

HERITAGE ELEMENTARY CELEBRATES GRANDPARENTS!



Students at Heritage Elementary School invited grandparents to spend a morning in the classroom observing how they are learning these days. Grandparents were introduced to classroom technology. Grandparents learned the game Kahoots; a popular game that pairs the smart board and iPads to test the students' knowledge on many subjects. Teachers are able to create quizzes from any topic area. Students also spent time showing their guests some of the iPad ap-

plications used for reading and math activities. Grandparents and students took and also attended a book fair in the school library. The morning ended with a short concert and folk dance demonstration.

Grandparents toured the new Heritage Elementary facilities! More than 250 grandparents participated!

**Check out
New Haven
Fitness on
page 9!**

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL RECEIVES FIVE STAR PATIENT EXPERIENCE AWARD



Congratulations to Community Memorial Hospital! From West Bend Print!

For the second time in one week, Community Memorial Hospital (CMH) of Hicksville, Ohio has earned a Five Star rating for outstanding patient experience. Healthgrades awarded CMH the Outstanding Patient Experience Award. This award sig-

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PPEC MEMBERS DONATE OVER \$12,000 TO LOCAL GROUPS WITH OPERATION ROUND-UP PROGRAM



Pictured here are (l-r) Ron Etzler (Paulding Co. American Cancer Society), Jeanne Beutler (United Way of Putnam County), Lisa McClure (Paulding County Area Foundation), Peggy Emerson (Paulding Chamber of Commerce), David Collins (Paulding and Putnam Co. American Red Cross) Coral Fetzter (Paulding Soil & Water), and Phil Wells (Paulding EMA) Not Pictured in group are Jim & Marilyn Overholt (Van Wert Co. Fair)

Operation Round Up® gives members the option of having their bills rounded up to the nearest dollar every month, with those extra few cents going to benefit people in need within the co-op's service territory. Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op began doing Operation Round Up in July 2010. Currently, over 8700 of the co-op's 12,900 members participate

and to date local charities have received over \$220,000. The Paulding Putnam Trust/ Operation Round Up Board decides on donations quarterly. If you would like to

submit an application for the next round, please visit www.PPEC.coop.

The following agencies submitted applications and received grants this quarter:

Paulding County Cancer Society (\$1200)
Paulding and Putnam County American Red Cross (\$1,000.00)

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OBITUARIES

ANTWERP, OH:
Iris E. Woodcox, 79, of Antwerp, passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville. Her family was assisted by Doolley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne, Ohio.

PAULDING, OH
Terry Lee Wright, 63, of Paulding passed away Wednesday, April 22, 2015 in Fort Wayne. His family was assisted by Dolley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne, Ohio.

PAULDING, OH
Erwin Jason Bandy age 68 died Friday, April 24, 2015 at his residence. The family is assisted by Den Herder Funeral Home of Paulding.

PAYNE, OH
Sharon E. Forrer, age 72 died Sunday, April 26, 2015. The family is assisted by Den Herder Funeral Home of Paulding.

RECORD KEEPING: HOW TO SECURE PRIVATE RECORDS

Record Keeping: How To Secure Private Records will be presented by Federal Records Management and Shredding on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at Noon. This seminar will take place at the New Haven Administrative Building, Police Training Room, 815 Lincoln Hwy., New Haven, IN 46774. Lunch will be provided by New Haven Dairy Queen. RSVP by May 13 for a food count. For more information, please call 749-4484 or info@newhavenindiana.org

iAB FINANCIAL BANK TO VOLUNTEER IN LOCAL CLASSROOMS AS PART OF 'TEACH CHILDREN TO SAVE'

iAB Financial Bank volunteers will be taking part in educating local students as part of Teach Children To Save Day, founded by the American Banker's Association (ABA) and to be observed this year on Friday, April 24th. In the coming weeks, iAB Financial

PPEC EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED



Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op (PPEC) Employees were recently recognized for

their contributions to United Way of Paulding County. PPEC Employees raised over

\$6200 for the 2014-15 campaign.

Bank employees will be making over 40 presentations to local elementary schools to reach well over 1,000 children as they learn about topics such as how and where to save, reasons to save and identifying wants versus needs.

"Our children are the future of our communities, so it's important that we equip them with the skills necessary to make responsible financial decisions in the future," said Michael C. Marhenke, President and Chief Executive Officer. "We look forward to our time spent partnering with local educators and schools to build good financial foundations with our young people." The Teach Children To Save program has reached more than 6 million young people through the efforts

of more than 177,500 volunteer bankers since in 1997. The ABA sponsors financial education programs such as Teach Children to Save and Get Smart About Credit, both of which allow volunteer bankers the opportunity to educate young children to further the important cause of promoting financial literacy among today's youth.

Meningitis can quickly strike young victims causing severe health risks or even death within hours.

Last year the Ohio Senate honored the memory of Senator Hite's niece, Tess, by marking March 9th as "Meningitis Awareness Day." Tess passed away within hours of contracting meningitis. Senate Bill 121 aligns with current law on immunizations and places meningitis on the list of diseases our students are vaccinated against in order to prevent such tragedies.

Senate Bill 121 works in conjunction with the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Immunization Advocacy Network of Ohio to require students of ages recommended by the Ohio Department of Health to be immunized against meningococcal disease. This would first take place for the 2016-17 school year.

The bill recommends vaccinating against meningitis at ages 11-12, with a booster at 16. This vaccination schedule prepares students for the high-risk environments of high school and college.

Senate Bill 121 also maintains a parent's right to opt their children out of these required immunizations for matters of conscience including religious beliefs.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH DYSLEXIA

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

This session, the General Assembly has put a strong focus on strengthening education in Indiana.

One specific issue of education we tackled this year is supporting students with dyslexia. Dyslexia is a reading and learning disorder that af-

fects 20 percent of American students. It primarily affects the skills involved in accurate and fluent reading and spelling.

It's very important for us to address this issue now, because the ability to read is essential to our children's education. If a student cannot read, they will quickly fall behind in the classroom, which may also cause problems in social circles.

One of the challenges of dyslexia is that it can be tricky to diagnose because poor reading and writing skills are often mistaken for other disabilities. Teachers are frequently unable to identify and distinguish dyslexia, so dyslexic students get wrongly placed in remedial classes.

To assist our students with dyslexia and help teachers better identify the disorder, lawmakers authored House Bill 1108. HB 1108 defines "dyslexia" in state statute and allows for the Indiana Department of Education to prepare teachers to recognize students who are dyslexic. Once those students are identified, they will receive the necessary tools in order to help them stay on track and succeed in their studies.

Currently, there are nine education service centers around the state that teachers can attend based on their location. Each center provides schools with access to a variety of services that would contribute to training teachers to identify dyslexic students.

Dyslexia is not related to general intelligence; on the contrary, many incredibly bright and successful people have overcome dyslexia, including Albert Einstein, Richard Branson and Steve Jobs. I believe that by identifying dyslexia earlier in life and providing those affected with the right approach to education, we can increase their chance of success in the future.

What do you think?

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 3/18/15

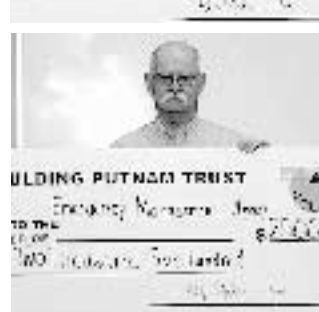
This 18th day of March, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Roy Klopfenstein, Tony Zartman, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Warrants documented as 214875 through 214931 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." —1 Corinthians 15:55-57



Not pictured: Van Wert City/County D.A.R.E (\$1,000); Defiance Area YFC (\$500); Niswonger Performing Arts (\$500); East Allen County Education Fund (\$500)

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- Paulding County Area Foundation (\$500.00)
- Van Wert County Fair (\$1,000)
- Paulding Chamber of Commerce (\$1,000)
- Paulding County EMA: Phil Wells (\$2500.00)
- Paulding Soil and Water (\$500.00)
- Putnam County United Way (\$1,000)
- Van Wert City/County D.A.R.E (\$1,000)
- Defiance Area YFC (\$500)
- Niswonger Performing Arts (\$500)
- East Allen County Education Fund (\$500)

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on March 18, 2015, Warrants numbered 214876 through 214905 in the amount of \$1,072.07; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Zartman to go into executive session at 8:04 a.m. with the Paulding County Assistant Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtsberry. All members voting yea.

At 8:24 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer; Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - Ms. Wannemacher presented the Investment Report as of February 27, 2015. She reported total investments of \$10,392,257.96. Page two of the Investment Report was a breakdown of investments by banking institution, showing interest rates, maturity dates and interest earned per month. Ms. Wannemacher reported interest rates are on an upswing, but are still shaky. She also noted the actual inter-

est revenue for the first quarter 2015 is slightly above what she estimated. Ms. Wannemacher then reviewed the real estate tax collection report. She noted 5% delinquency in the first half 2014 (pay 2015) taxes. Ms. Wannemacher requested the Commissioners consider holding the monthly elected officials meetings again. The Commissioners encouraged her to send an e-mail to determine if there is an interest among the other elected officials. Ms. Fickel distributed the sales tax report for the Commissioners' review. She noted the deadline to file an appeal with the Board of Revisions is March 31. There have been several appeals filed so far. Ms. Fickel reported the appraiser has been busy with the reevaluation. The new 'fly over' services allow the appraiser to do the necessary measuring on line from her computer. The goal is to have updated information for tax purposes.

Suzanne Rister, County Court Judge - Ms. Rister met with the Commissioners to update them on the activity at the County Court Annex. She and Common Pleas Court Judge Beckman have been working together for an upcoming Common Pleas trial. The trial will be held at the County Court location for handicap accessibility. Ms. Rister commented there will be more expenditures than normal due to the potential number of people involved in the jury and witnesses involved. She expects a full court room for every hearing and wants to make sure everyone attending the trial will be taken care of. There will be maps available to those attending the court proceedings to assist them in locating restaurants and parking. Judge Rister has intentions of utilizing her special fund dollars for new flooring and possibly new seating for the lobby. Ms. Rister then remarked how much she appreciated the file storage room at the Harrison Street facility. She commented that it gave them an opportunity to go through old records and complete some necessary purging.

THANK YOU
 Thank you to all of our friends & family & neighbors for your love & support extended to Ed & our families over the years & in his last days. Thanks to Dr. Miller & his staff for friendship & care. Thanks to the rescue squad. You are all in our thoughts & prayers.
 Judy McCalla
 John, Jan & Jason McCalla
 Ed's brothers & sisters & families

HITE ANNOUNCES PASSAGE OF MENINGITIS IMMUNIZATION STANDARDS

Ohio Senator Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) announced the passage of legislation today that requires students to be immunized against meningitis.

"This bill is about protecting Ohio's children and families from preventable tragedies, and I am proud to honor not only my niece, but all those who have suffered from Meningitis," said Hite. "If we can prevent even one death with the passage of this bill, we will have made a difference."

