

SHANA MANZ WINS PEVS DISTRICT GEOGRAPHIC BEE COMPETITION



Shown above are all competitors. Left to right.....Zachary Gorrell, Trace McKinley, Paige Hull, Ethan Matty, Sam Woods (runner-up), Jacob Deisler, Shana Manz (winner), Megan Dearth, Ean Seibert, and Heather Manz

Shana Manz, an 8th grader at Paulding Middle School, and daughter of Chris and Erica Manz, won the district competition of the National Geographic Bee on January 6, 2015, and a chance at a \$50,000.00 scholarship. The district Bee, at which students answered questions on geography, was the 1st round in the 27th annual National Geographic Bee. Runner-up was Sam Woods, a 5th grader at Oakwood Elementary School. Sam is the son of Joe and Mandy Woods.

Thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories are participating in the 2015 Bee. The school champions, including Shana, will take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers on that test in each state will then be eligible to compete in their state Bee on Marcy 27, 2015.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. for state winners to participate in the Bee national championship rounds May 11-13, 2015. The

first place national champion will receive a \$50,000.00 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the Society including a subscription to National Geographic magazine, and trip to the Galapagos Islands, courtesy of Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic. Good luck, Shana!

MEET THE 'NEW' EACS BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES



Mr. Leland Etzler:

Mr. Etzler is a retired educator of 43 years. He was a former EACS Board member from 2006-2010. He was a football coach at Woodlan High for 40 years and has been inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame! Mr. Etzler has been married to Gayle for 48 years. They have four children and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Timothy Hines:

Mr. Hines is the owner of TE Hines Concrete Construction. He serves on many committees, has coached

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PAYNE ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE WINNER



Payne Elementary held its spelling bee on Tuesday, January 7 for students in grades five through six. After 17 rounds, fifth grader Cameron Stoller (right) won the bee

when she spelled the word "tulip" correctly. Sixth grader Waylon Smallwood was the runner-up (left) and will be an alternate if needed at the county spelling bee.

PAULDING COUNTY AGRONOMY DAY SET

The Ohio State University Extension Office in Paulding County will be hosting their annual Agronomy Day on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Topics for the Day will include: On farm solar options, Eric Romich, State Field Specialist, Energy Development; Precision Agriculture, Dr. Scott Shearer, Ohio State Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Edge of the field research on water and tiling, Mark Williams, Post-Doctoral studies; and Entomology and Crop update

for Northwest Ohio, Curtis Young, Associate Professor and Extension Educator, Van Wert County Extension.

Over 20 booths will be set up for producers to view from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and over the lunch hour. Speakers will begin at 9:30 a.m. Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) credits are available for the day. For more information contact Sarah Noggle, OSU Extension Paulding County at 419.399.8225 extension 25 or by email at noggle.17@osu.edu. Registration is also available online at www.paulling.osu.edu under the Agriculture and Natural Resources tab.

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OBITUARIES

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Norman Schoenauer 84 of Payne died Jan. 8, 2015. Arranging at Dooley Funeral Home, Payne.

PAULDING, OH
Donna L. Gray, 74 passed away on January 8, 2015. Arrangements by Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 1/14 - 1/20

1/14 - Pork roast, mashed potatoes, normandy blend, chunky applesauce, WW bread, goldfish crackers

1/15 - Baked ham, baked potato, beets, apple juice, sherbert, dinner roll

1/16 - Beef & Noodles, mashed potatoes, california blend, strawberries, dinner roll, angel food cake

1/19 - Closed

1/20 - Beef stew, tossed salad, grape juice, biscuit, peach cobbler

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 1/14 - 1/20

1/14 - Bingo with Community Health Professionals at 12:00 Noon; Cancer roundtable at 12:15 p.m.; Caregiver and memory resource at 1:00 p.m.; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery Shopping at 1:30 p.m.

1/15 - Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Turn up at 12:15 p.m.; Evening meal at 5:00 p.m. Entertainment to follow

1/16 - Craft store open 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Commodity Distribution at 11:00 a.m.

1/19 - Closed
 1/20 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

TIPS FOR SNOW SHOVELING

The basics in snow shoveling can be compared to weight lifting, and in some cases, the aerobic aspect of this activity is similar to a workout on a treadmill! To help your body function on demand, consider the following tips:

- Be heart smart! Don't eat or smoke before shoveling snow. Avoid caffeinated beverages. These are stimulants and may increase heart rate and cause blood vessels to constrict.

- If you experience pain of any kind, stop immediately and seek assistance.

- Pace yourself during shoveling activities. Take frequent breaks and drink plenty of water. Snow shoveling is strenuous work, and it is important to re-hydrate your body often.

- If the ground is icy or slick, spread sand or salt over the area to help create foot

traction. Be aware that some areas may be uneven and could cause you to slip, trip, or fall.

Dress for Success!

Consider the weather when choosing outerwear. Dress in layers. Wear clothing that is easy to move in.

Wear a hat—a great deal of body heat is lost through the head.

If it's icy cold, consider breathing through a scarf, but don't let it obstruct your view.

Proper boots are essential for keeping feet warm and dry while appropriate soles provide traction. Good boots can help you maintain your balance!

Choose gloves that will keep your hands warm, dry, and blister free—consider thicker gloves, which allow for a good grip on the shovel's handle.

Select a shovel that's right for you. Shovels are made from different materials and come in many shapes and sizes.

Choose a shovel that is ergonomically correct—a shovel with a curved handle. Many hardware stores and home centers stock ergonomically designed snow shovels. These shovels help you to keep your back straighter reducing spinal stress.

Consider a shovel with a plastic blade instead of metal—plastic is lightweight—isn't the snow heavy enough?

Sometimes a smaller blade is better. You will not be able to shovel as much snow per shovel load, but the load will weigh less, which puts less strain on the spine.

Get a shovel made to push snow. It is far easier to push snow than to lift it. There are shovels made expressly for pushing snow. See what is available at your hardware or home center store.

Once you have your shovel, you might want to consider spraying a bit of silicon lubricant on the blade. This can help keep the snow from sticking to the shovel. The snow will slide off the shovel blade.

Technique. Technique. Technique.

Warm muscles work better. So take some time to stretch to prepare your body for activity.

Just like with a golf club, hand placement on the shovel handle is very important! Don't put your hands (grip) close to one another. Create some distance between the hands. This will give you more leverage and make it easier to lift snow.

Think about good posture and maintaining the natural curve of your spine.

Address your task directly. Stand with your feet about shoulder width apart to maintain balance. Try to keep the shovel close to your

body. Bend at the knees—not the waist or back. Tighten your stomach muscles as you lift the snow. Lift with your legs—not your back. Do not twist your body. Dump the snow in front of you. If you need to move the snow to the side, move your feet—do not twist!

Don't throw snow over your shoulder! Go forward with the snow.

Fresh snow is lighter in weight—so clear snow as soon as it has fallen. Snow becomes dense as it compacts on the ground. Wet snow is very heavy. One shovelful can weigh 20 pounds or more!

Pace yourself. Take frequent breaks to stretch your back and extremities.

Snowblowers: A snowblower is a terrific piece of machinery, but if it's not used correctly, you can strain or injure your back. Snowblowers are designed to remove snow at a particular rate of speed. Pushing or forcing the equipment to go faster is defeating its purpose—to do the work for you!

Community Involvement: Not everyone is able to shovel snow or operate a snowblower. Consider the disabled and some in the senior population. Fortunately, many communities across the US have organized volunteers to help people who need assistance during the winter season.

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LATTA ANNOUNCES U.S. MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) announced his nominations for consideration of acceptance into the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Class of 2019.

It is important to note that a nomination does not guarantee acceptance to an Academy. That responsibility rests with the Academies' admissions offices.

Congressman Latta's nominations are as follows:

U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado:

Reed Esper, Van Buren, Findlay High School; Michael Grindle, Holland, Springfield High School; Susan Johnson, Bowling Green, Bowling Green High School; Nathan Lammie, Toledo, Sylvania Northview High School; Anna Mills, Liberty Center, Liberty Center High School; Alexander Mossier, Sylvania, U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School; Anthony Mossier, Sylvania, Toledo Central Catholic High School; Joshua Mossier, Sylvania, To-

ledo Central Catholic High School; Evan Williams, Ottawa Hills, St. Francis de Sales High School; Jeffrey Wilson, Perrysburg, Randolph-Macon Preparatory School.

U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York:

Mary Bahr, Waterville, Anthony Wayne High School; Aubrey Brown, Findlay, Findlay High School; Ross Caywood, Perrysburg, U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School; Jonathon Germann, Van Wert, Crestview High School; Hannah Hulbert, Van Wert, University of Cincinnati; Mason Jessing, Delta, Delta High School; Bradley Krupp, Bowling Green, Bowling Green High School; Maxwell McCormick, Holland, St. John's Jesuit High School; Samantha Meinen, Toledo, Whitmer High School; Thomas Strbik, Holland, St. John's Jesuit High School.

U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland:

Dick Anderson, Maumee, St. John's Jesuit High School; Mary Bahr, Waterville, Anthony Wayne High School; Aubrey Brown, Findlay, Findlay High School; Aaron Dunn, Toledo, Toledo Christian High School; Andrew Emery, Venedocia, Spencerville High School; Reed Esper, Van Buren, Findlay High School; Michael Grindle, Holland, Springfield High School; Zoe Houdeshell, Findlay, Findlay High School; Hannah Hulbert, Van Wert, University of Cincinnati; Mason Jessing, Delta, Delta High School; Nathan Johnson, Toledo, St. Francis de Sales High School; Susan Johnson, Bowling Green, Bowling Green High School; Bradley Krupp, Bowling Green, Bowling Green High School; Ryan Leslie, Sylvania, Sylvania Northview High School; Samantha Meinen, Toledo, Whitmer High School; Kevin O'Donnell, Toledo, University of Dayton; Jacob Rozelle, Arcadia, Liberty Benton High School; Thomas Strbik, Holland, St. John's Jesuit High School; Andrew Weber, Sylvania, St. John's Jesuit High School; Andrew Weiss, Findlay, Findlay High School.

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point, New York:

Aubrey Brown, Findlay, Findlay High School; Aaron Dunn, Toledo, Toledo Christian High School.

Additional information regarding the academy nomination and application process can be found on Congressman Latta's website.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Galatians 3:26-28 NASB

LATTA SWORN INTO 114TH CONGRESS



Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) was sworn into the 114th Congress of the U.S. House of Representatives on January 6, 2015. This is his

fifth term in office. Pictured here is at his swearing in ceremony, where he was joined by his wife, Marcia, and daughters, Elizabeth and Maria.

LATTA SUPPORTS BIPARTISAN HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) joined his colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives in unanimously voting to support H.R. 24, the Hire More Heroes Act. This bipartisan legislation incentivizes small businesses to hire more of our nation's veterans by exempting veterans who already receive health insurance through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or TRICARE from being counted toward the 50-employee mandate under Obamacare.

“An integral part of veterans' assimilation to civilian life is their ability to find jobs and provide for their families,” said Latta. “The Hire More Heroes Act is a commonsense, bipartisan solution that encourages small businesses to hire more of our nation's heroes by exempting veterans from the employer mandate if they already receive health insurance through the VA or TRICARE. I am proud to join my colleagues in the House in unanimous support of this legislation that both supports our veterans and promotes small businesses' ability to grow and prosper.”

LATTA REINTRODUCES DRINKING WATER PROTECTION ACT

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) reintroduced the Drinking Water Protection Act, legislation to help protect drinking water from cyanotoxins caused by harmful algal blooms. This legislation, which he also sponsored in the 113th Congress, requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop and submit a strategic plan to Congress for assessing and managing the risks associated with cyanotoxins in drinking water.

“In addressing the health of our drinking water, we must take a thoughtful, robust approach,” said Latta. “The Drinking Water Protection Act takes into account insight and testimony from key stakeholders at the

local, state and federal level and fosters continued, ongoing coordination among the agencies involved. It also requires the EPA to develop a strategic plan for assessing and managing the risks associated with cyanotoxins in our drinking water and establishes attainable timelines that will ensure the health of our drinking water in a timely manner. I look forward to continuing to work with the leadership in the House, as well as my colleagues in the Senate, to move this legislation forward.”

Latta introduced the Drinking Water Protection Act following a hearing that the Energy and Commerce Committee's Environment and the Economy Subcommittee held in November at his request to examine cyanotoxins in drinking water, as well as solutions to address the problem. The legislation directs the EPA to formulate a plan, including the necessary steps and timelines to fully evaluate the health risks of cyanotoxins, publish a comprehensive list of potentially harmful cyanotoxins, as well as advisories and feasible testing and treatment options, and provide additional guidance and technical assistance to states to help mitigate risks to drinking water systems.

WBESC SCHEDULES JANUARY MEETINGS

Western Buckeye Educational Service Center has scheduled its Organizational January Governing Board Meeting with the Regular January meeting to follow on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Paulding ESC, 202 N. Cherry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

CJ WILCOX ASSIGNED FROM CLIPPERS

The Los Angeles Clippers announced that CJ Wilcox has been assigned to the Fort Wayne Mad Ants. Wilcox attended the University of Washington and currently plays with the LA Clippers; where in three games has averaged 3.0 points and 1.0 assists per game.



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To help you and your loved ones stay warm safely this winter, we've partnered with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to share these safe heating tips:

1. Have your furnace, vents, flues and chimneys inspected once a year by a qualified repair person.
2. Plug portable space heaters directly into an outlet (not an extension cord) at least three feet from anything that can burn, such as paper, bedding and people. Look for models that have an automatic shut-off.

3. Install or replace batteries of carbon monoxide detectors and smoke alarms and test to make sure they work.

4. Never use an oven to heat the house. This can damage the oven and possibly cause carbon monoxide poisoning in the home.

5. Leave the house immediately and call 911 if carbon monoxide is detected or you suspect a gas leak. Carbon monoxide poisoning creates flu-like symptoms and can cause extreme illness or death. Signs of a gas leak include a rotten egg or sulfur-like odor.

Heating Assistance Programs:

For many, the cost of heating their homes can be a concern, and some face the possibility of having their heating source disconnected or running out of heating fuel when they need it most. For these individuals, the Ohio Development Services Agency's Winter Crisis Program may be able to help. It provides assistance to eligible households at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines to avoid disconnection, get their utility reconnected or get a supply of heating fuel. Call 1-800-282-0880 during regular business hours, or visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov for more information.

If you or an older friend or loved one needs help to remain safely at home any time of the year, contact your area agency on aging for available services, supports and resources. Call 1-866-243-5678 to be connected to the agency serving your community.

If you are warm and safe, take a moment to call or visit an older loved one or neighbor to ensure they have what they need to beat another Ohio winter.

MVNU RANKED IN TOP 50 BEST VALUE CHRISTIAN COLLEGES

Christian Universities Online (CUO) has ranked Mount Vernon Nazarene University 39th on their 2014 list of the 50 Best Value Christian Colleges and Universities. This is MVNU's second time receiving a high ranking from CUO, having already earned a spot on their 2014 list of the 50 Best Christian Colleges in the U.S.

According to CUO, MVNU was chosen for the list because of its even balance of quality and affordability. Other factors were considered as well, such as MVNU's excellent student-to-faculty ratio, the abundance of financial aid made available to students, and the university's consistently strong retention and graduation rates. Along with information on the vibrant campus community and vigorous spiritual life of the university, these data earned MVNU its spot on CUO's list.

Christian Universities Online is an independent online resource that collects and organizes relevant data for prospective college students considering Christian higher education. Their 2015 list of the 50 Best Value Christian Colleges and Universities was assembled using publicly available data from U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics. The universities on the list were ranked using a methodology employed by U.S. News and World Report.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is a private, four-year, intentionally Christian teaching university for traditional age students, graduate students, and working adults. With a 327-acre main campus in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and several convenient Graduate and Professional Studies locations throughout the state, MVNU emphasizes academic excellence, spiritual growth, and service to community and church. MVNU offers an affordable education to more than 2,200 students from 29 states and 12 countries/U.S. territories.

