

NEW HAVEN MAYOR TERRY E. McDONALD COMMENTS ON PARKER HANNIFIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Terry McDonald offers the following comments in reaction to the recent announcement from Parker Hannifin in New Haven.

"The City of New Haven has been advised of Parker Hannifin's plans to close their manufacturing facility at the Rose Avenue location here in New Haven. Mayor McDonald has been in contact with the company and has received information that Parker Hannifin is working with each of their employees that will be affected by this decision.

Mayor McDonald said, "The City of New Haven is of course deeply saddened to hear the news that 150 people will no longer be working at

the Parker Hannifin facility. In light of this upcoming closure, we will continue to work with our partners at the New Haven Chamber of Commerce, Work One, and GFW, Inc. as we find ways to help the families affected by the closure. We will work aggressively to market and find a company to fill the building at this property."

The elimination of any jobs is always of great concern, and we will work with our partners at Northeast Indiana Works and the WorkOne Northeast Center to assist affected individuals.

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GROVER HILL SUMMERFEST - BEAUTIFUL DAY!



The Grover Hill Summerfest kicked off the morning on Saturday, July 25 along Main Street starting at the VFW for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Soon after this, the parade line began to form on Walnut, Main Streets and at the elementary school before moving to the beautiful Welcome Park at 10:00 a.m.

The parade began with the presentation by the Color Guard of VFW Post 2873. The post also brought in a 1/6 replica, honoring the tomb of

the unknown soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

The Marshalls of the parade were Don and Marge Stahl. Don then sang the National Anthem with others in the community joining in.

Don and Marge were high school sweethearts, having been married for 62 years. They both love the Grover Hill community and small town. They have seen many changes throughout their lives and vast experience. Don is a re-

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ANTWERP, OH
Myah Lynn Halker, passed from her family into the arms of Jesus on July 21, 2015. Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne assisted her family.

ANTWERP, OH
James (Jim) A Roberts, 86, of Antwerp passed away peacefully Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at Paulding County Hospital. Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne assisted his family.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 7/29 - 8/4

7/29 - Chicken patty sandwich, peas, hot fruit compote, potato salad, oatmeal raisin bar

7/30 - Hot dog, baked beans, coleslaw, hot cinnamon apples, rainbow yogurt

7/31 - Pork roast, sweet potatoes, green beans, apricots, WW bread, cookie

8/3 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, broccoli, tossed salad, grape juice, garlic bread

8/4 - Ham & swiss on rye, vegetable soup, potato salad, peaches, cookie, crackers

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 7/29 - 8/4

7/29 - Walking zumba at 10:30 a.m.; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery shopping at 1:30 p.m.

7/30 - Annual Garage Sale; Bingo w/The Gardens at 10:00 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Turn Up at 12:15 p.m.

7/31 - Annual Garage Sale; Bible Study at 10:00-11:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

8/3 - Raffle Day; Shedding Pounds at 9:30 a.m.; Fingernail Clinic 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Walking Zumba at 10:30 a.m.; Bingo w/Country Inn at 12:00 Noon

8/4 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

DAN HEATH & THE PARADISE BAND TO PLAY AT HARLAN DAYS!



Dan Heath with the Paradise Band was formed by Dan more than 10 years ago out of a love for music, especially the old standards in the style of Sinatra, Nat King Cole, Bobby Darin, and Tony Bennett. The band then expanded into 50s and 60s rock 'n roll including British Invasion tunes and American rock.

The instrumentalists that make up the band are all long-time music professionals each with a degree in music and most members

with Masters degree in either music performance or education.

David Blackwell is a long-time high school band director and a former conductor of the Fort Wayne Community Orchestra. His favorite instrument is the clarinet, but he also plays a great sax.

Terry Vaughn is a highly energetic drummer who taught music in the Fort Wayne public school system for many years prior to his retirement.

Bob Ferguson is a classically trained, 45-year player of the guitar and a long-time guitar instructor. Bob also is featured on WIPR for his classical guitar show.

Brad Kuhns is the band's bass player and a performer with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic.

Rod Noftsgger came to the band recently from Nashville and is a great trumpet player both in the improvisational sense but also as a great reader of music.

Dan Heath began singing in 2001 when he created a CD of songs for his wife on their 22nd wedding anniversary. He received formal vocal training from Robert Vance who directs the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Chorus. Heath was honored with an invitation to perform at the American Traditions Vocal Competition of the Savannah Music Festival and made it to the quarterfinals against the set vocal competition in America and the World.

We hope you enjoy Dan Heath & the Paradise Band at Harlan Days on Thursday, July 30 at 7:00 p.m.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us," —Hebrews 12:1

CCS & MHAC UNVEIL NEW REPORT ON ADDICTION IN OHIO, REVEALS SCALE OF ADDICTION DISORDERS, NEED FOR DATA TO IMPROVE MEASURES & OUTCOMES

As drug overdose deaths continue to reach record highs in Ohio, the Center for Community Solutions (CCS) and the Mental Health & Addiction Advocacy Coalition (MHAC) release By the Numbers 3: Developing a Common Understanding of the Future of Behavioral Healthcare, Analysis of Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment in Ohio. The report focuses on the demographic characteristics of clients in treatment, the types of services they received, and spending related to alcohol and other drug addictions in the Buckeye State and in local ADAMH board areas through 2012.

"This report analyzes Ohio's publicly funded addiction treatment services and spending," noted Jon Honeck, who serves as the Edward D. & Dorothy E. Lynde Fellow at CCS. "This report looks at the big picture of addiction treatment. From 2007 to 2012, the percentage of clients in treatment for marijuana, heroin, and other opiates increased steadily, but alcohol addiction remained the most common reason to be in treatment."

"This report also completes the first set of By the Numbers reports, which brought together state and county data on mental health and addiction spending and policy," said Joan Englund, the Executive Director of the MHAC. "It completes the larger analyses of Ohio's publicly funded behavioral health system, an analysis that we have been working on since the publication of

the first By the Numbers report in 2011." Using data provided by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, By the Numbers 3 paints a portrait of an addiction treatment system that served large numbers of people but was in transition as it tried to keep pace with a surging opiate epidemic. For example:

- Over the two-year period 2011-2012, nearly 160,000 people in Ohio received treatment for addiction through the publicly-funded treatment system. Men consistently made up 63 percent of the clients seeking treatment.

- Alcohol was the most frequently-treated substance in 34 ADAMH board areas, and eleven board areas had clients with opioids (heroin and other opiates) as the most frequently treated substances. These eleven boards were located in the southern or eastern parts of the state.

- Medication-assisted treatment (MAT), which is considered the standard of care for opioid-use disorder, has become more widespread over time but as of 2012 was still not reaching some clients who need it because its availability was uneven throughout the state.

- Ohioans with alcohol or drug-related diagnoses visited emergency rooms (ER) or were admitted to inpatient hospital treatment more than 250,000 times in 2012. Of these visits, 53,000 had a primary diagnosis that was alcohol- or other drug-related.

"By the Numbers 3 contains both trends and point-in-time analyses from before the Affordable Care Act," Honeck added. "So the data in this report represents a baseline that policymakers can use to measure and improve system capacity."

attend kindergarten at the Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary.

Maddy Egnor was crowned the 2015 Grover Hill Princess. She is a fifth grader at the elementary school. Her hobbies include softball, gymnastics, and cheerleading. Maddy has worked hard in collecting food for the local food pantry, not to mention sending letters to overseas military troops. She raised \$276.63.

The Grover Hill Summerfest named Haylee Finfrock as this year's Queen. Haylee is 11 years old and a sixth grader at Grover Hill Elementary school. She has also been involved in 4-H, Girl Scouts, and helping clean up the park. Haylee loves to draw, work with animals, and participate in sports. She raised \$445.00 total.

The earning power of these young people combined to make \$1186.63 total. Great job to all of these who worked hard to make their park nicer for everyone.

The ball teams were honored next in the parade as each group progressed forward.

There were horses and fire trucks, Paulding County Carnegie Library Bookmobile, and elected officials. Grover hill had a great day for the parade!

Following up the parade was Magnum Farms



Grain semi-truck and trailer. Opening up their cover revealed many balloons. As they were released into the air, there was a contest for guessing how many balloons had been in the trailer. There were 237 total balloons rising over the onlookers. Everyone was in agreement, the parade route was not too long—just right.

The entire weekend had many events going on in town and all over the place that made the entire day fun: Church in the Park,

Girls softball, bounce castles and houses, duck race, Co-ed softball—all night, Silent Auction, Just Dance Competition, Ron Bassous chain saw carving at the Conservation Club, Powerwheels derby, Sheriff's Office K-9 demonstration and much more from Friday-Sunday!

Perfect weather punctuated the entire weekend in Grover Hill with a nice breeze and cool ice cream!

More pictures at west-bendnews.net

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tired truck driver, as well as a veteran of the Korean War. Marge is a retired hairdresser and bus driver for Wayne Trace. Their two children, Dick and Jodi, both reside across the state line to the west.

The royalty came next with Aden Burk named the 2015 Mini Prince. He raised \$140.00 for the park after the flooding. For only four years old, he loves to ride his bike, play with his train set and play outdoors on the playground.

Next was five year old Brooke Tigner who was crowned 2015 Mini Princess. She raised \$374 to help with funding the park. Brook enjoys swimming and reading in her spare time. This year Brooke will

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FREE ENTERTAINMENT AT HARLAN DAYS

Thursday - July 30

Hoosier Gentry Barbershop Quartet
(Roaming the Fairgrounds)
 5:30 - 6:30p.m.

Dan Heath
(On the Midway Stage)
 7:00 - 10:00p.m.

Friday - July 31

Bekah Bradley Band
(On the Midway Stage)
 7:00 - 10:00p.m.

Saturday - August 1

Mark's Ark
(On the Midway Stage)
 3:00 - 4:00p.m.

John Curran & Renegade
(On the Midway Stage)
 7:00 - 8:00p.m.
 8:45 - 11:30p.m.

Mike Hemmelgarn
(On the Midway Stage)
 8:00 - 8:45p.m.

&
 9:00 - 10:00p.m.
(Roaming the Fairgrounds)

LEO POST 409 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS TO BE HARLAN DAYS PARADE GRAND MARSHALLS



The Legion Riders will be the Grand Marshalls in the 2015 Harlan Days Parade. Founded in August 2006, the Leo American Legion Riders ride for God, for our country,

for the American Legion family and allied veterans everywhere; protecting those who protect us. They ride to raise funds to support our local veterans and their families.

Please come out to the Harlan Days Grand Parade on Saturday, August 1 at 10:00 a.m. and thank the Leo Post 409 American Legion Riders for their service to our veterans.

MANURE SCIENCE REVIEW SCHEDULED AUGUST 12TH: HOW TO MAXIMIZE CROP BENEFITS, MINIMIZE WATER RISKS

Manure Science Review this year will have a clear focus on water.

The annual learning event will present more than a dozen sessions on getting the most from the nutrients in manure while limiting the chance of them reaching lakes and streams. It's for farmers and others in the industry.

"Manure is an excellent soil amendment and provides nutrients for crop growth," said Glen Arnold, an organizer of the event and manure nutrient management systems field specialist for Ohio State University Extension.

"Every positive step we take in properly applying manure is a positive step in the direction of better water quality," he said.

OSU Extension is the outreach arm of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State University.

Curbing farm nutrient runoff is in the spotlight due to the harmful algal blooms plaguing Lake Erie, Grand Lake St. Marys and other water bodies.

The issue made headlines last summer when toxins from a western Lake Erie algal bloom caused a two-day water use ban in Toledo.

Experts think the blooms are fueled by excess nutrients in the water, especially phosphorus from farm runoff.

Manure Science Review is 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. August 12 at Mississinawa Valley High School, 10480 Staudt Road, in Union City, OH, on the border with Indiana.

The speakers at the event will come from the college; from county, state and federal agencies; and from the farming community and agricultural industry.

Arnold will be one of them, presenting "Extending

the Application Window" together with farmer Tom Harrod of Darke County's Harrod Farms. They'll discuss using swine finishing manure on emerged corn as a substitute for side-dressed nitrogen.

Other sessions, for example, will cover how to meet Ohio's new fertilizer regulations, including the ban on applying manure to frozen or snow-covered ground; how to minimize runoff based on a recent statewide study of nutrient movement in fields; and how to prevent manure spills and respond to them if they happen.

Another session will look at lessons learned last winter in western Ohio. A thaw after farmers had spread manure on snowy fields caused a rash of runoff problems in streams.

Afternoon field demonstrations will feature composting manure, calibrating a solid manure spreader, using a new subsurface poultry litter injector, planting and applying manure to cover crops, using a smoke test to show nutrient runoff risks through subsurface tile drainage, and more.

Find full details on the speakers, topics and continuing-education credits in the event flier, which can be downloaded at go.osu.edu/MSR2015.

Register using the form in the flier at go.osu.edu/MSR2015, or send your name, contact information and check for payment to Mary Wick, OARDC/OSU, 1680 Madison Ave., Wooster, OH 44691. Make checks payable to OARDC/OSU.

In response to Toledo's water crisis, the college last year established a new comprehensive water quality program. Called Field to Faucet, it aims to ensure safe water for all Ohioans while keeping the state's farms productive and profitable.

Columbus had its own water scare in June, when heavy rains and subsequent runoff

of sewage, manure and fertilizer led to unsafe nitrate levels in the city's tap water and a water-use advisory for infants and pregnant women.

Co-hosting Manure Science Review are the college, the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Ohio's soil and water conservation districts, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Division of Soil and Water Resources, the Darke Soil and Water Conservation District, Ohio Farm Bureau, Cooper Farms, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The event's sponsors include Ohio Farm Bureau, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the Ohio Livestock Coalition, Ag Credit-Country Mortgages, Cooper Farms and Quellz Products Inc.

For more information on the event, call 330-202-3533 or email wicks.14@osu.edu.

HILARY FARR TO HEADLINE FWN SHE EXPO, PRESENTED BY LUTHERAN HEALTH NETWORK

Hilary Farr is going to do something pretty special when she's on a break from her clever sparring with real estate broker David during this fall's break from the "Love It or List It" production schedule. She's coming to Fort Wayne to headline the 2015 Fort Wayne Newspapers SHE Expo presented by Lutheran Health Network October 10-11 at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

Brand new to the Fort Wayne area, the expo theme "Simply Her Experience" puts the spotlight on everything that interests women who want to enjoy and improve their lives and their homes. The Fort Wayne Newspapers SHE Expo, presented by Lutheran Health Network, is two full days of shopping for you and your home, exciting guest speakers, beauty demonstrations, health and fitness checks and tips and giveaways, plus a contest offering a makeover for two women by international fashion and beauty expert Andy Paige.

As SHE Expo headliner, Farr, the international home designer and co-host of the wildly popular home design television show "Love It or List It" on HGTV since 2008, will appear on Saturday. She will do a full hour of questions and answers from the audience on the main stage in addition to two half-hour appearances in the Windows Doors & More Home Décor Pavilion where fans may get

autographs and take their photograph with her during the day. She will also appear at the Saturday evening VIP meet-and-greet reception, which will require a separate admission ticket since its proceeds will benefit a local charity.

"We are extremely proud to be bringing a special event like the SHE Expo to Fort Wayne, but signing a headline guest of Hilary Farr's stature makes us even more proud and excited," said Fort Wayne Newspapers CEO Michael J. Christman. "We know SHE Expo attendees will be thrilled to engage her with questions and to be able to meet her for autographs and photos. Most people feel like they're already friends with her from watching her on television for so long!"

Farr is president of Hilary Farr Design and has designed properties throughout the world, including Australia and the United Kingdom. She has renovated homes for celebrities including Jenna Elfman and Jennifer Hudson. She is a frequent guest star at the Canadian International Interior Design Show and a frequent guest expert on CNN and USA Today. Something you may not know about her is that she played Betty Munroe in the 1975 film "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" under her birth name of Hilary Labow, one of several movie roles she has won.

The Fort Wayne Newspapers SHE Expo Fashion Makeover contest winners will be selected after an August entry period by international fashion and beauty expert Andy Paige from TLC's "Ten Years Younger" and NBC's "Starting Over." Paige is the author of "Style on a Shoestring." Contest entries will be made through FortWayne.com.

Three other guest speakers complete the SHE Expo lineup:

- Cherie Lowe: The Queen of Free with tips for everyday savings freebies and living debt-free. She's featured in The Wall Street Journal.
- Colette Heimowitz: A nutritionist and health expert with more than 20 years experience, she is featured on national television networks NBC, ABC and CBS.
- Jamie Gwen: Celebrity chef, certified sommelier and lifestyle expert featured on "The Talk," "Emeril Live" and "Martha Stewart."

Two additional specialty pavilions join the Home Décor Pavilion: the Lutheran Health Network Health Pavilion and Darlington Pampering Pavilion. The rest of the exhibit floor will become a shopping village of more than 100 vendors offering exciting opportunities to try, explore and buy for you and your home.

OHIO EPA HOLDS HEARING ABOUT OHIO'S REGIONAL HAZE PLAN

Ohio EPA is accepting comments on a proposed change to its implementation plan dealing with regional haze.

Ohio EPA will hold a public hearing on the proposed change on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. at Ohio EPA's Central Office, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus. Please bring identification to present at the security desk in the lobby.

The request is being made to allow Ohio EPA to apply the federal Cross State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) to Ohio's attainment plans for regional haze, and remove the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) reference in the current plan.

In order to fix deficiencies in CAIR, U.S. EPA replaced the rules with more stringent CSAPR regulations beginning in 2015. CSAPR was introduced by U.S. EPA to reduce pollution transported between states that significantly affect downwind non-attainment and maintenance of air quality standards. The Federal Clean Air Act contains a good neighbor provision requiring upwind states to limit emissions within their borders that interfere with a downwind state's ability to meet federal air quality standards.