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CMH is among the top 15% in the nation with the highest overall patient experience scores. Healthgrades is an independent company that provides information about physicians and hospitals for the public to help choose a highly rated hospital and physician. Healthgrades mission is to help consumers find the right doctor and the right hospital, for the right care. They use data collected by surveys sent to patients which covers topics such as doctor and nurse communication, noise levels, medications issues and how quickly they received help when they needed it. Hospitals with five-star ratings had significantly better patient outcomes, as the five stars indicated better than expected outcomes. As a patient, your risk of complications and death from your treatment can be significantly lower at hospitals with a five star rating. More information about Community Memorial Hospital can be found at cmh.com or call 419-542-6692.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Casey Michael Justinger was born on April 20, 2015 at 11:27 p.m. at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville, OH. He was 7 lb. 0.8 oz. and was 18.5 inches long. He was welcomed by his mother, Heather Justinger of Antwerp, OH. His grandparents are Karen and Jeff Justinger of Antwerp. His great-grandparents are Donald and JoAnn Adkins of Defiance, OH.

SHERIFF JASON K. LANDERS COMPLETES 107th SESSION OF NATIONAL SHERIFFS' INSTITUTE



Sheriff Jason K. Landers of the Paulding County Sheriff's Office completed participation in the 107th session of the National Sheriffs' Institute (NSI) held in Aurora, Colorado, April 12-17, 2015. The NSI is the only national executive development program designed for sheriffs. This no-cost program is co-sponsored by the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) and the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA). Sheriff Landers is the first sheriff of Paulding County to graduate from the NSI.

Sheriff Landers joined 27 other sheriffs from across the country for training on contemporary challenges facing America's sheriffs today. In light of those challenges, the sheriffs explored the role of the local sheriff in providing effective leadership for the public good in such areas as public safety, criminal justice system policy, community relations, and organization effectiveness and efficiency.

Fred G. Wilson, NSA Director of Operations, said, "Sheriff Landers is a leader

with vision for the Paulding County Sheriffs Office. It is an honor to have Sheriff Landers join the more than 2,500 graduates of the NSI since 1973."

The NIC is a division of the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons. It is the primary federal source of technical assistance, training, and information services for state and local corrections. NIC provides a wide variety of services to the nation's jails, most of which are the responsibility of sheriffs.

The NSA is a non-profit professional association located in Alexandria, Virginia. NSA represents the nearly 3,100 elected sheriffs across the nation and has more than 20,000 members, including law enforcement professionals, state and federal government employees, concerned citizens, students, and others. Since 1940, NSA has served as an information clearinghouse for law enforcement professionals. NSA also provides management training for sheriffs and their personnel in court security, crime victim services, domestic violence, homeland security initiatives, jail operations, and traffic safety. Additionally, NSA administers the highly successful National Neighborhood Watch and Triad programs.

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COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS HONORED

Community Memorial Hospital and its Auxiliary honored their Volunteers with a Brunch on April 20th.

In 2014, the CMH volunteers donated 12,149 hours of their time. With the combined efforts of the Bargain Box, Sunshine Gift Shoppe and many fundraising activities, the CMH Auxiliary was able to donate over \$48,500 in equipment, repairs and other needs to Community Memorial Hospital. The Auxiliary also has a Lifeline Program.

We would like to extend our appreciation to all our Volunteers, "You are priceless".



2014 1000 hour Club: Bonnie Poper, 1625 hours; and Nellie Hathaway, 1108 hours.



GEN. HORATIO N. CURTIS CHAPTER DAR MEETS

The General Horatio N. Curtis Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution met Thursday, April 16th at the Paulding County Carnegie Library at 6:00 p.m. at the lower level meeting room. Guests were welcome.

Chapter Regent, Mrs. William Calvert of Oakwood opened the meeting with the DAR rituals and led with the American's Creed and the singing of the National Anthem to the Flag of the USA. The Treasurer Report was given by Pat Gottschalk and a Thank You letter read from the Veterans of Business Affairs in Fort Wayne for the Christmas fruit donated by the chapter to the Veteran's Hospital.

The May meeting will be at this location, all members will be contacted by mail. Member, Mary Clark will be returning in June, and at that time, the chapter will meet for lunch and also election of officers for the next term. In September, the Ft. Defiance DAR Chapter has invited us for a tea on the 12th at St. John's United Church of Christ.

All present extended sympathies to the family of past member Mrs. Walter (Evalena Sharp) Fitzwater who passed away on March 19, 2015. She was an organizing member and a direct descendant of Revolutionary patriot George Burkhart. She will be missed by everyone.

The program was given by Mrs. Fitzwater's sister, Mrs. John (Kathryn Sharp) Deatrck of rural Cecil. Mrs. Deatrck gave an interesting program on their mutual Revolutionary patriot: George Burkhart - "A Man Called George". This was a poetic biography about this man who was born in Allegheny County Maryland. He also lived in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Kentucky.

On the 1820 census he lived in Kentucky at Crank's Creek. He was discharged from the Revolutionary army and had a home in a

sycamore tree in 1784 which was also big enough to be a saloon. It was called Tree House Inn. It became a historic spot in Harlan, KY at Crank's Creek.

She also told the story of "Yankee Doodle Dandy". This was first an American folk song made by the English to make fun of the American Soldiers; however, the Americans turned the song around to the chagrin of the British. She also told many antidotes about Ben Franklin. It was said that one of his (many) children went over to the British side at the end of the war.

"Why are most barns painted red?" At first it was considered vulgar to paint buildings red. Virginians in the 1700's used lamp black and oil to stain their outside buildings. Eventually, they began to use red iron oxide, skim milk and lime for a red

color that turned into a plastic type coating for better coverage against the weather.

Old medicines were discussed: cascara, black cow salve; sulfur salve; onions and broth; poultices of egg skin; gargling with salt water; use of lemon and cider vinegar were just a few of the old remedies. Kathryn presented all of this interesting information.

Before closing, members were urged to bring in guests as potential new members. This year is the 40th Anniversary of the General Horatio N. Curtis Chapter. We organized October 17, 1975 at Johnson's Restaurant, Paulding, Ohio. I am proud to say that we are still an active DAR Chapter.

Respectively Submitted, Caroline Longardner Zimmerman, organizing chapter regent. For more information call 419-258-2222.

Community Memorial Hospital

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By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

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Jesus never calls himself the Lamb of God. He calls himself the Good Shepherd. He refers to himself as the Gate for the Sheep. It is John the Baptist who paints the picture we are all familiar with when he proclaims to all who will listen that Jesus is the Lamb of God.

John makes the point that during the crucifixion of Jesus, Jesus died before his legs could be broken, as was sometimes done to speed along crucifixion deaths. He is clearly pointing toward the rules for the Passover lamb as given in Exodus and Numbers and Isaiah where the prophet describes the suffering servant as one "like a lamb that is led to the slaughter."

In Revelation, our Lord is not the lamb readied for sacrifice, but the lamb already sacrificed and triumphant. The Lord Jesus is called the Lamb because it was necessary to demonstrate that the very purpose of His incarnation was to shed His blood for the sins of the world.

Jesus paid the price for the sin of the whole world. He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. The Baptist points to the Lamb of God, and we as individuals can make the choice to follow Jesus.

The Good News of Jesus the Messiah, the Lamb sacrificed for the sins of the world and for each of our individual sins, means that we have a choice. Our life can be changed. Our destiny can be altered. We do not have to end up in destruction and despair. Our story can end in glory.

COPING WITH LONELINESS EXPLORED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

Strategies for coping with loneliness will be discussed at Lifetree Café on Thursday, April 30 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

The program, titled "Isolated and Alone: Imprisoned in Iran," includes a filmed interview with Sarah Shourd, who accidentally crossed the Iranian border while hiking and was held in solitary confinement for 410 days.

"Everything about solitary is meant to dehumanize you and turn you against yourself and everyone else," says Shourd. "As I got worse, the limited time I was allowed with my fellow hikers became my lifeline and gave me the

strength to fight against my conditions."

Participants will consider the consequences of loneliness and how they can avoid experiencing it.

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are available. Lifetree Café is located in The Bachwell at 116 N. Washington Street, Van Wert, Ohio. Please use the Court Street Entrance.

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual coffeehouse-type setting. Questions about Lifetree may be directed to Teresa at 19-238-0631 or firstchurch@wcoil.com.

Topic for May 7 will be "What Makes Relationships Tick."

SURVEY OF COMMUNITY DEMENTIA PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

As a part of our State Plan on Aging for FFY 2015-2017, the Ohio Department of Aging is working to make Ohio a dementia capable state. A dementia capable system has two focal points:

- To assist individuals who are suffering from dementia, losing their ability to effectively communicate and are unable to provide care for themselves; and

- To provide resources to the family caregivers who are responsible for caring for their loved ones.

Part of our state plan is to equip communities to respond to the evolving needs of residents living with dementia. To work toward this goal, we are conducting a survey of existing community-based programs in the following areas:

- Education and awareness;
- Respite;
- Research; and
- Caregiver support.

The information collected in this survey will help us gauge the availability of resources in Ohio; and it will become a part of Ohio's toolkit to become a dementia capable state.

If you represent an organization that is aware of these types of programs in your community, we ask that you complete our survey online.

For questions regarding this survey, please contact Treasure Miller at 614-902-4055 or tmiller@age.ohio.gov.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Carter James Diehl was born on April 21, 2015 at 12:05 p.m. at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville, OH. He weighed 8 lb. 3.7 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. He was welcomed home by his parents Jon and Karri Diehl and sibling, Kamdyn, all of Hicksville. His grandparents are Joe and Kathy Smalley of Antwerp; and Pam and the late Jim Diehl of Hicksville. His great-grandparents are Paul and Betty Smalley of Antwerp; Vaughn and Kathleen Franklin of Antwerp; Donal and Betty Wonderly of Hicksville; and the late Charles and Betty Diehl of Springfield, PA.

NORTH WESTERN ELECTRIC SEES RECORD TURN-OUT AT ANNUAL MEETING

Six hundred members and guests attended the annual meeting of North Western Electric Cooperative, the most in the cooperative's 79-year history, at Fairview High School.

Members approved two changes to the co-op's Articles of Incorporation and re-elected Andrew Farnham, board chairman, and Mitchel Headley, vice chairman, to the board of trustees. Farnham, serving district 1 which consists of Florence, Northwest and St Joseph townships in Williams County will begin his third term as trustee. This will begin the second term for Headley who serves district 2 which consists of Carryall, Hicksville and Milford townships in Defiance County.

Members enjoyed a meal then heard reports on the state of their cooperative from North Western Electric officials. They also congratulated the 2015 scholarship recipients and participants of the Washington, D.C., Youth Tour, an annual trip for two students in North Western's service area.

In addition, North Western member Gertrude Studer was recognized for having attended all 79 of the cooperative's annual meetings.

Board Chairman Andy Farnham reported that the cooperative was able to refund just over \$1 million of patronage capital credits to members in the past year, signaling that North Western Electric is in strong financial shape.

"A total of all retirements for the life of the co-op now equals almost \$14 million," Farnham said. "We rank in the top 2 percent nationally of cooperatives who give back the most capital credits."

North Western Electric President and CEO Darin Thorp addressed three major areas of the cooperative's focus: providing members with safe, reliable and affordable electricity. He noted that North Western Electric has reduced average outage times to only 52 minutes — that means electricity was flowing 99.99 percent of the time in 2014.

