

## STATE OF OHIO OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS PAULDING COUNTY PROCLAMATION



Whereas, the United States Navy announced that on July 18, 2015, Navy Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Randall Smith succumbed to the injuries he sustained in the July 16 mass shooting at the Navy Operational Support Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee; and

Whereas, Navy Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Randall Smith was a logistics specialist, serving as a reservist on active duty in Chattanooga; and

Whereas, Randall Smith was a 2007 graduate of Paulding High School; and

Whereas, the Paulding County Commissioners wish to honor Navy Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Randall Smith and his service to the United States of America; and

Whereas, the Paulding County Commissioners, along with the residents of Paulding County, wish to convey their condolences, thoughts, and prayers to the family of Navy Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Randall Smith.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Paulding County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, do hereby declare the flag on the Courthouse Square in Paulding County, Ohio, shall be flown at half-mast to honor and in remembrance of Navy Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Randall Smith.

## GROUND BREAKING FOR BARGAIN BIN



The ground-breaking took place at the building site on Monday, July 20 with county officials attending including the Commissioners and plenty of hard working ladies for the Bargain Bin!

The Bargain Bin has it's sites on the third location since it's original opening in 1962. Currently the facility is

housed at 118 Perry St. near the corner of Cherry Street in Paulding, Ohio. The Bargain Bin has focused on serving the community through the continuous circle of collecting donations of clothing and other items, sorting then and reselling to people at great prices.

The non-profit organiza-

tion has donated well over \$1,000,000 to the Paulding County Hospital to help the rehab facility according to Rose Munger, vice-president.

The new location is being made possible by the Paulding County Commissioners selling the land, that was originally intended to expand

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the old jail, for a great price. The Paulding County Area Foundation was able to pay the \$5000 to purchase the land and get the ball rolling. The General Contractor is McDonald Design & Build of Defiance. Kevin McDonald, owner, was there to support the construction. Rhonda Smalley, president of the Bargain Bin board, stated \$164,000 had been raised for the project and only \$86,000 more is needed to complete the new structure. Donations are the driving force making this possible. Lisa McClure of the Area Foundation is collecting funds. If you would like more information contact her at: 101 E. Perry Street, Paulding, OH 45879 or call 419-399-8296. Once the state approves the plans, the concrete foundation and footer will be poured with the frame going up next. Expectations are in September for this to take place but it will depend on how fast approval comes back. Eileen Kochensparger of the Bargain Bin passed this information on to the West Bend News: "Bargain Bin has been in business since the early 1960's. It was because of the polio epidemic in the 50's that it has continued over the years. Patients were having to travel to Warm Springs Foundation in Ga. for treatment. Dr. Kenneth Keever was at this facility and the first patient from Paulding County, Susie Gillen became his patient. His daughter was also a polio patient. "Dr. Kenneth Keever had an interest in physical therapy. After three years at the Georgia facility Dr. Keever moved back to Magnet-

ic Springs and opened up a rehab center. This brought Susie closer home. Dr. Keever purchased the Park Hotel at Magnetic Springs and together with the help of the American Legion auxiliary and other interested women they formed a Branch Auxiliary for Magnetic Springs. "They had fund raising events, provided pool volunteers for the patients, and even entertained when the opportunity arose. "In 1960, Susie was released from Magnetic Springs. And the facility closed its doors soon after. "At this time in Paulding County the new hospital was being planned and the dedicated group of women who had worked so hard for Magnetic Springs chose to donate their support to the hospital and the Bargain Bin was formed with the purpose of providing rehab equipment to the hospital. "Since that time volunteers have worked weekly to provide a variety of items to the people of Paulding County. And this has all been done by the generous donations that come to the Bargain Bin on a weekly basis. Over the years it is estimated that the Bargain Bin has donated over a million dollars in rehab equipment and educational material to the physical therapy department of Paulding County Hospital. "We recently gave \$5,000 to continue our support of this excellent program. If you have had any kind of therapy, you have used a piece of equipment that has been purchased by the Bargain Bin of Paulding County, Inc. "In the spring of 2014 we were notified that a benefactor was offering us \$80,000 to put towards a new steel building. We considered

this a gift from God and we began searching for property for our new proposed building. The Paulding County commissioners offered us a lot on the corner of Harrison and Cherry Street for \$5,000. With a donation from Paulding Area Foundation the lot was paid in full and we were now property owners. "We sent out our bids to several builders stating we had to have a steel building. We finally chose the McDonald Construction Co from Defiance. And we set our goal at \$250,000. This amount will build the building and will give us extra for those unexpected surprises as the building goes up. "We presently have \$164,000 in our fund and we have decided to begin the first phase in hopes that when people see we are serious about this they will step forward and help to reach our goal. "The Bargain Bin is at 118 West Perry Street Paulding, Ohio. Our hours are 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Saturday. The work day is usually Monday from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. "We have a building at the back that if no one is around you can put your donation in there. We do not take large items but this will hopefully change when we get our new building which will be 60x80. "Officers of the executive committee are Rhonda Smalley president, Rose Munger Vice President, Elaine Gress second Vice, Eileen Kochensparger secretary, Sharon Johanns assistant and Donna Pieper treasurer, Eleanor Brune assistant. Your donation can be sent to 118 West Perry St., Paulding, Ohio and we thank you."

**PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 7/22 - 7/28**

- 7/22 - Bake potato w/beef & cheese, California blend, cinnamon peaches, goldfish crackers, muffin
- 7/23 - Chicken salad, shredded lettuce, vegetable & rice soup, fresh melon, dinner roll, cookie, crackers
- 7/24 - Baked fish, cheesy potatoes, lima beans, fruit cup, WW bread, oatmeal cookie bar
- 7/27 - Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, tropical fruit, dinner roll
- 7/28 - Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, corn, banana, fruit snacks, dinner roll

**PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 7/22 - 7/28**

- 7/22 - Walking zumba at 10:30 a.m.; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery shopping at 1:30 p.m.
- 7/23 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Turn up at 12:15 p.m.
- 7/24 - Red Hat Day; Bible Study at 10:00-11:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Bingo w/Vancrest of Antwerp at 12:00 Noon; Summer Concert Series at 7:00 p.m. w/Drew Munger
- 7/27 - Raffle Day; Shedding Pounds at 9:30 a.m.; Fingernail Clinic 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
- 7/28 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.; Fun Facts Trivia w/Nicole at 12:00 Noon

**FREE COMPUTER CLASSES SCHEDULED AT LIBRARY!**

The Paulding County Carnegie Library is offering three free computer classes this August. Registration is required. Space is extremely limited but doubling-up is allowed. All classes are hands-on and will be held in the meeting room of the historic Carnegie library. Call 419-399-2032 to register. **E-Mail Basics:** Tuesday, August 4. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Intended Audience: Adults. Must know how to use a mouse. Typing skills helpful. You need an email for everything. From accessing pay-check stubs to requesting government information to applying for a job, an email address is necessary for conducting online commerce and everyday communication. Learn how to create a free e-mail account and how to send, forward, reply to and attach files to your email. **ECommerce!** Thursday, August 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Intended Audience: Adults. Basic computer and typing skills necessary. Experience navigating the Internet is helpful. This class will offer a basic introduction to the more popular online commerce sites such as EBay and Craigslist. Learn where to go to learn how to sell or purchase online. Also covered will be retail and online shopping sites such as L.L. Bean and Edsy. **Introduction to Social Media**

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." —John 1:7

Thursday, August 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Intended Audience: Adults. Basic computer and typing skills necessary. Experience navigating the Internet is helpful. You are never too old to learn and have a social media presence. Own your own business? Learn how to use social media to increase sales. Looking for a job? Make sure you have a profile on LinkedIn. Want new ideas for the holidays? Pinterest is for you. Social Media has evolved into an online world full of sharing, caring and ideas. Learn basics about Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest, LinkedIn and more.

**WOODBURN HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO MEET**

The Woodburn Community Historical Society will meet on July 23<sup>rd</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday) at 7:00 p.m. at the Woodburn Library in Woodburn, IN. —President Gloria Gerig

**PROPERTY DAMAGE? BEWARE OF SCAMMERS**

The Kruse Report by: IN State Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn) The past few weeks have seemed like a never-ending battle with heavy rainfall and dangerous thunderstorms. Unfortunately, many residents in our area have experienced storm damage to their property resulting from flooding, falling trees or destructive winds. When property damage occurs, any homeowner is stressed and would like things to return to normal as quickly as possible. That's why the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) is warning Hoosiers to be careful when contracting help to repair storm damage. Below are helpful tips developed by IDHS that provide advice for hiring a contractor. Some of the tips include: • When approached by a contractor, ask for proof to ensure he or she is licensed and bonded. • Do not pay for any job in advance and be suspicious of any contractor that demands full payment up front. • Do not automatically hire people who just show up at the door offering services, especially for tree or debris removal and roof repair. • Resist high-pressure sales tactics. • Never pay in cash. Pay by credit card, if possible, which may allow for additional protection should there be a problem. • Check to make sure the contractor's vehicle has signs or marking on it with the business name and phone number. • Make sure the scope of work and all promises, along with a timeframe and final price, are made in writing. • For repairs that are not time sensitive, get multiple quotes from different companies. • The lowest bid isn't always the best. Hoosiers who believe they may have been a victim of

a home improvement scam can file a complaint with the Indiana Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division. For a complaint form or other information regarding consumer protections, visit www.IndianaConsumer.com. To request a form via mail, call 1-800-382-5516. Being diligent when hiring a contractor and remembering these tips can help keep you and your family safe from potential scams. What do you think?

**OHIO BALLOT BOARD CERTIFIES PROPOSED "FRESH START ACT" INITIATED STATUTE AS SINGLE ISSUE**

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced the Ohio Ballot Board has certified a proposed initiated statute concerning the expungement of certain convictions relating to firearms and certain drug related convictions if the offense is no longer considered a crime by state law. Petitioners must now collect 91,677 signatures, a number equal to three percent of the total vote cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election, 2014, in order to bring the issue before the General Assembly for consideration. Petitioners must file the required number of valid signatures with the Secretary of State's Office not less than 10 days prior to the start of any legislative session, which begin on the first Monday of each calendar year. Should the petitioners meet the signature threshold, the General Assembly will be granted four months to act on the proposed law. If lawmakers do not pass the law, pass it in an amended form or take no action after four months, petitioners may collect additional signatures in order to place the issue on the ballot. The number of supplemental signatures required is 91,677, again equal to three percent of the total vote cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election. The supplemental signatures must be presented to the Secretary of State within 90 days after any action by the General Assembly or at the conclusion of the four month period and no later than 125 days before the General Election at which the petitioners wish for the initiative to be placed on the ballot. As part of the total number of signatures needed for both the initial and supplemental signatures filed, petitioners must also collect signatures from at least 44 of Ohio's 88 counties, and within each of those counties, collect enough signatures equal to one and one-half percent of the total vote cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election, 2014, in that county. Secretary Husted serves as the chairman of the Ballot Board in his official capacity as the Ohio Secretary of State. Other members include Ohio Senate President Keith Faber, State Representative Kathleen Clyde, former State Senator Nina Turner and Mr. William Morgan.

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### BLOOD DONORS' SUMMER FUN

This summer, the American Red Cross and Cedar Fair theme parks are partnering to thank those who come out to donate blood or platelets at select blood drives with a free Cedar Fair theme park ticket. Donors also have special access to additional discounted tickets. Two dollars from every discounted ticket purchased will be donated back to the Red Cross to support its humanitarian mission.

"Blood and platelet donations are especially needed during the summer months when we see donations slow due to summer vacations and travel among regular donors," said Vince Robinson, external communications manager for the American Red Cross Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region. "The support of Cedar Fair, blood and platelet donors help save lives and have the time of their lives at a Cedar Fair theme park."

All those who come to donate at selected blood drives will receive one free ticket, valid for entry to any U.S. Cedar Fair theme park, including Cedar Point while supplies last. Tickets are valid through September 7, 2015, and other restrictions may apply.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities offering one free Cedar Point theme park ticket:

St. John The Baptist Catholic School Community Center, July 23 from 1:00-7:00 p.m. at 204 Rufus St., New Haven, IN.

To schedule an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, go to redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS. Appointments are encouraged.

The summer 2015 partnership with Cedar Fair includes 10 theme parks across the U.S. with a goal of increasing blood and platelet donations during the summer months when donations decrease but the need remains constant.

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### OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGING IS MOVING!

Effective Monday, July 27, 2015, the Ohio Department of Aging's offices will be located at 246 N. High St./1st Fl., Columbus, OH 43215-2406. All phone numbers, fax numbers and email addresses will remain unchanged.

The department will conclude business at its current location at 5:00 p.m., Friday, July 24, and will re-open at our new location at 8:00 a.m., Monday, July 27. For any questions or concerns, please call 614-466-5500 or 1-800-266-4346.



### OHIO'S STATE OPERATING BUDGET KEEPS US ON THE RIGHT PATH

#### Guest Column from State Representative Tony Burkley

Last month, the General Assembly and the Governor worked together to finish the process of passing the state operating budget, which determines state funding for FY 16' and FY 17'. Stretching back to February, when Governor Kasich introduced his budget proposal, this process is one that requires an enormous amount of work by legislators and staff, and represents one of our most important duties as state representatives.

Am. Sub. House Bill 64, the state operating budget bill, was first introduced in the Ohio House. Many changes were made to the original proposal, including a 6.3 across-the-board income tax cut. The bill then moved to the Ohio Senate, where additional changes were made, and finally, the two chambers concurred on the bill and ironed out all of the changes and compromises.

I believe that the version of the state operating budget that was signed into law last month is going to be good for Ohioans of all walks of life. We will see nearly \$1.9 billion in tax cuts over the next two years, including the aforementioned income tax cut. Continuing in that trend, the bill institutes a 75 percent

tax deduction for small businesses on the first \$250,000 of income in 2016 and a 100 percent deduction in 2017. This continues the recent trend in our state of supporting small business owners and ensuring that Ohioans keep more money in their wallets.

Throughout this process, I worked hard to ensure that several provisions were included in the bill. I submitted an amendment to allocate funding for the Ohio Secretary of State to send Absentee Ballot Requests statewide. I see this as a positive step in securing equal voting rights for all Ohioans. I also supported efforts throughout the process to increase Indigent Defense funding for our local governments by about ten percent. This helps to preserve the rights of those who cannot afford an attorney on their own.

I am confident that Ohio's future is bright with this state operating budget. Please feel free to contact my office for clarification on any issues related to the state budget or any state government related issue.

### OIU AGENTS: DRINK RESPONSIBLY AT EVENTS

Agents with the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Ohio Investigative Unit (OIU) want all Ohioans and visitors to our state to drink responsibly when enjoying the remainder of this summer - whether you're boating, going to concerts and taking in a ball game.

"There are still big events taking place in Ohio this summer," said Captain Gary Allen, OIU commander. "Whether you're at 12 Days of Christmas in July at Put-in-Bay or you're at Jamboree in the Hills in Belmont County, we want everyone to have a safe and enjoyable time. That happens by drinking responsibly."

Agents will be at many of the events this summer looking for alcohol violations. If you're plans include alcohol, please remember the following:

- It is illegal to drink, possess or purchase alcohol if you're not 21;
- It is illegal to furnish alcohol to anyone under 21;
- It is illegal to serve anyone alcohol who is intoxicated; and
- It is illegal to operate a vehicle and also a boat under the influence.

### ODOT CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE PROJECTS WEEK OF JULY 20, 2015

**Defiance County:** U.S. 127 will be reduced to one lane in various locations for crack sealing of the pavement and for drainage work. Work is being performed by the Defiance County ODOT maintenance garage.

**Ohio 2/18/49** in the village of Hicksville is restricted for a pavement repair and resurfacing project which had previously been postponed. Work will take place on Ohio 2 from its junction with Ohio 49 at the south edge of town to the south just outside of the village limits. On Ohio 49 work will occur from inside the village to the Williams County line, and on Ohio 18 from within the village to just outside the village limits. Work is being performed by Brooks Construction, Fort

Wayne, IN.  
**Paulding County:** Ohio 111 east of U.S. 127 and Ohio 637 will be restricted to one lane through the work zone during the week for berming of the roadside. Work is being performed by the Paulding County ODOT maintenance garage.

U.S. 127 between Garfield Avenue and Jackson Street in the village of Paulding closed April 13 for approximately eight months for a sewer separation project. The traffic detour for this closure has changed. Traffic is now detoured onto Ohio 111, Ohio 637 and Ohio 114 back onto U.S. 127. Work is being performed by VTF Excavation, Celina.

**Van Wert County:** Ohio 49 between Ohio 81 and U.S. 224 will be reduced to one lane through the work zone for removal of pavement reflectors in preparation for a chip seal project. Work is being done by the Van Wert County ODOT maintenance garage.

Ohio 697 west of Middle Point Wetzel Road, approximately five miles west of the city of Delphos, which closed June 8 will remain closed through the end of July to replace the bridge over the Auglaize River. Traffic detoured onto Ohio 116 to Ohio 81 to Ohio 66 back onto Ohio 697. Work is being done by Brumbaugh Construction, Inc., Arcanum.

