

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES GYM LIGHT BOARD AND TAX INCENTIVE



Dr. Sarah Mowery receives tax abatement from the Antwerp School District.

The Antwerp Board of education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 21st.

Paulding County Economic Development director Jerry Zielke was at this meeting to discuss tax break money coming to the school.

Thursday, May 7 was a special meeting. 28 kids were recognized at the ceremony.

Financial Report:
Kristine Stuart gave the financial report:
Income: 655,779.32
Expenses: \$605,573.26
Interest (from loan): 1737.78

If the income tax levy does not get renewed the fiscal years 2016-19 will have a negative cash flow. The intent will be to have it renewed to continue with current budget

process and expenditures.

High School Principal Report - Mr. Mike Bute:

Prom was a huge success. The junior students really did a great job and recognized Mrs. Coleman. After prom went well also and was held at the gym.

Academic awards was made possible because of all the work by Mrs. Rogge.

Academic Boosters was helped tremendously by Mrs. Vail and Mrs. Bagley.

Elementary Principal Report - Mr. Tim Manz:

Laura Woodcox of the Antwerp Branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library is providing summer reading programs for grades 1-3. She presented this to the classes.

Mr. Manz attended a Goo-

MY 102.7 COMES TO PAULDING COUNTY!



Something new in our area! Coming soon on your FM dial, Paulding County's only locally owned and licensed radio station. The Federal Communication Commission has issued a license to Joe Barker to operate on a frequency of 102.7 megacycles. Joe says, "We will be playing The Beatles to Bon Jovi. I wanted to play 'classic rock' but my kids informed

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NEW HAVEN CANAL DAYS 5K IS SET

The New Haven Canal Days 5K will take place on June 6th. We are asking all chamber businesses to participate. It will be held at Havenhurst Park at 8:00 a.m. New Haven Community Foundation is the designated beneficiary. This event will be used for local funding of youth programs, arts, education, cultural enrichment, and parks. It is hopeful that many businesses and the community will participate. This is a great way to invest in the success of the community where you live, work and play. 100% of all pledges collected by employees and all pledge matches go directly to the New Haven Community Foundation.

A FREE 5 Week 5K Training is held on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m., Moser Park. Training is available for beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels.

ANTWERP RIB FEST IS SET FOR JUNE 6TH!

The Antwerp Community Development Committee (ACDC) has finalized plans for the big event of the season, 6th Annual Cleveland Street Rib Fest. On Saturday, the big event will be a variety of rib vendors, a 5K River Run, live music, DJ, hot dogs, corn on the cob, curly fries, lemon shake ups, a beer pavilion, corn hole tournament, and the first ever EMS cot race. Fun for all, all day Saturday!

For more information, call Dustin at 419-506-0576 or Tom at 419-506-0671.

EDGERTON PRESENTS THEIR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

There will be live music at the Edgerton Village Bandstand corner of US 6 and SR 49 in Edgerton, OH.

The Delta Community Band will be performing on Thursday evening, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. The Antwerp Community Band will be performing Thursday evening, June 11 at 7:30 p.m. The Auburn Community Band will be performing Thursday evening June 18 at 7:30 p.m.

The community bands are organizations of individuals who range in age from teenagers to senior citizens who all share a love for music.

Those attending will be treated to a variety of music.

In case of rain, the alternate location will be the Edgerton United Methodist Church, 307 N. Michigan St. This is being hosted by the Edgerton Pythian Sisters and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mark your calendars for these dates!



WELCOME TO: *JOHN PAULDING'S DAYS * RIBFEST * CANAL DAYS

EACS ANNOUNCES TOP SCHOLARS

HERITAGE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL:



Valedictorian: Adam Anthony Beard (12.09 GPA)

Adam is planning to attend Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne to pursue a major in finance and eventually obtain an MBA. "I enjoy analyzing numbers and predicting certain outcomes. Also, I find it interesting to see how businesses have become successful and developed," commented Beard.

Adam Beard played basketball all four years of high school. He was a member of National Honors Society his junior and senior years. Also, he was treasurer for JAG his senior year, and was involved with various activities within his church.

Among the awards, recognitions, and scholarships he has received are the captain of

the basketball team and promoting his junior year. Furthermore Beard comments, "Also, I am very blessed to say that I was awarded the Chancellor's Scholarship, along with the Dormer Distinguished Scholarship at IPFW."

When asked about his insights on his high school experience, Adam had this to say, "Enjoy high school, get to know your teachers, get involved, push yourself to be the best you can, and above all thank God."

Adam also enjoys sports, swimming, raising animals, gardening, and collecting coins outside of school. His parents are Bill and Sandra Beard.

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gle app conference. Mr. McMichael and Mr. Altimus scheduled a field day for the students for the end of school celebration.

Cindy Seslar is stepping aside after volunteering for the past 30 years.

The kids are having a new test for kindergarteners who are on track for passing the third grade assessment test for going into fourth grade.

Superintendent Report - Pat Ross:

Lunch prices - cafeteria is self-funded. All prices will be increased by \$0.10 for each category.

Harold Gottke:

The light board has arrived and it was a discounted board and in good condition. It was used. The laptops were all returned in good condition from the high schoolers.

Retro commissioning:

There were two engineers who came in and inspected the power and there is a lot of opportunity to save energy. Mr. Gottke will be receiving a full report soon.

The gym lights are looking at getting inspected and replaced. This is for the parking lot too. The power will be about 66-75% less usage than

what is being used now. These will be instant on and instant off. The school may also be able to get AEP rebates and the companies may do the grant writing.

Bob Herber asked about having the football field lights retrofitted now before the lights are installed.

New baseball field press box and restrooms. The field house could be changed to have the restrooms included there instead of having new at field.

The fence is now in for the bus garage. Loop is going to reseal the main parking lots and new stripes. A speed bump will be put in close to the bike path to slow traffic down at that point.

Jerry Zielke spoke of a tax break for Sarah Mowery DDS. They plan on having 19% to village, 19% to school, and 2% to Vantage. It will be just on the new building of \$460,000. \$1,826 will be the savings for the company. All new equipment will be put in the office. The entire operations will be in Antwerp instead of one day of week in Paulding. The Paulding office building is owned by Dr. Bricker.

Meeting adjourned.

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: PART 2

Population

According to the 2010 US Census, Antwerp, OH has 1,736 residents. The median age of these residents is 37.9 years old. This median age is actually somewhat less than the median age for Ohio as a whole - which was 38.8. Antwerp's residents are almost all white (98.6%) and they live in 752 households in the Village. Most (464) of these households are "family households" wherein the residents consist of people related by blood, marriage or adoption. The other 288 households are non-family householders and mostly individuals living alone. The average household size is 2.31.

Housing

Antwerp has 838 housing units. Among all of these units, 752 are occupied and 86 are vacant (most vacant units are for rent or for sale). Nearly 2 out of 3 (64.2%) of the housing units are owner-occupied (35.8 % are rental units). This mix of owner/rental housing units is near-

ly equal to the State of Ohio as a whole - where 67.6% of all housing units are owner-occupied and 32.4% are rental units. Housing is very affordable in Antwerp as the median value of an owner occupied unit in Antwerp is \$86,000. The median value of an owner-occupied housing unit for Ohio as a whole was \$135,600. Like most villages and smaller communities in Ohio, most (65.9%) of the housing stock is detached single family units. Additionally, it is evident that about 2/3 of all housing units in Antwerp were built before 1960.

Jobs

Among all of Antwerp's 1,736 residents, 915 people are considered to be in the labor force. Among those that are both in the labor force and employed, the mean travel time to work is 23.7 minutes and the dominant industries are manufacturing, educational services and retail trade. Antwerp's mean travel to work time is only slightly higher than the mean for the whole State of Ohio; which is 22.9 minutes. For the most part, Antwerp's employment opportunities are related to

the proximity of Fort Wayne, IN. The eastern edge of the Fort Wayne Urban area is less than 20 minutes to the west, and the recent completion of the US 24 (Fort to Port) project allows for a comparatively short commute to Fort Wayne, a city of more than ¼ million people, and the surrounding Allen County Indiana area, which includes more than 355,000 people outside Fort Wayne.

Recreation

The Village of Antwerp has two parks. Riverside Memorial Park is located on E. River Street along the Maumee River with pedestrian access to the river. The park includes a Civil War Soldier Statue and memorial tablets honoring Antwerp service men and women. In 2005, new play equipment was installed with efforts of The Friends of the Park Committee. There are five shelter houses, restrooms and picnic tables. Village Green Park is located next to Village Hall on N. Main Street. The park area is landscaped with a pergola and tennis court.

Three lagoons to treat effluent before discharge. A system of storm sewers and catch basins also exist in Antwerp. This system collects storm water from rain events and discharges water to the receiving ditches and waterways (and ultimately the Maumee River).

