

NEW HAVEN BIDS FINAL FAREWELL TO COAST GUARDSMAN JOEL BARTHOLOMEW



On December 22, 2014, the city of New Haven and members of St John's Catholic Church gave their final farewell to Joel Bartholomew. Joel was 26 years old and was serving his country in the United States Coast Guard in Corpus Christie, Texas.

In early December Joel and another Coast Guard man were severely injured in an accident. They were pedestrians and were hit by a car. Joel succumbed from his injuries on December 16.

Joel was the son of Carl and Joan Bartholomew of New Haven, and a 2007 graduate of New Haven High School. Among the many condolences received by the family, four organizations should be recognized for their contributions toward the dinner: St John's Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus, St John's Sodality and Kate Branning of New Haven Bakery.

Joel's military funeral was most impressive and made you proud of your American heritage and most grateful for Joel and his role in our lives.

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GREENWOOD - YENSER



Mark and Sandy Greenwood of Antwerp, Ohio are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amber Greenwood, to Isaac Yenser, son of Mr. Tim Yenser & the late Jackie Yenser, of Antwerp, Ohio.

The Bride is a 2010 graduate of Antwerp High School and plans to graduate from

Rhodes State College to earn a degree in Applied Science for OTA.

The Groom is a 2010 graduate of Antwerp High School and is currently employed at C&Y Oil Co.

They plan to exchange vows on June 27, 2015, at Antwerp Community Church of the Nazarene.

PAULDING ELEMENTARY AWARDED BANNERS OF ACADEMIC HONOR



On Friday, January 16, 2015 the Paulding Elementary School gathered in the high school auditoria for an assembly. They began their celebration assembly with a dance off in which grades pre-k through 6 had each had choreographed a dance to a different song. Principal Stephanie Tear expressed how proud she was of all of her students. Mrs. Tear briefly became emotional telling the children that she has never worked in a school like Paulding and she is proud to be their principal. The students then enjoyed inspirational videos of "Cain's Arcade" and "Kid President" followed by a staff rendition of "Every-

thing is Awesome" played on boomwhackers, musical instruments played by hitting them on the ground. Mr. William Hanak, Superintendent took the stage at that time to officially present the student body with their banners. Mr. Hanak explained that the School of Honor banner was given in recognition of the schools progress over the last year. He went on to explain that the School of Promise banner was given to recognize the schools continued progress over a five year span. Mrs. Tear made it a special point to recognize the 6th grade for this award as

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OBITUARIES

ANTWERP, OH
Wallace L. Geyer, age 92 died Saturday, January 17, 2015 at CHP Hospice, Defiance, OH. He was born in Paulding County on July 22, 1922 the son of George A. and Ada (Whirrett) Geyer. On March 30, 1947 he married Alice Eileen Kauser, who preceded him in death on July 21, 1992. He was a self-employed farmer, a WWII US Army veteran and a Purple Heart recipient. He was a member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Paulding; VFW; and American Legion #253 Antwerp. He is survived by two sons, Gregory L. (Charlene K.) Geyer, and Jerald H. (Donna J.) Geyer both of Antwerp; two daughters, Janice A. (Steven) Ouellette, Ft. Wayne, IN, and Cynthia S. (Lornie) Keith, Houston, TX; five grandchildren; five great grandchildren; a sister, Virginia Polete, Ft. Wayne; two sisters-in-law, LaDonna Geyer, of Antwerp and Marjorie Mathias formerly of Ft. Wayne, IN; brother-in-law, John Henry (Anna) Kauser, Paulding; and special friend, Lodena Brown, Paulding. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Alice; a brother, George Geyer; a sister, Merium Bickhard; and a brother-in-law, Lynn Bickhard. Funeral services will be conducted 11 AM Wednesday, January 21 at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Paulding, with Rev. Karen Stetins officiating. Burial will follow in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding County. Visitation will be 2 - 5 PM and 6 - 8 PM Tuesday, January 20 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. There will also be visitation one hour prior to services at the church on Wednesday. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations made to Antwerp American Legion #253 or St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Paulding. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

PAYNE, OH
William Porte Smith, of Payne, passed away at home on Saturday Jan. 10, 2015. His family was assisted by Dooley Funeral Homes of Payne & Antwerp.

PAULDING, OH
Ruth E. Fessel Hitchcock, of Paulding, passed away at home on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015. Arrangements by Den Herder Funeral Home of Paulding.

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PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 1/21 - 1/27

- 1/21 - Meatloaf, Hash-brown bake, creamed peas, mixed fruit, dinner roll, apple cinnamon bar
- 1/22 - Liver and onions, mashed potatoes, broccoli, oranges & pineapple, W.W. bread/graham crackers, liver alt. swiss steak
- 1/23 - Ham and swiss sandwich, vegetable & rice soup, potato salad, mixed fruit, tomato juice, crackers
- 1/26 - Pork cutlet, rice pilaf, scalloped corn, fruit compote, grape juice, W.W. bread
- 1/27 - Chili w/ crackers, tossed salad, tropical fruit, gingerbread, apple juice, W.W. bread.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 1/21 - 1/27

- 1/21 - Bunco at 12:30 p.m.; Buckeye Hearing Bingo at 12:00 p.m.; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery Shopping at 1:30 p.m.
- 1/22 - Blood pressure and Tonal clinic at 9:00 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Turn up at 12:15 p.m.
- 1/23 - Red Hat Day; Bingo with Vancrest of Antwerp at 12:00 p.m.
- 1/26 - Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Game day bowling at 10:30 a.m.
- 1/27 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.; Trivia w/Nicole at 12:00 p.m.

DANGERS OF FALLING ICE...

Icicles can be a danger facing the public this winter. The sun shining and freezing temperatures across the county have started to the formation of icicles on buildings, awnings, and gutters. The number of people being injured and unfortunately killed, by falling icicles is a hidden danger during the winter time. The fact that icicles are dangerous shouldn't come as a surprise. They're essentially little frozen daggers, usually falling from great heights-but the number of people harmed is surprisingly high. Don't be complacent next time you are outside near your homes, businesses and other outdoor objects with icicles presents. Icicles can and are very dangerous. How do icicles form? The heat emanating from homes, cause snow or ice to melt and then refreeze into icicles hanging from gutters, the edges of roofs, windows or

any place water is able to drip. Continued cold temperatures with period of slight warming trends also create icicles that "grow" and become larger, longer and exponentially more dangerous to those who pass below them.

Icicles may become one, two, three or more feet long, with an extensively large diameter at the top, and if they fall from as little as one story high, can cause property damage, injury and possibly even death. Icicles become more of a hazard during mild winter weather. They may look pretty with the sunlight and hanging from the roof as a winter wonderland scene, but they are like sharp objects. In fact, hundreds of people are injured and some are even killed each year, in the United States and in other countries that have similar weather, from spear-like icicles or large chunks of ice falling.

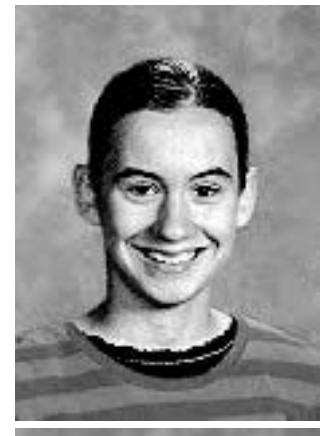
SAFETY TIPS for FALLING ICE:

- Be aware of your surroundings and watch the sky above if you are close to a building and houses for falling ice. Don't let the complacency bug bite you and end up injured or even worse.
- Be aware most ice falls within 5-10 feet of domestic buildings but can travel much higher heights with downtown buildings.
- You should not stand under areas where icicles have formed.
- Never place a ladder directly against a gutter covered with ice or icicles the pressure of the ladder against the gutter may cause the ice or icicles to dislodge, falling on the person or property below.
- When removing icicles, stand to the side of the area of the icicles and "tap" the icicles to remove them. Hitting them "hard" could cause damage to the structure.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU 1/21 - 1/27

- 1/21 - Cheeseburger on bun, tater tots, mixed fruit, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
- 1/22 - Walking taco, baked beans, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
- 1/23- Cheesy breadsticks w/marinara, veggie juice, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
- 1/26 - Grilled chicken on bun, cooked carrots, pears, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
- 1/27 - Fajitas, tater tots, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar.

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Paulding Middle School announced the winners of their annual spelling bee. The spelling bee champion this year is Heather Manz. Heather is an 8th grader and the daughter of Anthony and Denise Manz. Her winning word was 'farrago'. Paulding also recognized runner up Savannah Shepherd. Savannah is a 7th grader and the daughter of Aaron and Jennifer Shepherd. Her misspelled word was 'centenary'. Congratulations to all the participants for their hard work!

MAIN BRANCH OF THE ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FEBRUARY EVENTS

- Storytime for Preschools, Daycares & Other Groups:**
 Wednesday, February 4, 11, 18, 25, 9:30 a.m. 30-minutes of theme-based stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities and fun for your 3 to 6 year old child.
- Family Storytime:**
 Wednesday, February 4, 11, 18, 25 10:30 a.m. Join us for a special half-hour of book-related fun. Each session is geared to preschoolers ages 3 to 6. Each session includes books, fingerplays, songs and multimedia computer fun.
- BABIES AND BOOKS:**
 Fridays, February 6, 13, 20, 27, 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 STORY-TIME:**
 Fridays, February 6, 13, 20, 27, 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.
- Toddler Art:**
 Tuesday, February 24, 10:30 a.m. Calling all toddlers—we have an art class just for you. It is not so much about what you create but how you go about creating your masterpiece.
- LEGO Club:**
 Thursday, February 12 & 26, 3:00 p.m. and Saturday,

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 7:12 NASB

February 21, 3:00 p.m. Get your brains, and hands, and imaginations working... by playing with LEGOs.

Fort Wayne Youththeatre Presents Anansi Stories

Monday, February 16, 2:00 p.m., Fort Wayne Youththeatre's Storybook Theatre presents Anansi stories.

Science Explorers: Rings, Wings and other Flying Things:

Tuesday, February 17, 2:00 & 6:30 p.m. You will become an aircraft designer—with scissors and paper!

Library: Behind the Scenes:

Monday, February 23, 2:00 p.m. Want to know what happens behind the scenes at the main library? Where are the storage books, where do librarians go for lunch, what happens when you put a book in the book drop? Join us for a tour behind the scenes and learn some of our secrets.

Time for Art:

Tuesday, February 24, 2:00 and 6:3 p.m. We provide the supplies and you bring the creativity. We will use washable supplies, but there is always a chance for a little mess when creating art.

The Picture Show:

Saturday, February 28, 11:00 a.m. Aspiring artists will have the opportunity to see their artwork on the big screen during this hour long program. Children will create pictures and they will then be projected on the wall for all to see.

First Friday Book Group:

Friday, February 6, 10:00 a.m. Read and discuss interesting books with other homeschoolers ages 11-14.

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

Friday, February 13 10:00 a.m. Discuss books while enjoying tasty bagels (or donuts). For homeschool high school students.

STEAM: Code Club and more:

Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24, 2:00 p.m. Each Tuesday we will meet to enjoy some science, technology, engineering, art and math related activities. Sign up by calling 260-421-1255

Sci-Fi Club:

Thursday, February 12, 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, Etc.

Totally Terrific Tuesdays:

Tuesday, February 10, 7:00 p.m. Have fun using your own ideas and library provided supplies to make a Valentine Project..

Nerdfighters:

Thursday, February 26, 7:00 p.m. Are you a fan of John and Hank Green? Let's do this. If you are not a nerd but would like to become one, you will earn nerd cred for attending.

Minecraft Club:

Wednesdays, February 4 & 18, 7:00 p.m. Play Minecraft with other people who love the game as much as you do!

nology, Engineering, Art, and Math related activities.

Saturday, February 14 - Valentine Cards (cards with circuit stickers)

Saturday, February 28 - Mini Zines

Homeschool Happenings:

Thursday, February 5, 1:00 p.m. Learn something new or participate in an interesting activity every month. This month is Happy Heart Month!

Otaku Anon:

Thursday, February 5, 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.

Jeffrey R. Krull Gallery:

January 27, March 31, 2015. Indelible (P)ink: The Pink Panther and Popular Culture

This exhibition is a blast from the past, spying on the Pink Panther as an example of popular culture while uncovering his contribution to 20th-century animation. Animation Cells, Production Sketches, and Ephemera are featured in the exhibition. The exhibit is organized and circulated by the Daura Gallery, Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, VA. The artifacts on display are in the Daura Gallery's permanent collection.

Craft Café:

Thursday, February 12, 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, February 24, 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.

West Central Quartet Concert:

Sunday, February 8, 2:00 p.m. Theater Main Library. The West Central Quartet plays as a 4-piece jazz/variety group with a vocalist, but may add a horn or two at times.

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK DISCUSSION & POTLUCK

Please join us on Sunday, January 25, 2015 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. in the Defiance Regional Medical Center's Maumee and Auglaize Rooms as we discuss educational choices and topics, including Common Core and how you can make a difference in your community. Please bring a gluten-free and nut-free dish and dessert to share. If your dish isn't gluten free please make it as such. RSVP ASAP by emailing NewHeightsEducation@yahoo.com or by calling (419) 786-0247.

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JANUARY IS SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE MONTH

January 22 will mark the 42nd anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in the Roe vs Wade case. This decision was a landmark ruling that legalized abortion in America. Since that time, over 56,400,000 American babies have been killed through abortion. Currently in our country an abortion takes place every 30 seconds. Some women choose to abort because they don't feel they want their life interrupted by a baby. Some women are afraid that they won't be able to support the child, and some are just frightened and overwhelmed at the idea of bringing life into the world alone.

At Hands of Hope we believe that each baby is a gift from God and that Jesus wants us to love our neighbors by supporting moms who choose life for their child. We believe that no woman should feel alone in their journey. We love to come along side women and their families by offering free pregnancy testing, pregnancy options counseling, and educational classes. We also offer families free diapers, baby clothes, cribs, car seats, and other baby care items.

We also know that Jesus asks us to walk alongside women who have an abortion in their past. We have a volunteer who knows the feelings that come with having had an abortion who would love to come along side any woman who needs someone to talk to. We also offer a H.E.A.R.T. Bible study for post-abortive women.

All of our services are completely free and confidential. We are glad to help any woman regardless of income or marital status. If you are interested in any of the services we offer, please give us a call at 419-399-2447 or stop by Mondays from 2:00-7:00 p.m. or Fridays from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. We are located across from the Paulding County Hospital at 1030 W Wayne Street, Paulding, Ohio. Also, be watching for information on our March 18 benefit with Pam Tebow.

DEPOT CONTRIBUTORS AT LUTHERAN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TOP IN THE STATE FOR HUMAN MILK DONATIONS

Through the Milk Depot at Lutheran Children's Hospital, a team of lactation consultants collected and supplied The Milk Bank, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing safe mothers' milk for fragile infants, with more than 27,000 ounces of human milk in

2014. That was more milk than any other depot in Indiana provided, according to The Milk Bank, founded in the Hoosier State in 2005.

In 2008, LCH teamed with The Milk Bank to open Indiana's first hospital-based Milk Depot, encouraging mothers with excess milk to bring it to the hospital for others in need. Carefully screened donors deliver their extra human milk to Fort Wayne's only Milk Depot, where it is stored until it is transported to The Milk Bank in Indianapolis. After the milk is pasteurized and frozen, it is distributed back out to ill or premature infants throughout the U.S.

LCH was one of 11 satellite locations collecting human milk for The Milk Bank when it opened its own Milk Depot six years ago. Currently, there are 20 Milk Depot locations throughout Indiana, and 14 banks in the U.S. with several more in the process of opening. However, The Milk Bank is the state's only provider of human milk.

"We credit community-minded mothers like Michelle Harlan who donated the greatest amount of human milk last year," said Holly Romary, RN, lactation consultant, Lutheran Children's Hospital. "We invite more passionate mothers with an extra supply to consider donating; their generosity really does make a difference. We've been proud to help pioneer this effort locally to benefit the littlest patients."

Research supports that human milk boosts immune systems and is often prescribed for patients struggling with premature development, malabsorption, feeding intolerance, immunologic deficiencies, congenital abnormalities and postoperative nutritional needs.