### LINCOLN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION SEEKS NATIONAL MONUMENT RECOGNITION FOR LINCOLN HIGHWAY

At the 2015 Lincoln Highway Association Annual Conference held in Detroit, Michigan, the Lincoln Highway Association (LHA) set up a petition on Change.org to seek federal recognition on the Lincoln Highway as a National Monument to President Abraham Lincoln. The LHA now seeks as many people as possible to sign the electronic petition to ask President Barack Obama to recognize the entire coast-to-coast route of the Lincoln Highway from New York City to San Francisco as a National Monument to President Lincoln. The petition is online at: [www.change.org/p/barack-obama-recognize-the-lincoln-highway-as-a-national-monument-to-abraham-lincoln](http://www.change.org/p/barack-obama-recognize-the-lincoln-highway-as-a-national-monument-to-abraham-lincoln)

In 1913, the Lincoln Highway Association established the Lincoln Highway and dedicated it to the memory of President Abraham Lincoln but the entire road does not yet have federal recognition of its intended purpose as a memorial to the martyred president. The Lincoln Highway is also the first coast-to-coast improved road across the United States and it is possible to drive across it today.

The idea for the Lincoln Highway as a memorial to Abraham Lincoln is older than the Lincoln Memorial building in Washington, D.C.. Two early automotive pioneers were key to the creation of the Lincoln Highway, Carl G. Fisher, who developed the Indianapolis 500 race, and Henry B. Joy, President of the Packard Motor Company. As leaders of the Lincoln Highway Association, they established a driving route across the United States from New York City to San Francisco.

The Lincoln Highway Association form on July 1, 1913 and mapped a coast-to-coast route with the important purpose to be a memorial to President Abraham Lincoln. The LHA worked quickly on thousands of miles of roads and by September 14, 1913, they had a map of the road.

On October 31, 1913, the Lincoln Highway Association dedicated the Lincoln Highway to the memory of President Lincoln and the American people. Today's Lincoln Highway Association now seeks to have the world's largest memorial to President Abraham Lincoln officially recognized as a National Monument. Recognition as a National Monument would firmly establish the Lincoln Highway with its intended purpose.



### RAILROAD CROSSING CLOSING NOTICE IN CITY OF NEW HAVEN EXTENDED

Old Maumee Road in New Haven will be closed at the railroad crossing for Norfolk and Southern railroad crossing maintenance/replacement. This closure began Monday, July 13, 2015 and will now end and reopen Friday, July 24, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. \*\*No detour will be provided\*\*.

### SWEET DEAL FOR SOME-BODY, BAD DEAL FOR MOST OF US

By: Tom H. Hastings

The US has delivered the first batch of F16 fighter jets to Iraq. How long until ISIS grabs them? How long before Iraq's BFF Iran reverse engineers them from nose to tail? How exactly is this even remotely in the interest of the security of the US citizens whose government approved this deal?

In the field in which I teach and write, Conflict Transformation, we refer to the conflict industry. The concept is simple. If a person or group stands to gain by the initiation or prolongation of destructive conflict, that person or group is part of the conflict industry. The gain may be financial, in status, in power, or in some combination. And the conflict industry is almost always a small group, while the destruction tends to happen to larger groups.

The Iraq conflict is a textbook case, from the 2003 invasion and for the 12 years since. It was undertaken by choice, not necessity, and it has cost Iraqis and Americans dearly, but profited a small group of powerful, rich elites.

Those war profiteers include high-ranking military, war-promoting politicians,

and the corporate recipients of massive Pentagon contracts.

ISIS furthers the aims of this wing of the conflict industry perfectly, and indeed there is some evidence the US promoted the idea of a caliphate in a portion of Syria. Now that the caliphate includes part of Iraq and threatening to metastasize around the Gulf and south to Africa, are these US conflict industry strategists excited or are they saying "Oops"?

It's a very costly variant of the old Doritos motto: Go ahead. We'll make more. How many hundreds of billions in weapons have been given to various Iraqi military commanders? Some of those killing machines have been siphoned off to private parties, some is in the hands of Iraqi military leaders whose loyalties are much stronger to Iran, and some was seized by ISIS as they routed the Iraqi military—that same Iraqi military created, funded, trained, and equipped by the US for a dozen years. The Iranian Shiite militia is realistically going to end up controlling at least some of the planned 36 F16s. Their "Popular Mobilization" outflanks, outfights, and on the ground outranks the US Iraq mock army.

In the end, the US citizenry is made less secure by arms transfers. Our Congress must approve these transfers and they should end it. The region is flooded with US weapons, forever falling into the wrong hands. Hawkish politicians and "Responsibility to Protect" officials alike are simply proven wrong again and again; arms to the Middle East and North Africa is gasoline pumped onto a fire. Stop it.

Dr. Tom H. Hastings is core faculty in the Conflict Resolution Department at Portland State University and is Founding Director of Peace-Voice.

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**LIFETREE DISCUSSES IF PRAYER REALLY WORKS**



The impact of prayer on people's everyday lives will be explored at Lifetree Café on Thursday, July 23, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

The program, titled "How Does Prayer Work? Exploring the Mystery of Connecting With God," features filmed interviews with Nathan Matz and Tosha Williams, two people who pray daily, but in very different ways.

"I originally thought prayer was about pleading to God like he was a genie in a bottle," says Matz. "Prayer to me now is about trust. When I pray, sometimes I'm crying, sometimes I'm laughing, sometimes I'm screaming, and sometimes I'm angry. When I pray, I find God con-

tinuously pushing me into deeper waters."

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

Topic for July 30 is "When He Becomes She."

**CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW**

**By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church**

"All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living, so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed... The time will come when people will not listen to sound doctrine, but will follow their own desires and will collect for themselves more and more teachers who will tell them what they are itching to hear. They will turn away from listening to the truth and give their attention to legends," 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 4:3-4 (GNB)

Cell phones are marvelous when a person is in an area with a strong signal. A cell phone is just as clear in these circumstances as if we were calling from home on our land line. But there are times when we have a weak signal and can have weak reception, interference, and dropped calls, at that time we will try to move to an area where we can get a stronger signal and a good connection.

The scripture tells us that there will be a time when people will move away from God. Instead of seeking a closer relation with God they draw away, deliberately seeking disconnection in their relationship with Him. Truth is convicting of sin and itching ears have no desire to be convicted of sin so they will seek teachers that will not teach truth and sound doctrine.

Sincere believers will seek a strong connection with God and will study the scrip-

tures and seek teachers that teach the truth and sound doctrine. If these sincere believers find themselves in a situation where they have a weak connection to God, they will change and move to seek a strong connection to their Lord.

**2015 HARLAN DAYS THEME CHOSEN: "CELEBRATE FREEDOM"**

'Celebrate Freedom' is the theme that has been chosen this year by the Harlan Days Committee. For 68 years, Harlan Days has been one of the best area festivals for the whole family! Everyone is bound to find something they enjoy and there is sure to be lots of fun again this year. There will be good food, fun carnival rides, and great entertainment of all kinds, so come out with your family and meet your friends for the best festival around!

This year, Harlan Days will be hosting the King Bros. Rodeo on Friday night. You can also look forward to the Demolition Derby on Saturday night. On Saturday morning there will be an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast and the Harlan Days Grand Parade along with the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Harlan Hustle 5K run. The 17<sup>th</sup> annual Cruise-In Car Show, which is always a big favorite with fairgoers, will be hosted on Saturday afternoon. Catch the Basketball Tournament, COED Softball Tournament or Cornhole Tournament. As always, there will be Mid-way rides and games, a Merchant Tent, Craft Tent, Food Tent, Bingo Tent and the NEW

Farmers Market Tent along with a wide variety of FREE events each day. Test your luck and buy a Raffle Ticket for a 2015 Chevy Spark! Also sign up to win a FREE Harlan Days t-shirt. Make plans to join in on the fun at Harlan Days, but please leave your pets at home.

Keep watching your paper for more details about Harlan Days events! For further festival information or to volunteer at Harlan Days, please go to our website at www.harlandays.com. Then on July 30, 31 & August 1 bring your family and friends to Celebrate your Freedom at Harlan Days!

**CAN OHIO FAMILIES AFFORD TO LOSE AFFORDABLE POWER?**

**By Dr. Charles Steele, Jr.**

Right now, many Ohio families are struggling financially. And as I look around at these families in need, I wonder how many of them are prepared to pay more for their electricity after the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) implements a "Clean Power Plan" plan this summer to reduce carbon dioxide "pollution."

On a quick glance, the EPA plan seems reasonable. What could be better than improved energy efficiency, for example? But the EPA program means to swiftly reduce America's reliance on coal-fired power generation. And that's where the trouble starts.

America has long been powered by coal, and in recent decades coal-fired power has become far more high-tech. Coal is now the predominant source of reliable, affordable power generation for many states, and provides 70% of Ohio's electrical power. As coal-fired power production has become more important to Ohio, the industry has progressed greatly by adding technology that carefully "scrubs" emissions of unwanted byproducts such as sulfur and particulate matter.

Thankfully, this state-of-the-art technology has allowed coal to become cleaner and more efficient. But that isn't always the case in countries where coal is used extensively. Most of the existing coal-fired power plants in Asia and India lack proper emissions controls. And so, it's little wonder that more than 25% of California's smog now comes from China.

While China is clearly the largest country that needs to clean up its act, the EPA is concerned with cutting America's coal-fired power production on a fast timetable. But coal provides 38% of America's total electricity generation - more than any other power source - which means that a lot of our power supply is at risk. The problem we face is that existing, alternative supplies simply can't make up the difference.

Studies of the new EPA plan suggest that, once the new rules are in place, a family of four in Ohio could see their home energy bills increase by hundreds of dollars each year. And what will America get for this trade-off? A theoretical reduction

in global temperatures of a tiny fraction of a degree by 2100.

The American people are busy trying to make ends meet. They're not focused on the climate issue like Washington is. A recent Gallup poll found that 62% of Americans do not see climate change as a serious threat. But they do rank a struggling economy at the top of their list of worries.

I want to know how many families are prepared to pay hundreds of dollars more for their electricity each year— especially for no meaningful environmental improvement. And how often will paying for such an increase mean having to choose between buying groceries or monthly medicine in order to keep their house warm during the winter?

That's a scenario we're likely to face, once the EPA plan is fully implemented. In the real world of belt-tightening and limited household budgets, many families can hardly afford higher energy prices. For the sake of those families and individuals who are struggling each day to pay their bills, I hope state governors will tell the EPA to re-think this costly, risky plan.

*Dr. Charles Steele Jr. is president and CEO of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), a civil rights organization co-founded by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**SURVEY: CONSERVATIVE OHIOANS SUPPORT SPECIFIC RULES ON MONEY IN POLITICS**

Most conservative Ohioans support specific measures to address the problem with money in politics, according to a new poll released by Take Back Our Republic (www.takeback.org).

Certain campaign reform measures have appealed most broadly to liberal groups, but Take Back Our Republic specifically surveyed previously identified active conservatives and determined that specific measures to curb the influence of big money in politics are supported by those who back conservative causes and are likely to vote in Republican primaries. The following measures had support among a clear majority (not just a plurality) of the state's conservatives who were surveyed in the past week.

Survey of Conservative Ohioans:

Strengthen and Enforce Laws Against Foreign Money (e.g. FEC case) - 84% support, 10% opposed, 6% undecided

Verify Credit Card Contributions? - 67% support, 20% opposed, 13% undecided

Disclose Contributions to Outside Groups/Raise Limit for Candidates - 64% support, 26% opposed, 9% undecided

A total of 392 state residents who have previously identified themselves as active conservatives or libertarians participated in the survey. The results will be distributed to the 42 founding members of the State Chapter of Take Back Our

Republic.

"After years of running conservative political campaigns, this research verified that the most active conservatives do believe money in politics poses a problem," said TAKE BACK Executive Director John Pudner, who last year launched the political campaign that overcame Eric Cantor and his political war chest of millions.

"There are some clear first steps conservatives would like to take to address money in politics, and these are not all the same steps liberals might choose," Pudner said. "The state conservatives we interviewed were divided on other campaign finance issues, and Take Back hopes to continue to encourage discussions. Some strongly support tax credits for small donors to balance off big donors. Some want protection from employment retribution for contributions, while others worry that would lead to too much legislation. Some want limits put on donors, while others feel strongly this is a limit on their 1st amendment rights to free speech."

As a 501c3 under the IRS code, Take Back hopes to educate the public on the various issues and potential solutions surrounding money in modern campaigns.

**EDGERTON POST OFFICE TO OFFER COMMEMORATIVE 150<sup>th</sup> CANCELLATION STAMP**

The local Edgerton Postmaster, Ruth Kimpel entered a poster contest promoting Edgerton when she was in junior high, a rooster with the phrase "Worth Crowing About" was entered in the contest sponsored by the Farmer's Institute.

This organization met in the 1930s for the farmers to discuss farm issues. Later the town residents wanted to be included and the name was changed to Community Institute. The members met in the old gym which is now located on Big C property.

A design similar to Ruth's idea has been recreated by Kent Gerhardtstein of Fort Wayne, IN. The art drawing will be on an envelope to be stamped by the post office.

Edgerton post office is offering a special pictorial postmark for the town's Sesquicentennial. It will be available on Saturday, July 25, 2015. Post marks may be obtained no later than 30 days after the first day's cancellation. To request the special cancellation by mail, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Postmaster, 207 N. Michigan St., Edgerton, OH, 43517.

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

**THRIVENT FINANCIAL SPONSORS ZOO DAY**

Thrivent Financial will be sponsoring a day outing to the Toledo Zoo on Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup>. Beginning at 11:00 a.m., the day will include zoo admission, a full picnic lunch, a ride ticket, and also free parking. Transportation to the zoo is on your own.

For more details or reservations please contact Cheryl Stromski at 419-506-0210 or CStromski@yahoo.com. Preferred deadline is July 27<sup>th</sup> but may be extended if space is still available.

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

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that the Ohio Board of Voting Machine Examiners will meet on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Secretary of State's Office located at 180 East Broad St., 15th Floor, Columbus, Ohio, 43215.

The agenda includes:  
• Review of the application for certification of the VoteSafe electronic pollbook (submitted by VOTEC Corporation) and examination of the pollbook for certification and approval for use in Ohio elections.

• Review of the application for certification of the electronic pollbook submitted by Everyone Counts, Inc. and examination of the pollbook for certification and approval for use in Ohio elections.

• Review of the modification to the EA Tablet electronic pollbook (submitted by Election Administrators, LLC) for certification and approval for use in Ohio elections.

This meeting of the Board is open to the public.

Board Members: Joyce Kale-Pesta (Director, Mahoning County Bd. of Elections), William Anthony, Jr. (Director, Franklin County Bd. of Elections), Jeffrey A. Matthews (Director, Stark County Bd. of Elections), and Shawn Stevens (Member, Delaware County Bd. of Elections).

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

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**LETTER TO EDITOR**

**Our Endangered Environment**

Humanity is slowly but surely using up its surrounding environment. The global economy is a real tangible object that we must pay attention to and be aware of its health and needs. It is still alive today, but humans are poisoning it - how long can it live?

Right here in Paulding County there are trends that are endangering the future of the culture of the farming and living communities because of the greed of larger land owners and professional farmers over that of smaller farmers and simple land owners.

Crop spraying from airplanes is just one issue that is a problem that is ongoing and has been since its invention because of over-spraying. This trespass onto another neighbor's property is illegal and if you feel you are a victim, contact your local Sheriff's office immediately. In case of illegal aerial spraying, make sure you keep note of the date, time, take pictures of the plane, etc. Many times a dewy residue will be on your lawn and a sugary coating will remain on your vehicles. If a state or federal office is contacted they will have to come out to your home for a sample of water before a rain. Fines could be in store for the company who did the spraying.

Dumping of manure into public ditches is unlawful as well as spreading it or injecting it in the ground under certain conditions. If you feel you have been subjected to unlawful situations, call the correct state or federal agency, the Sheriff's office, and County Health Department.

Why is liquid cow manure being brought into Paulding County Ohio from Wood County Ohio for disposal? Can this be true? Response is welcome from any parties involved to clarify this issue. Please write this newspaper. Feelings are common that the county does not want anymore manure. We have enough "crap" issues to deal with. If this is true, it is surely more contaminating to our water and soil condition. 70% of our oxygen comes from our oceans and yet we are ruining it from all of the eventual run-off of the contaminated water going into the oceans.

The high water that we have had in the ditches the past few days have caused many "overflow tiles" in farm ponds to back up into the ditches. Some of these ditches were said to be draining dirty water from manure ridden pits and fields. When the water went back down, it went back into the ponds. What does that say for the drinking water quality in Paulding County? How can the pond filters and treatments keep up with all the contaminations? Water test kits for contamination are costly as well as having the Health Department test your water. Perhaps these "factory farms" would like to foot the bill for a few of those!

Its a free county, so let's protect our rights. Paulding County and area residents don't want to live on bottled water forever (I would like to drink my pond water again, now we drink bottled water). 80% of plastic is not recycled. We need to have some productive community meetings to help solve these issues. Come on, our voted-in officials, help us out on this. Don't hide out when a meeting is called, but come and state your position. The public needs to know, so we will know how to vote in the future.

—Caroline Zimmerman, regular Crane Twp. voter

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Several of us in Divine Mercy Catholic Church would like to personally recognize Heather Miller for her work of 23 years in serving first, Paulding parish and then, Payne and Antwerp as we were all joined into one Divine Mercy, but for some of us it is hard to give up the original name of St. Joseph, St. John, and St. Mary, so we older ones still refer to our church as Saint. Heather spent 23 years as our secretary/receptionist, and what a great job she did and personality that went with serving us all.

She is a very talented religious person and no one knew of all the training she went through to do the perfect job she did. We are grateful for her letter in the bulleting on June 6. She was a great coordinator with the other churches in our area as I have heard this from my fiends in those churches. We are all

trying to get to the same place and realize we need support form each church to get there.