Utilities

Several private utilities provide services to Antwerp and nearby areas. These include:

- Ohio Gas Company (natural gas)
- American Electric Power (electricity)
- Mediacom (Internet/TV/phone)
- Verizon (Internet/TV/phone)
- Metalink (Internet/TV/phone)
- Brightnet (Internet/TV/phone)



WHEN FREEDOM CAME: EMANCIPATION AND THE QUESTION OF TIMING

Dr. Edna Greene Medford, professor of History at Howard University, will present a lecture celebrating the sesquicentennial of Juneteenth on Friday, June 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., at the Main library Theater, Lower Level 2, 900 Library Plaza.

Dr. Medford's talk will address the issue of how we identify the arrival of African American Freedom.

Every schoolboy and girl knows that on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed a proclamation declaring that all enslaved people in the states (or parts thereof) still in rebellion "are and henceforward shall be free." What happened after that is contested ground. We know that enslaved people experienced emancipation at myriad times and in myriad ways. Some were freed immediately; others were not freed until they exercised agency and fled the plantations; the vast majority awaited the arrival of federal military personnel. Even within certain states that had been visited by Union forces, knowledge of the proclamation did not reach all enslaved inhabitants swiftly or in any uniform way. How, then, do we determine the proper date to celebrate African-American freedom?

Dr. Medford's talk will consider the case for January 1, the date of the Emancipation Proclamation; June 19, or Juneteenth; and December 6, the date the requisite number of states ratified the Thirteenth Amendment.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

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5 IMPORTANT QUESTIONS WHEN CHOOSING YOUR FIRST HOME

With housing prices and mortgage interest rates at historic lows, now is a good time to explore buying a home. To help consumers navigate today's housing market, iAB Financial Bank recommends that potential buyers ask themselves several key questions.

"Buying a home is the single largest investment that most people will make in their lifetime," said Gary Blount, Vice President and Mortgage Banking Manager. "So it is important to take a honest look at your budget first to make sure you are fully prepared to buy a home."

1. How much money do you have saved up?

Start with an evaluation of your financial health. Figure out how much money you have for a down payment or deposit on a rental. Down payments are typically 5 to 20 percent of the price of the home. Security deposits on rentals are usually about one month of rent and more if you have a pet. But be sure to keep enough in savings for an emergency fund. It's a good idea to have three to six months of living expenses to cover unexpected costs.

2. How much debt do you have?

Consider all of your current and expected financial obligations like your car payment and insurance, credit card debt and student loans. Make sure you will be able to make all the payments in addition to the cost of your new home. Aim to keep total rent or mortgage payments plus utilities to less than 25 to 30 percent of your gross monthly income. Recent regulatory changes limit debt to income (DTI) ratio on most loans to 43 percent.

3. What is your credit score?

A high credit score indicates strong creditworthiness. Both renters and homebuyers can expect to have their credit history examined. A low credit score can keep you from qualifying for the rental you want or a low interest rate on your mortgage loan. If your credit score is low, you may want to delay moving into a new home and take steps to raise your score. For tips on improving your credit score, visit aba.com/consumers.

4. Have you factored in all the costs?

Create a hypothetical budget for your new home. Find the average cost of utilities in your area, factor in gas, electricity, water and cable. Find out if you will have to pay for parking or trash pickup. Consider the cost of yard maintenance and other basic maintenance costs like replacing the air filter every three months. If you are planning to buy a home, factor in real estate taxes, mortgage insurance and possibly a home owner association fee. Renters should consider the cost of rental insurance.

5. How long will you stay?

Generally, the longer you plan to live someplace, the more it makes sense to buy. Over time, you can build equity in your home. On

the other hand, renters have greater flexibility to move and fewer maintenance costs. Carefully consider your current life and work situation and think about how long you want to stay in your new home. For more information, visit aba.com/consumers.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL RECEIVES AUDITOR OF STATE AWARD

A recent financial audit of Paulding County Hospital by the Auditor of State's office has returned a clean audit report. Paulding County Hospital's excellent record keeping has earned it the Auditor of State Award.

The Auditor of State Award is presented to local governments and school districts upon the completion of a financial audit. Entities that receive the award meet the following criteria of a "clean" audit report:

- The entity must file timely financial reports with the Auditor of State's office in accordance with GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles)
- The audit report does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Single Audit findings or queted costs;
- The entity's management letter contains no comments related to:
 - Ethics referrals
 - Questioned costs less than \$10,000
 - Lack of timely report submission
 - Reconciliation
 - Failure to obtain a timely Single Audit
 - Findings for recovery less than \$100
 - Public meetings or public records

39th ANNUAL OLD FASHIONED FARMERS DAYS

Come enjoy your 4th of July weekend with us at the Van Wert County Fairgrounds Van Wert OH. The 39th Annual Old Fashioned Farmers Days will be held from July 2-5. There will be fun for the whole family. Antique tractors, gas engines, garden tractors and antique machinery will be on display. Beautiful quilts and needle art work will also catch your eye. The antique car races as well as the car show and antique tractor pull are also liked by all. The kids might enjoy the kiddie tractor pull as well as animal land, cow milking, Grace C Giggles - the clown with a big heart, kids games, and barrel train ride. Some might enjoy strolling through the flea markets and crafts, trading post or just watching the Mule, donkey and miniature horse fun show. There will be much entertainment during the weekend including the fiddle, banjo and harmonica contest, Spittin Image, Jess King Country Gospel, Blind Date and Len Collier Band. A new event this year is the Farmer Days Pageant. It is for all ages and may prove to be exciting. There also will be all kinds of good food including beans and corn bread.

Camping is available on the grounds. For more information on this event for times etc. you can visit our website at <http://www.old-fashionedfarmersdays.com> or call 419-203-2700 or 419-305-2493.

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HICKSVILLE FREE CLINIC CLOSURE

Fountain of Faith Free Medical Clinic was founded in 2007 with the mission to help the uninsured of our community receive vital medical care in a caring and Christian environment. In the eight years since opening, Fountain of Faith has helped nearly 2,000 patients receive this medical care for everything from the common cold to seizure disorders. Without the support of Fountain of Faith partners such as Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville Pharmacy, Summit Radiology and the unwavering support of the community, local churches, businesses and individual donors, none of this would have been possible.

Just as the American public has seen changes in health-care, so too has Fountain of Faith Free Medical Clinic. From the insurance mandate to expansions in Medicaid, Free Clinic patient numbers have drastically reduced over the past eight months and continue to decline steadily. Many other area free clinics with similar missions have also seen their numbers decrease and are either closing or will be soon. For these reasons, the final Fountain of Faith Free Medical Clinic will be June 6th at Community Memorial Hospital Specialty Clinic 2 and then will cease to provide services on June 7, 2015. Patients are encouraged to seek a primary care provider or contact other area reduced-fee clinics such as Community Christian Healthcare Clinic in Grabill or Health Partners of Western Ohio in Bryan and Defiance. An informational forum regarding the closure will be held on Friday, June 5 at 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Community Memorial Hospital, Community Room 2.

Though Fountain of Faith is closing their doors, their mission still continues. Working closely with Community Memorial Hospital, Free Clinic staff have developed the Fountain of Faith Patient Assistance Program. This program will help uninsured patients receive free office visits, labs and xrays through Community Memorial Hospital. Patients can request an application at any area CMH physician office or when registering for test at Community Memorial Hospital. Patients applying for assistance must be from the tri-county area and must have no insurance. Some lim-

itations and exceptions apply. Program available until available resources exhausted.

As individuals and communities navigate the uncertain waters of healthcare, it is more important than ever to heed the word of the Lord, remembering Joshua 1:9, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Community Christian Healthcare Clinic, Inc., Grabill, IN, 260-609-9190

Health Partners of Western Ohio, Defiance, 1-800-569-3980.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Luke 19:40 - What does Jesus mean in this verse?
2. Luke 19:41 - What city did Jesus see?
3. Luke 19:41 - Why did Jesus weep?
4. Luke 19:42 - What day is Jesus talking about here?
5. Luke 19:42 - How do we have this peace?
6. Luke 19:42 - What was hidden from their eyes?
7. Luke 19:43 - Who are the enemies in this verse?
8. Luke 19:43 - What does this mean, build an embankment around you?
9. Luke 19:44 - When was the time of Israel's visitation?
10. Luke 19:44 - Was Jesus prophecy fulfilled?

Comments or questions? Call James Potter at 419-393-4775 or email at jsp1941@yahoo.com. Also you can contact the editor and proof reader at 419-399-5022. Jesus loves you and so does the church of Christ.

Answers to today's questions:

1. If the people ceased shouting, then the stones would burst into cheers, because Christ was establishing His eternal kingdom.; 2. Jerusalem; 3. Jesus had come to give Israel salvation, but the majority of the people refused. Also Jesus knew of the coming judgment on Israel.; 4. Day of salvation; 5. Obeying the gospel; 6. Peace, the way of salvation; 7. Romans; 8. Soldiers, shoulder to shoulder, surrounded Jerusalem, no one in, no one out, no escape; 9. The triumphal entry; 10. Yes, exactly as Jesus said in the Gospels.