WOODLAN HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS BLOOD DRIVE

The Woodlan Service Club President, Derick Herschberger, will be hosting a Red Cross blood drive from Noon until 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday January 14th. Collections over the holidays drop so the Red Cross is trying to improve the situation by offering seniors a chance to win a \$1000 scholarship, IF they will host a drive. To make an appointment please contact Linda Wunderlin at lwunderlin@eacs.k12.in.us or leave a message at (260)446-0290 X7418

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baseball and basketball in the Harlan and Woodlan communities. He also serves on EACS budget committee. Mr. Hines is a graduate of Ball State University. He is married and they have two adult sons. Mr. Hines has been actively involved in the EACS district for many years.



Mrs. Paulette Nellems:

Mrs. Nellems is a former NAACP President for the City of Fort Wayne/Allen County Branch. She is also a former General Motors assembly worker. She has been involved and extremely active in the East Allen County School district for quite sometime. She has a passion for kids and wants every child to receive a great education! Mrs. Nellems is married to Danny; they have two adult daughters and one son. They are also foster parents.

SECRETARY HUSTED ANNOUNCES JANUARY OHIO BUSINESS PROFILES

As the number of new companies choosing to set up shop in the Buckeye State continues to grow, Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that January's Ohio Business Profile will feature five "New Ventures" that were started in Ohio within the past five years.

"Ohio continues to roll out the red carpet for people looking to start a business, which is why more companies want to do business in Ohio," Secretary Husted said. "The companies featured this month show that the entrepreneurial spirit is strong in Ohio."

In Ohio, more than 418,000 companies have been started within the past five years (representing nearly 40 percent of all active registrations). In fact, in 2012 and 2013 the state saw a record-setting number of new businesses with 88,068 and 89,735 new companies filing to do business in Ohio, respectively. Although final figures for 2014 are not yet available, the state is on pace to surpass 2013's numbers and set a new record. One reason for the

growth in business filings has been the launch of online services. In October 2013, Secretary Husted launched Ohio Business Central allowing businesses to file some of the most commonly used forms online and services continue to be expanded. To date, more than 35,000 filings have been submitted and half of all new companies are now started online in Ohio.

Secretary Husted also noted the benefit of new business ventures to Ohio families. "As more companies choose Ohio it bolsters the economy at the local and state levels, and means more opportunities for hard-working Ohioans," he said.

Companies profiled this month include:

- Truckshop - Cincinnati - A mobile boutique that hit the road in 2013 and offers affordable dresses, tops, jewelry and accessories.

- Hunger Paynes Food Truck - Dayton - Started by the former executive chef for the Dayton Convention Center in 2013, the company specializes in croquettes and makes everything in-house.

- We Love Your Love Photography - Canton - An on-location, natural light photographer that strives to create photos unique to each client that was started in 2010.

- Turkeyfoot Creek Creamery - Wauseon - Formed in 2012, this business produces handcrafted artisan cheeses that include gouda, feta, chevre and curds - all made from goats milk.

- Purple Sage Bakery - Columbus - Founded in 2013, the company offers classically made assorted croissants, coffee cakes and a variety of seasonal desserts.

Launched in June 2011, Ohio Business Profile has helped raise awareness about companies registered

and doing business in Ohio that are creating interesting products, offering outstanding service, contributing to their local communities and employing Ohioans in the process. Each month, a handful of diverse businesses linked together by a common theme are featured on the Secretary of State's website at OhioBusinessProfile.com, where Ohioans

are encouraged to go to submit companies they feel are deserving of recognition in future months.

The Secretary of State's office releases a monthly report of new business filings in Ohio and recent data has shown that the number of newly-registered businesses in Ohio is up for the year as compared to the same timeframe last year.

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REPS. MCCOLLEY, BURKLEY SWORN IN TO OHIO HOUSE FOR 131ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY



State representatives Rob McColley (R-Napoleon) and Tony Burkley (R-Payne) were sworn in as members of the Ohio House of Representatives for the 131st General Assembly today.

For McColley, this marks the start of his first term at the Statehouse. He represents the 81st District, containing Putnam, Henry and Williams counties and part of Fulton County. A 2003 graduate of Napoleon High School, McColley most recently served as the Executive Director for Community Improve-

ment Corporation of Henry County, where he oversaw economic and workforce development efforts in Henry and Williams counties.

"I am very honored to be sworn in as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives and I am grateful to the constituents of the 81st District for placing their trust in me," McColley said. "I look forward to working with my House colleagues to help make Ohio the best it can be."

Burkley is beginning his second term in the House. He serves the 82nd District,

which includes Defiance, Paulding and Van Wert counties, as well as part of Auglaize County. Prior to being elected to the House, he served 16 years in county government, including four terms as Paulding County commissioner.

"It is an honor to have been sworn into office for my second term in the Ohio House," Burkley said. "I'm looking forward to continuing my service to the 82nd District and welcome opportunities to help Ohio remain on the right path."

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BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Luke 17:16 - This leper fell down on his what?
2. Luke 17:16 - Why did this man do this?
3. Luke 17:16 - What village was this man from?
4. Luke 17:17 - How many did Jesus say was cleansed?
5. Luke 17:17 - How many were unappreciative?
6. Luke 17:18 - What did the nine fail to do?
7. Luke 17:18 - What did Jesus call this man?
8. Luke 17:19 - What is the first command Jesus tells the man?
9. Luke 17:19 - What is the second command Jesus tells this man?
10. Luke 17:18 - What did Jesus say healed this man?

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

Answers to today's questions:

1. Face; 2. To give Jesus thanks; 3. Samaria; 4. Ten; 5. Nine; 6. Give glory to God; 7. Foreigner; 8. Arise; 9. Go your way; 10. The man's faith;

Some truths we can see in these few verses; v 16 tells us the man fell on his face; this was a custom back in Christ's time of showing respect and honor to someone. This is similar to our hand shake today. As for me, I see it as an honor to shake someone's hand. There are those who dislike and even hate me, but that is them, not me, as the nine showed Jesus no respect, He still loved them and cared for their souls. To be Christ like I must do as Christ did, do you really desire to live in such a way?

Loved ones, Christ willingly gave up His life, He was mocked, hated, laughed at and killed by the Jews to give to me, something I absolutely am not worthy of and that is salvation. Loved ones, Jesus wants you to be a part of heaven, but He wants you to do it his way. Notice Jesus told a Samaritan, whom the Jews hated with a passion, in verse 19 'your faith has made you whole'. This man was healed physically, cleansed of leprosy and then cleansed spiritually. The Samaritan was saved. "Ol Baldy" says bye for now, but continue to pray, read and study the New Testament. Luv Ya!

DEPARTMENT OF AGING, OAGE ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR PRACTITIONER OF THE YEAR

For the 11th consecutive year, the Ohio Department of Aging has partnered with the Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education (OAGE) to present the OAGE Practitioner of the Year Award. The award recognizes individuals and organizations that either have improved services

to older adults through research and evaluation or have developed noteworthy partnerships with institutions of higher learning (e.g., universities, community colleges, technical schools) for the betterment of Ohio's elders.

Examples of initiatives eligible for the Practitioner of the Year Award include student intern and mentorship programs; intergenerational programs that benefit students and older adults; use of performance measures to improve services; partnerships with institutions of higher learning to improve or expand services; research that results in improved practices or new services; and partnerships aimed at expanding the health and long-term care labor forces.

Nominations will be accepted via the OAGE website through February 6, 2015.

The winner will be announced at the OAGE annual spring conference April 25, 2015 at Bowling Green State University.

The 2014 recipient of the OAGE Practitioner of the Year Award was Antonia M. Carroll, Director of the Franklin County Office on Aging.

For more information about the Practitioner of the Year Award, contact Marc Molea at 614-752-9167 or mmolea@age.ohio.gov.

DEFIANCE ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

The annual March For Life sponsored by Mother Teresa Respect for Life will be held January 22 starting at noon at the Defiance County Courthouse. The reason for the march is to unite with others to walk and pray across the nation that day for the voices of the unborn who cannot speak for themselves

Rick Small, area radio personality will be the host and master of ceremonies. The march will be escorted by Defiance City Police where a prayer will be led by Rick Small for the unborn. Speakers include the following:

- Representative Tony Burkley will speak on the steps Ohio legislature has taken to protect the unborn.
- Pastor Susan St Peter of Holgate United Methodist Church will speak of going from the darkness into light
- Mary Walz, a medical technologist, Mom + Grandma will share a 40 year old story of a baby, our awesome God of miracles and how He trusts us to help in His Work of answering prayers
- St Augustine Catholic School, Napoleon will give a pro life presentation
- Sheriff Dave Westrick will share how important life is even if handicapped where all deserve love.
- Jim Zipfel will use his great gift of music to express his love for life
- Pastor Jimmy Fry of Free Christian church, Continental will talk of the definition of life understanding sharing

and fighting for life ending with prayer.

All are welcome to come to support this vital issue. Hot chocolate will be served. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated for life at St John's Catholic Church, Defiance at 9:00 a.m. for life January 22 with Reverend Joseph Poggemeyer, pastor of Divine Mercy Parish as celebrant. There will be adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament throughout the day ending with Benediction at 5:00 p.m. with Deacon Mark Homier officiating.

HOW CAN YOU RESPOND TO GREAT FEAR?

Winning the Battle for a Generation by: Pastor Rick Jones

The leader of his country was overwhelmed with what he saw, 180,000 enemy soldiers had encircled his city, the capital of the nation. There were repeated ominous threats from the leaders of the enemy troops, their chants could be heard throughout the city, the pounding of their feet, the thundering sound of the horses all indicated the inevitable end of the King's leadership, the fall of his country. What should he do? How could the King address the fear of his people?

History tells us that the King went into the religious symbol of his country's strength, the temple, there he prayed and later composed a psalm that would forever be a refuge for those facing the noise of defeat. Tucked away in the middle of his comforting composition we read these words, "Be Still and know that I am God," Psalm 46:10.

Being still before God in the midst of a trial, a challenge or even "in the valley of the shadow of death" is not an easy thing to do. However, the right response to fear is faith, a faith that waits in stillness before a an Omniscient (all knowing), Omnipotent (all powerful) God.

Regarding the discipline of silence I read about ... John Cage was an eccentric and experimental musical composer. One of his most famous experimental compositions was a piece called "4'33" For performances, the pianist would come on stage, sit down at the piano, open the score, and then start a stopwatch that ran for four minutes and 33 seconds. The composition was 4 minutes and 33 seconds of silence. All that could be discerned was the ambient noise in the hall. I suppose we could debate the artistic merit of the piece, but perhaps there is a deeper lesson. We all could benefit from some quiet—or silent—time before God.

What are you facing this year, this month, this week, today that might cause you to be afraid? How can you respond to great fear? Has the noise of defeat, the prospect ruin, or even death drowned out the presence of God? I

would beg you to hear again the words of the great King, Hezekiah, writing out of the noise of total oblivion, "Be still and know that I am God."

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

SEARCHING FOR CHRIST

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

"After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.'" Matthew 2:1-2 (NIV).

Although scripture does not say how many Magi came to Jerusalem searching for the Christ child, tradition tells us that there were three Magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar). Some credence is given to this belief by Marco Polo who claimed that he was shown the tombs of the three Magi at in Saveh, Persia which is south of the current Tehran, Iran in the 1270's. While there may have been only three Magi, they must have arrived in a caravan large enough to impress King Herod and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

How did these wise men know to seek Jesus? The Magi were knowledgeable about Daniel's prophecy in Daniel 9:25-26 (NIV), "Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing." The star was significant because of Numbers 24:17 (NIV), "A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel."

But it was not only the Magi that were looking for the Christ but the Jews in Jerusalem and most of the nations of the diaspora were looking for the Messiah (Christ in Greek), but they were looking for a political and war leader to throw off the Roman occupation. The computation of time that the priests and teachers did of Daniel 9:25-26 indicated to them that the Messiah was due to appear, but apparently the star that the Magi saw was not visible to them. Even when they found out that the Magi were looking for the Messiah that had been born in Bethlehem, the priests and religious leaders did not bother to travel the six miles to see Him and worship Him. The Christ child did not fit the mold that the Jewish religious leaders had expected so they

rejected Him. "He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him." John 1:11 (NIV).

The only people that went from Jerusalem to Bethlehem to seek the Christ child were the soldiers that Herod had sent to kill Him. Against the darkness of King Herod's reign, King Jesus was born. No wonder people longed for a Messiah that would bring justice into the land. So why did these outsiders, the wise men, know to seek Him? First of all they knew the scriptures and the prophecy of the birth of the Messiah.

The star that seemed to be a special manifestation sent first of all to be a sign that the Messiah had been born and then to guide the Magi to the house where the Christ child lived with his parents. The story of the Magi is a story that is shrouded in mystery. From tradition we seem to know all the facts and details. But as we study the scripture we find that there are a lot of questions we cannot answer about the Magi from the Biblical text.

We don't know for example: How many there were, Where they came from, And how long their journey took.

They seemed to show up mysteriously, and just as mysteriously they are gone. But one thing we can be certain about is that the number of wise men and women increases in every generation as people continue to seek the Christ. Once you have met God you will never be the same. An encounter with God changes things. It changes you and me. That is what always happens when we walk into the presence of God. That is what happened to the Magi when they encountered Christ, they were changed. That is what happens when we encounter Christ, we are changed.

Jesus was born so He could die so that we may have eternal life and because Jesus came we can experience new life.

"DINNER AND A MOVIE" AT WOODBURN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

On Wednesday, January 14 at 6:00 p.m., Woodburn United Methodist Church will continue hosting our monthly "Dinner and a Movie Night". The fun will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a Chili Supper. We will be having homemade Chili and cornbread provided by our pastor, Terry McDonald. We'll also have Ghirardelli Triple Chocolate Chip Brownies (with dark chocolate, semi-sweet chocolate, and milk chocolate chips), fresh fruit for our diabetic friends, and a lot of good fellowship.

After the dinner, we'll adjourn to the sanctuary to view the inspirational movie, Courageous. As the internet says, this is the story of "Four men, one calling. To serve and protect. As law enforcement offi-

cers, Adam Mitchell, Nathan Hayes, David Thomson, and Shane Fuller are confident and focused. Yet at the end of the day, they face a challenge that none of them are truly prepared to tackle: fatherhood. While they consistently give their best on the job, good enough seems to be all they can muster as dads. But they're quickly discovering that their standard is missing the mark. When tragedy hits home, these men are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, their faith, and their fathering. Can a newfound urgency help these dads draw closer to God... and to their children? Protecting the streets is second nature to these men. Raising their children in a God-honoring way? That's courageous!"

At the end of the movie, there will be a drawing for a door prize, but you must be present to win this prize. There is no charge for this uplifting evening of food, fun, faith, and fellowship.

Woodburn United Methodist is located at 4300 Becker Rd. behind the Woodburn Xpress gas station in the middle of Woodburn. Pastor Terry McDonald and all of the people of Woodburn United Methodist are looking forward to continuing a tradition of "Dinner and a Movie Night at WUMC". Please join us!!

DON SMITH RAISES MONEY FOR DIABETES YOUTH SERVICES

2015 will mark Don's 66th birthday and his 12th annual swim for Diabetes Youth Services (DYS). Once again, he will swim 300 laps for children with diabetes. Don has raised over \$125,000 for DYS programs including camps, school support and other educational programs for children with type 1 diabetes. This year, the goal is to raise \$35,000 for the children served by this program.

Don had this to say about the event, "Eleven years ago I began swimming for DYS (Diabetes Youth Services). On January 31, 2015 I will swim 300 continuous laps at the Defiance YMCA. Last year we raised \$27,265.00 and since I began swimming for the kids we have raised \$125,987.00. This year our goal is to raise \$35,000.00. All the money we raise goes directly to DYS to provide money for needy children with Type 1 Diabetes to attend educational summer camp. No child gets turned away from camp due to their family financial situation."

Diabetes Youth Services is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our mission is "Teaching local children to manage their diabetes every day until there is a cure. Supporting families, preventing complications and improving lives."

