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Visit the Bookmobile at Haviland and Grover Hill during National Library Week and help stop the villains, The Word Stealer and Mis Speld. We need your help to protect books and reading!

The Paulding County Carnegie Library will celebrate National Bookmobile Day at two locations during National Library Week.

The county Bookmobile will be celebrating mobile library service in Haviland on Tuesday April 14th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (There will be no other stops on that day). On Thursday April 16th, the Bookmobile will celebrate at the Grover Hill Elementary School from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

If you have never visited the Bookmobile, consider this your special invitation. Be prepared to join the Bookmobile's superhero team, The Reading Reinforcers and help the Bookmobile "save the words" by protecting books from two dastardly villains. "The Word Stealer" villain has been known to actually remove all the words from books. Villain "Mis Speld" is sneaky and enjoys misspelling all the words. We need your help in thwarting these

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GLASS RECYCLING TO RETURN TO COUNTY PROGRAM

The WMEA Program (Waste Management Education & Awareness) will be teaming up with Erie Recycling to bring glass recycling back to the county program. It must be rinsed out, caps off and separated into clear and colored bottles. This glass recycling endeavor will coincide with celebrating Earth Day on April 22, 2015.

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See below the recycling schedule where you can bring your recycling.

FIRST SATURDAY:

Grover Hill - Grover Hill VFW, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Haviland - Haviland Park, 11:15-11:45 a.m.

Scott - Scott Equity, 12:00-12:30 p.m.

Erie Recycling - Paulding Fairgrounds, 9:00-11:00 a.m.; Cecil Village, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

SECOND SATURDAY:

Melrose - Melrose UMC, 9:00-9:30 a.m.

Oakwood - Oakwood Park, 9:45-11:00 a.m.

Junction - Old St. Mary's Church, 11:15-11:45 a.m.

THIRD SATURDAY:

Payne - Payne Ball Park, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Briceton - Old Briceton Propane site, 11:15-11:45 a.m.

Latty - Latty Community Building, 12:00-12:30 p.m.

Please have items sorted and cleaned. If you have any questions, please call Becky Suvar, Program Manager at 419-399-3630 or email at wmea@bright.net. This activity is brought to you by WMEA program and the Paulding County Commissioners.

CELEBRATING A LIFE WELL-LIVED



By: Ottawa Hills Local Schools Superintendent Dr. Kevin S. Miller, former Paulding County resident

You didn't know Steve Hall. Actually, he crossed some of your paths years ago, but it was a blip on the screen—you didn't even notice. He was a member of the Wayne Trace baseball team back in 1986. That was one of the teams that Ottawa Hills ran over in regionals on your march to a state championship that year. If you're an Ohio State fan big on trivia, his name might be familiar to you. But chances are, you don't remember this role player from the late 80's and early 90's who played on

two Big Ten Championship teams.

But I knew him. He was one of the eighth graders that I taught in my first year as an educator 32 years ago at Wayne Trace Junior High in Paulding County. I thought I was a pretty darn good teacher. But I found out later on how wrong I was. Looking back, I was a bumbling rookie. But I had this incredible eighth grade class that made

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OBITUARIES

PAULDING, OH:
John R. Dunstan Jr., age 78 died March 31, 2015. Den Herdler Funeral Home of Paulding is handling arrangements.
PAULDING, OH
Nancy Jo Laukhuf, age 64 died Tuesday March 31, 2015 at the Bucyrus Community Hospital, Bucyrus, OH.
 Nancy was born on August 20, 1950 in Paulding, OH to the late Ernest and Iva (Leonard) Adkins. On August 24, 1968 she married David L. Laukhuf who survives.
 She graduated from Blue Creek High School (Paulding County Ohio). She worked in the Paulding County Hospital Business Department (bookkeeping).
 Surviving Nancy are daughter, Holly (Barry) Rupp of Paulding, OH; brother, Weldon (Georgianna) Adkins of Haviland; sisters: Freda Farris of Grover Hill, OH; Betty Lou Myers of Paulding, OH; Merri Adkins and Sandra Kay Lee both of Haviland, OH; two grandsons: Carson and Ryan Rupp of Paulding, OH; and many nieces and nephews and extended family.
 Preceding her in death were a stillborn son, Neil B. Laukhuf on June 12, 1971; two brothers:

Virgil L. and Charles "Hobe" Adkins; and two sisters: Shirley Yoh and Ruth Ann Healy.
 Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at the Cowan & Son Funeral Home in Van Wert, OH. Rev. Ron Johnson will officiate. Viewing will be from 2:00-8:00 p.m. April 6, 2015 and one hour ahead of service on Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery in Latty Township, Paulding County Ohio.
 In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Melrose UMC Missions, Gateway Woods Children's Home and Wounded Warrior Project. Expressions of sympathy may be forwarded at cowanfuneralhome.com



TIFFIN, OH
Sister Jean Linder, 88, of the Sisters of St. Francis of Tiffin, died at 2:30 P.M. Sunday, April 5, 2015 at St. Francis Home, Tiffin.
 She was born June 2, 1926 in Payne, Ohio to John and Anna (Schall) Linder.
 Surviving are a sister, Theresa Baumle of Payne; two brothers, Maurice Linder of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and James Linder of Payne.
 She was preceded in death by her parents and seven sisters Catherine Gonya, Marie Linder, Rita Linder, Josephine Huguenard, Rosemary Perrine, Genevieve Wilson, and

Sister Helen Linder, O.S.F.
 Sister Jean Linder was from St. John's Parish in Payne, Ohio. After receiving her MA in English from Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Indiana, in the Toledo Diocese she served as an elementary teacher at Miller City, and Landeck; as elementary teacher and principal at Peru and Bucyrus; as high school teacher at Lima Central Catholic High School and Central Catholic High School in Toledo. She served in congregational leadership as President, General Councilor, and Community Minister for a total of 16 years. In the Diocese of Charlotte, North Carolina she served as Assistant Director of Living Waters Reflection Center, Vicar for Religious, Director of Planning, and Administrative Assistant for Vocations. Later in life she returned to the motherhouse in Tiffin when she served as Motherhouse Librarian, and a Minister of Service. At the time of her death she was a resident at St. Francis Home and a Minister of Prayer for the congregation. Sister Jean Linder enjoyed gathering with friends to play cards and share ideas. She delighted in renovating the motherhouse library and deepening her love for reading.
 Visitation will be 2 P.M. to 7 P.M., Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at the St. Francis Convent Chapel, 200 St. Francis Ave. with a 4:00 P.M. Wake service.
 Visitation will also be 9-10:30A.M Thursday, April 9, 2015 with the Funeral Mass at 10:30A.M., at St. Francis Convent Chapel with burial following at the St. Francis Convent Cemetery.
 Memorials may be made to St. Francis Home or St. Francis Convent in care of the Traunero Funeral Home and Crematory, 214 S. Monroe St., Tiffin, Ohio 44883 (419)447-3113.
 To send condolences, or get directions go to: <https://www.traunerofuneralhome.com>

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters."
 —I John 3:16 NIV

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 4/8 - 4/14

- 4/8 - Chicken salad sandwich, bean soup, broccoli salad, orange juice, perfection salad, crackers
- 4/9 - Baked pork chop, baked potato, carrots, peaches, sherbet, WW bread
- 4/10 - Mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas & onions, fruit cocktail, cake, WW bread
- 4/13 - Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, warm pears, WW bread
- 4/14 - Cabbage roll casserole over rice, fruit compote, grape juice, dinner roll

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two villains!
 Our "Reading Reinforcement" superhero team, (Kathy Heffley and Tawnya English), will don their super-power capes and get to work. By encouraging reading, they will foil these two reading villains who are on bound and determined to discourage the love of reading. Lots of prizes and goodies will be given away including drawings for six grand prizes at each location. All Bookmobile patrons, friends and fans are invited to join this fun celebration. In case of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled.

The Paulding County Carnegie Library Bookmobile was established in 2011 and serves county residents of all backgrounds and ages who may not be able to travel to a brick and mortar branch library. The Bookmobile provides access to almost every service that patrons find in library branches, readers advisory services, help with electronic devices, contests and children's programs, monthly visits to area preschools, weekly visits to nursing homes and campgrounds during the summer season. A notary public is on board as an added service.

National Bookmobile Day is celebrated nationwide on the Wednesday during National Library Week, which runs this year April 12-18. National Bookmobile Day is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA), the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS), and the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL). For more information about your county bookmobile service, call 419-399-2032 or visit the Bookmobile's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/PauldingCountyBookmobile>

HITE ANNOUNCES PASSAGE OF SENATE PRIORITY BILL TO EASE REGULATORY BURDENS ON OHIO SCHOOLS

Senator Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) announced the passage of legislation that strengthens local control of Ohio schools by placing limits on state testing time. The bill also provides greater flexibility for schools by reducing reporting requirements and increasing the competitive bid threshold for technology, security and safety upgrades to school buildings.
 "Senate Bill 3 is a response to requests from school districts, teachers, and parents who want to see limits placed on testing and the focus to be shifted to a more local control model to ease burdensome regulations," said Hite. "This is a well-rounded piece of legislation that will have a positive impact on all Ohio school districts and educators."

The legislation caps the time students must spend on state or district mandated testing at 2 percent and caps the time spent on practice and diagnostic tests used for preparation at 1 percent.

The bill also eliminates certain requirements for diagnostic testing as well as the fall administration of the third grade reading tests. The bill will also lower the teacher evaluation measure regarding student growth from the current 42.5 percent to 35 percent.

"The impact of this bill will be felt by every school district in Ohio. Our local boards, administrators and teachers know what works best in their schools, and this gives them the flexibility to focus their efforts and resources on the students in the classroom," said Hite.

Other provisions of Senate Bill 3 include creating a list of exemptions for qualified schools to provide even greater local control. Qualifications for district exemptions will be based on district report card measures.

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me look far better than I was. They were patient and they were kind. And for whatever reason, they took it upon themselves to make me feel like the king of my classroom.

Not every class is like this. Teachers will tell you that an entire class develops its own personality. Some are more pleasing than others. As a new teacher, I had no point of reference, so little did I know that this class of eighth graders was something special. They were a group of high achievers. There was a certain camaraderie among the ninety or so classmates. There just seemed to be an unwritten rule with this class that you did your best, you got your work done, and you showed respect for your teachers—even the new ones.

Why? Because that's the example that the leaders of the class provided for all the rest. And one of them leading the way was Steve Hall. He was intelligent—he graduated as valedictorian of his class. He had integrity—he served as Class President. And he was talented—the kid was amazing on the basketball court. He led Wayne Trace High School to its first appearance in the State Final Four in basketball. He would graduate from our little country high school and go on to play basketball at Ohio State University during the Jimmy Jackson era.

He became a mechanical engineer because "he was good at math and everyone told him he would make a lot of money as an engineer." But after a few years, he realized it wasn't his life's calling. Not really. I think he must have had conversations with a couple dozen of us, looking for permission to stop being what he was—an engineer—and start being what he wanted to be—a teacher. And that's what he did.

He taught high school math and coached basketball and tennis for 18 years at Grandview Heights City Schools in Columbus. Grandview Heights is a lot like Ottawa Hills—a small, tight-knit community with a high-performing school. It's nestled just off of downtown Columbus. He was named Teacher of the Year there, I believe more than once. So it's no surprise that when Steve was

diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer in July of 2013 at the age of 43, the Grandview Heights community came together to provide support, encouragement, and loving arms for Steve, his wife Kellie, and their two children, Eli and Emma. They weren't in it alone. They were joined by the Wayne Trace and Ohio State communities which had been equally impacted by Steve.

Steve Hall was a heck of a shot blocker on the basketball court. We even had a special cheer at Wayne Trace: "You've been caught, you've been blocked, you're a victim of the Hall's swat." I think he still owns some sort of shot blocking record at UT's Centennial Hall (now Savage Arena) when we played regional basketball there. And those of us who knew Steve worked hard to convince ourselves that he'd swat this cancer thing away just like he had swatted away dozens and dozens of opponents' shots over the years. If love alone could save a life, Steve Hall would still be with us today. But sometimes the body doesn't care what the heart wants, so this past Monday I joined hundreds and hundreds (and hundreds) of others and attended Steve's funeral. They were standing three deep along the walls at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Columbus.

Why do I share this with you? Well, this newsletter gives me a chance to provide information each week about everything from our school finances to our various programs to our students' successes and more. Our weekly district newsletter provides a perfect vehicle for me to be accountable to you. But it's also a way to share my heart. After all, education is about more than test results and five-year forecasts. It's about people. And I find that the people who have crossed my path over my years as an educator are the treasures I value the most. And I also find that when you are surrounded by people you care about, you want to share more than just information. You want to share your heart.

And that's why I have to tell you the story of Steve Hall.

As educators, one of the glorious parts of our job is that all students who pass through our classroom leave

a bit of themselves behind to become a part of our hearts (that's why educators have such big hearts). And in return, a piece of our heart leaves with them. That sounds incredibly corny. But it's true. And frankly, some students impact us more than others. Steve was one of those students, and so even after he left my classroom, we remained friends.

One thing I appreciated about Steve was that he always invited others along to share in his life. His four years of high school basketball at Wayne Trace were a wonder to behold. Our high school gym was small—we called it "The Pit." And if you wanted a seat for a Friday night game, you'd better arrive early. I'm not kidding you when I tell you that people were lined up at the school before we even dismissed our students for the day. When our students got out of school at 3:00, they would walk out one door and then go to another to get in line for that night's basketball game. Fellow Raiders will verify this. When the doors opened at 5:45 p.m., it was like a stampede. Within minutes, The Pit was full, it was hot, it was loud, and the entire community (those that could fit in, anyway), was ready to join Steve and the rest of his teammates in winning another ball game. It was a group effort.

As I noted, Steve and his teammates took us all the way to the state semi-finals, where we lost in a heartbreaker to Bucyrus Wynford, victims of a buzzer-beating tip-in shot. Our demise was somewhat ironic because we were at the state tournament compliments of a last-second miracle shot by Steve Hall at a packed Elida Fieldhouse, giving us a victory over a vaunted Delphos St. John's team. Despite the state semi-final loss, as you all know, the joy was in the journey. What a magical time.

When Steve went on to play at Ohio State, he made sure that I got front row seats with his mom and dad at least once each year. He did that for a lot of people. When he married his college sweetheart, Kellie, we all made the trek to Columbus to celebrate the day with them.

A life really doesn't mean much if it doesn't leave something behind. The value of a legacy isn't measured by money or material things. It's measured by the impact of the lessons that remain with us. And though I was the teacher 32 years ago, Steve's passing has caused me to become the student. That first lesson Steve left was his willingness to unselfishly invite others to share in his journey. Steve provided a lot of joy for people in his journey as a student, an athlete, and a teacher, because he allowed all of us to share his adventures with him.

The second lesson is simple, yet not always so easy. Steve had an incredibly kind soul. As a matter of fact, he never seemed to miss the opportunity to be kinder than necessary. At the funeral, the Deacon noted, "If you couldn't get along with Steve Hall, then there's probably no hope for you." Even back to his junior high days, I remember that he treated others, including his classmates, with kindness and regard. When you spent time with Steve, you left feeling better

about yourself. He had a gift of doing that. He'd put everything else to the side and make sure he gave you his full attention. After those Ohio State games, he'd take the time to come out to talk with us or even take us back to the locker room. His high school coach, Al Welch, said that the worse thing you could say about Steve was that he was the same on the basketball court as he was in life—a little too kind. That might be possible on the playing field, but it's never possible in life.

I've been thinking about what made Steve the kind, caring person he was. I credit his parents, John and Rose Ann. They are hard working, kind people themselves. Salt of the earth. They taught Steve and their other two children, Angie and Bill, through example. And it made me realize that as educators, we can enhance your children's experience, and yes, we can even hinder your children's experience, but there's nothing we can do to replace years and years of instruction and example provided by parents. John and Rose Ann Hall had the formula for raising great kids. Structure in a caring environment. High expectations. An incredible work ethic. Unconditional love.