CSAPR is designed to reduce emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides from power plants in the eastern half of the United States. U.S. EPA expects the rule to reduce fine particulate and ozone pollution.

In Ohio's original regional haze implementation plan that was approved by U.S. EPA 2011, Ohio EPA relied upon CAIR to allow the state to meet certain requirements for nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxide emissions from electric generating plants. Now that CAIR has been replaced, revising the SIP will memorialize Ohio's implementation of CSAPR to meet U.S. EPA requirements. This revision does not alter any other aspects of Ohio's plan to address regional haze.

This revised regional haze SIP is available on Ohio EPA's web page. The hearing will be an opportunity to submit comments concerning the SIP action. Comments on the SIP proposal may be presented at the hearing or submitted by email to jennifer.vanvlerah@epa.ohio.gov or in writing to: Ohio EPA, Division of Air Pollution Control, Attention: Jennifer Van Vlerah, Lazarus Government Center, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio, 43216-1049. The public comment period will end August 5, 2015.

SUMMERFEST IN MONROEVILLE FEATURES EVENTS FOR EVERYONE

The St. Rose Summerfest this year is scheduled for Saturday, August 29 at the Monroeville Community Park. This festival provides an affordable adventure for children and adults alike. The day's events begin at 8:00 a.m. with a 5K and kid run and ends at 10:30 p.m. with a cash raffle.

This annual festival provides a host of events that appeal to everyone. For instance, runners can participate in a 5K or kid run. Music lovers can dance to country rock band Renegade, a popular country rock band headquartered in Fort Wayne, IN. Those with a competitive streak can participate in a friendly cornhole tournament, Family Feud, and 3-on-3 basketball tournament. Children can enjoy various inflatable and playground equipment and other kid-friendly activities. Those seeking something different can check out the square dancing tractors, watch a variety show, or participate in the duck derby—a community favorite. It's non-stop adventure at the St. Rose Summerfest!

The white barn concession stand provides affordable food and drink to fuel participants throughout the day. For adults, the Rubles Entertainment Tent serves adult beverages from 2:00-10:30 p.m.

Visit the St. Rose Summerfest website at <http://strose-monroeville.org/97> to learn more and register for particular events. Bring your family to 420 Monroe Street, Monroeville, IN on August 29 and enjoy a fun-filled day that supports the education of St. Rose School students.

- Schedule of Events:**
- 8:00 a.m. – Archer Dash 5K and Fun Kid Run
 - 9:00 a.m. – 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
 - 10:00 a.m. – Cornhole Tournament
 - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Children Inflatables/Games
 - 10:30 a.m. – Food & Drink Concessions
 - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Face Painting, Family Feud
 - 2:00 p.m. – Square Dancing Tractors & Alumni Golf Cart Challenge
 - 2:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. – Rubles Entertainment Tent
 - 4:00 p.m. – Duck Derby Races
 - 5:00 p.m. – Mass in the St. Rose School Chapel
 - 5:30 p.m. – Variety Show
 - 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. – Concert featuring country rock band Renegade
 - 10:30 p.m. – Cash Raffle

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TRANSGENDER'S JOURNEY SHARED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ



The filmed story of a man who is changing gender will be presented at Lifetree Café on Thursday, July 30 from 7:00-8:00 p.m..

The exclusive film follows a man named Bob, who says he knew at the age of four that he was really a girl in a boy's body. The film examines issues surrounding transgenderism such as family dynamics, workplace complications, and spiritual implications.

Lifetree Café spokesperson Craig Cable said, "This issue—transgenderism—raises all sorts of questions for people. Increasingly, our schools, workplaces, and faith com-

munities are looking for answers. This Lifetree program provides some insight."

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are available. Lifetree Café is located in The bachwell at 116 N. Washington Street, Van Wert, Ohio 45891.

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

PAULDING COMMUNITY RALLIES TO SUPPORT THE FAMILY OF PETTY OFFICER RANDALL SMITH

Emmanuel Baptist Church of Paulding has established a fund for the benefit of the family of Petty Officer Randall Smith who was killed in Chattanooga last week. The fund has been created at First Federal Bank of the Midwest. Donations to this fund may be made at the Paulding branch located at 905 N Williams St, Paulding, OH 45879 or any other First Federal branch location.

In addition, the church is organizing a Community Memorial service that will take place on Saturday, August 1 at 11:00 a.m. The service will be held at the Paulding High School located at 405 N Water St, Paulding, OH 45879.

For more information about either of these events, please contact the Emmanuel Baptist Church at 1275 Emerald Rd, Paulding, OH 45879 or call (419) 399-5061.

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

"You are the people of God; he loved you and chose you for him own. So then, you must clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Be tolerant with one another and forgive one another whenever any of you has a complaint against someone else. You must forgive one another just as the Lord has forgiven you." Colossians 3:12-13 (TEV)

As believers, we are privileged to be chosen to become a child of God. God loves us; therefore, we should always be a reflection of his love. The proof of our faith is our desire for holy living. If we should occasionally fail, God will be quick to forgive us as long as we are sincerely progressing towards a more godly life.

As beloved children of God, there are qualities that we must engage in after we are saved. The following are inward attitudes that are to be expressed outwardly. The first is compassion, we are to love and care about other people. Second is kindness, being kind is a very Christ like attitude that contrasts greatly with the world's rude and crude. Third is humility, we are not to consider ourselves to be above or greater than anyone else as all of us are spiritually equal in God's sight. Fourth is gentleness, we must be tender and considerate in our treatment of others. Fifth is patience, also translated as long-suffering, just as God has been patient and long-suffering with us so must we be with other people. Finally be tolerant and forgiving toward one another.

We all go through difficult times in our lives and

faith. We must all be ready to love, support, and uphold our brothers and sisters in the faith and be ready to forgive them if necessary. Just as Christ has loved and forgiven us, we must show our love and forgiveness to our fellow Christians.

TWIN OAKS UMC SET TO HOST EVEREST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"EVEREST" is the theme chosen for this summer's VBS, which will be held each evening from 6:00-8:45 p.m., August 3-7, 2015 at Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, 201 East Harmon Street, Oakwood.

VBS is FREE and offered to children ages pre-school through teen years. Nursery will be provided for infants through age 3.

We have chosen The Gideons Bible Society for our mission project.

For further information or to register, please call the church office (419) 594-2992.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Luke 20:27 - Who is the next group that comes asking questions?

2. Luke 20:27 - What did this group deny?

3. Luke 20:28 - Who wrote to the Jews?

4. Luke 20:28 - When one dies and leaves his wife with no children, who is to marry her and give her children? Read Deuteronomy 25:5-10?

5. Thought question: Does the scripture teach that a wife can go to more than one brother?

6. Luke 20:29 - How many brothers were there according to the Sadducees?

7. Luke 20:33 - Did the Sadducees understand anything about the resurrection?

8. Luke 20:34 - What do the sons of this age do?

9. Luke 20:35 - Those who are counted worthy and are resurrected do they marry?

10. Luke 20:36 - Nor can they _____, for they are equal to the _____ and are _____ of God, being the sons of the _____.

Comments or questions? Call James Potter at 419-393-4775 or e-mail at jsp1941@yahoo.com also the editor/proofreader can be reached at 419-399-5022. Jesus loves you and so does the church of Christ.

Answers to today's questions:

1. Sadducees;
2. Deny resurrection;
3. Moses;
4. A brother;
5. No;
6. 7;
7. No;
8. They would marry;
9. No;
10. Die, angels, sons, resurrection.

Now, let's see some truths in this study. Who are the Sadducees? This party derived their name from Sadduc, the founder of this group. They were irreligious, sensual and skeptical. They were materialists, and denied "angels, spirits, and the resurrection." In these verses, the Sadducees have come up with a fictitious case that they suppose will make the doctrine of a resurrection ridiculous. In Matthew 22:29, Jesus answered and said unto them (Sadducees), you are mistaken, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. The resurrection order cannot be assumed to follow earthly lines. In the new age there will be no marriage, no procreation and

no death. The song of the resurrection, are those who have obeyed the Gospel message and are righteous. Looking back at Matthew 22:29, Jesus said something to the Sadducees that all of us should take heed to, you are mistaken not knowing the scriptures.

Loved ones, there are so much false teaching about, church, baptism, being a member of the church, salvation, just who are we to believe? Jesus, just as He told the Sadducees, those who are teaching falsely about the Lord and His church will be cast into Hell at the judgment. Take heed, as I will be, and as I and the editor will always be giving truth from the Bible.

Ol' Baldy says bye for now, but continue to study the New Testament for truth. Luv Ya!

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Luke 21:1 - Who did Jesus see putting money into the treasury?

2. Luke 21:1 - What was the treasury used for?

3. Luke 21:2 - Who did Jesus see putting two mites into the treasury?

4. Luke 21:3 - How much did the poor widow put in?

5. Luke 21:4 - How did the rich give?

6. Luke 21:4 - How much had the widow woman giving?

7. Thought Question: Which one gave with a willing and loving heart?

8. Luke 21:5 - What were some speaking of?

9. Luke 21:5 - How was the temple described?

10. Luke 21:5 - What is Jesus telling the disciples with the words "as for these things which you see?"

Loved ones, I am available for questions, comments and to help or assist you in some way, just call 419-393-4775 or e-mail jsp1941@yahoo.com. Jesus loves you and so does the church of Christ.

Answer to today's questions:

1. Rich;
2. It is trumpet shaped receptacles for gifts. Stood in the court of the women in the temple. There were thirteen in all. Nine chests were for the appointed temple tribute and for the sacrifice-tribute; this was money gifts, instead of the sacrifices. Four of the chests were for freewill offerings, for wood, incense, temple decorations and burnt offering;
3. A poor widow;
4. She put in more than all;
5. Out of their abundance;
6. In her poverty she put in all of her livelihood;
7. The widow woman;
8. Spoke of the temple;
9. Adorned means decorated with beautiful stones and donations;
10. Jesus was telling the disciples the temple would be destroyed.

Now, some truths from this study. We see in the NKJV version that Jesus was observing those who were putting money in the treasury. As Jesus observed the people, the rich gave and the widow gave. In noticing how each gave, the widow gave all she had to live on, in contrast to what the rich gave. In noticing how each gave all she had to live on, in contrast to what the rich gave. In this study Jesus is admiring generous and sacrificial giving. The widow woman's small gift was a sacrifice but she gave it willingly. 2 Corinthians 9:7, "So, let each one give

as he purposes in his heart, not 'grudgingly, or of necessity; For God loves a cheerful giver. Luke 21:5-7 they are talking about the temple and verse 7 the disciples ask two questions and we will look at this the next lesson.

"Ol' Baldy" says bye for now and please continue to pray, read and study the New Testament. Luv Ya!



ANTWERP FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS JOURNEY OFF THE MAP VBS

Antwerp First Baptist will have their VBS August 3-7 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Theme this year is "Journey Off The Map", where participants learn to walk God's way, based on Isaiah 30:21. Each night there will be music, Scripture, games and crafts (let's not forget the snacks!) as kids trust The Guide to show the way and help keep followers on track. VBS is for all pre-school through 6th grade kids.

On Monday, August 3, bring children early to register them for the week, beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be a program on Friday, August 7, at 7:00 p.m. to display all they learned!

For questions or more information, call Sandi at 419-769-2174.



HEARTS & HANDS COLLECTING & REGISTERING FOR ANTWERP SCHOOL SUPPLY PROJECT

Ball games are winding down, the cicadas have begun to buzz, and school supplies have been put upon the shelves at most of your big box stores (and here at Antwerp's Dollar General!). Hearts & Hands is actively gearing up to supply Antwerp school children with

their necessary supplies through Being God's Hands: The School Supply Project. Donation boxes have been set up at Dollar General for you to put any donations collected for this worthy cause. The Antwerp School Supply giveaway is a project coordinated by Hearts & Hands (A not for profit community service group).

This also means it is time to think about signing your child up for Being God's Hands: The School Supply Project. The giveaway is set to take place on Sunday, August 16th from 12:00-4:00 p.m. at the Riverside Family Center, just north of the Maumee River on SR 49 and Rd. 192. This year a limited amount of free hair cuts will be available again. Haircuts are first come first served!

Those signed up for supplies may pick up their supplies on this day! If you have someone who would benefit from receiving supplies, be sure to sign them up ASAP! You can sign up by privately messaging on the Hearts & Hands page on Facebook or contact Courtney Shull, Hearts & Hands Coordinator, 419-506-1360, courtneyshull@gmail.com or Angel Steiner, School Supply Project Coordinator, 419-258-0656, theangel_mom@yahoo.com.

VAN WERT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTS FINAL FOUNTAIN PARK SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

The final installment of the Fountain Park Summer Music Series is set to take place on August 7th. This concert will theme, Your Generation in Concert featuring Fifty Amp Fuse at 7:00 p.m.

Fifty Amp Fuse is a live multimedia spectacular celebrating six decades of American and British pop/rock hits. The group is an international favorite for the celebrity set, corporations, festivals, casinos and private events. Led by a nine-piece band, Your Generation in Concert™ transports the audience on a musical journey through the soundtrack of their lives. Come join them as they rock the World. Your Generation in Concert™ is the world's greatest tribute show. Celebrate the end of another wonderful summer of music in Van Wert's Fountain Park with the "World's Greatest Cover Band- Fifty Amp Fuse!"

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A JOB WELL DONE

I am grateful to the Woodburn Community Historical Society for the new book in honor of the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the city of Woodburn. The book title, "Keeping our History Alive," is filled with many memories for us older folks and a lot of new information for the younger folks. Once I started reading it, I could not put it down.

A word of appreciation is due to the Historical Society's President, Gloria Gerig, and her crew for organizing all of the information they received, and also to the West Bend Printing for the layout and printing of this publication with a limited amount of time. My compliments to everyone involved!

—Joan Wells

HOW WE TEACH VIOLENCE TO CHILDREN

As thoughtful, caring parents, we would never want to teach our kids that violence is the answer to any or every problem. We want our children to learn to get along with others, share, be kind, say "excuse me," and try their best at an empathetic, "I'm sorry."

I thought I was attuned to the violence that surrounds us in American culture. However, a trip to our local department store with my kids yesterday was shocking. We stepped into the toy aisles. Here is a quick run-down of the toys and action figures, in order...

- Batman
• Power Rangers
• Star Wars
• Elite Force - modern

- Army/military toys
• Professional Wrestling
Next aisle:
• more Power Rangers
• Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
• Spider-Man
• Super Hero Smashers
• Marvel Comics Characters - Hulk, Avengers, Captain America, etc.
• Transformers
End cap:
• Horror Series - Michael Meyers action figure from Halloween movies and Eric Draven from the Crow
• Game of Thrones
• Magic
• HALO
Next Aisle:
• Super Hero Adventures

these are tiny cute versions of Spider-Man, Batman, Wonder Woman and Hulk for younger kids

Notice a pattern here? Every toy, without exception, uses violence and weapons to cause pain and/or death as their solution to problems. Then, with the Horror Series, we are supposed to play Serial Killer? Seriously?

What message does this send our children? Violence is heroic. Violence is the solution to all problems. Violence is a super power.

We are aghast and outraged when we see ISIS beheading a person on the nightly news, yet our children play out the same gruesome scenarios with the toys we get them for their birthday, the movies we take them to see, the comic books we buy for them, the shows they watch on TV, and the video games we buy for them.

What is a solution for this? Do I want a Selma action figure series at Target? Perhaps a Gandhi bobble-head? (Yes, that one exists...)

While that would be nice, the solution that I seek is to empower parents to take a stand for your values. Take a stand for peace-making. Take a stand for selfless service to others, out of compassion and empathy. Your children are looking to you to define how to interact with the world. Talk with them about your values, especially at Target, and especially in the toy aisle. How do you solve problems? Connect it to your faith or your belief system. What does it mean to you to be a Christian? A Muslim? A Unitarian Universalist? A Humanitarian? Who are the super heroes in your life and why?

Suddenly, those plastic "super heroes" and weapons seem pretty silly and your family's connections, values and relationships have grown much deeper. Stand strong. Put peace into their hands. Leave the violence on the shelf.

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SAVING THE IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL

By: Mel Gurtov

A US-Iran agreement on Iran's nuclear program and US sanctions appears to be slowly nearing completion. President Obama wants to add to his legacy of engaging adversaries with an agreement that would at least significantly delay Iran's ability to produce nuclear weapons. The Ayatollah Khomeini wants to end all US sanctions immediately in return for foregoing the nuclear option. The fine print on issues such as centrifuges, international inspections, and sanctions relief is all-important. Both leaders want a final agreement that will look like a victory, since both must deal with powerful domestic resistance—people who are deeply mistrustful of the other side and, in some cases, have personal stakes in seeing that a deal never sees the light of day.

In the US, Obama faces criticism of his Iran policy not only from the usual conservative quarters but also from an ad hoc group of nineteen former officials and outside experts. Meeting under the auspices of the conservative Washington Institute for Near East Policy, the group wrote an open letter to the president on June 24 that argued for tougher terms of a nuclear agreement with Iran—more intrusive inspections of and data gathering from Iran's military and civilian facilities, stronger controls on Iran's enrichment capacity, and sanctions that should remain in place until Iran's compliance is assured. And if Iran does not comply? "Precisely because Iran will be left as a nuclear threshold state (and has clearly preserved the option of becoming a nuclear weapon state), the United States must go on record now that it is committed to using all means necessary, including military force, to prevent this."

(A pause to identify these 19 people, all men: seven belong to the Washington Institute itself, and five served under George W. Bush. Among the familiar names are David Petraeus, former general and CIA director; former Senator Joe Lieberman; former Bush national security adviser Stephen Hadley; and Harvard professor Graham Allison. I could not identify a single person who is a recognized advocate of US-Iran engagement.)