For more information call Lutheran's lactation team at (260) 435-7330, or visit TheMilkBank.org, for more information.

The Milk Bank, Inc., is a community-based, community-supported, not-for-profit organization that helps improve health outcomes for premature and sick infants, foster better health for children. The Milk Bank decreases health-care expenditures by receiving, pasteurizing, freezing and distributing human pasteurized human donor milk throughout the U.S. The Milk Bank is a proud member of the Human Milk Banking Association of North America.

WOODBURN BRANCH LIBRARY FEBRUARY EVENTS

SMART START STORY-TIME:

Fridays, February 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:30 a.m. - This Storytime features finger plays, songs, stories of various lengths and crafts.

Yarn Lover's Gathering:

Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 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, February 9, 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.

Woodburn Kids Club:

Wednesday, February 11, 3:00 p.m. - Each meeting will include a game, a reader's theater, a craft and a snack with book sharing. *February 11 - I want to be a Knight*

The Mix:

Monday, February 16, 4:00 p.m. - Drop by the library for a different activity each month. Music or crafts, or games or whatever is in The Mix.

GRABILL BRANCH LIBRARY FEBRUARY EVENTS

Born to Read:

Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24, 10:30 a.m. - You're never too young to enjoy the library. For babies and their caregivers.

Smart Start Storytime:

Wednesday, February 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:30 a.m. - Preschoolers and their grownups are invited to attend a storytime designed to help them as they begin to read.

Lego Club:

Wednesday, February 25, 3:30 p.m. - Use our stash of Lego blocks to build amazing things. Each month we'll have a special challenge and time to share our creations with each other.

Homeschool Science Food Science Challenge:

Monday, February 23, 10:30 a.m. - Grades 1-9 be at the library for the Catapult Challenge

Homeschool Arts and Crafts:

Monday, February 19, 10:30 a.m. - It's crafty time at the library. This month we learn about book binding and make a book.

Monday Night Book Club:

Monday, February 2, 7:00 p.m. - The first Monday of each month we have a lively book discussion. This month we will discuss, Team of Rivals by Doris Kearns Goodwin

Lunch and Lit:

Wednesday, February 11, 1:00 p.m. - Stop by and join us for this lunchtime book discussion.

MONROVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY FEBRUARY EVENTS

Mondays, February 2, 9, 16, 23, 3:30 p.m. - Enjoy the latest books, some old favorites and an awesome craft each week.

LEGO Mania:

Monday, February 2, 6:30 p.m. - Bring your own LEGOS or use ours. Make



(Continued from Page 1) it was based on their test scores from last year. Mrs. Tear went on to express her

gratitude to all of her teachers for their hard work and dedication to their students. As she brought the assembly

to a close, Mrs Tear stated, "If I could only thank one group it would be you, the students. You are awesome!"

friends and have a treat. **Budget Scrapbooking:** *Thursday, February 19, 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: *Saturday, February 14, 10:00 a.m.* - Quilters of all types and skill levels are welcome.

NEW HAVEN BRANCH LIBRARY FEBRUARY EVENTS

Smart Start Storytime:

Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24, and Wednesday, February 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:30 a.m. - Enjoy 30 minutes of stores, songs, fingerplays and an easy craft just right for Preschoolers.

February 3 & 4 - How Tall is a Giraffe

February 10 & 11 - Moon and the Stars

February 17 & 18 - Roar I'm a Dinosaur

February 24 & 25 - We've Got Rhythm

Teen Thursday: *Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 3:30 p.m.*

February 5 - LEGO Stop Action Animation

February 12 - Matchmaker, Make Me a Match

February 19 - Do You Like Candy

February 26 - CD Art

Those Witty Brits: *Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 p.m.* - A book club devoted to British humor. Come and laugh with us.

Get your LEGO on: *Wednesday, February 4, 11, 18, 25, 3:30 p.m.* - We will supply the LEGO blocks, you supply the imagination.

LUTHERAN HEALTH NETWORK ANNOUNCES FREE ENROLLMENT FAIRS TO HELP AREA RESIDENTS SIGN UP FOR HEALTH INSURANCE

If you're uninsured, there's still time to sign up for health insurance through the Health Insurance Marketplace and avoid a penalty. Under the Affordable Care Act, 2015 is the first year Americans must prove they had qualifying health insurance (or an approved exemption) for the

previous year when filing 2014 taxes. Those who don't will face a tax penalty. For 2015, individuals who don't obtain insurance by February 15, 2015, the last day of the open enrollment period, will have a penalty applied to their annual taxable income for each full month they don't have health insurance in 2015. And, without insurance, patients will be financially responsible for all of their medical costs.

The good news is based on household income and dependents, some individuals may qualify for financial assistance from the government - or subsidies - toward the cost of the premium and other financial obligations like copays or deductibles.

Open enrollment opportunities for the Health Insurance Marketplace: **DUPONT HOSPITAL:** Free enrollment fairs: Wednesdays from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., January 14 - February 11

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LUTHERAN HOSPITAL: Free enrollment fairs: Thursdays from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m., January 15 - February 12

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL: Free enrollment fairs: Wednesdays from 2:00 to 6:30 p.m., January 14 - February 11

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The Times Bulletin Media and the Niswonger Performing Arts Center are pleased to announce the performance of the United States Jazz Ambassadors at the Niswonger on Tuesday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. This is a free ticketed concert open to the public.

The Jazz Ambassadors is the official touring big band of the United States Army. From the big band sounds of the 1940's to the contemporary hits of today, the members of the Jazz Ambassadors present a versatile musical program that has earned them international recognition and appeals to all ages. The Jazz Ambassadors travel the world entertaining troops, government dignitaries, and the public with the very best of big band jazz music and vocals. Find out more about the Jazz Ambassadors and this event ONLINE at NPACVW.ORG or contact the Niswonger Box Office Monday-Friday from 12:00 - 4:00 PM.

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BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

1. Luke 17:20 - Who questioned Jesus?
2. Luke 17:20 - What were they wanting to know?
3. Luke 17:20 - What does the kingdom of God mean?
4. Luke 17:20 - The kingdom of God does not come with _____?
5. Luke 17:20 - What kind of kingdom was the Jews looking for? Read Acts 1:6.
6. Luke 17:21 - In this verse where does it say the kingdom of God is?
7. Luke 17:22 - What is Jesus telling the disciples in this verse?
8. Luke 17:23 - Jesus said do not go after them or follow them; what does this mean?
9. Luke 17:25 - What does this verse mean?
10. Luke 17:25 - What must Christ do first?

Comments or questions? Call James Potter at 419-393-475 or e-mail at jsp1941@yahoo.com. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ.

Answers to today's questions:

1. Pharisees; 2. When the kingdom of God would come;
3. God's reign or rule in your life; 4. Observation; 5. They were looking for a physical kingdom to be set up in Jerusalem as many, many folks are today.

Loved ones, this physical kingdom being set up in Jerusalem is a false teaching, this will not happen, why? Christ is a spiritual being, and will never take a human form again. Christ is now in heaven, sitting at the right hand of God in spiritual form as God is, governing His kingdom, the church, here on earth. The apostles after receiving the Holy Spirit, understood there would be no kingdom on earth. The word church comes from the Greek word Ekklesia which means the called out.

After we finish the Book of Luke, there will be a study of the Lord's church. 6. Is within you; 7. This is speaking of the coming in judgment of the nation of Israel! Why? The Lord said that the kingdom of God is within you. It's already here! 8. He has told them what to expect; 9. Christ's second coming will be sudden, unexpected, and public; 10. Suffer many things and be rejected by His generation. "Ol' Baldy" says bye for now, but continue to pray read and study the New Testament. You are letting Satan destroy you when you say I can't understand it. You can! Luv Ya!

IN YOUR LIFE, WHO IS MOST IMPORTANT?

Winning the Battle for a Generation by: Pastor Rick Jones

The day after the NCAA College Football National Championship I was watching ESPN and a news conference with Ohio State Buckeyes Coach, Urban Meyer. One of the sportswriters asked Meyer a question about his team, whether they were more physical than the Oregon Ducks. The question posed to Meyer caused him to reflect on his offensive line and Meyer turned to his celebrated quarterback, Cardale Jones, and Meyer asked him, "Cardale, who gets to sit in the First Class seats on the airplane?"

Cardale responded, "The Offensive Line."

Meyer continued, "Cardale, who goes first in the cafeteria for food?"

Quietly but quickly, Cardale spoke, "The Offensive Line."

What a lesson about "who goes first, who is most important."

Regarding the subject of "who is more important," Jesus put it another way... Mark 9:33-35 (NASB77), And they came to Capernaum; and when He was in the house, He began to question them, "What were you discussing on the way?" But they kept silent, for on the way they had discussed with one another which of them was the greatest. And sitting down, He called the twelve and said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all."

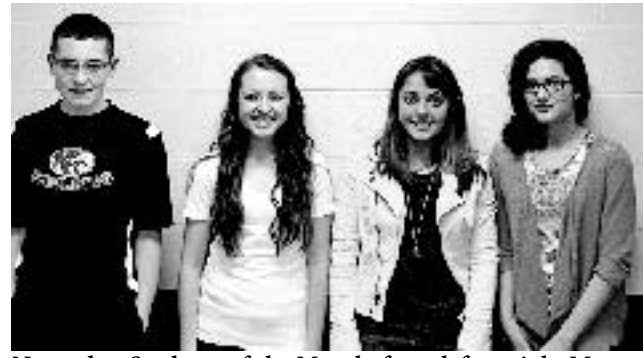
If the question were put to you, "Who is most important?" How would answer?

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

DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

- Grade 4:**
Maggie Cox, Tyler Davis, Kyle Slade
- Grade 5:**
Cameron Graham, Christina Graham, Ethan Noggle, Leslie Pollock, Kaden Recker, Kennadi Recker, Joel Reinhart, Ryan Rupp, Claire Schweller, Molli Shepherd, Grady Vogel
- Grade 6:**
Cameron Cox, Kenadie Daeger, Carson Rupp, Kaden Sutton

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



November Students of the Month: from left to right Marcus Miller, freshman, Estee Miller, Sophomore, Victoria Bradford, Junior, and Lydia Clemence, Senior.



December Students of the Month: from left to right, Savannah Habern, Freshman, Brody Clemens, Sophomore, Luke Jackson, Junior, and Katie Carnahan, Senior.

"SUPER" FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT

The Antwerp Elementary Faculty and Staff would like to invite you to celebrate reading, writing, and learning... super hero family style!

The event will take place from 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. January 26, 2015 in the school cafeteria. The theme of the evening will be Big Hero 6. Dinner will be provided and will begin at 5:15 p.m. in the cafeteria. Following dinner guest author Paul Orshoski will speak at 6:00 p.m.

The evening will feature fun, family centered activities. Daycare will be provided for younger siblings though they are welcome to participate in the activities with your family throughout the night.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL & REGULAR MEETING 1/12/15

Board President nominations by Anita Bok. Dennis Recker voted as Board President.
Mark seconded it. Vice President nominations for Mark Ryan by Bob Herber. 2nd by Kip Taylor.
Consent Items:
Student achievement liaison will be Anita Bok and legislative liaison will be Bob Herber.
Meeting closed after all consent items were approved.
The board then went into their regularly scheduled January meeting.
All approved the minutes from the December meeting.
Liaison report:
Bob Herber said they are organized and back in session.
No Vantage Report tonight.
Treasurer's Report:
For the last month, \$404,501.05 incoming; \$572,532.76 receipts
High School Report:
Mike Bute: Semester exams completed. Grades distributed, mid term feb 13.
Like to end semester before. Rogge Financial aid meeting on Monday, Jan, 26th 6:30 in auditoria.
Elementary Report:
Tim Manz announced that the PC Tigers vs staff basketball game is January 23. Family Literacy night is January 26 at 4:30 p.m. with meal. An author is to speak at this event along with other activities. February 22 is scheduled for a dental hygiene workshop.
Superintendent's Report:
Pat Ross said that Jan is recognizing BOE month. Pat passed out certificates recognizing all board members. New doors in A wing are installed. The weight room doors are next. This will help with cold air and stop the wind-tunnel effect for safety on the doors. We're still waiting on third quote for the fence on bus garage (for security). 3220 policy contains changes to the law. February 16 is the first make-up day (making up Presidents Day).
Consent items were considered and before voting, there was an addition, D: Approve Neola policy updates 3220.
Next meeting is February 19 at 6:00 p.m.

WT LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 1/21 - 1/27

- Breakfast:**
1/21 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
1/22 - Cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk
1/23 - Fruit stick, juice, milk
1/26 - Sausage pizza, juice, milk
1/27 - Egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk
- Lunch:**
1/21 - Rotini w/meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, pizza sub, or Pretzel w/ cheese w/ salad bar
1/22 - French toast sticks, sausage links, hashbrown pattie, orange juice, milk, fruit; JH/HS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar
1/23 - Quesadillas w/ Salsa, romaine lettuce salad, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad; Pizza sub or Cheeseburger sandwich w/salad bar
1/26 - Popcorn chicken, HS: mashed potatoes w/gravy, Elem: french fries, corn, dinner roll w/ butter, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, pizza sub, or grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar
1/27 - Mini corn dogs, baked beans, cooked carrots, fruit; JH/HS: Chef salad; Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar.

REP. TONY BURKLEY APPOINTED TO VICE CHAIR OF HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Speaker of the Ohio House Clifford A. Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) appointed Rep. Tony Burkley (R-Payne) to serve as vice chair of the House Agriculture & Rural Development Committee.

"I am honored by this appointment and look forward to finding ways to help agriculture remain Ohio's top industry," Burkley said. "The 82nd district is a heavily rural part of the state and I appreciate this opportunity."

Burkley is beginning his second term in the House. He represents the 82nd District, which includes Defiance, Paulding and Van Wert counties, as well as part of Auglaize County.

OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE JON HUSTED SWORN IN FOR SECOND TERM



Secretary Husted is sworn in by U.S. Senator Rob Portman. Also pictured above, from left to right, are Secretary Husted's wife Tina and daughters Kylie and Katie.

Joined by family and friends, Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted today was sworn in for a second term as the 53rd Secretary of State of Ohio during a ceremony in the House Chamber of the Ohio Statehouse, where 10 years ago he first took the oath as Speaker of the House. United States Senator Rob Portman administered the oath of office and Ohio House of Representatives Speaker

Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) served as emcee for the event.

"I am grateful to the voters of Ohio for the gift of public service they've once again given me and I take the responsibility with a happy heart," Secretary Husted said. "I will work every day to instill a sense of hope among the people of Ohio that we have the power to make tomorrow a better day."

FIVE TAKEAWAYS FROM 2014 ABSENTEE VOTING REPORT

1. Ohio has one of the most expansive absentee voting schedules in the nation and all voters, no matter where they live, have the same opportunity to cast a ballot.

In 2014:
• Absentee voting began 28 days prior to Election Day and included hours on two Saturdays and a Sunday to accommodate those who chose to vote early in person, and
• Voters didn't even need to leave home to cast their ballots because Secretary Husted sent all registered voters an absentee ballot application. Other than states that vote exclusively by mail, no other state provided this level of convenience to voters.

2. From the 2010 gubernatorial election to the 2014 gubernatorial election, 79 of Ohio's 88 counties saw an increase in the rate of absentee voting (both in person and by mail).

• The largest increases in overall absentee voting rates were Licking (8%), Medina (7.8%), Lorain (7.8%), Fairfield (7.5%), Stark (7.2%) and Summit (7%).

3. From a statewide perspective, absentee voting rates went up by about 1%. This increase was fueled solely by the increase vote-by-mail rates.

• In 2014, 22.8% of Ohio voters cast ballots by mail up from 21.6% in 2010.

• The rate of voters who cast ballots early in-person remained the same in 2014 as it was in 2010 at about 4.6% of the total vote.

4. Despite 20% lower turnout in 2014 as compared to 2010, 31 counties had more absentee ballots cast overall (as a raw number) and 51 counties saw more absentee ballots cast by mail. The increases in voting-by-mail were likely spurred by the fact that registered voters in EVERY county received an application to vote by mail from Secretary Husted. Only 16 counties saw more absentee ballots cast in-person.