Loved ones, history will tell us, just as the Gospels do, that in 70 A.D. Israel fell as a nation. They no longer had a nation, no temple, no records of genealogy, everything was

destroyed. As Jesus said in Matthew twenty four and verse 2 it happened. Josephus in his writings (war 7.1.1) described it like this: as soon as the Roman army had no more people to slay or to plunder, Caesar gave orders that they should now demolish the entire city and temple.

Loved ones, I put a little bit of history in this study to show you how truthful all of the Bible is, this book is absolutely, positively inspired of God for you and I. That we may study and see these truths, so that we may have salvation that Jesus died for. That by obeying what He has written in the New Testament we can have salvation.

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

WHOSE YOU ARE

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

"When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'" Luke 3:21-22 (NIV).

John knew who was standing before him to be baptized. And as he acted in obedience and baptized Jesus, Luke says, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'" As Jesus began the ministry that would ultimately lead him to the cross, it was a powerful affirmation for him to know he was doing the Father's will. In this wonderful act of the Holy Spirit descending upon him and the statement by the Father, we see God in all three parts of the Trinity in complete agreement as to who Jesus is and whose he is. "You are my Son..." Surely Jesus recalled these words and actions every day as he did the ministry he was born for. Jesus did not aimlessly come to the Jordan that day. From creation, Jesus knew he would one day stand at that very spot and be baptized. He came to earth to bring glory to God. He went to the cross to bring glory to God. He rose on Easter morning to bring glory to God. And what was true for Jesus is true for us. We are all created to bring glory to God.

In our baptism, too, God affirms us as chosen children of God, in whom he is well pleased. When we know who we are, sinners saved by grace, and know whose we are; children of God created to glorify God then life can never be the same. Although temptations, trials, fears, and problems may abound, we can remain true and strong, children of God, in whom he is well pleased. And with each victory, and with each step forward in our faith, we will remain strong and true, for we are indeed children of God, in whom he is well pleased.

DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 4th NINE WEEKS 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR

FOURTH GRADE: Maggie Cox, Tyler Davis
FIFTH GRADE: Grady Vogel, Molli Shepherd, Claire Schweller, Ryan Rupp, Joel Reinhart, Kaden Recker, Leslie Pollock, Christina Graham, Cameron Graham

SIXTH GRADE: Cameron Cox, Kenadie Daeger, Allison Dyson, Carson Rupp, Kaden Sutton, Garrett Williamson

DEFIANCE COLLEGE STUDENTS TO AID WITH NOCAC SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

Defiance College Service Leadership Program is collaborating with Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission (NOCAC) for a children's lunch program in Defiance County this summer.

With support by the USDA and local United Way agency, NOCAC is running its Summer Food Service Program June 8 - August 13 in Defiance County. The goal of the program is to provide free meals to low-income children ages 1 to 18 (ages 1 to 5 must have a parent present), and over 18 with a disability. Of Defiance City School children, 53 percent qualify for the program. In 2014, NOCAC ran three sites that fed 614 unduplicated children with 3,617 total meals served.

This year, there will be five locations serving Monday through Friday (times listed below). A fun, health-promoting activity will follow at each location. All meals follow guidelines set by the USDA. Defiance College Service Leaders will help host meals at the Diehl Park site (Noon - 12:45 p.m.), which will be managed by Jordan Heiliger, coordinator of the Service Leadership Program, senior Cormack Lazarus, and junior Marissa Bramble. A bus route is being scheduled to help children get to the park and home each day. Please call 419-784-2150 ext. 1110 for registration.

Other sites are located at: Kingsbury Park (Noon - 12:45 p.m.), Latty's Grove (11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.), Defiance Elementary School Dawg Pound (closed enrolled site), and Hebron Ministries (11:30 a.m. - Noon). Each site is run by volunteers in the community. Volunteers can assist with serving the meals, helping with the activity, reading to children, etc. Various talents to entertain different age groups are wanted. Volunteers are to report to their location various times between 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Anyone who would like to volunteer should contact Jordan Heiliger at 419-783-2479 or Heidi Keweenaw at 419-784-2150 ext. 1110.

FAMILY ADVENTURES EXPLORED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ



How to have family adventures will be discussed at Lifetree Café on Thursday, June 4 at 7:00-8:00 p.m.

The program, titled "Low-Cost No-Cost Adventures," features a filmed interview with the Abbots, a family that regularly sets off on family adventures.

"You don't have to spend a lot of money to have a great adventure. I think it's more about working out problems as a family that brings us closer together," says Brian and Jodi Abbott's oldest, Graham.

Participants will get practical tips for having low-cost or no-cost adventures and

explore the barriers to family adventures.

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

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

FETTER & FRIENDS VISITS PAULDING & OAKWOOD STUDENTS



Jack Fetter, director of Fetter and Friends visited the third graders at Paulding and Oakwood Elementary Schools presenting his amazing program on animals and their habitats. Once he completes his presentation he al-

lows the students to feel the animals; their hides, fur, and hair. Shown in this photo is Mrs. Brenda Doster's class from Paulding Elementary with Jack standing in the back row.

WATCH YOUR ATHLETE SOARE!

SUMMER SOARE PROGRAMS will be held in East Allen County this summer. These programs were developed to bring quality coaching and training to enhance athletic performance for grades 5th through 8th. As we all know, 80-85% of an athletes success is based on their effort, and 20% is the knowledge, guidance, leadership and motivation of the coaches and trainers. Our professionals have over 120 years of experience and want to help your athlete soare, both individually and within their sport.

Programs run June 8th - July 17th.

Monday and Wednesdays are SPORT 4U CLINICS and offered at two locations.

Prince Chapman Academy 9:15-10:30 a.m. baseball, basketball, and track/ 10:30-11:45 a.m. is volleyball.

New Haven High School 10:15-11:30 a.m. are Tennis and Cheer/Tumble/Stunt.

Tuesdays and Thursdays is

the TRAIN 2 SOARE (T2S) program works on speed, overall strength, agility, range of motion, and educational support for parents. T2S is located at Prince Chapman 9:00 a.m. - 5/6th girls; 10:00 a.m. 5/6th boys, 11:00 a.m. 7/8th (both)

S3TRAINING is another program offered providing sport specific small group (4-6) focused training, this program provides a trainer that will work closely with the group to enhance specific skills athletes and parents want them to work (this program is for grades 5-12).

Online registration is already open and available at www.wellstrategiesinc.org. Registration will remain open the first week (June 8-11).

For questions, please contact Kerri Zurbuch at 260-433-0024 or email her at Kerri@wellstrategiesinc.org. Well Strategies Inc is not-for-profit 501c focused on building strong foundations for total wellness. Well Strategies is the developer of the SUMMER SOARE PROGRAMS and Indiana Physical Therapy is the program sponsor.

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Salutatorian: Robert Thomas Ottenweller (12.019GPA)

Robert Ottenweller plans to attend IPFW after high school and pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He has chosen this career path because he feels that the field of study is a good fit for him and his strengths.

Robert was involved in basketball and baseball during high school. He has been awarded the Chancellor's Distinguished Scholarship at IPFW.

Robert had this to say about his high school experience, "You only have four years of high school. It is up to you to make the most of them."

Outside of school, Robert enjoyed being outdoors and spending time with friends. His parents are Tom and Greta Ottenweller.

LEO JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL:



Valedictorian: Kylie Anne Ryan (11.85 GPA)

Kylie plans to attend Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, IN. She plans to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Marketing with a minor in Intercultural Studies. "I have chosen this field of study because I enjoy taking business related courses and marketing has always interested me because it is the perfect combination of creativity, art, and business. I want to minor in intercultural studies because I want to learn about different cultures to be more prepared for my future missions."

Kylie is currently a member of the Leo Jazz choir (4 years), was a member in the Leo drama department (3 years), a part of the Leo Lions Volleyball team (2 years), National Honor Society (3 years), Leo Interact Club (3 years, co-chair 1 year, treasurer 1 year), Students Sharing Hearts (2 years), Student Council (4 years), Class of 2015 Vice President, cashier at SkyZone

Fort Wayne (2 years), Tournament Assistant Manager at Fort Wayne Volleyball Club (3 years), Kid City 1st grade classroom teacher at Pathway Community Church (4 years), Pathway Community Church Impact Youth Group (4 years), current vocal student in the Bella Voce studio (5 years), Community Harvest Food Bank Volunteer, Red Cross Blood Drive Volunteer, Special Olympics Volunteer, and Feed My Starving Children Volunteer.

Kylie has earned the Mary Penrose Clark Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship through the YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne, Indiana Wesleyan University Faculty Scholarship, and 6-year choir member award.

"My high school experience has been really great. I learned a lot about who I am as a person, about how to interact with other people, and the importance of staying organized. I learned that with hard work and perseverance, I could become the best that I can be," Kylie stated.

Kylie works at SkyZone Fort Wayne and Fort Wayne Volleyball Club, sings in the school choir, participates in the school theatre department, takes vocal lessons, and participates in youth group/teach a Sunday school class at Pathway Community Church. She works out at the Parkview YMCA and played club volleyball with Fort Wayne Volleyball Club. Her parents are Sean and Susan Ryan.