The authors of this "bi-partisan" letter purport to be opposed to hardliners who want no nuclear deal whatever. This is misleading: in fact, the writers subscribe to the bad-faith model of international politics. They assume Iran will not accept the terms they specify or, if they do, will cheat. So their advice is really no different from the hardliners', just packaged differently, and the result of following it will, I believe, be the same: a deal breaker and renewed US-Iran confrontation with the prospect of war.

I say this for two reasons. First, the intrusive inspections and withholding of any immediate sanctions relief for Iran are conditions that the ayatollah has publicly and firmly rejected. Second, the letter writers urge additional steps (which most major news sources failed to

mention) to check Iran's activities in Yemen, Iraq, and Syria in coordination with Israel, Turkey, and Saudi Arabia. These steps will surely weaken Iran's incentive to comply with the nuclear agreement, accelerate still deeper US military involvement throughout the Middle East, embolden the Israeli right wing's policies in the Occupied Territories, and support Turkey's efforts to contain the Kurds, one of the few effective forces fighting ISIS.

Two questions are uppermost: Are we better off with a nuclear deal that has shortcomings or no deal at all? And, should worst-case thinking apply to presuming that Iran will cheat while the agreement is in force and will pursue nuclear weapons once it lapses?

As to the first question, the history of arms control strongly suggests that perfection is out of reach. Agreements to reduce or eliminate arms, whether nuclear or conventional, are not the same as legal contracts enforceable in court. The devil is in the details, and the wiggle room is invariably substantial. That said, the opportunity for both the US and Iran to significantly delay, if not end, Iran's nuclear-weapon potential in exchange for an end to American (and perhaps later, UN) sanctions, immediately or in stages, is far more attractive than a confrontation that might lead to war. Right-wing hawks provide the best reason for reaching an imperfect deal: They are ready to bomb Iran's nuclear sites, with Israel's help, and bring on a Middle East catastrophe. This must not happen.

On the second question, the letter writers argue that the agreement as currently composed does not prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons once the 10-15 year period lapses. Omitted from this otherwise correct statement is the salience of what happens in US-Iran relations during those 10-15 years. If relations move toward normalization in that time—economic ties are restored, cooperation on common regional issues such as ISIS is achieved, quiet diplomacy leads to the two countries'

embassies reopening—Iran would have no incentive to go nuclear and every incentive for deeper engagement. Of course if relations do not improve because of cheating or continued friction on one or another Middle East issue, we will be back to square one and a tense situation similar to that between the US and North Korea. That's the challenge, and the proper context for evaluation.

Why presume the worst, as critics of the nuclear agreement constantly do? The nuclear agreement should be thought of as an

opening wedge to improved relations, not a warning to Iran to "comply or die." Why not consider the agreement the foundation of trust building? Why not create a positive road map for normalizing US-Iran relations? US diplomacy should operate on a good-faith model, at least until there is reason to conclude otherwise.

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Broughton: Kohart's Surplus & Salvage
Bryan: Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center
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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan
 This is the first part of September and the war is going good for the allies. The Germans are falling back on all fronts. Col. Bainbridge drove in last night and brought us a new problem. General Patton called him and wants us to eliminate some 88mm guns that are holding up his columns. There is a place east of Le Mans called the Mowhat-ten Depression, actually it is a valley about 6 miles long and 4 miles wide. But, the hill-sides are loading with 88mm cannons and they are controlling both highways that are on the valley floor. They are very well dug in and protected from ground fire, but maybe we can get them with our rockets.

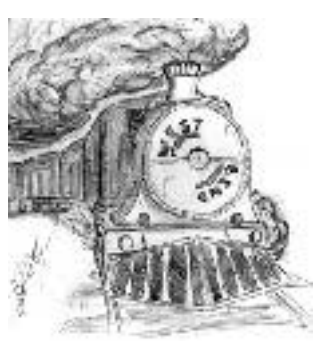
We found the place because our tanks and half-tracks were sitting at the highway at the opening of the highway, if they had entered the valley, they would have been like sitting ducks. We had two planes on each side of the valley, but our targets on this first pass were the anti-aircraft units. We wanted to get them out of the way first, so we used our machine guns all we could and we saved our rockets for the big guns.

The anti-aircraft guns were more important than the big guns because they were more important to us. We had two planes on each side and we flew down along the high ground and shot up everything we saw. When we reached the end of the valley, we made a big, sweeping curve and we turned going the other way on the other side. The other planes did the same thing. We done a pretty good job of eliminating the anti-aircraft fixtures.

We cut our speed down a little and we were flying right close to the ground over the valley floor, and right into cannon positions on the hill-sides. I lined up my sights on an 88mm outfit and touched off a rocket. Then, reached over the hill, I could see parts of the cannon flying in all directions. I made a big turn

and came in low and found a target on the other side of the valley. I touched off two rockets, as there were some other equipment besides the cannon there. The other pilots done about the same thing, and in just a few minutes, we eliminated the problem that was holding up General Patton's armored force.

As we left the valley, we flew over Patton's tanks and we did a barrel-roll to show them the way was clear to advance. We flew on back to our Lopshire Airbase at Brighton here in England for the last time.
 See ya!



PAULDING COUNTY

By: Stan Jordan
 This following information was given to me by Kenny Hahn.
 PAULDING COUNTY was formed from old Indian Territory, April 1, 1820. It was named from John PAULDING, a native of Peekskill, NY, and one of the three militia men who captured Major ANDRE in the war of the Revolution; he died in 1818. The surface is level and the county covered by the Black Swamp.

This county is all within the Black Swamp tract and is almost everywhere to the eye a dead level. The country roads having no obstacles to surmount are laid out through the woods with which the county is mostly covered, straight as an arrow, and the traveller over them can see immense distances on almost any road over which he may be passing. This with the wilderness aspect of the country strikes one with peculiar emotions.

As an illustration of the general water-like flatness of the Black Swamp region, one on a clear night can stand near the depot in Defiance and see the head-light of the locomotive just after it emerges from the curve and is coming East and the west end of the straight line which is the water tank, two and-a-half miles west of Antwerp and twenty-three miles away. Other places in the country

have longer stretches of railroad line; but inequalities of grade prevent such a long vision.

The county has no basins; every acre is drainable. There is no boggy or swampy land. Where drained it is solid and every acre can be drained and cultivated. They are beginning to tile extensively and many tile factories are scattered over the county; the tiles varying from two-and-a-half to ten inches.

The county is being ditched extensively under the State statues. An engineer appointed by the County Commissioners lays out the ditches and dictates the dimensions. They vary from three to six feet deep and from seven to ten feet wide at bottom. These ditches are in the swales or the lowest places, often not discernible to the eye and which the engineer's level alone can't detect. Thousands of acres are now drained and in time the entire county will be so, when it will be one of the most level fertile tracts anywhere, producing enormous crops, especially grass.

Two great streams run through the county, the Maumee and Auglaize, which unite at Defiance and form what is termed on ancient maps "The Miami of the Lakes." The Maumee runs very crooked, northeast through the northwest corner townships, Carryall and Crane.

In the narrow strip north of the Maumee, south of the Defiance County line, the streams empty into the Maumee. In this tract are Fountain Wells or Natural Springs, which by piping rise two or three feet above the surface. South of the river are no fountains anywhere.

South of the Maumee all the streams run into the Auglaize. The first of these is "Six-Mile Creek," which runs the entire width of the county and is so-called because it empties into the Auglaize six miles from its mouth. On it is the "Six Miles Reservoir," containing four and one-third square miles for the Maumee and Wabash canal, but it is now abandoned. Six Mile runs from one to three miles from the Maumee and parallel to it. The next considerable stream is "Crooked Creek," called by the Indians Flat Rock, because the bed is a flat limestone for nearly a mile from its mouth. The streams show the county to be a plain, sloping towards the northeast, the highest parts being in the southwest.

SOME ACTION AROUND THE TRAIN SITE, PT. 2

By: Stan Jordan
 This information was given to me by Judy Jordan Copsey. It is a court document from 1945, about an atrocity on the prisoners' war train.

For the War Crimes Office Judge Advocate General's Department—War Department United States of America * In the matter of the killing of Pvt. Cyril K. DeVay *Perpetuation of Testimony of Bramwell G. Phillips, Sergeant, 12150041. Taken at: Headquarters, Fort Benning, Georgia. Date: 23, July 1945 In the Presence of: John

Meriwether, Captain, CMP, 0-162729, Chief, Intelligence Branch, Security and Intelligence Division.

Questions by: Captain John B. Meriwether

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

A. Bramwell G. Phillips, Sergeant, 12150041, 126 South Main Street, South Norwalk, Conn.

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

A. Yes Sir. I returned to this country on April 9th, 1945.

Q. Were you a prisoner of war?

A. Yes

Q. At what placed were you held and state the approximate dates?

A. I was taken prisoner on June 11th, 1944 in the vicinity of Rauville in Normandy, France. They took us to a little town called Brickerback, where we stayed about four days. From there we were taken to a monastery, eight miles from St. Lo, which was called Starvation Hill. We were held here for about ten days. We went from there to Rennes, where we spent about nine days. On July 5, 1944, we were put in box cars and arrived at Chalone on the 28th. From there, we went to Limberg, Germany, and spent approximately twelve days. From Limberg, we went to prisoner of war camp Stalag 3-C at Krustrin, Germany. We arrived there on 12th of September and were liberated on January 31st, 1945 by the Russians.

Q. Did you witness or have you been told of any atrocities or mistreatment of American citizens at any time?

A. Yes.

Q. Are you familiar with the circumstances of an American soldier who was killed by a German when the American prisoners were enroute from the prisoner of war camp at Rennes, France, to Limberg, Germany?

A. Yes, Sir.

Q. State what you know of your own knowledge about this incident.

A. Nothing, Sir.

Q. State what was told you and who told you.

A. I was told about this incident by Pvt. Williams R. Tumlin (ASN 14139805), 1st Academic Company, The Parachute School, Ft. Benning, who witnessed the incident. I met Pvt. Tumlin in September and it had occurred prior to the time that I ran into him. We were at Stalag 12-A at Limberg, Germany, together when he related the incident to me. It seems that while we were being moved in box cars from the prisoner of war camp at Rennes, France, to Limberg, American Planes strafed the train, causing the prisoners to leave the cars and scatter into the bushes at the side of the road. This particular prisoner, Pvt. Cyril K. DeVay, moved out into the bushes a little further than the other prisoners. The German guards brought him back, and a German Major ordered one of the German privates to shoot him. This private refused to do so, and the Major ordered another German to shoot DeVay and the other German private both. DeVay saw what was happening, so he made an attempt to grab the German's gun and while struggling with him, another German gave him a butt stroke. They shot DeVay immediately afterwards.

TEACHERS HONORED AT RECENT PCRTA MEETING

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association recently honored teachers who retired in 2015 with 25 or more years of service to the students of Paulding County. At the July 13 meeting eight educators were recognized. Each of the four teachers in attendance was given a certificate. The names of all those recognized will be added to a plaque which hangs in a front room of the Paulding County Historical building. The committee members that organized the program were Pam Young, chairperson, Karen Walker, and Ron Grabianowski.

Bruce Hodges, District II Director, spoke about the May 19, 2015, Executive Board meeting of the Ohio Retired Teachers Association. He also discussed concerns about retirement benefits in the future.

DRAWINGS TO BE HELD FOR CONTROLLED WATERFOWL HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

Waterfowl hunters are invited to participate in special drawings for controlled hunting opportunities, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

The drawing dates and times are as follows:

- Magee Marsh Wildlife Area Early Teal and Goose Hunt - A drawing will be held at the Magee Marsh on Wednesday, August 12 at 6:30 p.m. Registration is from 5:00-6:20 p.m. at the Magee Marsh Wildlife Area beach parking lot, 13229 W. State Route 2, Oak Harbor.
- Pipe Creek Wildlife Area Waterfowl Hunts - A drawing will be held at Osborn Park on Thursday, August 20 at 6:30 p.m. Registration is from 5:00-6:20 p.m. at Osborn Park, 3910 Perkins Ave., Huron.
- East Sandusky Bay Metro Park Waterfowl Hunts - A drawing will be held at Osborn Park on Thursday, August 20 at 6:30 p.m. Registration is from 5:00-6:20 p.m. at Osborn Park, 3910 Perkins Ave., Huron.

Adult participants are required to present their current or previous year's Ohio Wetland Stamp or Ohio Hunting License. Youth Hunters are required to bring their 2014 or 2015 Ohio Youth Hunting License to be eligible to participate in the drawings.

For more information on Ohio's wildlife resources, call 1-800-WILDLIFE or visit wildohio.gov.

LOTTERY UNDERWAY FOR PICKEREL CREEK'S EARLY TEAL AND GOOSE HUNTS

Hunters interested in hunting Pickerel Creek Wildlife Area on the opening day of teal season or Labor Day are encouraged to enter a lottery, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Deadline for submitting a lottery entry is August 1.

Both adults and youth can apply for the adult morning hunts. Only youth (17 and younger) can apply for the youth afternoon hunts. Zones and hunt days will be assigned in the order they are drawn. Successful applicants will receive a permit and special instructions in the mail. Permits are not transferable. Successful applicants may bring up to two guests to hunt with them. Both teal and Canada geese may be hunted.

To apply, applicants must submit a 4x6 inch postcard listing their name, address, Customer ID number and phone number. Only one postcard per applicant is allowed and no duplicates may be submitted. Postcards should be sent to: ODNR Division of Wildlife District Two, 952 Lima Avenue, Findlay, Ohio 45840. Postcards need to be labeled at the top for the particular hunt in which the hunter is applying (Adult Teal; Youth Teal).

The ODNR Division of Wildlife's Pickerel Creek Wildlife Area is located in Sandusky County off State Route 6, between Fremont and Sandusky.

For more information on Ohio's wildlife resources, call 1-800-WILDLIFE or visit wildohio.gov.

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at ohiodnr.gov.

ACPL GENEALOGY CENTER RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center has been featured by two national magazines in recent days. Family Tree Magazine has recognized the Genealogy Center Website, <http://www.genealogycenter.org/> as one of the best virtual libraries for genealogists.

<http://familytreemagazine.com/article/best-virtual-library-websites-2015>

Your Genealogy Today magazine has an article "Research Trip 101," by Carol Richey which features some of The Genealogy Center staff and their ideas for making a successful visit in search of family history information at the Allen County Public Library.

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OHIO CITY'S ARTS IN THE PARK ADDED WEEKEND



This Friday Ohio City's "Arts in the Park" is having a special performance for the added weekend in July!! The village is proud to present Ryan Fox and Friends: 1st set: Ryan Fox and Aaron Cooper. The 2nd set will be "Buckeye Drive" (Kris Markley, Jesse Miller, and Derek Cramer), and to end the night "Three on the Tree" (Aaron Cooper, Kris Markley, Ryan Fox, Brian Bowers, Jesse Miller, and Derek Cramer). The show will

start at 7:00 p.m. All of the performers are locals and have performed in several bands in the past, most noted is the band "Vinal Groove" were Ryan Fox, Brian Bowers, and Aaron Cooper got their start. Friday's event will be filled with music influenced by the Allman Brothers, Grateful Dead, Phish, Widespread Panic, Ekoostik Hookah, and so much more. "Arts in the Park" is a community concert series

in the village of Ohio City that takes place very second Friday of each month from May-September. Performers for August are the Van Wert Jazz and for September Jarod Delgado. There is no cost to the public, although donations are welcomed. There will be light food and drinks available for the evening. Bring your chairs, blankets, and cooler and come on out and enjoy an evening of great music and friends.

HELP ANTWERP EARN FUNDS!

The Village of Antwerp had their monthly meeting on Monday, July 20. The meeting gave an opportunity for residents to help the town get money for performing major work on the sewer system.

The recent flooding has caused many issues for residents of the village of Antwerp. Antwerp, along with Paulding County and much of the region, has suffered from flooding due to the heavy rains throughout the last three months. The water has caused damage in people's homes and yards. Few homeowners were exempt because the rain fell at such high rates the storm sewers cannot keep up. One possible solution mentioned was getting

an easement from property owners to put in more storm sewers to move higher volumes of water to the river.

One concern brought up is with the roads being paved over older layers of asphalt and is now up to 6 inches thick and water is flowing back in to yards and homes instead of along the road to proper drainage. New houses built along Buffalo Street with dirt being pushed higher has also caused flooding for older homes.

Cindy Westfall and Richard Heyman from Poggemeyer Design Group visited in to the meeting explaining the improvements for the waste water collection needed for the village. Cindy stated this report is required by law now and no longer optional even though it is nice to have even

when it was non-mandatory. Richard stated, "The pump stations will need replaced soon. The first cost \$308,000 and the second is \$202,000 to be replaced by submersible pumps."

Another considering for the village is phosphorus removal. This should help stop the algae growth that Lake Erie had such a problem with last year. They can add a chemical that will help neutralize this issue. A new grinder for sewage will cost \$37500. All together \$654,000 will be the total project cost to the Village of Antwerp with Poggemeyer handling the engineering and contract work.

State Capital Improvement Funds and USDA Rural Dev. loans will help qualify the village for zero to low interest loans that it otherwise would not receive because of the lower average income level of the village.

The CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) is another state program that is available for the village. This is a grant program not a loan for a significant portion of the funding. The town can qualify for the money by having an income survey filled out by residents. The requirement must have Antwerp residents at 44% of Low to Moderate Income (LMI) to qualify for the "Free" money. In the 2010 census, 51% of residents met LMI. The village will pay \$4025 for the Poggemeyer

Engineering to randomly distribute surveys to citizens and at least 300 must be returned for requirements.

The survey will be easy to fill out with no financial information being tied to personal information. Fill it out with your address and you will help the village keep water rates lower.