And the third lesson that Steve left behind was gratefulness. Steve took many opportunities to tell me the part I played in his success. That's incredibly humbling. But that's what he did for people. Even in his final hours, he was more concerned with thanking his family and friends for being there with him than the inevitability that was before him. At Sunday evening's prayer service, several friends and former students were invited to share how "Mr. Hall" had impacted their lives. But only one person was asked to speak at the funeral, and that was Jim Hoersten, Steve's junior high industrial arts teacher and eighth grade basketball coach. They remained very good friends long after Steve's junior high years, mostly because Steve was so thankful for what Jim taught him not only as a player, but also as a person. He had coaches who took him to great heights throughout his career, but his deepest gratitude was reserved for the person who laid the foundation for all he was to become—Coach Hoersten. Steve never seemed to lose sight of what mattered in life... or the people who mattered. He lived each day with a grateful heart, even during his battle with cancer. And perhaps that's the greatest lesson of all. Concentrating on all that is good and right with the world around us instead of complaining about life's problems and irritations. Steve was really good at being grateful.

A year from now, in February of 2016, the Grandview Heights Bobcats are making the three-hour trip to Wayne Trace and there will be a boys' basketball game between two storied programs. It will take place in Wayne Trace's 2,400-seat gymnasium, opened in 1989, a year after Steve graduated. You could call it the "House that Hall Built," because Steve, his teammates, and Coach Al Welch created so much excitement in the community that when the taxpayers were asked to fund a new gym

(now called "The Palace"), they not only said, "yes," they said "heck yes!" The game will be fun, but the night will be meaningful because Steve's Wayne Trace jersey, #50, will be retired. That will be the first jersey to be retired in the school's history.

The gym may be part of Steve's legacy, but it pales in comparison to the lessons he left for those who knew and loved him. Lessons in bringing along those you care for and who cared for you. Lessons in kindness. Lessons in gratefulness.

Henry Adams said, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." My world is a lot better because Steve Hall crossed my path. It's a bit emptier because he's gone. But I know this—his life will affect eternity because of the way he taught his students, the way he coached his athletes, and the way he treated the people who knew and loved him. And that, my friends, is called a life well-lived.

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LATTA AND WALZ INTRODUCE H.R. 1705 TO ASSIST COMMUNITIES WITH WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH), along with Congressman Tim Walz, (D-MN), have introduced the Clean Water Affordability Act of 2015. This bill will assist municipalities to more affordably manage their wastewater infrastructure projects.

"This bipartisan bill will help communities with EPA mandated wastewater infrastructure improvement projects, as well as assist with managing wet weather conditions. Clean water is vital to our health, environment and economy and we cannot take it for granted. However, one of the biggest hurdles in Ohio for these

communities are increased EPA mandates and scrutiny, which is only causing stress and pressure on areas like these and others across the country that are still struggling towards economic recovery," Latta said. "I will work towards getting H.R. 1705 signed into law so that municipalities have additional flexibility and tools for managing these wastewater projects."

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


Specifically, H.R. 1705 amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (also known as the Clean Water Act), by updating the EPA's clean water affordability policy to assist municipalities that cannot meet unfunded mandates to improve their wastewater infrastructure projects. The legislation also provides stronger tools for communities to manage their Clean Water Act obligations more effectively, allows municipalities extra time for implementing Long Term Control Plans, sets-aside Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) funds for rural communities, and provides additional tools for communities to manage heavy precipitation events in a more cost-effective manner while protecting public health and the environment.

H.R. 1705 has been referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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—Bob & Shirley Bland



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Latty Friends United Methodist Church will be having a spaghetti supper on April 18 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. The menu will be spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic toast, drinks and dessert. This event will help with the church's efforts to install a new sidewalk and other maintenance projects.

The supper will be at the church, located at 301 Lewis Street, Latty. Come enjoy a great meal and fellowship!

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Luke 18:34 - Who was sitting by the road begging?
2. Luke 18:36 - What did the blind see passing by?
3. Luke 18:36 - Who did the blind man's question go to?
4. Luke 18:37 - Who was passing by?
5. Luke 18:38 - What did the blind cry out?
6. Luke 18:38 - By the blind man saying, 'Jesus, thou son of David', he saw Jesus as the _____?
7. Luke 18:39 - What did some warn him to do?
8. Luke 18:39 - What did the blind man continue to do?
9. Luke 18:41 - Jesus asked the blind man a question, what was that question?
10. Thought question: Name six things the blind man did? Remember the blind man's faith, healed him spiritually and physically.

Comments or Questions? Call James Potter at 419-393-4775 or e-mail Jsp1941@yahoo.com Also the editor / proofreader can be reached at 419-399-5022. Jesus loves you and so does the church of Christ! Answers to today's questions:

1. A blind man; 2. Nothing; 3. The multitude; 4. Jesus of Nazareth; 5. Jesus son of David; 6. The Messiah; 7. Be quiet; 8. He continued to cry have mercy on me; 9. What do you want me to do for you; 10. 1. He asked what it meant, 2. Cried to Him, 3. Asked for

mercy, 4. Kept on crying out when they tried to stop him, 5. Mark 10:50 says he arose and went to Jesus when permitted, 6. Asked Jesus to receive sight.

Notice in verse 43: and immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus. Loved ones, the blind man was healed and gave praise to God.

Loved ones, it is time to say bye, but continue to pray and read and study your Bible, especially the New Testament for this is where truth is. That will help us find Salvation. Luv Ya!

WHAT IS WEIGHING YOU DOWN TODAY?

Winning the Battle for a Generation by: Pastor Rick Jones

What is weighing you down today? Do you have a burden related to work, a relationship, financial matters? Could it be that what is weighing you down would have something to do with someone you have not forgiven because they have hurt you?

I read in PreachingToday.com how carrying an unforgiving spirit can literally weigh one down. Consider with me with the comments made by Melissa Dahl, "Holding a Grudge may Literally Weigh You Down," *Science of Us* (January 9, 2015).

According to researchers at Erasmus University carrying a grudge can weigh you down—literally. The researchers asked study participants to write about a time when they'd experienced a conflict. Some were instructed to reflect on a time when they didn't forgive the offender, others were told to think about the time they did forgive the person, and a third group wrote about a comparatively dull social interaction. They were then given a small physical challenge: jumping five times, as high as they could, without bending their knees.

They then asked their human guinea pigs to jump as high as they could, five times, without bending their knees. Those who had been thinking about a time when they'd forgiven jumped highest, about 11.8 inches on average; those who had written about their grudges, on the other hand, jumped 8.5 inches. There were no significant difference in the jumps of those in the non-forgiveness and neutral conditions. In another, similar experiment, people who'd been set up to think about a

time they held a grudge estimated that a hill was steeper than people who were thinking about a time they forgave someone.

The results suggest that the "weight" of carrying a grudge may be more than just a metaphor. The lead researcher for the study wrote, "A state of unforgiveness is like carrying a heavy burden—a burden that victims bring with them when they navigate the physical world. Forgiveness can 'lighten' this burden."

Consider with me a biblical remedy for carrying the weight of an unforgiving spirit when the Apostle Paul writes... Colossians 3:13 (NLT), "Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others."

Like a swimmer or runner who strips away any weight that would inhibit them from competing, doing their best, let us endeavor to be free from the weight of an unforgiving heart.

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.

SINGLE MOTHERS & WIDOWS FREE AUTO CLINIC

Signs of spring are finally here after a long hard winter and part of spring is the Single Mothers & Widows Free Auto Clinic. "This is the 38th year for the Single Mothers & Widows Auto Clinic," shared Pastor Paul and his lovely wife, Susie. The spring of 1987 was the beginning of a local ministry that has touched over 2,000 local single mothers and widows and their families with the love of God in a practical way and assisted them in saving thousands of dollars in automotive expenses.

For the last six years, First Friends Church at 210 South Franklin in Van Wert has hosted the community assistance program. Each spring and fall, the caring and dedicated men and women of First Friends freely give of their time and resources to show the love of God in this small way. Pastor Paul shares that helping single moms and widows with the free auto clinic is a major part of the book of James' definition of pure and undefiled religion.

At the Free Auto Clinic they change the oil and the filter and do a multi-point inspection and offer car care information. They are very appreciative of the financial support that Walmart offers as a Community Friend in helping financially challenged single mothers and widows with their car care costs through the Free Auto Clinic. Also other community friends such as Advanced Auto helps with discounted filters and other businesses that donate supplies to make the Free Auto Clinic possible. The generous support of community-minded businesses allows First Friends Church to not have to turn away any single mom or widow because of First Friend's limited resources. It truly is a community effort working together to make Van Wert a better place to live. Early Saturday morning, April 25th, First

Friends volunteers will gather together to pray for and begin a long but fulfilling day of caring and loving area single mothers and widows through the Free Auto Clinic. Pastor Paul shares how amazed and proud he is of the caring people of First Friends. This is a small part of their being "A Church with Heart, Caring for Our Communities".

They have to limit the Free Auto Clinic to the first 50 who call and pre-register because of time restraints. It is a long day after doing up to 50 oil changes in their parking lot.

For more information or to pre-register please call Pastor Paul at 419-771-9378 or Susan Mell at 419-203-2266. They need you to pre-register so they can have the correct oil filter for your vehicle.

If God's puts on your heart to help in any way with this community ministry, please call Pastor Paul at 419-771-9378. Pastor Paul welcomes any assistance, workers and financial help are always needed and appreciated. First Friends, on a Sunday night, also offers a Community Fellowship Dinner for our area. Pastor Paul requests you call ahead to insure having plenty of food for their guests. In the summer time they have their famous "Parking Lot Barbeques", many times featuring Rev. Rob's Ribs and Chicken once a month. April's Community Fellowship Dinner is Sunday night, April 12th at 5:30 p.m. and there will be special music following the fellowship dinner. Pastor Paul shared that if you are looking for a growing and vibrant church that cares for others, please join them Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. at 210 South Franklin St. in Van Wert.

COOKIN' FOR MISSION

The First Christian Church in Paulding will be hosting a Cookin' for Mission Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, April 18th from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

The church is located at 1233 Emerald Rd., Paulding, OH.

OHIO SCHOLARS IN AGING PROGRAM PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES, EXPERIENCE FOR FUTURE LEADERS

The Ohio Scholars in Aging Program cultivates future decision-makers and designers of aging services in Ohio, while ensuring that Ohio communities and businesses design and implement solutions that address the issues, opportunities and impact of an aging population. During the spring semester, five students are helping to prepare and build a responsive statewide infrastructure for our aging population.

"These students are the future leaders in the field of gerontology, they will help Ohio prepare and build a responsive statewide infrastructure for our aging population, while providing valuable support and advocacy for our elders," said Bonnie K. Burman, Sc.D., director of the department. "They promote the kind of care and caring that we would each want for our loved ones as they age. We are inspired by their commitment to creating a better life for our elders."

The internships vary, but all contribute to the devel-

HOLY WEEK LESSONS WITH MRS. CONLEY



Mrs. Conley, Religious Educator Director of Divine Mercy Parish, visits the Divine Mercy Catholic School weekly. She shares in each classroom. This week, she spoke about Holy Week

with the children. Together, they recreated Jesus' footsteps through Jerusalem by making a 3D model. Mrs. Conley is pictured here with grades 1 and 2.

opment of innovative approaches to elder services while providing unique experience and knowledge from existing policy makers and advocates that participants will use to help Ohio respond to its growing and changing aging population.

Rachel Briceland, originally from Columbiana, Ohio, is a senior majoring in exercise science and gerontology at Youngstown State University (YSU). She is interning with YSU at St. Joe's at the Eastwood mall, a satellite location of St. Joseph's Hospital in Warren, OH. She works out with older adults while teaching them the benefits of physical activity and exercise, as well as performs a variety of health screening tests.

Cayleigh M. Crook, originally from Wellsville, OH, is a senior majoring in nursing home administration at Kent State University. She is interning with Covington Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation in East Palestine, OH, where she is gaining hands-on experience in all facets of person centered care in a facility setting.

Mitchell Eyerman, originally from Rocky River, OH, is a junior double-majoring in microbiology and pre-medical studies with a minor in gerontology at Miami University. He is interning with Ohio's Office of the State Long-term Care Ombudsman and developing a nursing home quality improvement project to reduce falls and fall related risks.

Emily Kowal, originally from Kettering, OH, is a senior interning in social work at The Ohio State University she will also be studying oc-

cupational therapy at OSU beginning this summer. She is interning with Goodwill Columbus in the Health and Wellness Department working with older adults with developmental disabilities. Her honors thesis looks at the intersections of age, developmental disability and familial relationships.

Sophia Postich is a senior majoring in human development and family studies at Bowling Green State University. She is a marketing intern with Otterbein Portage Valley, assisting them with the promotion and coordination of events while learning administrative tasks and daily operations.

Photos are available at www.aging.ohio.gov/news/pressreleases/2015/20150330.htm.

The Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) has partnered with the Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education (OAGE) to create the Ohio Scholars in Aging program. The program is for students who are enrolled in an internship or practicum that involves older adults or their caregivers. The program links students' hands-on experience to aging-related policy at the state level while providing scholars the opportunity to establish career-long professional contacts and gain valuable career knowledge and skills in the field of aging.

ODA and OAGE are accepting applications for the summer 2015 Ohio Scholars in Aging Program through May 8, 2015. Visit www.oage.org/new/index.php/students/scholars-program for more information and to apply.

Friends and Family of LARRY MANSFIELD
You are invited to attend a "CELEBRATION OF LIFE" PARTY
at the Antwerp VFW hall on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 2-8 p.m.
Larry was diagnosed in February 2014 with stage 4 lung cancer. He has been undergoing chemotherapy since. He and his family welcome you to come out and celebrate his life with us! Food and beverages provided.

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

SHAME

By: Winslow Myers

Hundreds of people recently paid big bucks to hear Monica Lewinsky give a carefully crafted but also quite touching TED talk announcing her survival of a public shaming of planetary proportions.

Brené Brown, a leading researcher who teaches resilience to shame, asserts that a major root cause of our collective shame originates in a paradigm of scarcity: the main message of our culture is that our ordinary lives are not special enough. We are not thin enough, rich enough, beautiful enough, interesting enough, accomplished enough. Adding to the mix are pervasive early experiences of humiliation. An art teacher once told my father there was no hope that he could ever learn to draw. This casual comment stayed with him all his life. School experiences of this sort are legion.

Notwithstanding Brown's essential research, the roots of shame are even more existential than the superficial criteria of our materialist and appearance-obsessed culture; for proof we need only look to the primordial mythology of Adam and Eve covering their privates after eating the forbidden fruit. The meaning of the myth is still debated; in one interpretation, their shame represented not a disobedient fall into original sin, but a fall upward into consciousness and conscience—into the healthy vulnerability indicated by our capacity for shame.

Having earned my undergraduate degree, I was troubled for decades by a repetitive dream in which I needed to go back to my college as an adult and take one more year of courses in order to authenticate my diploma. It was only in middle age, as I began to fulfill my professional potential, by which time I had acquired enough experience to forgive myself for some serious mistakes of work and love, that the dream ceased to recur. The dream was a manifestation of shame, a deep sense of not living up to the birthright of what it was possible for me to be. Shame and its complement, empathy, are built-in software that helps weave people together in the web of interdependence we call culture—the culture that is and the culture that might be.

Our present culture shames selectively. Monica Lewinsky, whose moment of youthful complicity with a powerful man threatened only herself and one family, albeit a very public family, must carefully eat crow in order to move on. Richard Bruce Cheney, the proximate cause not only of the lies that engendered the ongoing deaths of hundreds of thousands in Iraq and surrounding areas but also of the environmental catastrophe of fracking, remains comfortably unshamed of the agony he has brought to whole peoples and landscapes. Let's not hold our breath waiting for him to do a repentant TED talk any time soon.

The shame of our planetary condition is even deeper than an oligarchic culture where those insulated by power get to pick who gets a pass and who does not. After millennia of wars, the hu-

man family still accepts the shameless notion that killing each other will resolve our many conflicts. Not a day goes by that we don't hear from denizens of this or that prestigious Washington think-tank, often not speaking truth to power but beating the drums of power, lending a veneer of legitimacy to activities for which we should be thoroughly ashamed and embarrassed—secret arms sales to all sides in a conflict, hypocrisy around nuclear weapons, drones decimating wedding parties, military cost overruns in the billions that take food from the mouths of the poor.

When pundits encourage violent alternatives as logically inevitable, violence is rationalized, brought into civilized discourse, made credible and fit for daily consumption. At a delicate moment in complex diplomatic negotiations, the bullying and simplistic John Bolton was irresponsibly given a forum in the New York Times to argue that we have no other option but to bomb Iran, a country where ordinary people by the thousands went into the streets in sympathy with the U.S. after 9-11.