Reliability is, in part, a trade-off with affordability, Thorp said, because it requires investment in infrastructure and maintenance. High-cost, low-benefit federal regulations are the main threat to affordable, reliable electric service for

SUMMIT CITY CHORUS TO FEATURE A 'TRIBUTE TO MOM,' A CAPPELLA



The Summit City Chorus, Fort Wayne's premier group of a cappella singers, is celebrating motherhood in anticipation of this year's Mother's Day with a special "Tribute to Mom" Dinner & Show on Sunday, May 3, at 12:30 p.m. at Cerutis Summit Park on

Ludwig Road Cerutis Summit Park, 6601 Innovation Blvd (west of Lima Road on Ludwig Road).

The event will feature a host of traditional a cappella favorites, sung in barber-shop-style, that celebrate all things related to mothers.

Also performing will be the locally renowned quartets "Those Guys," "Hoosier Gentry," and "Crosstown Sound."

For more information, please visit the website, www.summitcitychorus.org

www.newhavenbulletin.com

PAWS FOR A CAUSE



Paws for a Cause was a huge success thanks to the Friends of the Paulding County Dog Kennel. This 2015 Community event raises money for the Paulding County Dog Warden Office. This ensures the county's dogs are properly taken care of and makes it easier to find homes for the dogs and their owners.

In 2014 the Dog Kennel placed 134 Dogs into new homes or no kill rescue centers. An additional 154 dogs have been reunited with their owners.

This is the first year for the fundraiser and it was a huge success. Over 300 people attended the event with services by Grant's Catering and servers. Hosts included officials from Paulding County, including Sheriff Landers and the County Commission-

ers. Not only was the event a sell-out, but they had to turn people away.

There were many winners of the designer purses in this event, but the big winners were the dogs in Paulding County who will be able to be taken care of better than ever!



Mitchell Headley



Andrew Farnham



Darin Thorp

all Americans, but especially for those in rural areas, like North Western Electric members.

Doug Miller echoed those sentiments. Miller represented Buckeye Power and Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, North Western Electric's power supplier and statewide support organization, respectively.

Miller outlined proposed regulations by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that aim to lower carbon dioxide emissions from power plants — and add as much as \$50 per month to North Western Electric members' bills.

The EPA's final rules for power plant emissions are to be published in June. Members can visit www.Actioncoop for more information about the issue.

Maples United Methodist Church
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Woodburn Lutheran School is hosting Kindergarten Camp
Thursday, May 21st
Kindergarten Camp is for students who will be enrolling in kindergarten in 2015-2016
Campers get to experience a whole day of kindergarten from 9:00-2:00.
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I recently read in a newspaper article that Antwerp is in peril of losing a major retail business, the River Street Market. The River Street Market was originally an IGA store for many years, but it went out of business when the owner retired. After setting vacant for several months the building was totally remodeled and is one of the best looking markets in the area. The River Street Market has a great meat and deli department, fresh produce, on-site bakery, beer and wine department and all other canned and frozen foods you would expect to find in a full service grocery. The staff is also very friendly and helpful. I have found the River Street Market prices to be competitive with the Fort Wayne stores and there is nothing like having the convenience of a grocery store in your own home town. So, if you want a great product at a fair price, and you want to live in a vital community, shop at the River Street Market and keep your store. It is sad to see the retail businesses of small town America being lost, but one by one the lights are going out. It is up to you.

—Tony Langham,
Member Antwerp
Chamber of Commerce and
Antwerp Community
Development Committee

THANK YOU
I want to thank Captain Victoria Clemens and Chief George Clemens for the farewell retirement party you had in my honor. Thanks to everyone who attended, the gifts, cards, flowers and newspaper articles. You made me feel a lot more special than I am. Your gratitude will always be appreciated.
- Joyce Carr

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Just got a short note from someone who didn't have the guts to sign it telling me to take care of family matters and quit whining about petty complaints. Who ever you are, this was no petty complaint, it was an accident caused by people failing to comply with the law. I am taking care of family matters, but had I been killed or injured I wouldn't have been able to do that. I just want the compensation that I have coming. As far as this person, if you are or were a friend you are no longer one. If someone else, mind your own business. At least I am man enough to sign my letters. This is the typical Paulding attitude, write something but don't sign it, probably was one of our political figures. No wonder this town is in the shape its in, no one wants to take responsibility for anything. This town acts like it is above the law, can walk on water and turn water into wine. They can injure, kill or destroy your property and just say SORRY and walk away. No wonder so many people are leaving. I suppose I'll get another unsigned note for this, I DON'T CARE.

—Gregg Gorman

HITE ANNOUNCES 50 NEW JOBS FOR WILLIAMS COUNTY

Ohio State Senator Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) announced that Reifel Industries and TRUFAST plan to create 50 new full-time jobs after receiving state funds to support local roadwork.

"This is another great example of how state government can positively impact local communities," said Hite. "I'm excited that we are able to simultaneously improve infrastructure and create quality jobs."

The village of Pioneer in Williams County received a \$500,000 Roadwork Development Grant to extend Clark Street to Core Way Drive, connecting to State Rte. 15. The roadwork will allow for higher traffic volume from the Reifel and TRUFAST facilities. The announcement follows approval by the state's Controlling Board on April 20th.

Roadwork Development Grants are administered by the Ohio Development Services Agency. The grants assist in funding local road construction projects that support the expansion and creation of business in Ohio.

Reifel Industries plans to construct a new 44,000 sq. ft. heat-treating facility and will hire an additional 15 workers. TRUFAST plans to create an additional 35 full-time positions as they expand their operations.

RIVER STREET MARKET CELEBRATES 2ND ANNIVERSARY



River Street Market in Antwerp will be celebrating its 2nd Anniversary the first of May. Many improvements have been done to the store.

In the first two years, we have accomplished so much. Gustoso Sweets has opened the bakery. What a great asset to the community! They accept custom orders and their amazing baked goods are available daily.

A rotisserie has been installed in the meat department that cooks baby back ribs and Wonder Roast Chicken. If you have not had the pleasure of tasting them, you are definitely missing out! Calling ahead and placing your order is recommended. We offer the Ohio Lottery and the full line of Lottery play available at the self service kiosk at the entrance. We have a wide variety of beer offered cold or off the shelf. Stop in to see our large selection of craft beers available in 6-packs or individual so you can try one to see if it is to your liking. We also have a wide variety of wine. If you do not see what you like, we always try to fill your request. All the beer and wine selections are offered at state minimum prices.

We are implementing a new Preferred Customer Program. It is simple — you provide us your email address and receive our store ad weekly along with sales only available to Preferred Customers.

You may also notice that our store hours have changed. New hours are 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily. The bakery hours have not changed. These and other changes are necessary for the store to remain a viable part of this community.

The staff at River Street Market are always looking to serve the customer better. Recently, with cooperation from our suppliers, we have been able to lower prices throughout the store. We always strive to keep the Market clean, fresh and friendly. We offer the highest quality meats and produce because we feel our customers deserve the best.

After the many improvements we have done, the Market is still under performing. We realize the big box stores have a larger selection and sometimes cheaper prices. What we are offering is a convenient and safe shopping experience with a familiar and friendly face. We are asking you to change your habits. Start asking yourself can I get that locally? If the answer is yes, then is it worth your time and gas to get it elsewhere?

We invite you to help us celebrate our 2nd Anniversary the first week of May. We will be offering "Hot Buys" and a drawing for a River Street

Market gift card. We love our community and hope you will love shopping at the locally owned River Street Market.

We look forward to seeing you at the Market.

—River Street Market staff

LATTA STATEMENT ON TAX FREEDOM DAY

April 24, 2015 was National Tax Freedom Day; the day when the nation as a whole has earned enough money to pay its federal, state, and local tax bill for the year. Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement in recognition of Tax Freedom Day:

"Tax Freedom Day gives America's hard-working taxpayers the information on how much it costs to fund all levels of government. In 2015, Americans will pay \$3.28 trillion in federal taxes and \$1.57 trillion in state and local taxes, for a total tax bill of \$4.85 trillion, or 31 percent of national income."

The House passed many bills to help lower taxes and give more transparency to the government. They included the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, bills related to IRS transparency and accountability, a result of allegations that the agency targeted conservative groups seeking nonprofit tax status; the Death Tax Repeal Act of 2015; the State and Local Sales Tax Deduction Fairness Act, to make permanent the deduction for state and local sales taxes; the Mortgage Choice Act; and the Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act.

"I am committed to reducing the size of government and lowering taxes for all Americans," Latta said.

NEW HEIGHTS EDUCATIONAL GROUP IN SEARCH OF LIBRARY SPACE

Do you have an empty building?

The New Heights Educational Group is in an urgent need of finding a new donated location for New Heights educational library.

The library currently offers more than 3,803 books on different curriculum and encyclopedias. It also offers over 101 pieces of software and 139 DVD and VHS Tapes. They have a collection of 11 cassette tapes on different subject matter.

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If you are willing to help please contact us. The library is currently located in a building in Sherwood. They need to relocate or receive funding to cover rent ASAP.

The library serves a lot of families. This is a great way you can serve the community and this would be tax deductible.

Please contact at 419-786-0247 or email NewHeightsEducation@yahoo.com or visit the website at NewHeightsEducation.org

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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, Cabbage Patch Convenience Store
 - 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 Xpress, True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Holly
- WOOD AND VINE, PAULDING COUNTY LOCATIONS**
- Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Country Inn Living Center, Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW Post 587
 - Payne:** Lichty's Barber Shop, Payne Super Valu, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza
 - Scott:** Scott Variety Store
 - Sherwood:** Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank,
 - Van Wert:** Pak-A-Sak, Short Stop, Family Video, Orchard Tree, BalyEat's, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market, Walmart
- INDIANA LOCATIONS**
- Fort Wayne:** Walmart (Maysville Rd.)
 - Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
 - Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Harlan Cafe, iAB Bank
 - Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
 - Monroeville:** Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General
 - New Haven:** Curves, Milan Center, New Haven Branch Library, Ken's Meat Market, New Haven Bakery, Broadway Deli, Paterson Hardware, Richard's Restaurant, New Haven Chamber
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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan

On our dawn patrol today, we were back to the original four pilots. Lt. Barnes was back from his three day pass to London. We went over to the St. Lo area that is about 70 miles southwest of Caen. It is just outside of one of France's national forests. There are a couple of bridges in that town on an important highway and the Col. wants us to destroy them so that when the allies start making their way towards the east, the Krauts won't be able to send their troops from the Coentine Peninsula to fight us.

Well, we got there after it was daylight, but they were ready for us. The first bridge was made with two spans. We dropped the one span on the first pass. Then, we made a big circle and came in from the side and hit the other span, and one end dropped down into the river. The small arms fire was terrific! To say that those bridges were well-guarded was an understatement.

The other bridge was about 10 kilometers on down the highway at the other side of town. This was a swinging type of bridge when the span would swing out of the line of travel and let the traffic through. There was a control tower in the middle of the river. We knocked the span loose from the end and it dropped down into the water and will block any more boat traffic from getting through for a long time.

Then, we started to work on the control tower. It also had a couple anti-aircrafts turrets on it. Two rockets hit the tower a little high and from there on up, the stuff just dropped into the water. We had two rockets left, so two planes shot up the batteries on the shore and the other two planes put their rockets just about the at the water-line on the tower. All of the masonry flew apart, but some of the steel structures were still standing but bent out of shape.