A little over \$3 per month would increase to pay off the loan over a 20 year period. Or a \$1.94 per month over a 30 year period a 1.49 per month increase would be added for a no interest loan. The key according to Heyman is that several of Antwerp current debts will be retired between the years of 2016-2022. So it would be easier for the village to acquire a new debt burden.

If all goes as planned the first payment wouldn't be due until February 2018 if the report proceeds as planned. There must be a public meeting before the loans can be approved.

One advantage of the survey will be the grants will be good for three years and Antwerp can reapply each year for the same amount. If all goes as planned a reduction of \$6 per bill of the CDGB funding with equals a third of the project if not it will be \$10 more per quarter than currently billed.

George Clemens said there were 121 calls service for the police department and 45 offenses were filed for the mayors court.

Antwerp is selling two lots on on the corner Oswald St in an upcoming bid.

\$9000 was another expenditure to enter into contract with Poggemeyer for the next phase of the storm water improvements.

The Monroe St. Railroad crossing will be completely repaired by joint effort between Mercer Landmark, the railroad company, and the village. The price is \$4000 for Antwerp's portion.

The Antwerp Girls Volleyball team painted hydrants on Main Street and several other locations in town and were congratulated. The paint and supplies were provided by the village. A \$200 donation to the volleyball team was made from the general fund.

The mayor's court collected \$6871.67 and paid \$1612.5 to the state. \$64.50 goes to the treatment fund

Mayor Tom VanVlerah will host another open forum night July 27, 6:00-7:30 p.m. and now passed by the time this is printed.

The light at Monroe St./Archer Drive (Pitstop Marathon) will be turned off but will stay in place and only used for emergencies.

THE ENGAGEMENT CRITICS

By: Mel Gurtov

One of the predictable outcomes of any US effort to reset relations with an adversary is that allies start whining about their vulnerability and demanding some sort of compensation for it. Thus, no sooner was the nuclear deal with Iran concluded than the Israelis, Saudis, and other Middle East partners criticize it as representing abandonment and emboldening Iran to become a stronger meddler in neighbors' affairs. All sorts of dire predictions about horrendous consequences are already on record, clearly intended to influence the Obama administration to

give these folks something for their pain—like money, arms (both of which they get in abundance), and especially new commitments.

When such demands are made, moreover, US allies know full well that they can count on support from hawks in Congress and think tanks who have been issuing warnings for many months about the nuclear deal. These are people who feast on threats. Now they are in full throttle, talking as though engaging Iran amounts to something just short of treason. The Middle East will come tumbling down: Iran's Shiia allies will make trouble in the Occupied Territories, Yemen, and elsewhere; Syria will go down the drain; new turmoil will mark Iraq and Afghanistan. And of course in the end, the predictions insist, Iran will develop nuclear weapons, compelling an Israeli response.

The burden will be on Obama to resist these pressures. He knew from the outset of negotiations with Iran that reaching an agreement that had the ayatollah's blessing was only half the battle, that the other half was at home and with Iran's enemies in the Middle East. One well informed analyst with the Brookings Institution in Washington argues that the Saudis and their friends will be especially insistent that the US "demonstrate its readiness to push back against Iran's expansionism around the region. And the primary arena in which the Arab states wish to see that from the United States is in Syria." But as this analyst goes on to say, Syria "is the one [place] where the current

US president is least likely to undertake any more assertive action to counter Iran." Let's hope she's right.

Critics of engaging Iran, and even supporters such as the analyst just quoted, make the common and dangerous error of putting their entire focus on Iran's capacity for troublemaking. This, despite all the evidence that Israel and Saudi Arabia, among other US partners, are also guilty of troublemaking—and that Israel has never been pushed to open to inspection, much less reduce, its nuclear arsenal. Nor have the Sunni Arab partners, all autocracies, been pressed by the US to reform their political systems so as to be able to accommodate the many sources of inequity, which the Arab Spring evidently did not accomplish. Haven't they ever heard of burden sharing? Failing to confront these realities leaves the US precisely where it is now: having to prove its "resolve" and its "leadership" by deepening its already steep, multi-front military involvement in the Middle East.

The administration should use the nuclear agreement as the opening wedge in a broader policy shift that seeks normalization of relations with Iran. Let Netanyahu and the Saudi princes rant; the US aim should be peace, security, and social justice for the peoples of the region, not satisfaction of other states' destructive ambitions.

Mel Gurtov, syndicated by PeaceVoice, is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Portland State University, Editor-in-Chief of Asian Perspective, and blogs at In the Human Interest.

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Saturday, August 1

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- Watermelon
- Musk Melon
- Pie

FIREWORKS

Celebrate Freedom at Harlan Days by coming out to see fireworks on Thursday, July 30 9:30 pm

BIG BOYS TOYS CAR SHOW STEAMY SUCCESS!



The Big Boys Toys Car Show took place on Saturday, July 25 in downtown Antwerp. Cars from all over the area were brought in for display. Some of the vehicles were old and others not so much, namely the Tesla brought in by Doug and Janice Ort of New Haven.

The sun was bright, the air was dry and the cars of the Big Boy\$ Toy\$ Car Show were proudly on display down South Main Street in downtown Antwerp on Saturday, July 25. Cars from all over the area were brought in for car lovers to admire. Some of the vehicles were

older and while others were newer. A very interesting addition to this year's group was the Tesla brought in by Doug and Janice Ort of New Haven. The Tesla is a totally electric car. Many show-goers found this to be an intriguing end cap of this year's Show.

JPHS SPONSORS FRANKENMUTH DAY TRIP

If you've never been to Frankenmuth or it has been awhile and you'd like to go back, now is your chance! The John Paulding Historical Society will be hosting a bus trip to Frankenmuth, MI on Saturday, August 29, 2015. The bus will depart the museum parking lot at 7:00 a.m. and will return at approximately 10:30 p.m. Sue Beck will be the escort for the trip. This is a fundraising event for the JPHS museum and benefit the museum's building expansion fund. There will be

raffle items and door prizes on the way. In addition, there will be a current movie played for the ride home.

The morning will start with a breakfast stop at McDonald's on the way. You can get a full breakfast or just a cup of coffee. There will be a step-on guide to greet us and expound on the history of Frankenmuth and the many unique shops and attractions. There is even a river boat cruise to take if you like! All of these extra attractions will be at your own expense. The group will be stopping at Bronner's Christmas Wonderland and tentatively the

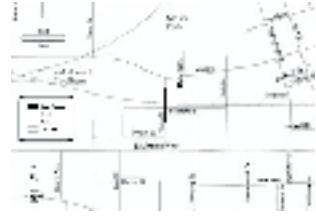
St. Lorenz Lutheran Church which has a history that dates back to 1845.

For more information and to reserve your seat, contact Sue Beck at 419-399-3806 or Kim Sutton at 419-399-2388.

RAILROAD CROSSING CLOSING NOTICE FOR CITY OF NEW HAVEN

State Street in New Haven will be closed at the railroad crossing for Norfolk and Southern rail maintenance/replacement. This closure is scheduled to begin Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. and will end Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

No detour will be provided



ODOT CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE PROJECTS WEEK OF JULY 27, 2015

Defiance County:

Ohio 18 from the Indiana state line to the Ohio 15/Ohio 18 split will be restricted to one lane for pavement repairs. Work is being done by the Defiance County ODOT maintenance garage.

Ohio 12 at the intersection of Ohio 2/Ohio 249 will be restricted to one lane for pavement repairs. Work is being done by the Defiance County ODOT maintenance garage.

Ohio 2/18/49 in the village of Hicksville is restricted for

a pavement repair and resurfacing project. Work will take place on Ohio 2 from its junction with Ohio 49 at the south edge of town to the south just outside of the village limits. On Ohio 49 work will occur from inside the village to the Williams County line, and on Ohio 18 from within the village to just outside the village limits. Work is being performed by Brooks Construction, Fort Wayne, IN.

Paulding County:

U.S. 127 north of Paulding just south of the U.S. 127/U.S. 24 intersection will be restricted to one lane for drainage work. Work is being done by the Paulding County ODOT maintenance garage.

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

Van Wert County:

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

Ohio 697 west of Middle Point Wetzel Road, approximately five miles west of the city of Delphos, which closed June 8 will remain closed through the end of July to replace the bridge over the

Auglaize River. Traffic detoured onto Ohio 116 to Ohio 81 to Ohio 66 back onto Ohio 697. Work is being done by Brumbaugh Construction, Inc., Arcanum.

ROAD SENSOR REPAIR SCHEDULED FOR S.R. 930/ COLISEUM BOULEVARD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces that temporary lane restrictions on S.R. 930/ Coliseum Boulevard, three miles west of I-469 in New Haven, are scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, July 29. The restrictions are needed to facilitate the repair and replacement of roadway sensors.

Motorists will first see temporary restrictions in the two eastbound lanes from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Work will then switch to the westbound right lane from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The day-long project is expected to conclude by Wednesday evening.

INDOT reminds drivers to use caution and consider worker safety when driving through an active construction zone.

ADDED RAMP LANE PROJECT ON I-69 AT EXIT 315 SCHEDULED TO BEGIN WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces that the added ramp lane project on northbound I-69 at exit 315 to eastbound I-469 is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 29, weather permitting. To facilitate the added ramp lane, contractors will close the right shoulder of the northbound I-69 ramp to I-469.

Additionally, both the northbound and southbound I-69 ramps to I-469 at exit 315 will be restricted to 11-foot wide lanes throughout the project.

The speed limit in the construction zone is 50 mph when flashing and will be enforced. INDOT reminds drivers to use caution and consider worker safety when driving through an active work zone.

If possible, motorists may wish to seek alternate routes. The work is expected to be completed by late September, weather permitting.

This project was awarded to Brooks Construction Company for \$554,000.

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SINGER/SONGWRITER HANNAH BECK WINS NATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITION, RELEASES NEW ALBUM



What's written on you? That was a question Northwest Ohio singer/songwriter, Hannah Beck, asked judges, attendees, fans, and campers during her Music Tournament performance at the 2015 Creation Sunshine Festival in Somerset, WI, July 18.

It's the same question that sparked the inspiration for Beck's title track for her latest album, which was released nationally July 14.

Hannah's song, "Written On You" plus the others in

her 25 minute set the morning of July 18, were the necessary keys to claim her the winner of the 2015 Sonshine Music Festival tournament, competing against unsigned artists from all across the United States. Beck's win secured her a performance slot on the main stage later that day, and now places her in the running to be awarded prime stage opportunities at 28 Christian Music Festivals in 2016.

This was not Beck's first opportunity on the national

concert scene. The Sonshine event comes just one week after singing at Creation Ichthus, held in Lexington, KY. Beck has also competed in past music tournaments in Michigan, Ohio, and Missouri. She is booked regularly in the northwest Ohio region and also tours throughout the country. But the Sonshine Festival event was Beck's first performance featuring 4 of the songs on her brand new album.

The 6 track EP, *Written On You*, was recorded in Studio City, CA, produced by Los Angeles/Nashville based producer and Dove award winning singer, Nathan Walters. *Written On You* is Beck's third studio album, but her first working with Walters. The result is a dramatic sound with edgy vocals, setting new standards for Christian and crossover music. The 6 songs were chosen from more than 20 that Beck has penned in the last three years.

Local music fans will have the opportunity to hear Beck sing live at the upcoming **Waynestock Music Festival in St. Marys, OH, August 22**. Meanwhile, Hannah Beck's new album is available on Spotify, iTunes, and other online market locations, or for physical copies, purchase at hannahbeckmusic.com. See Hannah's Sonshine Festival performance by visiting Hannah Beck on youtube.

For more information about Singer/Songwriter Hannah Beck or to book an event in your area, email booking@hannahbeckmusic.com or visit hannahbeckmusic.com.

SEVEN DECADES IS ENOUGH

By: Tom H. Hastings

We are today 70 years out from the fateful interregnum period between the world's first atomic bomb explosion—the test fire Trinity at Alamogordo, New Mexico on 16 July 1945—and the world's first atomic bomb attack—on a bright sunny morning of 6 August 1945 when one bomb incinerated tens of thousands of civilians in Hiroshima.

The Trinity test was the result of the Manhattan Project, an all-out race to beat Germany to the Bomb. In August 1939, physicists Leó Szilárd and Eugene Wigner, convinced Hitler's physicists and engineers were close to developing an atomic bomb, drafted the Einstein-Szilárd letter, got Albert Einstein to sign on, and delivered it to President Roosevelt. FDR ordered research, development, and testing to commence. In April 1945, FDR died in office.

Harry Truman, FDR's successor, never did understand it. He referred to whatever it was that his scientists were working on as "the gadget," which became its nickname. By winter of late 1944-early 1945 American intelligence knew two momentous things. One, Germany was going to surrender soon. Two, with their solid system of intercepting and decrypting Japanese communications, it was obvious that the Japanese were seeking an honorable surrender as soon as possible. Only a handful of warlords wanted to obdurately fight on. The moment was ripe for a cease-fire and peace negotiations. Enough blood had been spilled.

But Truman was uninterested. He wanted his gadget completed, tested, and, if possible deployed and demonstrated. He hid the existence of the Manhattan Project from his "ally" Joseph Stalin because it was clear that once this hot war ended the new alignment would look very different. Both capitalism and communism had global designs. They teamed up to defeat the most egregious world domination threat—the Nazi-Japanese Axis—but would

soon be enemies at the heads of diametrically opposing global hegemony systems.

As the scientific brains behind the incredible success of Trinity pondered their feat, some began to urge Truman to invite the Japanese to witness the next explosion on an uninhabited island in the far reaches of the Pacific Ocean, or indeed to witness a blast over the ocean itself, so that they could have a chance to realize how horrific it would be to drop such a bomb on people.

Truman, Churchill and Stalin were meeting at that very time, from 17 July - 2 August, at their Potsdam Conference. Truman arrived not knowing the Trinity results and, once he heard, all reports were that he was giddy and cocky.

We know the humane arguments failed. He chose to demonstrate this awful weapon on living cities. Truman laid the lives of innocent Japanese schoolgirls and hundreds of thousands of other children and non-combatants on his altar of US positioning to convince the Soviets, "Don't even. We are crazy enough to vaporize entire cities, like you see."

Miraculously, humankind survived this Cold War insanity. But how many chances do we get? We need to reflect on the ultimate irresponsibility and inhumanity of possessing even one nuclear bomb. We should

decide to take all necessary steps to rid our fair planet of this unnatural threat to Life. It is time for a new direction. The time between Trinity and Hiroshima and then Nagasaki was far too short—three weeks. Now we have been given 70 more years of this period of discernment. What was built can be dismantled and should be. And humankind should never do such things again.

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



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Essential oil devotees and the inquisitive alike are encouraged to attend the Science Tour presentation on Tuesday, August 4, at 7:00 p.m. in IPFW's Rhinehart Music Center, with a VIP program beginning at 6:00 p.m. World-renowned essential oils experts Dr. Daniel Penoël, M.D., and Pierre Franchomme, Ph.D., will be joined on stage by Dr. Joshua Plant, Ph.D., to discuss the research and science behind the use of clinical grade essential oils as a sound means toward preventative health

maintenance. With just three stops in the United States for the Science Tour, this will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity - at no charge - for Fort Wayne area residents to learn from the world's authorities on this topic.

While the general session program begins at 7:00 p.m., VIP guests will have a chance to experience an extended program beginning at 6:00 p.m., and may also submit questions about the health benefits of essential oils for Drs. Penoël, Franchomme and Plant to address. Interested parties who would like to join the VIP program should contact Ann Dahm at anndahm@gmail.com. Both sessions are free of charge, but have limited seating. Reservations are required for the VIP program, with doors opening

at 5:15 p.m. The general session program begins at 7:00 p.m. General session guests are encouraged to make reservations, and to arrive by 6:15 p.m. to ensure seating.

Dr. Joshua Plant graduated from Harvard Medical School with a Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences. He has completed fellowships at both the National Institutes of Health and Huntsman Cancer Institute, and is an advocate for natural health and wellness. As vice president of research at Zija International, Dr. Plant is using his experience and talents to explore new areas of science. Dr. Daniel Penoël, a medical doctor based in Aouste Sur Sye, near Orange, France, and Pierre Franchomme, a French biochemist, pharmacologist and former lecturer for phytotherapy at the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy of Besançon, have worked together for the past 25 years, initially cataloging hundreds of different properties of essential oils and how they are used in a clinical environment. Their early work was based on bringing together the experiences of Dr. Franchomme in the laboratory and the clinical experiences of Dr. Penoël in administering essential oils to his patients. Due to the work of these three modern-day pioneers, the healing power of essential oils has been brought to the foreground of the science community for the betterment of the community at large.

For more information about the Science Tour, and to secure VIP and general session program reservations, contact Ann Dahm at 260.413.0392 or email anndahm@gmail.com.

FIRST DEFIANCE FINANCIAL CORP. ANNOUNCES 2015 SECOND QUARTER EARNINGS

First Defiance Financial Corp. (NASDAQ: FDEF) announced that net income for the second quarter ended June 30, 2015 totaled \$6.6 million, or \$0.70 per diluted common share, compared to \$5.7 million or \$0.57 per diluted common share for the quarter ended June 30, 2014.

"Our financial performance remained very strong in the second quarter," said Donald P. Hileman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of First Defiance Financial Corp. "Our diluted earnings per share growth of 23% over second quarter last year shows that our strategies for revenue growth, efficiency improvement, asset quality enhancement and effective capital management are delivering measurable results."

Net Interest Income up compared to second quarter 2014:

Net interest income of \$18.4 million in the second quarter of 2015 was up from \$17.1 million in the second quarter of 2014. Net interest margin was 3.81% for the second quarter of 2015, down from 3.88% in the first quarter of 2015, but up from 3.62% in the second quarter of 2014. Yield on interest earning assets increased by 19 basis points, to 4.15% in the second quarter of 2015 from 3.96% in the second quarter of 2014. The cost of interest-bearing liabilities increased by 1 basis point in the second quarter of 2015 to 0.44% from 0.43% in the second quarter of 2014.

