support or oppose ending an individual's welfare eligibility if he or she fails a drug test?

A: Support: 88%
B: Oppose: 12%

7. Do you support requiring able-bodied adults without dependents to work or seek work in order to receive welfare?

A: Yes: 97%
B: No: 3%

As always, I will continue to make legislative decisions on your behalf to the best of my ability. If I can be of any assistance to you or your family, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at Senator.Kruse@iga.in.gov or by phone at 800-382-9467.

What do you think?

Sudoku solution from page 13

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5	3	7	8	1	6	9	2	4
2	8	4	3	5	9	7	6	1
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9	4	5	7	6	3	2	1	8
7	5	8	9	3	1	6	4	2
6	1	3	5	2	4	8	7	9
4	2	9	6	8	7	1	5	3

#SUBCOMMTECH MEMBERS RESPOND TO FCC'S UNPRECEDENTED REGULATION OF THE INTERNET

Republican Members of the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee's Subcommittee on Communications and Technology today responded to the FCC's vote in favor of utility-style regulation of the Internet:

"Resorting to Great Depression-era rules will trigger a stampede to the courts, unleashing years of lawsuits and uncertainty at a time when U.S. leadership and the Internet economy are more important than ever. We believe the Internet has worked well under current rules, but we were - and we remain - willing to come to the table with legislation to answer the calls for legally sustainable consumer protections for the free and open Internet that has fostered a generation of innovation, economic growth, and global empowerment."

"Republicans, Democrats, consumer groups, and investors all agree that we need sustainable protections to preserve the Internet as we know it. A 3-2 party-line vote is not the policy consensus this issue deserves. Consumers, investment in state-of-the-art networks, and job creation all stand to lose from today's heavy-handed decision. And transparency has all but evaporated during this broken process. Once these rules finally emerge from the shadows, it will become clear that the FCC's action today does not end the debate."

The above statement is attributable to every Republican member of the Communications and Technology Subcommittee.

- Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (MI)
- Communications and Technology Subcommittee Chairman Greg Walden (OR)
- Communications and Technology Subcommittee Vice Chairman Bob Latta (OH)
- Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Emeritus Joe Barton (TX)
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ANTWERP BROADCASTING PRESENT PROGRAM TO ROTARY



Pictured here are a part of the Antwerp Broadcasting class: Mikayla Boesch, Colin Perry, Samantha Provines, Kayla Bagley (instructor), Jacob O'Donnell.

Students from the Antwerp High School Broadcast Program, taught by Mrs. Kayla Bagley recently presented their program to the Antwerp Rotary. The students organize, film, edit and "tele-

vised" live newscasts and include elementary students in the productions as well. Visit <http://thecube.com/cube/antwerparchers> to view their awesome work.

PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON SHORT-, LONG-TERM TRANSPORTATION PLANS

On March 24, 2015, from 4:00-7:00 p.m., the Indiana Department of Transportation will host a public open house at the Fort Wayne District Sub District Building, 5333 Hatfield, Road in Fort Wayne.

The purpose of the open house is to meet with community and transportation stakeholders regarding the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP is a four-year plan-

ning document that lists all projects expected to be funded during those four years, including pavement and bridge facilities, and projects that address safety, congestion, mobility and emergency response. In addition, this document includes investment in various modes, including highways, transit, pedestrian trails, and bicycle facilities. During the open house, INDOT officials will be available to address questions and solicit input on a variety of topics including planning, project selection, multimodal, highway safety, economic opportunity, Local Public

Agency, public involvement, district operations and other INDOT programs.

The public open house is an opportunity to meet with INDOT officials and program managers in an informal setting where discussion and conversation will be welcomed and appreciated.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special accommodations are needed with regard to the meeting venue or the accessibility of program documents; or if a person of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) needs assistance, please contact Rickie Clark, INDOT Office of Public Involvement at (317) 232-6601 or email rclark@indot.in.gov.

For more information, please contact the INDOT Fort Wayne District Customer Service Center at (866) 227-3555. NEinformation@indot.in.gov or the INDOT Office of Public Involvement at (317) 232-6601 rclark@indot.in.gov.

ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL REUNION PLANNED

Every three years, since 2006, the Antwerp Community Development Committee (ACDC) has held an Antwerp High School Reunion for all persons who ever attended the Antwerp School. This year the dates are August 7-8, this coincides with the Antwerp Day in the Park event. Friday night there will be a DJ meet and greet at the Antwerp VFW, Saturday night will be the dinner and live band dance at the MAC Gym. As always, a class rep from each class is needed to contact their classmates. Reservation forms and full information is available by emailing, mrs-maut@gmail.com. Tables will be provided at the dinner for each class that responds and makes reservations. Awards and recognition will be given out at the dinner for classes attending.

Committee members include: Tony Langham, Christy Williamson, Pam and Kyle Zartman, Jerry Zielke, Jan and John Reeb, Karlann Lee, Laurel Hopkins, Kara Eicher, Kathy Gormely, and Melanie Oberlin.

This Reunion will benefit the improvement of Antwerp by the ACDC.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM... CITYWIDE WASTE COLLECTION IN NEW HAVEN

Please join in the City Council meeting on Tuesday, March 24th beginning at 7:00 p.m. and offer your comments and input regarding citywide waste collection in New Haven. The meeting will take place in the New Haven City Hall, City Council Chambers, 815 Lincoln Highway East.

If you cannot attend the meeting, please feel free to email your comments to Deb-Anne Smith in the Mayor's Office at dsmith@newhavenin.org. They are seeking public input and want to hear from you.

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SECRETARY OF STATE JON HUSTED ANNOUNCES MEETING OF OHIO BOARD OF VOTING MACHINE EXAMINERS

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that the Ohio Board of Voting Machine Examiners will meet on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Secretary of State's Office located at 180 East Broad St., 15th Floor, Columbus, OH, 43215.

The agenda includes:

- Five-year re-examination of the Assure 1.2 Voting System from Election Systems & Software (ES&S), which was originally certified in 2010 as a voting system from Premier Election Solutions, for continued certification and use in Ohio elections.

- Review of the application for certification of the ExpressPoll Tablet, EZRoster Version 3.0.0.0, electronic pollbook (submitted by ES&S) and examination of the pollbook for certification and approval for use in Ohio elections.

- Review of the application for certification of the Advocate electronic pollbook (submitted by ELECTEC, Inc.) and examination of the pollbook for certification and approval for use in Ohio elections.

- Review of the LiveBallot marking device (submitted by Democracy Live) for the approval of the device for use as authorized by Ohio Revised Code §3506.04.

This meeting of the Board is open to the public.

Board Members: Joyce Kale-Pesta (Director, Mahoning County Bd. of Elections), William Anthony, Jr. (Director, Franklin County

13th ANNUAL HEALTH, BUSINESS & INDUSTRY FAIR AT PAULDING COUNTY EXTENSION BLDG



The Paulding County Senior Center is hosting their 13th annual Health, Business and Industry Fair on Wednesday, March 18th from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The event is held at the Paulding County Extension Building on Fairground Dr.

The Fair will feature approximately 50 vendor

booths, food, door prizes and lots of helpful information. This is open to the public and has free admission.

Pictured here looking over vendor registrations are Lisa Schroeder, Senior Center cook and on the right is Rhonda Leininger, Secretary for the Center's Steering Committee.

Bd. of Elections), Jeffrey A. Matthews (Director, Stark County Bd. of Elections), and Shawn Stevens (Member, Delaware County Bd. of Elections).

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