Salutatorian: Connor Van Ooyen (11.84 GPA)

Connor is undecided where he will go to pursue a degree in Economics and Computer Science. He believes that they are two of the most interesting and applicable degrees offered. Connor has participated in basketball, soccer, been a JH Campus Life leader, and an NHS member. He has earned the National Merit Scholar award

About his high school experience, Connor said, "It's not really all that fun, I do not enjoy waking up that early, internships are a good thing, if you are bored it is because you are boring, we all need to learn how to learn."

Connor is also involved in sports, weightlifting, and various indoor and outdoor activities, along with the occasional water sport outside of school. His parents are Doreen and Joseph Van Ooyen.

NEW HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL:



Valedictorian: Robert Zachary Watson (12.07 GPA)

Robert is planning to attend Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Princeton University or Purdue University to pursue a degree in Chemical Engineering because it involves all of the subjects that he is interested in - which are mathematics, chemistry and physics. He was involved in football, basketball, track, student council, National Honor Society, NHHS link crew, and Fellowship Christian Athletes. He also earned the Rensselaer Math and Science Award, Perfect Attendance, and various subject-specific awards

Robert commented about his high school experience in this way, "You get out of a high school experience what you put into it. I maximized my time in high school and succeeded, but also enjoyed every day of it. I worked hard in and out of the classroom and stayed focused on my end goal. I am glad it finally paid off."

Robert also enjoys church/youth group, sports and statistics, and has a part-time job at Dairy Queen outside of school. His parents are Erik and Karen Watson.

Salutatorian: Adam Hoffer (11.6 GPA)



Adam plans to attend The University of Saint Francis to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Risk Management Insurance. He has chosen this particular field of study because he has a passion for the business field and dreams of working with his uncle in the insurance business.

During high school, Adam participated in football, basketball, track, National Honors Society (President), Principal's Cabinet, Freshman Mentor, Student Athletic Council (President), and Umpire for NH softball league

Adam earned a Football Scholarship, Colt's Academic All-Star, IFCA All-State, 1st Team All-Conference, Academic All-State, DAR representative, and was selected for the North-South All-Star game

Adam had this to say about his high school experience, "It has been amazing. I have no regrets and have enjoyed my experiences throughout my four years at NHHS. I truly believe I have had the "Crown Jewel" of high school experiences."

Outside of school Adam likes to do sports/lifting weights, hang out with friends, and play with his cat. His parents are Troy and Deb Hoffer.

WOODLAN JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL:



Valedictorian: Thomas (11.795 GPA)

Thomas plans to attend IPFW after graduation to pursue a degree in U.S. History and Math Education. "I chose this particular field of study because I want to give back to the community and educate them like they educated me," Thomas commended.

Thomas was in the Academic Top Ten, and has received a nomination certificate for Indiana Academic All-Stars. He earned a plaque in 7th and 8th grade for earning all A's. He also earned a chief citizen of the year plaque in 8th grade.

"I have learned that the best teachers are those who are enthusiastic and passionate. I have learned that a person's success depends on their willingness to try. I have learned that school has a lasting effect on our minds and souls," stated Thomas.

Outside of school, Thomas enjoys watching movies, playing video games, listening to music, reading books, traveling, watching TV and lifting weights. His parents are Gary and Erin Bartle.



Salutatorian: Victoria A. Cook (11.73 GPA)

Victoria plans to attend Purdue or Butler University and pursue a Bachelor's and

then a Master's degree in a science-related field. "I am leaning towards entering the medical field," she states. "I find science interesting and the medical field should be fulfilling both financially and professionally."

During high school, Victoria has been involved in soccer for 4 years (4 years varsity), basketball for 4 years (2 years varsity), track and field for 4 years (4 years varsity), student council for 2 years, National Honor Society, and women's ensemble. She has earned Academic All-Conference (soccer and basketball), scholar athlete (4 years), soccer: 2nd team All-Conference (2 years), 1st team All-Conference (1 year), offensive MVP (4 years), team captain (2 years), Academic All-Conference (1 year), Bas-

ketball: captain (1 year), most improved award (1 year), Academic All-Conference (1 year), Track: mental athlete award (1 year), 2nd team All-Conference (1 year), most improved distance runner (1 year, runner-up MVP (1 year), National Honor Society: president (1 year), vice president (1 year), Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship and Sertoma Award.

Victoria give this reflection of her high school experience, "High School has given me some great memories and has allowed me to grow into the person I am today but I am ready to move on to the next big thing."

Outside of school Victoria was also in sports and club soccer. Her parents are Roseann and Alvin Cook.

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Broughton: Kohart's Surplus & Salvage

Bryan: Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center

Cecil: Cecil Elevator, Maramart, Vagabond

Charloe: Charloe Store

Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware

Defiance: Newman's Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Cabin Fever Coffee, Cabbage Patch Convenience Store

Edgerton: Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Frager's Barbershop, Utilities Office

Grover Hill: Ross' Gas Station, N&N, Quick Stop

Grabill: Do-It Best Hardware, Save-A-Lot

Hicksville: Cline's Market, Hickory Hills Golf Course, Sailers, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, H20, Senior Center

Melrose: Uncle Fudd's Diner, Morning Star Convenience Store

Oakwood: Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware

Paulding: Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Chief, Corner Bob's Restaurant, Woodburn Market, Integrity Ford, Napa Xpress, Country Oasis, and True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Holly

Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid/Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Country Inn Living Center, Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW Post 587

Payne: Lichty's Barber Shop, Payne Super Valu, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza

Scott: Scott Variety Store

Sherwood: Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank,

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Fort Wayne: Walmart (Maysville Rd.)

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Monroeville: Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General

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AN INTERVIEW WITH CHARLES J. FOSTER

By: Stan Jordan

Charles J. Foster was born in Fort Wayne, IN on September 27, 1919. His parents were Charles and Margaret Canning Foster. There were two children in the family.

He attended North Side High School and graduated from there in 1939. He was a staunch Redskin.

He was pale and sickly at this time with all the children's diseases including diphtheria. This took him an extra two years to graduate from high school.

After high school he attended Indiana State Teachers' College. This was near Terra Haute. He graduated there in 1930. They were the "Sycamores".

He earned his Master's Degree from Indiana University. He majored in History and English Literature. He could have gone on and received his PhD in history, but the funds were not there to continue.

His first job teaching was in Hannah, Indiana.

He came to Antwerp in 1949 when Mr. Oley Zedekar was Superintendent. He taught here for 28 years and retired when he was 65.

He retired to his home in Otter Lake in the Lake James chain. He really enjoyed being there and still owns the cottage.

Charlie fished a lot at the lake along with a speedboat and shed full of fishing gear. He loves to sit outdoors and watch the fall colors take over the forests. His neighbors were Louis and Ellie Schoenike.

And he always enjoyed their company. He loves living at the lake, but his in-home caretaker had to leave, and so he moved back to Antwerp to the Vancrest Assisted Living Facility. He has now been here a year and loves the facility and the people.

On Otter Lake he donated some acreage to the ACRES Land Trust and this is to stay in its natural surroundings.

He related that he was married at one time, but it did not work out.

His sister, MaryMae, married and settled down, not attending college. Charlie stated, "My father died when I was seven years old." He always missed not having a father around. "I was a sophomore when I decided to be a history teacher." Charlie said.

Charlie has an uncle, Dr. Kinning, who has a PhD in Chemistry. At times he regrets not getting his doctorate.

Fishing is one of his hobbies. He used to go to Wisconsin with fellow teacher Wayne Fleck in early June each year just after school let out. He enjoyed gardening and all types of sports—including baseball and football. He has been to one major league baseball game. He is an avid Green Bay Packer fan.

Charlie is 95 years old and

he is in great shape physically and mentally. Over the years he has touched the lives of hundreds if not thousands of students in this area. He has a multitude of friends. Charlie—I have always enjoyed our conversations just like I enjoyed visiting with you the other day. It was nice talking with you. See ya!



THE ROTARY BREAKFAST

By: Stan Jordan

I attended the pancake and sausage breakfast on Memorial Day morning down at St. Mary's Center (Divine Mercy) put on by the Antwerp Rotary.

It was well attended like usual. The Rotary has put this on for over 30 years. You just sit around, talk and drink coffee. I talked with Shawn Dooley, a minor official in the club. He was also our waiter for the morning. "This is our major fundraising event for the Rotary," Shawn stated. He said they are backers of over 20 local activities and scholarships.

I know that Rotary International's main project is the eradication of polio in all of Africa. Over the last few years they have sponsored over 8 million vaccines for the youngsters. They are doing a good job but they still have a long way to go.

They have a number of projects going on locally. The big one right now is to repair the local tennis courts. Jarison Steiner told me, "The tennis courts really need repaired."

I understand the Antwerp EMS are also having a Pancake and Sausage breakfast on the morning of the Ribfest on Saturday, June 6 at the EMS building from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. I encourage everyone to go and back the local EMS. You will get to meet the new technicians.