Heather is a person of many talents - first, she was a licensed beautician and what a perfect job she did there for years, but in her heart she always wanted to be more for our religion. She also is an artist and I know that because I bought a picture she did.

I would expect and know the hardest part of her job must have been each day she saw our beloved Father Fillman go downhill as she herself is a cancer survivor and it had to make her shed many tears. She had to always make sure we had a priest to say Mass at each parish and special unexpected deaths, etc.

When word came out about her retirement, we knew it can mean several different things: one can retire to bed early at night, choose retirement or a time for misery and questions for all of us not answered. Now, if anyone reading this has questions, please feel free to call me - preferably evening.

You know we in our area are country and we live our lives as country. Yes, some work in factories, but farming is a major occupation and Father Fillman understood that, with little changes, because he was country growing up on a small farm in Defiance County.

The budget for years (with three churches) has not met the expenditures and this coming year it will probably be worse as you look to the crops and seasons we are having - spending must be thought out carefully!

Heather, you were one of the greatest we had at our churches and hope something rewarding comes your way.

We all pray your future check ups are free of cancer and know Father Fillman is praying for you and all of us.

We cannot change some things as we would like to, but perhaps God will intervene.

Friend and one who saw you often for Masses for my family,

—Deloris Whirrett

**STATE OF THE NATION**

**By: Michael True**

In public addresses, President Obama assures the American people that the U.S. military command is greater than any other in the world. One must wonder if he is aware that the U.S. has not won a war since 1945, as historian Andrew Bacevich notes. Since the Vietnam War, policy makers and military commands responsible for U.S. interventions have not quite lived up to the president's billing.

The costs of America's wars have been enormous, in dead and injured American soldiers and wasted resources. The results, including the ignominious defeat in Vietnam, have left the U.S. and the world in worse shape. Wounded veterans from each of these extended wars have returned home, with many ending up homeless or suicidal.

A central question that has not been fully addressed either during the Vietnam War or in any war since is who is held responsible for these interventions, which often have high costs and destabilize regions? Initially, several of the

so-called "best and brightest," including the late Robert McNamara, acknowledged that the Vietnam War should never have happened. Nonetheless, a fuller accounting and deeper understanding of the war awaits us, if we are to understand how it resulted in the massacre of more than three million Vietnamese, fifty-eight thousand Americans, and numerous allies on either side.

Among recent accounts, Nick Turse's, "Kill Anything That Moves: The Real American War in Vietnam," occupies a special place. For the Vietnamese, the war was "an endless gauntlet of potential calamities," according to Turse, with innocents "killed for the sake of a bounty or shot in a garbage dump, forced into prostitution or gang-raped...run down for sport on a roadway or locked away in jail to be tortured without the benefit of trial." These crimes, the various essence of war, Turse adds, "went on all the time all over South Vietnam for years."

Following the failed war in Vietnam, the U.S. briefly soft-pedaled its imperial pretensions. After 9/11, however, the Bush administration seemed to feel obligated to bomb somebody.

Pressured by Rumsfeld, Cheney, and unchallenged by U.S. media, the U.S. invaded Iraq, even though it was known there were no weapons of mass destruction and that no Iraqis were involved in the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The Iraq intervention has cost taxpayers over \$3 trillion.

Subsequently, President Obama repeated policies initiated by President Bush, including torture and strikes as by MQ-1 Predator and MQ-9 Reaper drones that continue to terrorize innocent civilians in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Yemen with Hellfire and Stinger missiles and Viper Strike bombs. One report stated that the ratio of deaths from the strikes over a three-year period was "50 civilians for every militant - a hit rate of two percent."

In the recent past, the

Senate and House of Representatives continue to fail us particularly on issues of foreign policy. So we learn after the fact about our country's global surveillance, which alienates our friends abroad and undermines civil liberties at home.

At the moment, neither political party effectively challenges or addresses these serious issues.

None of this will change until an aroused public challenges lockstep Republicans and cautious Democrats to redirect policies that perpetuate chaos at home

and abroad. Altering the situation requires persistent legislative, legal, educational, and nonviolent action by a significant number of people. Similarly, improving the state of the union means responding to and affirming the interests, not of the wealthy and powerful few, but of the overwhelming majority.

Michael True, syndicated by PeaceVoice, is emeritus professor, American Literature, Peace, Conflict, and Nonviolence Studies, Assumption College.

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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, Cabbage Patch Convenience Store

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Paulding:** Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Napa Country True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Holly

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

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

**Scott:** Scott Variety Store  
**Sherwood:** Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank,

**Van Wert:** Pak-A-Sak, Short Stop, Family Video, Orchard Tree, BalyEat's, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market, Walmart

**INDIANA LOCATIONS**

**Fort Wayne:** Walmart (Maysville Rd.)

**Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales

**Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Harlan Cafe, iAB Bank

**Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

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

**New Haven:** Curves, Milan Center, New Haven Branch Library, Ken's Meat Market, New Haven Bakery, Broadway Deli,

Paterson Hardware, Richard's Restaurant, New Haven Chamber

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**THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS**

**By: Stan Jordan**  
We left the airbase at dawn today and we headed pretty much straight east into Belgium. We had on extra gas tanks because we would be needing them on our way back. We were close to where the Americans buck up against the English and Canadians. We flew around fairly close to the ground to look things over and find some targets.

We found a good sized canal and a number of barges and boats on it. One rocket would blow up a canal boat pretty good, but a barge might need more than one. We tried to sink the targets in the middle of the canal, and that would hold up the boat traffic for a while.

Well, I guess each one of us used a rocket there. We sank all the targets and we all met up about a thousand feet altitude to look around for what we could shoot up next. We could see a number of American half-tracks loaded with soldiers just outside a small country town, and they were being held up. After buzzing the town, we found out that there were two 88 mm cannons, one on each side of the road and camouflaged to look like a small shed. Well, we got some altitude and then dove down on the edge of town and put a rocket in each cannon site. Then, the other two planes came down and done the same thing with one rocket each.

We went back upstairs to look over our job and we agreed both of the 88 mm were destroyed. One of the pilots said he caught a lot of small arms fire from around that red barn the south side of the road. So, we all went down in single file and shot up the haystacks and put two rockets in the barn. Then, things got busy. A big, 6-wheeled German command

car came speeding out. The barn was burning with a lot of big, black smoke. Then, out came a couple motorcycles. They must have had a command post of some kind in there. We got the command car and the motorcycles and some soldiers trying to set up some anti-aircraft machine guns. If we didn't get them, the heat from the burning barn would.

We had dropped our tanks before the raid on the canal, so it was time for us to head back to the Lopshire Airbase. After a good supply of Army Stew for supper, we set around and talked about today's action. Soon, it was time for lights-out.

**SOME ACTION AROUND THE TRAIN SITE**

**By: Stan Jordan**  
This information was given to me by Judy Jordan Copey about her father. It is a court document from 1945, about an Atrocity on the prisoners' train he was on. **"For the War Crimes Office Judge Advocate General's Department - War Department United States of America"**

"In the matter of the Shooting of an American Prisoner of War near Tours, France about 5 August 1944.

Perpetuation of Testimony of Garner E. Jordan, Staff Sergeant, ASN 35344060.

"Taken at: 320 East Canal Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

"Date: 11 May 1945.

"In the Presence of: Thomas F. Dewey, Special Agent, SIC, Fifth Service Command, Dana R. Headley, Agent, SIC, Fifth Service Command.

"Q. State your name, rank, serial number, and permanent home address.

"A. Garner E. Jordan, Staff Sergeant, ASN 35344060, 320 East Canal Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

"Q. Have you recently been returned to the United States from overseas?

"A. Yes. I returned to the United States on 8 April 1945, arriving at Boston, Massachusetts.

"Q. Were you a Prisoner of War?

"A. Yes. I was a Prisoner of the Germans in France and Germany.

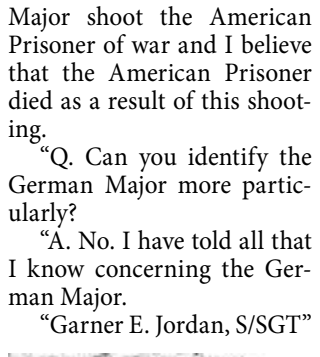
"Q. At what places were you held and state the ap-

proximate dates.  
"A. 1. A German hospital at Rennes, France from 5 July 1944 to 15 July 1944.  
"2. A transit camp at Rennes, France from 15 July 1944 to 30 July 1944.  
"3. XII A Limburg, Germany from 16 August 1944 to 1 September 1944.  
"4. III C Kustrin, Germany from 1 September 1944 until 31 January 1945.

"Q. Do you know of any atrocities committed against American Prisoners of War?  
"A. Yes. I saw a German Major shoot an American Prisoner of War alongside our train while we were en route from Rennes, France to Limburg, Germany.

"Q. Will you please state what you know of this incident?  
"A. It was about 5 August 1944, while we were being transferred by train to Limburg, Germany from the transit camp at Rennes, France. I was in a box car with other American Prisoners and was looking out of a small window in the box car. The train was stopped because we were being strafed by American planes. We were also told that a bridge was out ahead of the train and that we were waiting for it to be repaired. We were about 20 (twenty) kilometers from Tours, France and were across the river which runs outside of the city. During the strafing of the train the German guards left the train and ran to the side of the tracks to get away from the strafing. After the planes had passed over, the guards and a young American soldier returned alongside of the train. The soldier apparently had run with the guards to the edge of the track and when I first saw him he was alongside of the train with the German guards. The American soldier was wearing fatigues and paratrooper's boots. He had been a prisoner on the train and while he was standing there a German Major came up, drew his pistol, and pulled the trigger, after aiming the pistol at the soldier. The Major was commander of the train on which we were riding and he appeared to be very angry because the train had been strafed by the American planes. When his pistol clicked and failed to fire, the American Prisoner attempted to take the pistol away from the Major. A German soldier, a guard on the train, grabbed the American Prisoner, struck him and threw him to the ground. The German Major then fired a shot at the Prisoner, who was lying on the ground. I believe that he killed the Prisoner with this shot but I do not know what happened afterward as the German guard took away the body. The German Major was about 5 (five) feet 10 (ten) or 11 (eleven) inches tall, wore glasses, had brownish hair, and blue eyes, and weighed 175 (one hundred, seventy-five) or 180 (one hundred and eighty) pounds. I do not know his name, nor do I know the name of the American Prisoner whom he shot. I do not know the names of any of the German soldiers who were guards on the train. After the American Prisoner was shot, the German Major also fired at a young French boy who was standing alongside of the train. I do not know whether the French civilian was killed but I am sure that the American Prisoner was killed by the bullet fired

from the Major's pistol.  
"Q. Was the train in which you were being transported marked in any way to show that it was a Prisoner or War train?  
"A. Yes. The train had white flags displayed on it but the American planes strafed the train in spite of this fact. The box cars in which we were riding were wired shut and we were given strict orders to stay in the box cars even though the train was strafed.  
"Q. Do you know of the above incident from our own personal knowledge?  
"A. Yes. I saw the German Major shoot the American Prisoner of war and I believe that the American Prisoner died as a result of this shooting.  
"Q. Can you identify the German Major more particularly?  
"A. No. I have told all that I know concerning the German Major.  
"Garner E. Jordan, S/SGT"



**ANTWERP ACTIVITIES IN THE NEAR FUTURE**

**By: Stan Jordan**  
Well, the big ice cream social at the Bethel United Methodist Church is over and lots of people enjoyed themselves. The cruise-in of the Big Boy\$ Toy\$ will be here on Main Street in Antwerp, July 25th. The show is from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and the awards will be issued about 8:00 p.m. There are many categories to be judged.  
The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce has a Day in the Park, and that will be on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. That same weekend is the Antwerp High School Reunion. There is a gathering at the VFW on Friday night with a dinner and dance at the MAC Gym on Saturday night at 5:30 p.m. This is sponsored by the ACDC.  
Soon after the Day in the Park, the big kayak race on the Maumee River will take place, if the weather and river cooperates. This big race is sponsored by the Advanced Chassis and Fabrication Shop.  
See ya!

**JPHS TO HOST CHICKEN BBQ BY PORT-A-PIT**

The John Paulding Historical Society will be hosting their annual Chicken BBQ by Port-A-Pit on Saturday, August 1, 2015. Serving and/or pick-up will begin at 4:00 p.m. and continue to 7:00 p.m.  
For more information, the museum is open on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or you may also call Angie Pollock at 419-393-2876, Patti Boundy at 419-399-4120 or Kim Sutton at 419-399-2388. Menu includes a half or a quarter chicken, baked beans, chips, applesauce, and your choice of cole slaw or fresh vegetables.  
The museum is located across from the fairgrounds in Paulding. Please help support the John Paulding Historical Society in their mission of Preserving the Past for Future Generations.

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Officer Brockman can be reached at 419-429-8382.

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**PATROL'S EFFECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT YIELDS DRUG ARRESTS**

In the first six months of 2015, the Ohio State Highway Patrol investigated a wide range of felony offenses and increased total drug arrests from the year before, thanks to troopers who take extra time during traffic stops to look for possible indicators of criminal activity.

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Large drug seizures of the last six months include 235 pounds of marijuana seized in a Lorain County traffic stop and almost 150 grams of heroin at a Fairfield County traffic stop. In total, OSHP has seized over 400,000 grams of marijuana and 84,000 grams of cocaine during the first half of 2015.

Motorists are reminded that public participation is critical to highway safety. Call #677 to report impaired drivers or drug activity.

For a complete statistical analysis please visit [http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/doc/2015\\_Jan-Jun\\_FelonyAndDrug.pdf](http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/doc/2015_Jan-Jun_FelonyAndDrug.pdf).

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**HARLAN DAYS Food Tent Menu**

**Thursday, July 30th & Friday, July 31st**  
Pork Chop Sandwich • Bratwurst and Kraut  
Pork Chop Dinner - (Includes 2 Sides and a Bag of Chips)

**Saturday, August 1st**  
Chicken Half Dinner - (Includes 2 Sides and a Dinner Roll)

**Sides (Daily)**  
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**WEARABLE TECHNOLOGY IMPROVES FITNESS AWARENESS**

**The Nurturing Well by: Jill Starbuck**

Tracking fitness levels is not a new concept. It has just become easier and more high-tech. In fact, it has become quite the rage. Today, you can spot countless people wearing plain wristbands in various colors. Typically, they are wearing the Fitbit, which is a fitness tracker that requires the push of a button to reveal data regarding activity level. This is the "hip" version of the old-fashioned pedometer. And it is a hot item. By 2018, an estimated 60 million people will own them.

While not the most appealing accessory, wearable technology is certainly convenient. It is a constant reminder to get up and move more often. And it is not just for fitness fanatics. Due to ever-increasing sedentary lifestyles and obesity rates, Americans continue to desperately seek the latest fads to help them stay active and lose weight. Even dedicated exercisers may not get enough activity in a day. They may exercise for an hour, only to spend the rest of their day sitting. According to Tom Rath, author of the best-selling book *Eat Move Sleep*, Americans now sit more hours than they sleep.

For some, wearable technology may provide just the right motivation and reminder to get moving. Devices today can track a number of important health-related criteria. Some of which include sleep patterns, heart rate, calories burned, steps taken, miles completed, sweat rate, body temperature, and more. Tracking health data can improve overall general fitness and health levels for many

people. Studies suggest that prolonged sitting increases risk of chronic health conditions and death, not to mention back, shoulder, and neck pain. Therefore, it is vital to find ways to get Americans to move more often.

Although fitness devices have many positive features, many people still question their accuracy or become frustrated with their reliance on other types of technology such as tablets, smartphones, and computers to view results. Others balk at the price. The Fitbit Flex costs about \$100, but wearable technology prices can climb substantially higher depending on brand and device.

Despite these cons, wearable devices provide easy and constant reminders of activity level that may be enough to convince consumers that they are worth purchasing. And as studies indicate, they do help consumers become more aware of and increase their activity level. Therefore, these cons may be negligible in the overall scheme of things. After all, spending \$100 seems a drop in the bucket compared to the medical costs associated with preventable health issues that arise from lack of exercise.

*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.*

**AUGUST EVENTS COMING TO THE MAIN BRANCH OF ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Storytime for Preschools, Daycares & Other Groups:**

*Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19, 26, 9:30 a.m.* 30-minutes of theme-based stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities and fun for your 3 to 6 year old child.

**Family Storytime:**

*Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:30 a.m.* Join us for a special half-hour of book-related fun.

Each session is geared to preschoolers ages 3 to 6. Each session includes books, fingerplays, songs and multime-

dia computer fun.

**Babies And Books:**

*Fridays, August 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:00 a.m.* Bring in those little babies for a special time just for them. They are never too young to begin with books.

**Toddler Storytime:**

*Fridays, August 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.* Special stories, songs and activities for active toddlers! Children 18 months to 3 years of age and their caregivers are encouraged to attend.

**Minecraft Masters:**

*Mondays, August 3, 10, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 3:00 p.m. and August 19, 26, 4:00 p.m.* Welcome all Minecraft Survivors! Whether you are an expert or just getting started, come and explore the Minecraft world.

**LEGO Club:**

*Wednesdays, August 5, 3:00 p.m.; Wednesdays, August 12, 19, 26, 3:30 p.m.* We will have our HUGE collection of LEGO bricks out for you to use your talent and creativity.