A piece of video footage available last year on the net reminds us of the shameful reality of the horror Bolton would plunge Iran into so casually. Much too raw for network TV, it showed a wide-eyed six-year-old child lying on rags somewhere in Syria awaiting medical attention with her intestines exposed in a tangled mound. The editors of this tape had partially blurred this slick protruding pile of guts, but it was still not an easy image to erase from one's mind. It shouldn't have been, because it exemplified something truly shameful, the civilian cost of war.

It is possible to imagine a world where violence and killing are universally agreed to be the most shameful, unmanly ways to resolve conflicts—because in fact they never really resolve anything, as tragically demonstrated by the chaos of today's Middle East and the U.S. role in it. While unhealthy shame can feel as bad to children as getting their guts blown apart—"forget it, you'll never be an artist"—we live in a world where healthy shame is still in very short supply.

Winslow Myers, syndicated by Peacevoice, is author of "Living Beyond War: A Citizen's Guide." He serves on the Advisory Board of the War Preventive Initiative.

IAB FINANCIAL BANK SPONSORS FREE COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

iAB Financial Bank is taking the steps necessary to help you protect your identity by again offering their Annual Free Community Shred Day on Saturday, April 18th. With identity theft on the rise as the fastest growing crime in America, iAB is sponsoring this event to enable customers to protect themselves by purging their files of those old, but still confidential, documents. iAB invites the public to bring up to 5 boxes of material to be shredded from 9-11 a.m. at the following three locations:

- iAB FortWayneOperationsCenter:118EastLudwigRoad
- iAB BlufftonNorthOffice:1405BakerPlace
- iAB HuntingtonOf-

MR. & MRS. JAMES REX CELEBRATE 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



James and Patricia (Snyder) Rex of Woodburn will celebrate 50 years of marriage on April 10, 2015. They were married at the New Haven United Methodist Church on April 10, 1965. James retired in 1985 as a teacher from Antwerp Elementary and Patricia retired after 32 years from East Allen

County Schools in 1992 having taught at Village Elementary, Meadowbrook, Hoagland, and Monroeville. They are parents of two sons: Troy (Mindy Notestine) of Grabill and Todd (Lora Louraine) of Leo; and six grandchildren: Tristan, Logan, Colby, Mason, Tatem, and Addison.

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This event creates a secure environment for document destruction, with a professional shredding service in attendance to help customers by ensuring proper procedures are followed when handling and destroying paperwork such as old tax forms, credit card applications and bank statements. "Identity protection is a responsibility we take very seriously at iAB Financial Bank," stated Michael C. Marhenke, iAB President and CEO. "We want our customers to know we are looking out for them and seek to be their partner in safety and security with respect to their financial information."

In addition to the free shred event, iAB seeks to stay informed regarding the latest methods of identity theft and/or scams, and along with the American Bankers Association recommends the following methods of protecting yourself and others:

- Get to know your banker and build a relationship with the people who handle your finances. They can look out for any suspicious activity related to your account. Report any suspected fraud to your bank immediately.
- Shred sensitive papers. Receipts, banks statements, old tax forms and credit card offers should all be shredded before being thrown away.
- Don't share your secrets. Don't give out your Social Security number or account information to anyone who contacts you online or over the phone. Protect your PINs and passwords and do not reveal sensitive or personal information on social networking sites.
- Keep an eye out for missing mail. Fraudsters look for monthly bank or credit card statements, or other mail that might contain your financial information.

OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE JON HUSTED APPLAUDS PASSAGE OF NEW BUSINESS FEE CUT LEGISLATION IN OHIO HOUSE

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted commended Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville), his leadership team and the members of the Ohio House of Representatives on their unanimous passage of House Bill 3, priority legislation sponsored by State Representatives Tim Derickson (R-Oxford) and Mark Romanchuk (R-Ontario) that will make it easier and less expensive to

start a business in Ohio. "We cut costs and improved services, now we want to pass the savings on to our customers," Secretary Husted said. "Ohio is already a great place to start a company, but if we want to be the best we all have to do our part to make the state's business climate better." House Bill 3 and the companion legislation recently passed by the Ohio Senate, Senate Bill 26, will cut new business filing fees by 21 percent. You can read more about Secretary Husted's efforts get this success dividend into law online.

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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
- Edgerton:** Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Frager's Barbershop, Utilities Office
- Grover Hill:** Ross' Gas Station, N&N, Quick Stop
- Grabill:** Do-It Best Hardware, Save-A-Lot
- Hicksville:** Cline's Market, Hickory Hills Golf Course, Sailers, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, H20, Senior Center
- Melrose:** Uncle Fudd's Diner, Morning Star Convenience Store
- Oakwood:** Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware
- Paulding:** Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Napa

- True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Holly Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Country Inn Living Center, Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW Post 587
- Payne:** Lichty's Barber Shop, Payne Super Valu, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza
- Scott:** Scott Variety Store
- Sherwood:** Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank,
- Van Wert:** Pak-A-Sak, Short Stop, Family Video, Orchard Tree, BalyEat's, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market, Walmart

INDIANA LOCATIONS

- Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
- Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Harlan Cafe, iAB Bank
- Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
- Monroeville:** Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General
- New Haven:** Curves, Milan Center, New Haven Branch Library, Ken's Meat Market, New Haven Bakery, Broadway Deli, Paterson Hardware, Richard's Restaurant, New Haven Chamber
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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan

I was asked the other day why did I use the word, "Lobo" in naming our squadron. Well, let me tell you about me and the 589th fighter-wing. In 1944, I was in camp Stewart, GA, in the 589th anti-aircraft, a 40mm outfit. That's where the numbers, 589th comes from.

When I was growing up as a teenager, I loved to read. I read all I could about nature and the Old West. I read all of Zane Grey's books. I read all of Jack London's books. That includes, *White Fang*, a story about a wolf. He used the word, "Lobo" in describing White Fang. That word meant, "a loner." He could hunt and kill game by himself if need be. He could get the job done by himself - a loner.

Our Lobo Tank Busters are sort of a loner group. As we four pilots fly the only P-51's in the E.T.O. that is armed with the four inch jumbo rockets. We answer to no one except Col. Bainbridge. He represents the Air Force and Ordinance people. Our logo on the engine cowling of our planes is the Kommodo Dragon, or sometimes called, "the Monitor Lizard," native to Indonesia because those lizard's saliva is paralyzing to their enemies as they spit it out. Our machine guns and cannons are paralyzing or worse to our foes.

In my reading of Zane Grey's book about the Old West, he uses the word, "Loco," and I thought about using that word, also. It means, "odd, different, crazy" or "likes to take chances." Such as, "He went plum loco!" The word was used a lot to describe someone's actions. I thought about using that word, but I settled on the Lobo Tank Busters. We do take chances, we fly into harm's way, but we want to get back to our base and make a good landing.

Our air base is near Brighton in the south of England. It is about 200 miles to France from our air base. That gets us over to where the invasion was made. America's sector is where the curvature of the land turns into the west and forms the Cotentin Peninsula, and that runs at least 70 miles out into the English Channel and is about 60 miles wide.

This whole area is well-defended by the Germans, as they have had three years to prepare their fortifications.

See ya!

A JOB WELL DONE

By: Stan Jordan

This is March 31st, and maybe, just maybe, Old Man Winter may be losing his grip on us. I don't know if we set any records for a low temperature or not, but we had a long, hard, cold winter. Most people thought that spring would never get here. Well, it was plenty slow about it. Maybe we can leave the house without those heavy clothes on. I sure am tired of wearing that heavy winter coat.

There wasn't as much snow this winter as last winter, but the boys that operate those snow plows did another fine job! The state highway boys, the county boys, the township and the city boys all did a fine job keeping the streets and roads cleared. Again, I would like to thank all of those workers for doing such a good job. A tip of my ballcap to you.

See ya!



IT WAS COLD!

By: Stan Jordan

The winter of 2013-14 was miserable. It was windy, cold with a lot of snow. Lots of times, the temperature was below zero, sometimes double digits below zero, and we had more snow than usual. Little Sammy bundled up and was out in the backyard building a snowman. It was very cold out. His mother went to the back door and opened in enough to call out, "Sammy! You come in now! It is too cold to be out there!"

The wind was blowing very strong and Sammy never heard a word what she said. But, he was getting cold and he came in anyhow. A few months later, Sammy was out in the backyard cleaning up one of the flower beds when he heard his mother call out, "Sammy! You come in now! It is too cold to be out there!" It wasn't cold at all. It was a nice, sunshiney, spring day! Sammy went inside and told his mother it wasn't cold out, and she replied, "I didn't call you."

Sammy said she did, and she said she didn't. After a lengthy discussion of how both could be right, she remembered that cold, windy day and she called and Sammy didn't come in right away. Mom figures it was so cold, that her words froze and fell down on the floor of the back porch, and in the spring, when the sun warmed them up and thawed them out, they called out to Sammy because it was too cold to be out there!

See ya!

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH PHOTO PROJECT ASKS: HOW DO YOU LIVE "WELL BEYOND 60?"

To celebrate Older Americans Month in May, the Ohio Department of Aging is asking Ohioans of all ages to submit pictures that show how they or their loved ones are living "Well Beyond 60!" From now through May 15, Ohioans can visit the Ohio Department of Aging on social media to share photos and short video clips that show the many things older Ohioans can do to be healthier, avoid injury, keep chronic conditions in check and contribute to their communities.

May is celebrated nationally as Older Americans Month to recognize the achievements of our elders and acknowledge the many organizations that serve them, care for them and provide them with opportunities to contribute. Ohio's theme for 2015, "Well Beyond 60!" emphasizes the role that each of us plays in determining our own health and wellness.

"What we do to and for ourselves throughout our lifespans has a greater impact on our health and well-being than genetics," said Bonnie K. Burman, Sc.D., director of the department. "There are many ways that older Ohioans can take control of their health and their safety, and continue to grow, thrive and contribute."

You can contribute to the Older Americans Month Photo Project by visiting the department's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/OhioDepartmentOfAging) and posting pictures or selfies to the department's timeline. You also can post photos and short video clips on Twitter and Instagram using the hashtag #WellBeyond60 and mentioning @OhioDeptOfAging to be included in the project. Additionally, you may submit photos by mail to: Ohio Department of Aging, ATTN: Older Americans Month Photo Project, 50 W. Broad St./9th Fl., Columbus OH 43215-3363. Please note: photos cannot be returned. The department reserves the right to use submitted images and videos in its online and print publications and outreach.

The department's staff and followers on social media will vote from May 18-22 to determine the top three photos, which will be posted on the department's website. Also, the submitters of the top photos will be given the opportunity to be interviewed for a feature about their photos. Submissions must be received by May 15 to be considered for voting.

About Older Americans Month - Since 1963, people in towns and cities across the nation have used the month of May to celebrate the contributions of older Americans. Older Americans Month is an opportunity for the nation and Ohio to show our appreciation and support our elders as they continue to enrich and strengthen our communities. The Ohio Department of Aging is the state sponsor of Older Americans Month and supports and promotes local celebrations via its website, www.aging.ohio.gov/news/olderamericansmonth/.

BEGINNING BIRDING TOURS AVAILABLE

The Ohio Ornithological Society (OOS) is now accepting signups for beginner bird tours during the weekend of International Migratory Bird Day, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

The OOS, in cooperation with the ODNR Division of Wildlife, will be conducting beginner guided bird walks May 9 and 10 at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area. The walks May 9 will be held at: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. and the walks May 10 will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Walks are limited to 15 participants each and will be filled on first come, first served basis. To signup, applicants should send an email to: marshmadness@ohiobirds.org. All emails should contain the applicant's name, phone number, date and requested time-slot. A return email will confirm the meeting place, date and time.

In 2011, there were an estimated 3.2 million wildlife watchers in Ohio. Approximately 48,000 out-of-state birders visited Ohio in 2011, with Lake Erie being the most popular destination. These groups spent more than \$843 million in Ohio in 2011 alone on supplies, lodging, gasoline, travel expenses, and food. A typical May can see 80,000 visitors from across the country come to Magee Marsh Wildlife Area to witness the spectacle of the spring migration. Magee Marsh Wildlife Area is listed as one of the top 10 bird watching spots in the country.

Birders and others who enjoy nature and want to help fund conservation in Ohio can now purchase the 2015 Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp. This year's collectible stamp features an eastern bluebird. The sale of the Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp benefits the Wildlife Diversity Fund, which is used to protect and manage wild animals and their habitats. The stamp may be purchased at wildohio.gov or at any license agent.

OOS is a statewide organization devoted to fostering a deeper appreciation of birds, fellowship and collaboration in advancing our collective knowledge, and ability to speak with one voice to preserve Ohio's bird habitats.

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at ohiodnr.gov.

PCRTA TO MEET APRIL 13th

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, April 13, at 11:30 a.m. at the Black Swamp Nature Center on Fairground Drive in Paulding. Following a potluck luncheon, Bruce Hodges, District II Director for the Ohio Retired Teachers Association, will speak to the group. No reservations are necessary. Donations for the food pantries and the scholarship fund will be appreciated.

SUMMARY OF 2014 BLACK BEAR OBSERVATIONS IN OHIO



ODNR Division of Wildlife Procedure 6 and the "Black Bear Observation Report" form provide the basis for tracking, reporting, and summarizing sightings of black bears in Ohio. In 2014, 135 sightings involving an estimated 88 individual black bears were received (Table 1). This represents a decrease in the total number of sightings from 158, but an increase in the number of individuals from 74 in 2013. The number of individual bears is a subjective judgment.

The number and percentage of confirmed sightings (confirmed by evidence such as tracks, photos, etc.) was higher than that of the previous year. Sixty (44%) of the 135 sightings were confirmed by Division of Wildlife personnel (Table 1). Likewise the number of individuals was higher than in 2013. The number of counties involved, however, was comparable to that of the previous year. These 60 sightings represented an estimated 42 bears in 20 counties. For comparison, in 2013, 54 (34%) of 158 sightings were confirmed for an estimated 28 bears in 23 counties. Although the number one source for verification of bear sightings was trail camera pictures (Table 2; n = 18, 30%), photographs and video taken by eye witnesses, along with tracks and damage that could only be caused by a bear collectively accounted for over half of the verified sightings (Table 2; n = 31; 51.7%).

A higher number and percentage of nuisance complaints compared to that of the previous year was received. Thirty-four (26%) of the 135 observations involved nuisance situations (Table 1). These 34 complaints involved an estimated 28 individual bears in 10 counties. For comparison, 25 (16%) of the 158 observations during 2013 included nuisance situations,

which involved an estimated 17 individual bears in nine counties. During 2014, 20 of the nuisance sightings were confirmed for 18 individual bears in seven counties (Table 1). Nuisance bear situations recorded during 2014 included damaging beehives at apiaries (15), raiding bird feeders (13), eating from garbage cans and dumpsters (3), and damaging structures or property (3). Two bears died as a result from being struck by vehicles, one each in Mahoning and Washington counties.

Black bear sightings were received during every month in 2014. Fifty-two percent of the sightings were reported from May through July coincident with peak black bear breeding activity and dispersal of juvenile males. There were 2 sightings of a sow traveling with juveniles, and 10 additional sightings of lone cubs. There was a sighting of a sow with one juvenile and another of a sow with two juveniles, both from Athens County. The sighting of the sow with two juveniles was confirmed; the observer was able to take a picture of the second young bear, which appeared to be a yearling.

Bear sightings were reported in 43 Ohio counties during 2014 (Table 1). Most sightings (55%) were in Wildlife District 3 (northeastern Ohio) counties. Formal sightings from 1993 through present show bear observations in 64 predominately eastern and south-central counties (Fig. 1). Black bear sightings have been confirmed in 53 of the 64 counties since 1993 (Fig. 2). The first confirmed sightings for Hamilton County occurred during 2014. Compared with the 10-year average (141), 2014 was a fairly average year for black bear sightings, and the overall trend is increasing (Fig. 3).

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Katalina and her trainer/handler, Judy Archer-Dick, earned their K-9 Nose Work 3® title on March 28th, in Milmont, PA. Judy is a local dog trainer and certified Nose Work® instructor teaching classes at Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control and at the Pet Lodge in Spencerville.