See ya!

USDA ANNOUNCES \$235 MILLION AVAILABLE FOR INNOVATIVE NEW CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIPS

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced on May 4, 2015, an investment of up to \$235 million to improve the nation's water quality, combat drought, enhance soil health, support wildlife habitat and protect agricultural viability. The funding is being made available through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), the newest conservation tool of the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

RCPP, created by the 2014 Farm Bill, empowers local leaders to work with multiple partners—such as private companies, local and tribal governments, universities, non-profit groups and other non-government partners—along with farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners to design solutions that work best for their region. Local partners and the federal gov-

ernment both invest funding and manpower to projects to maximize their impact. This will be the second round of projects funded through RCPP. The RCPP program helps USDA build on already-record enrollment in conservation programs, with over 500,000 producers participating to protect land and water on over 400 million acres nationwide.

"This is a new, innovative approach to conservation," said Vilsack. "This initiative allows local partners the opportunity to design and invest in conservation projects specifically tailored for their communities. These public-private partnerships can have an impact that's well beyond what the Federal government could accomplish on its own. These efforts keep our land and water clean, and promote tremendous economic growth in agriculture, construction, tourism, and other industries."

Vilsack continued, "We had tremendous interest from local partners when we first launched this program last year. In this new round of applications, we'll be looking for even greater emphasis on expanding partnerships that break down barriers, work across boundaries, leverage resources and create new opportunities for innovation."

Secretary Vilsack made the announcement at a signing ceremony in Denver for the Colorado Pressurized Small Hydropower Partnership Project, a 2015-funded project that focuses on water quantity resource concerns in Colorado. The project, which will receive \$1.8 million in NRCS support alongside local partner investments, will facilitate the conversion of flood irrigation systems to more resource-efficient pressurized irrigation systems with integrated hydropower.

"USDA continues to look for new opportunities to address drought across the West. RCPP projects like this one in Colorado highlight the work the NRCS is doing with partners to increase efficiency while supporting production," Vilsack said.

In January, USDA delivered first round funding to 115 high-impact projects, including the Colorado project, across all 50 states and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

One of these projects, "Securing Private Working Forests to Benefit Longleaf Pine, Threatened and Endangered Species, and Military Readiness," will restore approximately 20,000 acres of longleaf near as many as seven military installations across the country through the purchase of conservation easements. The project will enhance longleaf forests while also increasing the forested buffer around military bases. Longleaf forests produce valuable products, such as high quality wood and pulpwood for paper, that are important to rural economies. Also, these forests are home to many rare species, and by restoring the habitat on which they depend, their populations will grow.

Another project, "The Tri-State Western Lake Erie Basin Phosphorous Reduction Initiative" brings together more than 40 partnering organizations from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana to reduce the runoff of phos-

GROVER HILL STUDENTS CREATE VOLTAGE CITY



Lauren Walls and Claudia Sinn talking to 2nd graders.



Brody Hershberger and Jakob Landwehr.

At Grover Hill Elementary, Miss Kathy Sinn's fifth graders have researched one of the ten energy sources. Then as a team they designed and created from "junk" a model of the

source being used. Finally the student body and staff toured the town "Voltage City" enabling the students to share their energy projects.

phorous to waterways in the western basin of Lake Erie. The lake has suffered from nutrient pollution for years, including last year's water crisis that left 400,000 residents in the Toledo, Ohio area without water to drink, bathe or cook. From providing clean drinking water to employing thousands of people in the tourism industry, the health of Lake Erie affects nearly every aspect of life in the region. This project will target funding to the streams and rivers that have the largest impact on water quality in the lake.

In January, USDA announced \$394 million in awards in the first round of RCPP applications (which represented two years' worth of funding for fiscal years 2014 and 2015).

This announcement was made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill. The 2014 Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for taxpayers. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and

ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life.

USDA is now accepting proposals for RCPP. Pre-proposals are due July 8. For more information on applying, visit the RCPP website.

VAN WERT MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & SWAP

A Model Railroad Show & Swap will take place on Saturday, July 11 2015 and Sunday, July 12 2015 at the Van Wert County Fairgrounds (S. Washington St., Van Wert, Ohio, SR 127, south side of Van Wert).

Times on Saturday, July 11 are 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday, July 12, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.


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LONELINESS: A REAL HUMAN CONDITION

The Nurturing Well by: Jill Starbuck

At one time or another, everyone has experienced some form of loneliness. However, loneliness is different from being alone. Alone is when you are literally by yourself and not in the presence of other people. Loneliness is a sense of emptiness or disconnection. Therefore, it can happen even when you are surrounded by people. Perhaps you've been to a party where you were in a sea of people but couldn't connect with anyone. Or you've had a roommate that barely spoke to you. Even though you lived with someone, you may have still felt lonely. People who work from home have to take special measures to ensure they don't become lonely from constant isolation.

While being lonely is a natural part of life, it becomes a problem if it becomes long term. Loneliness can be particularly troublesome for the elderly population. These people may have lost spouses and countless other loved ones as they've aged. They may have even lost the comfort of their own homes and are forced to live in retirement centers. Such disruptions can create lonely environments, robbing the elderly of their sense of identity and normalcy.

Loneliness is a very individual experience. Many times, loneliness leaves people feeling empty or unwanted. While lonely people may crave socialization, they often do not know how to bring themselves to make connections. Therefore, loneliness

can bring a wide range of negative effects, some of which include depression, higher stress levels, antisocial behavior, substance abuse, and others.

If you feel that you may be experiencing the effects of loneliness, try some of the following to overcome it.

1. Volunteer. Search for ways you can help others. Helping others often gives us a sense of accomplishment and can be one of the most rewarding experiences in our lives. Try helping others who may be experiencing the same thing you are. Good places to start would be nursing homes, hospices, orphanages, and others. People in these types of institutions often experience loneliness and just need a good conversation or a nice visitor to make them feel better. Remember, a simple gesture such as a smile, a handshake, or a hug can often provide the best cure.

2. Discover your passion. Is there something that you've always wanted to do, but never made it a priority? Perhaps money or family was a factor. Learn what it is that makes you tick and go for it. When we love what we do, little else can interfere with our happiness. Loneliness doesn't even come into the equation when we find ourselves enjoying what we are most passionate about. Chances are that whatever your passion turns out to be, others will be there too.

3. Get a pet. Pets provide us with unconditional love and companionship. Taking care of a pet gives many of us a purpose and something to look forward to on a daily basis.

4. Join a gym. Oftentimes, loneliness can make us neglect important parts of our lives. A gym membership can help ensure that you are physically treating your body properly. While many people can just as easily work out at home, going to a gym may give you a sense of belonging. For some people, just being around others is enough to overcome the sense of loneliness.

5. Pick up the phone.

While it can become difficult over time to make connections, start by picking up the phone. Call a relative or a friend and just talk. After a while, you may feel the need to make plans and actually meet face to face. Making that first step can take you a long ways.

Long-term loneliness can create long-lasting side effects. Take control as soon as you can to reverse those side effects. Remember that there is always someone or something out there that can make you feel connected. But you have to be the one to make that first step.

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.

LOCAL EDUCATOR PUBLISHES NEW PSAT/NMSQT® TEST PREP BOOK WITH NATIONAL PUBLISHER, BARRON'S EDUCATIONAL SERIES

Brian Stewart, President of Columbus tutoring company BWS Education Consulting, Inc. (www.bwseducationconsulting.com), was chosen after the success of his ACT prep book, Barron's ACT, by Barron's Educational Series to completely rewrite its PSAT/NMSQT® prep book. The new book, Barron's Strategies and Practice for the New PSAT/NMSQT, will be available worldwide by July 1st. The PSAT® is both a practice SAT® and the qualifying test for National Merit® and National Achievement® scholarships.

The PSAT® will change in 2015 to focus on real-world applications of grammar, vocabulary, and mathematical skills in two sections—Math, and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing. Other changes include: abandonment of the guessing penalty, top score changing to 1600, and a greater focus on data analysis and statistics.

Stewart was able to draw upon his background in teaching thousands of central Ohio students to craft all of the book sections himself, allowing for a very cohesive presentation of test-taking strategy. Students in Stewart's test prep classes and individual tutoring clients practiced with portions of the manuscript, helping perfect the material before publication.

Brian Stewart is a former high school teacher who started his own educational consulting business. Stewart's company, BWS Education Consulting, Inc. (www.bwseducationconsulting.com), has worked with thousands of students throughout Central Ohio and around the world to improve test scores, and earn admission to top colleges.

Stewart is also the creator of www.FreeTestPrep.com, a website that provides free test prep and college admissions resources to students everywhere.