"Continuing the trend from last quarter, loan demand remained steady in our markets enabling us to maintain a strong earning asset mix and net interest margin, much improved from a year ago," said Hileman. "Our net interest income rose \$1.2 million, or 7.2% over the second quarter last year."

Non-Interest Income up from second quarter 2014:

First Defiance's non-interest income for the second quarter of 2015 was \$7.8 million compared with \$7.6 million in the second quarter of 2014. The second quarter of 2015 had no gains or losses on the sale of securities, while the second quarter of 2014 included gains of \$471,000.

Mortgage banking income increased to \$1.8 million in the second quarter of 2015, up from \$1.5 million in the second quarter of 2014. Mortgage banking activity was significantly elevated from the second quarter a year ago, with our markets experiencing higher purchase and refinancing loan volumes. Gains from the sale of mortgage loans increased in the second quarter of 2015 to \$1.2 million from \$1.0 million in the second quarter of 2014. Mortgage loan servicing revenue was \$852,000 in the second quarter of 2015, down slightly from \$878,000 in the second quarter of 2014. First Defiance had a positive change in the valuation adjustment in mortgage servicing assets of \$141,000 in the second quarter of 2015 compared with a positive adjustment of \$44,000 in the second quarter of 2014. For the second quarter of 2015,

commissions from the sale of insurance products was \$2.3 million, up from \$2.2 million in the second quarter of 2014, and service fees and other charges were \$2.7 million, up from \$2.5 million in the second quarter of 2014. Trust income was \$367,000 in the second quarter of 2015, up 21.5% from \$302,000 in the second quarter of 2014.

"We are very pleased with the positive impact of our mortgage banking performance this quarter which included mortgage origination volumes up 49% from the prior year. In addition, service fees, insurance commissions and trust income all reflected solid increases over the second quarter last year," continued Hileman. "Total non-interest income, excluding securities gains, rose 9.3% in the second quarter over the prior year."

Non-Interest Expenses up from second quarter 2014:

Total non-interest expense was \$16.8 million in the second quarter of 2015, an increase from \$16.4 million in the second quarter of 2014. Compensation and benefits increased to \$9.2 million in the second quarter of 2015 compared to \$8.7 million in the second quarter of 2014. The increase in compensation and benefits from a year ago is mainly related to merit increases and higher incentive compensation accruals partially offset by lower medical insurance costs. Occupancy expense was \$1.8 million in the second quarter 2015, up from \$1.7 million in the second quarter of 2014. Data processing cost increased to \$1.6 million in the second quarter of 2015 from \$1.5 million in the second quarter of 2014. Other non-interest expense of \$3.3 million in the second quarter of 2015 was essentially even with the second quarter of 2014.

Credit Quality:

Non-performing loans totaled \$16.7 million at June 30, 2015, a decrease from \$24.9 million at June 30, 2014. In addition, First Defiance had \$5.4 million of real estate owned at June 30, 2015 compared to \$5.6 million at June 30, 2014. Accruing troubled debt restructured loans were \$22.2 million at June 30, 2015 compared with \$27.0 million at June 30, 2014. For the second quarter of 2015, First Defiance recorded net recoveries of \$82,000, compared to net charge-offs of \$602,000 in the second quarter of 2014. The allowance for loan loss as a percentage of total loans was 1.49% at June 30, 2015 compared with 1.56% at June 30, 2014.

The second quarter results include no provision for loan losses compared with \$446,000 of expense for the same period in 2014.

"Our asset quality strengthened with declines in both non-performing loans and other real estate in the second quarter, continuing the improvement in our asset quality metrics," said Hileman. "We now have over 150% allowance for loan losses coverage of our non-performing loans."

Year-To-Date Results:

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2015, net interest income totaled \$36.6 million compared with \$33.9 million in the first six months of 2014. Average interest-earning assets increased to \$1.975 billion in the first six months of 2015, compared to \$1.945 billion in the first six months of 2014. Net interest margin for the first six months of 2015 was 3.84%, up 22 basis points from the 3.62% margin reported in the six month period ended June 30, 2014.

The provision for loan losses in the first six months of 2015 was \$120,000, compared to \$549,000 recorded during the first six months of 2014.

Non-interest income for the first six months of 2015 was \$16.1 million, compared to \$14.9 million during the same period of 2014. Service fees and other charges were \$5.2 million for the first six months of 2015, up from \$4.8 million during the same period of 2014. Mortgage banking income increased to \$3.6 million for the first six months of 2015, compared with \$2.8 million during the same period of 2014. Insurance commissions rose to \$5.5 million for the first six months of 2015, compared with \$5.3 million for same period of 2014. Non-interest income for the first six months of 2015 included no gains or losses on the sale of securities compared with gains of \$471,000 during the same period of 2014.

Non-interest expense was \$33.7 million for the first six months of 2015, up from \$33.0 million for the same period of 2014. Compensation and benefits expense was \$18.1 million for the first six months of 2015 compared with \$17.2 million during the same period of 2014. The increase in compensation and benefits over the prior year is mainly related to merit increases and higher incentive compensation accruals partially offset by lower medical insurance costs. Increases in occupancy of \$281,000 and data processing of \$277,000 were offset by decreases in FDIC insurance premiums of \$68,000, financial institutions taxes of \$116,000, amortization of intangibles of \$184,000 and other expenses of \$438,000, which included a \$786,000 cost recorded in the first quarter of 2014 for terminating a merger agreement.

Total Assets at \$2.2 Billion:

Total assets at June 30, 2015 were \$2.2 billion compared to \$2.18 billion at December 31, 2014 and \$2.15 billion at June 30, 2014. Net loans receivable (excluding loans held for sale) were \$1.68 billion at June 30, 2015 compared to \$1.62 billion at December 31, 2014 and \$1.56 billion at June 30, 2014. Total cash and cash equivalents were \$65.6 million at June 30, 2015 compared with \$112.9 million at December 31, 2014 and \$156.2 million at June 30, 2014. Also, at June 30, 2015, goodwill and other intangible assets totaled \$63.5 million compared to \$63.9 million at December 31, 2014 and \$64.5 million at June 30, 2014.

Total deposits at June 30, 2015 were \$1.76 billion compared with \$1.76 billion at December 31, 2014, and \$1.74 billion at June 30, 2014. Non-interest bearing deposits at June 30, 2015 were \$379.0 million compared to \$379.6 million at June 30, 2014 and \$355.3 million at June 30, 2014. Total stockholders' equity was \$276.0 million at June 30, 2015 compared to \$279.5 million at December 31, 2014 and \$276.4 million at June 30, 2014. The reduction in stockholders' equity from year-end 2014 includes the \$12 million cost of the March 11, 2015 repurchase of the warrant issued to the U.S. Treasury under the TARP Capital Purchase Program.

Dividend to be paid August 28:
The Board of Directors declared

a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.20 per common share payable August 28, 2015 to shareholders of record at the close of business on August 21, 2015. The dividend represents an annual dividend of 2.18 percent based on the First Defiance common stock closing price on July 17, 2015. First Defiance has approximately 9,276,983 common shares outstanding.

Conference Call:

First Defiance Financial Corp. will host a conference call at 11:00 a.m. ET on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 to discuss the earnings results and business trends. The conference call may be accessed by calling 1-877-444-1726. In addition, a live webcast may be accessed at <http://services.choruscall.com/links/fdef150721.html>.

Audio replay of the Internet Webcast will be available at www.fdef.com until August 21, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. ET.

First Defiance Financial Corp.

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

For more information, visit the company's Web site at www.fdef.com.

IN BAGHDAD, ORGANIZED DESTRUCTION

By: Cathy Breen

Two days ago an email came from an Iraqi doctor in Baghdad in response to a brief greeting I sent to her for the month of Ramadan.

"Thanks so much for remembering us... In fact, we are the same if not worse. Our hearts are broken at the organized ruining of our country. We are targeted by those criminals and gangs coming from everywhere, even from the west, who are all witnessing this drama and, if not supporting it, are keeping silent. We wonder what sin we committed to face this gloomy black fate. What is going on is beyond words."

This courageous doctor never left the side of gravely ill children despite the great exodus of doctors due to the kidnappings, assassinations, and threats to their own lives and to the lives of their families. Sadly, she reports that another of her siblings has cancer and she needs to leave the medical students for some days. This happens, she says regretfully, in "the critical time of final exams." She herself is a cancer survivor and both her mother and sister had cancer. They have no choice, she says, but to go on and try to survive.

I have been frantically trying to find a safe place for him and his family to which they can escape. If they could go to Kurdistan they would join the ranks of the already three million IDPs (Internally Displaced Persons) within Iraq. If they could get to Turkey, they might eventually get refugee status. But it is expensive there, they don't speak the language, are not allowed to work, and resettlement could take years.

Our friend emailed that his wife decided to send their second-oldest son, 16, to her mother's house due to kidnapping case. "Two kids were kidnapped two days ago." When I stayed with this family for two weeks in 2013, one of Abdul's 12-year-old friends was kidnapped and was never found.

The grandmother takes her grandson each day to school and sits against a wall under its shadow until Abdul finishes his exam. She is "old and weak," Abdul's father writes, "and honestly it is meaningless to think she could protect Ali as she can't really protect herself. But I do appreciate her efforts." Abdul told his dad that his grandmother was causing him "too much embarrassment as she doesn't understand the rules of the exams." She always tries to enter the exam class to give Abdul cold water because it is very hot. The first day the director of the exam allowed her to do this, but another day during the exam she tried again. This time it was not to give him water. She had cooked a rooster and told the staff that he had to eat well to do well on the exam! Abdul was a little bit angry but his love for her "let him forget the embarrassing feeling!" He is "crazy in love" with his grandmother as she is the only grandparent left.

Abdul was complaining to his father about the insufferable heat and lack of air cooling system, as well as the terrible mosquitoes. He uses a kerosene lamp for studying at night. The father was trying to encourage him by phone to overcome the difficulties saying, "No pain, no gain." Abdul responded "Dad, since we opened our eyes in this life, we have only known pain."

Just yesterday two civilians were killed as Abdul and his grandmother approached the school. This happened right in front of their eyes. His father emailed: "Abdul couldn't answer [the] exam well as [sic] he saw the accident. Let us pray for his safety."

Our friend and his wife worry excessively about their oldest boy, 18-years-old, as the militia comes to the houses seeking young men to fight ISIS, and they "will take young guys by force to do battle." Although this son is needed to guard the house at night and help his mother, the mother felt compelled to send this son away too.

My friend concluded: "Cathy, It's hard to sleep. Don't worry. The family is still fine."

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Summer Fest
Downtown Hicksville, Sat., Aug. 1

- 9:00am: 5KFit Walk/Run - Registration begins at 8:00am at the Hicksville Track
- 8:00am: Kids Clothing Resale - at Multi-Purpose Building - Defiance County Fairgrounds
- 1:00pm Corn Hole Tournament - Registration at 12:00 between Huber & News Tribune
- 3:00-6:30pm: Car Show, Trucks and Motorcycles - High Street with live band Criss Crossed 3:30-5:30
- 4:00-8:00pm: Kids Event Area - Face Painting, Inflatable, Putt Putt Miniature Golf, Petting Zoo, Games, Dunk Tank, 4-5:30pm Hot Wheels car show
- 6:00-10:00pm: Wine Tasting in Huber Opera House with entertainment by Dan Smyth from 7:00-10:00pm - Call for tickets: 419-542-6912

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HOOSIER GENTRY TO PERFORM AT HARLAN DAYS 2015



Hoosier Gentry is returning again this year to entertain everyone at Harlan Days! This talented quartet has been pleasing audiences in the greater Fort Wayne area for over 17 years now with a variety of appearances in show settings, parties, banquets, receptions, and affairs. They especially enjoy being “up close and personal” to make it possible for their listeners to really bask in their harmonies. They were pleased to be selected

Senior Quartet Champion of the Cardinal District (Indiana & Kentucky) in 2006.

Bob Bowman, Dave Thomas, Duane Johnson and Tom Schaden are also members of the Summit City Barbershop Chorus, where they met and discovered their affinity for singing together.

Please come out to enjoy Harlan Days and the wonderful harmonies of Hoosier Gentry on Thursday, July 30 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.!

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 7/8/15

This 8th day of July, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

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

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
Warrants documented as 217489 through 217569 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holtsberry to go into executive session at 8:03 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein. All members voting yea.

At 8:18 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following “Then and Now” purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claim on July 8, 2015, Warrants numbered 217508 through 217530 in the amount of \$3,064.85; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made (“then”), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification (“now”), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 128):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2015 Annual Appropriation by

appropriating the following in the Defiance/Paulding Counties Joint Auglaize Sewer Project Fund (Fund 128):
128-001-00001/Defiance/Paulding Counties Joint Auglaize Sewer/Contracted Services
AMOUNT: \$100.00

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDBID FOR THE 2015 PAULDING COUNTY COLD MIX PAVING PROJECT:

On July 1, 2015, three (3) sealed bids were received for the 2015 Paulding County Cold Mix Paving Project; and after review of the aforementioned bids, Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer, has recommended that the project be awarded to the apparent low bidder, Henry W. Bergman, Inc. 218 E. 9th Street, Genoa, OH 45430. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby award the 2015 Paulding County Cold Mix Paving to Henry W. Bergman, Inc. in the amount of \$409,985.60.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMISSIVE TAX APPLICATION FOR FUNDS AVAILABLE UNDER SECTION 4504.05 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP:

Antwerp Village, a municipal corporation within the County of Paulding, hereby makes application for funds available under Section 4504.05 of the Revised Code of Ohio, to plan, construct, improve, maintain, or repair the following streets within the municipality shown on a map presented to the Paulding County Engineer.

Total amount of estimated cost of construction: \$38,650.00
Amount available according to vehicle registration: \$8,241.28

Application date: July 6, 2015
Aimee Lichty/s/, Fiscal Officer
Village of Antwerp

I, Travis McGarvey, Engineer of Paulding County, hereby grant the foregoing request of the Village of Antwerp in the amount of \$8,200.00

Approval date: July 6, 2015
Travis McGarvey/s/
Paulding County Engineer

Commissioners order to pay Antwerp Village. The Auditor is hereby authorized to issue a warrant to Antwerp Village in the amount of \$8,200.00 in conformance with Section 4505.05 of the Revised Code of Ohio, to be paid from the Municipal Permissive Tax Fund.

IN THE MATTER OF RECEIVING BIDS FOR THE 2015 AUGLAIZE TOWNSHIP ET AL ROAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

This 8th day of July, 2015, being the day advertised in the West Bend News, a paper of general circulation within the County, as per Section 307.86 of the Ohio Revised Code, bids were received and opened for the 2015 Auglaize Township et al Road Improvement Project:

Henry W. Bergman, Inc. (218 E. 9th Street, Genoa, OH 43430-1634) - \$321,480.43

The Paulding County Engineer's estimate for the project is \$348,043.62. The specifications will be studied with a determination to be made later.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holtsberry to go into executive session at 1:23 p.m. with the Paulding County Court Judge to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein. All members voting yea.

At 1:51 p.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Bill Edwards, Health Department - Mr. Edwards met with the Commissioners to report the need for a 'safe house' for people who are potential Ebola carriers. He has been working on updating the county plans to comply with the grand requirements. Update plans are to be completed by August 1, 2016. PUI (Persons Under Investigation) are to be monitored for 21 days after exposure to Ebola. Mr. Edwards noted that most PUIs are able to self monitor; however, some need to be in a safe house. Several possible safe house sites were discussed. Any site chosen would need to meet the quarantine and isolation laws.

Claudia Fickel, County Auditor; and Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - The Commissioners discussed the feasibility of using land banks for foreclosure properties. Commissioners Klopfenstein had learned about this option at a recent meeting he attended. Ms. Wannemacher discussed a website for her office. She had a quote to present. Ms. Wannemacher noted several ways her office could benefit from a website; on-line paying of taxes, answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs), links to other offices' websites, and completion of forms (address changes and CAUV, etc.) to name a few. Ms Fickel inquired as to WiFi availability in the Courthouse.

Jerry Zielke, PC Economic Development - Mr. Zielke presented the community visit evaluations and community action prioritization report as prepared by Insite Consulting of Greer, South Carolina. Mr. Zielke was very appreciative of the AEP sponsoring Insite's visit to Paulding County. He noted the visit and report generated by Insite was very beneficial. Mr. Zielke and the Commissioners then discussed TIFs and the Paulding Industrial Park.

Brenda Crawford and Janet Commers, BOE - Ms. Crawford presented a quote for electronic poll books from Knowink. She noted the Board has suggested they purchase 20, one for each precinct with several back-ups. Ms. Crawford indicated she would like to purchase the electronic poll books by August so the poll workers will have time to be trained and become accustomed to the books. Ms. Crawford also explained that Knowink and Triad GSI (current voting machine company) have the capability of transferring data back and forth, updating each system. Ms. Crawford anticipates there will soon be voting 'centers', making it possible for constituents to vote at any precinct in the County. Electronic voting machines and electronic poll books are steps in that direction. She and Ms. Commers reminded the Commissioners that the Secretary of State has mandated raises for the Board of Election members over the next couple of years.

Chad Crosby, Engineer's Office - Mr. Crosby met with the Commissioners to open the bids for the 2015 Auglaize Township et al Road Improvements project (see resolution above).