Please visit our website at www.dys4kids.org to learn more about Diabetes Youth Services.

Maples United Methodist Church
13240 Church Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46816
Sunday Service: 11:00 AM
Pastor Gerry Weesner 260-627-8141
Traditional Service • Traditional Values
First Sunday: Healing Service
"Is any sick among you? Let him call for (go to) the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, ..." James 5: 14-15a KJV
Location: On Franke Road; 3 miles South of Hwy 30 and 2 1/2 miles North of Monroeville Road.

Fellowship Church
(Meeting at Riverside Family Center; Located at the corner of 192 & SR. 49, Antwerp)
Worship Service
6:00 pm Sunday Evenings
Pastor Max Begley

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church (LCMS)
3497 County Rd. 424 Antwerp, OH 45813 Phone: 419-258-6505
Proclaiming a Changeless Christ in a Changing World.
Rev. Derek Evans M.Div., S.T.M.
9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Study
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It was my privilege to be a part of Shop Small Saturday in Antwerp, Ohio. As one of the managers, I had the chance to visit with some of the long-time customers as well as some new ones. We talked about the things they liked and I listened carefully about the ideas they had for the future of River Street Market.

One of their concerns was our pricing. They felt that a lot of our items were priced too high. I love my community and I know we need the special kind of service that our grocery store provides. On Monday, our suppliers came in and re-tagged most of our items to sell at a lower price. We invite you to come back in to shop with us and share your new ideas and concerns. Feedback is very important. All of us at River Street Market are here to listen and provide your needs. Customer service is always a priority with us. We appreciate the opportunity to serve.

—Coni Gaisford

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I read the letter about the young person who slid into a person's yard and had the decency to go to her door, report it and apologize. Very noble of that person. I just wish the idiot truck driver who made a u-turn through my and my neighbor's yards on Dix St. a few weeks ago and tore the yards up badly, would have had the same decency. It happened between 8:00 and 9:00 in the morning. I'm usually there by 8:30, but I had some things to do uptown so didn't get there till around 9:10 when I saw the damage. We know where the truck was going or coming from as this has happened before, but since we had no witness or truck number, we are stuck with the bill of repairing the damage ourselves. This same company has had to repair the person's yard across the street from our buildings several times for this same thing. This was not a local driver who knows not to do this but obviously an independent driver. The warehouse foreman said they

get drivers who can hardly speak English and doesn't see how they even get a license (if they even have one).

These foreigners take these jobs and could care less about others property just our money. This happened a couple of years ago and the lawns were just getting to where I could mow them comfortably. Now we are going to have to fill in these ruts and get the grass to grow through it. We are also going to get some kind of barricades along the edges to keep these idiots from doing this and if they do, hopefully it will damage their truck so we can catch them. More things to mow and trim around but I can't have our yards destroyed by these uncaring people. I would like to see drivers like this have the decency that that young person did and admit to doing this. Doubt if it will ever happen though so just hope we could catch someone doing it. We are tired of repairing someone else's stupidity at our own cost.

—Gregg Gorman

**WAYNE TRACE PAYNE
ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL
2nd NINE WEEKS 2014-15
SCHOOL YEAR**

FIRST GRADE:

All A's - Krystal Bradbury, Mya Endicott, Kaelyn Clementz, Nichole Kennedy, McKenzie Gasser, Hunter Lyons, Stella Laukhuf, Raegan McGarvey, Chase Pack, Octavia Stoller, Ryan Parker, Kaden Wilcox, Clay Stoller

All A's & B's - Landon Blankenship, Blake Dunn, Nadia Franklin, Tanner Laukhuf, Eric Reinhart, Caitlyn Mead, Amber Stoller, Chloe Murphy, Emma Stouffer, Caroline Winans, Mylie Wittwer

SECOND GRADE:

All A's - Tyson Gerber, Isabella Knowles, Luke Stouffer
All A's & B's - Adela Collins, Jordan Banks, Riley Hildebrand, Christian Bohland, MaKenna Johnson, Brennan Egnor, Braden Miller, Mason Lee, Cole Morehead, Beth Miller, Allison Noggle, Ty Riebesehl, Kayson Ross, Dyson Scott

All B's - Kendel Franklin, Scottie Santiago, Chase Holt

THIRD GRADE:

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

All A's & B's - Dylan Hildebrand, Kyren Karhoff, Lucas Kennedy, Jude Stoller, Caitlyn Thomas, Emily Thrasher, Zach Wobler, Devan Egnor, Adrian Laukhuf, Brooks Laukhuf, Brenna Thomas, Meg Thompson, Caden Tumblin, Ava Zartman

FOURTH GRADE:

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

All A's & B's - Martin Alejo, Arin Elston, Jacob Banks, Nicholas Huckabaa, Elizabeth Mohr, Morgan Riebesehl, Madison Bash, Ian Clevenger, Evan Crosby, Mallory Moore, Marissa Gray, Emily Cotterman, Lane Morehead, Isaac Munger, Gracie Shepherd, Skylar Vance, Chase Schaefer, Zarika Burkley, Oliver Zamarripa

FIFTH GRADE:

All A's - Anastasia Gonzales, Kaylena Gray, Kate Laukhuf, Ethan Reust, Cam-

eron Stoller, Malia Wittwer
All A's & B's - Carly Blankenship, Xander Kohart, Therin Coyne, Brookelynn Lee, Raydyn Egnor, Carson Laukhuf, Morgan Hefner, Jeremiah Molitor, Jacob Howell, Jordan Williams

SIXTH GRADE:

All A's - Emma Crosby, Owen Manz, Carlee Mead, Chloe Parker, Natalie Schultz, Riley Stoller, Jacob Stouffer, Ryan Wenninger

All A's & B's - Kearstin Karolyi, Joey Munger, Samuel Rager, Waylon Smallwood, Maria Stoller, Gage Tinlin, Dylan Wobler, Emily Zamarripa

All B's - Greg Lammers

**ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL
HONOR ROLL SECOND NINE
WEEKS 2014-2015**

* denotes 4.0

SENIORS:

4.0-3.67 (with no grade less than a B-) - Michaela Burns, Nicole Hughes, Jacob O'Donnell, Collin Perry, *Joshua Steiner, Olivia Tempel, Alexander Vail

3.66-3.33 (with no grade less than a C+) - Rachel Becker, Gregory Kurtz, Hannah Mills, Baile Sigman, Parker Swenson, Gabrielle Zuber

3.32-3.0 (with no grade less than a C) - Nicholas Barnhouse, Darian Bauer, Alston Doctor, Haley Greene, Remien Jackson, Samantha Provines

JUNIORS:

4.0-3.67 - Mikayla Boesch, Emily Derck, Elizabeth Hawley, Audrie Longardner, *Anne Miesle, Aaron O'Donnell, Paige Rebber, Kiana Recker, Allison Taylor, Jenna Wilson,

3.66-3.33 - Sidney Barnhouse, Erik Buchan, Jeffrey Coleman, Joshua Longardner, Blaire Rebber, Iann Roebel, Austin Wendt, Samuel Williamson

3.32-3.0 - Brooke Gerig, Nichole Mills, Kirsten Price, McKenzie Steele

SOPHOMORES:

4.0-3.67 - *Emily Buzin, Carley DeLong, *Matthew Dooley, Joshua Ehlinger, Erica Meyer, Hunter Noel, *Emilee Phillips, Jaime Ryan, Kaylee Schroeder, *Jarrison Steiner, *Maggie Wilson

3.66-3.33 - Evan Hilton, Becca Johannes, Olivia Miller, Trey Mills, Brandon Pendergrast, Hanna Richey, Hannah Schneider, Sydney Sheedy, Hayden Spryn

3.32-3.0 - Mariah Elkins, Marissa Elkins, Ashley Pratt, Derek Reeb, Arron Romero, Peyton Short, Michael Taylor, McKenzie Turpening

FRESHMAN:

4.0-3.67 - Brian Geyer, Brooke Hatlevig, *Alexandra Hindenlang, Brandon Laney, Callie Perry, Joshua Poulson

3.66-3.33 - Kaylee Bennett, Kaitlyn Clevinger, Faith McDorman, Ashley Miller, Amelia Miller, Jonathon Pendergrast, Dylan Peters, Kylee Trauterman, Jessica Walker, Rachel Williamson

3.32-3.0 - Noah Cline, Riley McAlexander, Rebecca McCroskey, Lynisha Moon, Shaylean Moon, Kirsten Price, Amanda Roberts, Hope Smith, Kortney Smith

EIGHTH GRADE:

4.0-3.67 - Ashton Barnhouse, Kendall Billman, Adam Butzin, Kati Carr, Austin Chirgwin, *Jason Dunstan, *Brett Fulk, Gene

Garrett, Kaitlyn Hamman, *Nathan Lee, Jonathon Lederman, *Charity Roebel, Jake Ryan, *Iris Sorrell, Gage Speaks, Joel Steiner, Jared Sukup, Joshua Sukup

3.66-3.33 - Keaton Altimus, Tyler Bauer, Serenity Clark, Kobe Dunderman, Braden Evans, Chloe Franklin, Gene Garrett, Aiden McAlexander, Aubree Rager, Ty Rebber, Alayna Ryan, Brayton Stuckey, Rachel Walker, Alexis Wright, Corey Zartman

SEVENTH GRADE:

4.0-3.67 - *Madison Boesch, Sayge Bonifas, Karsyn Brumett, Aleyah Cline, Alyvia DeVore, Boston Dunderman, *Alyssa Fuller, Izik Garrett, Carlie Hanes, *Adison Hindenlang, Jayvin Landers, Garrent Laney, Kendyl Miller, Ashton Minck, Heather Oberlin, *Alex Phillips, Holly Sanders, Chloe Saul, *Blake Schuette, *Kaitlyn Smith, *Julia Steiner, *Elyse Stuary, Timothy Taylor, Mackenzie Timbrook, *Melanie Wann

3.66-3.33 - Jacob Eaken, Chase Friend, Destiney Gerken, Codee Hathaway, Nicolas McCreery, Sydney Miller, Randall Mills, Hannah Rettig, Shayla Wieland

3.32-3.0 - Dustin Craig, Mallory Mansfield, Kaitlyn Titus

SIXTH GRADE:

4.0-3.67 - Madyson Bauer, Morgan Boesch, Rylan Brooks, Johnathon Buehner, Jordan Buerkle, Lydia Butzin, *Maycee Contreras, Carmen Cruz, Haile Davis, Kadi Donat, Mallory Ehrhart, Hunter Grant, Aaron Hawley, Dylan Hines, Austin Lichty, Logan McKeever, Caleb Miller, Laura Miller, *Eli Molitor, *Kathryn Oberlin, Siera Octaviano, *David Partin, *Molly Reinhart, *Madison Ruen, *Emily Sanders, Joshua Timbrook, *Eric Thornell, Grace Tuttle

3.66-3.33 - Heaven Bruce, Asa Humes, Alicia Maag, Jaron Pogue, Landyn Reyes, Autumn Smith

3.32-3.0 - Chase Clark, Jason Geyer, Gannon Peffley, Ryan Van Vlerah

**WT LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS
1/14 - 1/20**

Breakfast:
1/14 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
1/15 - Cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk
1/16 - Fruit stick, juice, milk
1/19 - No School
1/20 - Egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk
Lunch:
1/14 - Walking tacos w/ meat, cheese, and iceberg lettuce, refried beans, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, pizza sub,

or Pretzel w/ cheese w/ salad bar
1/15 - Chicken Nuggets, tator tots, carrot sticks w/ dip, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar
1/16 - Pizza bosco sticks, romaine lettuce salad, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad; Pizza sub or Cheeseburger sandwich w/salad bar
1/19 - No School
1/20 - Chicken strips, totor tots, carrot stix w/dip, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad; Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar

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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, Home-town Pantry, Pop-N-Brew, The Rootbeer Stand, Agora, Pit-Stop
Broughton: Kohart's Surplus & Salvage
Bryan: Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center
Cecil: Cecil Elevator, Maramart, Vagabond
Charloe: Charloe Store
Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
Defiance: Newman's Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Cabin Fever Coffee
Edgerton: Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Frager's Barbershop, Utilities Office
Grover Hill: Ross' Gas Station, N&N, Quick Stop
Grabill: Do-It Best Hardware, Save-A-Lot
Hicksville: Cline's Market, Hickory Hills Golf Course, Sailers, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, H20, Senior Center
Melrose: Uncle Fudd's Diner, Morning Star Convenience Store
Oakwood: Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, Phil's Diner, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware
Paulding: Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Chief, Corner Bob's Restaurant, Woodburn Market, Integrity Ford, Napa Xpress, Country Oasis, and True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Hol-

ly Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Country Inn Living Center, Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW Post 587
Payne: Lichty's Barber Shop, Payne Super Valu, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza
Scott: Scott Variety Store
Sherwood: Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank,
Van Wert: Pak-A-Sak, Short Stop, Family Video, Orchard Tree, BalyEat's, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market, Walmart
INDIANA LOCATIONS
Fort Wayne: Walmart (Maysville Rd)
Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Harlan Cafe, iAB Bank
Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
Monroeville: Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General
New Haven: Curves, Milan Center, New Haven Branch Library, Ken's Meat Market, New Haven Bakery, Broadway Deli, Paterson Hardware, Richard's Restaurant, New Haven Chamber
Woodburn: Clip -N- Tan, Jim's Pizza, Woodburn Hardware, Woodburn Bob's Restaurant, Woodburn Financial Partners

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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan

We flew four more sorties today. Col. Bainbridge is flying Lt. Nelson's P51D while the Lt. has a physical exam. The Col. really enjoys being in actions again.

He was telling our group in the mess hall that he wasted a jumbo rocket. He went on to say that he spotted one of those six wheeled German command cars. He was driving very fast on a hard surface road with two big shots in the back seat.

He said, "I lined up my sights on that car, I was coming up on his rear and I touched off a jumbo rocket right into the front seat of that car. Oh man, what a job that rocket done! But, I realized I could have done the same thing with my guns and cannon. I guess I got a little wasteful today."

That was a well travelled highway and we all had some good targets. There were troops walking on each side of the road going toward the front, but I concentrated on the vehicles. When we flew back over that area, there was at least six vehicles burning and one barn where a driver tried to hide. The house was made of stone but the roof was on fire.

We flew around the Caen area to use up our rockets. Boy, that is a busy place. The Krauts are not going to give Caen away. There are Panzers trying to hide all over that area. We can see that the English tanks are having a hard time with the German tiger tanks.

We tried to help on a tiger tank, but all we could do was set it afire or knock off one of the tracks. We started two of them to burning and we disabled a couple more.

I saw some smoke coming from the cupola of a church, so I figured that was an observation post for the German artillery. I put my rocket right into that spire about half way down with the windows and what a job it did. The tip of that cupola turned into dust and debris and it just fell to the ground to pieces. No one

could have lived in that explosion. Anyhow I am sure it is useless as a lookout post anymore.

We are ready for dawn patrol tomorrow. Col. Bainbridge will not be flying with us as Lt. Nelson is back from his physical. The Col. had two trays of cinnamon rolls sent down to our barracks and we had coffee and rolls and a few rounds of euchre.

See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

Bill was before the judge in the divorce court. The judge looked at Bill and said, "I am going to give your wife \$45 per week."

Then Bill said, "Why judge, that is very good of you and I will try to pitch in a few dollars myself."

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The Three Bears were in a Chicago divorce court as Mama and Papa Bear are calling it quits.

The judge asked Baby Bear if he wanted to live with Papa Bear. Baby bear replied, "I don't want to live with Papa Bear because Papa Bear beats me."

"Well," the judge replied, "do you want to live with Mama Bear?" Baby Bear said, "No, I don't want to live with Mama Bear because she beats me."

"Well young fellow," the judge asked, "who do you want to live with?"

Baby Bear replied, "I want to live with the Chicago Bears because they don't beat anybody."

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Randy Bell gave us this little diddy...

Three monkeys sat in a coconut tree,

Discussing things as they're to be,

Said one to the others,

"Now listen, you two"

There's a certain rumor

that can't be true;

That man descended from our noble race;

The very idea is a disgrace."