11th ANNUAL ROBERT "BO" REID MEMORIAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

The 11th Annual Robert "Bo" Reid Memorial Baseball Tournament will be held July 25-26, 2015 in Tiffin, OH. There will be 8-under, 10-under, and 12-under divisions. This will be a round robin play tournament with a 3-game guarantee. Only the first eight teams in each age division will be accepted. This tournament will fill up soon, so get your entry in soon. Individual trophies will be presented to the 1st 2nd, 3rd and 4th place teams. Registration forms and more information is available at www.tiffinparks.com or contact Brad Lonsway at 419-443-5440 or email btlonsway@aol.com

PEREGRINE FALCON CHICKS TO BE BANDED IN PORT CLINTON

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) banded peregrine falcon chicks Thursday, May 28, in Port Clinton at the Ottawa County Courthouse.

ODNR Division of Wildlife biologists will outfit the three week old peregrine falcon chicks with state and federal identification bands.

Recovery efforts and use of man-made structures for nesting have allowed falcons to breed in Ohio since the late 1980s. Ohio's peregrine falcon population grew steadily through the 1990s. In 2014 the Ohio Division of Wildlife identified 34 territories that fledged 67 young.

The falcon population has recovered to a point that they were removed from the Federal Endangered Species list in 1999 and will be removed from Ohio's threatened species list later this summer. The recovery of the peregrine falcon, like the American bald eagle and white-tailed deer, is a wildlife management success story! After delisting, peregrine falcons will still be protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The Division of Wildlife will continue to monitor the peregrine falcon population statewide, but to a lesser extent.

Ohio's peregrine falcon program is supported by the state income tax check-off program, donations to the Wildlife Diversity and Endangered Species Fund, and sales of cardinal license plates. Donations can also be made via the Internet at wildohio.gov. License plates may be purchased from local deputy registrars or by calling 1-888-PLATES3. Matching federal funds are provided through the State Wildlife Grant program for this project and other wildlife diversity efforts of the Division of Wildlife that target species of greatest conservation need.

For more information about peregrine falcons and nesting locations across the state, visit: http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/wildlife-watching/falcon-cam

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PAULDING CO. CHAPTER OF THE OHIO GENEALOGY SOCIETY: WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE



Our May 13th meeting began with member Robert Wilder introducing our guest speaker, Sharon Zonker. Her presentation included period costume clothing and an array of quilts depicting this era.

"Women's Suffrage - Right to Vote."

On Election Day in 1920, millions of American women exercised their right to vote for the first time. It took activists and reformers nearly 100 years to win that right. Women did not have rights to hold public office; serve on a jury; own property; keep their work wages (was given to husbands) and if divorced they lost all inheritance and their children to the husband. American women were declaring for the first time that they, like men, deserve all the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

The campaign for women's suffrage began decades before the Civil War. During the 1820s and 30s, most states had extended the franchise to all white men, regardless of how much money or property they had. All sorts of reform groups were proliferating across the United States. In religious movements, moral-reform societies, anti-slavery organizations, women played a prominent role.

In 1848, a group of mostly women abolitionist activists gathered in Seneca Falls, New York to discuss the problem of women's rights around the world. Susan B. Anthony, a great orator and Elizabeth Stanton, the speech writer, pooled their talents along with Frances Willard to promote American women who deserved their own political identities & have the right to vote.

During the 1850s, the women's rights movement lost momentum when the Civil War began. After the war ended, the 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution raised familiar questions of suffrage and citizenship. As a result, they refused to support the 15th Amendment. This animosity eventually faded, and in 1890 the two groups merged to form the National American Woman Suffrage Association. By then, the suffragists' approach had changed. Instead of arguing that women deserved the same rights and responsibilities as men they argued that women deserved the vote because they were different from men.

Starting in 1910, some Western states began to extend the vote to women for the first time in almost 20 years. Still, the more established Southern and Eastern states resisted. In 1916, NAWSA president Carrie Chapman Catt unveiled what she called a "Winning Plan" to get the vote at last.

World War I slowed the suffragists' campaign. Women's work on behalf of the war effort proved that they were just as patriotic and deserving of citizenship as men.

On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was finally ratified.

(Source in part: http://www.history.com/topics/womens-history/the-fight-for-womens-suffrage).

June 10th a social meeting will be held in the Antwerp Riverside Park pavilion at 6:30 p.m., including a picnic style meal with the Society providing the chicken. A Riverside Cemetery walk will follow, with any member wanting to give a short report the person/family buried there. There will not be meetings in the months of July and August.

Information: Contact Ray Keck 419-399-4415 or Karen15806@gmail.com

DOUBLEHEADER SPLIT FOR WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott

Austin Fancher tripled and homered as the Woodlan tuned up for sectional play with a 15-1 over the Fremont Eagles in five innings on Memorial Day. Woodlan got 10 hits and the Eagles committed 6 errors as the Warriors scored in every inning, getting 8 runs in the fourth inning to help end the game early. Triston Moses got the win, allowing just 1 runs on 7 hits for Fremont. In the second game of the doubleheader, Fremont scored 3 runs in the third inning and then added 5 more and built a 12-7 lead over the Warriors. The Eagles hung on as Woodlan scored 3 times in the seventh to trim the lead to 12-10 but the Warriors couldn't complete the comeback and fell to the Eagles for a doubleheader split. Woodlan outhit the Eagles 15-11 with Shawn Kitzmiller getting a homerun and a double and Ben Schwartz adding a double and a triple.

Score by the Inning - Game #1:

Woodlan - 1 1 2 8 3=15, 10H, 3E

Fremont - 1 0 0 0=1, 7H, 6E

Score by the Inning - Game #2:

Woodlan - 1 0 2 2 1 1 3=10, 15H, 5E

Fremont - 2 0 3 5 0 2 x=12, 11H, 4E

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RENOWNED SOUTHERN-AIRES TO APPEAR AT ROCKFORD BELLE ON JUNE 6, ROCKFORD, OH



On Saturday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. with doors open at 6:00 p.m., the Rockford Belle at 135 Market Street will host the highly applauded southern-gospel concert performers, The Southern-Aires, of Dayton, OH. Born-again Christian Jess King, of Jess King & Country Gospel (Cecilia), will emcee the event and perform. King has been in the music business for nearly 50 years and has made long-lasting friendships with performers in the business. He is no stranger to the Rockford Belle and has shared the stage with many friends on

numerous occasions over the years.

Organized in 1955, The Southern-Aires includes founding member Dall Miller, Darrell Webb, Wanda Webb, Sam Gabbard and the newest member, Adam Castle. Although the faces may have changed over the years, the message and the ministry have remained the same. Their musical journey began at a time when a new musical style was sweeping across the country. The music became known as Southern-Gospel, and as its popularity spread, so did the popularity of the

Southern-Aires.

The demand for personal appearances has taken them all over the eastern United States and into foreign countries where they perform approximately 50 weeks per year. From small rural churches to large municipal auditoriums, the Southern-Aires have ministered and entertained people of all ages, and from all walks of life.

Over the 60 years that the group has been singing and spreading the Good News, they have recorded more than 40 albums and introduced numerous chart-topping gospel songs including "I'll see you in the Rapture" and "I'll Never be the Same Anymore," which have gained worldwide acclaim. Currently, the group is busy working on a new CD recording project of "classic" gospel songs.

While they are proud of their past accomplishments and rich heritage, they are even more excited about what God is doing now, and into the future. They want to see Christians encouraged and the Church strengthened so the community can be reached for Christ.

Mark your calendar for what will be a robust life-changing concert on June 6, 2015. Be inspired with the evening's performances of smooth harmonies and amazing vocal ranges resonating throughout The Belle. For continued concert updates and communication, click on to FACEBOOK and follow The Rockford Belle. For more information call Tom Rogers at 567.644.9993 or Nancy Ritz at 567.259.9211.

PRESCHOOL GRADUATION AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool recently held their end of the year celebration and picnic at LaFontaine Park. The children enjoyed a picnic with their families, and then they performed some of

their favorite songs. Here, the children are singing "Oh, What a Miracle" along with sign language for everyone's enjoyment. Don't forget that Ann's Bright Beginnings offers summer child care! You

may bring your three year old to 12 year old children for all day fun, learning, and friendships. Call 419-399-KIDS for more information!

CELEBRATING FEMALE ENTREPRENEURS IN NORTHWEST OHIO

As the father of two young girls, I want them to have every opportunity afforded to them in life. Whether to be astronauts, professional athletes, CEOs or professors, I want their dreams to be within reach and I want them to be able to pursue those dreams here in the Buckeye State.

As the first stop for anyone wishing to start a new business in Ohio, we're working hard in the Secretary of State's Office to make getting your new business off the ground quickly and easily. That's why each month, we choose an industry or sector of Ohio's economy to highlight and promote in order to raise awareness for the hard working and unique businesses in our state.

May 2015 is "Wom-

en-Owned" business month in Ohio and one of the businesses we are highlighting is from right here in Northwest Ohio.

Heidi Bisbee put her love of art, photography and helping people to use by founding her own marketing firm, Bizzybee Marketing. At Bizzybee, now Heidi has the opportunity to put those passions to work and, as she says, "make her business by promoting the best in business."