We kept down close to the ground and headed back to-

wards the airbase. All of that action only lasted a few minutes, but was got a lot accomplished. When we got back into the airbase and inspected our planes, we were lucky. We all had some damage done, but nothing too big. We won't be ready for dawn patrol in the morning, but we will get a good night's rest and a little later breakfast for a change. See ya!

SOME MORE ON THE SNOW OWLS

By: Stan Jordan

A few days ago, I received a nice letter and pictures from Debbie Hayden about the snow owls and some other birds. Debbie lives over on the Gar Creek Road. She is an avid bird-watcher and is very interested in conservation and natural resources. She knows a lot more about birds of all types than I do. She is a very interesting person to talk to. In her letter, she tells about seeing a snow owl back in the 1970s over close to Payne, and she relates she has seen them from October to April over in that area over the years. Now, that brings up a question. Do they just winter here? They are seen in that area from Payne to Antwerp, to the state line and Woodburn, and over to the Gar Creek Road plenty often, even as a pair of owls. I am hoping that they live here the year-around, and maybe they do in that area.

A man from over in the Gar Creek area called me about a week ago to tell me that he saw a snow owl in that area. I didn't get the man's name. Debbie sent me some pictures of some wild nature birds, some little ones and some big ones. She said she has always watched birds from the time she was a little girl and she was also interested even in bugs. Debbie, I thank you so much for all of your information and pictures. Please keep me informed on the owls and eagles. See ya!



A QUIP ABOUT THE WEATHER

By: Stan Jordan

On one of my trips to Boston back in 1775, Ben Franklin said, "Everyone talks about the weather but no one does anything about it." Well, that's because they can't and I'm sure that is a good thing because if someone wanted a good, nice, warm day, some other people would need a good rain. Some people want rain for their lawns and some people want rain to wash the winter salt from their cars. The people who manage the winter sports want and need snow. That means, bad and dangerous roads and highways. The people who drive 20 miles or so to work every day don't want the snow because that becomes ice. Ice fisherman want lots of cold weather to freeze the lake and make it safe to walk on to their favorite fishing spot. They don't want it to snow on their ice, as that heats and weakens the ice.

The farmer sometimes wants it to rain, and he needs it badly. But sometimes he doesn't want it to rain just as bad. The town's leaders that want to have a parade and some outside activities don't want it to rain and that is usually when the farmer needs it most! Kids want rain, snow and fog as it causes school delays and sometimes closure. Mothers hate rain and snow because it causes mud and slop to come in on her new, clean floor.

Business men like cold, rain, snow and ice because they can sell all of their boots, over-shoes, galoshes, heavy winter clothes, sleds, snow shovels, ice picks, snow plows and salt to melt the snow. Dads don't like bad weather because the teenage boys and girls that are not accustomed to drive on ice will bang in a fender or two and up goes the car insurance.

Body and fender men, the collision people, the operators of wrecker service and junkyard folks all look at bad weather in a different light. The summer clothing people, the beach owners, the condominium people in the south, the folks who sell little yellow polka dot bikinis, bathing suits, SPF 15, water suits, water skis, beach umbrellas, the marine and boat people all want good, hot and dry weather so they can sell all their wares.

Yes, Ben Franklin was right. 340 years ago he said, "Everyone talks about the weather and no one does anything about it." And looking back over this column, that is a very good thing. Just look what a catastrophe if everybody could control their weather to suit their needs! See ya!

COME ENJOY A WEEKEND OF FREE FISHING

Ohio is known for its world-class fishing, and on May 2-3, you can experience it for free. All Ohio residents are invited to take part in Ohio's annual free fishing weekend, without purchasing a fishing license, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

Ohio's Free Fishing Days are open to all Ohio residents and extend to all of Ohio's public waters, including Lake Erie and the Ohio River. An estimated 1.3 million people fish each year in Ohio, and the ODNR Division of Wildlife stocked more than 43 million fish in 2014. Ohio's waters are populated with a wide variety of fish species so anglers might hook steelhead trout, walleye, saugeye, crappie, yellow perch, bass, bluegill and catfish.

The Free Fishing Days weekend offers Ohioans of all ages the chance to experience the fun of catching a fish. Here are some helpful tips for taking a youngster out fishing.

Keep the trip simple by considering a child's age and skill level. Choose a pond, lake or stream where children will be able to easily catch a few fish. A spin-cast reel is usually the easiest for kids to use. Bring a camera, and keep the trip fun and short. Be patient - plan on spending time untangling lines, baiting hooks, landing fish and taking pictures.

Anglers 16 years and older are required to have a valid fishing license to take fish, frogs or turtles from Ohio waters, when not fishing on Ohio's free fishing weekend.

Ohio residents born on or before December 31, 1937 can obtain a free license at any license outlet, or online at wildohio.gov. Residents age 66 and older who were born on or after Jan. 1, 1938 are eligible for a reduced-cost senior fishing license. A one-day fishing license is also available, an amount that can later be applied toward the cost of an annual fishing license. Fishing licenses are available at participating agents and wildohio.gov.

Fishing licenses, along with the Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) program, continue to fund ODNR Division of Wildlife fish management operations. No state tax dollars are used for these activities. These are user-pay, user-benefit programs.

The SFR is a partnership between federal and state governments, industry and anglers/boaters. When anglers purchase rods, reels, fishing tackle, fish finder and motor boat fuel, they pay an excise tax. The federal government collects these taxes, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service administers and disburses these funds to state fish and wildlife agencies. These funds are used to acquire habitat, produce and stock fish, conduct research and surveys, provide aquatic education and acquire and develop boat access.

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.

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE HECKLEY'S



By: Stan Jordan

DeWayne and Sandra Heckley of Woodburn were in the WBN office the other day, and it was a very enjoyable morning. We talked about sports, fishing, children, traveling, and the Heckleys had to be retired to do all the volunteering and helping people they do.

DeWayne was born in Ossian, IN in 1941. He went to school there until the 7th grade and then his folks moved to Lafayette Center, where he and his brother attended school. He graduated there in 1959. He went to International Business College in Fort Wayne and graduated from there in 1964.

Sandra was born in Fort Wayne, IN in 1943. Her parents were George and Ida Hahn. There were four in the family. She attended school at Concordia. She worked at G.E. in Fort Wayne and she married DeWayne in 1962. She worked at G.E. until DeWayne graduated from I.B.C. They had three children. Todd has four boys and lives in New Haven. Kevin has three girls and lives in Woodburn. Deena has three children and lives in Churubusco. The Heckleys have 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

DeWayne worked for the corporate office of Central Soya in Fort Wayne for five years. He worked at construction as a superin-

tendent until 1994. Then, he opened his Heckley Tax Service in Woodburn and it became full-time in 1995, and they opened an office in Ossian. In 2009, they closed the Ossian office and kept plenty busy in Woodburn. Then, they completely retired from the tax service in 2015.

I asked about hobbies and they love camping and traveling. He is an avid bluegill fisherman. They love gardening and she cans all of their produce. He enjoys yard-work and Sandra loves sewing. They both love skiing in Colorado. Sandra helps make quilts for the needy and also helps with the products for the blind.

They are very active in community affairs in Woodburn, including the Chamber of Commerce and they volunteer for local affairs. They follow their children and grandchildren in the local high school activities. They are avid Colt fans, and for years, have had season tickets for their home games.

Sandra says they had 48 years in the tax business. They have retired from the tax service, but they are plenty busy helping with the community affairs. Every city needs a lot of people like that. We here at the WBN, hope you have many joyful years of retirement. See ya!

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JAY COUNTY BEATS WOODLAN IN HS BASEBALL



Woodburn's Shawn Kitzmiller leads off the base. More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Jeff Abbott

Jay County pounded out 10 hits and scored 11 runs to beat Woodlan in ACAC boys' baseball at Warrior Field. The top three in the batting order scored 7 runs for the Patriots and had 5 of the hits, including a 2-run home run by Levi Long. Lead-off batter Shawn Kitzmiller scored the lone Woodlan run. Ben Schwartz took the loss on the mound for the Warriors.

Score by the Inning:
 Jay County - 3 0 3 5
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LADY BULLDOGS TOP WARRIORS IN LOW SCORE GAME

By: Jeff Abbott

New Haven scored twice in the fifth inning and made the lead hold up for a 2-1 win over Woodlan in girls' softball action. The Bulldogs allowed just 5 hits and limited the Warriors to one run, scored in the top of the sixth. Emma Baughman took the loss on the mound. Paige Lichty had a two-base hit on offense for Woodlan.

Score by the Inning:
 Woodlan - 0 0 0 0 1 0=1,
 5H, 0E
 New Haven - 0 0 0 0 2 0
 x=2, 6H, 1E

FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC RESULTS

Varsity Baseball:

Varsity baseball defeated Edgerton on April 16th, 3-0 behind the pitching of Joe Macsay (7 innings, 0 Runs, 4 hits, 2 walks and 12 Strikeouts).

Varsity Baseball defeated Antwerp on April 23rd, 20-0 behind the near perfect game from Joe Macsay. He had 13 strikeouts, 1 walk, 0 hits.

Leading hitters - Wolfrum, 2 singles, 1 double; Macsay, 3singles; Smith, 1 single, 1 double, 5 RBI.

This victory was a milestone for Fairview HS as it is Fairview's 700th Varsity Baseball win in school history. Congratulations to all that had a part in this accomplishment for Fairview.

JV Baseball:

JV Baseball was defeated by Edgerton April 17th, 6-3. The Freshman baseball

team defeated Ottoville April 23rd, 17-6.

Varsity Softball:

Fairview 8, Edgerton 2
 Winning Pitcher - Robbins, 2 hits, 11 KO

Hitters - Robbins, 21B/2RBI; Schroeder, 3 run HR

Fairview 19, Antwerp 4

Winning Pitcher - Robbins 3 innings, 2 hits, 2 runs, 6KO; Boland, 2 innings, 5 hits, 2 runs, 1KO

Leading Hitters - Beck 1B, HR; Polter 1B, 3- 2B; Hug 2- 1B, 2B, 3B; Sheets 3- 1B; Robbins 1B, 2- 2B; Gebers 2- 1B

JH Track - Boys:

Fairview defeated Hicksville April 23rd, 61-51.