"No monkey ever deserted his wife,

Starved her babies and ruined her life,

And you've never known a mother monk

To leave her babies with others to bunk,

Or pass them on from one to another,

Till they scarcely know who is their mother."

"And another thing you'll never see;

A monk build a fence around a coconut tree,

And let the coconuts go to waste,

Forbidding all other monks a taste,

Why, if I'd put a fence around a tree

Starvation would force you to steal from me."

"Here's another thing a monk won't do.

Go out at night and get on a stew;

Or use a gun, a club, or knife,

To take some other monkey's life.

Yes, man descended, the ornery cuss

But, brother, he didn't descend from US!

See ya!



Photo by Brian Gerber

SNOWY OWL SPOTTED ON THE STATE LINE ROAD

By: Stan Jordan

I received a call the other day from Julie Mason, that she had seen a snow owl sitting on a pole. She said it was a huge bird and told me about the markings and spots and she recognized it right away as a snowy owl.

She said she was on her way to work in Payne. She had gone east on the Woodburn Road where it T's onto the State Line Road and Road 111. It was at the corner of the next road, one mile south. It sat still, while she got a good look at it. Julie did not get a picture for me, but I was sure glad to get her phone call.

She went on to work and told her friends about the sighting and then told her husband, Mike, when she got home that night. They both had read my column on the owls and remembered that I wanted to hear from them. Julie and Mike, I'm glad to hear from you. That makes four sightings we have heard from. From Defiance to the State Line and I'm pretty sure they are not all the same bird. Thanks again.

See ya!

SPACES AVAILABLE FOR CERTIFIED FISHING INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP IN FINDLAY

Spaces are available for educators, leaders, or conservation clubs who have a sincere interest in taking kids fishing and want to become certified fishing instructors, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Wildlife. A free workshop is available Saturday, February 7, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will take place at Wildlife District Two Office, 952 Lima Avenue, Findlay, Ohio 45840.

Passport to Fishing is a one-day instructor training

program that qualifies individuals to become Division of Wildlife certified fishing instructors. All participants will need to pass a background check before being certified.

Passport to Fishing was developed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and adopted by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation. Workshops teach volunteers the basics of fishing and how to run a four-station fishing program with a fishing event. These instructors then go back to their communities, with a written curriculum and training aids, to teach youngsters and beginning anglers the basics of fishing.

By becoming a certified instructor, attendees will not only be able to help in reconnecting students with the outdoors, but will also have the skills and resources to do it in a more successful way. Resources available include grants, equipment, brochures, and training.

To register for the workshop, please call Linda at 419-429-8347 by Jan.26. For additional class information, visit wildohio.gov.

THE OHIO BUCKEYE TREE "A TRUE GEM"

The Ohio Buckeye tree is a vital part of Ohio's history and heritage in Ohio. The Buckeye tree is the state tree of Ohio. It was adopted as our state tree on October 2, 1953, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The name "Buckeye" came from the Native Americans who noticed that the glossy, chestnut-brown seeds with the lighter circular "eye" looked very similar to the eye of a buck (male) deer. This brought about its name, Buckeye tree, from our Native American ancestors. The fruit of the buckeye tree is a nut. The tree features hulls that are filled with a nut that ripened in September containing a buckeye. This nut is considered to be poisonous and shouldn't be eaten. It serves several other purpose, such as a good luck charm for Ohioans. The buckeye can be kept in your pocket to help relieve rheumatism pain. It is also used to create jewelry and souvenirs to help cheer on our own Ohio State Buckeyes.

The buckeye tree is a rather slow growing tree reaching maturity in 60-80 years. Its height will range from 30 to 50 feet tall and 2 to 3 feet in diameter. The flowers of the tree are pale white to greenish yellow color with a grey bark on the tree.

The Paulding Soil and Water Conservation is offering this tree during their annual tree seedling event now through March 1st. The buckeye seedlings will be 2 to 3 feet tall and ready to be planted. Planting this tree is a sure sign of your Ohio spirit and the true pride in The Ohio State Buckeyes. If you would like more information about the buckeye tree or the other trees being offered during this event, please contact the Paulding SWCD office at 419-399-4771 and Go Bucks!

So you decided to send postcards? Okay, be sure to check out West Bend's prices on your postcard printing.

FUEL KING COMES TO PAULDING



Co-Owner Paul Grewal, Paulding Mayor Gregg White, Co-Owner Jack Grewal

A ribbon cutting ceremony for Fuel King commenced on January 6, 2015 in Paulding. The new business occupies the corner of N. Williams St. and W. Gasser Rd. This site was previously occupied by Paulding Putnam Electric Coop and has been reconstructed over the last year to accommodate the Fuel King Convenience Store.

Business partners Jack and Paul Grewal have over 35 years experience in the retail industry and have owned TA

Travel Center and Best Western in Napoleon, OH for the last 24 years.

The new location features six gas pumps, as well as, two diesel pumps. The 5000 square foot building houses a large variety of both hot and cold foods including Hot-Stuff Pizza and Broaster Chicken. Fuel King will also offer Ohio Lottery and a Keno Terminal. The location will be accepting EBT and all items will be available in the drive through.

OHIO HAS TALENT! RETURNS TO NPAC ON FEB. 28

Auditions have been held and the lineup is set for the annual Ohio Has Talent! competition at Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert on Saturday February 28, at 7:00 p.m.

The benefit show, now in its eighth year, raises funds for the nonprofit Community Health Professionals' Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center. This year's show features 16 local and regional performers - ranging in age from 12 to 90 - competing for \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 prizes determined by audience votes.

Ohio Has Talent! 2015 contestants:

Doug Adams, 31, a singer/guitar player from Celina

Eric Adams, 24, a singer/song-writer/guitar player from Celina

Awakened Commotion, a cappella group of select eighth to twelfth grade students from Hardin Northern High School in Dola

Gabe Bailey, a 12-year-old musician from Berne, Ind. will sing and play piano

May Coppler, 12, of Fostoria studies voice, ballet, flute and piano and won back-to-back international talent titles in Las Vegas this summer

Yan Coppler of Fostoria received classical training in high school and is a previous winner in her category in Fostoria's Got Talent

Sam Duquette, 13, is a vocalist originally from Gibson City, IL, now living in Van Wert. She will be accompanied by Aaron Cooper, also of Van Wert

Alexis Heath, 13, a singer/song-writer/guitar player

from St. Henry

Kuroi Taka Taiko, Japanese drumming groups from Mississinawa Valley Middle and High School in Union City have played throughout the state and several cities over the past eight years

Mack Newman, 90, of Dunkirk; plays pop, country and blues harmonica

Tyler Nygren, 16, of Van Wert is an award-winning illusionist who has performed across the country

Diana Rose, 12, a vocalist from Coldwater who has placed in several area talent shows

Victoria Ruble, 17, a student athlete singer/dancer from Garrett, IN currently holds the title of Miss Northeast's Outstanding Teen 2015 for the Indiana circuit of Miss America's Outstanding Teen

Saxophone Quintet from Delphos St. John's Schools - consisting of Samantha Stevenson, Madison Fulk, Alexis Deffenbaugh, Haley Rode, and Sara Clossen - a five-part harmony arrangement with four altos and a baritone saxophone.

Alex Schlegel, a 16-year-old dancer from Defiance will perform the "Evolution of Dance"

Sarah Vanbrocklin, a 13-year-old vocalist from Botkins participates in community theater and has performed in five musicals

The dance duo of Kaden Hohman and Saylor Wise of Van Wert will perform during the vote counting. The dance duo claimed first place in last year's Ohio Has Talent!

Contestant photos and bios are posted at comhealthpro.org/Ohio_Has_Talent.php and Facebook.com/ComHealthPro.

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DETHRONE DRAMA ROYALTY

The Nurturing Well by: Jill Starbuck

Some people love drama—so much so that they create it or seek it. To them, it's exciting when chaos abounds. Drama thrills them and makes them feel alive. Without it, they become bored. Drama seekers (a.k.a. drama queens or kings) are often exhausting, negative, and irrational. They make seemingly small obstacles huge issues. They find fault in most everything and play the victim in many circumstances. Nothing is ever easily fixable for them and they often blame others for their own problems. In their efforts to play the victim, they often make others the actual victims. Have you ever found yourself in such a position with a drama queen or king? Before you know it, you've spent hours listening to nonstop chatter about how horrible life is. When the session is over, you are thoroughly exhausted and unhappy.

Needless drama is draining and becomes a vicious cycle if you let it. Unfortunately, many drama seekers can be close friends or family. In these cases, many people feel like they can't escape. So how can you handle drama seekers? Try the following steps:

1. Walk away. The best way to deal with drama seekers is by walking away from them. However, if you feel that you can't do that, at least limit your time with them. Allow yourself a certain amount of time to listen, but then take care of yourself and don't get sucked in. Beware that offering pity is an invitation for them to keep coming back. Instead, just listen and allow them to calm themselves down.

2. Steer the conversation. Typically, drama seekers like to hang on tight to a situation. Therefore, you can learn quickly what triggers them into a venting session. Avoid those triggers and steer the conversation elsewhere.

3. Maintain composure. Drama seekers are masters at making accusations, creating fictitious scenarios, and lying to justify their anger, anxiety, and hurt feelings. In these instances, it is very difficult to

hold your tongue. However, if you don't, the cycle will never end. Avoid lashing out, becoming defensive, or stooping to their level. Be the bigger person. You have full control of whether you let another person make you feel bad. Do not let them make you feel guilty.

4. Seek an outlet. If a drama queen or king attacks you verbally, accuses you of something, or just wears you out, find a way to deal with it in a healthy way. Call a friend you can vent to and then move on. Try meditating, exercising, or writing in a journal. Allow yourself time to brood about it and even get angry, but don't dwell on it. If you do, the drama seeker wins. Discover ways that help you calm down and get on with life.

5. Remain positive. While negativity breeds negativity, the same is true of positivity. Drama seekers thrive on pessimism, but if you refuse to give in and create a positive and optimistic spin on everything, it's much harder for them to get on your last nerve. In fact, they may even second-guess their standpoint.

The harsh reality is that some people are impossible to please. When dealing with drama seekers, it's essential to remember that they are the ones with issues, not you. Often, their behavior stems from insecurity, an illness, or unhappiness. Set boundaries and dethrone drama by taking control of your own actions and emotions.

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

FINANCIAL PARTNERS ANNOUNCES 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Financial Partners Federal Credit Union of Woodburn, Indiana is pleased to announce its 50th Anniversary Celebration.

On January 11, 1965 Milan Federal Credit Union was chartered to serve the residents of Milan Township and the BF Goodrich tire plant.

On April 24, 1978 the name was changed to the BFG Employees - Woodburn Federal Credit Union and further expanded the charter to not only serve the employees and their families of Milan Township and BF Goodrich but to serve residents of Cedar Creek, Jackson, Jefferson, Madison, Marion, Maumee, Monroe, Scipio, and Springfield Townships in East Allen

County, Indiana. On December 15, 1993 the name was changed to Financial Partners Federal Credit Union. Today, Financial Partners FCU has two offices - the main office in Woodburn and a branch office in Grabill, Indiana. Our charter has further expanded to include anyone that lives, works, worships, has family, or regularly does business in the ten townships of East Allen County, Indiana.

Financial Partners FCU will be celebrating its 50 years with specials the week of January 12th through the 16th that include a drawing for a gift card; loan specials; and the introduction of our Refer-A-Friend Program. We will be also having month-long CD specials.

"It is our way of saying thank you to our membership for supporting us for 50 years. And for those that are not aware of our services, we invite you visit us at either of locations during our special week and month," states Dave Shuey, President and CEO of the credit union.

If you interested in finding out more details about the celebration specials, Financial Partners FCU can be contacted at 632-4245 or 627-2111. They are found on the web at www.financialpartnersfcu.org.

GREGORY R. ALLEN APPOINTED AS EVP, COMMUNITY BANKING PRESIDENT AT FIRST FEDERAL BANK

First Federal Bank has appointed Gregory R. Allen as Executive Vice President, Community Banking President of First Federal Bank, effective January 1, 2015.

Allen is responsible for leading the sales and business development activities throughout First Federal Bank's footprint with a focus on building lending relationships with consumer and commercial customers. He oversees retail, commercial and wealth management divisions and the development and delivery of all bank products and services.

"Greg Allen has shown exemplary proficiency in managing commercial clients and strengthening First Federal's core banking business. He will be an asset for years to come, as we grow our institution by successfully meeting the needs of the communities we serve," said Donald P. Hileman, President and CEO of First Federal Bank and First Defiance Financial Corporation.

Formerly the Southern Market Area President, Allen has been with First Federal Bank for over 16 years. Throughout his career, he has satisfied the needs of com-

mercial clients and remained an active member in his community. He has also been successful in bringing our community banking philosophy to realization in each area he has served.

RECKER & BUCHMAN ACCEPT LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS

Phil Recker and Jane Buchman of Edward Jones in Paulding have accepted invitations to become limited partners in The Jones Financial Cos., the holding company for the St. Louis-based financial services firm.

Edward Jones currently employs nearly 40,000 associates in all 50 states and through its affiliate in Canada. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the firm's first partnership offering - and today Edward Jones has expanded the partnership to more than 20,000 limited partners.

"I am honored to be invited to become a limited partner in the firm," said Recker. "I enjoy working for Edward Jones, and I am very proud of the way we do business and the way we treat our clients."

"I, too, am very honored to receive this invitation," Buchman said. "I've always enjoyed my job—it's both challenging and rewarding—but being invited to become a limited partner in the firm is really exciting."

James D. Weddle, the firm's managing partner, said, "Edward Jones is employee-owned. We believe one of the best ways to reward outstanding associates is to offer them an opportunity to share in the ownership of the firm they help build. I'm pleased to say that these associates certainly deserve the limited partnership offering."

The Jones Financial Cos. was created in 1987 to enable the firm to expand into new business areas while allowing it to remain a partnership. The Jones Financial Cos. owns Edward D. Jones & Co., LP, which operates under the trade name Edward Jones, EDJ Leasing Co., the Edward Jones Trust Co., and its international financial services subsidiary, Edward Jones Canada.

Edward Jones, a Fortune 500 company, provides financial services for individual investors in the United States and, through its affiliate, in Canada. Every aspect of the firm's business, from the types of investment options offered to the location of branch offices, is designed to cater to individual investors in the communities in which they live and work. The firm's 13,000-plus financial advisors work directly with nearly 7 million clients to understand

their personal goals—from college savings to retirement—and create long-term investment solutions that emphasize a well-balanced, diversified portfolio. Edward Jones embraces the importance of building long-term, face-to-face relationships with clients, helping them to understand and make sense of the investment options available today.

IT INNOVATION IS CREATING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

(NAPSI)—Technology is a driving force in today's economy, powering innovation and creating jobs. The rapid adoption of cloud computing, mobility, social media and other innovations has accelerated the importance of technology in the workplace—and the need for information technology (IT) technicians.

Desktop support has long been one of the most fundamental jobs in all of IT. However, what was once a reactive job—waiting for the phone to ring or an e-mail to arrive summoning you to fix a broken PC—has evolved into a proactive position that's far more critical to day-to-day business operations.

More Than Maintenance Technology "maintenance" is much more sophisticated in 2015 than it was 20, 10 or even two years ago. Today, it involves supporting handheld devices (iPads and Androids), rolling out software to thousands of computers and conducting server migrations. Today's IT technicians get hands-on experience and insight into fast-changing technologies, including cloud computing, cyber security, data analysis, mobility and telecommunications.

There remains in some corners a misperception that the majority of IT support jobs have been shipped overseas. The reality is that in many organizations, there are new, more significant opportunities for technicians. And the IT technician's role remains the best, first step someone can take to launch a career in technology.

Knowledge Workers Today's engineers and technologists are knowledge workers, possessing a unique combination of skills that can't be easily outsourced or delegated.

With IT departments becoming more closely integrated with other lines of business, the technical knowledge and skills employed by IT technicians are something that can't be delivered efficiently or effectively over the phone from a call center.