**Autism Storytime:**

*Monday, August 3, 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.* Aimed at children on the Autism Spectrum, this storytime will be limited to 10 children, their parents and siblings. Please register in advance, 260-421-1220.

**Build it with Keva Planks:**

*Sunday, August 9, 2:00 p.m.* Do you know what Keva Planks are? If not stop by and be creative and amazed at what you can build. Fun for the whole family.

**Library Behind the Scenes:**

*Tuesday, August 4, 2:00 p.m.* Want to find out more about the parts of the Main Library most people never see? Wear your walking shoes, because there is more to this building than you might expect.

**Be a MovieMaker:**

*Thursday, August 6, 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.* Learn the basics of storytelling with stop motion animation apps on the library's iPads. The program is open to all ages but is designed for children who can read. Pre-readers will need help from their grownup.

**Open Art Exhibit:**

*August 16 - September 12, During Library Hours.* Art created by local children during the Summer Reading Program will be on display in Children's Services.

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

*Friday, August 14, 10:00 a.m.* Discuss books while enjoying tasty bagels (or donuts). For homeschool high school students.

**Sci-Fi Club:**

*Thursday, August 13, 7:00 p.m.* Everything SciFi—movies, games, books, graphic novels, new SciFi Tech in the real works, and any other science fiction topic. Dr. Who, Star Trek, Star Wars, Ender's Game.

**Totally Terrific Tuesdays:**

*Tuesday, August 11, 7:00 p.m.* This month we will have be creating some Super Sand Art.

**Minecraft Club:**

*Thursday, August 27, 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.* Play Minecraft with other people who love the game as much as you do!

**Homeschool Happenings:**

*Thursday, August 6, 1:00 p.m.* Learn something new or participate in an interesting activity every month.

**ANIMALS ARE HEROES, TOO!**



Deputy Deitrick and K-9 Officer Jano paid a visit to the Payne Branch Library for a Summer Reading Program session about animal heroes. Program attendees learned about K-9 officers,

saw a demonstration of Officer Jano's skills, and enjoyed a story read by Deputy Deitrick. Call the Payne Branch Library at 419-263-3333 for information about upcoming summer programs!

**Have Something to sell?**  
Classified ads are \$8.50 for 20 words or less and only \$.15 for each additional word.

This month we will be going Behind the Scenes at the Library.

**Otaku Anon:**

*Thursday, August 6, 7:00 p.m.* Otaku Anon is back. Watch anime and hang out with others who love anime and manga as much as you do. We will also be showing off Mango Languages, the new online way to learn a language. This is your way to learn Japanese via the computer.

**Tech Tuesdays:**

*Tuesdays, August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2:00 p.m.* Come to the library each week for tech related activities. Registration required. Please call 421-1255 to sign up.

**Craft Café:**

*Thursday, August 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m.* Want to get crafty? So Do We! Bring your project to the library and enjoy drafting, coffee and conversation. All crafters and projects are welcome.

**Movie Night@ the Library:**

*Tuesday, August 25, 6:30 p.m.* Theater Lower Level 2 Main Library. We will present a G,PG or PG-13 moving on the big screen the 4th Tuesday of the month. Adults must accompany children under 13, the doors open at 6 first come first seated.

**Wednesday Concerts on the Plaza:**

*Wednesday, August 12, 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.* Island Vibe will play a variety of music including reggae, authentic Caribbean and some rock and roll.

**AUGUST EVENTS FOR MONROEVILLE BRANCH OF ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Smart Start Storytime:**

*Mondays, August, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 3:30 p.m.* Enjoy the latest books, some old favorites and an awesome craft each week.

**LEGO Mania:**

*Monday, August 3, 6:30 p.m.* Bring your own LEGOS or use ours. Make friends and have a treat.

**Budget Scrapbooking:**

*Thursday, August 20, 4:00 p.m.* We will have a different layout page each month and provide supplies. You bring your adhesive & scissors and have fun whether you are a new or an experienced scrapbooker.

**Computer Basics:**

By appointment. We will be glad to show you the basics of Internet searching and e-mail. Just call and set up an appointment.

**Pieceful Quilters:**

*Wednesday, August 26, 6:30 p.m.* Quilters of all types and skill levels are welcome.

**Pieceful Quilters Quilt Show:**

*Tuesday, August 4 - Friday, August 7, during library hours. Open House Wednesday, August 5, 6:30 p.m.* This group has been meeting at the library for over one year. Stop by and see the handiwork they have created and find out some of their secrets too.

**GRABILL BRANCH OF ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY AUGUST EVENTS**

**Born to Read:**

*Tuesdays, August 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:30 a.m.* You're never too young to enjoy the library. For babies and their caregivers.

**Smart Start Storytime:**

*Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:30 a.m.* Preschoolers and their grownups are invited to attend a storytime designed to help them as they begin to read.

**Monday Night Book Club:**

*Monday, August 3, 7:00 p.m.* The first Monday of each month we have a lively book discussion. This month we will discuss, *Bittersweet* by Colleen McCullough.

**Brunch and Lit:**

*Wednesday, August 12, 10:00 a.m.* Stop by The Cedars: Cedar Creek Retirement Community and discuss this month's book, *Hard Times* by Charles Dickens.

**WOODBURN BRANCH OF ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY AUGUST EVENTS**

**Smart Start Storytime:**

*Fridays, August 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 a.m.* This Storytime features finger plays, songs, stories of various lengths and crafts.

**Yarn Lover's Gathering:**

*Thursdays, August 6, 13, 20, 27, 7:00 p.m.* If you already know how to knit or crochet or if you want to learn how to knit or crochet join us at Woodburn. We have people that can help you get started or teach you new techniques. Join us for a creative evening.

**Woodburn Lego Club:**

*Monday, August 10, 4:00 p.m.* Grades 3 and up can create with Legos. There will also be Legos at the library for you to use. And, of course, snacks.

**AUGUST EVENTS FOR NEW HAVEN BRANCH OF THE ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Family Storytime:**

*Tuesdays, August 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:30 a.m.*

Babies, toddlers and preschoolers can enjoy this storytime along with their parents and caregivers.

**Teen Thursdays:**

*Thursdays, August 6, 13, 20, 27, 3:30 p.m.* Something for teens each Thursday.

August 6 - Italian Sodas

August 13 - Art Through the Ages

August 20 - Iron Chef

August 27 - Game On!

**Those Witty Brits:**

*Wednesday, August 19, 7:00 p.m.* A book club devoted to British humor. Come and laugh with us.

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**Demolition Derby is Back at Harlan Days 2015!**  
Harlan Days will again be hosting the demolition derby in the arena on Saturday, August 1 at 7:00 PM. Admission is only \$6.00 and kids 12 years old and under are free! Hope to see you there!



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**PANTHERS WIN AT BGSU!**



Celebrating after their 1-0 win over Toledo's Otsego Varsity last weekend are the Paulding High School Varsity Soccer Team. Pictured left to right are: Coach Maassel, Coach

Goshia, Cullen Wenzlick, Ryan Woodring, Michael Dangler, Matthew Martinez, Kaleb Goshia, William Deisler, Jerad Paschall, Robert Deitrick, Ben Stuck, Brian Matson, Josh Trausch, Alex

Schlegel, Skyler Maassel, Noah Johnson, Christopher Elder, Kaleb Becker, Dakota Bradford and Adrian Daniels. Missing from the photo are Cameron Strahley, Keaton Davis and Brandon Brummit.

**GEORGETOWN BRANCH OF ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY AUGUST EVENTS**

**Born To Read: Babies And Books Storytime:**  
Mondays, August, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 10:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Babies and their caregivers are expected at a storytime designed to develop early literacy skills. We will have books, stories, puppets, tickles and singing during this 20-25 minute program.

**Toddler Time Storytime:**  
Tuesdays, August 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
A program especially designed for 2 & 3 year olds and their caregivers. Toddlers on the go will enjoy stories, songs, puppets, games and other fun activities that emphasize vocabulary and letters of the alphabet.

**Smart Start Storytime:**  
Thursdays, August 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Join us for preschool storytime enhanced by the latest research in emergent literacy.

Each session includes books, fingerplays and maybe even a craft!

**LEGO Club:**  
Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19, 26, 3:30 p.m. See where your imagination, building skills and LEGOs can take you!

**Stephen King Book Club:**  
Thursday, August 27, 7:00 p.m. Come join us to discuss the author's latest work, *Finders Keepers*, and all things Stephen King.

**RACE CAR AND ZOO ANIMALS AT THE LIBRARY!**

Visit the historic Carnegie library on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and see a real race car. Children will be able to listen to the loud roar of the engine, enjoy balloons, face painting and more! On Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m., join the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo Zoomobile at the library and learn about wild animals. This Wild About Animals program will

be fun for all ages. For more information about either program, call 419-399-2032 and ask for the Children's Department.

**EACS 2015-16 DISTRICT-WIDE REGISTRATION**

East Allen County Schools will have on-line registration from July 28 - August 5, 2015 for currently enrolled students. Students new to EACS and enrolling for the first time need to make an appointment with the school office. For currently enrolled students, you may complete the on-line registration from July 28 - August 5, 2015 using your Password or Activation Codes. If parents do not have computer and Internet access at home, the schools will have computer labs available during registration on the following dates:

- Elementary and Secondary Schools Registration:**
- New Haven, Woodlan, Heritage, Leo Attendance Areas:**  
Monday, August 3, 12:00-7:00 p.m. (Burmese translators will be available at New Haven HS, Woodlan HS and Heritage HS) Tuesday, August 4, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.
  - Elementary and Secondary Schools Registration: Paul Harding Attendance Area:**  
Southwick:
    - Monday, August 3, 12:00-7:00 p.m. Translators will be available for assistance.
    - Tuesday, August 4, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.
  - Prince Chapman:
    - Monday, August 3, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
    - Tuesday, August 4, 12:00-7:00 p.m. Translators will be available for assistance.
  - Paul Harding Jr. High/East Allen University:
    - Tuesday August 4, 8:00

a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, August 5, 12:00-7:00 p.m. Translators will be available for assistance.

To complete the registration/enrollment process, parents are required to register each student at his/her assigned school.

Parents, please bring your Password or Activation Codes with you to register at school.

A birth certificate and Proof of Residency is required (for new students) at the time of enrollment. (Example: utility bill, lease agreement, etc...)

**REVOLUTION'S MATCHSTICK: THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP**

**By: Rivera Sun**

Rolling down the corporate-political assembly line is a trade deal so treasonous to the peoples of the world that it should serve as revolution's matchstick. The treaty is secret, but one fact is well known: the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement is being negotiated by transnational corporations without a single US legislator present. Each time I hear this, my eyes blink in disbelief. Without a single legislator present ... without their presence at negotiations, without so much as seeing a draft of the deal, and most treacherously, without objection or outcry at their exclusion! President Obama has requested our legislators to "fast track the TPP", which would allow him to sign the deal prior to sending it to Congress for approval or disapproval. If they agree to this, then Congress eschews its right - and its responsibility - to reject parts of the trade deal and reopen negotiations.

This complicity on the part of our legislators sinks an iron weight in my gut. It smacks not of exclusion, but of willing collusion with transnational corporations that have a proven track record of criminality, destruction, and abuse. In my short lifetime, large corporations have been responsible for poisoning two major gulfs with oil spills, blowing up more than five hundred mountains, destroying numerous watersheds, wrecking the food system with toxins, and causing one in six Americans to be evicted from their homes. They have used the media apparatus to deny the existence of climate change, fomented wars, and obstructed truth and justice so often that it is practically an "industry standard." The list of grievances can be only partial here, but these abuses alone must sound the alarm

Our politicians control the largest, most well-funded military in the world. The corporations employ private mercenaries. And, while there are many noble reasons to advocate that the people use nonviolent struggle, the most strategic one is this: by using violent means, we will have chosen the very type of struggle in which our opponents excel. Their superiority is unquestionable at this time.

Realistic alternatives exist. Strategic nonviolent action has been used around the world to dismantle regimes far more repressive and overtly controlling than our own... but these nonviolent struggles require that the populace rouse itself from stupor, apply their minds to understanding how such strategic nonviolent action succeeds and set their hearts firmly on the effort towards a truly democratic society. Striving for revolutionary change is never easy, but the haystack of tyranny and injustice has been piled high by the abuses of the government and the corporations. Every citizen will find a different matchstick for revolution; the Trans-Pacific Partnership is mine.

Wishes alone will not change anything. Action is required. So, with pragmatic determination, I look out across the unlikely landscape of my nation. Violence seethes just under the surface, bursting forth too often. Ignorance abounds. Despair, helplessness, and apathy afflict us, along with addiction and ill health. Police brutality is on the rise. Authoritarian power is replacing democracy and civil liberties. The pervasiveness of the surveillance state is so widespread that honesty is our only option.

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We must, despite these odds, prepare for struggle with great determination.

And since the government knows our secrets, let me tell you one of theirs. They are hoping for violent insurrection. Armed uprisings can be thoroughly and violently suppressed and quell the rest of us into fearful submission. Those who work toward change know that violence is not only strategically unwise, it is exactly what our opponents want.

Our politicians control the largest, most well-funded military in the world. The corporations employ private mercenaries. And, while there are many noble reasons to advocate that the people use nonviolent struggle, the most strategic one is this: by using violent means, we will have chosen the very type of struggle in which our opponents excel. Their superiority is unquestionable at this time.

Realistic alternatives exist. Strategic nonviolent action has been used around the world to dismantle regimes far more repressive and overtly controlling than our own... but these nonviolent struggles require that the populace rouse itself from stupor, apply their minds to understanding how such strategic nonviolent action succeeds and set their hearts firmly on the effort towards a truly democratic society. Striving for revolutionary change is never easy, but the haystack of tyranny and injustice has been piled high by the abuses of the government and the corporations. Every citizen will find a different matchstick for revolution; the Trans-Pacific Partnership is mine.

Rivera Sun, syndicated by PeaceVoice, is the author of *The Dandelion Insurrection*, and other books, and the co-founder of the Love-In-Action Network.

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# GROVER HILL SUMMERFEST ANNOUNCES PARADE MARSHALLS



2015 Grover Hill Summerfest Parade Marshalls: Don & Marge Stahl

The Grover Hill Summerfest Parade is set for Saturday July 25th at 10 a.m. This year's parade theme is "Homegrown on the Hill" with a red, white and blue color theme. The Grover Hill Summerfest parade committee is accepting parade entries for this year's parade. There is no entry fee to participate in the parade. This is a great way to promote your business, club or local organization. If you are interested in participating in the parade please contact Tony or Staci Miller at 419-203-1673 or 419-769-1658 or email [tonyandstacimiller@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyandstacimiller@yahoo.com) for a parade entry form. Entry forms can be turned in during parade

line-up. The parade line-up will start at 9:30 a.m. at Grover Hill Elementary School and proceed through town ending at the welcome park.

The 2015 Grover Hill Summerfest Parade Marshalls are Don and Marge Stahl. Don and Marge are lifelong residents of the Grover Hill community. They were high school sweet hearts and have been married for 62 years. They have two children, a son Dick Stahl and daughter Jodi (Jerry) Youngblutt and two grandchildren Fletcher and Shardi (Brant) Carrol all of which who reside in Indiana.

Don is a retired truck driver. He served in the

Korean War for four years and is Korean War Veteran. He currently serves as the Chaplin of Grover Hill VFW Post 2873 and is a charter and lifetime member. Don has maintained the graveside flags of the 400 plus veterans buried in Latty and Washington Townships for the past 20 years. He was a firefighter for 39 years and is a lifelong member of Middle Creek United Methodist Church, where he is the chorus director. Don is also member of the Bottom of the Barrel Boys performing group. In his free time, Don enjoys reading, playing his guitar and eating Marge's wonderful cooking.

Marge is a retired hairdresser, Wayne Trace School bus driver and motivational speaker. She was also on the Grover Hill EMS. In her free time, Marge enjoys crossword puzzles, playing euchre, going out to eat and watching Don and the Bottom of the Barrel Boys perform.

They are honored to be the 2015 Grover Hill Summerfest Parade Marshalls. They truly love living in Grover Hill. They said it is where they have always called home and it will be their forever home. They love the small town community they call Home!

The Grover Hill Summerfest committee invites you to come out and enjoy the various activities going on during the Grover Hill Summerfest July 25-26.

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# MISSILE FIELDS SCANDALIZED FROM TOP TO BOTTOM

By: John LaForge

Over the last several years, a surprising number of high-ranking military officers have been investigated, punished or fired over conduct unbecoming, sexual harassment, sexual violence, retaliation against subordinates, recruiting fraud and financial improprieties. In 2014, a Pentagon study found that reports of rapes and sexual assaults in the military increased eight percent, and this came on the heels of a 50 percent increase in reported rapes and sexual assaults in 2013.

Simultaneously, nuclear weapons-related scandals have rocked the Air Force and the Navy, resulting in hundreds of demotions, firings, courts-martial and forced retirements.

Just to note a few: February 5, 2014, "Navy Opens Inquiry into Cheating in Reactor Training"; April 18, 2014, "Another Charge in Navy Bribe Case"; November 14, 2014, "Pentagon Studies Reveal Major Nuclear Problems"; and Jan. 7, 2015, "California: Navy Commander Admits Taking Bribes."

Officers among the 9,600 personnel in the Minuteman III missile system have been accused of and penalized for distributing illegal narcotics, violating safety and security rules, failing proficiency exercises, sleeping at the controls, cheating on exams, "burn-out," sexual assaults, spousal abuse, and even illegally flying nuclear-armed Cruise missiles across the country. Two Pentagon reports in 2014 urged then Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel to allocate between \$1-10 billion to quickly fix management and infrastructure in the nuclear weapons system.