This is just one of the many great examples out there. Female entrepreneurs represent 28 percent of all Ohio businesses and that number is on the rise. Since 1997, we've seen a 31 percent growth in female-owned businesses and those businesses have seen a collective 49 percent growth in revenues.

Possibly more importantly, women-owned businesses

employ 289,000 Ohioans, accounting for \$7 billion in annual payroll.

Identifying good role models for our kids is an important part of helping them mature. That's just one of the many reasons I'm proud to highlight successful Ohio female entrepreneurs this May.

LOCAL ORGANIZATION DONATES TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Paulding County Board of DD would like to recognize Ron Schmidt and the Masons of Flat Rock Lodge #580 for their generous donation to the Paulding County Special Olympic Program. This program continues to operate with the support of organizations like these. The staff, students/athletes, and parents appreciate your thoughtfulness!

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CONGRESSMAN LATTA INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO CREATE WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD, INCREASE WILDLIFE ACCESS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) introduced two pieces of legislation on Monday, May 18, advocating for the advancement of access to wildlife, and seeking to increase the Congress's understanding of the policies that allow the public to benefit from these natural resources.

H.R. 2399, the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council Advisory Committee Act, creates an official advisory board, known as the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council, to serve as counsel to the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture on policies that benefit recreational hunting and wildlife resources.

"Ensuring that sportsmen and sportswomen have an advisory capacity role across future Administrations is vital for all who enjoy the great outdoors throughout the nation," said Congressman Latta. "I am confident that this legislation will allow for engagement and recommendations to federal agencies who will benefit from the Council's vast experience and expertise."

The second bill, H.R. 2401, would amend Public Law 106-206, and would direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to require annual permits and assess annual fees for commercial filming activities on federal land and waterways for film crews of 5 persons or fewer. The legislation would allow smaller organizations to obtain these permits at a proportional cost.

"This legislation will remove the financial burden on individual journalists and small film crews, creating a new classification that will allow these smaller organizations to have the same ability to film and photograph on federal lands, including national parks, as those who are more heavily financed," said Latta. "By removing this encumbrance, we can ensure their access to these treasured lands."

SECRETARY OF STATE HUSTED'S OFFICE TO HOLD OPEN OFFICE HOURS ACROSS OHIO IN JUNE

Secretary of State Jon Husted announced his office's June regional office hours. Regional liaisons for the Secretary of State's office will be in 28 counties around Ohio including Adams, Ashtabula, Athens, Crawford, Darke, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Geauga, Harrison, Highland, Jackson, Lake, Licking, Medina, Mercer, Morgan, Noble, Ottawa, Perry, Pike, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas, Van Wert, Wayne, Williams and Wood Counties. The purpose of open office hours is to give local residents an opportunity to learn more about, and stay connected with, the Secretary of State's office in an informal and accessible setting.

In addition to making voter registration forms and election information available, regional representatives will be on hand to answer questions and distribute materials to those interested in learning more about the other functions of the office such as the business services division and initiatives including the Ohio Business Profile and Military Ready-to-Vote program.

Regional office hours will be held at the following times and locations:

Van Wert - 6/19/2015, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Brumback Library, 215 W. Main Street, Van Wert, Ohio 45891
Williams - 6/1/2015, 12:00-2:00 p.m., Williams County Library, 107 E. High Street, Bryan, Ohio 43506

MILITARY PERSONNEL, ADVOCACY GROUPS ENDORSE ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted welcomed additional support for his online voter registration initiative from several retired senior military officials as well as numerous military groups.

The supporters include the 32nd Chief of Staff of the United States Army, General Gordon Sullivan (U.S. Army, Ret.), Major Generals Edward J. Mechenbier (U.S. Air Force, Ret.) and Charles Metcalf (U.S. Air Force, Ret.), Brigadier General Robert Clouse Jr. (U.S. Army, Ret.) and Colonel Thomas Moe (U.S. Air Force, Ret.).

"Our men and women in uniform place their lives, their careers and their families on hold in order to serve our country," Secretary Husted said. "Like all Americans, they deserve an easy pathway to participation in our democracy, especially during the time they are engaged in preserving every American's right to vote."

In a letter addressed to Secretary Husted, General Sullivan, writing on behalf of the Association of the United States Army, noted that "members of our armed forces and their families are frequently away from home while serving long hours under difficult conditions on our behalf. This commonly leads to a situation where they have little or no way to obtain and print a paper registration form."

The letter went on to say how the former head of the United States Army is "proud that Ohio has been recog-

nized as a national leader in improving the voting process under [Secretary Husted's] watch - including for our military members. With on-line voter registration, Ohio has another opportunity to lead the nation in providing support to those who defend the very right to cast a ballot."

In addition to the individual service members' support, Secretary Husted announced the backing of eight other military organizations including the Reserve Officers Association, the National Defense Committee, the Ohio Veterans United, the Ohio Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, the Military Voter Protection Project, the Association of the United States Army, the Advisory Committee of the Ohio Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Federal Voting Assistance Program.

A recent study of online voter registration conducted by the Pew Charitable Trusts found the implementation of an online registration program has created savings in other states between 50 cents and \$2.34 per registration. Had online registration been in place between 2011 and 2014, Ohio could have saved up to \$13.2 million.

"We know we can save our local governments money, we know we can make it easier for our troops to vote and we know we can make registration more secure and accurate. Common sense tells us we should implement this program," added Husted.

Legislation is pending in both houses of the General Assembly that would authorize the change.

In 2012, Secretary Husted founded the online voter change of address service, a function that did not require legislative approval. The same infrastructure used by that program can be quickly and easily used to implement online voter registration should legislative approval be granted.

PETITIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 GENERAL ELECTION

Nominating Petitions may be picked up now for the November 3, 2015 General Election. The filing deadline for petitions is by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5th (90 days before the general election). This filing deadline is also the same filing deadline for local questions and issues.

The following offices are up for election:

- Villages: The Mayor in each Village except Cecil Village; two Council Members in each Village except Cecil which has four Council members; Clerk/Treasurer in Broughton, Cecil, Latty, Scott; and two Board of Public Affairs members in Latty and Payne Village.
- Townships: one Trustee and Fiscal Officer in each Township, and one Trustee for the unexpired term in Jackson Township.
- Board of Education members: two for Antwerp Local School District, three for Defiance City School District, two for Ottoville Local School District, three for Paulding Exempted Village School District, and two for Wayne Trace Local School District.
- Western Buckeye Governing Board members: one each in District 1 (Antwerp),

District 3 (Lincolnvlew) and District 5 (at large).

- Putnam County Educational Service Center members: two

You do not have to wait until the filing deadline to file your petition or local questions and issues. The office staff is ready to answer and assist with any questions. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m. Office closings to date prior to the filing deadline date of August 5th: Friday, June 26th and Friday, July 3rd. Please call or check out the website at <http://www.electionsonthe.net/OH/Paulding/> for the most up to date information on office closings and any

other election information.

The office telephone number: 419-399-8230 and facsimile number is 419-399-8250. The email address is: paulding@ohiosecretaryofstate.gov.

If you or someone you know wants to become more involved in elections, such as running for office or working as an election official on election day, please contact the office.

Director, Deputy Director and board members are as follows: Brenda J. Crawford, Director; Janet L. Commers, Deputy Director; David H. Cline, Chairman; Stanley D. Harmon, William J. Shugars, and Linda L. Weidenhamer, board members.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 4/15/15

2015, and ending April 30, 2018. MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Larry Colley and Susan Miller, Agricultural Society/Sr. Fair Board - Mr. Colley provided an update on the fair ground maintenance. He also noted the new buildings are looking good. The fair board is anxious to have the buildings open for the 2015 fair. Mr. Colley and Ms. Miller then requested the 2015 funds from the General Fund. The Commissioners requested they submit a written request. Ms. Miller indicated this could be done soon.

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher submitted her monthly Investment Interest report for the Commissioners' review. She noted interest revenue for 2015 is well above what was estimated. Ms. Wannemacher then reviewed the 2015 Investment Inventory report and also the Total Investments report as of March 31, 2015. She presented the bill from Smart Bill for postage required to mail the first half 2105 tax bills to residents.

Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - Ms. Fickel distributed the March 2015 General Fund Receipts and Expenses reports. These reports show monthly receipts and expenses from 2011 through March of 2015. General Fund annual receipts have shown a steady increase since 2011. The 4-year average annual receipts from 2011 through 2014 is \$4,651,516.48. General Fund annual expenses have shown a steady increase since 2011 as well. The 4-year average annual expenses from 2011 through 2014 is \$4,581,031.40. The first quarter 2015 numbers were strong, with receipts at \$1,913,708.83 and expenses at \$1,329,212.51. Ms. Fickel also noted conveyance fees collected are down from first quarter 2014. She explained while there were more deeds filed, more of them were fee exempt. Ms. Fickel commented the appraiser has been busy with the revaluation.

The new pictometry program has, so far, helped her identify 180 parcels that will need changes for the 2106 tax year (payable in 2017). The appraiser noted the program will definitely pay for itself. Ms. Fickel discussed the county parking lot and available parking when the lot is full.