Top Finishers:

Culler - 1st 100, 200, Pole vault; Reed 200 Hurdles; Macsay 800; 4x400 meter team; 4x100 meter team

Long Jump - Dallas Curry 1st

JH Track - Girls:

Fairview 80, Hicksville 43

Top finishers:

100 hurdles - 1st Mealer; 100 Dash - 1st Collins, 3rd Baker; 4/100 - 1st Zeedyk, Hug, Kime, Collins

400 - 1st Crites, 2nd Mavis

4/200 - 1st Wagner, Simonis, Mealer, Collins

200 hurdles - 1st Mealer

800 m - 1st Crites

200 dash - 1st Wagner, 3rd Simonis

4/400 - 1st Mavis, Hardy, Berger, Crites

Discus - 1st Graber, 2nd Cupps, 3rd Vance

Shot - 1st Graber, 3rd Cupps

High Jump - 3rd Starrett

Pole Vault - 1st place(3 way tie) Zeedyk, Baker, Kime

Long Jump - 1st Mavis

ANTWERP SOFTBALL TAKES A LOSS TO WAYNE TRACE



Antwerp's Sierra Cline hits the ball. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Lady Raiders of Wayne Trace played the Lady Archers on their home field on Tuesday, April 21st. Antwerp was the home team because of a last minute location change. This change was a disadvantage for Antwerp allowing Wayne Trace to use the home field advantage and clinch a win for their high school softball record. Final score: Wayne Trace 10, Antwerp 0

Records - Wayne Trace (7-4 overall, 3-0 GMC); Antwerp (4-7, 1-2 GMC)

Score by Innings:
 Wayne Trace - 1 0 4 3 2=10,
 11H, 0E
 Antwerp - 0 0 0 0 0=0, 2H,

0E
 Winning Pitcher - Bauble (5 innings, 2 hits, 0 runs, 8 strikeouts, 0 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Braaten (5 innings, 11 hits, 10 runs, 9 earned runs, 3 strikeouts, 4 walks)

Wayne Trace Hitters - Thrasher (single, run, RBI), Crosby (two singles, run, RBI), Critten (single, run), Bergman (double, run, RBI), Bauble (three home runs, three runs, six RBI's), Swary (two singles, double, run)

Antwerp Hitters - Miller-Sweet (single), Barnhouse (single)

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ARCHERS STRIKE OUT AGAINST RAIDERS



Wayne Trace's Austin Fast, waiting for the perfect chance to steal second against Antwerp's Alex Vail. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On April 21st Wayne Trace baseball team invaded the Arch field for some high school baseball action. The Raiders laid claim to the Antwerp Archer field, leaving the afternoon with a win: 10-1

Records - Wayne Trace (1-9 overall, 1-3 GMC); Antwerp (1-8, 0-3 GMC)

Score by the Inning:
Wayne Trace - 1 7 0 0 0 0
2=10, 11H, 2E
Antwerp - 0 0 1 0 0 0=1,
4H, 5E

Winning Pitcher - Stoller (7 innings, 4 hits, 1 run, 0 earned runs, 12 strikeouts, 4

Losing Pitcher - Jones (6 innings, 10 hits, 8 runs, 6 earned runs, 7 strikeouts, 3 walks); Other Antwerp Pitcher - Kurtz (1 inning, 1 hit, 2 runs, 0 earned runs, 0 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Wayne Trace Hitters - Fast (single, run, 2 RBI, 2 SB); Baksa (triple, run); Yenser (single, run, 2 RBI); Sinn (two singles, RBI); Jerome (single, 2 runs), Schaefer (three singles, 2 runs, 2 RBI); Jewell (single, double, run, 2 RBI)

Antwerp Hitters - Jones (single, run), Noel (single), Copsy (single), Taylor (double)

PANTHERS OUTSCORE LANCERS IN BIG BASEBALL WIN

Paulding baseball played at Lincolnview on Thursday, April 23rd. Lincolnview started the game off strong scoring 6 runs in the 1st inning. That was the last spike of aggressive activity from the Lancers though. The Panthers crept their way back up the scoreboard in the 3rd, but the clincher was in the 6th inning where the Panthers scored a whopping 11 runs. This dynamite of an inning ended the game: 21-6.

Score by the Inning:
Paulding - 3 0 4 3 0 11
x=21, 15H, 0E
Lincolnview - 6 0 0 0 0 0
x=6, 8H, 3E

Winning Pitcher - Egnor (5.2 innings, 0 runs, 2 hits, 14 K, 0 BB); Other: Martinez

Losing Pitcher - Youtsey (4+ innings, 10 runs, 9 hits, 2 K, 5 BB); Other: Schmursal and Parson

Leading Hitters:
Paulding (15 Hits) - Mock, HR, 2B, 2- 1B, 5 RBI; Edwards, 2- 1B, 2 RBI; Mourey, 2- 1B; Johanns 1B, 2B, 3 RBI; Egnor, 2- 1B, 2 RBI; Martinez, 1B, 1 RBI; Arellano, 1B, 1 RBI; Sitton, 1B, 1 RBI

Lincolnview (8 Hits) - Leeth, 2B; Youtsey, 2B; Schmursal, 2B; Roberts, 2B; Ralston, 2B

Records: Paulding - 5-7 (1-2); Lincolnview - 5-8 (0-2)

PANTHERS POUNCE RAIDERS



Paulding's Jarrett Sitton narrowly slides in safe against Wayne Trace catcher, Noah Stoller. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On Friday, April 24 the Paulding Panthers traveled to the Raiders home field for the baseball game of the local competitors.

The game started with neither posting points in the first inning, but that all changed with Paulding up in the next inning. Scoring eight points in the next inning was enough to take charge of the game and won by the 10 run rule by the end of the fifth inning.

Score by the Inning:
Paulding - 0 8 3 0 2=13,
13H, 2E
Wayne Trace - 0 1 0 0 0=1,
1H, 4E

Winning Pitcher - Johanns (5 innings, 1 hit, 1 run, 4 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Losing Pitcher - Jerome (3 innings, 9 hits, 11 runs, 1 strikeout, 6 walks); Other Wayne Trace Pitchers - Baksa, Toppe

Paulding Hitters: Edwards (three singles, two

RBI); Mourey (two singles, RBI); Egnor (double); Martinez (two singles, two RBI); Sitton (single, double, three RBI); Johanns (single, RBI); Mock (single, RBI); McGarvey (single, RBI)

Wayne Trace Hitters: Yenser (single)

Paulding is now 6-7 and Wayne Trace is struggling this season with a 1-11 record.

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LADY APACHES BEST ARCHERS

The Fairview Lady Apaches took on the Antwerp Lady Archers in high school softball action on Thursday, April 23rd. Fairview beat Archers, 19-4.

Fairview Batting:
Beck single, HR 2 RBI; Polter 2 doubles, 2 singles, 3RBI; Hug 2 singles, double, triple 5 RBI; Sheets 2 singles 3 RBI; Robbins 2 doubles, 2 RBI; Gebers single, RBI; Schroeder single, RBI; Kime single

Pitchers for Fairview:
Robbins 6 SO, 3 hits 2 runs, pitched 1st, 2nd, 3rd inning; Corder pitched 4th and 5th inning, 1 SO, 5 hits

Antwerp Batting:
Hughes, single; Miller-Sweet, single; B Johanns, single; Tempel, 2 doubles 3 RBI; Bauer single, RBI

Pitcher for Antwerp:
Braaten pitched full game

Score by the Inning:
Fairview - 5 2 3 5 4=19
Antwerp - 0 2 0 2 0=4

DILLER INVITATIONAL 2015

Wayne Trace and Paulding high school track teams participated in the Diller Invitational this past weekend at Ayersville High School.

Girls Team Rankings:
1st Archbold 104; 2nd Columbus Grove 83; 3rd Liberty Center 64; 4th Otsego 49; 5th Fairview 46; 6th Stryker 42; 6th Pettisville 42; 8th Delta 32.50; 8th Ayersville 32.50; 10th Wayne Trace 32; 10th Holgate 32; 12th Paulding 29; 13) Tinora 25; 14th Hopewell-Loudon 20; 15th Montpelier 14; 16th Patrick Henry 10

Girls event results:
Shot Put - 13th E Sinn, WT, 28-07.0
Long Jump - 6th Plummer, P, 14-03.00
Discus - 7th E Sinn, WT, 99-02
High Jump - 2nd Myers, P, 4-10.00; 5th Mohr, WT, J4-10.0; 7th Temple, WT, J4-

10.00
4x800 Meter Relay - 10th Wayne Trace, 11:45.00
100 Meter Hurdles - 4th VanCleve, P, 17.20; 6th Plummer, P, 17.70
100 Meter Dash - 1st Goings, WT, 12.80; 4th Myers, P, 13.40
4x200 Meter Relay - 5th Wayne Trace, 1:56.50; 10th Paulding, 1:59.30
4x100 Meter Relay - 3rd Wayne Trace 53.90; 15th Paulding 59.90
300 Meter Hurdles - 4th Temple, WT, 51.60; 5th VanCleve, P, 51.90
4x400 Meter Relay - 6th Paulding, 4:39.90; 13th Wayne Trace 5:09.30
Boys Team Ranking:
1st Archbold 91.33; 2nd Columbus Grove 86.50; 3rd Otsego 81.50; 4th Liberty Center 80.50; 5th Montpelier 50.50; 6th Hopewell-Loudon 40.83; 7th Patrick Henry 39.50; 8th Fairview 38.50; 9th Wayne

Trace 28; 10th Pettisville 22; 11th Ayersville 19.50; 12th Delta 18.50; 13th Holgate 13; 14th Tinora 8.83; 15th Continental 4; 16th Stryker 1

Boys event results:
Shot Put - 7th H Sinn, WT, 42-01.0
Long Jump - 3rd Shepherd, WT, 19-01.25; 10th Arnd, P, 17-06.50
Discus - 7th H Sinn, WT, 129-11
110 Meter Hurdles - 2nd Saylor, WT, 15.50; 6th Kuhn, WT, J17.30
4x200 Meter Relay - 11th Paulding, 1:42.80
4x100 Meter Relay - 11th Paulding, 48.90; 13th Wayne Trace, 49.30
400 Meter Dash - 7 Shepherd, WT, 54.50
300 Meter Hurdles - 6th Saylor, WT, 44.50; 6th Kuhn, WT, 44.50
4x400 Meter Relay - 11th Wayne Trace 4:07.60; 12 Paulding 4:07.70

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HARLAN BALL ASSOCIATION KICKS OFF SEASON



Last year it was great weather for the season opener for the Harlan Ball Association. This year on Saturday, April 25, not so much. It was cold and wet!

The morning opened with Gary Hahn, Treasurer, announcing some of the changes and telling everyone the games were cancelled for the day with the rain and temperatures hovering at 40 degrees, but they would continue with the Opening Day festivities.

The microphone was handed over to ball president, Clint Miller. From the Harlan Church of Christ, Dave Atchley was handed the mic next for the invocation. Following the opening prayer, Clint announced all of the teams, bringing the players onto the

field for presentation.

There were two men who were asked to throw the opening pitch. The first was Rob Cooper, son of Gary and Cindy Cooper. Rob joined the airfare and has been all over the world on missions for the military. The other pitcher was Lynn Stieglitz, the owner and operator of Milan Center Feed and Grain. Lynn has been a supporter of the Harlan Ball Association for many years.

As the honorary celebration wound down, the Harlan Christian School Choir, led by Lindsay Wellman, gave a beautiful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner. Recently, the school has grown and has become quite the centerpiece of the community.

There were approximately

150 kids from the area on 14 teams who came out despite the weather!

Harlan Christian School added a baseball team last year and this year's team is currently at 3-0 and proud to call the Harlan Community Park as their home field. The Hawks have added high school volleyball two years ago and they play other schools such as Lakewood Park, Howe Military, Canterbury, and FW Crusaders. "Sharing in work during park clean up days and working in the food tents at Harlan Days along with free community cars washes, the school does a lot for the community. We do it just as a way to serve and give God the Glory," stated Dave Atchley.

PAULDING BASEBALL BESTED BY STYKER

Varsity Baseball teams of Paulding and Styker faced off on April 25, 2015. It was a low-scoring close game, but in the end, Styker kept the win at home: 4-3.