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VERMICOMPOSTING: PUTTING WORMS TO WORK FOR YOU

By: Staci Miller, Education Specialist, Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District, staci.miller@pauldingswcd.org

Vermicomposting is the process of using worms ("vermin" is Latin for worm) to process organic food waste into nutrient-rich soil. The saying "One person's trash is another person's treasure" or in this case a worm's treasure", is very true. Worms are able to eat decaying food waste and produce vermicompost which is packed full of beneficial microbes and nutrients that are a great plant fertilizer. Worm castings or worm poop create the nutrient rich compost. Vermicomposting is becoming very popular in towns or cities because it is able to be done indoors and in a small space.

Creating a worm bin can be a fun way to reuse your food scraps to create a natural fertilizer that will help your plants grow. If you choose to make a worm bin you will first need to decide on the size of bin you want to maintain. Storage totes make a great inexpensive home for your worms. Once you purchase your two storage totes, you need to provide ventilation and drainage for the worms. You will need to use a ¼ drill bit to drill several holes throughout the bottom on one tote. The other tote will be used to collect the excess liquids or worm tea which can be used as a liquid fertilizer for your plants.

Next, you will need to use four wooden blocks 2-4 inches high to prop up the bin with holes in it and allow for drainage.

Next, you need to take the storage tote lid and drill several ½ inch holes in it to allow the worms to breathe.

Once you have your bin made, it's now ready for worms. You will need to use red worms for your bin because red worms live close to the Earth's surface and don't need a lot of space to burrow. Don't make the mistake of buying night crawlers because they are deep dwellers and need a large area to burrow. Red worms can be ordered online and you will need approximately one pound or 1,000 red worms to get started. They can live up to one year in the bin, but they will reproduce quickly to keep your bin productive year around.

Once you have your worms, it's time to introduce them to their new home. You will need to put a fine layer of soil in the bottom of the tote as well as shredded newspapers or paper as their bedding. Next, moisten the paper as the worms need moisture to survive. Once you have your worms in your bin, wait two to three days before you start to add your food waste. This will give them time to get adjusted to the new environment. Your worm bin should be kept in a dry location with temperature between 55 and 77 degrees Fahrenheit. Red worms can eat their own weight in organic matter each day. Worms are able to eat a variety of foods. They are able to eat shredded paper, fruit and vegetable trimmings, tea bags, coffee grounds and filters, lawn clipping and weeds.

It is important to make sure that all foods are covered with an inch or two of shredded paper to prevent smells or flies from the decaying food. Don't put meat products, dairy products or oily products in your bin. You can feed your worms then wait a few days before you add more scraps to ensure that they are keeping up with eating. Once your bin grows heavy and your bin has soil piled up in the bottom of it, you can collect your compost.

The migration method is an easy way to collect your compost and maintain your worms. You will want to open your bin and gently push all the compost to one side. Prepare the other side with new bedding and start to feed the worms in the new bedding. The worms will then migrate to the new food source allowing you to easily collect your compost for your plants. Your rich compost will help your plants to grow with this natural fertilizer. Recently, the Paulding SWCD made their own worm bin as an educational tool for classrooms and adult presentations.

If you are interested in learning more about vermicomposting or would like Staci Miller, Education Specialist to come in and talk with your classroom or group about vermicomposting, please contact the Paulding SWCD at 419-399-4771.

CABELA'S KING KAT TOURNAMENT TRAIL

The Cabela's King Kat Tournament Trail will hit the waters of the Ohio and Muskingum Rivers at Marietta, OH, April 18, 2015. This is the opportunity for local catfish anglers to compete for cash, prizes and a chance to advance to the Cabela's King Kat East and West Championship. This year's West Championship will be held September 25-26, 2015 on the Cumberland River (Old Hickory Lake) at Gallatin, TN. The East Championship will be held October 2-3, 2015 on Lake Wateree at Camden, SC. Be sure to check out our website at: www.kingkatusa.com and like our Cabela's King Kat Facebook Page. Both sites contain new and exciting information on our events along with special information for catfish anglers everywhere.

REGISTRATION
Late registration will be held April 17th, the day before competition at the Microtel Inn & Suites, 506 Pike St., Marietta, OH from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Captains Meeting/Seminar will follow at 7:00 p.m. Must be a member of the King Kat Association to fish this event. To pre-register go on line to: www.kingkatusa.com or call 270-395-6774.

Legal waters for the event will be: Anglers may fish the Ohio River from the Willow Island Lock & Dam, South to the Belleville Lock & Dam. Also the Muskingum River up to the Devola Lock & Dam.

WEIGH-IN SITE
The tournament weigh-in will be held at the Indian Acres Park Boat Ramp, 146 Linwood Ave. in Marietta, OH. Tournament hours are 6:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. All anglers must be in weigh-in line by 4:00 p.m. with a five fish limit per team. To help preserve the sport only live fish will be weighed in and all fish will be released after the tournament. For a complete

list of rules visit our website listed below or phone Cabela's King Kat Headquarters at the number listed below.

SPONSOR AND HOST LODGING FOR THIS EVENT

The Marietta, Washington County Convention & Visitors Bureau would like to welcome all Cabela's King Kat anglers and their guest to the area and hope they take the opportunity to enjoy the many attractions in the area. For more information on this area call: (800) 288-2577 or visit their website at: <http://www.mariettaohio.org/>. Host lodging for the event will be the Microtel Inn & Suites, 506 Pike St., Marietta, OH. For reservations call: (740) 373-7373.

FREE KIDS FISHING RODEO

In conjunction with the tournament the Cabela's King Kat Tournament Trail will hold the Cabela's King Kat Kids event at the Buckeye Park Pond, W. Fay Ave., Marietta, OH. The event is free of charge and open to all youth 12 and younger. Sign up is from 8:00-09:00 a.m. with the Kid's Fishing Event starting at 9:00 a.m. and lasting until 11:00 a.m. All children will receive a prize just for entering. Bring your favorite rod, reel and bait and show your true fishing ability. All children must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Prizes for winners will be given in two age groups, 0-7 and 8-12. The event is free to all children 12 and under with all participants eligible for a chance to win one of the six, Outdoor Promotions \$1,000.00 scholarships to be awarded in October.

Outdoor Promotions and our anglers have contributed nearly \$316,000.00 to the "Kids" Scholarships since 1997. We are very proud to be a part of the education process for the youngsters who participate in our tournaments as adult/youth teams and those who fish in the Outdoor Promotions "Kids Fishing Rodeos".

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For entry forms or information on Cabela's King Kat Trail phone 270-395-6774, fax 270-395-4381 or visit our website at www.kingkatusa.com.

MAD ANTS CLINCH SPOT IN PLAYOFFS

The Mad Ants, sponsored by Lutheran Health Network, defeated the Sioux Falls Skyforce 101-97 on Saturday, April 4th at the Allen Co. War Memorial Coliseum.

The Mad Ants took a quick start to the first quarter, jumping out to a dominant lead early. CJ Fair showed a continuation of his Friday night performance, jumping out early to 9 points in the first quarter. By the half, the Mad Ants lead grew to thirteen as they headed into the locker room up 57-44. Jordan Crawford would find himself in double figures, leading Fort Wayne with 13 points.

The start of the second half swung to the Mad Ants favor, putting leads of up to 19 late in the third quarter. The Skyforce would not go down without a fight; with just seconds on the clock, they were able to push the Mad Ants to a tight two point lead. A set of free throws from Matt Bouldin with 11 seconds remaining sealed the victory and the playoff berth for the Mad Ants. Fair led all scorers on the night with 25 points and 14 rebounds. Trey McKinney-Jones and Bouldin would each record 18 points.

For the Skyforce, Shawn Jones and Scotty Hopson led with 19 points, with Jones also grabbing down 14 rebounds.

Playoff dates and times to be announced soon.



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LONG PLACES 8TH AT OAC ELEMENTARY STATE



March 28th, four members of the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club traveled to the Covelli Center in Youngstown to compete in the OAC Elementary State Wrestling Championships. Kamryn Sutton, Kaiden Feeney, Jarrett Hornish and Hunter Long, all district placers, were hoping to land a spot on the state podium this year.

Kamryn Sutton was the first wrestler to begin his journey at the state tournament for Wayne Trace, this was Sutton's first year competing at the state level. Sutton had a tough first round draw and was pinned by Evan Jett (Clinton Massie) in the first period. Sutton came back ready for his second match against Camron Lewicki (Garrettsville) winning with a dominating score of 12-0. Sutton then advanced to continue wrestling on Sunday, at which he fell short losing to Reese Marshall (Amanda Clearcreek) by pin.

Kaiden Feeney, also a first timer to compete at the state tournament, was pinned in the first round by D'Omare

Portis (Copley). Feeney then wrestled Carter Elliott (Greenwood) and was defeated by pin.

Jarrett Hornish, not a stranger to the state tournament, knew the competition he would be up against and Hornish was prepared. Hornish won his first round against Kurt Corrigan (Ashtabula) with a pin. Hornish took yet another win in round two against Micheal Harris (Smithville), pinning Harris in the third period. Hornish fell short his last match of the day, losing by pin to Adam Ryder (North Akron). Hornish advanced to Sunday's competition, only one match away from the honor of on the state podium. Hornish was up against Eisa Teixeira (Amherst), Hornish wrestled well but was defeated with a score of 7-1. Hornish although not placing, had done his personal best at the state wrestling tournament thus far with a record of 2-2.

Hunter Long was last to wrestle for Wayne Trace. Having placed before at state

and this year being the youngest in his division, Long knew what he would be up against. Long was quickly defeated by pin in his first round of competition by Nicholas Willingham (Aurora). The second round Long won by decision 8-0 against Bryce Schott (Mt. Vernon). This win advanced Long to the second day of competition. Long knew he had to win three matches to put him on the podium, and that is exactly what he did. Long won his next two matches with scores of 6-2, and 3-2. The final match to ensure Long a spot on the podium, he defeated Nolan Moore (Pinnacle WC), in overtime with a final score of 4-2. Long was then defeated in the next two rounds with scores of 0-4, and 0-14. Long stood on the podium as an 8th place finisher of the 2015 OAC Elementary Grade School Wrestling Championships.

Wayne Trace Wrestling Tournament Results:

March 28th Wayne Trace Wrestling Club hosted their annual wrestling tournament. Placing 1st for WT:

Kamren and Avin Johnson, and Corbin Kimmel. Placing 2nd: Colton Kimmel, Landon Blankenship, Kaiden Sufel, Conner Blakenship, and Derrrek Dangler. Placing 3rd: Kodan Martz, Grady Helms, Malaki Neilson, Tyler Blankenship, Renson Spear, and Caleb Mosier. Placing 4th: Daniel Clark, Zanden Wine-land, Blake Dunn, Preston King, Asa Ames, and Arin James.

ANTWERP WRESTLERS DO WELL IN SEASON FINALE

The Antwerp Wrestling Club recently competed in the 7th Annual Archer Open at Antwerp High School on April 4, 2015. This was the last tournament of the season for the little Archer wrestlers and all 25 of them were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes. Placing 4th were Teagan Eaton, Griffin Kosch, Riley Smith, AJ Eaton, Falyann McAlexander, Karsen Donat, Racer Nicely and Emma Triggs. Finishing 3rd on the day were Levi Parisot (his 1st tournament), Stroker Etter, Ethan Karam, Lance McKeever and Heaven Eaton. Earning 2nd place finishes were Gage Clevinger, Luke McKeever, Ethan Steel, CJ Eaton, Mason Steel, Tyler Bauer and Logan Shaner. The Archers were able to crown 5 champions at their home tournament as well. Michael Rohrs, Eli Reinhart, Kaden Phares, Logan McKeever (1st tournament championship this season), and Aidan McAlexander were able to capture individual titles on

Saturday. The Antwerp Wrestling Club brought home a 2nd place team finish in the tournament. They all worked very hard, not only Saturday, but throughout the entire season. The Antwerp Wrestling Club coaches would like to recognize all of the parents, grandparents, and all who volunteered to help at the tournament this year. Your hard work is the reason this tournament was a success yet again this year.

If you would like to see pictures from the Archer Open be sure to visit the Antwerp Wrestling Club on Facebook.

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS RESULTS

Softball:
Paulding lost to Lima Shawnee on March 30th, 7-2.
Score by the Inning:
Lima Shawnee - 0 0 4 3 0 0 0=7, 7H, 3E
Paulding - 0 0 0 0 2 0 0=2, 5H, 7E
Paulding Hits:
Brooke Combs - two singles, two RBI
Darian Andrews - two single
Suzanne Reinhart - one single
Winning Pitcher - Alyssa Windau
Losing Pitcher - Alexa Jury (7 innings, 7 hits, 7 strikeouts, 1 walk)
Paulding lost to Bryan on March 31st, 6-3.
Score by the Inning:
Paulding - 0 2 0 1 0 0 0=3, 7H, 1E
Bryan - 1 1 0 0 0

4 0=6, 8H, 1E
Winning Pitcher - Savage
Losing Pitcher - Schilt
7 IP, 8 hits, 5 walks, 6 runs all earned
Paulding Hits:
Daleigh Davis - 2-3
2 doubles, 1 RBI, 2 runs scored
Morgan Riley - 2-4 2 singles
Darian Andrews - 2-4 2 singles
Audrey Manz - 1-3 1 single

Baseball:
Fairview topped Paulding on March 31st, 5-3.
Score by the Inning:
Fairview - 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 2=5, 8H, 1E
Paulding - 0 0 0 0 1 0 2 0 0=3, 5H, 2E
Winning Pitcher: Cody King (3 innings, 1 run, 1 hit, 6 K, 2 BB, 2 HBP)
Other: Joe Macsary
Losing Pitcher: Alex Arellano (1 Inning, 2 Runs, 2 Hits, 1 K, 2 BB)
Other: Lupe Martinez
Leading Hitters:
Paulding - (5 Hits) James Mourey 2, 1B; Corbin Edwards 1B, 2 RBI
Fairview - (8 Hits) Andy Robinson 2, 1B, 1 RBI; Brett Dietrich 1B, 2 RBI; Matthew Kozumplik 1, 1B
Records:
Paulding 0-2; Fairview 2-0
Brett Dietrich of Fairview had the go ahead hit in the 9th inning driving in 2 runs.

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ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS AWARDS



Pictured here are some of the winter athletes who received awards at the ceremony. Back row (l-r) Senior Hanna Mills, Sophomores Emma Butzin and Peyton Short, Junior Kiana Recker, Freshman Rachel Williamson, Juniors Annie Miesle and Mikayla Boesch. Front row (l-r) Seniors Jordan Laker, Jarrett Bute, and Trenton Copsey, Junior Sam Williamson, and Sophomore Brandon Pendergrast.

The Antwerp Athletic Department recently recognized their athletes at the annual Winter Athletic Awards ceremony.

Cheerleading coach Jerika Miller introduced and recognized her athletes. They include: Seniors Logan

Emerson and Hannah Mills; Junior Mikayla Boesch; Sophomores Emma Butzin, Carley DeLong, and Hanna Richey; and Freshmen Riley McAlexander and Becca McCroskey.

Girls Basketball was presented by Kevin Taylor. His

team consisted of Juniors Avery Braaten, Sierra Cline, Audrie Longardner, Annie Miesle and Kiana Recker; Sophomores Lindsey Bok, Ashley Bowers, Becca Johanns, Peyton Short and Maggie Wilson; and Freshmen Brooke Hatlevig, Faith McDorman, Ashley Miller, Amanda Roberts, Maria Romero Alonso, Hope Smith, Kortney Smith, and Rachel Williamson; Managers Kaden Recker and Kennadi Recker; and Coaches Kevin Taylor and Jon Short.

Travis Hammer announced the athletes for Boys Basketball. Seniors Trenton Copsey; Juniors Erik Buchan, Jeffrey Cole-

man, Josh Longardner, Jacob Sukup and Sam Williamson; Sophomores Matt Dooley, Kolyn Hilkey, Matt Jones, Trey Mills, Hunter Noel, Brandon Pendergrast, and Arron Romero; Freshmen Caleb Cline, Zeb Getrost, Brandon Laney, Owen Miller, Dylan Peters, and Josh Poulson; Managers Gaige McMichael, Zaine McMichael, Jagger Landers, Ross Lee, Landon Lee, and Tyler Hammer; and Coaches Travis Hammer, Jason Hormann, Boston Hormann, Andy Coleman and Chad Hormann.

Wrestling coach Jeremy Kosch introduced his team. Seniors Jarrett Bute and Jordan Laker; Junior Justice Clark; Sophomore Logan Shaner; and statisticians Julia Balser and Gabby Zuber.