Is It Right For You? If you have an interest in technology, along with the ability to solve problems and possess strong people skills, you may be a candidate for a career change and step into a job as an IT technician with

a minimal amount of training—either in a classroom, online or through self-study. One way to tell if you have the aptitude is the CompTIA IT Fundamentals certification. This professional credential is available through CompTIA, the nonprofit association for the IT industry. The exam covers five categories: software, hardware, security, networking and basic IT literacy.

Earning a credential from an organization well known and widely respected for its certification program demonstrates to prospective employers that you're ready to enter the IT workforce. It can also serve as a springboard to more advanced IT skills certifications and set the stage for new career opportunities and advancement.

To learn more, visit <http://certification.comptia.org/getCertified/certifications/comptia-it-fundamentals>.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CAN APPLY FOR TAKAOKA, JAPAN SUMMER EXCHANGE

Fort Wayne Sister Cities is receiving applications for the 2015 summer exchange to Takaoka, Japan. Applicants must attend high school in Allen County, IN. Although current sophomore and junior students are preferred, freshmen may also apply. Students do not need to speak or be studying Japanese.

The student exchange is scheduled for June 12 - June 28, 2015. The cost of the exchange per student is \$340. This year the Takaoka exchange is mostly underwritten by the Fort Wayne Sister Cities' Howard and Betsy Chapman Fund and by a special grant from Parkview Health. Additional expenses for the students are the required U.S. passport and spending money for snacks and souvenirs purchased during the exchange program.

Selected students will be expected to participate in an orientation program prior to the trip. The exchange includes round trip air fare to Tokyo. Student will travel on the bullet train from Tokyo to Takaoka. While in Takaoka, students will live with host families and participate in high school classes and school activities. There will also be cultural events and field trips both in Takaoka and the last 2 days of the trip in Tokyo.

Applications can be found on the Fort Wayne Sister Cities website, www.fortwaynesistercities.net/exchange-program/ Applications and required support materials for the Takaoka exchange are due by Friday, January 23, 2015.

If additional information about this exchange opportunity is needed, contact Dick Conklin at 260-385-1124

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ANTWERP BARELY WINS AGAINST WOODLAN



Annie Miesle scores against Woodlan. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The cross-state rivals faced off at the Antwerp gym on Tuesday, January 6. Let's be honest, the game was slow. Both teams struggled for their place on the court.

The first quarter was led by Rain Hinton for Woodlan and Audrie Longardner for Antwerp. Both teams were nearly equally matched and finished the first period at 6 each.

By half time the game was only at 10 and 12 with the Woodlan girls in the lead. The basketball game was moving slowly by all accounts, and the coaches were desperate to gain the upper hand.

The third quarter was the least scoring for both teams and finished with only seven points for their combined efforts.

The fourth quarter for both teams was a whole other game. For the Lady Archers, it confirmed the win, scoring the same points as the previous three quarters combined. The period for Woodlan, though it was their highest scoring, was also the Achilles heel. The fouls allowed Antwerp to tie the game and take over on points after the shots from the line by Kiana Recker and Annie Miesle. Woodlan wasn't

the only one fouling, Antwerp put Warrior Kenzie Salzbrenner on the line who also hit 2 points. Kendra Graber also hit the guest team's only 3 point basket in the last quarter.

The game finished with Antwerp gaining a small lead over the deficit from the earlier periods at 26-23.

Score by the Quarter:
Antwerp - 6 4 3 13=26
Woodlan - 6 6 4 7=23

Scorers of the Game:
Antwerp - Peyton Short 8; Kianna Recker 6; Audrie Longardner 5; Rachel Williamson 4; Annie Miesle 3
Woodlan - Rain Hinton 12; Kendra Graber 5; Vickie Cook 4; Kenzie Salzbrenner 2.

caption: Kiana Recker rebounds the ball after a missed basket, putting it back up for two Archer points. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Peyton Short shoots a foul shot. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Rain Hinton, once again the Warrior top shooter, puts up a shot for Woodlan. More pictures at westbendnews.net

WOODLAN WRESTLING FALLS TO SNIDER 57-21

By: Jeff Abbott
Snider won the last 9 matches and downed Woodlan 57-21 in wrestling action at Snider. The Warriors got pins at 106 and 126.

106 - Bennett (W) pin Forish (S) 3:58, 6-0
113 - Pace (S) pin Miller (W) 2:24, 6-6
120 - Nance (S) pin A. Roemer (W) 5:20, 6-12
126 - S Roemer (W) pin Courter (S) 4:50, 12-12
132 - Tavira (S) dec Hoot (W) 9-4, 12-15
138 - Parisot (W) dec Votaw (S) 7-2 15-15
145 - Harrington (S) pin Thompson (W) :41, 15-21
152 - Miller (S) pin Wallace (W) 4:49, 15-27
160 - Kocks (S) pin Rohr (W) 3:42, 15-33
170 - Stiebling (S) pin Geiger (W) 1:42, 15-39
182 - Davies (S) pin Beery (W) :39, 15-45
195 - Campbell (S) pin Lewman (W) 1:23, 15-51
220 - Barberena (W) pin Thomas (S) 2:25, 21-51
285 - Swartz (S) pin Gerig (W) :32, 21-57

EAGLES SOAR OVER WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott
The Eagles soared over the final three quarter to down Woodlan 73-42 in boys' basketball. Churubusco outscored the Warriors 56-28 over the final 24 minutes to get the home court win. Evan Gustin scored 20 points for Woodlan. The Eagles placed 4 players in double-figures.

Score by the Quarter:
Woodlan - 14 4 9 15=42
Churubusco - 17 14 17

25=73
Top scorers:
Woodlan - Gustin 20, Krahn 8, Biggs 6, Schwartz 5, Jones 2, Hahn 1
Churubusco - Forman 21, Gross 18, Buffenbarger 13, Turnbow 12, B Barkley 4, Harmeyer 2, D Barkley 2, Howk 1

FREMONT TOPS WOODLAN 83-69

By: Jeff Abbott
In a case of match-me-if-you-can, Wade Regadanz of Fremont and Elyjah O'Hara of Woodlan went toe-to-toe in a three-point shooting match as the Eagles battled the Warriors in boys' basketball before the Christmas break. Regadanz made 10 long-range shots and finished with 36 points as Fremont topped Woodlan 83-69. O'Hara had 9 three-pointers and led the Warriors with 31 points in the game. Woodlan led 23-19 after the first period which saw 9 lead changes in the quarter. Fremont went on a late second period run to take the lead for good, outscoring the home team 10-0 and the Eagles had a 43-37 halftime advantage. Fremont doubled the lead to 65-53 after 3 periods and Regadanz helped seal the game for Fremont with 3 three-pointers in the final period. Woodlan won the reserve game 70-47 with Deontae Biggs, Adam Hormann, and Aaron Hahn each scoring 12 points for the Warriors

Score by the Quarter:
Fremont - 19 24 12 18=83
Woodlan - 23 14 16 16=69

Top Scorers:
Fremont - Regadanz 36, Roebel 12, Pentecost 11, Meyer 10, LaRose 9, Howe 3, Presley 2
Woodlan - O'Hara 31, Fancher 15, Krahn 15, Moses 2, L Hahn 2, Gerig 2, Louden 2

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ANTWERP JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING INVITATIONAL

The Antwerp Junior High wrestling team recently wrestled on their home turf at the Antwerp Invitational on January 10, 2015. Fifteen other teams converged in Antwerp on Saturday on what turned out to be a great day for wrestling, especially for the two junior high wrestlers at Antwerp. At 80 pounds, 8th grader Aidan McAlexander won his home tournament pinning 4 out of 5 wrestlers he faced. For the season Aidan sits undefeated at 11-0 with 7 pins. He is also a 2-time Antwerp Invitational champion. Also claiming first place over the weekend was 8th grader Tyler Bauer at 104 pounds. Bauer was 3-0 with 3 pins on the day. He, too, is undefeated so far this season at 10-0 with 7 pins. This also marks the 2nd consecutive year Tyler won the Antwerp Invitational.

The Antwerp Wrestling coaches would like to recognize all of the volunteers who

helped with this weekend's tournament. We once again had a very smooth and efficient wrestling day and it's because of the hard work and dedication of those behind the scenes. Without your help we would not be able to host such great events and create such a positive image for Antwerp Wrestling. The coaches are truly grateful and blessed to have such dedicated people behind this program.

WAYNE TRACE JR. HIGH WRESTLING RESULTS

The Wayne Trace Junior High Wrestling Team participated in the Antwerp invitational on Saturday. Placing for the Raiders where Noah Reel 1st, Kameron Bevis 2nd, Austin Smith 4th, and Zack Moser 4th.

Improvements are being made as the year progresses. Noah Reel won in an overtime match to place 1st. He did a great job at pushing the pace. Also, Kameron Bevis won his semifinal match against a kid from Edgerton

who had beat him earlier in the year.

Coach Neilson commented, "One thing I keep preaching to the kids is that we have to get better from all positions. We have to do the little things right. I want us to be fundamentally sound and not have to rely on catching an opponent to win matches. I don't think we are where we need to be yet, but we are definitely making leaps and bounds toward where we need to get to every week."

LADY PILOTS TOPPLE ARCHERS IN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

The sub-zero temperatures didn't keep the Ayersville Lady Pilots from traveling to Archer country for some high school girls basketball on Thursday, January 8th. The Lady Archers battled the first half keeping the score close at half-time, 18-20. In the second half, the Lady Pilots took off and stole the win from Antwerp, 31-53.

Score by the Quarter:

Antwerp - 12 6 6 7=31

Ayersville - 15 5 16 17=53

Antwerp Scorers:

Williamson 6, Braaten 9, Recker 2, Longardner 7, Short 5, Smith 2

TOUGH LOSS FOR PANTHERS

On January 9th, Paulding Panthers traveled to Allen East for high school boys basketball. Final score was a tough loss for Paulding, 53-55.

Records:

Paulding - 4-5, 1-INWC Allen East - 3-6, 1-1

Score by the Quarter:

Paulding - 17 7 17 12=53
Allen East - 14 15 12 14=55

Scorers of the Game:

Paulding - Edwards 11, Heilshorn 11, Gonzales 11, Arellano 15, Sitton 3, Johanns 2

Allen East - Smelcer 10, Miller 15, Wiseman 8, Perkins 14, Sherrick 8

Stats:

Rebounds - Paulding 40, Allen East 25

Turnovers - Paulding 14, Allen East 11

JV Score: Paulding 32, Allen East 47

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THIRD GRADE:

All A's - Myranda Brooks, Camden Fuller, Haley Hammer, Cohen Hitzeman, Tycen Jones, Reid Lichty, Aewyn McMichael, Brooke Molitor, Hannah Molitor, Macy Nutter, Emma Saul, Kahlea Shook

A's & B's - Carson Altimus, Alexander Buerkle, Nathan Dzib, Addyson Hormann, Caleb Laker, Sara Lawhorn, Christopher Lyons-Jones, Jill Magoulas, Falynn McAlexander, Taylor Morales, Maegan Pendergrast, David Puckett, Isaac Reutter, Samantha Sheedy, Connor Shiple, Caydence Shull, Kellen Simonin, Lillian VanCleve, Lucy Wales, Chloe Walls, Mya Wobler, Lizzy Zartman

FOURTH GRADE:

All A's - Zachery Devall, Shaylee Garrett, Hayleigh Jewell, Lydia Krouse, Makenna Lawson, Madelyn O'Donnell, Rayni Rister, Ethan Sanders, Carl Shipman, Aerial Snyder, Autumn Zuber

A's & B's - Allison Banks, Taylor Carr, Gavin Clevinger, Katryna Fish, Becca Hathaway, Brooke Hounshell, Ross Lee, Ethan Lichty, McCartney Lucas, Michael McCreery, Lance McKeever, Levi Miller, Lyndsey Miller, Melanie Mills, Parker Moore, Keersten Peters, Ezura Planz, Eli Reinhart, Hope Roebel, Seth Salinas

FIFTH GRADE:

All A's - Emerson Litzenberg, Gaige McMichael, Megan O'Donnell, Ilse Zijlstra
A's & B's - Mia Altimus, Reece Buerkle, Astianna Coppes, Nathan Dunstan, Kate Farr, Summer Franklin, Breanna Fulk, Jaidis Getrost, Brady Hatlevig, Grace Jones, Luke Krouse, Jagger Landers, Alexandra Lehman, Luke McDorman, Jonathan Meyer, Faith Nestleroad, Jared Phillips, Allison Reinhart, Kiera Reyes, Grace Schuette, Lauren Schuller, Bradley Shroades, Emma Shuherk, Kennedy Trabel, Trinity Wieland, Caleb Wilson

HICKSVILLE K OF C TO SPONSOR FREE-THROW COMPETITION

Hicksville, Fairview, and Antwerp boys and girls aged 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the Hicksville Knights of Columbus free-throw competition on January 18, 2015. The competition begins at 1:30 p.m. at the St. Michaels Catholic Church gymnasium and ends after the last entrant

has shot. Entry forms are available at the door.

The 9, 10, and 11 year old shoot from 12 feet. The 12, 13 and 14 year olds shoot from the regulation 15 feet. One boys and one girl, per age group, will advance to the Edgerton District competition held on February 8, at Edgerton High School. District competitors must present proof of age and parental permission signature to compete.

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WOODLAN VS. LEO WRESTLING DUAL



Ged Hoot pins Leo's Trenton Bonner at the Warrior home meet on January 8. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Woodlan played host to Leo on January 8th in high school wrestling action.

Team Scores: Woodlan 17, Leo 58

106 - Richard (L) maj dec Bennett (W), 1-15

113 - N Hoot (W) maj dec Dane Martin (L), 14-3

120 - Loraine (L) pin A Roemer (W), 2:35

126 - G Hoot (W) pin Bonner (L), 1:23

132 - Hisong (L) dec Parisot (W), 2-3

138 - Eicher (L) pin S Rot-

emer (W), 1:18

145 - Wallace (W) tech fall Dager (L), 0-15

152 - Woodlan forfeit Oijen (Leo)

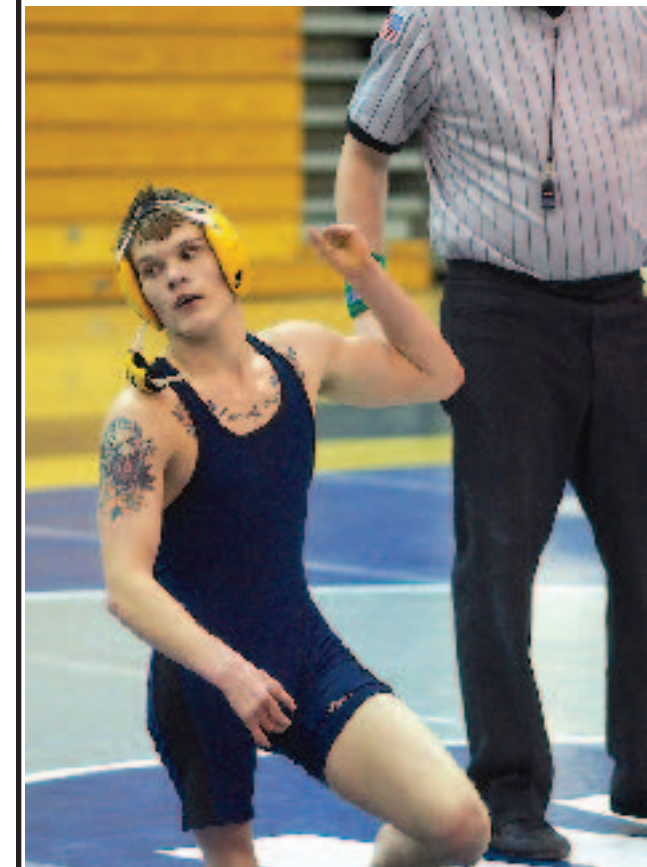
160 - Dennington (L) pin Rohr (W), 3:19

170 - Woodlan forfeit Garten (L)

182 - Grinager (L) pin Berry (W), :44

220 - Isaacson (L) dec Barberena (W), 3-5

285 - Leo forfeit Gerig (W)



Senior Wrestler Nick Hoot was looking for a pin, instead won by decision against Leo's Dane Martin. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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SOUTHERN GOSPEL MUSICIAN RANDY LONG AND PIANIST YVONNE FARMER TO APPEAR ON JANUARY 17

On Saturday, January 17th, at 7 pm and doors open at 6 pm, Southern Gospel Music Artist Randy Long will be performing at the Rockford Belle, 135 Market Street, Rockford, Ohio. Randy has a wonderful gift not only to singing the gospel to those who will listen, but also to touch lives through his sincerity as he brings the love of God through the songs he sings. Pianist Yvonne Farmer will open the event. A free-will donation is accepted.