5. The county with the highest rate of absentee voting in 2014 was Belmont (46.8%). The lowest rate of absentee voting was Preble (16.5%). (See rankings of all 88 counties here).

• The county that voted by mail at the highest rate was Belmont (41.4%) and the lowest vote-by-mail rate was Miami (9.4%).

• The county with the highest rate of voting early in person was Van Wert (15.9%), while the lowest early in-person rate was Cuyahoga (1.75%).

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I attended a meeting on December 3rd of the Paulding Chapter of Public Employee Retirees Incorporated (PERI) at the Paulding County Senior Center. I was disappointed to see that only 14 members were present. There are 336 potential retired Public Employees in Paulding County that should be PERI state members. At the present time there are 190 state PERI members and 43 local chapter members. It is important that if you are a Retired Public Employee, to become a member of PERI and attend the meetings. Especially, this coming year, you need to become informed of the Health Care changes, which is going to a connector model and any legislative changes that will affect our benefits.

PERI is a non-profit, non-partisan corporation to support and protect our retirement system and its benefits; to acquaint the members with legislation pertaining to the general welfare of Ohio's public employee retirees; and to provide a means for the fellowship of its members.

Paulding County Chapter's next meeting will be February 4, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Paulding County Senior Center, 401 East Jackson St.

To learn more about becoming a member or finding out more information, contact one of the chapter officers: Pres. Virginia Paulus, Vice Pres. Linda Wisda, Sec. Justine Holtsberry, Treas. Carol Schaefer or Legislative officer Rita Diaz.

—Merrill Asher

CHALLENGED HIGHER ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

Challenged Higher Drop-In Center will hold an Open House on Friday, January 23 from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. at 407 N. Franklin Street, Van Wert. If you are interested in becoming a member, or want to learn more about the programs we provide, stop by and check us out! Refreshments provided. Challenged Higher is a 501(c)3 charitable organization which provides mental health peer support, education, and social recreation. Visit us online at www.chpeercenter.org.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": SKILLS FOR TOMORROW



Vantage Industrial Mechanics senior Nick Grote (Ottoville) works on a PLC project in lab.

At Vantage Career Center, there are nine different Trade and Industrial programs offered to high school students in the Industrial and Engineering Systems cluster. Here is a brief look at those programs.

In the Ag and Industrial Power Technology program, students learn the techniques for the maintenance and operation of industrial, diesel and agricultural equipment and machinery. They troubleshoot, overhaul and assemble gas and diesel engines, and work on mechanical and electrical fuel injection systems.

Auto Body students assess and estimate the damage to vehicles and learn the basics of collision repair and refinishing, as well as auto body and shop management skills. Performing repairs to plastic and fiberglass components are unique skills of this trade.

The Auto Technology program provides hands-on experience in the areas of hydraulic brake systems, automotive engines and suspension systems. Students use sophisticated diagnostic and repair equipment to troubleshoot automotive systems and learn the skills required to inspect, repair and adjust today's highly computerized vehicles. Just before Christmas break, they got a 1928 Chevy running!

In the Precision Machining Technology program, students invent, design, and manufacture components as they learn to operate lathes, grinders, mills and computer numerical controlled (CNC) machine. Manufacturing processes are emphasized throughout the program.

The Vantage Welding program is a nationally recognized AWS (American Welding Society) training and testing facility. Students have the opportunity to earn industry certifications in plate and pipe welding. The seniors are currently on a record breaking pace in regard to their American Welding Society (AWS) certifications. If all goes well the rest of the year, this year's seniors will graduate with the most certifications of any that have attended Vantage Career Center. This program has earned the National Exemplary designation in career technical education.

Industrial Mechanics students learn how to perform preventive and corrective maintenance and the set up and adjustment of plant machinery. Students diagnose and repair heating, ventilation and cooling systems while learning the basics of welding, electricity, machining, metal fabrication, and hydraulics. They have completed the fire ring projects that are being donated to the home schools as well as an

extensive project for Kennedy Manufacturing. The juniors are continuing to work on their OSHA 10 Hour safety course as well.

The Electricity program provides entry-level training ranging from residential wiring to industrial electrical applications. Students learn how to install, maintain and troubleshoot a variety of electrical systems, including the installation of coaxial or fiber optic cable for computers and other telecommunications equipment. Seniors use their residential wiring skills to wire the Vantage Carpentry House project each year.

In the Building and Grounds Maintenance program, students are introduced to a wide variety of skills necessary to keep buildings and their surrounding areas in good condition. Students learn building maintenance skills, landscaping, painting and light carpentry skills.

Build a house while still in high school? That's just what Vantage Carpentry students do. Carpentry students learn the skills required for residential construction, including blueprint-reading, computerized house design, framing, roofing, drywall, cabinetry, stairs and outside finish work. These students also follow precise specifications and use software and a Techno CNC router to build custom CNC cabinets for the house project.

If you're interested in finding out about career opportunities in any of these fields or have questions about the trade and industrial programs at Vantage, please call Mike Knott, Student Services Supervisor at 419-238-5411 ext. 2032 or email him at knott.m@vantagecareercenter.com.

It's almost time for the annual Open House. This year, several local eating establishments will be set up in the Commons and have sample size portions of food for you to try - we're calling it A Taste of Vantage! Mark it on your calendars for Monday, February 9, 2015 from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. If you haven't seen the new school yet, this is your chance! Tour the building, see the labs, check out the new equipment, talk to the staff and students. Do you have a sophomore who's interested in attending Vantage? There will be a Parent Information Session in the Community Room at 6:00 p.m. to help answer questions you may have. Interested in going back to school yourself? Adult Education/Ohio Technical Center representatives will also be there to answer questions about Vantage Adult Ed classes. No time to cook? Help support school-

wide student activities by eating dinner at Vantage. Look for more information about our food vendors and Open House sponsors in next week's article. It's gonna be a great night - You won't want to miss it!

NEW HEIGHTS EDUCATIONAL GROUP IS NOW ENROLLED IN THRIVENT CHOICE®.

Through a unique member-advised charitable grant program called Thrivent Choice, eligible members of Thrivent Financial are helping support enrolled 501(c) (3) nonprofit organizations across the country, including New Heights Educational Group.

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In addition, thanks to members of Thrivent Financial, NHEG is now eligible to receive grant funds from Thrivent through the Choice Dollars portion of Thrivent Choice. These charitable outreach funds will be used to promote and improve literacy. We are proud to announce this new partnership with Thrivent in the hopes of bettering education.

"Our organization is membership-owned and member-governed," said Brad Hewitt, Thrivent Financial president and CEO. "Thrivent Choice is designed to let members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes part of its charitable outreach dollars each year and feel more personally involved in Thrivent Financial decision-making."

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Broughton: Kohart's Surplus & Salvage

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

Cecil: Cecil Elevator, Maramart, Vagabond

Charloe: Charloe Store

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

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

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, Sellers, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, H20, Senior Center

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

Oakwood: Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, Phil's Diner, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware

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

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

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

Scott: Scott Variety Store

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

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

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Walmart (Maysville Rd)

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

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

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

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

New Haven: Curves, Milan Center, New Haven Branch Library, Ken's Meat Market, New Haven Bakery, Broadway Deli, Paterson Hardware, Richard's Restaurant, New Haven Chamber

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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan

Today was a beautiful day. I guess all the bad weather that we had for the invasion on the 6th of air has blown out. We left our air base at the first light, and we flew south to France's Cotentin Peninsula. That is a well-guarded area and the Krauts are planning on keeping it.

The city of Caen is a very important junction of highways and railroads, and they won't give it up. The English have attempted to take that town with their armored forces three different times, but they have been pushed back each time.

The Germans have a good number of tiger tanks here, and they give the allies all kinds of trouble.

So, we concentrated our sorties on Panzers today. We spotted a number of them in a meadow and we hit them in the engine area with our cannons. We had a lot of luck setting them tanks to burning. We used our rockets to knock off a tank track. We had a few fires burning in that field. I know the English boys were glad to see us helping them out.

We used up our rockets and ammo and then flew back to our base in England.

S/Sgt. Isenghut has been working a lot of hours in getting our jeep ready to roll. It's all fixed up and painted up like any other jeep. But, it has the name Phoenix on the front bumper.

It got that name from the old Greek story of the bird that rose up out of the ashes.

Anyhow, we are all very proud of our own jeep and the Sgt. drove the four of us to the mess hall in our new shiny jeep.

We flew back to Caen this afternoon looking for the German tanks. Well, we found some on the outskirts of the city. They had a number of small calibre units and we took on some small calibre fire.

We destroyed a few tanks and helped the troops out where ever we could. We used our machine guns on the

fence rows. The fence rows are filled with German machine gun nests. They have had months to build that area up to their advantage. The allies have never ran into this kind of terrain before. We just shoot up the fence rows hoping that we hit something. At least we keep them pinned down.

We returned to our base and found we had picked up some damage in the tail surfaces. The crewmen have our planes ready to go for the dawn patrol in the morning. See ya!



THE SHORT LIFE OF CLEL MILLER

By: Stan Jordan

I was going to use this story along with one of my other columns for the WBN, but you may be interested in this true part of our early American history.

Clel Miller was born in 1850 in Kearney, Missouri according to his tombstone.

He was known as Cleveland McClellan Miller, but when he rode with the Youngers and the Jesse James gang he was called Clel.

He started to ride with Bloody Bill Anderson during the Civil War at the age of 14. Bloody Bill was killed in October of 1864, and if what we read is right, he had it coming. They were killers not soldiers.

The James gang robbed a bank at Coridon, Iowa in June of 1871. Miller was captured after that job and he posted bail. He was acquitted of it after a number of people said he was elsewhere at that time.

April 29, 1872 - Bank of Columbia at Columbia, Kentucky. Cashier R.A.C. Martin was killed and bystander, James Garrett, wounded; May 27, 1873 - Ste. Genevieve Savings Bank at Ste. Genevieve, Missouri; January 15, 1874 - Stagecoach at Hot Springs Arkansas; January 31, 1874 - Train at Gad's Hill Missouri; February 1874 - Craig and Son General Store of Bentonville, Arkansas; April/ May 1874 - Stagecoach in Austin, Texas; December 8, 1874 -

Kansas Pacific Railroad at Muncie, Kansas; April 12, 1875 - The killing of Daniel Askew, a neighbor in Kearney who was allegedly helping the Pinkertons; Late April 1875 - The killing of Pinkerton agent Jack Ladd; July 7, 1876 - Missouri Pacific Railroad robbery at Otterville, Missouri.

On September 7, 1876, Miller was shot and killed by townspeople in the robbery attempt on the First National Bank of Northfield, along with outlaw, Bill Chadwell, and bank cashier, Joseph Lee Heywood, and citizen Nicholas Gustavson. Wounded in the fight were Frank James, Charlie Pitts (later killed), Cole Younger, Jim Younger, and Bob Younger as well as Northfield citizen Alonzo E. Bunker.

I understand that he had 11 holes in his body. Some bullets made two holes one going in and one going out, he was dead at 26 years old. See ya!

HUNTERS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND OHIO'S DEER HUNTING SUMMITS

Ohio hunters and others interested in the state's white-tailed deer management programs have the opportunity to provide feedback about hunting regulations and season structures on Saturday, January 24, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

The first part of each summit will offer updates from ODNR Division of Wildlife staff, including Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) surveillance efforts and results, long-term trends in deer herd condition, and the transition from counties to deer management units (DMUs). The second portion of each summit will give attendees the opportunity to provide comment regarding deer hunting in Ohio.

Hunters who wish to attend the summit should preregister by Friday, January 23, as seating is limited. Summits will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Columbus: Wildlife District One Headquarters, 1500 Dublin Road, Columbus, 43215. Call 614-644-3925 to preregister.

Findlay: Wildlife District Two Headquarters, 952 Lima Ave., Findlay, 45480. Call 419-424-5000 to preregister.

Akron: Wildlife District Three Headquarters, 912 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron, 44319. Call 330-644-2293 to preregister.

Athens: Wildlife District Four Headquarters, 360 East State Street, Athens, 45701. Call 740-589-9930 to preregister.

Waynesville: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Caesar Creek Lake Learning Center, 4020 N. Clarksville Road, Waynesville, 45068. Call 937-372-9261 to preregister.

More information about deer hunting in Ohio is available at wildohio.gov.

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2015-2016 SMALL GAME HUNTING SEASONS PROPOSED TO OHIO WILDLIFE COUNCIL

The 2015-2016 small game hunting seasons were proposed to the Ohio Wildlife Council on Wednesday, January 14, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

Hunting season date proposals are prepared by the ODNR Division of Wildlife and maintain many traditional opening dates. Proposals concerning Ohio's white-tailed deer hunting season will be presented at the next Ohio Wildlife Council meeting on Wednesday, February 11.

ODNR Division of Wildlife Proposed Hunting Season Dates:

2015
September 1 - Squirrel and dove hunting

October 24-25 and October 31-November 1 - Youth small game hunting seasons statewide

November 6 - Cottontail rabbit, ring-necked pheasant and bobwhite quail

Proposed open counties for quail hunting remain the same as last season: Adams, Athens, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Highland, Jackson, Meigs, Montgomery, Pike, Preble, Ross, Scioto, Vinton and Warren.

November 10 - Fox, raccoon, skunk, opossum and weasel hunting and trapping

October 12-November 29 - Fall wild turkey

2016
April 18-May 15 - Spring wild turkey

April 16-17 - Youth wild turkey

The Ohio Wildlife Council is an eight-member board that approves all of the ODNR Division of Wildlife proposed rules and regulations. The council will vote on the proposed rules and season dates after considering public input.

Open houses to receive public comments about hunting, trapping and fishing regulations and wildlife issues will be held on Saturday, March 7. Open houses will be held at the ODNR Division of Wildlife District One, District Two, District Three and District Four offices, as well as the Greene County Fish and Game Association clubhouse in Xenia.

Open houses give the public an opportunity to view and discuss proposed fishing, hunting and trapping regulations with the ODNR Division of Wildlife officials. For Ohioans who are unable to attend an open house, comments will be accepted online at wildohio.gov. The online form will be available until March. Directions to the open houses can be found at wildohio.gov or by calling 800-WILDLIFE (945-3543).

A statewide hearing on all of the proposed rules will be held at the ODNR Division of Wildlife's District One office on Thursday, March 19, at 9:00 a.m. The office is located at 1500 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Council meetings are open to the public. Individuals who want to provide comments on a topic that is currently being considered by council are asked to preregister at least two days prior to the meeting by calling 614-265-6304. All comments are required to be three minutes or less.

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PICTURE OF THE EAGLE



By: Stan Jordan

This is a picture of a fledgling eagle given to me by Mike Jones. An eagle's head feathers don't turn white until after he is 3-5 years old. We refer to this type of eagle as a bald eagle - they are not bald, their neck and head feathers turn snow white when they become adult birds.

Mike tells me how it came about for him to get these good pictures of the eagles. He brought me in three good pictures of the eagles and I will show you each one over the next two weeks.

He saw that deer carcass lying in a field by his house on C.R. 192 or, as we old timers say, the River Road east about 3 miles. It was probably struck by a vehicle and pulled itself into the field and died.

Mike tells me that he set up a post and attached a trail camera; one that the shutters are activated by a movement of the subject. That is how he got these good pictures.

I certainly thank Mike for bringing in these good pictures.

As they used to say in the old west, "I'm obliged."

See ya!

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BE A FAN, NOT A FANATIC

The Nurturing Well by: Jill Starbuck

Sports are one of the best ways to bring together communities, families, and friends. The excitement, environment, and anticipation attract people from all walks of life. Fans begin to feel connected to their favorite teams. In fact, some fans love these aspects so much that they become fanatics. You see, there are sports fans and then there are sports fanatics. Few people are more passionate than sports fanatics. These are the people who go to great lengths to support their favorite team. They sport team tattoos, pay exorbitant prices for game tickets, buy an entire wardrobe adorned with their team logo, cover themselves in crazy team costumes, yearn for front row seats, and more. They are often the ones who can't help themselves from taunting the opposing team and fans. It's rare to see fanatics sit silently during a game. They are the ones yelling the loudest, whether in celebration or frustration. You can't miss a fanatic.