Score by the Inning:
Paulding - 1 0 0 0 0 2 0=3, 5H, 1E
Styker - 1 0 0 1 0 2=4, 5H, 4E

Winning Pitcher: C. Ruffer (7 innings, 3 runs, 5 hits, 6 K, 1 BB)

Losing Pitcher: Alex Arellano (2.1 innings, 2 runs, 2 hits, 3 K, 1 BB); Other: Corbin Edwards

Leading Hitters:
Paulding (5 Hits) - Edwards 1B; Arellano 1B; Egnor 1B, 1 RBI; Sitton 1B; Mock- 1B, 1 RBI

Styker (5 Hits) - Ruffer-3B, 1 RBI; Benson 1B; C. Ruffer 3-1B

Records: Paulding 6-8 (1-2)

ARCHERS BOTTOM OUT TO PARKWAY PANTHERS IN HS BASEBALL

On April 13th Antwerp squared off against Parkway in high school baseball action. The Archers lost by 10 runs to the Panthers. Final score of the afternoon: Antwerp 2, Parkway 12

Offensive leaders:
Antwerp - Justice Clark 2 for 2 with a walk; Hunter Noel 2 for 3

Parkway - Riley 2 for 3 with 2 walks (2 doubles)

Pitching:
Antwerp - Collin Perry L (0-1)
Parkway - Morton W

LADY ARCHERS BEAT LANCERS

On April 17th, the Antwerp Lady Archers' softball team beat the Lincolnview Lady Lancers 10-8.

Antwerp stats:
Pitchers - Braaten pitched 1st, 2nd, 3rd inning; 7 hits, 8 runs, 0 walks, 0 strikeouts; Perry pitched 4-7; 3 strikeouts, 0 walks, 0 hits, 0 runs

Antwerp batting stats:
Hawley, single; Braaten, single; Hughes, 3 singles, 1RBI; Miller-Sweet, single; Perry, double, 1 RBI; Derck, 2 singles, 3 RBI; Johanns, 2 singles, double, 2 RBI

Score by the Inning:
Antwerp - 4 0 3 3 0 0 0=10
Lincolnview - 3 2 2 0 0 0 1=8

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 4/29 - 5/5

JH/HS Breakfast:
4/29 - Sausage, egg & cheese bagel, juice/fruit, milk
4/30 - Dutch waffle w/ fruit topping, juice/fruit, milk

5/1 - Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice/fruit, milk
5/4 - Breakfast pizza w/ sausage, bacon & egg, juice/fruit, milk

5/5 - Ham & cheese bread, juice/fruit, milk

JH/HS Lunch:
4/29 - Chicken fajita OR Philly sub, peppers & onions, deli roasters; Toppings: Salsa, lettuce, pickles, tomato slices & banana peppers fruit, milk

4/30 - Sub sandwich, kettle baked beans, broccoli w/ cheese, whole grain chips OR Big Daddy pizza slice, baby

CELESTIAL BODIES



5th Science L-R Katelyn Bergman, Karlie Simindinger, Haylee Finrock and Claudia Sinn.



Front L-R Faith Maynard and Logan Hale. Back L-R Brayson Parrish, Jaykob Edwards, Alivia Miller, Allen Minck and Eli Spinner.

Miss Kathy Sinn's fifth grade Science class at Grover Hill Elementary display their projects on which they shared their celestial bodies' facts and information. After using their

laptops and iPads to research, the students utilize either a tech or 3D project to present their "Top Ten Facts". Very Well Done!

WAYNE TRACE SOFTBALL LOSES TO MADISON PLAINS IN SOFTBALL SHOWCASE

Last Friday evening, April 17th, Wayne Trace competed against Madison Plains at Akron Racer Foundation Spring Softball Showcase in high school softball action. Final score left Wayne Trace with their 3rd loss of the season: 12-4

Wayne Trace is now 5-3 on the season.

Score by the Inning:
Madison Plains - 2 5 1 1 0 1 2=12, 18H, 2E

Wayne Trace - 0 0 1 1 0 2 0=4, 9H, 3E

Hitters of the Game:
Wayne Trace - Baumle (2 singles), Crosby (single), Wright (single), L Sinn (2 singles), Critten (2 singles), Thrasher (single)

Madison Plains - Bevington (3 singles), Clifton (2 singles), Grabill (2 doubles, triple), Long (2 singles), Puckett (2 singles, home run), Davis (2 singles), Wood (2 singles), Carroll (single)

Winning Pitcher - Bevington (7 innings, 9 hits,

4 runs, 3 earned runs, 5 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Losing Pitcher - Crosby (2 innings, 8 hits, 7 runs, 5 earned runs, 2 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Other Wayne Trace Pitcher - Baumle (5 innings, 10 hits, 5 runs, 4 earned runs, 6 strikeouts, 1 walk)

LADY PANTHERS TAKE LOSS TO PARKWAY

Paulding softball took on Parkway recently. The game seemed evenly matched till the third inning where Parkway drove in 3 runs, giving them an upper edge for the duration of the game. Final score was a Parkway victory: 5-3.

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

Paulding - 1 0 0 2 0 0 0=3, 7H, 4E

WP - Augsburg
LP - Schilt 7IP, 5 Runs (0 ER), 4 hits, 4 K's, 2 BB

Paulding Stats:
Riley 2-4, 1 run, 1- 3B; Manz 1-3 1 RBI; Davis 1-3, 1 run; Schilt 2-4, 1 run; Kelly 1-3 2 RBI

ARCHERS FALL IN MIGHTY SHUT OUT GAME

Antwerp took on Fairview in high school baseball on Thursday, April 23rd. The final score of this game was a shut out in favor of Fairview: 0-20.

Offensive Leaders:
Fairview - Wolfram, 2 for 2 with a walk (1 double); Macsay, 2 for 2 with a walk; Robinson, 3 for 3 with sacrifice (2 doubles); King, 1 for 2 with 2 walks; Dockery, 1 for 3 with walk; Meyer, 1 for 3; Jackson, 1 for 2

Pitching:
Antwerp - Noel, L, 2 innings pitched, 5 hits, 1 K, 7 runs

Fairview - J. Macsay, W, 5 innings pitched, 0 hits, 1 BB, 13 Ks, 0 runs

Antwerp overall record: 1-11 Conference Record: 0-4

LADY RAMS DOMINATE RAIDERS IN HS SOFTBALL PLAY

The Tinora Lady Rams took on the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders in high school softball action on Thursday, April 23rd.

The Lady Rams owned the field for the duration of the innings. Lady Raiders succeeded in putting a run on the board in the 5th inning. Final score: Tinora 22, Wayne Trace 1

Score by the Inning:
Tinora - 3 11 6 1 1=22, 12H, 0E

Wayne Trace - 0 0 0 0 1=1, 2H, 6E

Batting:
Tinora - 2B: Bailey SB; Kissel 2, Bailey, Stork, Smith, Drewes 2

WayneTrace - 2B: Gillett
Pitching:
Winning Pitcher - Drewes P-S: Grube 29-20, Drewes 49-25

Losing Pitcher - Yenser HBP: Gillett 3, Sinn P-S: Gillett 59-27, Sinn 87-36, Yenser 18-6

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Grover Hill's 3rd grade classes got free Sweet Basil seeds from The Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association and the Plant Something campaign's observance of Earth Day on Wednesday, April 22. Pictured here are

Mrs. Allyssa Alvarez and Mrs. Alexis Short with third grade students.

Senior Center - Ms. Yeutter presented two employees have now completed their probationary period and requested the Commissioners approve their raises. She voiced her appreciation to Commissioner Holtsberry for beseeching with the Area Office on Aging to reinstate a shortage of the Senior Center's transportation grant. His efforts were successful and Ms. Yeutter was pleased to have the dollars back to enable the Center to continue the services. She then shared the PC Senior Center was recently found to be in full compliance when reviewed by the Area Office on Aging. There were a few minor correctable issues with the Home Delivered Meal procedures as well as their congregate dining center. Ms. Yeutter noted the Center serves an average of 24 on-site meals per day. Four paid drivers and one volunteer delivery 156 meals per day. Ms. Yeutter reported measures are already being taken to address these issues. Planning for the summer food project for kids is well underway. Ms. Yeutter noted the grant will allow \$3.50 per meal up to 90 meals a day. She reported serving 45-50 meals per day last summer.

OHSAA REFERENDUM UPDATE MEETING SCHEDULE AND BALLOT DETAILS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association's annual referendum voting period is May 1-15 and six Athletic Discussion Meetings are scheduled around Ohio to review the items on which member schools will vote. Changes to the OHSAA constitution and bylaws can only occur by a majority passing vote of the member schools, which each have one vote cast by the principal. Ballots must be received by 4 p.m. on Friday, May 15, with results scheduled to be released on Monday, May 18.

The athletic discussion meetings are intended for superintendents, high school principals, high school athletic administrators, 7th-8th grade principals, city supervisors and board presidents. Media members are also welcome to attend. A maximum of four administrators per school are permitted.

At each meeting, OHSAA Commissioner Dr. Dan Ross, Associate Commissioner Dr. Deborah Moore or Assistant Commissioner Jerry Snodgrass will review the 2015 referendum issues and talk about topics of current interest. The meetings will last approximately two hours and there is no cost to attend. The link to the registration form is: <http://www.ohsaa.org/meetings/AthleticDiscussion/registration.asp>. Media members should list their media outlet on the second line of the registration form.

Text of 2015 High School Referendum Issues (Nine Items): <http://www.ohsaa.org/members/refvote/2015ReferendumItemsHS.pdf>

Text of 2015 7th-8th Grade Referendum Issues (One Item): <http://www.ohsaa.org/members/refvote/2015ReferendumItemMS.pdf>

SANTA CRUZ WARRIORS COME FROM BEHIND TO DEFEAT FW MAD ANTS IN GAME 1 OF 2015 NBA D-LEAGUE FINALS

The Santa Cruz Warriors fought back from a 20-point first-quarter deficit to defeat the Fort Wayne Mad Ants, 119-115, in Game One of the 2015 NBA Development League Finals at Fort Wayne's Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

The Warriors, who snapped Fort Wayne's 10-game postseason win streak, earned their first NBA D-League Finals victory. Santa Cruz was led by Elliot Williams' 31-point outing and Ognjen Kuzmic's 18-point, 13-rebound double-double. Fort Wayne surged to a

20-point lead, 31-11, in the first quarter on the back of Ramon Harris' 13 points on five-of-six from the field in the first. The Mad Ants led by nine at the break, while Williams scored 17 points in the half to keep Santa Cruz in the game.

Aaron Craft and Taylor Griffin each scored 12 points in the third quarter for Santa Cruz, when the visiting team took its first lead of the game. At the end of three, the Warriors owned a one-point advantage, 86-85, and the team never looked back, outscoring Fort Wayne, 33-30, in the final period to secure the victory.

Harris led the Mad Ants with 30 points and Jordan Crawford added 24 points and 11 assists in the loss as all five Fort Wayne starters scored in double figures.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT:" SKILLSUSA STATE RESULTS



Vantage SkillsUSA Medal Winners: Brandon Kimmet (Ottoville), Chris Bauer (Paulding), Cole Ketchum (Parkway), Jeremiah Dealey (Crestview), and Nick Grote (Ottoville).