Randy Long was raised in



Northwest Ohio by a family who enjoyed singing Southern Gospel Music. Family members all gathered around the piano on Sundays, after having returned from church and eaten dinner. Songs like "This Ole House" and Ten Thousand Angels" were sung loudly and passionately, lasting as long as the singers held out. Randy was inspired by his father's singing and the Saturday morning television show "The Gospel Jubilee."

Randy left his religious roots, but never forgot them. For nearly forty years he went out into the world and sang for everyone but the Lord. It took him most of his adult life singing for the world, to finally get to where he is now. He came back to Christ and started singing for Him on May 18, 2004. From New York to Texas, Michigan to Louisiana and even North Dakota, he has sung in churches, nursing/assisted living homes, county fairs, conventions, campgrounds and community events.

Long has appeared on the Gospel Hour TV program in Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Live Wire on Christian TV 44 in Lima, Ohio and a Bahama Gospel Cruise. He has recorded 2 CD projects. He serves an awesome God and will go where ever he is led. His desire is to reach out, and offer a moment of encouragement, hope, and a peaceful feeling that will

lead listeners down the path the Lord has prepared.

Yvonne Farmer has 50 years of experience in the music field in Ohio, Indiana, Texas, Louisiana and Arizo-



na; piano and organ performances include solo work, accompanying many musicians, playing in church services, weddings and funerals, choirs, various ensembles, students associated with the church, and other musicians in the community. She has had the privilege of holding positions such as music director, organist, elementary music teacher, and when her family blossomed - she became a mother and a teacher of music from home.

The influence and importance of music had been instilled years ago from her family while Farmer was being raised, and now years later, as an adult, she could share this love of music with her students. Her philosophy of teaching centered on the idea of conveying to the students that music is to be enjoyed, not to be a drudgery. She has had the privilege of teaching some fine students over the years - some of whom later accompanied school groups, played in bands, and have become music teachers.

Yvonne is not a concert pianist, but loves to play the piano. Through the years, her attention to detail: listening well, learning fast, the ability to play many songs by ear, enjoyment of reading music - has all paved the way to playing successfully many other instruments such as the flute, piccolo, piano, organ, accordion, and guitar. She has had many supporters and mentors along the way including Donna Yocum from church, Mr. Knoch - a high school band director, and Dr. Weitz - a professor at Ohio Northern University.

Yvonne tells of her heartfelt purpose, stating, "My purpose in playing has always been to glorify my Heaven-

ly Father. He gave me this love of music and has made it a balm for my soul through the tougher times in my life. I play because it is enjoyable and usually lots of fun."

In 2007, she and a friend put together organ and piano duet music for a CD.

Make plans now to join Randy Long and Yvonne Farmer at the Rockford Belle on January 17th for an awesome event filled with a life changing message. For more information, contact Tom Rogers at 567-644-9993.

THE NISWONGER WELCOMES PAT BOONE & ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE CHANGE

Legendary singer, actor, TV host, producer, author, motivational speaker, TV pitchman, radio personality and humanitarian Pat Boone will be coming to Van Wert to perform at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center on Sunday, March 8 at 3:00 p.m.. His show, "Music & Memories: An Evening with Pat Boone" will replace Love Letters starring Hal Linden and Barbara Eden which was scheduled for the same date as part of the Community Concert Series. Hal Linden took a job with a show he hopes will be going to Broadway in the near future and had to back out of his Van Wert performance and future engagements.

Pat Boone, the tenth leading artist for Most Top Chart Hits from 1955-1996, according to music industry's Billboard Magazine, has five decades of recording history behind him and a busy future ahead. Boone owns his own record company, The Gold Label, designed for legendary artists of a certain age and certifiable talent (all with million-selling gold records to their credit). Artists such as Glen Campbell, Jack Jones, Patti Page, Cleo Lane, Sha Na Na and others are part of his label.

Boone has also involved himself in a couple personal projects: "For My Country," a musical acknowledgement to the National Guard that Boone wrote himself and regards as a follow-up to his *Pledge of Allegiance* pitch, "Under God," recorded a couple years ago, which became Boone's 61st hit record.

Today, Boone can be heard on two nationally syndicated radio shows, "The Music of Your Life" and "The Pat Boone Show," which features contemporary gospel music. His personally written columns appear weekly on WorldNetDaily.com and NewsMax.com, fearlessly embracing politics, religion, and timely causes that catch his attention.

Music & Memories: An Evening with Pat Boone is a show that he tours all over the country, sharing his music over the years along with video of his career which includes 14 movies and numerous TV show appearances as Ann Margaret, James Mason, Debby Reynolds, and Tony Curtis.

Music & Memories: An Evening with Pat Boone" is replacing "Love Letters" as part of the Community Concert Series. Ticket holders for either the Community Concert Series or the individual show tickets for "Love Letters" will automatically be honored for

"Music & Memories: An Evening with Pat Boone."

The Community Concert Series is presented by Vancrest Healthcare centers and sponsored by Delphos Hearing Aid Center, Central Insurance Companies, Taylor Auto Sales, Inc., Slusher's Jewelry and Tuxedo, and Van Wert County Hospital.

FROM JERICHO TO SOUTH AFRICA: SCHNORMEIER GALLERY HOSTS TWO LOCAL ARTISTS

The Schnormeier Gallery is proud to present concurrent solo exhibitions of new artwork by Andrew Hendrixson and Margaret Allotey-Pappoe. The opening reception is January 9, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public. The exhibition will be on display from January 9 to February 27.

Andrew Hendrixson

Created over the past year, the paintings and sculptures in this show titled *I Will Not Be Immortal in Words* explore questions of hope and human responsibility. A looming eight-and-a-half-foot rock wall and a painting of a moonlit cairn invite us to consider the part that careful reflection and action play in resisting despair and in creating newness and purpose in our lives.

Hendrixson will provide an information sheet for visitors to carry as they view his art. He says he finds that, "People are often intimidated by art. They become frustrated because they don't understand what they are looking at or feel awkward in the gallery setting. I understand. Art is difficult for me too sometimes." Therefore, he is trying to approach his viewers a little differently than most artists do. The supplemental sheet will have a short paragraph on each artwork that he hopes will help visitors as they look. Hendrixson says, "Getting to know a painting or a sculpture is like getting to know a person, it takes time and sometimes isn't easy. But if you come expecting to get something out of the experience you probably will."

Margaret Allotey-Pappoe

Allotey-Pappoe's show is entitled *Kenten*, a Ghanaian term meaning "basket." The show is inspired by the rich, traditional, hand-woven fabric called "kente." Through a variety of mixed-media pieces, the artwork featured in this show is a reflection of the rich historical narratives that Allotey-Pappoe seeks to engage.

The show will include a video about the weaving process, as well as posters and drawings containing motifs found in the woven cloth. The posters each have two poems that have been illustrated with both texture and pattern. The motifs featured in the drawings have been created through the artist's own understanding and interpretation of each motif. In describing her work, Allotey-Pappoe says, "I am trying to look within different mediums and craft an art show that focuses on layering, texture, and transparency."

Andrew Hendrixson teaches art and design at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. He spent eight months as Artist-in-Residence at Whale and Star Studio in Miami, Florida, in 2013. He has exhibited at

galleries in cities including Cincinnati, New York City, and Detroit and has been published in books including the International Painting Annual, and in numerous online publications.

Margaret Allotey-Pappoe teaches design at Mount Vernon Nazarene University and is currently serving as the Interim Chair of the Art and Design Department. She was born and raised in Ghana and completed her undergraduate work in communication design. She then went on to earn her M.F.A. and her M.A. from Bradley University. She was among one of ten professors selected from North America to attend the R5 Visual Arts Seminar in South Africa in June 2013. This seminar generated a three-year traveling art exhibition, which will be in Mount Vernon in the fall of 2016.

The Schnormeier Gallery is located at 221 S. Main Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio. Gallery hours: Monday-Friday, noon-4:30 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call 740-397-9000, ext. 3040.

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LOST & FOUND FAREWELL TOUR MAKES STOP IN OTTAWA, OHIO

What do you get when two guys, one who plays guitar and the other, a piano, launch a musical concert tour of the United States by traveling thousands of miles, from coast to coast, not in a full-sized touring bus, but on two basic bicycles? A tour that will last 340 days, where they will sing upwards of 260 times in schools, camps, churches, colleges and anywhere they can? A journey that will take them from New York to St. Louis, to Miami, to San Diego, to Seattle and then back to New York? A venture together with no bicycle training regimen to speak

of and no support vehicle? What you get are either a couple guys who can't stand each other and regret having done such a foolish thing, or you get Mike Bridges and George Baum, the members of the group Lost and Found who would continue playing concerts together for decades to come!

With the latter being the case, and after all those years, Lost and Found has decided to wind things up, so to speak, for the 2015 Farewell Concert Tour. Once again, they will be traveling all across the country, but this time with more reasonable modes of transportation such as a commercial airline and a humble van. One of those farewell concert stops will be in Ottawa, Ohio on Sunday, March 1, 2015, 6:30 p.m., at the Ottawa-Glandorf High School Auditorium. Hosted by New Creation Lutheran Church, the concert is open to the public and tickets are now available by contacting the church via phone or their website.

With George on the piano and Michael on the guitar, Lost and Found has brought their distinctive music, labeled "speedwood" or "acoustic thrash," to literally thousands of youth and adults. Always interactive with their audiences, Lost and Found is said to be like having Michael and George over to your living room with conversation, music, faith and much more.

Having journeyed, played and recorded for so long, Lost and Found have hundreds of concerts under their belts, in countries all over the world, and over a dozen albums recorded on their own independent label called LIMB Records. Michael plays the guitar and George is on the piano, where he, for at least one song in particular, steps away from the piano to "play" the slinky. It was an unlikely beginning at a family backyard picnic at the age of fourteen where the two aspiring musicians hooked up, and, as they say, the rest is history, and an enduring one at that.

Whether a fan for some or all of those decades, or someone who's never heard of Lost and Found, Michael and George will make you feel right at home with their engaging music, humor, and interaction.

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LADY PANTHERS GET PUMMELED BY MUSTANGS

The Lady Mustangs of Allen East entered Panther country on Thursday evening, January 8th in spite of the bitter cold and snow. It may have been cold outside but inside, the court was on fire. The scoring kept the Allen East ladies just ahead of the Lady Panthers for the course of the match up. Final score gave a loss for Paulding: 46-67

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 13 9 14 10=46
Allen East - 20 15 22 10=67

Scorers of the Game:

Paulding - Hale 0, Riley 2, Combs 5 (1-3), Vogel 10, Arnd 2, Manz 1, Meggison 12, March 0, Weidenhamer 0, Reinhart 12 (1-3), McCullough 2
Allen East - Crist 3 (1-3), Leis 0, Clum 15 (1-3), Lawrence 0, McKeever 0, Rodriguez 2, Young 0, Burley 2, Woods 13 (2-3's), Wyss 24, Clark 8

Rebounds:
Paulding - 28 (Meggison 14)

Allen East - 20
Turnovers:
Paulding 14, Allen East 14
Records:
Paulding - 0-10 (0-3)
JV: Allen East won, 32-30

FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC RESULTS

8th Grade Girls Basketball:

The 8th grade Lady apaches defeated a tall and determined Wauseon Indians squad. The Lady Apaches used a man to man team defensive effort the first half to put the Indians down 10 at the half. The Lady Apaches are to be commended for their rebounding effort during the first quarter. Mercedes Wagner lead all scorers with 11 points. Riley Collins provided strong defensive ball pressure on the Indians. Go Apaches!

7th Grade Girls Basketball:

7th grade girls defeated Wauseon by a score of 22-6. A strong defensive effort propelled the girls to their 5th victory of the season.

8th Grade Boys Basketball:

The 8th fell to Wauseon 45-18. Keenan Jackson and Dallas Curry both had 6 points.

7th Grade Boys Basketball:

The 7th grade won a hard fought game against Wauseon 42-41 to remain unbeaten. Chayse Singer had 15 points and Riley Lucas finished with 11.

Varsity Wrestling:

The Varsity wrestling team defeated Lincolnview 60-16 and Antwerp 66-6 on Tuesday. Wes Bok, Bobby Kelley and Reilly Heater all earned pins. The team moves to 3-1 on the season.

MS Wrestling:

MS wrestling won both matches. Mitchell Breckler and Nicolas Reed picked up wins.

Varsity Girls Basketball

Varsity girls lost to Pettisville 56-42. Leading scorers were Ali Hug with 13 and Erin Marshall added 9.

JV Girls Basketball

JV girls lost to Pettisville 32-25. Leading scorers were Carlie Phillips with 11 and Katelyn Smith added 7.

NEW HAVEN BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL FALLS TO SNIDER

New Haven suffered its 7th loss of the season on January 6th at home versus Snider. Snider out rebounded New Haven 37 to 17. Final score was New Haven 50, Snider 73.

Score by the Quarter:

New Haven - 14 13 12 11=50
Snider - 22 16 17 18=73

A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

(NAPSI)—When it comes to pinpointing potentially serious issues with your vehicle, your nose may know more than you realize. For example, the smell of burnt toast might be a sign of an electrical short. The smell of rotten eggs may signal trouble with the emissions system, which includes the catalytic converter.

These and other tips are included in "Knowledge Is Power," a booklet that's part of a car-care and maintenance clinic developed by ACDelco. It gives vehicle owners easy-to-understand information about their vehicles so they can be informed and make the right choices when they visit an independent auto service center.

Here are some things you may not know about your vehicle:

- Reddish stains on the driveway can be a sign of a transmission oil leak.
- If your technician asks if your vehicle's brakes are "grabbing," he wants to know if the brakes engage suddenly when you apply steady pressure to the brake pedal.
- You should pull over immediately if your temperature light reads in the hot zone. That probably means your vehicle's coolant is too hot to cool your engine.
- Many brake pads have wear indicators. If your vehicle has them, they will emit loud squeals when they detect wear.
- It's a good idea to write down your vehicle's symptoms before visiting a repair shop, including noises—and whether these occur when the engine is hot or cold.
- Air bags work with your safety belts, not as a replacement for them.
- Children under 13 should ride properly secured in the rear seat.
- Always keep at least a half tank of gas in your vehicle to avoid potential damage to your fuel filter or fuel line.
- Check your tire pressure frequently for safety and fuel economy. Hot and cold outside temperatures affect the pressure in your tires.
- Avoid oil and fuel additives unless recommended by your service consultant.
- Don't use dish detergent to wash your car; it can hurt clearcoat finishes.

The "Knowledge Is Power" booklet is part of a presentation kit available to shops at no charge. Consumers can download the free booklet at www.acdelco.com/pdf/Car-Maintenance-Car-Care-Knowledge-Is-Power-ACDelco.pdf.