Sports fanatics don't understand people who do not enjoy watching sports. The idea that someone else doesn't get excited over a team or a game is beyond comprehension. While sports fanatics have great passion for their teams, other people may not share their passion. In fact, sports fanatics can become annoying to those less enthusiastic about sports. After all, what's the big deal? It's just a game.

While sports fanatics can seem over the top at times,

there are some great aspects about watching sports that fans benefit from. The following names a few.

1. Creates camaraderie. Sports fans are everywhere. If they weren't, sports wouldn't be nearly as popular as they are. An average NFL football game can attract between 65,000 to 75,000 fans or more! This means that there are thousands upon thousands of people who have the same thing in common. They can vent to and cheer with one another. Creating these social bonds with other sports fans makes the experience more enjoyable. Therefore, sports fans often have great social health.

2. Provides conversation starter. Besides the weather, a favorite conversation starter involves sports. Many people love to talk about sports. Those who watch sports can talk endlessly about the latest game, the bad calls, the team players, and more.

3. Builds anticipation. Sports fans always have something to look forward to. There will always be another game at some point. If we never had anything to look forward to, how boring would life be? It is no different for music lovers who frequently attend concerts.

4. Improves language skills. According to a study conducted by the University of Chicago, a fan's language skills improve when talking about a specific sport. The study indicated that the part of the brain typically used to act becomes alert when talking about sports.

5. Enhances mood. For sports fans, sports games bring excitement, joy, and the opportunity to hang out with friends. All of these can be mood boosters that keep loneliness and depression at bay.

Watching sports brings a great deal of satisfaction to many people. However, fanatics can take things to extreme. They can turn all of the positive aspects of watching sports into negative aspects. For instance, they could ruin friendships, start

an argument, create anxiety, use abusive language, and become angry. They tend to become deeply committed to something that has no real effect on their lives. It may seem extremely important, but yet it isn't. Therefore, it may be best for your health to stick to being a fan rather than a fanatic. Go Bucks!!!!

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.

REDUCING AND PREVENTING WIND EROSION

By: Staci Miller, Paulding SWCD Education Specialist

Wind erosion is a major issue for agricultural land in Paulding County with the flat landscape of the county. Wind erosion physically removes the most fertile part of the soil which includes organic matter, clay and silt. This results in lowering the soil productivity and increases the costs of producing crops. The blowing soil reduces seedling survival and growth and puts additional stress on the crops. Wind erosion is a major threat to the sustainability of land. A wind speed as low as 6 mph one foot above the soil surface is capable of moving the soil with erodible field conditions according to the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Erodeable field conditions are unprotected soil surface that is smooth, bare, loose and finely granulated. As the wind speeds increase to 20 to 30 mph, this causes the rate of erosion to triple. There are many different ways to help prevent wind erosion and sustain the land for future generations.

Reducing wind velocity at the soil surface can be done by using windbreaks. The Paulding SWCD is currently offering a variety of different tree seedlings that can be planted to help generate a windbreak to reduce wind erosion.

Please contact that Paulding SWCD by March 1st if you are interested in investing in a windbreak for your property. Another option to reduce wind erosion for farmers is to leave last year's crop residues on the fields to leave additional cover to reduce the wind erosion through the winter months. In 2014, the Lake Erie Nutrient Reduction Program was established in response to the Lake Erie algal bloom. This generated over 620 new acres of cover crops planted in Paulding County through this program. In 2015, the Paulding SWCD will be offering a new cover crop program. The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (LENRP) targets land in the Flatrock Creek Watershed. Please contact Deb Hubbard, Technician, for more information about this program at 419-399-4771. Keeping a protective cover of vegetative residues or growing crops on the soil surface is the simplest and surest way to reduce both wind and water erosion.



THE INTEGRITY OF OUR GOVERNMENT REQUIRES INFORMED CITIZENS

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

Did you know those wanting to become naturalized U.S. citizens must pass a civics exam proving their knowledge of the principles of our country and government fundamentals? Exam questions include, "Who was our first president?" "When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?" and "What are the three branches of the government?"

I have proposed Senate Bill 269 in the General Assembly, a bill that would make the civics test administered by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) a mandatory graduation requirement for high school students. With this bill, we can foster citizens who are more informed about our government and its principles.

Fifteen other states are considering this same proposal.

According to Sam Stone, the political director of the nonprofit Civics Education Initiative (CEI), more than 90 percent of immigrants pass the civics exam when applying for U.S. citizenship, whereas approximately 5 percent of high school students pass the test. An Annenberg Public Policy Center survey of 1,400 adults also found that just 36 percent could name all three branches of government, while another 35 percent could not name any.

Some views see this bill as a potential complication to the existing basic school subjects and overall education system. A change in testing students would also require further qualifications from teachers.

However, if we're demanding those from different countries to know this vital information when he or she desires to become a citizen of the U.S., shouldn't our current Americans know it as well?

It is clear that American high school students are not retaining information from their civics classes. We need to hold them to a higher standard.

Our government was designed to be run by engaged and informed citizens. If Americans don't understand how a government for the people and by the people functions, then the same government can become incredibly dangerous. In essence, citizens who recognize the principles of our government contribute to its integrity.

CEI aims to promote similar bills for passage in every state by September 17, 2017, to commemorate the 230th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution. Indiana can assist in this initiative to pave the way toward good

citizenship that contributes to our government. I want to see students rise to these standards and be informed citizens for the future of our nation.

The USCIS has a sample naturalization test that can be taken at www.uscis.gov/us-citizenship and click "naturalization test."

What do you think?

PANTHER BOYS BOOST RECORD WITH FAIRVIEW GAME

Coming off the Friday win 17 the Paulding Panthers came back and hosted the Fairview Apaches for the boys basketball game on Saturday, January 17. The JV game began the evening and handed a loss to the home team 35-40.

Paulding had the first quarter without much issue and the top scorers being Treston Gonzales and Alex Arellano. The second time period the Apaches woke up and scored 19 points to Paulding's six. Apache Erich Wolfrum had a sweet time with 7 points posted on the board quarter. The half finished 28-18 and Fairview dominating the game.

Rallying the third quarter the Panthers fell back into place and put their defense on the line. The Apaches couldn't get on their side of the court and only posted four while Paulding nailed one right after the other with Alex Arellano leading the charge. Suddenly the Panthers are back in the game with a score of 31-32.

No reprieve was given in the fourth and the Panthers kept up the tirade. In desperation the guest team decided to foul for possession, what they didn't realize is that Paulding's Brad Crawford and Arellano don't have a problem sinking the ball from the line, giving a clear advantage to the home team. Going from being down by 10 at the half to winning the game 51-44 was a great feat for these boys.

Will this winning streak continue? Keep watching. We're all waiting to see.

Score by Quarter:
Paulding: 12 6 13 20 = 51
Fairview: 9 19 4 12 = 44

2015 PAULDING COUNTY SPELLING BEE WINNERS

Sandra Freeman, Coordinator for Gifted Services, Western Buckeye ESC, cordially invites the public to attend the 2015 Journal Gazette Paulding County Spelling Bee. The County Bee is scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Antwerp Local School Auditorium.

Ten school champions, in grades four through eight, will compete for the honor of representing Paulding County at the Journal Gazette Area Spelling Bee in Fort Wayne, Indiana on March 7, 2015.

Individual school champions are Grace Tuttle, Antwerp Middle School; Gaige McMichael, Antwerp Elementary; Joy McIntosh, Christian Home Educators of Paulding County; Kaden Sutton, Divine Mercy Catholic School; Hailey Hartzell, Oakwood Elementary; Gabriella Casper, Paulding Elementary; Heather Manz, Paulding Middle School; Faith Meraz, Wayne Trace-Grover Hill Elementary; Cameron Stoller, Wayne Trace-Payne Elementary and Katie Strable, Wayne Trace Jr. High.

Mr. Doug Grooms, of Van Wert, is the Pronouncer for the Spelling Bee. Judges for the contest are: Kevin Wilson, Principal, Wayne Trace-Grover Hill Elementary School, Cathy Schoenauer, Principal, Divine Mercy Catholic School and Chris Feichter, Director of Instruction, Western Buckeye ESC.

Mrs. Pat Ross, Superintendent, Antwerp Local Schools, will preside as Master of Ceremonies.

The Antwerp Exchange Bank sponsors the awards for the County Spelling Bee, which include gift cards and trophies for first and second place finishers, as well as medals and certificates for all of the school champions. Mrs. Sandra Freeman, Western Buckeye ESC, is the awards liaison.

Contestants are reminded to report to the Antwerp Local School Office at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2015.



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ANTWERP WRESTLERS BATTLE AYERSVILLE & PARKWAY



Antwerp's Jarett Bute pins his opponent at the Antwerp meet. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On January 13th, Antwerp hosted a wrestling tri-match with Ayersville and Parkway. Individually, the Archers bested their opponents, but the team scores are also recorded and since Antwerp's team is still growing, the scores went to Parkway and Ayersville.

Team: Parkway 42, Antwerp 24

106 - Antwerp forfeits to Tristan McKee (P)

113 - Antwerp forfeits to Reese Folkine (P)

120 - Antwerp forfeits to Andrew Ford (P)

132 - Parkway forfeits to Logan Shaner (A)

145 - Antwerp forfeits to Anthony Welker (P)

160 - Justice Clark (A) pin Clayton Bollenbacher (P), 1:58

170 - Antwerp forfeits Noah Joseph (P)

182 - Antwerp forfeits Peyton Hamrick (P)

195 - Antwerp forfeits Josh Puthoff (P)

220 - Jarett Bute (A) pin Caleb Carlson (P), 3:04

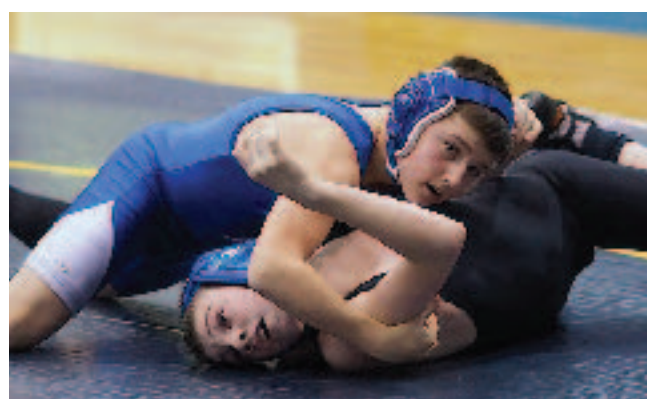
285 - Parkway forfeits Jordan Laker (A)

Antwerp ended 2-0 against Parkway in actual matches wrestled.

Team: Ayersville 30, Antwerp 16

106 - Antwerp forfeits Even Guilford (Ay)

132 - Logan Shaner (A) pin Justin Howard (Ay), 0:31



After fierce competition, Tyler Bauer pins his opponent at the Antwerp meet. More pictures at westbendnews.net

145 - Antwerp forfeits Luke Buchanan (Ay)

170 - Dakota Schweitzer (Ay) pin Justice Clark (A), 5:53

182 - Antwerp forfeits Hunter Stark (Ay)

195 - Antwerp forfeits Skyler Belcher (Ay)

220 - Jarett Bute (A) def Gaige Diemer (Ay) maj dec, 15-6

285 - Jordan Laker (A) pin Donovan Joyner (Ay), 0:35

Antwerp ended 3-1 against Ayersville in actual matches wrestled.

FREE THROW CHAMPIONS



Ten boys and girls ages 9-14 were named 2015 Champions in the Hicksville Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. They earned the right to advance to the Edgerton District Competition on February 8 at 1:00 p.m. The winners are: 9 Yr. old boy, Brayden Slattery; 10yr. old girl, Kenzie Schroeder; 10yr. old boy, Ethan Lichty; 11yr old girl, Avery Slattery; 11yr. old boy, Jackson Bergman; 12yr. old girl, Laura Miller; 12yr. old boy, Austin Lichty; 13 yr. old girl, Micah Schroeder; 13yr. old boy, Gabe Bland; and 14 yr. old girl, Caitlan Gordon. Good luck to all winners from the local K of C Council 10043.

ANTWERP LOCAL SEEKING COMMUNITY'S VOTES AS PART OF \$200,000 NATIONAL EDUCATION CONTEST



The Antwerp Local School Broadcasting Center has entered a \$200,000 national education contest hoping for a chance at one of the 13 prizes that will be awarded to recognize the best in K-12 innovation. In addition to completing an online application, Antwerp also submitted a short video to promote its innovative broadcast program that teaches students 21st century skills.

Ten of the prizes to be given away, valued at \$8,000 each, are from the "People's Choice" category and will solely be based on how many votes applicants have received for their videos from the public. Video voting begins January 19, 2015. Antwerp's video is now posted on the Follett Challenge website (FollettChallenge.com) under the "View Entries" tab.

After registering, users can cast one vote per day through January 30, 2015, when voting ends. Not only are the public's votes significant in the video voting por-

tion of the contest, but they will also play a role in the overall rubric, as 20 percent of each school's final score is based on the number of votes generated for their video.

"We hope the community will support the broadcast program by voting for us in the Follett Challenge. As a small school competing against very large districts, we need every vote we can get!" says Kayla Bagley, Antwerp Local's district librarian and broadcast teacher.

The "People's Choice" awards will be announced February 13, 2015, as well as the semifinalists, who win \$30,000 each. The overall winner of the Follett Challenge, which will be announced on April 30, 2015, will win \$60,000.

For more on the Follett Challenge, visit FollettChallenge.com.

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NEW HAVEN MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: HOLLER TAX & ACCOUNTING, INC.



There is a new business in downtown New Haven whose primary goal is to help Individuals and small businesses prepare economical, convenient, and accurate tax returns. Holler Tax and Accounting is owned by a lifetime New Haven Resident, Lisa Holler. When asked why she picked New Haven to start her new business she said, "Oh I just love New Haven. I am from New Haven. I grew up in Highland Terrace. I grew up in New Haven, got married, moved here and there, and came back. And this is the only place that has ever felt like home to me."

Lisa it seems has always had a knack for numbers. She said, "I have been an accountant for years. Actually as a teenager I worked in my family's business as a bookkeeper, and numbers have always been my thing. I am one of those people who can't wait to get their bank statement so that I can balance my checkbook. I had worked in the corporate America in accounting for

years and had the opportunity to learn how to do taxes. I jumped at the opportunity since I had never done that before, it's just a natural bridge to do taxes when you are an accountant, and I loved it! I loved the fact that I was working with people and helping people."

Holler Tax was incorporated in August of 2014. They do individual and small business accounting and payroll as well as tax preparation. Lisa is knowledgeable on Quick Books which is a common accounting system used by small businesses and individuals. How Holler Tax and Accounting would do a small business' accounting and payroll, would be to stop in once a week and pick up any accounting needs, prepare those items, and then return them to the small business. That allows the small business owner do what they do best, instead of taking their time keeping their accounting books up to date.

"Every business no matter how big or small they

are need accounting", Lisa said. "Yet when they are small they often can't afford even a part time accountant. I think I can offer them a good economical service that is accurate and that is exactly what a lot of small businesses are looking for."

One thing Holler Tax does that is very convenient for an individual needing tax preparations are their hours of operation. Holler Tax is open from morning until late evening during the week. They have weekend hours as well, in fact Lisa said they are willing to set up appointments any time during the day and even night. Because Lisa lives in New Haven she is just minutes away from downtown New Haven. Also Lisa said, "We are here all year long. I tell my customers all the time that if it is in the middle of the summer and you get a letter, call me. Most of them have my cell phone number and they can just text me. I'm also connected to a lot of my clients through Facebook and my clients will send me messages from time to time."

Lisa's "right hand man" so to speak is Molly Wyrick, the Office Administrator. Molly keeps the office area inviting and keeps things running smoothly. That allows Lisa time to be available when clients need her. Also a second tax preparer, Kevin, is available to take any overload that Lisa might have during tax preparation season.

Holler Tax and Accounting is located in the Canal Building on Broadway. Lisa shared that she finds doing business in downtown New Haven very easy. She said, "I just really enjoy it. Being downtown even the area business people are just the nicest. They stick together and help each other out."

Holler Tax and Accounting hopes to grow in the coming years and use any spaces that become available in the Canal Building. Their plan this year is to hit tax preparation hard during this tax preparation season and then their focus will shift to small business accounting. With this plan Holler Tax and Accounting hopes to have enough clientele that they may have to add employees.