Ed Bohn, Paulding County EMA - Mr. Bohn reported government entities have a window opportunity to get reimbursement for documented flood damage repairs. He noted the state will pay \$3.56 per county resident (as determined by the 2010 census), which is roughly \$70,000.00 for Paulding County. Mr. Bohn further noted that manpower hours (including volunteer hours), equipment, and supplies used may all be billed for reimbursement. He has notified village mayors, township trustees and the County Engineer, encouraging them to work up bills to submit. The bills need to be submitted by next Tuesday, July 14, by 5:00 p.m. Mr. Bohn reminded the Commissioners of the LEPC meeting later today (12:00 p.m.) at the Health Department. He asked that the Commissioners be thinking of candidates to fill soon-to-be expired LEPC board member positions. Mr. Bohn and the Commissioners discussed the status of the mitigation plan. He explained he is meeting with the intern from the state tomorrow to try and complete the plan.

Suzanne Rister, County Court Judge - The Commissioners reviewed the esti-

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THE IRAN DEAL IS A GOOD STARTING POINT

By: Wim Laven

President Obama said: “If 99 percent of the world community and the majority of nuclear experts look at this thing and they say this will prevent Iran from getting a nuclear bomb, and you are arguing either that it does not or that even if it does, it’s temporary, then you should have some alternative.”

He is right, there are ultimately two approaches to resolving problems, as Obama said, “... diplomatically, through a negotiation, or it’s resolved through force. Through war[!] Those are the options.” This reality is worthy of further exploration.

As a peace professional who has worked in conflicts from small claims court to Sri Lanka, and as a doctoral researcher in Conflict Transformation, I can agree with the president—as a starting point.

“Diplomacy or war” is an oversimplified way of describing the Thomas Killman conflict mode instrument. This scale assesses behavior according to how assertive and cooperative parties are.

War is the ultimate in assertiveness combined with the complete absence of cooperation. Received wisdom assumes that war is how we win. Indeed, abject surrender is the ultimate in cooperation, but that is transmogrified into aggressive vengeance over time—it is the manifestation of social passive-aggressive behavior. This seesaw produces a terrible dynamic of destructive conflict re-ignition.

In the context of the Iran deal, the game-changing opportunity now exists. The cycle of endless enmification and hostile expectation is not necessarily over, but it is interrupted. The question now is, for how long? The longer it is broken, the more chance we, and Iranians, have to begin to act like mature civilizations rather than behave endlessly adolescent.

Trust is a big component of conflict and resolution. As a practitioner, I’ve become quite accustomed to telling parties, “Trust is built when we make and keep agreements.” Sometimes parties change their minds, sometimes they cannot live up to their promises, but generally speaking they will follow through on their agreements. As a scientist, however, I can say that there is ample evidence supporting the claim that parties are less likely to back out of agreements from which they have something to gain.

The Iran deal is good diplomacy because it meets the interests of both sides; collaboration—“win-win”—is better than compromise because nothing is sacrificed except ego. Getting to win-win usually takes more work and it means letting go of puerile attachment to humiliating the opponent.

Iran wants the sanctions removed; the P5+1 want to block a pathway to nuclear proliferation. The agreement does both and includes transparency, rules on enrichment, the removal of sanctions, and the agreement to address “past issues of concern.”

This is mutual gain and is thus a great beginning. The removal of sanctions will

MAC GYM SUMMER SEASON ENDS; NEW EVENTS UPCOMING

The MAC Gym summer basketball season ended last week with championship games in four leagues.

The Monday night junior high girl’s league consisted of 12 teams that whittled down to an outstanding final four. Leo 8th grade upset #1 seed Edon in sudden death overtime while #2 seed Holgate held on to beat Delphos Jefferson. In the finals, Leo 8 upset another seed to win outright 35-25.

Tuesday night brought in 8 varsity girls teams. Woodlan upset #2 seed Antwerp in the semi-finals, while #1 seed Hicksville prevailed beating Fairview. Woodlan then upset #1 seed Hicksville to take the summer championship 42-32. At the same time, the area JV boy’s played at the Antwerp School. Paulding reigned victorious as they upset #1 seed Crestview 45-30

HITE LEGISLATION TO PROTECT OHIOANS FROM DEADLY MENINGITIS SIGNED INTO LAW

State Senator Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) announced that Governor Kasich has signed into law Senate Bill 121 which requires students to be immunized against deadly meningitis.

“This law protects Ohio’s children and families from preventable deaths,” said Hite. “No parent or family member should ever have to suffer the loss of a child to this terrible disease. This law has the potential to save lives.”

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

Sponsored by Senator Hite, Senate Bill 121 works in conjunction with the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Immunization Advocacy Network of Ohio to require students of ages recommended by the Ohio Department of Health to be immunized against meningococcal disease. The new requirements will be effective for the 2016-17 school year.

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

The law protects a parent’s right to opt their children out of the immunizations for matters of conscience, including religious beliefs.

Last year the Ohio Senate honored the memory of Senator Hite’s niece, Tess, by marking March 9th as “Meningitis Awareness Day.” Tess passed away within hours of contracting meningitis.

for the JV summer title.

Wednesday night capped the youth girls season. Holgate defeated a scrappy Maumee team in overtime while Bryan beat Fairview. Bryan proved to be too much taking the title over Holgate 27-9.

Thursday brought the junior high boys finals. Bryan stayed the undefeated course taking out a feisty Wayne Trace quintet, while Fairview beat Lane Middle School from Fort Wayne. Bryan completed the undefeated season with a 29-24 win in the championship.

August brings two large events to the gym. The Antwerp Alumni Reunion will take place on Saturday, August 8, following the Antwerp parade and day in the park. On August 29-30 the MAC Gym will host its first Outdoor Expo. Many booths of vendors will be on display promoting various types of outdoor hunting and fishing related gear. Head mounts of any type will also be on display.

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CORRECTION SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26
THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ACTING THROUGH
THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Plaintiff,

vs.
BRIDGET D. FULTON, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 15 007
Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 6th day of August, 2015 at 10:05 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:

**13585 Nancy Street,
Paulding, Ohio 45879**

Parcel Number: 23-51B-116-00

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

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

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

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

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26
THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:
FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF
THE MIDWEST, Plaintiff,
vs.
SCOTT B. HAVER, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 13 183.
Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 20th day of August, 2015 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:

**685 Third Street,
Latty, Ohio 45855**

**Parcel Number: 29-06S-056-00
and 29-06S-057-00**

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Marc F. Warncke, Attorney for Plaintiff

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General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26
THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:
PNC BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
**WILLIE J. DAWSON aka JOHN W.
DAWSON, ET AL., Defendants,**
Case No. CI 15 022.

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**403 South Main Street,
Payne, Ohio 45880**

Parcel Number: 04-25S-014-00

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Dear Miss C,

I read a few weeks ago a dream interpretation question, so I hope you will take the time to talk about mine too. I keep having dreams where my teeth fall out. Its weird. I might be dreaming about something totally different, but then I will brush my teeth and they will fall out, one by one. Or I will be dreaming about having dinner with a friend and take a bite of something dumb like pudding, and a tooth will fall out... what the heck??
—Toothless Dreamer

Dear Toothless Dreamer,

Did you know that dreams about losing teeth are one of the most common reoccurring dream themes? Yep, you are not alone. But, there are a few different running theories for why we

dream about losing teeth. The most obviously one is losing teeth reflects anxiety about your appearance and how others perceive you. Teeth are important, they are noticed when you smile. Good, strong, and healthy teeth portray youth and virulence. To support this theory, researchers report that women experiencing menopause (who often feel less attractive) report these types of dreams more often.

Another theory, might be tied to your feeling of being embarrassed or making a fool of yourself in certain situations. These dreams obviously over exaggerate our worries about acceptance. Most often, the real world worries creating these anxieties are unfounded. However, since we use our teeth

to chew, bite, etc, teeth are a source of power. So if in your dream you are losing your teeth, perhaps you are losing your power (growing sense of inferiority).

On another note, some cultures believe that when you dream about loose, rotten, falling, or missing teeth it indicates that a family member or close friend is sick or nearing death (Hispanic and Greek). Chinese culture says that your teeth fall out if you are telling lies.

Which one fits you best?
Blessings,
—Miss C

Send your questions to Ask Me Miss C via Ask-MeMissC@gmail.com. To my Facebook page, or via mail with my attention to the West Bend News.

BEKAH BRADLEY BAND TO PERFORM AT HARLAN DAYS 2015!



2014 Hoosier Idol contest winner, Bekah Bradley, along with her band of professional musicians will be performing on Friday, July 31 at 7:00 p.m. Don't miss this fabulous entertainer performing old country favorites along with

newer country and country pops songs. Bekah is a rising star on the country music scene, performing all over the Midwest. Make the trip out to Harlan Days for food, fun and great music from the Bekah Bradley Band!

DEAL WITH THE DEAL. NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION, SANCTIONS RELIEF, THEN WHAT?

By: Patrick T. Hiller

The day the historic nuclear deal between Iran and the United States, the United Kingdom, Russia, China, France and Germany (P5+1) was reached, President Obama declared that "the world can do remarkable things when we share a vision of peacefully addressing conflicts." At the same time, Iranian Minister of Foreign Affairs Javad Zarif expressed his appreciation of a "process in order to reach a win-win solution... and open new horizons for dealing with serious problems that affect our international community."

I am a Peace Scientist. I study the causes of war and conditions for peace. In my field we provide evidence-based alternatives to war using language such as "peacefully addressing conflicts" and "win-win solutions." Today is a good day, since this deal creates the conditions for peace and is the most effective way for all involved to move forward.

The nuclear deal is an achievement in global nuclear nonproliferation. Iran has always insisted it was not pursuing nuclear weapons. This claim has been supported by former CIA analyst and Middle East specialist for the U.S. State Department, Flynt Leverett, who is among those experts who do not believe Iran was seeking to build nuclear weapons. Nevertheless, the framework of the deal should address the concerns of those fearing a nuclear armed Iran. In fact, this deal possibly prevented a nuclear arms race in the entire Middle East.

The relief of sanctions will allow for normalization of political, social and economic interactions. Trade relationships, for example, will make violent conflict less likely. Just look at the European Union, which originated out of a trade community. The current crisis with Greece shows that there certainly is conflict among its members, but it is unimaginable that they will go to war with each other.

Like most negotiated agreements, this deal will open pathways beyond nuclear nonproliferation and sanctions relief. We can expect more cooperation, im-

proved relationships and lasting agreements between the P5+1 and Iran, as well as with other regional and global actors. This is of particular importance when dealing with complex issues around Syria, Iraq, ISIS, Yemen, oil, or the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Critics of this deal are already active in trying to derail it. This is not the expected "quick fix" that an illusory swift military intervention would have been. That's good, since there is no quick fix for countries who have been at odds for more than three decades. This is a constructive path forward which can ultimately restore relationships. As Obama is well aware, it could take years to pay off and nobody expects the process to be without challenges. Here is where the power of negotiation comes into play again. When parties reach agreements in certain areas, they are more likely to overcome obstacles in other areas. Agreements tend to lead to more agreements.

Another common point of critique is that the outcomes of the negotiated settlements are unclear. That's correct. In negotiation, however, the means are certain and unlike war they do not come with the unacceptable human, social, and economic costs. There is no guarantee that the parties will uphold their commitments, that issues may need to be re-negotiated, or that the directions of the negotiations will change. This uncertainty is not true for war, where human casualties and suffering are guaranteed and cannot be undone.

This deal can be a turning point in history where global leaders recognized that global collaboration, constructive conflict transformation, and social change outweigh war and violence. A more constructive U.S. foreign policy will engage with Iran without the threat of war. However, public support is crucial, as there still is a sizeable contingent of congressional members stuck in the dysfunctional military solution paradigm. Now it is up to the American people to convince their representatives that this deal needs to be implemented. We cannot afford more wars and their guaranteed fail.

PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO TALK!

There is conversation about some of the chalk artwork displayed in storefronts along Main Street in Antwerp. Displayed are some of the first offerings of work created for this year's Chalk Walk activity for the Antwerp Chamber's Day in the Park.

The 2 ft. by 2 ft. boards are still available for chalk artists to use to show images supporting the theme "Here's Antwerp."

The goals of the Chalk Walk are the following:

- to bring a chalking activity to our August 8th Chamber sponsored Day in the Park
- to invite people to the Village of Antwerp and support Antwerp small business
- to display and hopefully sell the artwork created, and
- Raise money for the Antwerp Chamber by splitting the selling price of any chalk work

Chalk artists who participate are encouraged to take another look at Antwerp. Capture an image in chalk and have your work displayed and possibly sold at the Day in Park event. A discount on the entry fee is being offered if the artist brings in a receipt from a local Antwerp business.

For more information about any of this event, please call 419-233-6699.

GEORGETOWN SQUARE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Georgetown Farmers Market takes place every Thursday from 4:00-7:00 p.m. by Georgetown Library.

Over 30 Vendors will have local produce, local honey, hand made soaps and lotions, soy candles, spices, fudge, aprons, yard art, bread, artisan jewelry, BBQ rubs, baked goods and granola.

The Georgetown Farmers Market is the largest market in Northeast Fort Wayne. This season is the 6th year of this popular neighborhood open air market.

This season runs from June 11 - September 10, a total 14 weeks.

Georgetown Fridays Concert Series continues on August 28th with The Junkyard Band from 6:30-8:30 p.m. by Georgetown Library.

The Concert Series is starting its 4th season. It is sponsored by Parkview Hospital, Heritage Park and Georgetown Square.

During this Friday's Country Concert there will be face painting and games.

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF
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**306 North First Street,
Oakwood, Ohio 45873**

Parcel Number: 10-23S-002-00

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED Bids for the furnishing of the necessary materials and construction of the:

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Bids will be received by the Paulding County Commissioners Office located at 115 N. Williams Street, B-1, Paulding, Ohio 45879 until 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 17, 2015, then will be publicly opened and read aloud at 9:00 a.m.

The work will consist of furnishing and installing new structural steel framing within the existing tower located at the center of the Paulding County Courthouse roof. This new framing will consist of a braced structural steel frame filled with structural steel grillage beams. It will be installed between the top of the masonry portion of the existing tower and the underside of the existing timber beams supporting the dome roofed structure above it. Also part of this work, prior to steel erection, existing supplemental timber framing not part of the original tower structure as well as the uppermost courses of existing tower masonry will be removed and replaced with a new reinforced CMU bond beam course. The columns of the new structural steel frame will bear upon this new CMU bond beam course and will be anchored to it, as well as to the existing masonry below it, with epoxy anchors. Temporary shoring and reshoring of the existing timber framing, as necessary for steel erection and CMU bond beam installation, is also part of the work.

The estimate of probable cost for this project is \$68,400. Bidders shall not be responsible for paying sales taxes on materials incorporated into the structure.

The contract documents, including plans and specifications, are on file at the Office of the Paulding County Commissioners, 115 N. Williams Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879. Documents may be viewed and ordered online or obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615, telephone 419-385-5303, www.pdgpianroom.com for the cost of printing to be paid to the printing company at the time the drawings are picked up. Shipping and tax charges are the bidder's responsibility and payable directly to Becker Impressions.

All Requests for Information (RFI) and questions must be e-mailed to brockj@poggemeyer.com. No telephone calls. A copy of our RFI form is included in the specification manual and can also be found at www.poggemeyer.com.

All bids must be signed and submitted on copies or originals of the blanks which are bound in the contract documents. Bids must state the prices in the blanks provided and be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked and addressed to Courthouse Dome Support Repair Bid, Attn: Cindy Peters, Clerk/Office Manager, Paulding County Commissioners' Office, 115 N. Williams Street, B-1, Paulding Ohio 45879. A Prebid meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

The bid guaranty may be of two forms:
1. A Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond using the form in the Contract Documents. (The amount of the bid does NOT have to appear on this form.)

2. A certified check, cashier's check or letter of credit in favor of the Paulding County Commissioners, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid. If the contract is awarded a Contract Bond will be required, which is a one hundred percent (100%) payment and performance bond.

Bidders shall submit with their bid the affidavit required under the Ohio Revised Code, Section 5719.042 that the bidder was not charged with any delinquent personal property taxes in Paulding County, Ohio.

The successful bidder will be required to pay not less than the minimum wage rates established by the Department of Commerce, Division of Industrial Compliance, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration of the State of Ohio in accordance with all provisions of the Prevailing Wage Act of the State of Ohio, ORC Sections 4115.03 and 4115.16 and related requirements.

Bids received after the scheduled bid opening date and time, or not accompanied by a satisfactory bid bond or check, will neither be read nor considered.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularity in any bid and to determine the lowest and best bidder. In no case will an award be made until all necessary investigations are made as to the qualifications of the bidder to whom it is proposed to award the contract.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids.