Ann Pease, Clerk of Courts - Ms. Pease presented her monthly reports for the Commissioners' review. She reported the Title Department processed 1,327 titles in March, 2015, which is the biggest month to date. Ms. Pease noted the state will be upgrading her computer system soon. In her legal office, she reported 237 new cases filed in the first quarter 2015. Ms. Pease commented on the never-ending task of docketing, which is the tracking of a case from the time it is first filed. She applauded her staff for being efficient in docketing and also working the accounts receivable making sure the billing is done timely.

Bill Edwards, Health Department - Mr. Edwards reported the generator they are currently using is in need of repair. It is imperative to have a reliable generator due to the controlled temperature the vaccine serum requires. In the event of a power outage, the serum needs special attention to ensure its effectiveness. Mr. Edwards noted he has done three more sewer line inspections at the Auglaize River Sewer (ARS) site. He presented a blueprint of a campground at the ARS site for the Commissioners' review. The Paulding County Health Department is responsible for issuing sewer permits and then, once the sewer line is installed, inspecting them to make sure they are in compliance.

Warrants documented as 215544 through 215580 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Warrants documented as 215544 through 215580 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF IMPROVING 'THEN AND NOW' PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS: The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on April 13, 2015, Warrants numbered 215461 through 215515 in the amount of \$10,930.00; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF RECEIVING AND AWARDING QUOTES FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTES: This 15th day of April, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners received quotes from County banking institutions to borrow funds in the amount of \$32,573.93 for the CIC #2: State Bank & Trust - 1.49%, \$493.44
Antwerp Exchange Bank - 1.56%, \$508.15
First Federal Bank - 1.99%, \$639.34
First Financial Bank - 1.97%, \$650.52 (Attorney Documentation Fee \$500.00)

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holtsberry to accept the quote from State Bank & Trust for a general obligation note at an interest rate of 1.49%, with no penalty for early payment; and the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize any two of the three Commissioners to sign the note. The note will be for one (1) year with the Prosecutor's opinion to be included.

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO A THREE YEAR PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH CORSA: The Board of County Commissioners does hereby agree to enter into a three year participation agreement with County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (CORSA), for liability insurance purposes, effective May 1,

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NEW HAVEN ATHLETES CREECH & WHITACRE MOVE TO STATE

At the Marion Regional, Juniors Kaniah Creech and Haley Whitacre punched their ticket to the 2015 Girls' State Track meet. Kaniah makes a return trip by placing 3rd in the 100 Meter Dash. Haley Whitacre continued a great season of improvement by besting her previous personal best in the discus by 3' and placed 3rd also to earn her first trip to the state meet. The Girls' State Track & Field Meet will be held on Saturday, June 6th at Indiana University in Bloomington. This is the third year in a row, the girls' team has had a girl in the State Meet.

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2015 GMC ALL-CONFERENCE GIRLS SOFTBALL SELECTIONS

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

FIRST TEAM:

Katie Brown, 11, Ayersville; Cloey Whitman, 9, Edgerton; Haley Robbins, 12, Fairview; Mallory Polter, 11, Fairview; Ali Hug, 12 Fairview; Michaela Bauer, 12, Hicksville; Allison Brickel, 12, Hicksville; Tiffany Fairchild, 12, Tinora; Ali Cheek, 12, Tinora; Addison Baumle, 12, Wayne Trace

SECOND TEAM:

Olivia Tempel, 12, Antwerp; Cheyenne Miller-Sweet, 12, Antwerp; Kortni Martin, 10, Ayersville; Shayla Slesman, 11, Edgerton; Kelsey Beck, 11, Fairview; Blakelyn Sheets, 11, Fairview; Carli Ayers, 11, Hicksville; Allison Cereghin, 12, Tinora; Quinn Slattman, 9, Tinora; Molly Crosby, 12, Wayne Trace

HONORABLE MENTION:

Avery Braaten, 11, Antwerp; Lizzy Carnahan, 12, Ayersville; Ashlee Newman, 10, Edgerton; Christina Gersbers, 12, Fairview; Chelsey

Taylor, 10, Hicksville; Salina Gray, 12, Holgate; Alison Zipfel, 11, Tinora; Bailey Bergman, 12, Wayne Trace

2015 WOODLAN WARRIOR BASEBALL SENIOR RECOGNITION

Rick Ehle (#15), son of Jerry and Ruth Ehle. Rick will attend Owen's College to study Business Management and play baseball. His fondest baseball memory is getting 15 strikeouts in 5 innings on the mound at Blackhawk and hitting back-to-back homeruns at Bluffton

Dylan Gerig (#21), son of Dean and Linda Gerig. Dylan will attend IPFW to study Business Administration. His fondest baseball memory is being a part of the Warriors' school record 24 win season in 2014.

Derrick Herschberger (#4), son of Darren and Debbie Herschberger. Derrick will study Communications at IPFW and his fondest baseball memory is going 3 for 4 at Bluffton in 2014 to help get the Warriors a big conference win

Shawn Kitzmiller (#41), son of Brian and Sara Kitzmiller. Shawn will continue his baseball career at Indiana Tech in Fort Wayne and will study engineering. His fondest baseball memory is a solo homerun to break a scoreless tie with Churubusco in the playoffs in 2014

Triston Moses (#31), son of Mike & Melanie Moses. Triston will train for a HVAC Apprenticeship and his fondest baseball memory is being a part of 13-12 Woodlan comeback win over Heritage when the Warriors were trailing by 7 runs.

As sure as it's going to rain, the classifieds sell.

16th ANNUAL VAN WERT COUNTY HOSPITAL ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME

The 16th annual Van Wert County Hospital All-Star Football Game hosted by the Van Wert Booster Club will be held Friday June 12th, at Eggerss Stadium in Van Wert, Ohio. The gates will open at 6:30 p.m. with player introductions taking place at 7:20 p.m. The game will kick off at 7:30 p.m.

Thirty-three players from the Western Buckeye League will compete against a combined squad of thirty-three players from the Lima Area & Northwest Conference.

MAC GYM SUMMER BASKETBALL BEGINS

The summer basketball season begins at the MAC Gym this week. 47 teams will participate in six leagues weekly for six weeks.

The Monday night league brings twelve teams to town. Edgerton, Edon, Delphos Jefferson, Woodburn Lutheran, Heritage, Bryan, Holgate, and Butler Eastside will each bring a team and join two teams from Leo and Fairview.

Tuesday night brings nine varsity girls teams and four JV girls teams to the MAC in addition to eight JV boys teams at the Antwerp School.

Varsity girls teams include: Paulding, Woodlan, Heritage, New Haven, Edgerton, Hamilton, Hicksville, Delphos Jefferson, and Antwerp. Woodlan, Hicksville, Paulding and Antwerp all bring JV teams as well.

JV boys teams include: Crestview, Lincolnview, Paulding, Edgerton, Hicksville, two Wayne Trace teams, and Antwerp.

Wednesday night will host an overflow of Tuesday teams as well as four youth girls teams, two from Fairview, Eastside, and Holgate. Thursday brings in six junior high boys teams. Wayne Trace, Hicksville, Fairview, Bryan, and Antwerp will join Lane Middle School from Ft. Wayne. Friday brings four men's adult teams.

Teams will play for four weeks, take off the week of the July 4th holiday, and then play one more week in July before playing a single elimination tournament. The summer season ends prior to school team football and volleyball seasons.

13th ANNUAL DANCE DOLLS RECITAL: GIRL POWER!



The Dance Dolls will hold their 13th annual recital, "Girl Power!" on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 7:00

p.m. and Sunday, June 7, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. at the Huber Opera House in Hicksville. Please come support

fine arts in our community! Photos courtesy of Studio C Photography.

DELTA COMMUNITY BAND COMES TO EDGERTON

The band was organized in 2001 and has been playing together for the past 14 years. There are anywhere from 10 to 20 players depending on who is available to play. They have members from Toledo, Maumee, Swanton, Wauseon, Delta, Liberty Center, Napoleon, Whitehouse, Fayette, and Adrian, MI. Practices are once a week, almost year round on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Meeting place is in the Delta Community Hall. Members are of all occupations and all ages from teens to over

85. The primary purpose for existing is to have fun making music. They played all kinds of music and are currently putting together a swing concert with lots of big band music. They play for nursing homes, picnics, parades, church festivals, town festivals, and at the Fulton County Fair for the past several years. They welcome all kinds of musicians, experienced or beginners. They have instruments to be used.

One of the members of the band is no stranger to those attending various activities in Edgerton. Garry Cline, a retired music teacher, was the special guest musician for the 2012 "Clem"

Memorial Day Celebration. He was also a guest singer at Rita's Restaurant on Valentine's Day.

The Delta Community Band will be playing this Thursday evening, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Edgerton Village Bandstand. Bring your lawn chair. In case of rain, the alternate location will be at the Edgerton United Methodist Church. Come and join us and have a good time making music.

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