The past few weeks have been incredibly busy for Vantage students competing in SkillsUSA. A big shout out to all the competitors: Cole Ketchum (Parkway) who placed second in the CNC Turning contest, the senior Industrial Mechanics team of Nick Grote (Ottoville) and Jeremiah Dealey (Crestview) who took second place in the Mechatronics contest, and to the senior Electricity team of Brandon Kimmet (Ottoville) and Chris Bauer (Paulding) who placed second in Robotics and Automation.

Other contestants included Carpentry junior Bradley Rice (Ft. Jennings) who placed fourth in the Cabinetmaking contest and Health Technology junior Bianca Robach (Continental) who competed in the Nurse Assisting contest, Derek Schroeder (Kalida), who placed tenth in the CNC Milling contest, Corey Booher (Parkway), who placed fifth in the Collision Repair Technology contest, and Tyler Foust (Delphos Jefferson) who placed fifteenth in the Automotive Service Technology contest.

PAULDING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SUMMER EVENTS

The following are a listing of the summer events sponsored by the Paulding Chamber of Commerce. Clip this out of the paper and stick it to the refrigerator for future reference.

MAY 22 - 6:00 p.m., Summer Concert Series and Homegrown Market featuring music by Kim Tracy & G-Men Herb Monroe Community Park in Downtown Paulding

JUNE 4 - 5:00-10:30 p.m., John Paulding Days featuring Parade, rides, food, vendors, and music by Bekah Bradley - Hosted by Culligan Water Systems Herb Monroe Community Park in Downtown Paulding

JUNE 5 - 5:00-10:30 p.m., John Paulding Days featuring rides, food, vendors, music by Geoff Burns - Resonance Collective - Jim Fry Band

JUNE 6 - 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., John Paulding Days KIDS DAY featuring rides, food, vendors, free programs for kids and live animals from the Fort Wayne Zoo sponsored by Animal Clinic of Paulding

JUNE 19 - 6:00 p.m., Summer Concert Series and Homegrown Market featuring music by Scott Brothers Herb Monroe Community Park in Downtown Paulding

JULY 10 - 6:00 p.m., Summer Concert Series and Homegrown Market featuring music by 2/3 Right - Kevin Meager Herb Monroe Community Park in Downtown Paulding

JULY 24 - 6:00 p.m., Summer Concert Series and Homegrown Market featuring music by Drew Munger Herb Monroe Community Park in Downtown Paulding

AUGUST 7 - 6:00 p.m., Summer Concert Series and Homegrown Market featuring music by Resonance Col-

lective Herb Monroe Community Park in Downtown Paulding

AUGUST 21 - 6:00 p.m., Summer Concert Series and Homegrown Market featuring music by Eliud Arce & Friends Herb Monroe Community Park in Downtown Paulding

SEPTEMBER 4 - 6:00 p.m., Summer Concert Series and Homegrown Market featuring music by Matt Hogan Band Herb Monroe Community Park in Downtown Paulding

Folks can go to www.pauldingchamber.com for more information about any of the events! Please contact Peggy Emerson at 419-399-5215 if you have any questions.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 3/30/15

This 30th day of March, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk; Absent: Roy Klopfenstein

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
Warrants documented as 215144 through 215184 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 134):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2015 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the County Court Special Projects Fund (Fund 134):

134-001-00003/County Court Special Projects/IDIAM

AMOUNT: \$5,000.00

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Jerry Zielke, Paulding County Economic Development - Mr. Zielke met briefly with the Commissioners to report on the Career Op and Showcase sponsored by the PC Economic Development. The event took place last Tuesday, March 24, at the OSU Extension Building at the Paulding County Fairground. The event was held from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The goal was to promote Paulding County businesses and to provide educational and employment opportunity information for the general public. Mr. Zielke worked together with many area businesses and schools to offer informative sessions during the duration of the event. He reported good attendance with many people taking applications for job opportunities. The event also featured mini-sessions on those considering embarking on starting their own business.

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LATTA INTRODUCES ENERGY LEGISLATION

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green), a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, has introduced, H. Res. 215. This resolution is a strategy to a comprehensive national energy reform plan that includes taking advantage of America's abundant domestic coal, oil, and natural gas supply; exploring and investing in advanced nuclear technology; expanding use of renewable and alternative energy sources, while promoting conservation and energy efficiency and reducing our dependence on Middle Eastern oil.

"This resolution encourages an "All of the Above" approach to energy, aiming to increase domestic production while reducing dependence on foreign supplies, resulting in greater American energy security and keeping American dollars here," said Congressman Latta.

Latta has also introduced the Voluntary Verification Program Act, H.R. 1785. This legislation would require the federal government to recognize voluntary verification programs for air conditioning, furnace, boiler, heat pump, and water heating products to demonstrate compliance with fed-

eral energy efficiency and conservation standards and the Energy Star program.

"The Energy Star program has promoted economic expansion and job growth for participating manufacturers across the nation," said Latta. "This legislation reduces duplicative efforts, encourages energy efficiency compliance, reduces regulatory burdens, and saves taxpayer dollars; all while enhancing market surveillance thanks to robust voluntary verification programs."

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Because of a \$14,000 grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), awarded by the State Library of Ohio, the Antwerp Middle and High School Library has purchased over 130 nonfiction eBooks to be used for classroom research projects. Mrs. Kayla Bagley, a teacher and the district librarian, collaborated with middle and high school teachers to choose the eBooks, most of which allow an unlimited number of students to access each book simultaneously. Students can access the eBooks through the library website and view them on any device. In the fall, students will also be able

to access the books using a cart of Dell Venue tablets, funded through the grant as well. This grant, titled Library2U, will continue through the 2015 school year, allowing for even more nonfiction eBook purchases; more importantly, this opportunity gives students anytime, anyplace access to reliable electronic resources that directly support classroom instruction and projects.

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MUSICAL MAY: FOUR MUSIC DEPARTMENT CONCERTS TO BE PERFORMED THIS SPRING

As part of an annual tradition, the MVNU Music Department will be presenting four concerts this spring. Collegians Chorale will perform on April 28, Treble Singers on May 3, and Goliards on May 7. The annual Instrumental Ensembles Lawn Concert (formerly Gazebo Concert) will take place on May 3. All four concerts are free and open to the public.

Collegians Chorale, directed by Dr. Robert Tocheff, will present its spring concert on Tuesday, April 28, at 8:00 p.m. in the R.R. Hodges Chapel/Auditorium on the MVNU campus. The concert will feature the acclaimed "Gloria" by John Rutter. Collegians will be accompanied by a brass and percussion ensemble and MVNU instructor Rebecca Abbott on the fifty rank Schantz organ.

The Wind Ensemble, Flute Choir, and Chamber Winds will present a concert celebrating "Cinco de Mayo" on Sunday, May 3, at 3:00 p.m. on the R.R. Hodges Chapel lawn. The community is invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets, and the event will also include piñatas, games, and colorful decorations. It will be moved to the R.R. Hodges Chapel Auditorium in the event of inclement weather.

Treble Singers Women's Choir, directed by Mrs. Sabina Anderson, will present their spring concert on Tuesday, May 5, at 8:00 p.m. in Thorne Performance Hall in the R.R. Hodges Chapel/Auditorium. The concert will include a wide variety of musical styles, from traditional choral selections to contemporary praise and worship.

Goliards Chamber Choir, directed by Mrs. Elizabeth Barrett, will present their spring concert on Thursday, May 7, at 8:00 p.m. in Thorne Performance Hall in the R.R. Hodges Chapel/Auditorium. This concert, titled "I leave you peace," will include a variety of selections with differing texts and styles.

For more information on these events, please visit /music or contact Tressa Daley at (740) 397-9000, ext. 3000.

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1. **Talk to your teachers like regular people.** Get to know them, ask them about their weekend. This is a great way to build a relationship and connect with teachers (who can serve as life long mentors).
2. **Be quiet during class.** You can show your respect by paying attention and only talking when the teacher says you should (group work, discussion).
3. **Be positive and help others.** This will show your teacher that you respect everyone and are willing to lend a hand when needed. Teachers love this kind of student attitude.
4. **Always be prepared for class.** Write down your assignments, complete your homework and respect the rules of your school.
5. **Always do your homework on time, but if something happens and you are not able to do it... don't fake it.** Instead offer to do extra credit to make up for it. Teachers appreciate honesty over white lies.
6. **Participate in class.** Don't just pay attention, but look like you are paying attention
7. **Be friendly!**
8. And lastly, this is a repeat, but your attitude will shine through. Make sure you come to class everyday willing to learn. Your teachers have a great deal to teach you (both about materials and about life). Use them as a resource, and don't be afraid to ask questions!
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4/29 - Egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk
4/30 - Egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk
5/1 - Egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk
5/4 - Sausage pizza, juice, milk
5/5 - Egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk

- Lunch:**
4/29 - Cheeseburger sandwich, french fries, baked beans, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar
4/30 - HS: Teriyaki chicken w/rice, oriental vegetables, roll w/butter, fruit; ELEM: Chicken strips, french fries, green beans, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar
5/1 - Fiestada, romaine lettuce salad w/dressing, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar
5/4 - Mini corn dogs, french fries, baked beans, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar
5/5 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, iceberg lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, garlic bread, cheese stick, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar

PAYNE ELEMENTARY NAMES BATTLE OF THE BOOKS CHAMPS



The Payne Elementary Battle of the Books Team will be competing on April 30 in the Paulding County Competition at the Youth Leadership Building in Paulding. The building-wide winning team members are Jacob Stouffer, Owen Manz, Riley Stoller, Ryan Wenninger, Carlee Mead and Chloe Parker.

- PLUS: Salad bar
5/4 - Cheeseburger on bun, green beans, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
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Antwerp kindergarten students Aliyah Brown-Kiessling and Nathan Sanders show off their homemade musical instruments. Mrs. McMichael's class has been

learning that some objects and materials make sounds. Her students created their instruments at home and then played them for their classmates.

STUDENTS IDENTIFY COMMON FIGURES AS SHAPES



Students in Mrs. Perkins's class at Payne Elementary have been identifying and creating solid figures. Shown is Clay Stoller, who created a cylinder with Play-Doh.



ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY MAIN BRANCH MAY EVENTS

Storytime for Preschools, Daycares & Other Groups:

Wednesday, May 20 & 27 9:30 a.m. - 30-minutes of theme-based stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities and fun for your 3 to 6 year old child.

Family Storytime:

Wednesday, May 20 & 27, 10:30 a.m. - Join us for a special half-hour of book-related fun. Each session is geared to preschoolers ages 3 to 6. Each session includes books, fingerplays, songs and multimedia computer fun.

Babies & Books:

Fridays, May 1 & 22, 10:00 a.m. - Bring in those little babies for a special time just for them. They are never too young to begin with books.

Toddler Storytime:

Fridays, May 1, 22, 29, 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Special stories, songs and activities for active toddlers! Children 18 months to 3 years of age and their caregivers are encouraged to attend.

LEGO Club:

Thursday, May 23 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 28 3:00 p.m. - Get your brains, hands, and imaginations working... by playing with LEGOs.

Minecraft Masters:

Wednesday, May 6, 13, 20, 27, 4:00 p.m. - Welcome all Minecraft Survivors! Whether you are an expert or just getting started, come and explore the Minecraft world.