Holler Tax and Accounting has been a Chamber Member since their inception in August. Although only a member for a few months Holler Tax and Accounting has participated in both the downtown Halloween and Christmas events. Lisa also has volunteered for Canal Days and is an active part of the New Haven Community and the Chamber of Commerce.

Lisa said, "I've been doing this for eight years so I believe I know what I am doing. But if I do run into something that I have not dealt with before, I've got resources that I can send people to or ask questions of. We want to be available to people. I want to be their 'go to place' when it comes to tax preparation or accounting."

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TAX FRAUD CAUSES ODT TO IMPLEMENT SAFEGUARDS

In order to better protect Ohio taxpayers and prevent tax fraud, the Ohio Department of Taxation (ODT) is implementing additional safeguards that will inevitably cause some refunds to be delayed this upcoming income tax filing season.

These steps are being taken to further bolster defenses in anticipation of a continuing increase in attempted tax fraud involving identity theft. Last year, ODT intercepted an unprecedented number of fraudulent income tax returns seeking to steal refunds totaling more than \$250 million. In previous years, attempted tax fraud averaged about \$10 million.

To detect and counter refund fraud related to ID theft, an additional up-front filter will now be applied to all tax refund requests to analyze the demographic information reported on a return. This analysis will then assign a "probability of fraud" factor that will determine how the return is then further processed by ODT.

If a return is pulled for review, ODT's additional security measures will require some taxpayers to successfully complete an Identification Confirmation Quiz, before the return will continue to be processed. If a taxpayer's return is selected for identity confirmation they will receive a letter from ODT directing them to our website (www.tax.ohio.gov). The website will provide access to the quiz, detailed instructions on how to complete it, and frequently asked questions for reference. Taxpayers without Internet access will be directed to call ODT at 1-855-855-7579, for assistance with completing the quiz.

The additional screening and security measures will unfortunately slow the processing of electronic and paper returns, and the issuance of refunds. Electronic returns requesting a refund may take up to 15 days to be direct deposited this year, and paper returns could take up to 30 days for a physical check to be mailed out.

ODT is committed to aggressively fighting ID theft and tax fraud.

WAYNE TRACE SWEEPS TRI MATCH

This past Saturday, the Wayne Trace Varsity wrestling team defeated Spencerville 47-24, And Delphos Jefferson 47-30.

Team: Wayne Trace 47, Spencerville 24

113 - Max Rassman (WT) won by void

126 - George Clemens (WT) pin Peyton Ford (S) 1:54

132 - Ruger Goeltzenleuchter (WT) def Cody Dickson (S), 20-4

138 - Derrick Smith (S) pin Caleb Schultz (WT), 5:51

145 - Cole Bellows (S) pin Zaine Cotterman (WT), 3:43

152 - Tyler Showalter (WT) pin Gage Bellows (S) :26

160 - Brandon Laney (WT) pin Robby King (S) :44

170 - Jacob Dingus (WT) won by Void

182 - Josh Reel (WT) won by Void

195 - Caleb Sutherkand (S) pin Braxton Asher (WT)

HARD FOUGHT WIN FOR PAULDING BOYS



Senior Treston Gonzales drives in for the basket. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Paulding JV Boys Basketball began the night against Bluffton only to fall 40 to 30 on Friday, January 16.

The varsity game began with fast-paced action from the beginning with Bluffton taking the first quarter 9-13. The aggressive action reversed itself with Paulding taking the upper hand in the second led by senior Ben Heilshorn having six points. The half ended with 25-23 and the Panthers clawing their way to the top.

The next half was even better for the home team as they outscored the Pirates in both the third and the fourth quarters. Treston Gonzales was the next point leader for the fourth quarter while Ethan Rhonehouse posted the top score for the third

quarter and the game at 14 points. Bluffton also used the tactic that rarely wins games, fouling Paulding to try and gain possession. It works only when the opposing team fails to score free-throws. In this case the Panthers continued to add points.

The Panthers walked home with the win at 50-41 in a game that started slow and continually gained momentum.

Points by Players:

Paulding: Ethan Rhonehouse 14; Alex Arellano 11; Treston Gonzales 9; Ben Heilshorn 7; Brad Crawford 4; Preston Ingol 3; Corbin Edwards 2.

Bluffton: Kistler 17; Eli Runk 8; Mitchell Ault 7; Bricker 5; Parkins 4.

3:00 145 - Zaine Cotterman (WT) pin Jacob Harvey (DJ) :27

220 - Wyatt Krouskop (S) pin Anthony Rooks (WT) :23

285 - Quinton Stabler (WT) won by Void

Team: Wayne Trace 47, Delphos Jefferson

106 - Brett Mahlie (DJ) won by Void

113 - Max Rassman (WT) dec Andrew Foust (DJ) 23-8

120 - George Clemens (WT) won by void

126 - Danial Lehmkuhle (DJ) pin Carl Elliot (WT) 1:20

132 - Ruger Goeltzenleuchter (WT) dec Wyatt Place (DJ) 4-2

138 - Hunter Showalter dec David Grant (DJ) 10-7

152 - Tyler Showalter (WT) pin Cooper Chung (DJ) 1:35

160 - Brandon Laney (WT) pin Jordan Bonifas (DJ) :25

170 - Jacob Dingus (WT) pin Matt Weichart (DJ), 1:40

182 - Tyler Foust (DJ) pin Josh Reel (WT), 2:44

195 - Lane Bennet (DJ) pin Braxton Asher (WT), 5:42

220 - Reid Corzine (DJ) pin Colton Hower (WT) :41

285 - Quinton Stabler (WT) won by void

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LADY RAIDERS PILLAGE APACHES IN HS GIRLS BASKETBALL



Gracie Gudakunst looks for an open team mate before throwing the ball. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Friday, January 16th, was a basketball face off with Wayne Trace and Fairview. Wayne Trace took the lead early in the game and kept the pace till the end of the evening with a Lady Raider win: Wayne Trace 60, Fairview 42

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 13 12 15 20=60
Fairview - 12 3 17 10=42

Scorers of the Game:

WT - Wannemacher 2, Mohr 28, Temple 11, Gudakunst 11, Mead 3, Myers 2, L Sinn 3

Fairview - Gebers 2, Marshall 12, Hug 15, Schroeder 2, E Carder 8, S Carder 1

JV Score: Fairview 37, Wayne Trace 35

Records: Wayne Trace - 8-3 overall, 2-0 GMC; Fairview - 4-8, 0-2 GMC

MAD ANTS EXTEND STREAK TO SIX

The Mad Ants, sponsored by Lutheran Health Network, have extended their current streak with their most recent victory over the Reno Bighorns 153-131 January 13th at the Allen Co. War Memorial Coliseum.

The fast paced game provided for an eleven point margin in favor of the Mad Ants after the first quarter, and then extending that to a 17 point gap at the half, again, in favor of the Mad Ants 83-66. Dahntay Jones lead the team after the first half of play with 22 points and Andre Emmett followed close with 19. Gary Talton had 8 early assists and 4 rebounds at the halfway mark.

The second half would

continue to fall in Fort Wayne favor, as not only the high powered offense the team was playing at, but also by breaking three of the team's previously set single game records. By scoring 153, the team broke the previously set 137 from December 2009, with 39 assists, the team broke the previously set 33 from February 2008 and with 65 made field goals, the team broke the previously set 55 from December 2007. Emmett led the team with 33 points for the night, with Jones at 30. Ramon Harris scored 20 and grabbed 10 rebounds and Talton had 12 assists with 11 points.

For the Bighorns, David Stockton led with 28 points and David Wear had 24 points and 11 rebounds.

PAULDING ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT AND ATHLETIC BOOSTERS INDUCTING TWO NEW MEMBERS TO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The Paulding Athletic Department and Athletic Boosters will be inducting two new members into our Athletic Hall of Fame between the Junior Varsity and Varsity boys' basketball game with Ayersville on Saturday, January 24, 2015. The Hall of Fame committee has elected 2004 graduate Ashleigh Stallkamp and the 1964-65 Boys Basketball Team. Below you will find a bio for each of our new inductees.

1964-65 Boys Basketball Team:

The 1964-65 boys basketball team is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. This team is the only basketball team to reach the regional tournament in school history. During the 1964-65 season the team won their second straight Green Meadows Conference championship along with winning their second straight sectional title. They also captured the only basketball district title in school history during the 1964-65 season. During the season they compiled a 19-5 record, which is still the most wins in school history for a basketball team. The team won a total of four games in tournament that year. They defeated Crestview by a score of 60-50 and Ayersville by a score of 48-45 in sectionals. They then went on and defeated Hilltop by a score of 60-58 and Archbold by a score of 67-58 in districts. Their tournament run came to an end with an 87-72 loss to Riverdale in the Class A tournament.

Ashleigh Stallkamp:

Ashleigh Stallkamp graduated from Paulding High School in 2004, where she earned four letters in basketball, three letters in volleyball, and two letters in softball.

In basketball, Ashleigh scored 1061 points, becoming the second 1000 point scorer at Paulding High School. She was first team Northwest Conference as a junior and a senior. She earned numerous accolades during her senior season at Paulding. She was Northwest Conference Player of the Year, Van Wert Independent Athlete of the Year, Paulding County Player of the Year, First Team All-District, All Ohio Special Mention and she played in the Indiana-Ohio All Star Game.

In volleyball, Ashleigh was first team Northwest Conference as a senior and was also first team All Paulding County. During her senior year in softball she earned All Northwest Conference honors and represented Paulding High School in the NWC vs. MAC All Star game.

After high school, Ashleigh went on and continued to have a record breaking career at the collegiate level while attending Bluffton University and the College of Mt. St. Joseph. She graduated from the College of Mt. St. Joseph in 2008 with a degree in Psychology.

Ashleigh is faicurrently a Territory Sales Manager for Pepsi in Dayton and resides in Kettering, Ohio.

COOPER FARMS DONATES OVER 190,000 POUNDS OF MEAT TO FOOD BANKS AND NON-PROFITS IN 2014

Cooper Farms donated over 190,000 pounds of meat in 2014 to organizations in northwest and west central Ohio. The product donations are in addition to the many monetary donations provided through the Cooper Family Foundation. The generosity of the Cooper family and Cooper Farms follows a tradition of giving back to their communities for the past 76 years.

"My Mom and Dad always had a great interest in the community," said Dianne Cooper, owner. "We continue their tradition in earnest through not only these product donations, but also through monetary donations to organizations all around our locations."

Most of the protein donations go to food banks serving the company's main areas of operation. The largest total quantity recipients of the products include CALL Food Pantry in Celina, Dayton Food Bank, St. Mary's Catholic Food Bank in Defiance, Trinity Friends Church in Van Wert and West Ohio Food Bank based in Lima.

"Meat is always hard to come by for food pantries,"

said Pastor Tim Clutter of CALL Food Pantry. "We appreciate the generous support Cooper Farms has given us in the past years to help feed the hungry in Mercer County."

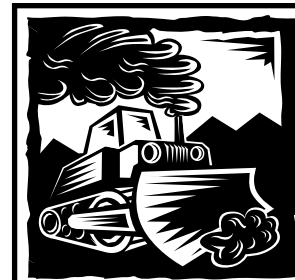
Cooper Farms works with organizations of all shapes and sizes, with a goal of helping to provide quality protein to as many hungry individuals as possible.

"We really appreciate what Cooper Farms has done for us," said George Newton of

St. Mary's Catholic Food Pantry. "In 2014 we served almost 5,000 families and over 16,000 individuals."

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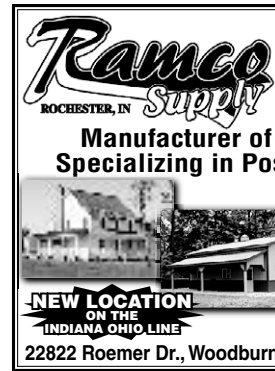
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SURPRISE, SURPRISE, WOODLAN WINS THE PRIZE! THE FIRST QUARTER CLENCHED THE WIN. COMPETES AGAINST LEO

Going into the ACAC Tournament game, the Woodlan boys had a 1-10 record while the competitors, Heritage, landed in the match at 5-3. I have to say I wasn't expecting Woodlan to do so well with their current history, but they surprised even me.

The first quarter was not even close, as the Warriors tore away from the Patriots, and really was the saving grace for the game. Both Austin Fancher and Ben Schwartz teamed up for six points each in that period, leading the board. The boys basketball game was certainly exciting for the home team having a 16 point lead starting the second quarter.

Evan Gustin had a mighty fine second period with one 3-point basket and adding seven points for that period alone, and the Woodlan team finished at 13 additional points. The Patriots were not at all out of the game. The first half just was not their best. Second period was not all bad and very close in terms of points, but nothing to put the hurt on the Warriors.

At half time, Woodlan was leading the match 33-16. Would Heritage be able to stop the bleeding? The Warriors have struggled with holding leads in the second half.

The next half was controlled by the Monroeville school, clearly. Woodlan did not roll over and play dead, and that was a good thing. They kept on with the points, even though the turnovers gave Heritage leverage.

Third quarter for Woodlan, Jeffrey Jones was the top scorer with five points and three of those from the line. Heritage



Ben Schwartz hits a 3 point basket adding to his team leading score. More pictures at westbendnews.net

plastered 22 points to the wall and Jacque Jacquay made most of them with eight.

The award for the Most Incredible Shot of the Game goes to Mark Sallfrank of Heritage. With one second left on the clock, the Warriors had Fancher on the line. He missed the basket and Mark grabbed the ball and pitched the ball from the Warrior key for a perfect bank 3-point bank shot. You had to be there!

The fourth quarter was just as exciting for both teams. Several times momentum swung to the Patriots, shooting the Warriors and narrowing the

lead to only six points. Heritage once again cleaned up with 21 points to Woodlan's 16, but it was not enough to overtake the first quarter blowout and the Warriors won, 66-59.

This was a fantastic showing for the home team and a new standard to set for this year's club.

Scorers of the Game:

Woodlan - Ben Schwartz 15; Austin Fancher 14; Andrew Krahn 12; Evan Gustin 11; Jeffrey Jones 10; Josh Gerig 4

Heritage - Jacque Jacquay 12; Branson Dossen 9; Mark Saalfrank 3; Billy Lowmow 11; Bryce Fox 5; Drew Minkosky 11; Bradley Scott 8

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GIESIGE LEADS HICKSVILLE PAST ANTWERP IN HS BOYS BASKETBALL



Jonny Giesige a senior at Hicksville reaches out and blocks Antwerp's Trey Mills' pass. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Hicksville Aces entered Archer country on Thursday, January 15th. Prior to the basketball action, the Quiz Bowl teams faced off. Antwerp took that win.

In Varsity basketball action, the Antwerp team had a rough time keeping up with the Aces. The Archers trailed Hicksville for the duration, giving the Aces a win to take home, 54-28.

Score by the Quarter:
Hicksville - 11 4 25 14=54
Antwerp - 0 7 11 10=28
Scorers of the Game:
Antwerp - Peters 5, Jones 1, Mills 6, Poulson 1, Pendergrast 4, Williamson 7, Lon-

gardner 4
Hicksville - Jasso 5, Thiel 11, Kinn 7, Harvey 2, Hostetler 2, Giesige 21, Neidhardt 6

NEW HAVEN BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL BEAT DEKALB HIGH SCHOOL 58-55

New Haven won a hard fought game tonight versus a solid Dekalb team. Final score: 58-55.

Score by the Quarter:
New Haven - 16 13 19 10=58
Dekalb - 14 11 15 15=55
New Haven Box scores:
A. Westrick 1, J.C. Gard-

ner 11, M. Stevenson 13, T. Kinnie 5, D. Towns 11, B. Rudolph 12, J. Workman 5
Dekalb Box Scores
Beachy 2, Chrisman 16, Forrest 3, Daub 7, Cone 16, Hartman 11

WAYNE TRACE JH WRESTLING COMPETES IN AYERSVILLE INVITATIONAL

The Wayne Trace Junior High Wrestling team participated in the Ayersville Invitational on Saturday, January 17th. Placing for the Raiders were Noah Reel 2nd, Kameron Bevis 4th, Zack Moser 4th, and Wyatt Stabler 4th.