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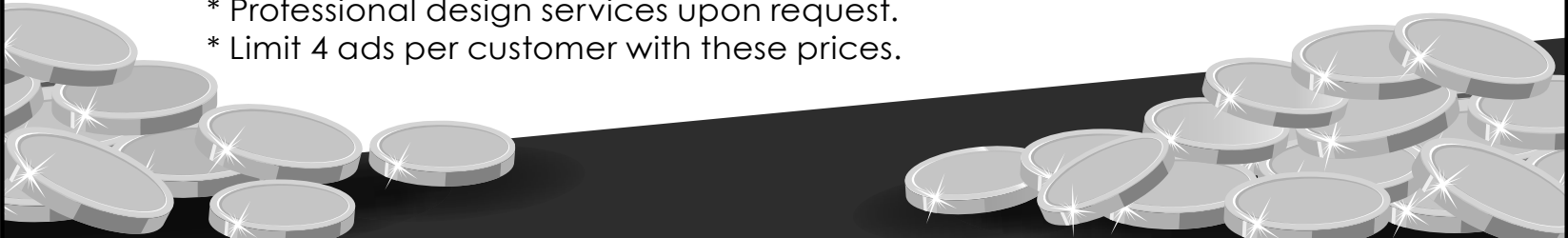
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PANTHERS TAKE DOWN ANTWERP BOYS ON FOUL SHOTS

The Saturday night game at Antwerp took place between the Archers and the Stryker Boys. This basketball game was especially punishing for the home team.

The points of their previous three periods combined. They were aggressive and asked for no forgiveness. Beginning at only 24 points put the Archers at an undeniable state of chal-



Flyin' high, Trenton Copsey passes the ball to Josh Longardner. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The first quarter was led by Stryker's Raffer with 6 points to his name, the team scoring 13. Meanwhile Antwerp posted 6 for the whole team. The Archers just wasn't much for hitting baskets in the first quarter.

When the Panthers were up at 39 points. All cylinders were firing together, shifting into high gear for Antwerp. Matt Jones led the home team in points followed by Copsey and Brandon Pendergrast.

Second quarter was different, but not where the Archers needed to be. Trenton Copsey and Sam Williamson both started pushing the ball through the hoop. Still there

lunge when the Panthers were up at 39 points. All cylinders were firing together, shifting into high gear for Antwerp. Matt Jones led the home team in points followed by Copsey and Brandon Pendergrast.



Trey Mills Guards his opponent in the last quarter of the game. More pictures at westbendnews.net

were too many bricks. The Panthers, though, were very well-rounded and probably one of the best games they have had for this season. Six of their players scored this quarter. The halftime score was 17-28.

all that often especially when the opponent is good at foul shots. Stryker is very good at foul shots, making 14 foul shots out of 19, and winning the game by 11 points.

The next period showed the Archers weakness on rebounds. Passing the ball also caused problems when Stryker picked the ball off. Only 7 points were added with Copsey getting hacked and getting a foul shot. Stryker put up another 11.

The revival by Antwerp was incredible and showed the true potential for these boys. If this unharnessed potential could be put into regular action for the entire game, this team would be going far. The game finished 46-57. Score by the Quarter: Antwerp - 6 11 7 22=46 Stryker - 13 15 11 18=57

Antwerp changed the fourth quarter. In fact, this was not only their best quarter, but it was the best of both teams. They nearly doubled

Scorers of the Game: Antwerp - Williamson 14, Copsey 13; Jones 9; Pendergrast 5; Mills 3, Longardner 2

ACAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Opening Round Games: Boys play at 6:00 p.m. and Girls play at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 13, 2015 - Heritage at Woodlan; Leo at South Adams; Bluffton at Adams Central; Jay County at Southern Wells

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 - Boys Semi-Finals, 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 15, 2015 - Girls Semi-Finals, 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 17, 2015 - Boys Championship Game, 6:00 p.m.; Girls Championship Game, 7:30 p.m.

LADY RAIDERS WIN BIG

On January 9th, the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders took on the Edgerton Lady Bulldogs in high school girls basketball. The Lady Raiders dominated the court for the duration, claiming victory for the night: 64-43

Score by the Quarter: Wayne Trace - 21 9 22 12=64

Edgerton - 18 10 5 10=43

Scorers of the Game: Wayne Trace - Wannemacher 2, Mohr 22, Temple 15, Gudakunst 10, Mead 3, Myers 6, L Sinn 4, Bro Sinn 2

Edgerton - M Rowe 11, Grover 5, Landel 1, S Sleesman 6, A Rowe 4, Whitman 16

JV Score: Wayne Trace 37, Edgerton 25

Records: Wayne Trace 6-3, 1-0 GMC, Edgerton 2-8, 0-1

PAULDING TOPS PARKWAY 54-42

On January 10, 2015 Paulding took on Parkway on their home court. After an uncertain first quarter Paulding pulled it together came out on top with a final score of 54-42.

Records: Paulding 5-5, 1-1 NWC Parkway 3-8, 0-2

Stats: Rebounds: Paulding 19, Parkway 21

Turnovers: Paulding 11, Parkway 14

JV Score: Paulding 45, Parkway 17

Top Scorers: Paulding - Edwards 2, Rhonehouse 11, Heilshorn 6, Gonzales 9, Ingol 7, Arellano 13, Sitton 6

Parkway - Adams 6, Bates 14, Gibson 12, Morton 5, Baina 5

FIGHT TERROR AGAIN, AND AGAIN, AND AGAIN OR END IT BY REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS CREATION

By: Patrick T. Hiller

The cycle of violence. When will it be interrupted? The attack on Charlie Hebdo was another incident of "Terror in [fill in the blank]... attackers part of [fill in name of terror network]". It was an incident of home-grown terror, since the attackers were French-born second-generation immigrants. It is time to shift away from ineffective, reactive tactics and strategies of dealing with this kind of terror toward conflict transformation, by transforming the structures leading to terrorism.

Let's be clear. The assassins in Paris did not avenge the Prophet and their horrific

ASK ME...Miss C!

Dear Miss C,
School just went back into session after a holiday break. Okay, so it was a great break because my husband and I both had time off at the same time (that never happens)! And believe me, we needed it... before Christmas all we did was fight, and I really think its because we didn't have time, okay so we didn't MAKE time to stay connected. Besides having a designated date night, what else can we do so that we don't lose the magic we got during our holiday vacation?
—Lover of Holiday Magic
Dear Lover of Holiday Magic,
It warms my heart to hear stories of reconnection and family happiness. You are right, its very important

to work to keep that special magic in your relationship. When our lives get so busy and stressful sometimes it's hard to prioritize our relationships. As a matter of fact, it's easy to push it aside to get other things done (work, kids, church, and community... the list goes on and on and on). But we have to work for the things we value most in our lives! I know you want ideas other than a regular date night, and those are important to share... but don't make that date night just another thing on your schedule... make it special! There is no one magical pill to make relationships happy all through the year. It is really more about the combination of little things. Couples who actually like one another,

listen to one another, respect one another are able to keep the magic. You know why? Because they can put things in perspective! They are not going to get bogged down with every day frustrations such as, "Did he really leave the toilet seat up again??" We laugh at that example, but you would be surprised how many couples enter counseling and their first complaint is something as simple as a toilet seat. Couples with perspective understand the importance of generosity in a relationship. Love generously, share generously, and give affection generously. Because generosity breeds relationship magic.
Blessings,
—Miss C

ic violence cannot be reconciled with Islam. They were not noble, holy warriors, they were violent criminals. They killed 12 people and in addition to those lives, the lives of their families were destroyed. Their attacks opened space for further destructive cycles of conflict, support for security crackdowns, and virtually endless military campaigns as we still are seeing in the post 9/11/01 global war on terror. If we continue on this path we "condemn the global community to ongoing terror", as political scientist Lindsay Heger argues in her piece Redrawing our Strategy on Terror.

Here's the usual:

At the height of conflict several things take place. First, we tend to see generalizations as we hear in the "clash of civilizations", "us versus them", or the "battle between Islam and freedom of speech." Second, there is stereotyping, as we can see in the generalizations and assumptions about all members of a group. In this case a group as large and diverse as the 1.6 billion Muslims in the world. Third, there are knee-jerk reactions like calls for "collective detention" or "nuke them" by many so-called internet trolls. These often come with dehumanization of the other group. Fourth, tit-for-tat tactics are used as we can see in the attacks on Mosques in France. Fifth, the issues are changed deliberately as we can see in US mainstream media commentators using the attack to promote torture or criticize New York City's Mayor de Blasio's politics. Sixth, emotions are exploited, fear is installed, and drastic measures are advocated as we see in far-right National Front political party leader Marine Le Pen's call for a referendum on reinstating the death penalty. All these are destructive, but very commonly used approaches of dealing with conflict. All these are ways of us participating in the cycle of continuing terror.

Here are some immediate better ways:

First and foremost, national and international law enforcement and judicial processes for individuals and groups involved in acts of terrorism.

Second, a call for unity from the international community, political, cultural and

religious leaders condemning all forms of violent extremism.

Third, a societal response of answering hatred with love and compassion, as we have seen in Norway's dignified response to the mass murder by islamophobic Anders Breivik.

Here are some long-term responses addressing broader, structural changes:

First, terrorism is a political problem. The colonial history and the current violent western presence in the Middle East as well as the arbitrary support for some dictators are key to providing terrorists with a support base without which they would not be able to operate and even exist. As we see this support base now goes far beyond the Middle East and has reached the suburbs of Paris and inspires other unconnected lone-wolf terrorists. Lindsay Heger argues correctly that we need to create creative governance solutions aimed at de-linking terrorists from societies. This applies just as much to groups like Boko Haram in Nigeria as it applies to the Muslim immigrant population in France.

Second, terrorism is a social problem. The gunmen were French-born descendants of Algerian immigrants. It is nothing new that there are tensions between the predominantly white, Christian, French society and mainly Muslim first and second generation immigrant populations of African origin.

The majority of immigrants belong to the economic lower class of society. Poverty, unemployment and crime are common issues the young, male immigrants are facing.

Third, terrorism is a cultural problem. Muslim immigrant populations in Europe need to be able to freely develop and express their sense of self and sense of belonging. The politics of integration must allow for diversity and co-existence without imposed assimilation and inequality.

Some might argue that these suggestions have flaws, that they are not perfect, that they will never work, and so on. Yes, they have flaws, they are not perfect, and sometimes we do not know the outcome. What we know for sure is that more militarized security, sacrificing our rights, and more military campaigns makes us participants in terror. And they definitely do not work unless our intent is to recruit more terrorists.

Terrorists will be part of us as long as we don't address the root causes and as long as we participate in it. Terror ends when we stop creating terrorists and when we stop participating in it.

Patrick. T. Hiller, Ph.D., Hood River, OR, syndicated by PeaceVoice, is a Conflict Transformation scholar, professor, on the Governing Council of the International Peace Research Association, and Director of the War Prevention Initiative of the Jubitz Family Foundation.

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SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE OWNERS OF THE ACCREDITED MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2004-4 ASSET BACKED NOTES, Plaintiff, vs. BONNIE J. NOW, ET AL., Defendants

Case No. Cl 14 008.

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 5th day of February, 2015 at 10:10 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at: 5338 County Road 33, Payne, Ohio 45880

Parcel Number: 03-10S-017-00

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

Said premises appraised at Sixty Thousand and No/100 (\$60,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount.

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com Carrie L. Davis, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:

FIRST FINANCIAL BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO THE UNION STATE BANK, Plaintiff, vs. BRIAN D. HOLBROOKS aka BRIAN HOLBROOKS, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. Cl 14 006.

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 5th day of February, 2015 at 10:15 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at: 107 North Fifth Street, Oakwood, Ohio 45873

Parcel Number: 10-15S-028-00 and 10-15S-029-00

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

Said premises appraised at Twenty-one Thousand and No/100 (\$21,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount.

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THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, vs. JOSHUA L. COLLINS, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. Cl 14 168.

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Randy W. & Margaret C. Noggle, trustee; Sec. 24; 2 acres; To: Randy W. & Margaret C. Noggle, trustee

Randy W. & Margaret C. Noggle, trustee; Sec. 25; 5.647 acres; To: Randy W. & Margaret C. Noggle, trustee

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Latty Twp.: 1/6/15; Kent E. & Pamela S. Eddy, trustee, et al; Sec. 28; 40 acres; To: Mark W. & Karen M. Eddy

Haviland Village: 1/6/15; Edwin L. & Patricia A. Ruger; Lot 80; 0.1653 acres; To: Edwin L. Ruger

Edwin L. & Patricia A. Ruger; Lot 81; 0.1653 acres; To: Edwin L. Ruger

Edwin L. & Patricia A. Ruger; Lot 82; 0.1653 acres; To: Edwin L. Ruger

FROM THE PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY

Paulding County prosecuting attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted 12 person on Thursday, January 8, 2014.

Christopher J. Corwin; Van Wert; DOB 2/10/82; Complicity to Trafficking Heroin, F-3, 2 counts

Napoleon Shurelds, Jr.; Van Wert; DOB 11/29/84; Trafficking in Heroin, F-3, 2 counts

Coty L. Moore; Paulding; DOB 1/6/88; Possession of Methamphetamine, F-5

Jacob I. Aldred; Paulding; DOB 7/2/84; Possession of Methamphetamine, F-5

Emily E. Breining; Oakwood; DOB 10/21/93; Tampering with Evidence, F-3;

Obstructing Justice, F-5 Jason C. Elston; Payne; DOB 6/29/80; Non-Support of Dependents, F-5, 3 counts

Carl S. McStoots; Oakwood; DOB 7/30/72; Non-Support of Dependents, F-5, 3 counts

Amy J. Egnor; Payne; DOB 5/28/69; Theft, F-4

Eric E. Kachenmeister; Toledo; DOB 11/11/86; Possession of Cocaine, F-5

Chad M. Schnepf; unknown address; DOB 3/1/84; Breaking and Entering, F-5, 9 counts; Receiving Stolen Property, F-5

Christian W. Shepherd; Paulding; DOB 11/28/93; Identity Fraud, F-5; Forgery, F-5

Minh Trong Do Tran; Paulding; DOB 10/19/94; Identity Fraud, F-5; Forgery, F-5

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU 1/14 - 1/20

1/14 - Hotdog on bun, mixed vegetables, pears, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

1/15 - Hamburger on bun w/ pickles, bean dip w/ chips, apple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

1/16 - French bread pizza, celery and carrots w/dip, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

1/19 - No School 1/20 - No School

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 1/14 - 1/20

JH/HS Breakfast:

1/14 - Sausage, egg & cheese muffin, juice/fruit, milk

1/15 - Mini pancakes, sausage links, juice/fruit, milk

1/16 - Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice/fruit, milk

1/19 - No School 1/13 - Sausage biscuit, tator tots, juice/fruit, milk

JH/HS Lunch:

1/14 - Walking taco w/ meat, lettuce, cheese, and chips, refried beans, salsa, sour cream, OR Baked potato, meat, cheese and broccoli, breadstick, fruit, milk

1/15 - Corndog, kettle baked beans, cauliflower w/ ranch cup OR Big daddy pizza slice, baby carrots w/ranch cup, fruit, milk

1/16 - Southwest chicken tortilla wrap, lettuce, cheese, salsa, oven potatoes, OR Salad bar w/meat, vegetables, and salads, garlic breadstick, fruit, milk

1/19 - No School 1/20 - Chicken noodles, whipped potatoes, WG dinner roll, celery w/peanut butter cup OR Salad bar w/meat, vegetables and salads, garlic breadstick, fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary Breakfast:

1/14 - Burrito, fruit/juice, milk

1/15 - Muffin, string cheese, fruit/juice, milk

1/16 - assorted cereals or Cereal bar goldfish graham, juice/fruit, milk

1/19 - No School 1/20 - Pancakes, fruit/juice, milk

Paulding Elementary Lunch:

1/14 - French toast, w/sausage smiles, tomato juice, fruit, milk

1/15 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, corn, whole grain bread, fruit, milk

1/16 - Fish sticks, romaine blend, celery, carrots, broccoli, whole grain bread, fruit, milk

1/19 - No School 1/20 - Corn dog, baked beans, carrots, fruit snack, fruit, milk

THE WEST BEND NEWS Answers on Page 15 Sudoku Puzzle

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

Oakwood Elementary Monday, January 19. Each of the NBA D-League's 18 teams will play two games apiece during the 2015 NBA D-League Showcase, with eight teams competing for the inaugural Showcase Cup, a bracketed in-season tournament. Teams qualified for the Cup by earning the NBA D-League's best records through and including January 1, 2015. All Showcase games, with the exception of the Championship Game on Monday, January 19, count toward regular season records.