PAWS to Read:

Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28, 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 4, 11:00 a.m. - Come to the library and read a book to one of our Book-Loving dogs.

Free Comic Book Day:

Saturday, May 2, All Day. - Boom! Zap! Pow! The first Saturday in May is Free Comic Book Day. We are celebrating this worldwide event by asking you to come in costume as your favorite character, or you can make a costume here. We'll have special Superhero training, and you can meet a superhero and get a Free Comic Book.

Fort Wayne Ballet Youth Company present: The Secret Garden:

Tuesday, May 12, 7:00 p.m. - Watch this mini performance by the Fort Wayne Ballet Youth Company. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

Sensory Friendly Film:

Saturday, May 30, 10:00 a.m. - Families can enjoy favorite films in a friendly accepting environment. Our theater will have lights up and the sound down. Audience members can feel comfortable moving, shouting or singing along. Especially designed for families that have a child with Sensory Processing Disorder.

First Friday Book Group:

Friday, May 1, 10:00 a.m. - Read and discuss interesting books with other homeschoolers ages 11-14.

Books-n-Bagels (and a few donuts):

Friday, May 8, 10:00 a.m. - Discuss books while enjoying tasty bagels (or donuts). For homeschool high school students.

Sci-Fi Club:

Thursday, May 14, 7:00 p.m. - Everything Sci-Fi -movies, games, books, graphic novels, new SciFi Tech in the real works, and any other science fiction topic. Dr. Who, Star Trek, Star Wars, Ender's Game, Etc.

Totally Terrific Tuesdays:

Tuesday, May 12, 7:00 p.m. - This month we will have Trivia and Treat. How much do you know about the month of May??

Minecraft Club:

Thursday, April 23, 2:00 & 7:00 p.m. - Play Minecraft with other people who love the game as much as you do!

Homeschool Happenings:

Thursday, May 28, 1:00 p.m. - Learn something new or participate in an interesting activity every month. This month we will be writing letters to Veterans

Otaku Anon:

Thursday, May 7, 7:00 p.m. - Otaku Anon is back.

Watch anime and hang out with others who love anime and manga as much as you do. We will also be showing off Mango Languages, the new online way to learn a language. This is your way to learn Japanese via the computer.

Craft Café:

Thursday, May 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Want to get crafty? So do we! Bring your project to the library and enjoy drafting, coffee and conversation. All crafters and projects are welcome.

Movie Night @ the Library:

Tuesday, May 26 6:30 p.m. - Theater Lower Level 2 Main Library. We will present a G, PG or PG-13 moving on the big screen the 4th Tuesday of the month. Adults must accompany children under 13, the doors open at 6:00 p.m. First come first seated.

New Horizons Polka Band:

Sunday, May 31, 1:00 p.m. - Outside on the Plaza. The New Horizons Polka Band will be playing polkas, marches, waltzes, and Dixieland music. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy.

Day in Allen County:

Friday, May 1, 2015 - We invite you to capture a day in Allen County Indiana. Take pictures of anything and everything that is happening in our county in the 24 hour time period. Then include a description you would like included and send them to us at Genealogy@ACPL.Info

REP. TONY BURKLEY VOTES TO SEND STATE BUDGET BILL TO SENATE



OH State Representative Tony Burkley (R-Payne) voted in favor of Amended Substitute House Bill 64, the state operating budget, which outlines the financial priorities for Ohio for the next two years.

Burkley, who serves on the House Finance Committee and the Finance Subcommittee on Agriculture, Development and Natural Resources, highlighted the tax reforms and school funding provisions as being a couple of the most important parts of the bill.

"A lot of time and consideration was put into this version of the budget and I feel it reflects a vision to strengthen our state," Burkley said. "I want to thank the constituents from the 82nd House District for sharing their input and ideas with me regarding this budget bill."

As part of Am. Sub. House Bill 64, Ohioans will see a sizable tax cut totaling \$1.2 billion over the biennium with a 6.3 percent across-the-board income tax reduction beginning this year, lowering the top rate to just under 5 percent—the lowest it has been since 1982. The bill prioritizes small businesses by permanently instituting a 75-percent tax deduction for

NEW HAVEN SENIOR SIGNS WITH TRINE UNIVERSITY



Travis Crowe recently signed to play Football with Trine University on April 22, 2015. Travis is an excellent example of a student athlete and New Haven should be proud of what he has accomplished.

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the first \$250,000 in income, ensuring that businesses can grow and provide jobs. A commission has also been created in the legislation to discuss further tax reform for the benefit of Ohioans and Ohio businesses.

The House's budget plan has received support from various business groups and interested parties for its business-friendly tax initiatives. Some of these groups include the Buckeye Institute, Americans for Tax Reform, the Council of Smaller Enterprises, the Ohio Farm Bureau, the Ohio Society of CPAs, the Ohio Manufacturers' Association, the American Petroleum Institute, the National Federation of Independent Business/Ohio (NFIB), the Ohio Health Care Association, the Greater Cleveland Partnership, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and the Ohio Council of Retail Merchants.

On the issue of school funding, Am. Sub. House Bill 64 appropriates \$950 million in state-aid—increasing the executive proposal by \$270 million. The school funding component of the bill ensures that no school will see a decrease in state funding over the next two years. Additionally, the passed legislation allocates funding to make up for dollars lost because of the TPP and KWH reimbursement phase out.

"We have only reached the halfway point of this budget process and I am looking forward to working with my colleagues in the Senate to produce a sustainable and responsible plan for the next two years," Burkley said.

Burkley also was active in getting various measures included into the final version of the bill, including sponsoring an amendment that would provide funding for the cost of mailing out ab-

GRAPHING PRACTICE



Kaelyn Clementz, a student in Mrs. Perkins's class at Payne Elementary, is shown sorting and graphing tangrams while learning about bar graphs in math.

sentee ballot applications to voters through the Secretary of State's office.

Additionally, he sponsored an amendment that made a significant investment in the county reimbursement rate for providing indigent defense, including requiring an additional \$12 million a year. Ohio's indigent defense system consists of county public defenders, which includes county offices and also agreements with nonprofit corporations, court-appointed counsel, and the Office of the Ohio Public Defender. The defense system used by each county is determined by the local board of county commissioners.

"This amendment creates a more shared responsibility between the county and state," Burkley said. "Previously the greater burden was placed on the county."

The budget bill passed the House by a 63-35 vote, and now heads to the Senate for further consideration. It must be signed into law by June 30th.

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Several students from the Class of 2015, as well as school groundskeeper Mr. Lynn Bute, stand beside a banner that catches students'

attention as they leave the parking lot at Antwerp Local School. This is part of an initiative to encourage students to wear their seat belts

at all times when in a motor vehicle. The Paulding County Sheriff's Department sent the sign to the school.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Starletah Rayn Caulkins was born on April 27, 2015 at 7:22 a.m. at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville, OH. She was 5 lb. 14.3 oz. and was 18 inches long. She was welcomed home by her parents, Angel Metz and Cory Caulkins, and her siblings all of Hicksville, OH. Her grandparents are Georgie Aragon of Oak Grove, KY; and Vickie Caulkins and Jim Caulkins both of Bryan, OH. Her great-grandfather is Richard Caulkins of Bryan, OH.

CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO HOST PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING NEW HAVEN SENIOR HOMEOWNER ACCESSIBILITY & REPAIR PROGRAM (S.H.A.R.P.)

Mayor Terry McDonald today announced that the City of New Haven will hold a public meeting on Monday, April 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Police Training Room located at 815 Lincoln Highway East, New Haven. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide citizens with information about a proposed Owner Occupied Rehab Program, the New Haven Senior Homeowner Accessibility and Repair Program (S.H.A.R.P.).

The proposed S.H.A.R.P. Program would provide up to \$20,000 for eligible home repairs to low income seniors and/or disabled individuals who own and occupy their homes that are located within city limits.

The City of New Haven will use information gath-

ered at the public meeting to determine the feasibility of applying for funding from the State of Indiana's Community Development Block Grant Program. This program is funded by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Funds are to be used for economic development, public facilities and housing developments. The City will make the request to the State of Indiana on or about July 31, 2015. If funds are awarded, they would be available in fall 2015.

Seniors (age 55 and older) and/or disabled homeowners should make every effort to attend this meeting if they are interested in home improvement grant assistance. Applicant pre-screenings for this program will be conducted immediately following the public hearing. Applicants are encouraged to bring a family member or trusted friend to the meeting as an advocate.

Local contractors operating in the New Haven area are encouraged to attend as well so they can sign up to be included on a bidders list to complete the work.

For more information, please contact Mayor Terry McDonald at 748-7070.

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2ND GRADE STUDENTS AT GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY LEARN ABOUT OHIO WILDLIFE

By: Staci Miller, Education Specialist, Paulding SWCD

The 2nd grade students at Grover Hill Elementary got the opportunity to learn

about Ohio Wildlife before they start on their research papers about an Ohio Wildlife animal. Last week, Staci Miller, Education Specialist with the Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District went into the 2nd grade classrooms and gave a fun-filled presentation about wildlife in Ohio. Her presentation featured a PowerPoint where students were given facts about 25 different Ohio animals and the students got the opportunity to identify each animal and hear their specific animal sound.

The students really enjoyed this interactive way of learning about the wildlife native to Ohio. The presentation allowed for students to get a better understanding of Ohio wildlife as they chose their animal for their project. After the PowerPoint, students got the opportunity to see and touch the wildlife pelts and play Ohio Wildlife Bingo. If you are interested in the Ohio Wildlife presentation for your classroom or group please contact Staci Miller, Education Specialist to schedule this program.

LATTA REINTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO MITIGATE HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS IN GREAT LAKES

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) reintroduced the Protecting Our Great Lakes Act, legislation to help mitigate harmful algal blooms by prohibiting the discharge of dredged material into the waters of the Great Lakes.

"The Protecting Our Great Lakes Act is one step



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we can take to mitigate harmful algal blooms in our Great Lakes," said Latta. "The lakes' health is vital to our region, as millions of people rely on them for drinking water. I remain committed to working with my colleagues to get this legislation passed, so we may protect these national treasures for current and future generations."

During the dredging process, material is discharged back into the lake, re-suspending buried harmful material as well as disturbing existing bottom sediments and the resting stages of harmful algal bloom species. The Protecting Our Great Lakes Act prohibits the discharge of dredged material into the waters of the Great Lakes.

This legislation is another piece of Congressman Latta's bipartisan efforts to mitigate algal blooms and improve water quality in Lake Erie and the Great Lakes. In February, the U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed Congressman Latta's legislation, H.R. 212, the Drinking Water Protection Act, which requires the U.S.

EPA to develop and submit a strategic plan to Congress for assessing and managing the risks associated with algal toxins in drinking water. He is also the author of H.R. 349, the Great Lakes & Fresh Water Algal Blooms Information Act, to examine the causes of and current mitigation efforts in regards to algal blooms in the Great Lakes and H.R. 1705, the Clean Water Affordability Act, to assist municipalities in more affordably managing their wastewater infrastructure projects.

ROAD CLOSURE ON LANDIN ROAD IN TH CITY OF NEW HAVEN

Beginning Monday, May 4, 2015, Landin Road in New Haven, IN will be closed at the Bullerman drain and 500 feet south of the bridge. The closure will be in effect until Wednesday, June 3, 2015.



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