"We are really improving as the year progresses. Noah Reel unfortunately suffered only his 2nd loss of the season due to an injury default. However, he wrestled a great tournament up to that point. Wyatt Stabler also is showing some improvement. Wyatt beat an opponent in the consi semi's who had beaten him twice this year. Each tournament we are getting better and improving. There is always a lot to work on but we are making leaps and bounds every week," commented Coach Neilson.

ANTWERP JH & HS WRESTLERS FAIR WELL OVER WEEKEND

The Antwerp Junior High and High School wrestling squads both wrestled at separate tournaments on January 17, 2015 and both had productive days out of all of their wrestlers. At the Ayersville High School, in the Pilot Invitational, the Archers had 2 junior high wrestlers competing with both wrestlers

placing 1st in their respective weight classes. Aidan McAlexander claimed the title in the 86 pound weight class, earning 2 wins, both coming by pin, on the day. For the season, Aidan has a current record of 15 wins, 0 losses and 11 wins coming by pin. He has been the champion at the Wayne Trace Invitational, Bryan Invitational, Antwerp Invitational, and the latest at the Pilot Invitational. Also claiming 1st place at the Pilot Invitational was Tyler Bauer at 104 pounds. He, too, had 2 wins on the day with both coming by way of pins. Tyler is also undefeated on the year with 14 wins, 0 losses, and 11 pins. Tyler has claimed 4 tournament titles so far this season winning the Bryan Invitational, Antwerp Invitational, and the Pilot Invitational. Congratulations to both of these wrestlers for their impressive work over the weekend. We wish them luck as they prepare for their next tournament at Wauseon on January 24, 2015.

Meanwhile, 40 miles to the west in Woodburn, Indiana, the Antwerp High School wrestlers competed in the Woodlan Invitational. All 4 archer wrestlers were able to place in the top 6 of their respective weight classes, with 2 of them claiming 1st place as well. Placing 6th in the 132 pound weight class was sophomore Logan Shaner. Shaner on the year has a record of 22 wins, 9 losses, and 18 pins. Placing 5th on the day at 285 pounds was senior Jordan Laker. Laker had 2 wins and 2 losses on the day with 1 pin bringing his season total to 19 wins, 10 losses and 13 pins. The Archers were able to crown 2 champions on Saturday as well. Junior Justice Clark amassed 3 wins and 1 pin at Woodlan to earn 1st place at 152 pounds. Justice's current season record stands at 19 wins, 7 losses with 12 pins. This is also Clark's first individual tournament title so far this season. Also placing 1st was senior Jarett Bute at 220 pounds. Bute was also 3-0 on the day with 1 pin. Bute has a very impressive 28 wins with only 2 losses and 14 pins on the season.

EAGLES SOAR OVER WOODLAN

By: Jeff Abbott

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

Score by the quarter:

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary announces this year's Spelling Bee winner! Faith Meraz, daughter of Saul and Lucinda Meraz,

won the Bee spelling the word "celebrate" correctly. Runner-up is Isaiah Rittenhouse, son of Todd and Aimee Rittenhouse.

Fremont - 19 24 12 18=83
Woodlan - 23 14 16 16=69
Scorers of the game:
Fremont - Regadanz 36, Roebel 12, Pentecost 11, Meyer 10, LaRose 9, Howe 3, Presley 2

Woodlan - O'Hara 31, Fancher 15, Krahn 15, Moses 2, L Hahn 2, Gerig 2, Loudon 2.

FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC RESULTS

Varsity Girls Basketball:
Varsity girls lost to Holgate 65-39. Leading scorer was Ali Hug with 11. Emilee Carder scored 8 points and Sara Carder added 7.

The Lady Apaches lost to Wayne Trace 60-42. Leading scorers were Ali Hug with 15 points. Two others in double figures, Emilee Carder with 10 and Erin Marshall with 10.

JV Girls Basketball:
JV girls lost to Holgate 44-23. Aubrey Breininger was the leading scorer with 6 points.

The JV girls basketball team defeated Wayne Trace 37-35. Katelyn Smith had 11.

Varsity Boys Basketball:
Archbold defeated Fairview 71-47.

JV Boys Basketball:
Fairview was defeated 44-34 by Archbold. Leading Scorer was Cole Crites with 9.

The JV Basketball team defeated Paulding 40-35. Justin Smith had 11 and Lucas Eisel added 9 in the victory.

Varsity Boys Basketball:
The Varsity Boys lost to Paulding 51-44. It was a hard fought loss to a good Paulding team. Leading scorers were Erich Wolfrum 18, Joe Macsary 10, Matthew Kozumplik with 10.

The Varsity Boys Basketball team was defeated by Wayne Trace 83-52. Matthew Kozumplik and Luke Breininger led the Apaches with 10.

Freshman Boys Basketball:

The Freshman basketball team lost to Paulding 25-48.

8th Grade Girls Basketball:

The 8th grade girls basketball team defeated the Hicksville Aces 38 to 27. The Lady Apaches made a defensive stand during the 4th quarter to stop the Aces. Leading scorers were Mercedes Wagner 15 and Rose Zeedyk 11.

The Lady Apaches defeated an unbeaten Archbold team tonight 28 to 21. The Lady Apaches put together a strong 4th quarter offensive and defensive team effort to win the game. Mercedes Wagner lead all scorers with 13 points.

The Lady Apaches defeat-

ed Paulding 32-14. We had a strong defensive effort during the second quarter to place the Apaches ahead 25 to 8 at half. The Apaches had a strong defensive effort from the bench. Tori Harbourn provided several important defensive stops. The ladies had a very balanced offensive effort as well with 5 different scorers. Katie Crites led all with 10. Go Apaches!

7th Grade Girls Basketball:

The 7th grade girls defeated Hicksville by a score of 45-12. A great defensive team effort was key to building our lead. Sami Kime lead all scoring with 15 points. Great GMC win!

7th grade girls improves to 7-3 on the year with a win over Archbold by a score of 35-17. It was a total team effort to get their 7th win. FV was lead in scoring by Sami Kime with 10, Riley Mealer 9 and Audrey Hug chipped in 8.

7th grade girls won their 8th game of the year by defeating Paulding 29-28. It was a total team effort in the win.

Varsity Wrestling:

The wrestling team moved to 5-1 on the season by defeating both Paulding and Hicksville Tuesday night. They defeated Paulding 45-24 and Hicksville 44-36. The highlights of the night was Chase Carpenter defeating Paulding's State ranked wrestler Adam Deatricket 15-0 and then Joey Hatchett took down Dakota Valdez, the other state ranked wrestler they had 17-9. Winning 2 matches on the night for Fairview was Jacob Laguna, Reilly Heater, Bobby Kelley, Chase Carpenter, Joey Hatchett, and Wes Bok. Fairview now has 4 wrestlers ranked in top 20 in the state. Bobby Kelley is #19 at 145lbs, Chase Carpenter is #16 at 170lbs, Gavin Saul is #10 at 195lbs, and Joey Hatchett is #15 at 220lbs. The team travels to Toledo Waite Thursday to dual against Ottawa-Glandorf and Waite.

The Varsity wrestling team traveled to Toledo Thursday evening for a team dual. They increased their record to 7-1 on the season by defeating Toledo Waite 48-36 and Ottawa Glandorf 45-36. Picking up pins on the night were Heater with 2, Warncke with 2, Kelley with 2, Carpenter with 1, Bassett with 1, Hatchett with 2, and Bok with 1. Individual season win leaders are Bobby Kelley 21-3, Reilly Heater 20-3, Joey Hatchett 18-2, Chase Carpenter 14-2, Cory Sidle 14-7 and Wes Bok 8-3. The team competes at home next Thursday against Ayersville and Parkway.

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PAULDING ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE



The Paulding Elementary Spelling Bee was held on Friday, January 9th. Gabby Casper, daughter of Tasha Casper and Alejandro

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Mackenzie Haas saw her ACT score jump two points after enrolling in the course. "It was educational but also fun to communicate online," said Haas, a freshman at Kent State University. "It answered a lot of my questions."

The online classes offer flexibility for many students, said Laura Icardi, who first taught ACT prep courses at The University of Akron.

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The online course combines lectures, visual aids, and PowerPoint presentations for effective learning. Live video and audio also keep the classes interactive.

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For more information, call Laura Icardi of ACT Test Preparation at 330-722-7235, or email licardi@ACTTestPrep.info. Parents and students also can visit the website at www.ActTestPrep.info.

MODERN DANCE & MUSICAL COMEDY RELEASES AT THE NISWONGER

The Niswonger Performing Arts Center, along with Season Sponsors Statewide Ford Lincoln and Van Wert Federal Savings Bank, release two more popular events.

Presented by Vancrest Healthcare Centers, The StepCrew fills the stage with excitement and energy on April 14 at 7:30 p.m. as they perform Irish Stepdancing, Ottawa Valley Stepdancing, and Modern Tap. Six dynamic performers excel in traditional forms of dance and create brand new, modern fusions of all three styles. As if dancing weren't enough, The StepCrew boasts three world-class fiddlers backed up by an amazing five piece ensemble comprised of some of the most talented and respected musicians in the Celtic music scene today. Audiences rave that the StepCrew is a brilliant visual and musical display of the most talented dancers seen. Regarded as artistically refreshing, their unique dance performance is a style based on pure ability.

The Stepcrew is the final performance of the six event 2014-15 Community Concert Series. The series is sponsored by Delphos Hearing Aid Center, Central Insurance Companies, Taylor Auto Sales, Inc., Slusher's Jewelry and Tuxedo, and Van Wert County Hospital.

They're BACK! Along with presenter, US Bank on Sunday, April 19th at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m., we will travel back to 1979 with those Church Base-



Hello Miss C,

I'm in my 40s and have been with several ladies over the years, but I'm at the point in my life when I want to be with "the one" long term. Right now I am in a relationship and we have been together for about four months. She is about my same age and has made it very clear she wants to get married. I feel like I love her very much, but we had our issues but I think most of them come from the fact that she is very assertive about what she wants and that is to get married. It kind of feels like she backs me in a corner. It feels like an ultimatum, get married or move on.

Now, me and a buddy have been planning a big vacation to the islands, we do this pretty much every year (for the past 10 years). My girlfriend doesn't want me to go, and said she would leave me if I did. Should I go? Or should I abandon my buddy even though we have been planning this since before

we were dating? I want to go, but I don't want my relationship to end either.

—XX43

Dear XX43,

I see both sides. Your girlfriend wants her commitment to be matched because she is willing to give it in return. She probably feels that if you put your buddy ahead of her today, you will continue to do so in the future. Typically, people are more willing to make changes and sacrifices in the courting or honeymoon phase of a relationship, so if you put your buddy before her now, you'll certainly do so in five years from now. So, why should she buy into a relationship in which she is guaranteed to be second best?

On the other side, because I do not know all of the dynamics of your relationship that might explain otherwise, it does seem dramatic on her side to throw away four months of love and hard work because of a week away. You are clearly at an impasse.

You each need to set clear values and goals that defines the kind of life you would like to have for yourselves. This will paint a picture. Look at those pictures, how similar/different are they from one another? You are both either ready for this, or you are not. You cannot have it both ways. Only you, and together as a couple, can you decide to toss your relationship for a little vacation. Because I am sorry to say, if a little vacation is your make it or break it moment, there is likely more than this issue to consider in the path of your relationship.

Commitment is Not Always Easy,

—Miss C

I am waiting to hear from you! Submit your questions to AskMeMissC@gmail.com, on my Facebook page, or to the West Bend News to my attention. Your questions will always be confidential and real names will never be used.

ment Ladies in the Last Potluck Supper! It is the day of the church's Centennial Celebration, and past parishioners have gathered to dish up stories from the last 100 years. As the women work in the kitchen, these shared memories burst into life through a series of flashbacks. And, once again, your favorite church basement ladies dish it all up with grace, hilarity, and some brand new musical numbers that are sure to get your toes tapping. Don't miss this two showtime final performance from the Ladies who have come to feel a bit like family.

More information is available online at NPACVW.ORG.

ACAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Boys - Tuesday, January 13th:

Woodlan 66, Heritage 59

Leo 83, South Adams 73 Bluffton 59, Adams Central 44

Jay County 46, Southern Wells 20

Girls - Tuesday, January 13th:

Heritage 59, Woodlan 35 Leo 58, South Adams 46 Bluffton 45, Adams Central 42

Jay County 39, Southern Wells 32

Boys Semi-Finals - Wednesday, January 14th:

Leo 93, Woodlan 62 Jay County 49, Bluffton 30

Girls Semi-Finals - Wednesday, January 15th:

Leo 52, Heritage 45 (OT) Jay County 25, Bluffton 19

ANTWERP WRESTLERS QUALIFY FOR STATE!!!

The Antwerp Wrestling Club recently had 2 wrestlers compete in the Oregon Clay District Tournament on January 18, 2015. Both wrestlers were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes. Kaden Phares placed 3rd on Sunday in the 115 pound weight class. For the day, Kaden had 3 wins with only 1 loss and 3 pins. Finishing 2nd on the day in the 75 pound weight class was Eli Reinhart. Reinhart also had 3 wins on the day with only 1 loss. By placing in the top 4 of their respective weight classes, Kaden and Eli qualified for the Grade School State Championships on March 28-29, 2015 at the Coveli Centre located in Youngstown, Ohio. This marks the first time qualifying for Kaden and the 2nd for Eli. Congratulations to both of you for your hard work and we in the Antwerp wrestling community wish you the best of luck as you prepare for the State Championships. GO ARCHERS!

WOODLAN LOSES TO BLUFFTON

By: Jeff Abbott

After coming back to tie the score heading into

the final period, Woodlan couldn't make a final push for a win and fell 65-59 in ACAC boys' basketball. The Tigers led 17-13 after the first period and extended the margin to 32-25 at the half. Woodlan fought back in the third quarter and tied the score after three quarters at 43-43. The home team outscored the visiting Warriors 22-16 over the final 8 minutes to get the win. Woodlan was led in scoring by Evan Gustin with 13 points. Jeffrey Jones and Andrew Krahn each had 12 points in the game.

Score by the quarter: Woodlan - 13 12 18 16= 59

Bluffton - 17 15 11 22=65

Scorers of the Game:

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

Bluffton - Sturgeon 24, Prible 17, Moriarity 9, Moser 8, Johnson 3, Baker 2, Cole 2

LADY BULLDOGS LOSE TO CADETS

New Haven girls basketball lost to Concordia Lutheran on January 14th. Final score was 68-41.

New Haven scorers:

Finan 11, Creech 11, Hoffer 2, Lapsley 3, Tanner 4, Carlisle 2, Feipel 2, Grundy 6

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THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

FIRST FINANCIAL BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO THE UNION STATE BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.

BRIAN D. HOLBROOKS
aka BRIAN HOLBROOKS, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 14 006.

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

107 North Fifth Street,
Oakwood, Ohio 45873
Parcel Number: 10-15S-028-00
and 10-15S-029-00

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

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

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
Tina Woods, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

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

BONNIE J. NOW, ET AL.,
Defendants

Case No. CI 14 008.

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

5338 County Road 33,
Payne, Ohio 45880
Parcel Number: 03-10S-017-00

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Carrie L. Davis, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
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THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,
vs.

JOSHUA L. COLLINS, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 14 168.

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316 North First Street,
Oakwood, Ohio 45873
Parcel No. 10-09S-009-00
and 10-09S-010-00

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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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Neil C. Sander, Attorney for Plaintiff

PAULDING COUNTY COURT REPORTS

Real Estate Transfers:

Brown Twp.:
1/12/15; Gregory L & Brenda E. Troyer, et al; Sec. 8; 25.678 acres; To: Gregory L. & Brenda E. Troyer, et al
Carryall Twp.:
1/12/15; Marie DeLarme Farms, LTD; Sec. 11; 40 acres; To: Elaine L. Harp Marie DeLarme Farms, LTD; Sec. 15; 120 acres; To: Elaine L. Harp Marie DeLarme Farms, LTD; Sec. 16; 59.484 acres; To: Elaine L. Harp
1/13/15; US Bank National Association, trustee; Sec. 9; 1.714 acres; To: Christopher Banks

Jackson Twp.:
1/14/15; The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Co.; Sec. 22; 1.118 acres; To: Ar-erend Brothers, Inc.
Payne Equity Exchange Co.; Sec. 31; 2.527 acres; To: Payne Equity Exchange Co.