BY ORDER OF THE PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PAULDING COUNTY COURT REPORTS

Criminal Dispositions:

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

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

Adkins, Bryant R; Oakwood, OH; O.V.I. Susp; Guilty; Pay \$100 today then continue each week has a POC date of 8/14/2015. Community control two ordered 20 hrs of community service. 87 jail days reserved. Proof of financial responsibility provided in court

Gutierrez-Ramirez, Epifanio; Defiance, OH; No O.L.; J-Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

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

Thomas, Anna N; Hicksville, OH; Off Inv Und Age; A-Dismis; Case Dismissed per state; with prejudice; costs waived

Eis, Dennis P; Defiance, OH; FTY /Left; Guilty; Case

was waived by defendant

Mcmanus, David G; Paulding, OH; D.O.C. W/ Persis; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; shall have no contact with victim; shall complete 40 hrs community service; shall maintain general good behavior; shall repay CT. Appt. Counsel Fees

Wilson, Christopher R; Antwerp, OH; Poss Marijuana; J-Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs today 7/16/15; defendant's operator's license shall be suspended for 6 months commencing 6/22/15

Gile, Sarah M; Paulding, OH; Fail Reg. Dog; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Hall, Joseph Allen; Paulding, OH; O.V.I. /Under Inf; Guilty; May Attend the DIP program in Lieu of Jail Compliance date 10/30/15 ALS vacated has a POC date of 12/18/15 reimburse Appointed counsel fees community control two 20 hrs of community service third millennium 87 Jail days reserved

Rohde, Heather; Grover Hill, OH; Confine of Dog; J-Guilty; Defendant paid in full

Carter, Brian L; Payne, OH; No OL Exp 6 MO; J-Guilty; Pay All fines and costs by 7/31/15 or will be sent to collections

Rocha, Alfonso S; Fort Wayne, IN; Fail to Reinsta; CT-Guilty; Pay all fines and costs within 30 days of the date of the entry. Defendant must pay in full by that date or his operator's license will be sub-

ject to forfeiture

Sargent, Laural L; Paulding, OH; OVI/Breath(Low); Guilty; ALS Vacated, Shall Pay \$50 per MO commencing 8/28/2015, Has a POC date of 12/18/2015 complete 3rd millennium course 87 jail days reserved. Proof of Financial responsibility not provided

Talbott, Dalton; Paulding, OH; Dr. on Close Rd; Guilty; case was waived by defendant

Black, John A; Sherwood, OH; Display Plates; J-no Cont; Pay all fines and costs by 10/30/15 or will be sent to collections

Hurtig, Jason E; Cecil, OH; Display Plates; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Weathington, Ronnie; Indianapolis, IN; No O.L.; J-no Cont; Pay fines and costs today Fry, Jessica B; Paulding; OH; FTY /Intersect; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Agler, Kevin W; Van Wert, OH; Marked Lanes; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Real Estate Transfers:
Paulding Village:
7/20/15; Erwin J. & Sandra S. Bandy; Lot 36; 0.1102 acres; Sec. 7; 0.11 acres; To: Sandra S. Bandy

7/21/15; Eugene O. Vance, life est @4; Lot 8; 0.3444 acres; To: Michael L. Vance, et al

Benton Twp.:
7/20/15; William K. & Cynthia J. Rahrig, Jr.; Sec. 6; 2.772 acres; To: Dustin J. Carnahan & Jeanelle T. Demuth

7/20/15; Todd Joseph & Roberta Lynn Champany; Sec. 3; 1.868 acres; To: Eric J. & Nicole K. Gross

Emerald Twp.:
7/20/15; Richard Todd; Sec. 31; 8.09 acres; To: Richard R. & Rosalie A. Todd

Jackson Twp.:
7/20/15; Erwin J. & Sandra S. Bandy; Sec. 7; 1.852 acres; To: Sandra S. Bandy

Latty Twp.:
7/21/15; Brenda K. Ferrell; Sec. 24; 3.6 acres; To: Thomas C. & Brenda K. Ferrell

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mate for replacing the water pipes in the County Annex building. Judge Rister asked when the work would begin, noting scheduling is an issue because of court hearings. The Commissioners suggested she call the contractor/plumber to work out certain days that would be best to do the work that would disrupt Court the least. The Commissioners then discussed the condition of the County Annex east parking lot. Judge Rister noted the lot does need attention, especially the alley and pavement leading up to the exterior door.

SECRETARY HUSTED TESTIFIES IN SENATE AS PRO-PONENT OF ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted offered proponent testimony before the Ohio Senate Standing Committee on Government Oversight and Reform in support of online voter registration. The Secretary has been calling for online voter registration since 2010 and continues to seek legislative authority to implement the modernized system.

The initiative is housed within Senate Bill 63, sponsored by State Senator Frank LaRose (R-Copley).

The following represents the written testimony submitted to the committee by Secretary Husted on June 10, 2015:

Secretary of State Jon Husted Testimony Ohio Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee:

"Chairman Coley, Vice Chairman Seitz, Ranking Member Yuko, and members of the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee:

"I am here to testify in support of Senate Bill 63, sponsored by Senator Frank LaRose, which would establish an online voter registration system in Ohio.

"Allowing individuals to register to vote online is the next step in modernizing and improving Ohio's election system. I am fully supportive of online voter registration, and am happy to see it receive consideration here today.

"Online voter registration is more convenient, secure, accurate and less costly than the paper voter registration process. The ability to register to vote online allows an individual to register from the comfort of his or her home, any time of the day, without needing to use paper or postage. Additionally, having an online voter registration system will facilitate better voter rolls, help decrease wait times at the polls and ensure fewer provisional ballots.

"Under Senate Bill 63, in order to use the system each applicant will need to provide his or her name, address, date of birth, last four digits of their Social Security number and Ohio driver's license or state identification card number. Unlike the paper process, an applicant's information will be quickly matched against the Bureau of Motor Vehicle's information to ensure the applicant is eligible to become a voter in Ohio. If the information cannot be verified, the applicant's registration will not be accepted - ensuring fraudulent voter registration forms are not submitted online and helping to maintain clean, accurate voter rolls. For example, with this more secure process in place, it would be much more difficult for non-citizens to register to vote.

"Online voter registration will also save taxpayer dollars. Currently, 28 states have authorized online voter registration and half of all voters in the United States can register to vote online. An analysis of other states shows that having online voter registration saves between 50 cents to \$2.34 per registration compared to the traditional paper form. Put another way, if an online system had been in place in Ohio between 2011 and 2014, when the state processed more than

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Sudoku Puzzle

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5.6 million registrations, we could have saved anywhere from \$2.8 to \$13.2 million.

"Online voter registration is a bipartisan proposal that has the support of individuals and groups throughout the state, including the Ohio Association of Election Officials, the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio, the 32nd Chief of Staff of the United States Army, General Gordon Sullivan (U.S. Army, Retired), the Association of the United States Army, the Federal Voting Assistance Program, and many others.

"Ohio is a national leader in elections administration and I am proud of the system we have in place. However, as I constantly remind my staff and elections officials around the state, good enough is never good enough when it comes to running elections.

We must always strive to be the best, constantly looking for new ways to innovate and make our system better - like online voter registration.

"Bottom line, online voter registration, which will benefit voters and elections officials alike, is a common sense reform that is long overdue.

"I want to take a moment and thank President Faber and his leadership team for ensuring this important legislation receives the consideration it deserves. I also extend my thanks to Senator LaRose and to you, Mr. Chairman, for your leadership on this important measure.

"I appreciate your time today and urge support for Senate Bill 63, which continues our efforts in making it easy to vote and hard to cheat in Ohio."

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VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02** on July 20, 2015, entitled, "A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTIONS OF THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5705.19, 5705.191, 5705.25, AND 5705.26." This Resolution authorizes the tax levy renewal for cemetery maintenance and operating expense to be placed on the ballot for the upcoming November general election.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-04** on July 20, 2015, entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY." This Resolution authorizes the Mayor to submit an application to obtain financial assistance for the waste water treatment plant improvement project.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-17** on July 20, 2015, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER \$27,500.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE FUND, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Fiscal Officer to transfer funds from the general fund to the police fund for the operating expenses of the police department.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-18** on July 20, 2015, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE WATER FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00, AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY." The Ordinance authorizes the Fiscal Officer to transfer funds from the general fund to the water fund for the operating expenses of the water department.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-20** on July 20, 2015, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE § 721.03; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Village to advertise notice of sale of real property located at 118 Oswald Street and 120 Oswald Street in the Village of Antwerp.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-21** on July 20, 2015, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CARRYALL TOWNSHIP FOR PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES FOR THE YEARS 2012, 2013, AND 2014 TO EXTEND THE TERM OF SAID AGREEMENT FOR 2015, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Village of Antwerp to contract with Carryall Township to provide fire protection services through and including December 31, 2015.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-22** on July 20, 2015, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE WOODCOX STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, OPWC PROJECT NO. CE08S/CE09S; AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Hohenbrink Excavating, LLC for the Woodcox Street waterline replacement project.

The publication of these Ordinances and Resolutions is by summary only. The complete text of the Ordinances and Resolutions may be obtained or viewed at the office of the Village of Antwerp Fiscal Officer located at 118 North Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Village Fiscal Officer, 118 North Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio, until noon on September 1, 2015, for the purchase of real property owned by the Village of Antwerp. The Village of Antwerp is selling real estate pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 721.03. There are two (2) parcels of real property being sold, which are located at 118 Oswald Street and 120 Oswald Street. The parcels are each offered for sale separately. Bids will be opened at noon on September 1, 2015, at the office of the Village Fiscal Officer. The real property is being sold "AS IS" and without any warranty or representation whatsoever as to the condition thereof.

Bids for purchase must reflect a price minimum of \$11,500.00 for the property located at 118 Oswald Street, and a minimum of \$9,200.00 for the property located at 120 Oswald Street.

In the event the Village of Antwerp is unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract for sale of the property with a chosen bidder, the Village of Antwerp may terminate negotiations with that bidder and enter into negotiations with the next highest and best bidder.

The Village of Antwerp accepts no responsibility for expenses incurred by responding bidders in the preparation or submittal of a bid and reserves the right not to enter into any contract with any bidder, to waive any irregularities, informalities, or inconsistencies in the bids, and to reject any and all bids received.

Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to be deposited with the bid in cash or by certified check and the balance to be paid at closing to be held within fifteen (15) days after the acceptance of the bid by the Village.

Please contact Sara Keeran, Village Administrator, at 419-258-2371 to inspect the real property.



MARK'S ARK APPEARING AT HARLAN DAYS

Mark's Ark will be appearing this year for another great show at Harlan Days! He and his many animals will be on the Midway Stage from Saturday, August 1, 3:00-4:00 p.m. The presentation is for the whole family so you won't want to miss it!

Are you ready for a hands-on, LIVE animal presentation? Mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and bugs... Oh my! Mark Kohlhorst, of Mark's Ark, will be bringing not-so-common, people friendly animals to Harlan Days. His presentations are well known to be very interactive with the audience and are chuck full of interesting and weird facts about the animals he will show. Mark is an expert animal handler. His critter knowledge matched with humor and wit make for an exciting program! He performs throughout the Fort Wayne area and anywhere in Indiana for birthday parties, festivals, senior centers, or any other kind of family-oriented event. Hurry out to Harlan Days, the animals can't wait to see you!



JOHN CURRAN & RENEGADE TO PLAY AT HARLAN DAYS 2015!

John Curran and Renegade have been together for over 15 years. John began playing guitar as a child and when he reached high school, he knew that performing was in his future. John Curran and Renegade guarantees that when you come to one of their shows, you will have a fabulous time!

John Curran and Renegade are one of the best country music performers in the area. Many years of hard work and dedication have paid off with a huge fan base in the

Midwestern states. They have shared the stage with some of the top national country acts such as: The Charlie Daniels Band, Rick Trevino, John Anderson, The Kinley's, Aaron Tippin, Yankee Grey and John Berry. The band is quickly climbing from regional to the national level. The music and performances delivered are highly addictive and will keep you up on your feet throughout the entire show! Don't miss them on the Harlan Days midway stage on Saturday, August 1 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. and again from 8:45-11:30 p.m.



MIKE HEMMELGARN TO ENTERTAIN AT HARLAN DAYS 2015!

Mike Hemmelgarn is back at Harlan Days this year with even MORE new puppets, juggling, magic and just plain gut-busting comedy entertainment for the entire family. You'll meet Marvin, a pathetic yet lovable office worker who is looking for a little respect and "Mrs. Right". Watch as a bowling ball, drawn on a piece of paper, magically appears out of nowhere!

Mike's shows are constantly evolving and change according to the needs of the audience. As one spectator exclaimed, "You never know what's going to happen next!" Among the characters you are likely to meet are Butterball the paranoid turkey, Casey the ballistic duck, a 92 year old midwestern farmer named Herman or Spud, a quick-witted and wildly entertaining ventriloquist puppet. Spud loves to involve the audience and often turns several volunteers into real live puppets - you've got to see it to believe it! The show builds to the dramatic finale where Mike juggles a bowling ball, apple and flaming torch... while eating the apple! (This is done after performing the chicken dance while balanc-

ing a bowling ball, apple, and knife on his forehead!) Mike also juggles everything from balls and juggling pins (with his own unique style, of course!) to bowling balls (one of which he mysteriously removes from a standard-sized briefcase), and even juggles ping pong balls with his mouth! The highlight of many shows is Rosie - an eccentric grandmother puppet, Britney Spears wannabe, and former high-fashion model - who always provides world-class comedy wherever she goes! Add a touch of magic, music, and audience participation to this high-energy show and you have lots of fun for everyone! Mike's shows have consistently received standing ovations at banquets, corporate and club events around the country, as well as praise from teachers and school administrators.

See all of this and so much more when you come out to Harlan Days to enjoy the food, fun and see Mike's show! He will be performing on the midway stage on Saturday, August 1 from 8:00-8:45 p.m. and then will continue performing while roaming the fairgrounds from 9:00-10:00 p.m.

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES 7/16/15

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on July 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wayne Trace Local High School Lecture Room

The following members were present: Mr. Pat Bauble, Mrs. Lisa McClure, Mr. Duane Sinn, Mr. Perry Sinn; Absent: Mr. Dick Swary

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call was taken by Treasurer, Lori Davis. 6:02 p.m. Executive Session Motion by: Mr. Bauble. Seconded by: Mr. Perry Sinn

"Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1), a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of considering the employment of an employee of the School District." Roll call vote: Mr. Bauble, Mr. Perry Sinn, Mrs. McClure, and Mr. Duane Sinn, aye; Nay, none. Board in executive session. 6:40 p.m. - Regular Session called back to order.

Correspondence, Recognition of Guests, Hearing of the Public*: *Thirty minutes of public participation will be permitted. Each person addressing the Board will give their name and address. If several people wish to speak, each person will be allotted 3 minutes until the total of 30 minutes is used. During that period no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have the opportunity to do so.

*All statements should be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually. Guests: Phil Nofziger

Vantage Report: Mr. Pat Bauble updated the board on Vantage activities.

Report of the Building Principals: No reports.

Committee Reports: Mr. Perry Sinn reported that the bus inspection went very well. All 17 busses passed inspection.

Report of the Treasurer: Treasurer, Lori Davis reviewed the FY15 graphs with the board. Mrs. Davis also explained the amendment to the appropriations and revenues for FY15.

Consent Agenda Items: One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Motion by: Mrs. McClure. Seconded by: Mr. Bauble
A. to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2015 Board meeting;
B. to approve the investment report and payment of bills as presented by the treasurer;
C. to approve the cash reconciliation report for June 2015;
D. to amend the final appropriation revenues for fiscal year 2015.

*Before we pass the consent resolution, are there any items you would like to move from the consent agenda to the discussion agenda for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?

Roll call vote: Mrs. McClure, Mr. Bauble, Mr. Duane Sinn, and Mr. Perry Sinn, aye. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Superintendent's Report: A. Curriculum B. Personnel C. Buildings and Grounds D. Events E. Operations Consent Agenda Items: One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following con-

sent agenda items: Motion by: Mr. Perry Sinn. Seconded by: Mr. Bauble

A. to accept the resignation of Greg Leeth as JH/HS Principal, effective July 31, 2015;

B. to accept the resignation of Alyssa Saylor as a teacher, effective June 30, 2015;

C. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and JH/HS Principal, to offer Maureen Sorenson a one-year limited contract as a teacher at Wayne Trace JH/HS, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, with placement on salary schedule to be determined;

D. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and WTPE Principal, to offer Christen Bauer a one-year limited contract as a teacher at Wayne Trace Payne Elementary, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, with placement on salary schedule to be determined;

E. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and WTPE Principal, to offer Kevin Snyder a one-year limited contract as a teacher at Wayne Trace Payne Elementary, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, with placement on salary schedule to be determined;

F. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Transportation Director, to offer Kelly Davis a one-year limited contract as a bus driver, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, with placement on salary schedule to be determined;

G. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the voluntary transfer of Dawn Wright to digital academy aide, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year;

H. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director (for coaching positions only), to offer one-year supplemental contracts for the 2015-2016 school year to the following certified personnel:

Christina Sinn - Head cheerleading coach (approximately 38% of head coach's pay)

Kerry Gudakunst - Asst. HS cheerleading coach (approximately 33% of head coach's pay) and co-competition cheerleading coach (approximately 60% of competition coach's pay)

Teresa Homier - Scholastic bowl advisor Louise Vranesevic - Drama club tech assistant

I. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director (for coaching positions only), to offer one-year supplemental contracts for the 2015-2016 school year to the following classified personnel:

Christina Landrum - Assistant HS cheerleading coach (approximately 29% of head coach's pay) and co-competition cheerleading coach (approximately 40% of competition coach's pay);

Joel Dunham - Drama club advisor

J. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve 2015-2016 salaries for Jody Dunham, Kevin Wilson, Jerry Hessel, JoEllen Sisson, Ann Olwin, Amy Noggle, and Annette Bauble as presented;

K. to commend Tim Baker and his summer crew for having all buses pass state inspection on the first inspection;

L. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve lunch prices as follows:

- JH/HS Lunch - \$2.80
Elementary Lunch - \$2.60
Adult Lunch - \$3.25
JH/HS Breakfast - \$1.55
Elementary Breakfast - \$1.40
Adult Breakfast - \$1.60

M. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to approve an overnight trip for the boys' golf team to Columbus, OH, on August 6-7, 2015;

N. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Building Principals, to approve student fees as presented for the 2015-2016 school year;

O. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Building Principals, to approve the staff and student handbooks for the 2015-2016 school year;

P. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the annual contract with Western Buckeye ESC; 15-07-1R

Q. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer, to approve a second resolution declaring the necessity to renew the current five-year income tax levy.

R. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to offer Phil Nofziger a one-year administrative contract as WT JH/HS principal, effective August 1, 2015;

Roll call vote: Mr. Perry Sinn, Mr. Bauble, Mrs. McClure, and Mr. Duane Sinn, aye. Nay, none. Motion passed.