An Air Force study obtained by the Associated Press in 2013 found that court-martial rates in the Minuteman missile fields in 2011 and 2012 were more than twice as high as in the overall Air Force. A lengthy article by Nina Burleigh in the June 18 Rolling Stone reports there are currently four courts-martial - for drug use, rape, assault, sexual assault on an unconscious person, and larceny

- underway at the Minot Air Force Base alone. Minot is the only AFB in the country to host both B-52 Stratofortress bombers and Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Missile field duty, whether in Minot, Wyoming or Montana, is understood by the personnel assigned to it as a career cul-de-sac, plagued with long hours of isolation and boredom, and haunted by high-level discussions of eliminating the missiles. The missileers' jobs, and those of their colleagues and superior officers could be cancelled at any time, and even former Secretary Hagel signed a 2012 report recommending exactly that.

In 2014, the AP referred to, "a flagging sense of purpose," a "stunning breakdowns in discipline, training, morale, security, leadership," and "a decrepit Minuteman III missile force that few airmen want to join and even fewer view as a career-enhancing mission." Even the Air Force Secretary in 2013, Michael Donley, said during congressional testimony that he was worried that talk of reducing the nuclear arsenal was having a "corrosive effect" on his troops.

One independent investigation of the string of public scandals declared that the crimes and misdemeanors were symptomatic of a deep-seated problem: "an unambiguous, dramatic and unacceptable decline in the Air Force's commitment to perform the nuclear mission."

Air Force chief of staff Gen. Mark Welsh said in 2013 that low morale among missileers is caused by the shrinking of the number of ICBMs. "You say, 'My goodness, there's only three [missile fields]. There's no opportunity there.'" But former missile launch officer Bruce Blair, now a research scholar at Princeton University,

told the press, "This dead-end career is not the result of shrinking nuclear arsenals, but rather because the Cold War ended decades ago..."

In an attempt to raise spirits, Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James, who directs 700,000 active-duty and reserve personnel, was reported February 13, 2014 to be considering salary increases for the missileers, who make between \$35,000 and \$62,000 in base pay.

In the missile fields though, the numbing tedium of having had no mission for the 25 years since the end of the Cold War will not be relieved by a pay raise. Lacking an enemy to target—Minuteman missile warheads are reportedly aimed only at the open sea now, but can be quickly re-directed in a crisis—missile crews can't be blamed for feeling useless. Overshadowed for promotion and commendations by the Air Force bombing campaigns and drone attacks in the terror wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia, and unable to deter attacks against US military or civilian targets around the world, the missile crews' "morale is abysmal," according to Blair, and they are "suffering a deep malaise."

The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists put it this way: "Given the significant number of 'expert' studies that have appeared over the past five years suggesting that the ICBM leg of the nuclear triad should be deactivated, it is no wonder that morale has been a persistent challenge in the missile force..." You might say the missileers' job is dead-ended in more ways than one.

John LaForge works for Nukewatch, a nuclear watchdog group in Wisconsin, edits its Quarterly newsletter, and is syndicated through PeaceVoice.

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## OHSAA ADOPTS NATIONAL CONCUSSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Beginning immediately, the Ohio High School Athletic Association has joined dozens of states in adopting recommendations from the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Concussion Summit Task Force, which will reduce the risk in football for concussions and head impact exposure. The recommendations were approved by the OHSAA's Joint Advisory Committee on Sports Medicine in June and presented to OHSAA Commissioner Dan Ross and the OHSAA staff. The OHSAA Board of Directors unanimously approved the changes in a conference call vote Monday.

The changes, which are listed below, become effective immediately, beginning with the start of football practices in Ohio on August 1. The NFHS is the governing body of high school sports in this country and Ohio follows its playing rules.

"With the support and leadership from the football coaches association, we have been out in front of concussion awareness and education, and these changes will now bring Ohio up to a place as a national leader in this area," Dr. Ross said. "Like many of our regulations, these guidelines are to be followed and monitored by member schools and coaches, but we are fortunate in Ohio that many coaches have already been following these safety measures. There will always be a risk for concussion, but football is safer now than it has ever been, and these guidelines will make it even safer."

The three principles that the guidelines reflect include exposure of an individual athlete to full contact in terms of frequency and duration, the cumulative effect of the exposure on an individual athlete, and recovery time for each athlete after contact. The recommendations adopted for immediate compliance include:

### Spring, Summer and All-Off-Season Contact

Already the rule in Ohio, there is no contact permitted except during the season, and pads may not be worn at any time except during the season. (Many states that allow spring football practice and contact in the summer have a much higher rate of concussions.)

### Preseason Practice (all practices prior to the first regular-season game)

Note: the following regulations apply to individual student-athletes. Position groups, etc., can alternate contact to adhere to the reg-

ulations. Also, contact with soft equipment such as bags, shields, sleds, etc., does not count toward contact limitations. Additionally, the task force noted that preseason practices may require more full-contact time than practices occurring later in the regular season to allow for teaching fundamentals with sufficient repetition:

1. **Physical Examinations:** Already the rule in Ohio, a medical examiner must certify each individual's physical fitness no less than once each calendar year and these signed forms must be on file at the school before any candidate for a team may participate in practice.

2. **Acclimatization Period:** Already the rule in Ohio, a five-day acclimatization period is mandatory prior to any contact drills. Only helmets are permitted on the first and second days of practice. Shoulder pads may be added on days three and four. Full pads may be worn on the fifth day. Full contact is permitted on the sixth day.

3. **Full Contact Limited During Two-A-Day Practices:** When more than one practice takes place in a day, full contact is permitted only during one of the practices. With the importance of recovery time to help minimize concussion risks, consideration should also be given to the timing of full contact during the next day (i.e. if full contact occurs during session 2 of two-days, there should not be full contact in session 1 of two-days the following day).

### Practice During the Season (all practices after the first regular-season game)

Note: the following regulations apply to individual student-athletes. Position groups, etc., can alternate contact during the week to adhere to the regulations. Also, contact with soft equipment such as bags, shields, sleds, etc., does not count toward full contact limitations:

1. Limit full contact on consecutive days.

2. A student-athlete is limited to 30 minutes of full contact in practice per day.

3. A student-athlete is limited to 60 minutes of full contact in practice per week.

4. A student-athlete can be involved in full contact in a maximum of two practices in a seven-day span.

"These regulations are being put into place for the safety of our student-athletes, and it is incumbent on coaches to monitor the contact in their practices," Ross said. "Our coaches are educators and leaders. They want what's best for kids, and these regulations are in line with these safety recommendations. As the report also states, these regulations will evolve and may become more restrictive

as additional concussion research emerges."

In addition, the NFHS Concussion Summit Task Force has advised the OHSAA to review its current policy on total quarters permitted, which currently stands at 50 quarters total for the season for high school student-athletes and 32 quarters for 7th-8th grade student-athletes (or 28 quarters if only seven games are played). The Task Force also asks the OHSAA and all member schools to:

1. Continue to work with the football coaches association and all member schools to ensure that coaches have completed the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course, which is a requirement in Ohio.

2. Continue to place emphasis on proper fitting and care of helmets.

3. Continue to place emphasis on proper tackling and hitting techniques at all times, especially before full contact begins.

4. Know and follow the state law on concussion management protocol: <http://www.ohsaa.org/medicine/Concussion-Regulations.pdf>

5. Develop and put into practice an Emergency Action Plan (will be distributed by the OHSAA in the fall 2015 as part of the "Anyone Can Save a Life" program).

6. Whenever possible, have a certified athletic trainer present at all football practices and contests.

7. Continue to place emphasis on hydration.

8. Continue to place emphasis on inclement weather regulations.

The report of recommendations and guidelines from the NFHS Concussion Summit Task Force can be found at the following link: <http://www.ohsaa.org/medicine/2014NFHSMinimizing-HeadImpact.pdf>

## YANKEE DOODLE FLAGS, KITES AND FUN TO BE HONORED IN TOLEDO

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted this month named Yankee Doodle Flags, Kites and Fun as a recognized company in his Ohio Business Profile program. A representative will present the business with a commendation from the Secretary on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

A Commendation Presentation recognizing Yankee Doodle Flags, Kites and Fun's place in the Secretary of State's Ohio Business Profile program with Representatives of Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted will take place on July 29, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Yankee Doodle Flags, Kites and Fun Headquarters (3525 North Holland Sylvania Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615).

## WEEDING ROSES IN KABUL

By: Martha Hennessy

Kabul — Outside the windows of the room where I sleep here in Kabul, the Afghan Peace Volunteer (APV) women's community maintains a small walled garden filled with roses. The community planted tomatoes, cilantro, and greens. An apricot tree grows in one corner, a mulberry tree in another. The prayer call, chanted from a nearby mosque, awakens me just before dawn. Light appears in the sky around

four, and soon after, the doves and neighborhood children begin to stir. Normal activities and routines persist here in Afghanistan, despite the decades of war and impoverishment. Military helicopters roar through the skies as sounds generated by ordinary workaday tasks fill the air: the whine of a machine cutting sheet metal mixes with a jingle played by an ice cream cart rolling down the street.

Zarguna, Khamed, and Zahidi host Kathy and me in this house of peace. Because of intensified security concerns, we step outside only occasionally, generally once a day to visit the APVs Borderfree Center. During my last visit here in 2013, we were much more relaxed about walking through the neighborhood for errands.

The youth, now studying in secondary schools and universities, run several thriving projects and teach at the Borderfree Center for street children.

The circumstances are dire for these children. Of the estimated two million child laborers in Afghanistan, 60,000 work in Kabul, competing for meager wages. They sell bread and shine shoes on the streets to support their families so that they may eat. The June 2015 CIA World Fact Book reports that it is impossible to estimate the numbers of children out of school; however, in Afghanistan's teen and adult population the literacy rate is 38.2 percent. Among females over age 14, only 24.2 percent can read and write. How can the street children achieve a better life if they remain illiterate?

On the second day of our arrival, we spent time observing the classrooms at the APV School. The children could not stop smiling. Young teachers, who warmly welcomed their students (and us), enjoyed orderly classrooms filled with students who were eager to learn. They sat on the floor, facing a whiteboard, and listened carefully to their teacher. She gently encouraged individual students while calmly managing the lesson plan.

The school's atmosphere, cultivated over the past nine months, has a magical effect on the 80 attending students. In a surprisingly short time, the commitment to creating a nonviolent learning environment has enabled at least 30 students to become literate.

The students attend school here one-half day each week, on Friday, their holiday from government schools. When not in school they work on the streets to earn income for their destitute families. To compensate for their time the child laborers now spend in school, the APVs supply the children's families with a monthly donation of rice and oil.

The APVs and their students face numerous challenges to their future security and survival. Yet bleak conditions don't deter their resolve to move forward. I myself felt quite hopeful, especially while sitting in on a class about nonviolence.

Ali, whom I have known since 2011, gave an inspirational presentation regarding prevalent forms of violence in our world. The discussion that followed revealed the children's spontaneous understanding that violence, whether local or global, directly threatens their lives.

Ali's class suggested that by working together and learning to cooperate with one another, they would create a better future for themselves and their families.

Afghanistan's future could be determined by exploitative corporations eager to profit from trillions of dollars' worth of resources estimated to lie under its ground. Geopolitical rivalries afflict the country as wealthy transnational elites compete for access to abundant resources. China intends to create high-speed rail from Beijing to Moscow and has already built significant portions of the "New Silk Routes" which will enable China to access and move materials and products. The rush to continually increase corporate profits lays the groundwork for an intensified cold war between the U.S. and China. What's more, several recently concluded trade agreements in the region excluded the U.S.

Speaking at Arizona State University's McCain Institute, Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter complained that the U.S. wouldn't be sidelined. "We already see countries in the region trying to carve up these markets... We must all decide if we are going to let that happen...if we're going to help boost our exports and our economy... and cement our influence and leadership in the fastest growing region in the world; or if, instead, we're going to take ourselves out of the game."

Robert Berke, an energy financial analyst, recently reported that China and the U.S. have opened a hotline to avoid accidental nuclear launches. This particular threat undermines and underlines the desperate need for nuclear abolition.

Meanwhile, dust and rubble fill Kabul's streets. For most residents, the struggle to obtain work and food steadily increases. The Afghan government faces a severe lack of funding and fails to meet basic human needs for clean water and solid waste management. Security has deteriorated as violence spreads unchecked in most provinces.

Despite uncertainties over the future, the APV community pursues small but significant efforts at the Borderfree Center. They give a fine example of how a community can cooperate toward reaching shared goals, rather than compete. Roses keep blooming in Kabul amid the chaos and dust, and a tiny light of joyful collaboration remains graciously alive.



## HARLAN DAYS KIDDIE TRACTOR PULL

On Saturday, August 1, Harlan Days will be hosting the Kiddie Tractor Pulls. Registration and weigh-ins begin at 1:00 p.m. and the event begins at 1:30 p.m. near the food tent. All kids ages 2-9 years old are welcome to participate. There will be three divisions: light, middle and heavy weight. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies will be given out in each division. Every participant will receive a ribbon and ride tickets. Hope to see you there!

## JPHS GEARS UP FOR FESTIVAL OF TREE PLANNING!

It is that time of year when the Festival of Trees committee begins to work on the annual tree festival at the John Paulding Historical Society. Anyone interested in helping with the festival—which will be two weekends this year, November 13-15 and 20-22—is invited to attend a meeting Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the museum located across the street from the fairgrounds in Paulding.

"We need help in all areas. If you would like to be a greeter, help in the kitchen, decorate a room, help with entertainment, or a number of other tasks, please come and join us!" says Kim Sutton, President.

Theme this year is "Mystical Magical Toyland". This is a huge fund raiser for the John Paulding Historical Society and we NEED your help. If you can't attend, but would like to help, please call the museum on Tuesdays at 419-399-8218 or call Eileen Kochensperger at 419-399-5818.

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**FIREFLIES: SUMMER'S NIGHTLIGHT**

By: Staci Miller, Education Specialist, Paulding SWCD

It's summertime and the night skies are lit up with the fluttering lights of fireflies or lightning bugs. Many of us remember the joys of being a child and catching fireflies on those warm summer nights.

There are over 2,000 firefly species according to National Geographic. Fireflies are actually beetles not flies; they are nocturnal members of the family Lampyridae. Fireflies can grow to just under an inch in length and are easily identified by their flat bodies, blackish backs, large eyes, and short antennae. These insects live in a variety of warm environments, even in our backyard. Fireflies thrive in forests, fields and marshes near lakes, rivers, ponds, streams and vernal pools. They need a moist environment to survive. Larvae usually eat snails and worms and adult fireflies usually live off of nectar and pollen.

Everyone knows how fireflies got their name, but many people don't know how the insects produce their signature glow or ray of light. Fireflies have dedicated light organs that are located under their abdomens. The insects take in oxygen and, inside special cells, combine it with a substance called luciferin to produce light with almost no heat. Because it produces no heat, scientists refer to firefly lights as "cold lights." Firefly lights are the most efficient lights in the world—100% of the energy is emitted as light.

Fireflies communicate with each other through their light. Fireflies emit light mostly to attract mates, but also for other reasons as well, such as to defend territory and to warn predators to keep away. In most species, the male and female both glow; often the male will fly, while females will wait in trees, shrubs and grasses to spot an attractive male. If she finds one, she'll signal it with a flash of her own light.

Fireflies have a very short life span. An adult firefly lives only long enough to mate and lay eggs which is approximately two months. Females deposit their eggs in the ground, which is where larvae develop to adulthood. Even the eggs and larvae of fireflies can emit light.

I encourage you to go out and observe the fireflies in your backyard, maybe even get your jar out and catch some fireflies. Enjoy these wonders of nature while they are still around. Even though it has been a wet and rainy summer, the fireflies are a constant reminder that it is summertime, so go out and enjoy the summer lights.

For more information, contact Staci at Staci.miller@pauldingswcd.org

**NEW HAVEN JULY LUNCH-N-LEARN: SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT**

Small Business Credit: How to Access Credit presented by Matt Blair, Vice-President Relationship Banker, iAB Financial Bank and Darren Renier, Financial Specialist, Community Development Corporation will be the topic of July's Lunch-N-Learn in New Haven, IN.

Matt Blair has worked for the Community Development Corporation for eight years and then with iAB Financial Bank for over eleven years as a Relationship Banker. In that position Matt works with small to medium size businesses in Fort Wayne and Allen County. Matt has

knowledge of credit enhancement products such as the US Small Business Administration guaranty programs, as well as the CDC of Fort Wayne loan programs.

Darren Renier was born and raised in New Haven and graduated from New Haven High School and IU Bloomington. Darren has worked in Commercial Lending for the past eleven years for the Community Development Corporation of Fort Wayne (CDC). CDC is an economic development organization that is sponsored by the City of Fort Wayne whose primary objective is to promote the growth and development of small commercial and industrial for-profit businesses in Indiana through creative loan programs. Prior to CDC, Darren worked for three years in Commercial Lending for Three Rivers Federal Credit Union.

This Lunch-N-Learn is set for Tuesday, July 21, 2015, beginning at 12:00 Noon in the New Haven Administrative Building, Police Training Room (815 Lincoln Hwy., New Haven, IN).