Payne Equity Exchange Co.; Sec. 31; 1.541 acres; To: Payne Equity Exchange Co.
Payne Equity Exchange Co.; Sec. 31; 1.41 acres; To: Payne Equity Exchange Co.
Payne Equity Exchange Co.; Sec. 31; 2.32 acres; To: Payne Equity Exchange Co.

Oakwood Village:
1/12/15; Shaffers Grain Elevator, LLC; Lot 61½; 0.312 acres; To: Shaffers Grain Elevator, LLC
Shaffers Grain Elevator, LLC; Lot 62; 0.273 acres; To: Shaffers Grain Elevator, LLC
Shaffers Grain Elevator, LLC; Lot 63; 0.272 acres; To: Shaffers Grain Elevator, LLC

Criminal Dispositions:
Ryan S. Dawson; Fort Wayne, IN; Possession; Dismiss; Case dismissed per state; without prejudice; costs waived; Count B; OVI/Under Inf; Dismiss; Dismissed without prejudice; costs waived at the state's request
Sawyer L. Temple; Payne, OH; OVI/Breath(low); No Cont; May attend the DIP program in lieu of jail ALS vacated pay; pay all fines and costs by 1/30/15 or will be sent to collections; community control two secure a valid driver's license; 20 hrs. of community service; 87 jail days reserved

Eugene A. Vajen; Defiance, OH; OVI/Under Inf; No Cont; May attend the DIP program in lieu of 3 days jail; 105 days SCRAM; pay all fines and costs by 1/30/15 or be sent to collections; community control two restitution to victim; evaluation at Westwood; 162 jail days reserved; Count B; Fail Control; Dismiss; Ct. B dismissed at the state's request
Jessica R. Vanvalkenburg; Paulding, OH; Driv/Fra Susp; J-No Cont.; Proof of financial responsibility provided; pay all fines and costs by 1/30/15 or will be sent to collections defendant's physical license returned in open court

Robert C. Hurtig; Mark Center, OH; FTY Emer Vehicl; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Scott A. Altic; Antwerp, OH; Theft; Dismiss; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; pay restitution in the amount of \$50.38 today, 1/12/15; may be additional bad check fee

Terrance N. Branson; Van Wert, OH; Driv; Fra Susp; Guilty; Proof of financial responsibility provided; pay all fines and costs by 2/27/15 or will be sent to collections warrant and warrant block rescinded
Nathan J. Woodby; Cecil, OH; Fail to ck trap; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Aaron W. Woodby; Defiance, OH; Fail to ck trap; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Charles Hinschlagler; Sherwood, OH; Insecure load; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

PAULDING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE KICKING OFF A BUSY YEAR

The Paulding Chamber of Commerce will be kicking off two new programs in the coming weeks.

On Tuesday, January 27 at noon, we will hold our first "Lunch and Learn" at the Paulding County Carnegie Library. The program is free and open to the public. Participants should bring their own brown bag lunch and get ready to learn!

If your new year's resolution was to take control of your own future and start a business, then this is a workshop that you will not want to miss. Our speaker will be Basil Apostolou from SCORE. SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through education and mentorship. Mr. Apostolou will be sharing the ins and outs of starting a small business legally in Ohio.

In addition, Amy McMaster from Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission will be on hand to discuss grants and financial assistance available locally for starting a small business.

Lunch and Learns will be held the last Tuesday of the month.

JH/HS Breakfast:
1/21 - Bacon, egg & cheese pocket, juice/fruit, milk
1/22 - Coffee cake, juice/fruit, milk
1/23 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice/fruit, milk
1/26 - Breakfast pizza, sausage, bacon and egg, juice/fruit, milk
1/27 - French toast, sausage links, juice/fruit, milk

JH/HS Lunch:
1/21 - Chicken dippers w/ biscuit OR Philly steak sandwich, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, fruit, milk, Toppings; SW dressing, swt chili and BBQ pickles, peppers, lettuce
1/22 - Lasagna roll w/ sauce, lettuce salad, tomatoes, garlic toast, OR Pretzel,

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Sudoku Puzzle

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On Tuesday, February 3 at 8:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, we will hold our first "Wake Rattle and Roll." These will be a series of breakfasts for Chamber members only. The first breakfast will feature State Representative Tony Burkley speaking about his recent appointment as Vice-Chairman of the House Agriculture and Rural Development Committee. A continental breakfast will be provided by the Women's Ministry at the church and will be served beginning at 7:45 a.m. Donations will go to help support the church's annual women's retreat. There is no cost for Chamber members for this program.

Wake Rattle and Rolls will be held the first Tuesday of the month.

On Tuesday, February 17 at the Paulding Eagles, the Chamber will be hosting its Annual Banquet. There will be awards given out for the Outstanding Business, Business Person, and Volunteer for 2014. We will also be marking milestones for businesses and celebrating those who have built or expanded in 2014. The dinner will be provided by Classic Catering by Kim Brown

Any business, agency or individual may join the Chamber of Commerce. Chamber members receive discounts on many services for their business including shipping, communications and insurance. The Chamber provides a website for businesses, a free entry in the John Paulding Days Parade, marketing help, networking opportunities and many other benefits. For more information please contact Peggy Emerson at 419-399-5215.

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 1/21 - 1/27

JH/HS Breakfast:
1/21 - Bacon, egg & cheese pocket, juice/fruit, milk
1/22 - Coffee cake, juice/fruit, milk
1/23 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice/fruit, milk
1/26 - Breakfast pizza, sausage, bacon and egg, juice/fruit, milk
1/27 - French toast, sausage links, juice/fruit, milk
JH/HS Lunch:
1/21 - Chicken dippers w/ biscuit OR Philly steak sandwich, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, fruit, milk, Toppings; SW dressing, swt chili and BBQ pickles, peppers, lettuce
1/22 - Lasagna roll w/ sauce, lettuce salad, tomatoes, garlic toast, OR Pretzel,

cheese cup, marinara sauce, fresh vegetable, fruit, milk
1/23 - Spicy Chicken, WG bun, oven potatoes OR Salad bar w/meat, vegetable and salads, garlic breadstick, fruit, milk
1/26 - Popcorn chicken bowl w/ potatoes, gravy, corn, and cheese, dinner roll, OR Salad bar w/meat, vegetables and salads, garlic breadstick, fruit, milk
1/27 - Grilled chicken tender salad, tomatoes, pretzel roll, ranch or french dressing, OR Assorted entree items, bun, pickle slices, oven fried potatoes, fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary Breakfast:
1/21 - Burrito, fruit/juice, milk
1/22 - Muffin, string cheese, fruit/juice, milk
1/23 - Assorted cereals or Cereal bar goldfish graham, juice/fruit, milk
1/26 - Yogurt, goldfish graham, fruit, juice, milk
1/27 - Pancakes, fruit/juice, milk

Paulding Elementary Lunch:
1/21 - Pancake, sausage, smiles, tomato juice, fruit, milk
1/22 - BBQ pulled pork on wh. gr. bun, tater tots, peas, fruit, milk
1/23 - Pizza, romaine blend, broccoli, sherbet, fruit, milk
1/26 - Br. chicken on wh. gr. bun, carrots, celery, fruit, milk
1/27 - Chicken fajita wrap, crackers, refried beans, romaine blend, cheese, salsa, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary Breakfast:
1/21 - Pancakes on stick, fruit/juice, milk
1/22 - Breakfast pizza, juice/fruit, milk
1/23 - Assorted cereal packs, juice/fruit, milk
1/26 - Powdered sugar donuts, fruit, juice, milk
1/27 - Whole grain biscuit, sausage patty, fruit/juice, milk

Oakwood Elementary Lunch:
1/21 - WG chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, gravy, wg bread, romaine mix salad, fruit, milk
1/22 - Shredded chicken, wg bun, broccoli, carrot stix, fruit, milk
1/23 - WG cheese pizza, romaine salad mix, salsa bean salad, fruit, milk
1/26 - WG mini pancakes, mini sausage, celery stix, carrot stix, fruit, milk
1/27 - Grilled chicken, wg bun, romaine lettuce and tomatoes, peas, fruit, milk

LIONS DEVOUR WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott

Leo's high-powered offense kicked it into a higher gear, scoring 93 points in a win over Woodlan to advance the Lions to the championship game of the ACAC boys' basketball tournament in their final year in the conference. The Lions outscored Woodlan 29-15 in the opening stanza and never looked back, outscoring Woodlan in each period. Adam Davison led the Lions with 31 points and Dylan Barrow pumped in 16 points. Andrew Krahn led Woodlan with 16 points.

Score by the quarter:
Woodlan - 15 15 15 17=62
Leo - 29 25 20 19=93

Scorers of the game:
Woodlan - Krahn 16, Hahn 10, Gustin 10, Jones 9, Fancher 5, Gerig 4, Schwartz 3, Hormann 3, Biggs 2

Leo - A Davison 31, Barrow 16, Klopfenstein 11, Hardin 9, Dove 6, Eldridge 6, J Davison 5, Herran 3, Thatcher-Lomont 2, Steiner 2, Hannie 2

iAB FINANCIAL BANK WELCOMES DUSTIN KING AS NEW MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR

iAB Financial Bank is pleased to announce that Dustin King has joined the organization as a new Mortgage Originator. King has attended Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne. Additionally, he has management experience as well as a background in customer service. "We are excited to bring Dustin King on as a team member in our mortgage department," said Jasbinder Singh, iAB Assistant Vice President and Mortgage Sales Manager. "His work background has prepared him to exceed our customers' expectations in every way. That's the power of a partnership with iAB.

King volunteers with the DeKalb County Coroner's office as a transporter and has been a first responder as well as EMT-B certified. When not dedicating time to the mortgage needs of iAB customers, he also enjoys time spent playing sports and pursuing outdoor activities.

LADY BULLDOGS FALL TO CHARGERS

On Saturday, January 17th, the Carroll Lady Chargers devoured the Bulldogs in high school girls basketball. Final score: Carroll 86, New Haven 40

Score by the Quarter:
Carroll - 26 23 21 16=86
New Haven - 14 8 10=40

Scorers of the Game:
New Haven - Finan 5, Creech 9, Hoffer 6, Lapsley 7, Tanner 3, Carlisle 1, Grundy 7
Carroll - Clouse 2, Daman 10, Leonard 6, Miller 3, Mog 6, Ki Murphy 5, Ky Murphy 7, Peterson 15, Schaefer 7, Steckler 3, Strasser 4, Villanueva 16

FIRST FEDERAL BANK EARNS PREFERRED LENDER STATUS FROM THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

First Federal Bank has earned Small Business Administration's (SBA) Preferred Lender Status. This title is awarded to institutions that demonstrate a proficiency in processing and servicing SBA-guaranteed loans.

"This is a significant achievement for First Federal Bank and we are proud that our hard work has led to this acknowledgement from the SBA," said Greg Allen, EVP, Community Banking President. "As a Preferred Lender we are able to streamline the loan approval process for small businesses in need of financial assistance, allowing us to deliver a greater level of client service and give clients faster access to capital.

To earn Preferred Lender status, an institution has to establish a track record of processing and have a thorough understanding of SBA lending policies. Preferred Lenders are delegated by the SBA to make final credit decisions and have most servicing and liquidation authority.

"First Federal's Preferred Lender Program status reinforces and illustrates their commitment to the small business community. In the past two and half months of SBA's 2015 fiscal year, First Federal Bank has approved three SBA loans. This puts them on track to help twelve small businesses in this fiscal year obtain access to capital under SBA programs," said Gil Goldberg, SBA District Director.

First Federal Bank plans on utilizing their Preferred Lender status to grow their client base in northwest Ohio, southeast Michigan, Fort Wayne, Indiana and Columbus, Ohio. Their commercial lending team can be contacted at 1-888-511-1077 or by visiting www.FirstFed.com.

Real Estate Taxes Are Due

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Failure To Receive A Tax Bill Will Not Avoid Penalty or Interest Charges.

Please bring your tax bill with you when coming into the office to make a payment.

If you cannot make it into the office, please use the addressed envelope enclosed with your tax bill and mail it to the office.

Trailer Taxes Are Due Monday, March 2, 2015

Paulding County Treasurer
Lou Ann Wannemacher
Phone: 419-399-8280
Office Hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M.

CENTRAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONS



Central Lutheran School held their annual spelling bee this week for fifth through eighth grade students. After several tough rounds, two students finally out-spelled their opponents. Ethan B. was the runner up, and Jacob

B. was the champion. The winning word was "farrago," meaning a confused mixture, a hodgepodge. Congratulations to all of the participants who studied hard and competed in this event!

WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL SECOND NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR

Merit Honor Roll (4.0):

8th Grade - Sadie Sinn, Ellie Stoller, Carissa Laukhuf, Hannah Wilhelm, Madison Coyne

9th Grade - Kalin Gerber, Gracie Gudakunst, Joel Johnson, Sara Sinn, Megan Moore, Leah Maassel, Connor Baumle, Lily Sinn

10th Grade - Brady Stabler

11th Grade - Hollie Wannemacher, Victoria Ryan, Sydney Hofmann, Corey Davis, Brianna Sinn, Erin Mohr, Sydney Critten, Christopher Davis, Estie Sinn, Scott Wenninger, Shayna Temple

12th Grade - Rebecca Hamrick, Blair Baumle, Jehane Hoagland, Hank Sinn, Haley Saylor, Addison Baumle

First Honors (4.0-3.67):

7th Grade - Sydney Coyne, Catherine Strable, Tyce Homier, Miriam Sinn, Andrew Sinn, Max Laukhuf

8th Grade - Clark Laukhuf, Anne Eklund, Reece Thompson, Madilyn Brigner, Austin Reed

9th Grade - Celia Baker, Garrett Silance

10th Grade - Daniel Sinn, Brooke LeLonek, Emil Stoller, Ethan Linder, Korene Shelton, Ethan Dunham

11th Grade - Arlyn Cooper, Cole Shepherd, Nathanael Roop, Mikayla Anderson, Stacy Flint

12th Grade - Molly Crosby, Leah Sinn, Sarah Young, Erin Jewell

Second Honors (3.3-3.666):

7th Grade - Reid Miller,

Nathan Gerber, Alexis Gibson, Breanna Huffine, Nathan Wilhelm, Krista Markley, Madison Elston, Kelsey Guyton, Jordan Speller, Reed Zartman, Cale Crosby, Kaitlin Vest, Taylor Long, Madeleine Laukhuf, Mason Elliott

8th Grade - Bryan Hofmann, Brooke Greulach, Matthew Stouffer, Julianne Roop, Gracie Laukhuf, Chloe Stabler, Ellie Moore, Kaylee Shepherd, Alli Hefner, Wyatt Stabler, Oliva Egnor, Noah Hasch

9th Grade - Quinh Stabler, Erica Mohr, Aden Baker, Owen Brigner, Kyle McClain, Jaydon Edwards

10th Grade - Sarah Dyson, Meg Crosby, Joseph Schmidt, Seth Saylor, Danae Myers, Kacey Reinhart, Payton Granger

11th Grade - Blair Ludwig, Austin Kuhn, Kenzie Clemens, Taryn Homier, Alec Vest, Gabriel Wobler, Quinton Harper, Nicholas Durre, Jayson Nowak, Noah Stoller, Carley Wright, Jessica Offerle, Emilee Colgan

12th Grade - Nicholas Mansfield, Elizabeth Brown, Latasha Rivera, Corbin Linder, Jacob Arend, James Weaver, Kayla Zuber, Kayla Dilling, Hunter Martin, Jacob Dingus, Mackenzie Swary

Third Honors (3.0-3.2999):

7th Grade - Nathaniel Shepherd, Libby Wenzlick, Zane Shaffer, Ashlynn Parrish, Claire Sinn, Fredrick Hoagland, Chloe Thompson, Richard Williams, Nathaniel Showalter, Kylie Pfeiffer

8th Grade - Emily Williams, Rachel Ringler, Josiah Linder, Grant Baumle, Trae Sinn, Derek Myers, Keagann Parrish, Nicholas Bar-

nett, Caleb Yenser, Ashley Thrasher, Reese Etzler

9th Grade - Joseph Deboer, Gabe Sinn, Adam Stoller, Gillianne Wiseman, Alissa Elliott, Alyssa Dysinger, Maggie Crosby, Elias Sinn, Joshua Kuhn, Jacob Kuhn

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ALL A's:

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6A - Lydia Whitman

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5A - Faith Meraz, Nathan Sinn, Abbie Stoller

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4A - Anna Miller, Rylee Miller, Ezra Sinn, Laura Thornell

3B - Libby Meraz, Larissa Whitman

3A - Lynsey Pease, Kyle Stoller

2B - Ciarra Cotterman, Eli Martinez, Tianna Sinn, Natalie Stoller

2A - Elana Bidlack, Morgan Elliott, Corbin Kimmel, Anna Meraz, Brady Miller, Amos Sinn, Lorie Sinn, Ava Stoller, Kathleen Stoller, Tori Young

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1A - Landen Bennett, Lily Boyd, Gaud Landwehr, Lance Maenle, Riley Manz, Natalie Richie, Torree Sinn, Addison Stoller

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5B - Haylee Finfrock, Hunter Long, Karlie Simindinger, Rachel Stoller

5A - Madison Farquhar, Allen Minck, Brayson Parrish

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4A - Kara Stoller

3B - Kyla Hurd, Logan Miller, Taylor Sherry, Evan Walls

3A - Tucker Antoine, Cassidy Lewis, Ally Stephey, Nolan Walls

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2A - Mackenzie Silance

1B - Jordan Hale, Ryann Jay, Ian Jewell, Zachariah Landwehr, Koden Martz, Aubree Miller, Myleigh Sheets, Caden Sinn, Micah Sinn, Lance Whitman;

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All "B's":

6B - Trevor Speice

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4B - Macy Dostler

3B - Nathaniel Osborn

3A - Kaden Landwehr

2B - Anna Clemens

2A - Mackenzie Silance

ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL BURN CENTER CONTINUES TO CHAMPION AWARENESS AS IT BEGINS ITS FIFTH DECADE OF SERVICE

St. Joseph Hospital has been home to the St. Joseph Regional Burn Center for more than 40 years. As part of Burn Awareness Week, observed nationally this year Feb. 1-7, Fred Adrian, a Michigan City resident, has agreed to share his story and his experience as a burn patient.