6:56 p.m. - Executive Session Motion by: Mr. Perry Sinn. Seconded by: Mr. Duane Sinn

"Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1), a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of considering the employment of an employee of the School District."

Roll call vote: Mr. Perry Sinn, Mr. Duane Sinn, Mr. Bauble, and Mrs. McClure, aye. Nay, none.

Board in executive session. 7:50 p.m. - Regular session called back to order.

The Superintendent requested the August board meeting to be rescheduled to an earlier date. The August regular board meeting will be held August 10, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion by: Mr. Perry Sinn. Seconded by: Mrs. McClure. To adjourn meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next Board meeting will be held August 10, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Lecture Hall.

SIGNAL TO BE REMOVED, TWO-WAY STOP INSTALLED ON S.R. 930/COLISEUM BOULEVARD

The Indiana Department of Transportation announced that the traffic signal at the intersection of S.R. 930/Coliseum Boulevard and Old K-Mart Drive is scheduled to be removed on Wednesday, July 29, weather permitting.

INDOT recently completed a traffic study of the intersection and found that the traffic volumes have drastically decreased following the closure of K-Mart in 2014, to the point at which a traffic signal is no longer justified. The intersection configuration will be converted to a two-way stop controlled intersection with S.R. 930/Coliseum Boulevard having the right-of-way. To make motorists aware of the new traffic controls, INDOT will install new signage and pavement markings.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 7/6/15

This 6th day of July, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

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

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Warrants documented as 217428 through 217489 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST: Greg Geyer, OSAYSC Summer Convention, Dublin OH - July 24-26, 2015

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Brenda Crawford and Jan Commers, Board of Election - Ms. Crawford and Ms. Commers met with the Commissioners to discuss the electron pool book demonstration taking place tomorrow at their office at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Crawford noted they are having a board meeting following the presentation to decide on purchasing. She also stated Paulding County will need at least one electronic poll book for each precinct, plus a couple of backups. Ms. Commers and Ms. Crawford both commented on how much easier with less chance for errors.

Ed Bohn, EMA - Mr. Bohn met with the Commissioners for his regularly scheduled appointment with the Commissioners. He reported he will be attending a meeting with the Ohio EMA and County EMA Directors to discuss the recent flooding and how things were handled. The post-flood meeting on the county level was last Wednesday evening. Mr. Bohn also attended the recent meeting with US Senator Sherrod Brown. Mr. Bohn reported he is still working diligently on

Paulding County's mitigation plan. He noted he will be working with an intern to complete the process. He estimates 12-14 months before the plan is completed. Once it is completed and accepted, EMA grants can be applied for. Mr. Bohn reminded the Commissioners of the LEPC meeting this Wednesday.

REP. TONY BURKLEY APPLAUDS GOV. KASICH'S RESPONSE TO CHATTANOOGA SHOOTING

State Representative Tony Burkley (R-Payne) applauded Governor John Kasich's decision to authorize personnel at Ohio National Guard recruitment centers to carry weapons.

This decision came in response to the tragic shooting that took place at a military recruiting center in Chattanooga, Tennessee last week, which claimed the lives of four Marines, as well as Sailor Randall Smith, a native of Paulding, Ohio.

"Not only do our men and women in uniform deserve our respect, but they should also be given the resources to protect themselves," Burkley said. "With the recent tragedy in Chattanooga, it is important that Ohio join other states and take the steps necessary to arm our recruiters."

CONGRESSMAN BOB LATTA (R-OH) ON THE PASSAGE OF THE IMPROVING COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS REGULATION ACT OF 2015

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) voted in support of H.R. 1734, the "Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015".

H.R. 1734 calls for the safe management and disposal of coal ash. The bipartisan legislation is the culmination of a multi-year, multi-Congress effort to improve options for safe energy byproduct management and recycling.

"This important legislation establishes state-based regulatory permit programs with that will ensure the safe management and disposal of coal ash, in a manner that preserves jobs and encourages recycling," said Rep. Latta.

PUBLIC AUCTION CANCELLED. THURSDAY - JULY 30- 6PM. 1.5 miles north of Paulding on US 127; immediately NORTH of US 24 and US 127 - watch for signs-sale on site. BARRELOT - PAULDING. Easy access to Highway 127, Antwerp/Ft. Wayne; undeveloped; presently zoned AG-1; 1.5 acre lot on US 127x 475' depth; fine neighboring properties; 10% down payment w/balance 30 days; warranty deed; taxes prorated; pool, garage, etc.; ten percent buyer's premium; see website for survey. STRALEY REALTY & AUCTIONEERS. MGR: Ches. 419-605-8410. APP: Warren J. Stra. 419 West Ervin Rd - Van Wert, OH 45891. 419-238-9733

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CONGRESSMAN BOB LATTA (R-OH) ON ACTIONS, INVESTIGATION OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Following the release of a video revealing Planned Parenthood's Senior Director of Medical Services discussing the sale of fetal body parts, Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) released the following statement denouncing the organization's practices.

As a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Rep. Latta will support his colleagues in an investigation of Planned Parenthood.

"The practices of Planned Parenthood revealed in this video are nothing short of appalling. Federal law prohibits the sale of fetal body parts for profit. I appreciate Chairman Upton of the Energy and Commerce Committee and Chairman Goodlatte of the Judiciary Committee for announcing the launch of an investigation into this matter, and will join my colleagues in conducting a thorough investigation of Planned Parenthood. I know that the Committees will address Planned Parenthood's actions in a swift manner."

Note: Congressman Latta joined over a 120 House colleagues last week in signing a letter to Chairman Upton and Chairman Goodlatte up the announcement of the investigation.

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Classified ads are \$8.50 for 20 words or less and only \$.15 for each additional word.

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for individuals with DD. The Paulding County Board of DD is looking for subs to work as needed for our sheltered workshop for individuals with developmental disabilities. If this interests you, please send resume to PCBDD:

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FOR SALE: 1999 Phoenix Shasta 5th wheel 30 ft. camper. 2004 - G.M.C. Silverado Truck. Low mileage at 501 Paulding St., Melrose, Ohio. 419-594-2133. 30,31p

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WILL BABYSIT in my Antwerp home. Summer fun! Trips to the park & activities. Lunch & snacks provided. Call Norma's cell at 574-298-6199. 29-32p

MOVING SALE: 201 West Merrin, Payne, Lamps, area rugs, beds, entertainment center, girl clothes sizes 3 months to juniors, toys, lots and lots more! July 30 & 31, 9:00-4:00. p

GARAGE SALE: Household, Antiques, Clothes - Liz Claiborne, Worthington, Lawn Furn., Fire Pit, Men Stuff, Furniture; A/C, Sm. Refrig. 12517 St. Rt. 18 W, Sherwood, Ohio. July 30th, 31st & Aug. 1st, 9-6. p

GARAGE SALE: Furniture & lots of misc. 19534 CR 72. Fri. & Sat., July 31st & Aug. 1st, 8-5. p

MULTI PARTY GARAGE SALE: July 29, 30, 31, Aug. 1; 10AM-7PM at 801 State St., Melrose, Ohio. Junior size and S to 3XL Women. Young men clothes - S & M. Some mens clothes L & XL. Books, lots of misc, too many to list. p

FOR SALE: Reading Apple Parer, Flower Stemmer, North Pole Dept. 56 Shop & Houses in original boxes, Fostoria & Lenox tableware, New Service/8 cream & blue. Phone 419-399-5878. 29, 30p

GRAVES TREE EXPERT: Tree trimming, tree removal, dead limb removal, storm damage, clean up, stump removal, free estimates. Call Paul, 260-341-7255. eot

RAIN TECH Seamless Gutters, 419-258-1818. 14-16

WANTED: People who love having a great time, food & entertainment. Attend Antwerp's Day in The Park, August 8, 2015, 10-4pm. See this paper for events schedule next week. Antwerp Chamber of Commerce, 419-258-4065 30

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COME JOIN THE FUN AT ALLEYCAT LANES: Sign up for league play. Leagues start bowling in September. Come to Alleycat Lanes or call 419-399-4022 to get signed up for your night out. 30-34p

HOUSE FOR RENT: Available in September. 3 bedrooms, 1 and 1/2 baths. Central A/C and attached garage. All appliances. In Paulding. No pets. \$600/mo. 419-769-8000. 30-33p

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SEEKING PART TIME PROPERTY MANGER for Williams County Community. Prefer experience in HUD, RD, Tax Credit. Forward resumes to cturner@rljmgmt.com. Position to start Mid August. 29-32b

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SUMMER STUDY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

When Indiana's part-time legislature is not in session, lawmakers are assigned to interim study committees that meet to review the state's top issues, as identified by the General Assembly during the prior legislative session.

Study committee topics are assigned by the bipartisan Legislative Council, comprised of 16 members of the General Assembly - eight from the Senate and eight from the House of Representatives.

A few areas the Council decided to focus on this summer are the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, legislative and congressional redistricting and mental-health illnesses that lead to teen suicide.

During the summer and fall months, I will be serving as Chair of the Interim Summer Committee on Education.

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Some of those issues include:

- Whether the ISTEP+ test should be replaced with an alternative statewide assessment;
- The impact school testing, reporting requirements and data collection has on school corporations around the state; and
- Teaching methods for children with developmental delays as well as funding for special education services for preschool, kindergarten and elementary students.

I will also be serving on the Interim Study Committee on Employment and Labor and the Education Commission of the States.

For a complete list of topics that will be discussed during the interim, visit www.IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/blog. If you're interested in viewing committee agendas and streaming hearings online, visit www.in.gov/iga.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns contact my office directly by email at Senator.Kruse@iga.in.gov or by phone at 800-382-9467.

What do you think?

Sudoku solution from page 13

7	1	3	5	8	4	9	2	6
4	2	5	3	6	9	1	8	7
8	9	6	7	1	2	3	5	4
1	6	7	8	3	2	4	9	5
2	8	6	1	4	5	7	3	9
3	5	4	6	7	9	2	1	8
6	1	4	2	5	8	6	7	3
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LET'S GO TO THE HOP! SOCK HOP AND CRUISE-IN SET FOR AUGUST 1



The Rockford Belle of 135 Market Street, Rockford, Ohio will hold its 6th annual Sock Hop and Cruise-In on Saturday, August 1, 2015. The street will be closed off and activities will take place outside in front of the entertainment venue. The Cruise-In starts at 4:00 p.m. and a live concert is set for 6:00 p.m. A food tent will be available. Bring your lawn chairs and take in the sights and sounds of the Cruise-In cars and "Blind Date" band as they play a variety of 60's and 70's music. Cruise-In participants are welcome to bring their

Classic Motorcycles, Cars, and Trucks; come, shine, and show! There will be no judging or entrance fee. Door prizes will be available for cruise-in participants, and a 50/50 drawing. Local favorite Jerry Bolenbaugh has been invited to perform with the band; there will be a special appearance with Elvis Aaron Presley, Jr.

Mark your calendars for August 1st to enjoy this fun-filled evening- sure to please all ages. For more information, call Nancy Ritz at 567-259-9211.

SECRETARY HUSTED ANNOUNCES VERIFIED SIGNATURES ON RESPONSIBLE OHIO PETITIONS

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted certified that ResponsibleOhio has failed to meet the necessary requirements to place their proposed constitutional amendment, titled "Marijuana Legalization Amendment," before voters on the November 2015 General Election Ballot.

Petitioners were required to submit at least 305,591 valid signatures, a number equal to 10 percent of the total votes cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election, 2014. Having submitted only 276,082 valid signatures statewide, ResponsibleOhio has failed to

meet this requirement.

Petitioners are also required to have submitted signatures from at least 44 of Ohio's 88 counties, and within each of those counties, collected enough signatures equal to five percent of the total vote cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election, 2014. The petitioners met this requirement, having collected enough signatures to meet the five percent threshold in 73 counties.

Having failed to meet all of the constitutional requirements to place the issue on the ballot, petitioners will be given 10 additional days to make up the difference. Additional signatures must be submitted to the Secretary of State's office no later than July 30, 2015.

PAULDING CHAPTER 10 PERI AUGUST MEETING SET

The Paulding County Chapter 10 Public Employee Retirement Incorporated (PERI) will be meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at the Paulding County Senior Center (401 E. Jackson St.).

Guest speaker for the meeting is Ohio Representative, Tony Burkley.

THE TRUTH ABOUT CATTAILS

By: Staci Miller, Paulding SWCD, Education Specialist

Due to the wet spring and summer, cattails are growing strong along roadside ditches and around ponds. Cattails are wetland plants with a unique flowering spike, flat blade like leaves that reach heights of 3 to 10 feet. Flowers form a dense dark brown, cigar-shape at the end of spikes called the catkin. They are one of the most common plants in large marshes and on the edge of ponds and even ditches with the abundant rainfall this year. Two species are most common in US: broad leaved cattail (*T. latifolia*) and narrow leaf cattail (*T. angustifolia*).

Under the conditions that we have had this year, cattails are growing and spreading vigorously. Cattails spread through their root system. The thick, white roots, called rhizomes, grow underground near the edge of ponds and in shallow low lying area of land. As long as the water is not too deep, the cattails feast off the open sunshine and abundant water, storing a large amount of food in the root system. Cattails at the edge of ponds can grow faster than fertilized corn in a field according to cattailsinformation.com.

The dense foliage and debris from the plant makes it very difficult for competing plant species to grow. Cattail is an obnoxious plant that can reduce plant bio-diversity. Cattail can become a problem in irrigated agricultural lands and managed aquatic systems. The plants can invade farm ponds, irrigation canals, and drainage ditches which can result in reduced water flow and increased sediment build up.

Cattails do serve an important purpose in wetland areas. Underwater, they provide a safe haven for tiny fish and attract many of the smaller aquatic creatures that birds and other wildlife feed on. The rhizomes and lower leaf portions of cattails are consumed by muskrats, ducks, and geese. They create a shelter from winter cold and wind for mammals and birds and a source of nesting material with their leaves and seeds. It really depends on the location of the cattails whether they are considered a nuisance or a helpful plant species.

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

WOODBURN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI NEWS

The Woodburn High School Alumni Steering Committee met recently to wrap up and discuss the OPEN House we hosted on June 13, 2015 in connection with the 150th Anniversary Celebration of the city of Woodburn. After discussing the low attendance we had at this alumni reunion, the decision was made at this time to not host a reunion in the year 2016. The committee is still very enthusiastic about planning another event in the year 2017. We are looking at some new ideas that perhaps might be of interest to our alumni. If you want to add your comments or suggestions, please get in contact with one of the following committee members:

- Class of 1950 Ralph Scheiwe;
- 1952 Ruth (Stoller) Fry;
- 1954 Mary (Butt) Mabis;
- 1954 Jim Shanebrook;
- 1954 Charlie Wells;
- 1955 Lois (Litzenberg) VonGuntzen;
- 1955 Gloria (Basting) Gerig;
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- 1956 Bill Mull;
- 1956 Stan Hostetler;
- 1956 Joan (Gerbbers) Wells;
- 1957 Nancy (Moore) Mohr;
- 1960 Carolyn (Harkins) Rekeweg;
- 1960 Don Rekeweg;
- 1962 Luci (Cohrs) Foltz;
- and 1962 Nancy (Murphy) Daugherty

6th ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT AUGLAIZE TWP. FIRE DEPT.

The Auglaize Twp. Fire Department Auxiliary, located at the corner of SR 637 and Rd. 169 are hosting their annual ice cream social on Saturday, August 1st from 4:00-7:00 p.m. The menu includes homemade ice cream, sandwiches, pies, chips and beverages. Carry outs are also available.

Special appearance by Lifelight, weather permitting and Deputy Gary Deitrick and Jano.

The firemen will also be present with the kids safety "Smoke House" and truch demonstrations. Everyone is welcome.

iAB OFFERS TIPS ON TALKING TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT MONEY

iAB Financial Bank and the American Bankers Association are offering tips on how and when to begin teaching your children about money. If they are old enough to ask for a toy or a bike, they are old enough to start learning financial lessons that will last a lifetime. The best financial lessons are part of everyday experience. Look for opportunities to talk about money and be open and honest when you discuss your financial experiences—good or bad. Here are some examples of teachable moments to help you get started:

At the bank: When you go to the bank, bring your children with you and show them how transactions work. Get the manager to explain how the bank operates, how money generates interest and how an ATM works. Ask the manager for a tour—be sure to ask to see the vault.

On payday: Discuss how your pay is budgeted to pay for housing, food and clothing, and how a portion is saved for future expenses such as college tuition and retirement.

At the grocery: It's easy to give clear examples of "needs"

and "wants" using different kinds of foods at a grocery store. Milk (for strong bones) is a need; soft drinks are a want. Explain the benefits of comparison shopping, coupons and store brands.

Chores and allowances: Assign chores and give them a monetary value. Discuss ways to budget and divide allowances. Encourage children to set a financial goal, such as saving for a bike, and figure out how to achieve it.

Paying bills: Explain the many ways that bills can be paid: over the phone, paper or by check, electronic check or online check draft. Discuss how each method of bill payment takes money out of your account. Be sure to cover late penalties, emphasizing the importance of paying bills on time.

Using credit cards: Explain that credit cards are a loan and need to be repaid. Share how each month a credit card statement comes in the mail with a bill. Go over the features of different types of cards, such as ATM, debit and credit cards. Browsing the internet: While online, explain to your children how valuable their personal information and privacy is to you, to them and to online predators. Discuss the risks and benefits of sharing certain information. Then, as a family, make a list of rules for keeping personal information safe online.

Planning a vacation: Whether you are planning an outing to a local amusement park or a once-in-a-lifetime trip, emphasize the value of saving as a family. Set a family savings goal that involves your children. Figure out the cost and discuss ways everyone can help to reach the goal.

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