The Scholar Athletes were also announced at the ceremony. Seniors receiving the honor were Rachel Becker, Kayla Burns, Collin Perry, Olivia Tempel, and Alex Vail; and Juniors Sidney Barnhouse, Mikayla Boesch, Erik Buchan, Jeff Coleman, Emily Derck, Beth Hawley, Audrie Longardner, Josh Longardner, Annie Miesle, Kiana Recker, and Sam Williamson.

Archer Arrows were awarded to Seniors Kayla Burns, Jarrett Bute, Trenton Copsey, Jerett Godeke, Jordan Laker, Cheyenne Miller-Sweet, Hannah Mills, Jacob Patterson, Collin Perry, Samantha Provines, Bailee Sigman, Olivia Tempel, Alex Vail, and Rachel Becker; Juniors Avery Braaten, Justice Clark, Sierra Cline, Jeff Coleman, Chase Gerken, Annie Miesle, Audrie Longardner, Kiana Recker, and Sam Williamson; and Sophomore Peyton Short.

WAYNE TRACE HIGH SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS RESULTS

Softball:

Wayne Trace defeated Ottoville in High School softball on March 31st in 5 innings.

Score by the Inning:

Wayne Trace - 0 5 0 4 4=13, 8H, 0E

Ottoville - 0 0 0 0 0=0, 1H, 2E

Winning Pitcher - Addison Baumle (5 innings, 1 hit, 0 runs, 8 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Courtney Von Sossan (3 innings, 8 hits, 9 runs, 6 earned runs, 0 strikeouts, 3 walks)

Other Ottoville Pitchers - Breana Bowersox, Brittany Winhover, Taylor Boecker

Wayne Trace Hits - Addison Baumle (two doubles, two runs, three runs batted in), Molly Crosby (single, double, two runs, two runs batted in), Bailey Bergman (single, home run, two runs scored), Carley Wright (single), Madison Zartman (single)

Ottoville Hit - Courtney Von Sossan (single)

***Von Sossan single came with two outs in bottom of fifth inning to break up perfect game.

Baseball:

On March 30th, Wayne Trace played Continental in High School baseball. Continental won with a final score of 9-2.

Score by the Inning:

Wayne Trace - 0 0 1 0 1 0=2, 2H, 2E

Continental - 2 1 1 1 3 1 X=9, 7H, 1E

DOUBLE HEADER BASEBALL AT WAYNE TRACE

On Saturday, April 4th, the Raiders played host to the Edon Bombers in high school baseball double header action.

In Game 1:

Score by the Inning: Edon - 8 3 4 0 2=17, 20H, 1E

WT - 0 0 0 0 2=2, 7H, 6E

WP - Miller LP - G Gillett; B Jerome

Scorers of the Game: Edon - Miller 3, Sapp 1, Blair 1, Klingler 2, Pelham 2, Seaman 2, C Brandt 1, Brandt 3, Lyman 2

WT - J Baksa 1, B Asher 1

In Game 2:

Score by the Inning: Edon - 2 2 7 0 0 7=18, 11H, 1E

WT - 0 1 0 1 0 0=2, 8H, 6E

WP - Best; C Brandt LP - D Sinn; N Toppe; A

Fast

Scorers of the Game: Edon - Sapp 4, Walz 1, Blair 2, Stewart 1, Brown 2, Young 2, Seaman 2, C Brandt 1, Best 1, Runyan 2

WT - S Yenser 1, D Sinn 1

FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS RESULTS

Varsity Baseball:

The Varsity Baseball team defeated Montpelier on March 30th, 23-1. Kody King (1 Run, 1 Hit, 6 Ks) and Cole Dockery (0 runs, 0 hits, 3 Ks) combined on a 1 hitter. Leading hitters (17 hits) for Fairview were Joe Macsray with 3 singles, Andy Robinson with 3 singles, Wyatt Puffinberger with 2 singles, Alex Jackson with 2 singles, Matthew Kozumplik with 2 singles, Taylor Kime with a double.

The Varsity Baseball team defeated Paulding on March 31st, 5-3 in 9 innings. Joe Macsray (6 IP, 1 run, 4 hits, 9 Ks) and Kody King (3 IP, 1 run, 2 hits, 7 Ks) combined on a 5 hitter. Leading hitters (9 hits) for Fairview were Andy Robinson with 2 singles and Matthew Kozumplik with 2 singles (Brett Dietrich had a single in the 9th that drove in Erich Wolfrum and Joe Macsray to close the door).

Varsity Softball:

Varsity Softball defeated Hilltop March 31st, 8-6. Haley Robbins was the winning pitcher. Leading hitters were Mallory Polter with 2B/1B; Blakelyn Sheets 3B/1B 3RBI; Kendra Schroeder in her first Varsity AB hits a HOME RUN!

JV Softball:

JV Softball lost to a very strong Elida team.

JV Softball lost to Bryan 4-3.

JV Baseball:

JV Baseball lost 5-4 to Montpelier.

JV Baseball lost to Tino-ra.

PAULDING LOSES 2 IN DOUBLE HEADER ACTION

Saturday, April 4th, Paulding baseball engaged in a double header match up against Ottawa Glandorf.

In Game 1:

Score by the Inning: OG - 0 2 0 0 1 3 1=7, 6H, 1E

Paulding - 0 0 0 0 0 0=0, 1H, 1E

Winning Pitcher - Mass (7 Innings, 0 Runs, 1Hit, 8 K, 1 BB)

Losing Pitcher - Egnor (5+ Innings, 4 Runs, 3 Hits, 12 K, 6 BB, 2 HBP); Other - Arellano

Leading Hitters:

Paulding - (1 Hit) Martinez, 1B

OG - (6 Hits) Verhoff, 2B, 1 RBI; Chandler 2- 1B; Deitering 1B, 1 RBI; Ellerbrock 1B, 1 RBI

In Game 2:

Score by the Inning: OG - 2 4 3 5 0 -- =14, 12H, 1E

Paulding - 1 0 0 0 0 -- =1, 2H, 1E

Winning Pitcher - Croy (3 Innings, 1 Runs, 1Hit, 5 K, 0 BB); Other - Deitering

Losing Pitcher - Edwards (2 Innings, 6 Runs, 5 Hits, 1 K, 7 BB); Other - Doster, McGarvey

Leading Hitters:

Paulding - (2 Hits) Arellano 1B; Mock- 1B

OG - (12 Hits) Verhoff 2- 2B, 1B, 1 RBI; Croy 2- 1B, HR, 8 RBI; Diemer 3- 1B, 2 RBI

Records:

OG 2-1; Paulding 0-4

MAY CLASSIC HOSTED BY BEST OF THE BEST BASKETBALL

Best of the Best Basketball will be hosting the May Classic Basketball Tournament on May 16-17 at the Heminger Center on beautiful campus of Tiffin University. This will be a boys' tournament and will have 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade divisions. All teams will be guaranteed a minimum of three games and individual trophies will be presented to 1st and 2nd place teams. This event supports the local youth basketball.

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PAULDING SOFTBALL FALLS TO OTTAWA GLANDORF IN 2

Paulding softball took on Ottawa Glandorf on Saturday, April 4th in double header play.

In Game 1:

Score by the Inning: OG - 0 1 0 0 1 4 0=6, 4H, 2E

Paulding - 0 0 0 1 1 0 1=3, 5H, 4E

WP - Kitchen LP - Schilt, 3 IP, 5 runs (3 earned) 3 K's, 3 BB

Paulding Hitters: Riley - 2-4 with 2 singles Combs - 1-4 with 1 double 1 RBI

Reinhart - 2-4 2 singles Manz - 0-2 with 2 RBI

In Game 2:

Score by the Inning: OG - 2 2 0 0 0=4, 8H, 2E

Paulding - 2 0 0 0 1=3, 5H, 1E

WP - Kitchen LP - Manz 5IP, 4 runs (2 earned) 6 K's, 1 BB

Paulding Hitters: Riley - 1-2 with 1 double Andrews - 1-3 with 1 single, 1 RBI

Davis - 1-3 with 1 single, 1 RBI

Reinhart - 1-2 with 1 single, 1 RBI

Manz - 1-3 with 1 single

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FIELD TRIP FOR PRESCHOOLERS!



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers recently got to ride the big yellow school bus to visit kindergarten at Paulding Schools! When asked what the children's

favorite part of the day was, the answer was "riding the school bus!" Shown here with our bus driver, Mr. David Bryan, are the children in the afternoon class of four

and young five year olds. Be sure to check out the ad on the front page of the West Bend News for information on registration for summer daycare and fall preschool!

OHIO PREP SPORTSWRITERS ASSOCIATION TO ENSHRINE CARLE AND WARSINSKEY; HONOR THE LATE PERSH ROHRER

The Ohio Prep Sports-writers Association (OP-SWA) will welcome two new members into the OPSWA Hall of Fame during induction ceremonies at halftime of the Division I state championship game Saturday night. Cleveland Plain Dealer sportswriter Tim Warsinskey and former Bowling Green Sentinel-Tribune sports editor Jack Carle will join 54 other prep sports writing greats enshrined in the OPSWA Hall of Fame.

On Friday night, the OHSAA will honor the late Persh Rohrer from the Ravenna Record-Courier, a 1989 OPSWA Hall of Fame inductee, who recently passed away but continued to be a contributing writer for the newspaper where he started working in 1952. Biographical information for all three men is below. The OPSWA inducted its first Hall of Fame class in 1983. The complete list is posted at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/news/OPSWA/HOF.htm>

The OPSWA was created in 1972 to support, promote and recognize the coverage

of high school sports across Ohio. More information is available at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/news/OPSWA/default.htm>

2015 Hall of Fame Inductees

Jack Carle joined the sports staff of the Bowling Green Sentinel-Tribune full time in 1978 after freelancing at the paper while a student at Bowling Green State University. In January 1980 he was named sports editor and oversaw prep sports coverage in north-west Ohio, in addition to BGSU sports. During his 35 years at the Sentinel, the sports department started All-County teams in football, volleyball, baseball, softball and basketball and helped sponsor county all-star basketball games. He earned numerous United Press International and Associated Press awards for his sports coverage, including Best Ohio Sports Writer in 2003 and two Best Sports Section awards. Carle, a native of Circleville, Ohio, was president for the Ohio UPI Sports Writing Association. In 2007, the Northwest Ohio District VII Coaches Association honored him for his prep basketball coverage. He and his wife, Julie, have been married for 32 years and have three grown chil-

dren.

Tim Warsinskey has covered high school sports for three decades at three Ohio newspapers—the Chillicothe Gazette, The News-Herald of Lake County, and The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer. He has been named Ohio Prep Sports Writer of the Year five times and has won numerous other writing and reporting awards. He has covered two Olympics and several professional and college beats. He currently is a general assignment sports writer at The Plain Dealer. A graduate of Akron Firestone High School and Ohio University, he lives in Mentor with his wife, Daneen, a registered nurse. They have two children and three grandchildren.

2015 Special Recognition

Born on Armistice Day, November 11, 1918, Persh Rohrer was employed by the Record-Courier since September 5, 1952. Last year he was officially recognized by the Ohio Newspaper Association as the oldest working journalist in the state of Ohio. Rohrer spent 37 years as the sports editor of the Record-Courier, retiring on Jan. 20, 1989, but continued to be a daily part of the staff as a correspondent and wrote a weekly seasonal bowling and golf article. He was a 1989 inductee into the OPSWA Hall of Fame and still carried the money clip he received from the Cleveland Browns in 1964 to reporters who covered their championship season. He also briefly held positions at the Indianapolis Times and the Defiance (Ohio) Crescent-News and the Athens Messenger. Rohrer was a member of the United Press International's Sportswriters Hall of Fame (class of 1985).

2015 OPSWA Statewide Meeting

The annual OPSWA statewide meeting will be held in April 8. The results of the annual writing contest will be announced, current officers will make announcements and OHSAA Commissioner Dr. Dan Ross will hold a question and answer session. A complimentary lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Tim Stried. The meeting is free for OPSWA members.

ANTWERP TRACK TRI-MEET W/HILLTOP & EDGERTON

These are the results from the home meet that Antwerp track hosted on March 31st.

TEAM RESULTS:

Boys:

1st Edgerton 89; 2nd Antwerp 45; 3rd Hilltop 15

Girls:

1st Edgerton 61; 2nd Antwerp 57; 3rd Hilltop 28

Individual event results:

Boys:

4x800 relay - 1st Antwerp, 9:11.83; 2nd Edgerton, 9:20.56

Discus - 1st Longardner, A, 99'4"; 2nd Brady, E, 93'9"; 3rd Herman, E, 92'11"

High Jump - 1st Williamson, A, 5'8"; 2nd Buchan, A, 5'4"; 2nd Schroeder, E, 5'4"; 3rd Laney, A, 5'0"

Long Jump - 1st Keesbury, E, 17'; 1st Carlin, E, 17'; 2nd Nichols, E, 16'4.5"; 3rd Shilling, H, 15'9.5"

110m Hurdles - 1st Etchen, E, 16.53; 2nd Daniels, E, 16.69; 3rd Shilling, H, 18.44

3200m - 1st Williamson, A, 10:45

1600m - 1st Williamson, A, 4:50; 2nd Buchan, A, 5:13; 3rd Laney, A, 5:14

Shot Put - 1st Longardner, A, 41'1"; 2nd Blue, E, 37'6.5"; 3rd Brady, E, 35'4"

400m - 1st Carlin, E, 59.39; 2nd Herman, E, 1:00.59; 3rd Shilling, H, 1:01.89

300m Hurdles - 1st Daniels, E, 44.89; 2nd Shilling, H, 47.28

800m - 1st Jones, E, 2:23; 2nd Shufelt, E, 2:27; 3rd Laney, A, 2:28

200 m - 1st Wright, E, 25.52; 2nd Nichols, E, 26.82; 3rd Romero, A, 27.21

100m - 1st Schroeder, E, 12.38; 2nd Romero, A, 13.01; 3rd O'Donnell, A, 13.68

800m Relay - 1st Edgerton, 1:50.01; 2nd Hilltop, 1:55.08; 3rd Antwerp, 2:01

400m Relay - 1st Edgerton, 49.72; 2nd Hilltop, 55.93

1600m Relay - 1st Edgerton, 4:02.25; 2nd Edgerton, 4:06.52

Girls:

4x800 relay - 1st Edgerton, 10.44; 2nd Antwerp, 11.08; 3rd Hilltop, 12.19

Discus - 1st Lalonde, E, 73'11"; 2nd Balsar, A, 72'2"; 3rd Manella, A, 71'3"

High Jump - 1st H Smith, A, 4'8"; 2nd Osentoski, E, 4'6"; Routhier, H, 4'6"

Long Jump - 1st Flegal, E, 15'3.5"; 2nd Recker, A, 14'0.5"; 3rd Brown, H, 13'7.5"

100m Hurdles - 1st Flegal, E, 15.66; 2nd Smith, A, 17.71; 3rd Ritter, E, 18.63

1600m - 1st Routhier, H, 5:49; 2nd Schroeder, E, 6:15; 3rd Brown, H, 6:33

Shot Put - 1st Lalonde, E, 27'7.5"; 2nd Balsar, A, 25'0.25"; 3rd Roth, E, 24'7.5"

400m - 1st Williamson, A, 1:05.96; 2nd Schroeder, E, 1:09.59; 3rd Osentoski, E, 1:11.89

300m Hurdles - 1st Miesle, A, 50.72; 2nd Osentoski, E, 54.72; 3rd Ritter, E, 1:00.38

800m - 1st Longardner, A, 2:35; 2nd Landel, E, 2:40; 3rd Schroeder, E, 2:42

200m - 1st Flegal, E, 28.65; 2nd Stein, E, 29.95; 3rd Osentoski, E, 30.18

100m - 1st Flegal, E, 13.36; 2nd Recker, A, 14.46; 3rd Brown, H, 14.53

800m Relay - 1st Antwerp, 2:11.69

400m Relay - 1st Edgerton, 59.56; 2nd Antwerp, 1:01.06

1600m Relay - 1st Antwerp, 4:38.50; Edgerton 4:42.52

DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 3rd NINE WEEKS 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR

FOURTH GRADE:

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SEVENTH GRADE:

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First Honors - Daniel Sinn, Emil Stoller, Ethan Dunham, Korene Shelton, Sarah Dyson, Brady Stabler

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Third Honors - Kelsey Fleagle, Luke Miller, Courtney Mead, Petra Jones, Thomas Lantow

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PATROL REMINDS DRIVERS TO KEEP EYES, FOCUS ON THE ROAD

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and the Van Wert Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is reminding drivers to keep their eyes and focus on the roadway while driving. Last year 17,827 crashes in Ohio had a reported distraction, including 44 fatal crashes. Ohio law prohibits all cell phone usage for drivers under 18. Texting while driving is illegal for all drivers, as a secondary offense.