The league's premiere in-season scouting event, the 2015 NBA D-League Showcase presented by Samsung affords players and coaches the opportunity to flaunt their skills in front of general managers and player personnel executives from all 30 NBA teams.

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2015 NBA D-LEAGUE SHOWCASE PRESENTED BY SAMSUNG TIPS OFF

The 2015 NBA D-League Showcase presented by Samsung tips off with a four-game slate on Thursday, January 15 when the Texas Legends and Bakersfield Jam face off in a Showcase Cup game at 1:00 p.m. ET. The Austin Spurs and Grand Rapids Drive tip off at 3:45 p.m. ET while the first-seeded Maine Red Claws play the Sioux Falls Skyforce at 6:30 p.m. ET. The host Santa Cruz Warriors face off against the Canton Charge at 10:00 p.m. ET on Thursday to close the first day of action.

The five-day event at the Kaiser Permanent Arena in Santa Cruz continues with four games apiece on January 16-18 and culminates in a three-game schedule on

PAULDING COUNTY COURT REPORTS

Criminal Dispositions:

Nonnemaker, Seth J; Bradner OH; Possession; No Cont; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Defendant's DL shall be suspended for 6 months; Paraphernalia is to be forfeited to the arresting office.

Alezetes. Jami L; Antwerp, OH; Domestic Violent; No Cont; Fines and costs suspended; 30 days jail served; Defense made the motion to withdraw the not guilty by reason of insanity plea; Motion granted; CT. diagnostic appt cancelled; Shall have no unlawful contact with victim.

Real Estate Transfers: Benton Twp.: 1/5/15; Randy W. & Margaret C. Noggle, trustee;

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LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION TO BID

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

By order of the Council of the Village of Antwerp.

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FIRST & LAST QUARTERS STOPS PANTHERS COLD



Charging called on Treston Gonzales while shooting yet clearly he's getting hit on the arm. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Tuesday, January 6, the Paulding Panthers boys basketball team took on Delphos St. Johns at home. From the beginning, the game was quite the challenge for the home team. The Bluejays were burning up the court in the

first quarter, outscoring the Panthers, 18-7. The second quarter they bounced back and kept the other team under control and tied in points with all the foul shots by Corbin Edwards, Brad Craw-

ford, Treston Gonzales, and Ethan Rhonehouse. The first half finished at 21-32. Paulding struggled the rest of the game to make up for the first quarter shortage. Third quarter was another great period for Paulding but,



Corbin Edwards holds the ball close as he drives and jumps for the shot. More pictures at westbendnews.net

not for gaining ground. It was good just in holding the Birds from flying too high. By the fourth quarter, the Delphos team was back to their initial blue streak and pounded the court with shot

after shot, scoring all but one foul shot. Sometimes desperate fouls help, but not in this case.

While the Bluejays hit 7 3-point baskets, the home team didn't make any. Most of the shots were near the key. Scorers of the Game: Paulding - Corbin Edwards 15; Treston Gonzales 12; Alex Arellano 8; Brad Crawford 2; Jarrett Sitton 2; and Ethan Rhonehouse 1

Delphos - Andy Grotthouse 21; Alex Odenweller 18; Evan Hays 10; Austin Heing 4; Tyler Conley 4; Tim Kreger 2; Ryan Hellman 2; Jesse Ditto 2

Score by the Quarter: Paulding - 7 14 10 9=40 St. Johns - 18 14 11 19=63 Paulding is now 4-4. Paulding won the JV game 44-35.

FIVE ESSENTIAL VACATION RENTAL PLANNING TIPS

(NAPSI)—There are two good reasons why now is the ideal time to start planning your family vacation. One is to avoid being among the 40 percent of Americans the U.S. Travel Industry estimates do not use all their earned vacation days. The other is because research indicates the simple act of planning a vacation results in a large boost in happiness that can last for up to eight weeks.

Here's another tip: If you are traveling as a family or group, this year consider staying in a vacation rental. Not only does renting a whole house offer twice the space at half the cost of a hotel room, they also come with a host of budget-friendly amenities. Kitchens make it easy to prepare food using local ingredients rather than eating out at pricey restaurants every meal, while access to washing machines allow travelers to pack less and avoid paying hefty bag-check fees. Many feature added perks, including private pools, hot tubs and game rooms for everyone to join together and create special memories throughout their stay. That's likely why 85 percent of those who stay in a vacation rental plan to do it again on their next family trip or group getaway. "Vacation rentals give travelers a respite from their hectic lives so they can focus on spending time with their loved ones, all gathered together under the same roof," said Rene Syler, who regularly helps travelers find the perfect getaway as host of "Sweet Retreats" on the FYI television network. "Booking a vacation rental is easier than it seems. You just need to know where to start and the right questions to ask before sealing the deal."

Ready to book your own vacation rental? Follow Rene's five essential tips and get ready to pack your bags:

1. Use Sites with the Most Inventory. The more homes to choose from the better your chances will be of finding a property that meets your specific budget and needs, including size, proximity to an attraction, or pet-friendly requirements. Travelers should check out HomeAway.com as it is the world's leading vacation rental marketplace with listings in 190 countries.

2. Read Reviews and Talk with Homeowners. Reviews are a great way to get a better idea of the property and can offer additional insights from

other travelers. Once you have selected a home, pick up the phone and call the homeowner or property manager to ask about anything important to you, like if there is a childproof gate around the pool or if it is wheelchair accessible.

3. Secure a Rental Agreement. Ask for all the details in advance via a rental agreement, such as check-in/check-out times and house rules, to avoid any last-minute surprises. Since rentals are generally reserved further in advance than a hotel room, be sure to note important items such as the refund date.

4. Secure Your Trip. Vacation rentals are a high-ticket item, so it is important to take steps to safeguard your transaction. Always call ahead to confirm the details of your reservation before making a purchase, and only pay via secure services like PayPal or a credit card. Additional insurance can be purchased to protect travelers from a variety of situations, ranging from property damage to cancellation protection.

5. Go Mobile. From purchasing event tickets to hir-

ing babysitters and personal chefs, use apps to turn your smartphone into a digital concierge. On HomeAway's app, travelers can request car rides from Uber, order groceries through Instacart for delivery to their rental, and access Gogobot to help plan

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TIGERS CLAW WOODLAN FOR WIN

The Bluffton Tigers went to Woodlan for the boys basketball game on January 12. The game began with Woodlan getting the ball in the tip off and then scoring the first basket. It was a short lived lead as the Tigers overtook and climbed the point ladder quickly. Nearing the end of the first the home team was able to tighten their defense and driving their offense to the basket. It finished with the guest having a four point lead.

The second quarter was very similar to the first. While the Warriors with the help of Evan Gustin was able to keep the Tigers from gaining a large lead. Bluffton was able to gain another three points in the second quarter and finished the half at 32-25.

What would Woodlan do when they are down this much? Play like they've never played before and keep the ball out of the hands of their competitors!



Freshman Aaron Hahn scores two points for the home team. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The third period was by

far the best for the local boys. Not only where they able to hold off Bluffton but they outscored them by six points and finishing 43-43 and the game was all tied up. The momentum had changed led by Andrew Krahn and Jeffrey Jones.

Alas it wasn't to be the resurrection of the Woodlan win. Bluffton returned the scoring favor back and spirit filled the Tigers to outscore their rivals by six points for their highest scoring quarter. The game finished at 65-59. Not bad, but not enough for the game.

Great game for Evan Gustin as he was the top Woodlan scorer for the game.

Score by the Quarter: Bluffton - 17 15 11 22=65 Woodlan - 13 12 18 16=59

Scorers of the Game: Bluffton - Prible 17, Sturgeon 24, Moser 8, Johnson 3, Baker 2, Moriarity 9, and Cole 2

Woodlan - Jones 12, Fancher 8, Schwartz 6, Krahn 12, Aaron Hahn 2, Gerig 6, and Gustin 13



Woodlan's Austin Fancher pushes past his opponent to score two points under the basket. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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HOUSE PASSES PRO-JOBS, PRO-GROWTH BILLS DURING FIRST WEEK OF 114TH CONGRESS

This week marked the beginning of the 114th Congress, and Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) joined his colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives in passing three pieces of legislation that will proactively address issues with Obamacare and finally approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

H.R. 30, the Save American Workers Act, will help increase hours and wages by eliminating the 30-hour definition of full time employee in the President's health care law and restoring the 40-hour work week.

"Repealing the 30-hour penalty under Obamacare - a rule that especially hurts low income workers and women - will ensure that hardworking Americans don't see their paychecks cut because of the President's poorly thought out law," said Latta. "When many are still struggling to make ends meet, this legislation puts Americans' priorities first and ensures workers can take full advantage of opportunities to provide for their families. This bipartisan bill underscores the House's commitment to the people who elected them to serve, and I encourage the President to rethink his opposition to this legislation and join us in creating real solutions for the American people."

In addition, H.R. 24, the Hire More Heroes Act, which passed with unanimous support, incentivizes small businesses to hire more of our nation's veterans by exempting veterans who already receive health insurance through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or TRICARE from being counted toward the 50-employee mandate under

"An integral part of veterans' assimilation to civilian life is their ability to find jobs and provide for their families," said Latta. "The Hire More Heroes Act is a commonsense, bipartisan solution that encourages small businesses to hire more of our nation's heroes by exempting veterans from the employer mandate if they already receive health insurance through the VA or TRICARE. I am proud to join my colleagues in the House in unanimous support of this legislation that both supports our veterans and promotes small businesses' ability to grow and prosper."

Finally, H.R. 3, the Keystone XL Pipeline Act, approves construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline, which would create more than 40,000 good paying jobs and help make the United States more North American energy independent by moving 830,000 barrels of oil per day. This is the tenth time the House has approved legislation to approve the pipeline, and the President has threatened to veto the bill due to ongoing litigation in Nebraska. However, the Nebraska Supreme Court removed this major legal obstacle today with its ruling.

"We have waited more than six years for construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline to be approved - valuable time that could have gone to creating the tens of thousands of jobs and energy security and independence this project will bring," said Latta. "The President is out of excuses. Delaying this project any further is not an option. It is time for the President to stop playing politics with America's energy future and start putting our interests first by approving the Keystone XL Pipeline."

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ENCOURAGING BILINGUALISM FOR HOOSIERS

By: IN State Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn)

In our constantly growing and diverse nation, our citizens are more connected than ever before. Being bilingual in this environment is a skill that not only helps individuals relate to others around them, but also meets a need of many employers.

My fellow legislators and I have been working on a bill that will establish a state seal of biliteracy, a stamp placed on the diploma, for individuals who demonstrate a high level of proficiency in English and at least one other language. Senate Bill 267 will strengthen intergroup relationships, affirm the value of diversity, and honor the multiple cultures and languages of our community. It will also help strengthen resumes, helping Hoosiers put their skills to use in the global workforce.

The number of Americans who speak a language other than English is on the rise. According to the 2007 census bureau, more than 55 million people in the U.S. speak a language other than English at home.

Currently, people who speak more than one language make up roughly 20 percent of the population and play a significant cultural role in many urban areas all over the nation. This is especially important in Indiana as our state continues to grow and languages other than English become more common in our culture.

Our nation is behind in the bilingual race compared

to other parts of the world like Europe. According to Francois Grosjean, the author of "Bilingual: Life and Reality," 56 percent of the population speaks more than one language in Europe, giving them a cultural and economic advantage.

Being bilingual can provide further qualifications to many professions, and for this reason, I believe this skill should be recognized.

A University of Phoenix Research Institute study found that there is a higher demand for American workers who speak foreign languages, with Spanish and Mandarin Chinese on the rise over the next decade. The International Business Times also noted that the employment of translators and interpreters in the nation, especially in healthcare is expected to jump by 22 percent between 2008 and 2018.

I am confident that Indiana can contribute to the nation and economy in this matter as we require more diverse representation in our state and people begin to master different languages - for the enjoyment of it and to stand out in this competitive job market. We must also highlight those who possess this skill and encourage those individuals to be diplomats, foreign policy specialists, physicians, politicians, entrepreneurs, as well as leaders in both the public and private sector.

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PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL

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Message from CEO/General Manager George Carter

At the November 2014 meeting of the board of trustees, the management team presented the 2015 operating budget. The budget covered all areas of cooperative operations. Developing a budget for a company with \$80 million in assets and over \$30 million in annual revenues is complicated and it is not a simple task. The management team and trustees take this job very seriously. All costs are reviewed. Virtually all areas of operations are looked at and the simple question asked: Is this necessary and if it is can it be done more efficiently?

Efficiency isn't about driving our trucks faster to the next location; or turning the wrenches faster; or typing faster at a keyboard; it's about reviewing our processes and being sure that each step is necessary and adding value

to the job. The management team and all employees are charged with insuring efficiency savings are part of the budget process. Cost management always starts with efficiency.

A big part of the budget is a review of our electric rates. A review of rates starts with an update of the cost of service study or the COSS. Our accounting department updates our COSS each year. The COSS breaks down all the investment necessary to serve each rate class, identifies all the costs associated with each rate class and compares it to the revenue being generated by the rates for each class. With the study completed, the board of trustees can review the financial performance of each rate class. After a careful review of the proposed budget and the cost of service study, the board determined that no rate increase was necessary for 2015.

Stable wholesale power prices are the main driver to stable electric rates. Wholesale

power is nearly 70% of the cooperatives total expenses; minor changes have major impacts. As I explained to the trustees recently, a 1% change in our expenses is about \$45,000; a 1% change in power cost is about \$250,000! Since 2007, our wholesale power costs have increased about \$800,000 per month. (Yes, I said per month!) That is about \$10 million per year that all of us members must pay. This has also been the reason why rates have increased in recent years. Now, with steady power prices; rates to members can be stabilized.

Also, the board recently approved \$1 million in capital credits for 2014 and it's budgeted for 2015 to again approve \$1 million in capital credits. Here's how it works: money remaining after Paulding Putnam's bills are paid each year is known as margins (it is the margin between income and expenses). This money is used for capital expenditures, such as building or replacing lines, and is not paid back immediately. This becomes your investment or equity in the company. In a for-profit company, this money would be called profit. To be a true nonprofit cooperative, we believe this money should be returned to our members...we call it capital credits.

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MARTIAL ARTS TOURNAMENT

There will be a Martial Arts Tournament again this year at Ottawa-Glandorf High School on Sunday January 18, 2015 to benefit the Putnam County Red Cross. The tournament is open to all styles of Martial Artists with registration from 9:00 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. If you have any questions call Mike Maag at 419-296-9931. This is an annual event and we hope to see you there.

OHIO EPA FINALIZES 2015 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT PLAN

Ohio EPA has finalized the 2015 program management plan for the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF). The WPCLF is a revolving loan fund that provides low-interest loans and other financial and technical assistance for a variety of projects to address the quality of Ohio's rivers, streams, lakes and other water bodies.

In August 2014, Ohio EPA solicited and received several hundred project nominations from communities across Ohio. The program management plan lists the projects that will be eligible to receive loan funds in 2015 if program requirements are met.

Significant changes made to the program for 2015 include:

WOODBURN YARN LOVERS MAKE 36 SCARVES FOR INDIANA SPECIAL OLYMPICS



The Yarn Lovers group from the Woodburn Branch Library made 36 scarves for the 2015 Indiana Special Olympics during the last few months of 2014. The scarves will be given to the athletes, volunteers and supporters at

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• As part of the \$6.4 million in principal forgiveness, \$1 million will be provided to the Ohio Department of Health to help counties, communities and individuals address home sewage treatment system problems, particularly those in the Lake Erie basin.

• Specially discounted interest rates (zero percent hard-ship, 1 percent all others) will be offered to those applicants who wish to develop fiscal sustainability plans. These plans include an inventory of critical assets of a wastewater treatment system and a plan for maintaining, repairing and replacing assets as needed.

The primary sources of WPCLF assistance are proceeds from bond issues, available loan repayments and federal capitalization grants. Ohio EPA may issue revenue bonds to help in meeting the coming year's funding requests.

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