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**MVNU'S CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS FULLY FUNDED BY DONORS AND TITLE III GRANT**

Mount Vernon Nazarene University would like to announce the complete funding of one portion of the two-year comprehensive campaign, I Will: The Campaign for MVNU. Through the sacrificial giving of donors and a portion of the Title III grant received by the University, MVNU has accomplished the \$350,000 goal to begin the Center for Student Success.

The MVNU Board of Trustees pledged almost \$110,000 toward the Center for Student Success. The trustees are a highly-accomplished and dedicated group of people who share an uncommon loyalty for and commitment to MVNU. The Board of Trustees consists of district superintendents, pastors, and laypersons from each district of the East Central region of the Church of the Nazarene. The East Central Region Nazarene Youth International President and representatives from the MVNU Alumni Association are also members of the Board. The trustees' assistance with funds has been instrumental to the progress

of the Center for Student Success.

The University was also awarded a Title III Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP) grant from the U. S. Department of Education. A portion of this grant titled "Improving Baccalaureate Success and Completion" will assist MVNU in the design and implementation of its student success center initiative. As students prepare for their future, the Center for Student Success will be a central location for career advising and leadership development as well as other facets of the MVNU mission to equip students with the tools necessary for success.

MVNU is currently in a two-year campaign to raise \$11 million to support STEM programs, the tennis program, the Center for Student Success, endowed scholarships, and annual sustainability efforts.

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.

**REP. LATTA SUPPORTS PASSAGE OF RATEPAYER PROTECTION ACT**

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) joined colleagues in passing H.R. 2042, The Ratepayer Protection Act, through the U.S. House of Representatives.

The legislation, a response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed Clean Power Plan, passed with bipartisan support 247-180.

The Clean Power Plan, proposed last June, is a rule for existing power plants. In the rule, EPA interprets a rarely invoked provision of the Clean Air Act that would allow the agency to set mandatory carbon dioxide (CO2) "goals" for each state's electricity system.

The Agency proposal would require states to submit complex plans to EPA in 2016, and to begin to meet interim goals in 2020 and a final goal in 2030. Should a state not submit a plan that satisfies the agency, the EPA would impose a federal plan. EPA estimates annual costs of \$5.5 billion to \$7.5 billion in 2020 and \$7.3 billion to \$8.8 billion in 2030.

H.R. 2042 provides a safe harbor for states to protect its ratepayers. Should a Governor determine the implementation of a State or Federal plan will have significant adverse effect on the state's residential, retail, commercial, or industrial ratepayers, or on the reliability of the state's electricity system, the state would no longer be required to implement the plan.

"The Clean Power Plan is a misguided proposal by the EPA that, once again, demonstrates the Agency's unwillingness to work with the states in determining the best course of action as it re-

lates to their specific energy needs," said Rep. Latta. "This legislation effectively protects the ratepayers in Ohio and elsewhere by ensuring states retain control of their electricity markets, and are able to act in their own best interests."

According to a summary of state concerns, "32 states made legal objections, 28 raised significant concerns regarding compliance costs and economic impacts, 32 warned electricity reliability problems, and 34 states objected to EPA's rushed regulatory timelines."

From the Summary: Ohio Public Utility Commission: "Again, US EPA, through the CPP, takes an approach whereby it seeks to act in the energy industry without the requisite knowledge or understanding of the plan's far-reaching impacts. The NERC Reliability Study highlights that the risks to reliability are legitimate. Reliability of the electric grid cannot be compromised, as the health of this nation's economy and populous depends on the delivery of reliable energy. Based upon the NERC Reliability Study, it appears that the CPP and its ambitious implementation timeframe could inflict serious harm by jeopardizing reliability."

"Given the combination of higher direct electricity costs and the fact that these costs would flow to every part of Ohio's economy, Ohioans would undoubtedly face financial hardship as a result of the CPP's sweeping reforms if the rule is finalized in its proposed form."

Ohio Attorney General Mike Dewine: "The U.S. EPA's proposed rule on greenhouse gas emissions from existing power plants breaches limitations enshrined in the Clean Air Act and extends far beyond the Agency's authority in seeking to reconfigures the nation's energy policies and priorities."

"The proposed rule is anticipated to cost Ohio residents billions of dollars a year by 2025 while jeopardizing the reliability of our State's electric grid - all without basis in the law."

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency: "It is not possible for states to meet the deadline of 2020 for the initial reductions. States should not be penalized for the arbitrary dates in the Presidential order that were chosen without a complete understanding of the process needed to modify state legislation, propose and adopt rules, and then have the regulated entities have adequate time to initiate control

measures."

Under the proposed regulations, The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio predicted wholesale market energy prices will be 39 percent higher in the year 2025 and cost Ohioans approximately \$2.5 billion.

"Affordable, reliable power is vital to Ohio's economic development. For years, jobs have come to Ohio because of the abundance of low electricity rates, which is especially important for much of the energy-intensive manufacturing found in my district," Rep. Latta continued. "The Ratepayer Protection Act guarantees states can keep energy prices affordable, and protect our families and businesses from the burdensome costs of these misguided regulations."

**STATEMENT FROM OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE JON HUSTED**



Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted released the following statement in regard to the fall ballot issue proposing to amend the state constitution to reform the legislative redistricting process. The statement may be attributed directly to the Secretary.

"For decades, Ohioans - myself included - have wanted to change the way legislative districts are drawn. That call has finally been answered and meaningful reform to replace the fractured foundation on which our government is built is closer than ever and the decision is, as it belongs, in the hands of the voters."

"Our government can only function as it was intended if the people can select their own representatives, but for too long, the politicians have instead selected their voters by drawing districts that nearly guarantee their own reelection. This is not fair and it is not self-government."

"I applaud the continued bipartisan work to make sure the people of Ohio understand the proposal before them this fall and are able to embrace the opportunity to reform their government for the better and for the long term."

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### CORRECTION SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681  
Revised Code, Section 2329.26  
THE STATE OF OHIO,  
PAULDING COUNTY:  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
ACTING THROUGH  
THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT,  
UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
BRIDGET D. FULTON, ET AL.,  
Defendants,  
Case No. CI 15 007  
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 6th day of August, 2015 at 10:05 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:  
13585 Nancy Street,  
Paulding, Ohio 45879  
Parcel Number: 23-51B-116-00

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 Thirty-nine Thousand and No/100 (\$39,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount.

The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the property at the time the purchaser takes possession.

Purchasers are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers  
Paulding County, Ohio  
www.pauldingohsheriff.com  
Stephen D. Miles, Attorney for Plaintiff

### SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681  
Revised Code, Section 2329.26  
THE STATE OF OHIO,  
PAULDING COUNTY:  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF  
PANDORA, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
SCOTT B. HAVER, ET AL.,  
Defendants,  
Case No. CI 14 217.  
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 20th day of August, 2015 at 10:05 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:  
306 North First Street,  
Oakwood, Ohio 45873  
Parcel Number: 10-23S-002-00

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 Eighteen Thousand and No/100 (\$18,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount.

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Revised Code, Section 2329.26  
THE STATE OF OHIO,  
PAULDING COUNTY:  
FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF  
THE MIDWEST, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
SCOTT B. HAVER, ET AL.,  
Defendants,  
Case No. CI 13 183.  
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 20th day of August, 2015 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:  
685 Third Street,  
Latty, Ohio 45855  
Parcel Number: 29-06S-056-00  
and 29-06S-057-00

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 Fifteen Thousand and No/100 (\$15,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount.

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Marc F. Warncke, Attorney for Plaintiff

### CITY OF WOODBURN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 6/15/15

City of Woodburn council met in regular meeting on June 15, 2015. At 7:00 p.m. the Pledge was recited.

**ATTENDANCE:**  
Mayor Hoepfner, Councilman Abbott, Renner, Gerig and Voirol; Treasurer Sarrazine and Chief Duhamel; Superintendent Walls.

**POLICE:**  
Woodburn Police Department Reserves assisted with the Summerfest activities. WPD had three police units in Saturday morning parade, which was led by the Allen County Sheriff's Department Motorcycle Unit and two Sheriff's cars. WPD had two patrol officers both Friday and Saturday evening of the event with as many as six officers on duty in the park at different times. No arrests were made and all went well except for the storm that closed the event early. The 3rd annual Front Street Drags is August 8th registration forms are available at city hall.

**AUDIENCE:**  
Resident asked if the council had walked their neighborhoods to make sure yards were cleaned up. Naomi Hoepfner announced there would be a dinner on Main Street to celebrate the new Downtown Revitalization at 5:00 p.m. August 29. Tickets can be purchased at PNC Bank, Peoples Federal, Financial Partners FCU and Woodburn Liquors. Resident had a water leak and was seeking an adjustment. Council agreed to give the resident a sewer discount. NOTE: From the curb to the person's house is the homeowner's responsibility. A property on Ash Street has still not eradicated the weeds. Councilman Voirol said he would talk with the owner.

**MAYOR:**  
Love's had their ribbon cutting and donated \$2,000 for the Summerfest. The pipeline in front of Liquor Store is a priority. Miller Pipeline to do camera work so we can hopefully save that line. Met with Structure Point on the ammonia in lagoons. We have a three year reprieve, but the work must be done by the end of the third year. We need to check with other companies. I attended an Alliance meeting with Lynn Rorick and Carol Martin. CIB board needs to do something for the EAC communities.

**TREASURER:**  
Meeting minutes from 6/1/15 were presented, Councilman Voirol made a motion to approve as corrected. Councilman Gerig 2nd, all approved, motion carried. Warrants were presented, Councilman Gerig made a motion to pay the warrants. Councilman Voirol 2nd all approved, motion carried. A homeowner sent a letter in wanting a sewer discount for filling his pool. No motion was made but council agreed to give the discount.

**SUPERINTENDENT WALLS:**  
Wessler well head protection is done. It will be published in the West Bend News and East Allen Courier. Lagoons 2.7 million in this weekend.  
**Councilman Abbott:** No Report  
**COUNCILMAN RENNER:**  
Cold patch has been put in on Hettrick Road  
**COUNCILMAN GERIG:**  
Was impressed by Love's at the ribbon cutting.  
**Councilman Voirol:** No report  
Councilman Renner made a motion to adjourn, Councilman Gerig 2nd, all approved. at 7:50 p.m.  
Notes prepared by Treasurer Sarrazine.

### SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681  
Revised Code, Section 2329.26  
THE STATE OF OHIO,  
PAULDING COUNTY:  
PNC BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,  
vs.  
WILLIE J. DAWSON aka JOHN W. DAWSON, ET AL., Defendants,  
Case No. CI 15 022.  
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 20th day of August, 2015 at 10:10 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:  
403 South Main Street,  
Payne, Ohio 45880  
Parcel Number: 04-25S-014-00

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 Thirty Thousand and No/100 (\$30,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount.

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Canice J. Fogarty, Attorney for Plaintiff

### PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 6/29/15

This 29th day of June, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Roy Klopfenstein, Tony Zartman, Mark Holtzberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk  
\*\*Commissioner Zartman left session to attend a JP Crain Scholarship committee meeting at the Marshall Memorial building.

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:**  
Warrants documented as 217310 through 217354 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claim on June 24, 2015, Warrant numbered 217255 in the amount of \$5,468.75; 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 AMENDING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 162):**

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2015 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Victims' Assistance Fund (Fund 162):

162-001-20126/Victims' Assistance/Other

AMOUNT: \$1,014.42

**IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 177):**

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2015 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the SVAA Fund (Fund 177):

FROM: 177-001-20123/SVAA/Telephone

TO: 177-001-20124/SVAA/Supplies

AMOUNT: \$200.00

\*\*Commissioner Zartman returned to session

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-013):**

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2015 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following: 001-013-00003/General Fund/Coroner/Contracts/Services  
AMOUNT: \$5,000.00

**IN THE MATTER OF REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FROM THE PAULDING COUNTY AUDITOR FOR THE PAULDING**



Dear Miss C,  
I don't understand why I never feel good about myself. Can you help me?

—Jane Doe

Dear Jane Doe,  
I would first like to remind you, advice given in this column is not medical or official counseling advice. If you have ongoing concerns, or if your thoughts and feelings are interfering with your day to day activities, I would advise you to have a discussion with your doctor.

That said, I would like to say, people who do not feel good about themselves need to build self-esteem. The solution to building self-esteem is not just repeating positive daily affirmations, but by setting and then achieving meaningful goals. We do not always set good reasonable or meaningful goals. So, in response to your question, I will use my own life experience and studies in the field of psychology.

Lots of people try to feel good about themselves by entering into new relationships. These people let other people make them feel good. Eventually your partner will disappoint you. That disappointment may even end the relationship and then you end up feeling worthless. So the solution to feeling

good about yourself is inside YOU!

You do not have to impress other people to feel good about yourself. You don't have to learn a new trick to gain approval. But you **SHOULD IMPRESS YOURSELF** by trying to do things that you have failed to do before. And be persistent, keep trying until you get it right! Impress yourself by proving yourself wrong!

**SET MEANINGFUL AND REASONABLE GOALS.** If you feel bad about how you look, your goal should not be to lose 100 pounds, but instead take one step toward feeling better. For example, choose to add more vegetables in to your diet. Or decide to walk a few days a week. If your goal is to meet new people and stop being so shy, then set a small step toward it by making a commitment to attend an event. Just keep taking steps!

**CLEAN UP YOUR MESS.** Eliminate those from your life who are negative, who always drag you down, who don't really support you. Clean up your mess by getting rid of the 'clutter' and factors that constantly bring you down. Next, surround yourself with those who have qualities you admire! They might just rub off on you!

**STOP THINKING EVERYONE ELSE IS AMAZING.** One of the main reasons people never feel good about themselves is because they are constantly comparing themselves to others and because they perceive everyone else incorrectly. They believe that 'Sue' is more attractive, 'Brandy is smarter' or 'Heather is more successful.' Sue, Brandy, and Heather are ordinary people just like you. They have lots of flaws, just like you. You may not see them, but I bet if you asked them they could easily list their perceived flaws.

And most importantly, remember that there is no such thing as a quick fix. Losing those pounds will not magically make you feel better about yourself. Can it make you feel better? Absolutely, but it is likely only a portion of your solution. Perhaps it is a goal to set along the way. But it is very unlikely that self-esteem issues are caused by only one factor. Self-esteem is multi-dimensional.

Blessings,

—Miss C

\*Send your questions to AskMeMissC@gmail.com, leave a message on my Facebook Page, or write your letter and send to the West Bend News to my attention\*

### COUNTY SENIOR CENTER:

The Paulding County Senior Center Steering Committee submitted a request to the Board of County Commissioners to levy a tax for the benefit of the Paulding County Senior Center for the purpose of operational expenses in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5705.19(Y) at a rate not exceeding five tenths mill (.50) for each dollar of valuation for a period of five (5) years, commencing 2015, first due in 2016, and which levy is a replacement; and effective March 31, 2003, Amended Substitute House Bill 198 requires the County Auditor's certification to be filed with the Board of Elections with any resolution or ordinance directing the Board of County Commissioners to submit a tax issue to the electors. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby request that the Paulding County Auditor issue a Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue to certify the total current tax valuation of said subdivision and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by said specified number of mills.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING FAMILY CHILDREN FIRST FY '15 REVISED BUDGET:**

The Board of County Commissioners have reviewed and does hereby approve Family Children First FY '15 revised budget approved at the June 25, 2015, Family Children First meeting, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING FAMILY CHILDREN FIRST FY '16 BUDGET:**

The Board of County Commissioners have reviewed and does hereby approve Family Children First FY '16 Budgets approved at the June 25, 2015, Family Children First meeting, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Tony Zartman. Upon the call of the roll, the following vote resulted:

**OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS PAULDING COUNTY STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION OF DISASTER:**

The Paulding County Emergency Management Agency, along with the Paulding County Commissioners, has proclaimed a Statement of Emergency/Declaration of Disaster for Paulding County after back to back floods have taken place in the County. As a result of record-breaking rain fall during the month of June, two separate flooding situations were created a week apart. Flood waters were at near record levels in some places of the County, causing a number of Paulding County residents to evacuate their homes; and has also resulted in several road closures and performing a number of water rescues of stranded motorists.

Now, therefore, We, the Paulding County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio are proclaiming a Statement of Emergency/Declaration of Disaster for Paulding County.

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto subscribed our names and caused the Great Seal of the County of Paulding to be affixed this 29th day of June, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

**MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:**

Brian Shuherk, Solid Ground - Mr. Shuherk presented a contract for the landscaping of the Courthouse. The Commissioners will review it before affixing their signatures.

Ed Bohn, Paulding County EMA - Mr. Bohn requested the Commissioners declare a state of emergency due to the heavy rainfalls resulting in flooding throughout the county (see resolution above). He reported there is some infrastructure damage to roadways, culverts, and bridges. Mr. Bohn added there were at least 15 homes in Antwerp that were evacuated due to flooding. He commented the EMA face book page has had 25,000 hits from the Payne area and another 43,000 from the Antwerp area. Mr. Bohn stated that Paulding County is blessed to have so many volunteers willing to step up to the plate and do what ever needs to be done. He noted there will be 'clean-up' kits available this week for those who request them. Mr. Bohn reported he continues to work on the mitigation plan. He commented the application will be e-mailed for the state's review.

Damien Morales, Park District Board - Mr. Morales met with the Commissioners to update them on the status Park District. He reported they recently met for their 4th board meeting. He also reported their board toured Johnny Appleseed Park in Lima and talked to Park District director Kevin Haver. Mr. Morales noted the Board's by-laws are now completed. He also made note that the Board's finances are running through the Marshall Memorial Foundation. Mr. Damien will be meeting with the Prosecutor later today. It is the Park District's desire to reclaim the old Rochester Park site so they can develop it. Mr. Morales reported 50 people attended the water safety training a couple of weeks ago.