Sending or receiving a text message takes a driver's eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equivalent of driving the length of an entire football field when traveling at 55 mph.

"Every time someone takes their eyes or their focus off the road—even for just a few seconds—they put their lives and the lives of others in danger," said Lt. Tim Grigsby, Commander of the Van Wert Post.

"Distracted driving is un-

safe and irresponsible. In a split second, its consequences can be devastating."

Distracted driving is any non-driving activity that has potential to distract a person from the primary task of driving and increase the risk of crashing. Distractions can be visual, taking eyes off of the road; manual, taking hands off the wheel; or cognitive, taking the mind off driving. Texting while driving is an example that results in all three types of distraction.

For more distracted driving facts please visit http://statepatrol.ohio.gov/doc/Distracted_Driving_Bulletin_2015.pdf

ELECTION ADVISORY FROM OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE JON HUSTED

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted reminded Ohioans the deadline to register to vote and participate in the May 5th Primary and Special Election is April 6, 2015. Absentee voting will open for all registered Ohio voters on the following day, Tuesday, April

7, 2015.

What's on the Ballot:

Ohioans will have the opportunity to vote on primary races for a number of local candidates as well as decide the outcomes of 336 local issues including school and local tax levies, bond issues and charter amendments. A comprehensive list of all local issues is available online.

Register to Vote/Update Your Address:

The deadline to register to vote for the May 5, 2015 Primary and Special Election is April 6th (30 days prior to the election). Voter registration forms are available at MyOhioVote.com or from local boards of elections and other designated agencies, such as libraries and BMVs. Should voters have moved since the last election, they should also act now to update their voting address online at MyOhioVote.com.

Absentee Voting by Mail (for All Other Voters):

Boards will mail out absentee ballots at the start of the early voting period, on April 7th, to those who have requested them. Voters must complete, sign and seal their voted ballots, taking care to provide the required information, including proper identification. Voted ballots must be postmarked the day before Election Day and received no later than the 10th day after the election (May 15, 2015). Absentee ballots may also be delivered in person to boards of elections no later than the close of the polls on Election Day. They may not be returned at polling locations.

Ohioans who would like to vote absentee, but have not yet requested a ballot, have until Saturday, May 2nd at noon to request an absentee ballot

by mail and they may do so by contacting their county board of elections for more information, or by downloading an absentee ballot request form at MyOhioVote.com.

In-Person Absentee Voting:

Secretary Husted has established uniform in-person voting hours for the whole state. Secretary of State Directive 2014-17 sets hours beginning on April 7th. Voters should contact their county board of elections for more information.

Military and Overseas Voting:

County Boards of Elections have already begun mailing absentee ballots to registered military and overseas voters who have requested their ballot for the May 5th election. Military and overseas voters who have not yet submitted a request for an absentee ballot may visit OhioMilitaryVotes.com to download an application and/or contact their county board of elections. Requests must be received by county boards of elections no later than noon on May 2, 2015, but should be sent as soon as possible to allow adequate time for processing, mailing and the return of the voted ballots.

Check Your Registration:

Not sure where to vote or if your voting address is up to date? Voters can easily check their voter registration information, including voting address and polling location, online at MyOhioVote.com. The system is populated with information from county boards of elections. It is important to note that boards may make a last minute change to a person's polling place that would not be reflected online, but voters would be notified by mail. Questions about information contained in the online system should be directed to the county boards of elections.

Election Day Voting:

Polls are open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. Voters choosing to head to the polls on Election Day need to remember to bring the proper form of ID and know their polling place and precinct. Voters can check their polling place and precinct and get other important voting information by visiting MyOhioVote.com.

Get Elections Updates and Ohio's Virtual Voting Sticker:

Ohio voters are encouraged to link with "Ohio-SOSHusted" on Facebook and Twitter to get elections information and updates throughout the year. Here they can also get a virtual voting sticker badge to let their friends and followers know they've participated in the election, whether they chose to cast their ballots by mail or in person. Facebook users simply need to "like" Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted's official Facebook page to "wear" a virtual sticker on their wall. Twitter users may share their voting badge by visiting the Secretary of State's website.

Vote in Honor of a Veteran:

With Vote in Honor of a Veteran, voters may also demonstrate the pride they feel for a veteran by dedicating their vote to them. By participating in this program Ohioans help raise awareness about the importance of voting and highlight the powerful bond between our veterans and democracy. For more information on how to participate in this program visit OhioMilitaryVotes.com.

DONATIONS TO PAULDING COUNTY K9 UNIT



Cooper Family Foundation recently gifted \$7,000.00 to the Paulding County Sheriff's K9 Fund. The funds will be used for the purchase and maintenance of a K-9 unit by the Paulding County Sheriff's Office.

Pictured here are Sheriff Jason K. Landers, Dianne Cooper, Cooper Family Foundation, Lisa McClure, Executive Director Paulding County Area Foundation, Deputy Gary Deitrick & K-9 Jano.

MVNU'S MBA IN FINANCE RANKED 4TH IN BEST ONLINE FINANCE MASTER'S PROGRAMS

OnlineMastersPrograms.org has named MVNU's MBA in Finance one of the top four in the nation on the list of the 2015 Best Online Finance Master's Programs. Out of the 1,000 schools considered, only 46 were awarded this honor. MVNU was one of three schools in Ohio to make the list, ranking in at #4 (above Tiffin University at #9 and Ohio University at #39).

MVNU was awarded this honor for excelling in dedication to online or hybrid education, selection of graduate courses, and providing academic and career services. All of the schools on this list were "nationally recognized for their affordability, the caliber of their faculty, the convenience of their online degree completion and the success and satisfaction of [their] graduates" (onlinemastersprograms.org). More information about this ranking can be obtained at www.onlinemastersprograms.org/best-finance-programs.

MVNU's MBA in Finance is available entirely online or in-seat. Several convenient start dates are offered throughout the year, and tuition is locked in from the time of enrollment. The program explores topics like financial systems and laws, business law and communication, calculus for the business world,

micro and macroeconomics, organizational management, and more. MVNU also offers MBA concentrations in Human Resource Management and Organizational Management. More information can be found here: www.mvnu.edu/gps/graduate_programs/business/mba.

BOAT RAMP TEMPORARILY CLOSED AT METZGER MARSH WILDLIFE AREA

Anglers and boaters looking to launch at Metzger Marsh Wildlife Area should be aware that the boat ramp will be temporarily closed beginning Wednesday, April 1 according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

The ODNR Division of Wildlife is dredging at the mouth of Wards Canal where it empties into Lake Erie to improve boating access. The project is expected to last for two weeks.

This ramp improvement project is made possible by monies generated from the Boater-Angler Fund, a state tax on fuel that motorboat users pay to provide better access to Ohio's waterways.

For more information about ODNR Division of Wildlife or other fishing access areas, visit wildohio.gov.

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Tom Dean, CASE IH Regional Manager presents award to Rodney Mobley, Director of Sales for Archbold Equipment, Aaron Weinhold, CASE IH Territory Manager.

Case IH is pleased to recognize Rodney Mobley, Director of Sales at Archbold Equipment Company for completing the Case IH Sales Excellence Program. Rodney is now better equipped to understand his customers' needs and help them Be Ready!

This two-year sales curriculum supplies salesmen like Mobley with the tools and resources he needs to support agricultural producers. Learning the economics of farming and true-to-life farming situations and challenges were incorporated in the program to further develop Archbold Equipment's business practices and to better support the producers' farm growth plan.

"Case IH is really proud of our Sales Excellence Program graduates because they truly put in the time and effort to not only im-

prove themselves, but also to improve the business as a whole," says Leo Bose, Commercial Product Training Manager for Case IH. "Customers will notice this dedication when they step into their dealership."

Throughout the program, salespeople learn the ins and outs of farm management from designing an operation to meeting industry targets, all while adjusting to new challenges and ensuring profitability. Salespeople learn from real life scenarios. The training program included videos, e-learning, workshops and webinars.

"Archbold Equipment Co puts our customers' needs first, and we're always ready to help them embrace the opportunities and challenges of today's agriculture industry and exceed their expectations," says Zach Hetterick, CEO "This is just another

reason why we supported Rodney's decision to enroll in this course and improve his skills.

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In Mrs. Hammer's class at Antwerp Elementary, first graders have been using toothpicks and marshmallows to create two-dimensional shapes.

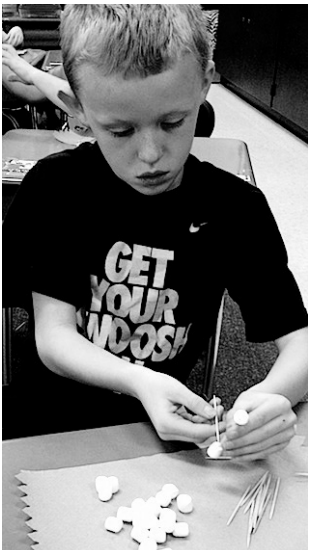
Several students posed for the camera to show off their creativeness in math!



Cami McAlexander



Alex Stevenson



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Caleb Lockhart



Lauren Walters

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL THIRD NINE WEEKS 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE 6:

All A's - Molly Adams, Payton Beckman, Kaeli Bustos, Jonathan Clapsaddle, Leigha Egnor, Quintin Gonzales, Caleb Manz, Elyse Manz, Baylee March, Luke McCullough, Blake McGarvey, Gillian Porter, Quincy Porter, Deyton Price, Sydney Reineck, Lynelle Schneider, Gabrielle Stallbaum
All A's & B's - Olivia Clark, Marissa Dobbelaere-Rosalez, Adela Foltz, Fernando Garcia, Megan Harpel, Zorgan Iler, Hunter Kauser, Hannah Ladd, Isabelle Lantz, Adrian Manz, Maggie Manz, Gabriel Sutton, Hailey Weidenhamer, Jasmine Wong, Selena Yates

GRADE 7:

All A's - Jacob Deisler, Julianna Fife, Kaela Lucas, Cole Mabis, Sydney McCullough,

Julia McMaster, Jordan Mudel, Joel Schneider, Savannah Shepherd, Katelyn Strayer, Kaylie Tressler, Mackenzie Weible

All A's & B's - Seth Dysinger, Evan Edwards, Kolson Egnor, Maria Garcia, Megan Garrity, Tyrel Goings, Kiarra Hawn, Matthew Henry, Robert Hobart, Nathan Hodge, Zoe Kochel, Sidney Kohart, Montserrat Martinez, Claire McClure, Tommy McGrath, Jordyn Merriman, Riley Noffsinger, Ivy Riggenbach, Matthew Schroeder, Olivia Stallard, Laney Stoller, Alyssa Switzer, Alexx Varga, Samantha Wagner

GRADE 8:

All A's - Alexandra Arnd, Luke Brewer, Charles

Clapsaddle, Haylee Dominiq, Katelyn Estle, Eugene Hemenway, Macy Iler, Tristan Kinder, Courtney Luderman, Heather Manz, Shana Manz, Jaret Miller, Leah Nusbaum, Mary Panico, Sydney Price, Allison Reineck, Joseph Reineck, Kaly Strahley

All A's & B's - Asia Arellano, Garrett Breining, Fletcher Cook, Kamdyn Etzler, Sierra Halter, Hailey Harris, Cole Heller, Casey Holman, Emma Horstman, Madison Hull, Grace Hurler, Erin Karlstadt, Hunter Kesler, Abigail Leaman, Ethan Matty, Hailey McDaniel, Westen Phlipot, Kristen Razo, Brandon Scott, Dylan Shawver, Zoe Shepherd, Hunter Sherry, Carson Shull, Adrian Simonin, Chelsi Spears, Jennifer Stahl, Mallory Taylor, Trinity Temple, Megan Tope, Briana Townley, Cierra Trammell, Victoria Valle

WT PAYNE ELEMENTARY THIRD NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR

FIRST GRADE:

All A's - Tyler Blankenship, Sapphire Ingle, Hunter Lyons, Chloe Murphy, Kaden Wilcox, Emma Stouffer, Mya Endicott, Tanner Laukhuf, Raegan McGarvey, Octavia Stoller, Chase Pack, Clay Stoller

All A's & B's - Blake Dunn, Caitlyn Mead, Caroline Winans, Krystal Bradbury, Nadia Frankl, Stella Laukhuf, Eric Reinhart, Careen Winans, Nichole Kennedy, Paige Smith, Mylie Wittwer, Kaelyn Clementz, McKenzie Gasser, Ryan Parker, Amber Stoller

SECOND GRADE:

All A's - Beth Miller, Luke Stouffer

All A's & B's - Adela Collins, Tyson Gerber, McKenna Johnson, Allison Noggle, Christian Bohland, Mason Lee, Keegan Rager, Dyson Scott, Kendel Franklin, Chase Holt, Cole Morehead, Keira Sargent, Isabella Knowles, Noah Parady, Ty Riebesel

THIRD GRADE:

All A's - Breven Anderson, KatieAnna Baumle, Emma Laukhuf, Brenna Parker, Meara Rager, Melanie Dunham, Adrian Laukhuf, Emma Lyons, Tori Stoller

All A's & B's - Logen Bland, Caitlyn Thomas, Cale Winans, Brenna Thomas, Caden Tumblin, Lucas Kennedy, Jude Stoller, Emily Thrasher, Brooks Laukhuf, Meg Thompson, Ava Zartman

FOURTH GRADE:

All A's - Lilli Anderson, Jared Pierce, Laura Stoller

All A's & B - Martin Alejo, Jacob Banks, Elizabeth Mohr, Lane Morehead, Marissa Gray, Gracie Shepherd, Chase Schaefer, Zerika Burkley, Evan Crosby, Mallory Moore, Emily Cotterman, Isaac Munger, Nyle Stoller, Skylar Zuber

FIFTH GRADE:

All A's - Morgan Hefner, Kate Laukhuf, Cameron Stoller, Malia Wittwer, Kaylena Gray

All A's & B's - Carly Blankenship, Therin Coyne, Ethan Reust, Jeremiah Molitor, Anastasia Gonzales, Jacob Howell, Carson Laukhuf, Jordan Williams

All B's - Xander Kohart, Brookelynn Lee

ASK ME Miss C!

Dear Miss C,
I don't understand my family. One moment my aunt talks good about me, but behind my back, she is talking bad about me. It hurts and I don't know what to do.
—SammieGirl12

Dear SammieGirl12,
Your first step should be to talk to your parents about this concern. Do they know how you are

feeling? Your parents may know more about what is going on with your aunt. They can guide your communications and even help you to address the issue with your aunt. That said, it is most certainly in your right to tell her that she has hurt your feelings, but sadly, we can't control what other people do and what they say about us. But you can be honest and express

your feelings. Tell her that you are confused by what you have heard. An open and honest conversation is sometimes all that is needed.
Blessings,
—Miss C

*Send your questions to today AskMeMissC@gmail.com, message on Facebook, or send your letters to the West Bend News with attention to me, Miss C!

SIXTH GRADE:

All A's - Chloe Parker, Jacob Stouffer, Ryan Weninger

All A's & B's - Emma Crosby, Draven Hanicq, Owen Manz, Joey Mungler, Natalie Schultz, Maria Stoller, Gage Tinlin, Matthew Doan, Kirsten Karolyi, Carlee Mead, Samuel Rager, Waylon Smallwood, Riley Stoller

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL THIRD NINE WEEKS 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR

*denotes all A's

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WT LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 4/8 - 4/14

Breakfast:

4/8 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk

4/9 - Cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk

4/10 - Fruit snack, juice, milk

4/13 - Sausage pizza, juice, milk

4/14 - Egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk

Lunch:

4/8 - Rotini w/meat sauce, green beans, cheese stick, garlic bread, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Pretzel w/cheese w/salad bar

4/9 - HS: Chicken fajita w/iceberg lettuce & cheese, black beans w/salsa, corn; ELEM: Breaded chicken sandwich, baked beans, fruit, milk; JH/

HS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar

4/10 - Pizza, romaine lettuce salad w/dressing; fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Cheeseburger sandwich w/salad bar

4/13 - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, dinner roll w/butter, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar

4/14 - Nacho chips w/meat & cheese, corn, refried beans, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar

LANE RESTRICTION EXTENSION OF LANDIN ROAD IN THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN

This has been extended until April 27, 2015.