Just six weeks ago, Adrian received burns to 25 percent of his body while saving his two-year-old son from a house fire. Join Adrian and Guy Crevecoeur, MD, at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 20, in the outpatient burn and wound clinic for Adrian's follow-up appointment. Please gather in the main lobby at St. Joe and wait to be escorted to the clinic.

Adrian's son was also cared for at the Burn Center. Pediatric patients account for nearly one-third of total inpatient burn cases at St. Joe.

The St. Joseph Regional Burn Center is the region's only verified burn center and one of only three in the state of Indiana. There are just 127 in the entire country. The Burn Center is verified by the American College of Surgeons and the American Burn Association.

The annual observance of Burn Awareness Week is one way to remind the public to stay vigilant in safety practices around anything that can cause burns including extreme heat or cold, open flames, accelerants, coals,

and recently extinguished heating sources like space heaters or ovens. For more information, visit stjoeshospital.com.

PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC CO-OP MAKES A MOVE TO SPUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Paulding Putnam Board of Trustees create a Revolving Loan Fund. The goal is to encourage and foster area economic development within the Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op (PPEC) service territory. The PPEC Board committed to putting \$60,000 into a fund, but now they're looking for potential projects.

Here's how the program works: The USDA would grant Paulding Putnam Electric the initial amount of \$300,000 for the revolving loan fund, but that is only granted after a project is accepted. After the project is accepted, PPEC would lend the money at zero percent interest. Projects can only be submitted by government agencies or non profit entities like CIC's. The projects can range from being used for infrastructure to building a spec building for potential investors. Once the money starts being repaid, PPEC's Revolving Loan Fund Committee would then begin accepting applications to assist for-profit entities within the PPEC territory. They would do so by offering gap lending.

Erika Willitzer is the Marketing & Economic Development Manager for PPEC. She explained how Mercer County's electric co-op Midwest Electric established an

RLF, and they were able to loan money for infrastructure, which ultimately led to the city of Celina landing the Ferguson Distribution Plant. "This was a huge win for Mercer County and it all began with the local co-op lending a helping hand. I don't see why Paulding Putnam Electric can't do the same for its territory and the communities it serves."

CEO/General Manager of Paulding Putnam Electric is 100 % behind this fund and encourages government entities to discuss the possibilities of working with PPEC, "Communities within our service territory can benefit from zero interest financing through this program and not tie up their traditional financing avenues or use general funds. Additionally, down the road as the program matures, this Revolving Loan Fund can provide assistance to area businesses that are looking to expand and may need additional low cost funding as part of their larger financing needs." stated Carter.

Paulding Putnam Electric serves more than 12,900 members-owners in Paulding, Putnam, Defiance, Van Wert and Allen counties in Ohio and Adams and Allen counties in Indiana. If you have a project or you simply want to obtain more information, please call 1-800-686-2357 or email ewillitzer@ppec.coop.

"We're striving to be a resource for all the counties we serve and we're hoping that by beginning this process, we'll be able to have a true economic impact. Eventually we hope by creating this fund it will lead to more jobs and prosperity," said Willitzer.

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LATTA REINTRODUCES BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION TO KEEP INTERNET OPEN, ACCESSIBLE

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH), Vice Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Communications and Technology Subcommittee, reintroduced bipartisan legislation to ensure the Internet remains open and free from government interference by limiting the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) authority to regulate broadband under Title II of the Communications Act. The FCC has stated it plans to reclassify broadband Internet access as a public utility under Title II rather than an information service.

"The FCC's plans to reclassify broadband under Title II are misguided," said Latta. "Imposing monopoly-era telephone rules on a 21st Century industry that has thrived under the current light-touch regulatory framework will undoubtedly impede the economic growth and innovation that have resulted in the broadband marketplace absent government interference. These businesses thrive on dynamism and the ability to evolve quickly to shifting market and consumer forces. Subjecting them to bureaucratic red tape won't promote innovation, consumer welfare or the economy. My legislation provides the certainty needed for continued investment in broadband networks and services that have been fundamental for job creation, productivity and consumer choice."

Experts, including the Progressive Policy Institute, have stated that the FCC's proposal to reclassify the Internet under Title II would be disastrous for the Internet and our economy. Reclassification could add another \$17

billion in user fees and taxes for consumers on top of the \$1.5 billion already planned to fund the E-Rate program. In addition, it would discourage ISPs from investing in broadband infrastructure — leading to more congestion and higher access prices.

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: GET YOUR FREE CONSUMER REPORT

(NAPSI)—The start of the New Year is a good time to review your finances. And one of the best ways to do that is to get copies of your consumer reports. You can obtain a free annual report from the three national credit bureaus. Did you also know you can request information from other nationwide consumer reporting agencies?

Here are some times when you may want access to information beyond what you can find in your credit report:

- You think someone may have fraudulently cashed checks using your bank account.
- You are considering applying for insurance.
- You are planning to lease an apartment.
- You've been asked by a potential employer for your written authorization to get your work history.

It's smart to know what's in your credit report before applying for home financing or an automobile loan. Similarly, there are times when it's smart to exercise your right to check other sources of consumer information.

Working with the Consumer Data Industry Association (CDIA), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has put together a list of different types of consumer reporting agencies to contact. By reviewing the list, consumers can learn about the companies and, most importantly, how to obtain a free consumer report.

You should check with each of the companies on the list since they have information based on different types of transactions. "In fact, consumers may find that some companies don't have information about them—for example, if they haven't rented an apartment or filed an insurance claim. But the data that specialty consumer reporting agencies maintain is highly regulated and consumers have a right to access it at no cost," says Stuart Pratt, president and CEO of CDIA.

You can find the list on the CFPB's website (www.consumerfinance.gov). Simply type "consumer reporting agencies" into the search box or go to http://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201207_cfpb_list_consumer-reporting-agencies.pdf.

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PATROL'S SERGEANT GRIGSBY PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT AT THE VAN WERT POST

Sgt. Timothy P. Grigsby was promoted to the rank of lieutenant, January 13, 2015, by Colonel Paul A. Pride, Patrol superintendent, during a ceremony at the Patrol's Academy. Lt. Grigsby will transfer from his current assignment at the Lima Post to serve as post commander of the Van Wert Post.

Sgt. Grigsby began his Patrol career in June 2005 as a member of the 145th Academy Class. He earned his commission in January the following year and was assigned to the Lima Post, where he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year in 2009 and 2010. While at the Lima Post, he also earned the Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement in 2007 and 2009. In 2011, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Van Wert Post to serve as an assistant post commander. In 2012, he returned to his most recent assignment at the Lima Post.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol is an international-accredited agency whose mission is to protect life and property, promote traffic safety and provide professional public safety services with respect, compassion, and unbiased professionalism.

HITE SWORN-IN, BEGINS SECOND TERM IN OHIO SENATE

The Ohio General Assembly held their Opening Ceremonies for the 131st General Assembly, officially marking the beginning of the new legislative session.

During the ceremonies, State Senator Cliff Hite (R-

Findlay), was sworn in for his second term in the Ohio Senate, representing the 1st District in the state legislature's upper chamber. Senator Hite won reelection to the seat in the November 4, 2014 General Election.

"Since my days as a football coach, I've known that life is about teamwork," said Hite. "Over the past 4 years, we've worked together to maintain a balanced budget, made historic investments in job training and education, and made Ohio a great place to do business. We're on the right track again and if we keep working together, we can make sure Ohio's best days are ahead of us."

Prior to his service in the Ohio Senate, Hite served as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives. As a member of the Senate, Hite has twice been appointed Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture, overseeing many facets of Ohio's largest industry.

Senator Hite spent three decades teaching high school history while coaching football. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education from the University of Kentucky where he was himself a student athlete as the quarterback for the Wildcats. He resides in Findlay, Ohio with his wife, Diane.

Hite's oath of office was administered by the Honorable Sharon Kennedy, Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court in the Senate Chamber in the historic Ohio Statehouse. Prior to the Opening Ceremonies, Hite was unofficially sworn in by Lydia Mahalik, the Mayor of the City of Findlay.

Each term in the Ohio Senate extends four years. Hite's current term will expire at midnight on December 31, 2018.

Sudoku solution from page 13

9	2	8	6	4	1	8	5	7
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6	1	7	3	5	2	4	9	8
4	3	2	9	8	6	5	7	1
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LINDER BREAKS RECORD AGAINST EDGERTON



Corbin Linder scores from the outer line for his 200th 3-point basket, becoming the new school record holder. More pictures at westbendnews.net

It was a great night for games on Tuesday, January 13. Edgerton boys travelled to the Palace for the boys basketball game, entering the competition with a 5-3 record. Wayne Trace came away from their first loss against Napoleon on Saturday, putting their tally at 7-1.

The first half was dominated by the home team while maintaining consistency across the board. The game was ruled by the Linder brothers who, between the two, scored a combined total of 49 points.

It was the in the third quarter where Corbin Linder

broke the previous record of 3 point career baskets on Tuesday, January 13 against Edgerton. The previous record was 199, set by Nate Overmyer in 2004. Linder now has 201 at the finish of this game.

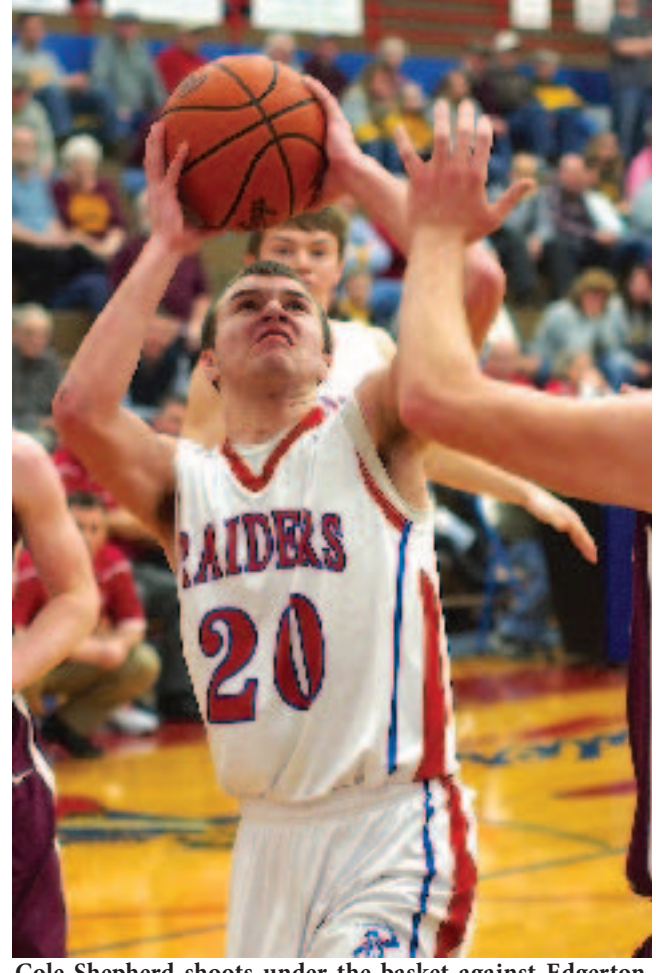
The beginning of the fourth quarter, the Raiders were up 59-35 and the team relaxed the pressure on the Bulldogs. Edgerton scored 22 points in the fourth quarter with most of them by Alex Michael.

The final core was 69-57.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 20 20 19 10=69

Edgerton - 9 16 10 22=57
Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace - Jake Arend 7; Luke Miller 3; Darius Hale 4; Ethan Linder 21; Cole Shepherd 2; Corbin Linder 28; David Sinn 4.

Edgerton - Max Nihart 4; Mitchell Cercone 7; Kobe Brady 5; Dustin Miller 2; Carter Knecht 9; Gabe Brady 2; Duane Mille 7; Alex Michael 21



Cole Shepherd shoots under the basket against Edgerton. More pictures at westbendnews.net

CHRISTIAN HOME EDUCATORS OF PAULDING COUNTY SPELLING BEE WINNERS



The Christian Home Educators of Paulding County held their annual spelling bee on January 3rd.

Seventh grader, Joy McIn-

tosh won when she spelled "veteran" correctly. Seventh grader Darci Hopkins was the runner up.

LINDER BREAKS MORE RECORDS AT WAYNE TRACE



Corbin Linder shoots in the game against Lincolnview earlier in the season. More pictures at westbendnews.net

It's been an amazing career for Corbin Linder at the Wayne Trace ball club. This year he has broken school records for the most three points baskets and now he has added himself to the 1000 point club. Only six other players in the Raider Nation history have hit the 1000 point mark. Corbin added another 66 points to his record this week with wins against Edgerton, Fairview and Delphos Jefferson. The previous record was held by Nate Overmyer who had 199 baskets on 502 attempts. Linder is currently at 211 on 533 attempts.

The last game with all of this action was against Delphos Jefferson on Saturday, January 17. The game was another big win for the Raiders, but the first half wasn't necessarily easy.

First quarter finished at 16-8 and the Raiders were in the lead. Across the roster Wayne Trace performed very well. David Sinn and Ethan Linder were both on fire for three points and free throws.

By the last half of the first half of the game, the Raiders had added 14 more points, but D.J. was not done yet. They posted 19 points and the half finished at 30-27.

The third and fourth quarters were easily Wayne Trace's game. It was still intense, but the Raiders were unstoppable, adding 25 and 21 points, respectively. The game finished with Wayne Trace 20 points in the lead at 76-56.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace: 16 14 25 21 = 76

Delphos Jefferson: 8 19 15 14 = 56

Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace: Ethan Linder 22; David Sinn 18; Cole Shepherd 12; Corbin Linder 10; Luke Miller 7; Darius Hale 3; Alec Vest 2; and Jake Arend 2.

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K9 Henry has been on the New Haven Police Department for almost two years and works with his handler Officer Jon Wenzel. Henry is certified as a patrol K9 and is also certified in narcotics detection. It is a great honor that Officer Wenzel and his partner were awarded this potentially life saving equipment.

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