Brenda Crawford, Board of Elections - Ms. Crawford presented a contract for the ADA work to be done at the OSU Extension Building voting site. She also discussed the National Change of Address (NCOA), noting voters may now update their address on line. Ms. Crawford noted that while this is an easier way for some people to update their address, some people still require using the mail. She also commented that no matter which option people chose, the local BOEs still have to cross check to make sure there is no duplication.

WPAU radio interviewed Commissioner Holtzberry on the status of the County after recent heavy rainfall caused flooding.



### ADOPTION EVENT IN NEW HAVEN

The New Haven Farmers Market will host a rescue adoption event on July 22nd during the normal market hours of 4:00-7:00 p.m. in Schnelker Park, New Haven, IN.

Special non-profit guest is the Fort Wayne Pet Food Pantry. Receive a free gift with a donation of dry or canned food for dogs, puppies, cats, and kittens, cat litter, dog and cat toys, and dog and cat treats, to the Pet Food Pantry.

Numerous animal rescue organizations will be set up in Schnelker Park, including The Allen County SPCA, Animal House Sanctuary, Fort Wayne Pit Bull Coalition, Furry Friends of Indiana, and EB Foundation for Felines.

New Haven's newest pet grooming salon, Pawsitively Purrfect Salon will also be in attendance.

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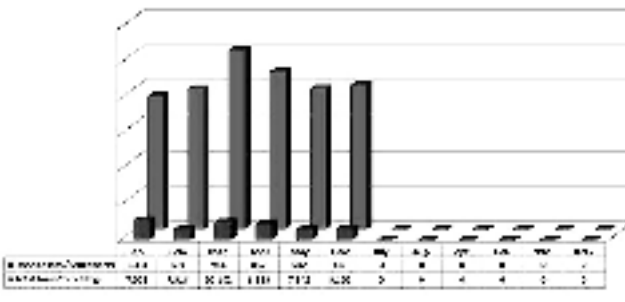
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**SECRETARY HUSTED RELEASES NEW BUSINESS FILING FIGURES FOR JUNE 2015**



Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted today announced 8,151 new entities filed to do business in Ohio during June 2015. This number is up from the same month in 2014 when 7,660 entities filed.

So far in 2015, 50,514 new businesses have been formed in Ohio, maintaining course for 2015 to be another record-breaking year for the state. At the same point in 2014, 49,254 new businesses were filed with the Secretary of State.

The office, which reduced operating expenses by more than \$14 million over past four years, representing a 16 percent cut from the previous administration.

The cost reduction, which goes into effect this fall, represents the first time this fee has been cut in modern history and will make Ohio the least expensive state in the region to start and maintain a new business. A photo of Secretary Husted certifying the official copy of the legislation can be downloaded here.

The state has experienced record business growth each year for the past five years, beginning in 2010. Under the leadership of Secretary Husted, the state has made it possible for more than 80% of all filings to be done online with one in two compa-

nies now being established electronically through the Secretary of State's Ohio Business Central service.

Though the most visible role of the Secretary of State is that of chief elections officer, the office is also the first stop for individuals or companies who want to file and start a business in Ohio. While recognizing these numbers can't provide a complete picture of Ohio's jobs climate, they are an important indicator of economic activity that Secretary Husted hopes will add to the ongoing discussion of how to improve the state's overall climate for business.

NOTE: New business filings are classified as forms filed with the Ohio Secretary of State that declare the formation of a business entity, including for-profit, non-profit and professional corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, limited partnerships and limited liability partnerships. Filing as a business in Ohio does not guarantee the company will begin operations, be profitable or create jobs.

**INDEPENDENT ALLIANCE BANKS ANNOUNCES SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

Independent Alliance Banks, Inc. (IAB), the holding company of iAB Financial Bank, announced second quarter financial performance as of June 30, 2015.

Net income for the first six months of 2015 was up 9 percent to \$4.3 million compared to \$3.9 million in 2014, mainly due to lower interest and provision expense recorded in 2015 compared to 2014 second quarter. Fee income was also up 8 percent for the same period. For the first six months of 2015, earnings per share was \$1.04 versus \$0.96 last year. Net income for the second quarter of 2015 was unchanged at \$2.2 million, compared to the same time period in 2014.

Our second quarter highlights include:

- \$66 million increase in period-end total assets in 2015 vs 2014
- .76% nonperforming assets to total assets – a continued reduction compared to .86% in 2014
- \$30 million or 4.5% increase in total loans over June 30, 2014
- \$31 million or 4% increase in total deposits over June 30, 2014
- \$0.21 per share quarterly cash dividend was paid equating to an approximate 3.2% annualized return
- Solid capital base for future growth with total equity at \$114 million and a total risk-based capital ratio of 15.3%

"We are pleased with positive earnings levels that have been consistent for our company over the years. Our team is doing a great job of developing new and enhanced relationships with customers leading to new growth opportunities for IAB. We are excited about our overall performance and anticipate a good year," stated Mike Marhenke, President and Chief Executive Officer of IAB.

**THE GOODVILLE AND GERMAN MUTUAL GROUP ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP**



David C. Gautsche has been named the next president and chief executive officer of Goodville Mutual Casualty Company of New Holland, PA, and its affiliate German Mutual Insurance Company of Napoleon, OH. He replaces outgoing president and CEO Herman D. Bontrager on August 1, 2015, who is retiring following 25 years of service in those positions.

Gautsche comes to Goodville Mutual from his current position as President of Praxis Mutual Funds and as senior vice president of products and services for Everence, of Goshen, IN. Since 1999, he has held various executive positions with Everence, a faith-based insurance and financial services organization. Most recently he provided executive leadership for all Everence products including manufactured insurance and investment products, as well as products brokered through partners. For ten years prior to working with product management Gautsche managed a network of more than 25 regional and agency distribution offices.

Prior to joining Everence, Gautsche worked fifteen years as General Manager and National Sales Manager for Dutch Mills, Inc., a cabinet manufacturer in Goshen, IN.

"David Gautsche is well prepared to maintain and extend Goodville's demonstrated record of providing quality, competitive insurance products with a company ethic of integrity and with a strong values-orientation," said James M. Harder, chairman of the Goodville Board of Directors. "We look forward to the qualities of leadership that Dave will provide for the company and for our employees in the coming years in the work of serving the needs of our many policyholders."

Gautsche will move to Goodville's New Holland office when he assumes the position. He is a graduate of Goshen College in Indiana, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in business administration and minored in Bible and religion. He earned an MBA from Indiana University in South Bend, and holds multiple professional development credentials in insurance and financial services. A native of Archbold, OH, he is married with two adult children.

"It is an honor to have been chosen to provide leadership for a company with a reputation as solid as Goodville's and German Mutual's – and to be able to build upon the significant legacy of company leadership es-

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

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ablished by Herman Bontrager," said David Gautsche. "I look forward to working with the employees and agents of Goodville/German to continue the long history of exceptional service to our policyholders."

Goodville Mutual provides comprehensive property and casualty insurance products for personal auto and homeowners as well as for farms, churches and small businesses in nine states. The company consistently receives an "A" rating from A.M. Best and since 2010 has been named one of the Ward's Top 50 insurance companies in America.

**FIRST DEFIANCE FINANCIAL CORP. TO PRESENT AT ANNUAL KEEFE, BRUYETTE & WOODS COMMUNITY BANK INVESTOR CONFERENCE**

First Defiance Financial Corp. (NASDAQ: FDEF) announced today that Donald P. Hileman, President and CEO, and Kevin T. Thompson, Executive Vice President and CFO, will present at the Keefe, Bruyette & Woods (KBW) 16th Annual Community Bank Investor Conference on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. EDT. The presentation will be available as a webcast.

KBW will host the investor conference where more than 110 community banks are scheduled to present over two days. Hileman and Thompson will discuss First Defiance Financial Corp.'s community financial services business strategy and financial performance.

Interested investors are invited to view a live webcast of the presentation including audio and user driven presentation slides by logging on to <http://www.kbw.com/webcast/kbw29/fdef> on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at approximately 10:30 a.m. EDT. The presentation will be archived on <http://www.kbw.com> for 90 days.

The presentation will

also be available on the Investor Relations webpage on [www.fdef.com](http://www.fdef.com) for 90 days after July 28, 2015.

About First Defiance Financial Corp.

First Defiance Financial Corp., headquartered in Defiance, Ohio, is the holding company for First Federal Bank of the Midwest and First Insurance Group. First Federal operates 33 full-service branches and 41 ATM locations in northwest Ohio, southeast Michigan and northeast Indiana and a Loan Production Office in Columbus, Ohio. First Insurance Group is a full-service insurance agency with five offices throughout northwest Ohio.

For more information, visit the company's website at [www.fdef.com](http://www.fdef.com).

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**LEGAL NOTICE 2015 Paulding County Paving**

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding, Ohio, at its office in the Court House, 115 N. Williams Street, Rm. B-1, Paulding, Ohio, 45879 until 9:30 A.M., D.S.T. on July 29, 2015.

**PROPOSAL:**  
Asphalt Paving of various roads in Paulding County, Ohio.

The owner intends and requires that the project be completed no later than October 2, 2015.

Engineer's Estimate = \$505,873.12

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal, a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed as listed above.

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will, to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123, the Governor's Executive Order of 1972, and Governor's Executive Order 84-9 shall be required.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Paulding County as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wage and Hour Division, (614) 644-2239.

All contractors shall follow all applicable Federal and State OSHA regulations. The contractor shall also hold the County Engineer harmless for any violations or fines received while engaged in this project.

All contractors must provide current Certificate of Liability Insurance Coverage for \$1,000,000 along with a current Certificate of Worker's Compensation Coverage, before they can be hired to perform any type of work for Paulding County.

**All materials shall conform to the 2013 version of the State of Ohio Department of Transportation Construction and Material Specifications.**

Sealed bids shall be in writing and in accordance with specifications furnished by Paulding County and on file in the Offices of the Paulding County Engineer and Commissioners.

Bids are to be sealed and addressed to the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, and bids on the above named items to be marked:

**PROPOSAL:**  
"2015 Paulding County Paving"  
The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids received.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

Nola R. Ginter  
Clerk, Board of Commissioners

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:30 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the 6th day of August, 2015, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the 20th day of August, 2015 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.

Payment in full is due at the time of the sale and the purchaser(s) are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL SUCH REAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FEDERAL TAX LIEN THAT MAY NOT BE EXTINGUISHED BY THE SALE, AND PURCHASERS OF ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY ARE URGED TO SEARCH THE FEDERAL TAX LIEN INDEX THAT IS KEPT BY THE COUNTY RECORDER TO DETERMINE IF NOTICE OF A FEDERAL TAX LIEN HAS BEEN FILED WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY

Sheriff Jason K. Landers  
Paulding County, Ohio

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES**

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1  
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO  
In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER  
PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

BARBARA ARCHER, ET AL.,  
Defendants.

Case No. CI 15 057

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

22358 Road 60,  
Oakwood, Ohio 45873  
Parcel Number: 32-15S-007-01

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

Total amount of judgment is Three Thousand One Hundred Forty and 42/100 (\$3,140.42) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

Whereas, such judgment orders such real property to be sold by the undersigned to satisfy the total amount of said judgment;

# A "SEUSSTASTICAL" TIME AT 4-H CAMP PALMER!



The 2015 Paulding County 4-H Camp, "Stepping into the World of Seuss at 4-H Camp Palmer" has successfully come to a close. Nearly 100 campers and 24 Cloverbuds, led by 29 counselors, got to experience many great events that will be in their memories for a long time. From highropes to creek seining, line dancing to outdoor cooking, the archery range to the flying squirrel, campers lived the magic of 4-H Camp Palm-

er. The Cloverbuds' day was filled with great excitement as well. They got to make crafts, play games, and swim in the brand new pool. Meeting new people and gaining new friends was the best thing that occurred all week long. By the end of camp, it became quite clear how amazing these friendships were. These bonds of friendship, forged through teambuilding, skits, and group-living, have been made

strong. Many campers were sad to leave camp, and their counselors were not ready to let them go. The only good part of leaving camp is knowing that everyone can come back next year! The dates of 2016 4-H Camp are set—July 9 to July 13. There is less than a year until everybody can meet again—dream of camp and keep in touch with all of the great friends until then.

## GOVERNOR KASICH CUTS FUNDING TO WBESC

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held its regular monthly Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at the Van Wert ESC office. Board President Mr. Billy Poe II welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting. Treasurer Kim Jones reviewed the current financial reports, investments and the monthly expenditures with the Board. Superintendent Brian Gerber updated the Board on Governor Kasich's Executive Budget. The amendment adopted by conference committee indicates that Educational Service Centers (ESCs) were cut 2.3 million in Fiscal Year 2016. "This is actually consistent with the Executive and House-passed funding levels, not the Senate. ESCs are the leader in the Shared Services Model. Governor Kasich has always trumpeted reducing costs through shared services. ESCs are doing everything the Governor has asked us to do during his tenure. ESCs have reduced the cost to our partner schools through our shared service delivery model. However, Governor Kasich and the House saw a need to propose a cut to ESCs in the amount of 2.3 million in FY16. The Senate did not support this cut, but there wasn't enough support for ESC funding as it was voted out of conference committee. My biggest disappointment

is with the House. They have traditionally supported ESC funding during the past two biennial budgets. During Kasich's tenure as Governor, his desire to cut ESC funding has been obvious. It began with his very first executive budget proposal for FY12. Nonetheless, I was confident that the House saw the educational value the ESCs provided for their school districts. I was hopeful the House would support restoring our funding or at the very least keep ESCs funded at a flat level. We didn't expect additional funding. We were counting on flat funding in FY16. It just didn't happen with this Executive Budget. Western Buckeye ESC has been able to keep costs flat or even reduce cost to the schools in Van Wert and Paulding County. Western Buckeye ESC is in the top 10 rural ESCs in the state of Ohio that provide a higher percentage of direct student services than their suburban or urban counterparts. We have been able to accomplish this goal by being fiscally responsible in reducing overhead costs and personnel cost without negatively impacting our level of service. The Western Buckeye ESC shared service delivery model reduces cost by sharing Speech, OT, PT, PTAs, OTAs, Gifted personnel, School Psychs, and Grant Writing. We have a Resource Center/Alternative School that serves E.D. students in which we've been able to keep

costs flat and serve those students who perform better in an alternative setting rather than in a public school environment. We also provide non instructional support by paying for bus driver physicals, bus driver in-services, teacher licensure, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation/FBI background checks, maintenance of LPDC licensure, parent mentoring, and truancy officer. Even though the Executive Budget is going to cut funding for ESCs in Fiscal Year 2016, the Western Buckeye ESC will continue its proud tradition in providing their current level of services for the schools in Van Wert and Paulding County." Others in Attendance/Introduction of Guests: VIII Consent Items - WBESC: A. Motion to approve the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center 2015-2016 Calendar. B. Motion to approve the resignation of Heather McClure at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. C. Motion to approve the resignation of Rebecca Beaman-Diglia effective August 3, 2015. D. Motion to increase contract days from 120 to 150 days for Sandra Freeman for the 2015-2016 contract year. E. Motion to approve with appreciation a donation from Beta Delta Chapter PSI 10TA XI in the amount of \$100.00 to the WBESC PS at Thomas Edison. F. Motion to approve a one year limited contract to Denise Shouse, Paraprofessional at Grover Hill for the 2015-2016 school year. G. Motion to approve a one year limited contract to Kathy Habern, Paraprofessional at Payne, for the 2015-2016 school year. H. Motion to approve the FY16 Service Agreement between Western Buckeye ESC and Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative (NOACSC) as presented. I. Motion to approve 2015-2016 OESCA Membership in the amount of \$2000.00. J. Motion to engage the Auditor of State's Office-LGS-

to prepare financial statements for the 2015-2016, cost not to exceed \$3500.00

K. Motion to approve the amended FY15 and FY16 appropriations for Western Buckeye Educational Service Center as presented.

The June 30, 2015 Board meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regular Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center will be on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Paulding ESC office.

## HAPPY SWARAJ (INDEPENDENCE) DAY!

By: Stephanie Van Hook  
"Real Swaraj will come, not by the acquisition of authority by a few, but by the capacity by all to resist authority when it is abused."

—Gandhi (Young India, January 29, 1925)

When Gandhi met with the British viceroy Lord Irwin after his imprisonment following the 1930 Salt Satyagraha, they shared a pot of tea. Gandhi, mischievously took out a package of contraband salt, opened it and sprinkled a bit into his cup. Looking at the astounded Lord Irwin he told him he did so in remembrance of the Boston Tea Party.

The decade leading up to the signing of the American Declaration of Independence was one of resistance and not necessarily violent resistance, either. According to an in-depth study by Walter Conser, Ronald McCarthy, David Toscano and Gene Sharp, entitled *Resistance, Politics and the American Struggle for Independence 1765-1775*, non-violent resistance was more widely employed than violent resistance during that period of struggle with the British Crown.