Beginning Tuesday, January 20th Landin Road, in New Haven, Indiana will have lane restrictions from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily. North and south bound lanes will be restricted intermittently. The restriction will be between Parent Road and North River Road. The restriction will be in effect until Friday, March 20th. This restriction is due to installation of the new Water Main and Storm Water Sewer on Landin Road. No Detour will be posted.

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SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Plaintiff,
vs.
A. DARLENE EIBLING, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 15 012.
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 23rd day of April, 2015 at 10:05 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:

215 South Laura Street,
Payne, Ohio 45880
Parcel Number: 19-06S-020-00 and 19-06S-021-00

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 Forty-five Thousand and No/100 (\$45,000.00) 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
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Charles V. Gasior, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
LESLIE A. ROSS, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 14 167.
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 23rd day of April, 2015 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:

103 East River Street,
Antwerp, Ohio 45813
Parcel Number: 12-31S-020-00

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THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ALICE L. SHUTT, ET AL., ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 14 185.
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 21st day of May, 2015 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:

19941 County Road 212,
Defiance, Ohio 43512
Parcel Number: 01-03F-008-00 and 01-03F-007-00

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

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Richard J. LaCivita, Attorney for Plaintiff

PAULDING COUNTY COURT REPORTS

Criminal Dispositions:

Jason E. Hurtig; Cecil, OH; Drug Parapherna; Dismiss; dismissed per state; costs to defendant; Count B; Possession Drug; No Cont; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; defendant's OL shall be suspended for 6 months commencing 12/29/14; shall maintain general good behavior

Nicholas R. Metz; Middle Point, OH; Driv/Fra Susp; J-Guilty; Shall pay \$50.00 per month commencing 4/24/15; has a POC date of 7/31/15; proof of financial responsibility provided defendants physical license returned to him in open court

Dale R. Ladd Jr.; Oakwood, OH; OVI/Under Inf; J-No Cont; May attend the DIP program in lieu of jail; pay all fines and costs by 5/29/15 or will be sent to collections; community control two ordered 40 hrs of community service complete Third Millennium course 87 jail days reserved; Count B; Fail Control; J-No Cont; Pay all fines and costs by 5/29/15 or will be sent to collections

Leanna Hara Coil; Paulding, OH; Driv/Fra Susp; Guilty; Shall pay \$50.00 per mo. Commencing 4/24/15 has a POC date of 11/20/15

G. Clinton Smith; Defiance, OH; Fail Control; J-Guilty; Pay all fines and cost today; Count B; Regist viol; J-Guilty; pay all fines and costs today

Amanda Kaylynn Carlisle; Paulding, OH; Tinted Windows; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Angela Gomez; Paulding,

OH; OVI/Under Inf; Dismiss; Case dismissed upon motion of the state without prejudice; costs to the defendant; shall be paid by 6/26/15; Count B; Traf Cont DV/SG; Dismiss; Case dismissed upon motion of the state without prejudice; costs to the defendant

Real Estate Transfers:

Brown Twp.:
3/30/15; Rolland Mills Andrews Jr.; Sec. 2; 1.5 acres; Sec. 2; 1.5 acres; To: Rex M. and Doreen Andrews
Crane Twp.:
4/1/15; Marilyn J. Mills; Sec. 7; 1.122 acres; To: Dwayne & Carole Clevinger
Payne Village:
3/30/15; Donnie L. Schmidt; Lot 78; 0.1481 acres; To: Bruce E. and Brenda L. Schmidt

WHO ARE THE NUCLEAR SCOFFLAWS?

By: Lawrence S. Wittner

Given all the frothing by hawkish U.S. Senators about Iran's possible development of nuclear weapons, one might think that Iran was violating the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

But it's not. The NPT, signed by 190 nations and in effect since 1970, is a treaty in which the non-nuclear nations agreed to forgo developing nuclear weapons and the nuclear nations agreed to divest themselves of their nuclear weapons. It also granted nations the right to develop peaceful nuclear power. The current negotiations in which Iran is engaged with other nations are merely designed to guarantee that Iran, which signed the NPT, does not cross the line from developing nuclear power to develop-

ing nuclear weapons.

Nine nations, however, have flouted the NPT by either developing nuclear weapons since the treaty went into effect or failing to honor the commitment to disarm. These nine scofflaws and their nuclear arsenals are Russia (7,500 nuclear warheads), the United States (7,100 nuclear warheads), France (300 nuclear warheads), China (250 nuclear warheads), Britain (215 nuclear warheads), Pakistan (100-120 nuclear warheads), India (90-110 nuclear warheads), Israel (80 nuclear warheads), and North Korea (<10 nuclear warheads).

Nor are the nuclear powers likely to be in compliance with the NPT any time soon. The Indian and Pakistani governments are engaged in a rapid nuclear weapons build-up, while the British government is contemplating the development of a new, more advanced nuclear weapons system. Although, in recent decades, the U.S. and Russian governments did reduce their nuclear arsenals substantially, that process has come to a halt in recent years, as relations have soured between the two nations. Indeed, both countries are currently engaged in a new, extremely dangerous nuclear arms race. The U.S. government has committed itself to spending \$1 trillion to "modernize" its nuclear facilities and build new nuclear weapons. For its part, the Russian government is investing heavily in the upgrading of its nuclear warheads and the development of new delivery systems, such as nuclear missiles and nuclear submarines.

What can be done about this flouting of the NPT, some 45 years after it went into operation?

That will almost certainly be a major issue at an NPT Review Conference that will convene at the UN headquarters, in New York City, from April 27 to May 22. These review conferences, held every five years, attract high-level national officials from around the world to discuss the treaty's implementation.

For a very brief time, the review conferences even draw the attention of television and other news commentators before the mass communications media return to their preoccupation with scandals, arrests, and the lives of movie stars.

This spring's NPT review conference might be particularly lively, given the heightening frustration of the non-nuclear powers at the failure of the nuclear powers to fulfill their NPT commitments. At recent disarmament conferences in Norway, Mexico and Austria, the representatives of a large number of non-nuclear nations, ignoring the opposition of the nuclear powers, focused on the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of nuclear war. One rising demand among restless non-nuclear nations and among nuclear disarmament groups is to develop a nuclear weapons ban treaty, whether or not the nuclear powers are willing to participate in negotiations.

To heighten the pressure for the abolition of nuclear weapons, nuclear disarmament groups are staging a Peace and Planet mobilization, in Manhattan, on the eve of the NPT review conference. Calling for a "Nuclear-Free, Peaceful, Just, and Sustainable World," the mobilization involves an international conference (comprised of plenaries and workshops) on April 24 and 25, plus a culminating interfaith convocation, rally, march, and festival on April 26. Among the hundreds of endorsing organizations are many devoted to peace (Fellowship of Reconciliation, Pax Christi, Peace Action, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Veterans for Peace, and Women's International League for Peace & Freedom), environmentalism (Earth Action, Friends of the Earth, and 350NYC), religion (Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, Unitarian Universalist UN Office, United Church of Christ, and United Methodist General Board of Church & Society), workers' rights (New Jersey Industrial Union Council, United Electrical Workers, and Working Families Party), and human welfare (American Friends Service Committee and National Association of Social Workers).

Of course, how much effect the proponents of a nuclear weapons-free world will have on the cynical officials of the nuclear powers remains to be seen. After as many as 45 years of stalling on their own nuclear disarmament, it is hard to imagine that they are finally ready to begin negotiating a treaty effectively banning nuclear weapons—or at least their nuclear weapons.

Meanwhile, let us encourage Iran not to follow the bad example set by the nuclear powers. And let us ask the nuclear-armed nations, now telling Iran that it should forgo the possession of nuclear weapons, when they are going to start practicing what they preach.

Lawrence Wittner (<http://lawrencswittner.com>), syndicated by PeaceVoice, is Professor of History emeritus at SUNY/Albany. He is the author of *Confronting the Bomb: A Short History of the World Nuclear Disarmament Movement* (Stanford University Press).

THE WEST BEND NEWS *Answers on Page 15*
Sudoku Puzzle

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ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL SPECIAL MEETING UPDATE

The board met in executive session on Monday, March 30th to consider the purchase of property for public use and to consider the employment of a public employee or official. After the executive session, the board approved a resolution to purchase 1.947 acres of land in the SE 1/4, Section 27, Carryall Township and authorize Patricia J. Ross, Superintendent to execute all necessary documents related to the purchase.


Superintendent position update: First round interviews will be held through April 15th with second round interviews beginning the week of April 23rd. The board plans to hire the new Superintendent at the Regular Board Meeting scheduled for April 30, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 4/8 - 4/14

- JH/HS Breakfast:*
4/8 - Sausage, egg & cheese muffin, juice/fruit, milk
4/9 - Mini pancakes, sausage links, juice/fruit, milk
4/10 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice/fruit, milk
4/13 - Breakfast pizza w/ sausage, bacon & egg, juice/fruit, milk
4/14 - Egg & sausage burrito, salsa, juice/fruit, milk
- JH/HS Lunch:*
4/8 - Walking taco w/ meat, cheese, chips, lettuce, refried beans & salsa OR Baked potato w/cheese, meat & broccoli, pretzel, breadstick, fruit, milk
4/9 - Corn dog, kettle baked beans, cauliflower, ranch dip cup OR Big Daddy pizza slice, carrots w/ranch dip cup, fruit, milk
4/10 - Spicy chicken tortilla wrap w/lettuce & cheese, salsa, oven potatoes OR Salad bar, garlic breadstick, fruit, milk
4/13 - Popcorn chicken bowl w/potatoes, gravy, corn & cheese OR Salad bar, garlic breadstick, fruit, milk
4/14 - Southwest fajita chicken salad, tomatoes, southwest dressing, nacho crackers & churro OR Assorted entrée items, pickle slices, oven fried potatoes, fruit, milk
- Paulding Elementary Breakfast:*
4/8 - Burrito, fruit/juice, milk
4/9 - Whole grain muffin, string cheese, fruit/juice,

- milk
4/10 - Cereal or Cereal bar, goldfish grahams, fruit/juice, milk
4/13 - Trix yogurt, goldfish graham, fruit/juice, milk
4/14 - Pancakes, fruit/juice, milk
Paulding Elementary Lunch:
4/8 - French toast w/sausage, tator tots, tomato juice, fruit, milk
4/9 - Salisbury steak, tator tots, corn, whole grain bread, fruit, milk
4/10 - Fish sticks, romaine blend, carrots & celery, whole grain bread, fruit, milk
4/13 - Chili soup w/ crackers OR Ravioli, whole grain bread, carrots, celery, fruit, milk
4/14 - Corn dog, baked beans, fruit snack, celery & carrots, fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary Breakfast:
4/8 - Mini pancakes, fruit/juice, milk
4/9 - Breakfast pizza, juice/fruit, milk
4/10 - Assorted cereal kits, fruit/juice, milk
4/13 - Whole grain powdered donut, colby cheese stick, fruit/juice, milk
4/14 - Breakfast burrito, fruit/juice, milk
Oakwood Elementary Lunch:
4/8 - Sloppy joe w/whole grain bun, broccoli, carrot stix, fruit, milk
4/9 - Whole grain cheese breadstick, marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk
4/10 - Taco in a bag; Dorito chips, cheese, romaine, refried beans, fruit, milk
4/13 - Mini pancakes, sausage links, celery & carrot stix, fruit, milk
4/14 - Whole grain chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, whole grain bread, romaine lettuce salad, fruit, milk

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LOCAL SALESPERSON RAY MENDENHALL TAKES STEPS TO ENHANCE BUSINESS, CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE



Tom Dean, CASE IH Regional Manager presents award to Ray Mendenhall, General Manager – AEC – Sherwood, and Aaron Weinhold, CASE IH Territory Manager.

Case IH is pleased to recognize Ray Mendenhall, General Manager at Archbold Equipment Company in Sherwood, OH for completing the Case IH Sales Excellence Program. Ray is now better equipped to understand his customers' needs and help them Be Ready!

This two-year sales curriculum supplies salesmen like Mendenhall with the tools and resources he needs to support agricultural producers. Learning the economics of farming and true-to-life farming situations and challenges were incorporated in the program to further develop Archbold Equipment's business practices and to better support the producers' farm growth plan.

"Case IH is really proud of our Sales Excellence Program graduates because they truly put in the time and effort to not only improve themselves, but also to improve the business as a whole," says Leo Bose, Commercial Product Training Manager for Case

IH. "Customers will notice this dedication when they step into their dealership."

Throughout the program, salespeople learn the ins and outs of farm management from designing an operation to meeting industry targets, all while adjusting to new challenges and ensuring profitability. Salespeople learn from real life scenarios. The training program included videos, e-learning, workshops and webinars.

"Archbold Equipment Co puts our customers' needs first, and we're always ready to help them embrace the opportunities and challenges of today's agriculture industry and exceed their expectations," says Zach Hetterick, CEO. "This is just another reason why we supported Ray's decision to enroll in this course and improve his skills."

Archbold Equipment Co serves ag producers in the Tri-State area with stores in Archbold, Ottawa, Portage and Sherwood, OH, Topeka, IN and Adrian, MI.

HISTORIC SWINNEY HOMESTEAD OPEN HOUSE

Historic Swinney Homestead Open House will be Friday, May 1 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., 1424 W. Jefferson Blvd. The Homestead will be open free to the public, with early Americana music by Hearthstone Ensemble in the morning, refreshments, Bake Shop, Gift Shoppe, hand-arts display, herbs and perennials in basement and on the back lawn and Settlers, Inc. memberships.

For more information about the historic Swinney Homestead or about this event, please call 260-637-8622 or visit the website, www.settlersinc.org

NIIC STUDENT VENTURE LAB DEMO DAY

On Tuesday, April 14th from 4:00-6:00 p.m., the northeast Indiana Innovation Center's (NIIC) Student Venture Lab will offer student entrepreneurs the opportunity to start and grow businesses in a supportive, success-focused environment. NIIC's Student Venture Lab (SVL) offers seed

investment, coaching, office space and much more to selected student-owned start-up technology ventures.

At the end of the six-month term, each venture will demonstrate their product and their customer-validated business model at Demo Day to investors, bankers, and leaders of the region's business and technology community.

You are invited to attend this important part of the venture's progress and view their potential to succeed. Your response is requested by April 7th at 4:00 p.m.

This session's nine student ventures come from all industries including gaming, coaching, fashion, media, technology development, and more! Read about all of our presenters by going to our SVL website at www.studentventurelab.com.

ODOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

For the latest in statewide construction visit www.ohgo.com. Please contact us at 419-999-6803 with any highway maintenance or construction information needs.

HARDIN COUNTY:

U.S. 68 between Washington Street and Wayne Street in the village of Dunkirk, originally scheduled to close April 6, has been postponed until April 13 and will be closed for approximately one week for railroad repair. Traffic detoured onto Ohio 81, Ohio 235 and U.S. 30 back to U.S. 68. Work is being performed by LandRail Inc., LaOtto, IN.

PAULDING COUNTY:

U.S. 127 between Garfield Avenue and Jackson Street will be closed for approximately eight months beginning April 13 for a sewer separation project. Traffic detoured onto Ohio 613, Ohio 637 and Ohio 111 back to U.S. 127. Work is being performed by VTF Excavation, Celina.

WYANDOT COUNTY:

U.S. 30 westbound exit ramp to U.S. 23 southbound closed for soil testing has reopened.

U.S. 23/U.S. 30 from just west of Ohio 199 to County Highway 330 on U.S. 23, and on a small section near County Highway 330 west of Upper Sandusky on U.S. 30 will be restricted at various locations through the work zone beginning Monday for bridge work. Restrictions will remain in place through September.

PAULDING COUNTY CARNEGIE LIBRARY PARTNERS WITH HOOPLA DIGITAL TO GIVE PATRONS ONLINE & MOBILE ACCESS TO FREE MOVIES, MUSIC & MORE

Paulding County Carnegie Library announces public availability beginning April 13th of thousands of movies, television shows, music albums and audiobooks, all available for mobile and online access through a new partnership with hoopla digital (hoopladigital.com).