They were resisting, above all, the abuse of authority. One thing to consider, first of all, is that the American colonies established for themselves what is called in the language of nonviolent resistance a parallel government; namely, an entity for governance that exposed the illegitimacy of British Rule in the colonies. So with other tactics such as the boycott, refusing titles and honors from the Crown, denying and blocking entry into government buildings, and even spinning their own clothes (sound familiar?—did Gandhi learn his famous spinning from American colonists?). Consider even these words of Samuel Adams in a letter to James Warren on May 21, 1774:

"I beseech you to implore every Friend in Boston by every thing dear and sacred to Men of Sense and Virtue to avoid Blood and Tumult. They will have enough time to dye [sic]. Let them give the other Provinces opportunity to think and resolve. [...] *Nothing can ruin us but our Violence. Reason teaches this.*" (Emphasis mine)

Adams was anticipating by almost 150 years Gandhi's dire warning that "violent revolution will bring about violent swaraj" (home rule, or independence). If only we had learned that lesson!

While the United States did gain political independence on July 4, 1776, we have in a very real sense been ruined by our violence. Because by propagating the myth that

only violence makes us free, we went on to build a nation on the backs of slaves and stolen land that still to this day has not been able to escape its violent legacy—which has again escalated in South Carolina.

But we do not need to remain ruined. If we have not learned of the nonviolent action during that century, with most historical analyses emphasizing the violent struggle, it is because we do not know how to recognize nonviolence when we see it. Nonviolence, as Gandhi said, is "as old as the hills." We should use this Independence Day to recommit ourselves to recognizing, developing and claiming that legacy.

Stephanie Van Hook, syndicated by PeaceVoice, is Executive Director of the Metta Center for Nonviolence.

## PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 7/1/15

This 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

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

### ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Warrants documented as 217367 through 217426 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holtsberry to go into executive session at 8:01 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tony Zartman. All members voting yea.

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claim on July 1, 2015, Warrants numbered 217371 and 217424 in the amount of \$4,001.79; 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 A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 020):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct the County Auditor to make a Supplemental

Appropriation in the Children's Services Fund (Fund 020) for the following:  
FROM: Pay-In #107025  
TO: 020-001-00001/Children's Service/Children's Service Expense  
AMOUNT: \$998.14  
IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 024):  
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2015 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Permissive Tax Fund (Fund 024):  
024-001-00001/Permissive Tax/Permissive Tax Expense  
AMOUNT: \$19,966.00  
IN THE MATTER OF RECEIVING BIDS FOR THE 2015 PAULDING COUNTY COLD MIX PAVING PROJECT:  
This 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2015, being the day advertised in the West Bend News, a paper of general circulation within the County, as per Section 307.86 of the Ohio Revised Code, bids were received and opened for the 2015 Paulding County Cold Mix Paving Project:  
Henry W. Bergman, Inc. (28 E. 9th Street, Genoa, OH 43430-1634) - \$409,985.60  
Ward Construction Company (385 Oak Street, Leipsic, OH 45856) - \$436,659.80  
Gerken Paving (9072 Co Rd 424 Napoleon, OH 43545) - \$423,607.84  
The Paulding County Engineer's estimate for the project is \$489,151.67. The specifications will be studied with a determination to be made later.

### MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Jason Landers, Paulding County Sheriff - Sheriff Landers submitted his budget estimate for 2016 per Ohio Revised Code 311.20. His projection uses the current rate for prisoner cost as negotiated with the Putnam County Sheriff. Mr. Landers also noted he allowed additional in his 2016 budget for a new vehicle. Sheriff Landers continues to work toward introducing reestablishing the DARE program in Paulding County.

Phillip Jackson, INSBIT - Mr. Jackson met briefly with the Commissioners to request permission to install anti-Malware virus protection software. He explained the annual license fee for each computer is \$65.00. The Commissioners advised Mr. Jackson to move ahead on the project.

Deb Hubbard, SWCD - Ms. Hubbard presented a joint ditch petition for a Defiance/Paulding County ditch. She noted the preliminaries have been done. Both county Engineers need to approve the plans and then both Counties' Commissioners need to meet as a joint board to approve the ditch improvement. Paulding County has the lead in this ditch improvement project because it has the greatest amount of drainage to the ditch. Once approved by the Joint Board of Commissioners, Paulding County SWCD will advertise the project.

Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - Ms. Fickel presented copies of the County's 2014 audit report as completed by Plattenburg Accountants. She noted there were few citations/findings and very few comments.

Travis McGarvey, County Engineer - Mr. McGarvey met with the Commissioners to report on the post flood EMA meeting held earlier today. He noted the EMA director reviewed highlights from the meeting. Mr. McGarvey reported attendees discussed what had been done well and what could use improvement. After scouting the county, McGarvey reported there is one culvert washed out and some berm that will need replaced. His crew is also working on debris removal from roadways and around/under bridges and culverts.

Vicki Lamerson, Victims' Assistance - Ms. Lamerson met with the Commissioners to explain how her program is funded. Her department is grant-funded and recently received a 'mini-grant' in addition to her operational grant. She used the mini-grant to attend a symposium. Ms. Lamerson presented bills from when she attended the symposium. The Commissioners' approved her bills up to the per diem rate as stipulated by the mini-grant. Any amount above the per diem rate set by the grant or as noted in the County travel policy is to be paid by the employee attending the event. This policy applies to all County employees.

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**PAULDING COUNTY COURT REPORTS**

has been indicted by the common pleas court grand jury; Case shall be bound over

**Criminal Dispositions:**

Cupps, Taylor A; Oakwood, OH; THEFT; No Cont; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; shall have no unlawful contact with Rhees's Market; Complete 20 Hrs community serv.; complete G.E.D.; placed on standard probation; complete online 3rd millennium theft course; restitution \$264.00

Flaugh, Robin L; Fort Wayne, IN; Disorderly Cond.; No Cont; Defendant to pay all costs; placed on standard probation; complete 20 Hrs community service; complete online 3rd millennium alcohol course; shall have no unlawful contact w/ victim; sign a release of information with park center

Lambert, Christian R; Paulding, OH; Pass Bad Check; J-No Cont; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; defendant to pay restitution of \$78.52 to the victim N&N quick stop through the Clerks office; shall maintain general good behavior

Morehead, Joseph H; Paulding, OH; Negligent Assul; J-Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; complete 20 Hrs; community service; firearm to be forfeited to the Paulding county Sheriff's office; shall maintain general good behavior

Middlebrook, Samuel; Monroe, MI; Viol. Being Pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Aldred, Jacob I; Paulding, OH; Count A; Paraphernalia; J-Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; defendant's operator's license shall be suspended for 6 months beginning 06/27/15 suspension to run concurrent with suspension on case 15-CRB-212; Count B; Poss Marijuana; J-Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Defendant's operator's license shall be suspended for 6 months beginning 06/27/15; shall run concurrent with case 15-CRB-211

Glowinski, Alexander I; Defiance, OH; Possession Drug; Prel-Waive; Defendant

Hitzeman, Brent Lee; Antwerp, OH; O.V.I. High; A-Dismis; Case Dismissed per state

Mcdonald, Griffin Scott; Toledo, OH; Driving/Texting; Guilty; Case was waived by Defendant

Fellers, Christopher J; Paulding, OH; O.V.I. Susp; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 12/18/15 or will be sent to collections pay \$50 per MO commencing 7/31/15 community control two ordered 20 Hrs of community service 177 jail days

Hurst, Stacey R; Oakwood, OH; Dom Violence; No Cont; Shall Pay all Costs; Shall have no unlawful contact with Children; complete the court's hands down program; placed on standard probation addition to rules; shall submit a mental health/ anger management evaluation

Adkins, Bryant R; Oakwood, OH; O.V.I. Susp; Guilty; Pay \$100.00 today then continue each week has a POC date of 8/14/2015; Community Control two ordered 20 Hrs of Community service; 87 Jail Days reserved proof of Financial Responsibility provided in Court

Bandiera, Marissa L; Maumee, OH; FTY Emer. Vehicl.; Guilty; Case was waived by Defendant

**Real Estate Transfers:**

Paulding Village: 7/15/15; John R. and Beverly A. Dunstan; Lot 13; 0.20339 acres; To: Beverly A. Dunstan  
Paulding Village: 7/14/15; John Roddy; Lot 9; 0.1578 acres; To: Antwerp Exchange Bank Company

Blue Creek Twp.: 7/14/15; Roy Klopfenstein, et al; Sec. 33; 35.112 acres; To: Andrew A. Klopfenstein

Roy Klopfenstein, et al; Sec. 33; 5.01 acres; To: Roy & Deborah C. Klopfenstein, trustee

Roy Klopfenstein, et al; Sec. 33; 39.172 acres; To: Evan C. Klopfenstein

Leslie R. Zielke; Sec. 5; 25.942 acres; To: Marilyn R. Zielke

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**REP. LATTA ON HOUSE PASSAGE OF BIPARTISAN 21ST CENTURY CURES ACT**

Rep. Bob Latta voted in support of H.R. 6, the 21st Century Cures Act, landmark bipartisan legislation to help deliver more cures, treatments, and therapies to patients and bring our health care system into the 21st century. This legislation is the product of more than a year of listening to patients and other experts about what steps Congress can take to help researchers, caregivers, and innovators unleash the power of 21st century science and technology. H.R. 6 passed with overwhelming support by a vote of 344-77.

"Today's innovations are tomorrow's cures. The 21st Century Cures Act will provide the resources that ensure this country remains a leader in medical innovation, pioneering the next generation of cures and treatments," said Rep. Latta. "Congress, through a bipar-

tisan coalition, has taken a comprehensive look at what steps we can take to accelerate the pace of cures in America, and this bill is a result of these efforts. Working with patients, patient advocates, researchers, and innovators in the health care system, the House today passed legislation crafted to effectively close the gaps between advances in biomedical research, and the regulatory policies created to save more lives. I urge my colleagues in the Senate not to delay passage of this legislation."

The 21st Century Cures Act:

- Removes barriers to increased research collaboration;
- Incorporates the patient perspective into drug development and regulatory review process;
- Modernizes clinical trials;
- Provides new incentives for the development of drugs for rare diseases;
- Invests in 21st century science and next generation investigation (\$2 billion per year for five years at the National Institutes of Health);
- Helps keep and create jobs here at home.

**Sudoku solution from page 13**

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

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**TRUCK DRIVERS NEEDED**  
Experienced Flatbed Company and Owner Operators Sign-On Bonus  
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Must be 13 years or older. \$8.00/hr.  
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Pick up applications at  
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**Help Needed**

- **Registered Nurse (Surgery)**  
Responsibilities could include rotating in the scrub, circulating and recovery phases of surgical nursing. The responsibilities of the RN include assessing, planning, and implementing care of the surgical patient throughout the pre-operative, operative post-operative phases.  
Requirements : Current State of Ohio Registered Nurse  
Schedule: Full Time - 1st shift hours
- **ASU Registered Nurse**  
Responsibilities would include outpatient infusion, Pre and Post Operation Care. The responsibilities of the RN include assessing, planning, and implementing care of the surgical patient throughout the pre-operative and post-operative phases.  
Requirements : Current State of Ohio Registered Nurse  
Schedule: Part Time (4 days a week) - 1st shift hours

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**CAMPBELL SOUP IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS For Full Time Seasonal Employees**

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The Campbell Soup Company, the world's leading maker and marketer of soup, seeks quality and safety conscious individuals to join our Napoleon operations team for the current season. Ideal candidates will have manufacturing work experience, be willing to work any shift and must be able to work overtime as needed. Forklift experience is a plus. Most positions require the ability to lift/carry 50 lbs. repeatedly.

Applications for this season's general labor and distribution center/ forklift positions will be accepted at any local Ohio Means Jobs Office. No interviews will be done at this time. If an applicant has completed a WorkKeys assessment prior to applying, they should bring a copy of their scores when they apply.

**Seasonal positions start at \$14.42/hour.** Season may run from July through February. Employees will be required to satisfactorily complete a background check, physical and drug screen. Preferred advanced scheduling for Military Veterans.

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**MLS# 5090563** - Attractive 2 Bedroom Home on a corner lot, Antwerp. New replacement windows, new carpet & fresh paint!! Nice sized utility, Oversized 2 car garage! \$67,500. Call Sandra/Tamyra 419-506-1015



**MLS# 5090676** - NEW PRICE on this Charming 1.5 Story, 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Home - Archer Dr, Antwerp 2,245 sq. ft. with a 20 x 26' FR with fireplace. Basement, C/Air, Florida room, Detached 2 car garage with asphalt drive. NOW \$87,500! Call Sandra/Tamyra 419-506-1015

**BUILDING LOTS:** 5 Building Lots on Diamond Dr, Antwerp. Just a stones throw from the school. Lots range \$9,000 - \$17,000. All Utilities Available!\*\*\*3 Building Lots just south of the Antwerp School. @100 x 210, All utilities available! \$14,000 each. Call Sandra/Tamyra 419-506-1015

**OHIO GOVERNOR ASKS FOR PRAYERS**



Randall Smith pictured with two of his three daughters. Photo shared from Facebook.

Gov. John Kasich has called for prayers for Randall Smith, who is the fifth victim of deadly shootings at military sites in Tennessee.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class, Randall Smith has passed, while serving on active duty at a Tennessee Reserve Center. It was announced July 18 by the Navy.

Kuwait-born Muhammad Youssef Abdulazeez is believed to have shot at a recruiting center in Chattanooga on Thursday, then drove several

miles away to the Navy and Marine reserve center where he shot and killed four Marines and wounded Smith and two others, according to authorities.

Gov. Kasich said Saturday that the shootings had claimed another victim and Ohio has lost another hero. Prayers for Smith and his family is Kasich's request.

<http://www.journalgazette.net/news/local/Kasich-calls-for-prayers-for-slain-Paulding-sailor-7796699>

**PAULDING NATIONWIDE SUPPORT FOR RANDALL SMITH**

Driving through Paulding you see flags at half staff, signs in yards and buildings, window paint and many other ways of showing support for Randall Smith.

Randall died of injuries inflicted from gun shot wounds after a Kuwaiti born American named Muhammad Youssef Abdulazeez drove into two military sites shooting seven men with four pronounced dead at the scene

of the terror attack.

Randall Smith was a 2007 Paulding High School graduate who went on to play baseball on a scholarship to Defiance College. After a shoulder injury prevented him from continuing his baseball career, Randall joined the United States Navy. He was recently stationed in active duty in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Randall leaves behind his wife Angie, whom he married in January 2011, and 3 young daughters.

Paulding shows their support for the fallen in their community! Rest in Peace.

**HARLAN DAYS CHILDREN'S PARADE!**



The 2015 Harlan Days Children's Parade will be held on Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Arrive early near the Mid-way stage, no pre-registration needed. All children are welcome to participate in this parade.

Decorate a bicycle, a wagon or dress-up in a costume for the parade! There will be trophies awarded for the Best Girl, Best Boy and Best Overall parade idea. All children who participate in the parade will receive complimentary midway ride tickets. Join the parade and have some fun!

**CHALK WALK OFFERED AGAIN AT DAY IN THE PARK**

Artists young and old are invited to "paint" in chalk during the Day in the Park, August 8, 2015 in Antwerp.

This year's theme for the Chalk Walk is "Here's Answer". So, what does this mean? Use your imagination... what is your image of Antwerp?

Children will have a great time creating with chalk on their own piece of black construction paper. All of the artwork will be displayed

**FASCINATING (AKA DISGUSTING!) OWL PELLET DISSECTION BY ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS STUDENTS**



Mrs. Staci Miller visited last week with an owl power point and owl pellets. We were given the opportunity to dissect the Pellets and figured out what that particular owl had consumed. It was

disgusting and fascinating all at the same time! Shown here with Mrs. Miller in the back are: Madi Coler, Lily Roehrig, Zachary Wobler, MaK Coler, Emiliano Turner, Parker Schisler, Lucy Shuherk, and

Noah Schisler. In front are: Isaac Miller, Jake Wobler, Levi Fisk, Andros Isidoro, MaKenna Schilt, Balan Miller, Mason Smith, Dominic Lawhorn and Landyn Moore.

throughout the day and will be ready for parents to pick up by 4:00 p.m. Your masterpiece can be produced on multiple sizes of paper including: 8.5x11, 11x17, or 17x22. Basic colored chalk will be provided. For those wanting a greater color palette, please bring your own chalk.

A new feature is added this year to allow artists to express their image of Antwerp in a 2 ft. x 2 ft. board and sell their work! The rough surface board, pre-painted in white, will be sold to those wishing to have a larger, more permanent canvas and will not have restrictions on the kind of chalk that can be used.

For those choosing to use the board, their finished product can be included in the silent auction, with half the bidding price going to the artist and the other half as a donation to the Antwerp

Chamber of Commerce.

Any chalk work submitted prior to the August 8th Day in the Park will be displayed in a downtown store front until the Day in the Park.

All of this fun will take place on August 8th in the Riverside Park. Children and those artists young of heart may come, participate and demonstrate your inner day Vinci to all in attendance.

For more information about entries, please call 419-233-6699.

**ANTWERP CHAMBER'S DAY IN THE PARK FINALIZES 2015 PLANS**

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is getting plans finalized for this year's Day In the Park. The Chamber hopes you all are making plans to attend. Michelle Dooley and

Marilyn Provines are lining up the entertainment this year. They have some of the local favorites as well as some new area talent (They are working on some surprises too!).

Also back, will be the popular K-9 demonstration from the Paulding County Sheriff's Department. In consideration of the K-9 dogs, as well as your own pets, the Chamber asks that you leave them home where they will be much safer and happier rather than in the middle of a crowd on a hot August day. Your cooperation is appreciated.

If you have not turned in your paperwork for your vendor space please do so as soon as possible. The Chamber is looking forward to this community all enjoying a wonderful day together.



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