Paulding County Carnegie Library card holders can register to download the free hoopla digital mobile app on their Android or IOS device by visiting hoopladigital.com and enjoy thousands of artists of titles – from major Hollywood studios, record companies and publishers – available to borrow 24/7, for instant streaming or temporary downloading to their smartphones, tablets and computers – beginning April 13th.

"We strive to make our resources readily available in a variety of formats to meet the educational, recreational and informational needs of our patrons across Paulding County," said Susan Hill Pieper, Director at Paulding County Carnegie Library. "Our new partnership with hoopla digital helps us do just that by enabling our community members to instantly stream thousands of popular and classic titles to their devices – on the go. The service's easy-to-use interface and elimination of late fees also enables us to satisfy all of our patron's needs in a modern way."

Paulding County Carnegie Library is the fifty-ninth library system in the state of Ohio to partner with hoopla digital. Current partners include Westlake Porter Public Library, Geauga County Public Library, Rodman Public Library, Washington County Public Library, Wright Memorial Public

NEW DRUMS FOR STUDENTS AT PAULDING ELEMENTARY



Mrs. Kelly Agler's second grade students at Paulding Elementary are shown with the new drums purchased with grant money received through the Paulding-Putnam Operation Round-up Grant program awarded to

music teacher, Mrs. Dawn Sloan.

Library, Warren-Trumbull County Public Library and many others.

"With hoopla digital, it is our mission to empower the evolution of public libraries while helping them to meet the needs of the mobile generation. We've worked for years to create a best-in-breed service that is fun, fast and reliable. And we continue to secure content deals to expand our offering of popular and niche movies, TV shows, music and audiobooks," said Jeff Jankowski founder and owner of hoopla digital.

Hoopla is available to Paulding County Carnegie Library card holders (in good standing) at no charge beginning April 13th. For more information about your Paulding County Carnegie Library system, visit the library's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/PauldingCountyLibrary> or call 419-399-2032.

4-H CAMP PALMER ALL CAMP CLEAN UP APRIL 11

In order to open and improve the grounds at 4-H Camp Palmer, we need volunteer help. Does your club or organization need a service project? Youth ages 8-15 years of age, must be accompanied by an adult. All volunteers on April 11 will be provided a picnic lunch at 12:30 p.m. Please be prepared to bring own rakes, work gloves and scrap rags (camp will supply cleaning products).

The clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, April 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please check in at the covered bridge entrance for work assignments. If individuals or groups can only help part of the day you are still encouraged to come.

Some of our main projects will include: leaf raking, cabin cleaning, cleaning flowerbeds and the general grounds. Anyone planning to help should contact Suzy Summers at 419-237-2247 or email at 4hcampallpalmer@gmail.com by April 3rd so we can include you in the lunch count.

For those unable to make the April 11 work date, other times can be arranged. 4-H Camp Palmer will be fully opening camp for their 68th year of serving resident 4-H campers, school outdoor education programs, band camps, team building and challenge course leadership experiences, retreat groups, family reunions and more.

The camp is located at 26450 County Road MN, Fayette, OH right next to Harrison Lake State Park.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK CELEBRATED IN PAULDING COUNTY

The Paulding County Carnegie Library system will be celebrating National Library Week from April 13th through the 18th (The library will be closed on April 17th so the staff may attend the Ohio Library Council Chapter Conference in Toledo). National Library Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and library workers and to promote library use and support. From free access to books, eBooks and online resources for families to library business centers that help support entrepreneurship and retraining, libraries offer opportunity to all. The theme for 2015 National Library Week is "Unlimited Possibilities @ your library."

Your Paulding County libraries will begin the celebration on April 13th, with a system-wide launch of "Hoopla", a digital library service which will allow patrons access to over 200K movies, music and more, 24/7 with their library card. The Bookmobile will be celebrating National Bookmobile Day at two locations, Haviland on April 14th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and in Grover Hill on April 16th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. All library locations will be sharing the wonderful world of unlimited possibilities made available via your local public libraries.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country

each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries – school, public, academic and special – participate.

Best-selling author David Baldacci will serve as Honorary Chair of National Library Week 2015. Baldacci's novels have been translated into more than 45 languages and have been adapted for film and television. Over 110 million copies of his books are in print worldwide. In addition, Baldacci is involved with several philanthropic organizations, including his family's Wish You Well Foundation®, which fosters and promotes the development and expansion of literacy and educational programs.

For more information, visit the library's Facebook page or call 419-399-2032.

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID ANNOUNCES OHIO BENEFITS LONG-TERM CARE

Our partners at the Ohio Department of Medicaid announced an exciting new initiative to rebalance long-term care spending and ensure that individuals receive the services and supports they need.

Ohio Benefits Long-Term Care is part of a federally funded program to help states improve access to home and community based long-term care services and supports while also balancing all long-term care spending.

The initiative will launch July 1, 2015.

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OHIO EPA AWARDED FEDERAL GRANTS TO FUND PROJECTS BENEFITTING LAKE ERIE

Ohio EPA is receiving an additional \$4.38 million in federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) grants to implement sediment and nutrient reduction projects in two major Lake Erie watersheds.

The five-year Maumee River Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Initiative has been awarded \$3.69 million and brings together a diverse coalition of 10 public and private organizations and targets the Maumee River watershed with projects in Auglaize, Defiance, Hardin, Lucas, Mercer, Paulding and Putnam counties.

The second grant is for \$689,000 for Phase 2 of the

Lake Erie Nutrient Reduction Demonstration Project in Crawford County. This three-year project is focused on nutrient reduction in the Sandusky River watershed.

"These projects, in coordination with other projects being implemented through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and Ohio Department of Agriculture, continue the state's objective of focusing dollars and conservation practices in targeted watersheds with known nutrient and sediment impairments," said Ohio EPA Director Craig W. Butler.

U.S. EPA announced the latest grants today. Ohio previously received \$7.4 million in GLRI funding since August 2014.

Maumee River watershed

The Maumee River watershed projects feature innovative agricultural sediment and nutrient reduction practices, aggressive implementation of multiple stream and wetland restoration projects, neighborhood-scale green storm water management, and retention and reuse of nutrient-rich runoff.

When completed in 2019, the combined local projects will retire approximately 270 acres of vulnerable cropland; install two tile cropland runoff retention and reuse systems; demonstrate multiple nutrient reduction management practices such as 60 blind inlets and a saturated buffer system; convert two miles of channelized ditches to two-stage channels; restore six miles of stream channels to natural habitat and flow conditions; stabilize 1,000 feet of eroding stream bank; and restore more than 70 acres of wetlands and wet prairies.

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ODOT SEEKING PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROJECTS

The Ohio Department of Transportation District 1, in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), is seeking public comments regarding the following proposed projects:

Allen County
Augsburger Road Bike-path (PID: 94469) - The Village of Bluffton, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Transportation, is proposing a project that will add a 10-foot-wide bike and pedestrian path along the north side of Augsburger Road. The new path will connect the existing pedestrian facilities in the village to the residential communities and Bluffton University Nature Preserve near the western limits of the village. This path is part of the Comprehensive Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan for the village of Bluffton developed by the village of Bluffton and the Bluffton Lions Club in partnership with the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission, Hancock Regional Planning Commission, Bluffton University, Bluffton Chamber of Commerce and other local supporters.

The Bluffton University Nature Preserve is a designated public recreational property that is owned and maintained by Bluffton University. As a designated public recreational property, the preserve is afforded protection under federal law. The use of federal funds requires measures be developed to minimize harm, and advance public notice be given of impacts to a recreational property.

To accommodate the construction of the path,

source pollutants, estimated at 4,843 tons of sediment, 21,952 pounds of nitrogen and 5,268 pounds of phosphorus per year.

Ohio EPA's project partners include Pheasants Forever, Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District, The Nature Conservancy, Black Swamp Conservancy, Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments, Metroparks of the Toledo Area, Lucas County Land Bank, The Ohio State University and Antioch College.

Sandusky River watershed

The Crawford County project is being implemented in three phases through 2017 in the Brokensword Creek and Sycamore Creek subwatersheds.

Agricultural producers and landowners are implementing best management practices and systems that are proven to reduce sediment and nutrient loading from farmland. The grant also is encouraging and providing incentives for innovative practices such as saturated buffers and other nutrient reduction demonstration practices.

Ohio EPA is working with the Crawford Soil and Water Conservation District, Ohio Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Sandusky River Watershed Coalition. It is a continuation of a successful GLRI-funded project that targeted nearby Loss Creek and an NRCS project in Brandywine and Brokensword creeks.

Once implemented, the project will reduce sediment load in the watershed by 657 tons, nitrogen by 40,008 tons and phosphorus by 2,552 tons each year.

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some tree clearing will be required within the preserve during the 2016-2017 winter season. In addition, construction of the new path near the entrance of the preserve may temporarily disrupt access to the preserve for a few days during the summer of 2017.

Construction of the path is scheduled to occur in the summer of 2017.

Putnam County
M6-5.75 (PID: 98795) - The Putnam County Engineer, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Transportation, is proposing a project to disassemble, clean, galvanize, and reassemble the bridge carrying Riley Township Road M-6 over Riley Creek in Putnam County. The existing bridge, also known as the Mallaham Bridge, was originally built in 1871 by David H. Morrison, a man regarded as one of the most important bridge engineers and manufacturers in Ohio in the 19th century. The unique design and historic significance of this bridge make it eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. As a result, the rehabilitation of the bridge will be closely coordinated with local, state, and federal agencies to ensure the historic integrity of the structure is maintained. Construction of this project is currently scheduled for fall of 2016.

More information on ODOT projects can be found here: www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/D01/PlanningPrograms/Projects

Comments may be made by contacting the individual listed below. Please provide comments within 15 days from the day this was published. To help expedite a response please provide the project name and PID number provided above as well as contact information. Comments without contact information cannot be responded to.

Project related issues the public may wish to comment on include, but are not limited to, historic or cultural resources, ecological resources and environmental justice issues.

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iAB & FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS

iAB Financial Bank, the wholly-owned subsidiary of Independent Alliance Banks, Inc., and the Fort Wayne Community Foundation are pleased to announce the 6 recipients of the iAB Financial Bank Employee Scholarship award. Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement and personal qualities such as character, leadership ability and community service. Since partnering with the Fort Wayne Community Foundation, iAB has awarded over \$9,000 in scholarship monies to local students as they pursue educational excellence.

The 2015 recipients are:
• Andrew Felger - Pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Indiana-Purdue, Fort Wayne, Andrew is the daughter of Nicholas and Allison Felger of Fort Wayne, IN.

• Alyssa Garver - Alyssa is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Nursing from Indiana-Purdue, Fort Wayne. Alyssa is the daughter of Greg and Dana Garver of Harlan, IN.

• Molly McKee - Molly attends the University in Houston, in Clear Lake, TX and is working toward a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. She is the daughter of Mark and Beth McKee of New Haven, IN.

• Amy Roth - Amy is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in both Elementary Education and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages at Bethel College in Mishawaka, IN. Amy is the daughter of Kevin and Lorraine Roth of Grabill, IN.

• Lori Stanfield - Lori attends Ball State in Muncie, IN and is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education Spanish. She is the daughter of Brad and Kate Stanfield of Fort Wayne, IN.

• Jennifer Witmer - Jennifer is a senior pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Trine University.

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THE VAN WERT HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS GREASE



The Van Wert High School Drama Club is set to present Grease on April 9-11 at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center of Northwest Ohio.

Here's The Story: Here is Rydell High's senior class of 1959: duck-tailed, hot-rod-ding "T-Birds" and their gum-snapping, hip-shaking "Pink Ladies" in bobby sox and pedal pushers, evoking the look and sound of the

1950s in this rollicking musical. Head "greaser" Danny Zuko and new (good) girl Sandy Dumbrowski try to relive the high romance of their "Summer Nights" as the rest of the gang sings and dances its way through such songs as "Greased Lightnin'", "It's Raining on Prom Night", "Alone at the Drive-In Movie" recalling the music of Buddy Holly, Little Richard and Elvis

Presley that became the soundtrack of a generation. An 8-year run on Broadway and two subsequent revivals along with innumerable school and community productions place Grease among the world's most popular musicals.

For more information about this show, please call Van Wert High School; or the Niswonger Box Office at 419-238-6722.

WINTER SEASON WRAPS UP AS SPRING ARRIVES

As the winter weather wraps up and spring has arrived, at least on the calen-

dar, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1 will be putting away the plows and transitioning into construction work around the district.

District 1 includes Allen,

Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert and Wyandot counties.

As of now, ODOT District 1 crews have driven 1,062,987 miles during snow and ice operations, used 50,424 tons of salt, and used 548,191 gallons of deicing liquids throughout the eight-county district. The total cost of labor, equipment and material to date for the winter season sits at \$8,226,787.

At this same point last year, the district had driven 1,348,847 miles, used 62,328 tons of salt, used 601,943 gallons of deicing liquids and spent \$8,644,162 for snow and ice control.

Excluding last year, the average cost per year over the last 10 years for snow and ice control operations in the district is \$4.1 million.

"Our numbers up to this point are very comparable to last year's regarding our snow and ice efforts. We were hoping for a less severe winter, but as of now both years are ending up quite similar," said Kirk Slusher, Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 deputy director. "The materials used and miles driven were lower this year, but the higher cost of salt kept our overall costs up," he said.

The average cost of salt this winter was \$105 per ton versus \$56 per ton last season.

The maintenance crew at the Allen County ODOT garage began the snow and ice season in a new facility which was constructed last year as part of a campus development project. The garage was one of several work units in the district which relocated from Chapman Road to McCullough Street in Lima where the district office and district garage were already located.

The new facility provided the following benefits:

- The county was able to up salt storage from 2,000 to 4,000 tons.
- The county increased fuel capacity to a 12,000 ton split tank with 6,000 tons diesel fuel and 6,000 tons of unleaded fuel.
- The transition added additional lean-to storage for the county for materials and equipment.
- A winter liquid station

that is yet to be installed will allow for automatic brine making that will result in higher production and efficiency.

Additional facts:

Total amount of salt on hand throughout the eight-county region of ODOT District 1 is currently 19,224 tons.

The "Deicing Liquids Used" column reflects the current usage to date of several types of liquid deicers. This category includes salt brine as well as the following. These products are more effective at controlling icy conditions versus just straight salt or salt brine and can be more cost effective:

- Beet Heet, a sugar beet, molasses-based product that increases rock salt's ice melting capacity below its 15-degree limit;
- Aqua Salina, a natural saltwater with a lower freeze point than regular brine;
- and Boost, an organic substance that when added to calcium chloride reduces the corrosiveness of calcium chloride and improves its anti-icing and deicing capability.

The worst winter in recent memory in terms of cost was last winter with \$8.7 million expended in District 1 for snow and ice control.

Be sure to tell the businesses you patronize, that you saw their ad in the West Bend News.

ANTWERP CHAMBER GETTING SERIOUS ABOUT BUSINESS

The NOACC representative, Vicki Hawke, travelled to the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Annual meeting on March 31 to help businesses understand how a chamber works. Taking place at one of the local restaurants in the Village called Essen House, the appetizers were very much enjoyed by the attendees. Many people think the Chamber is just a group that organizes events for the community. Ms. Hawke pointed out that that is not true at all. Its job is specifically there to help and promote local business in the community.

Vicki encouraged businesses to find ways to save cost by encouraging group buying power such as in insurance or other methods of the Northern Ohio Area Chamber of Commerce.

Shawn Dooley, Funeral



Vicki Hawke

Director and chamber member stated, "The meeting was a great pep talk for our group. The benefits available to members were explained so that members could take full advantage of their affiliation with the Antwerp Chamber. It was great to get together in a different setting. Everyone enjoyed the great desserts from the Essen House and the fellowship of our members."

Vicki has been working with a Chamber of Commerce since 1985 and has been with NOACC since 1995, showing businesses and chambers of the area a better way to operate. Throughout these years she has shown how Anthem/Blue Cross Blue Shield, Credit Card Processors, Workman's Comp. (among many others) will cut costs just by saying, "I'm a Antwerp Chamber of Commerce member."

The turnout was good to see the support of area business in communities and how important it is in small counties such as Paulding.



Chamber member, Karl Mielke.

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