

"GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS"



The VFW Riders arrive at the memorial service this Saturday. More pictures at westbendnews.net

"Randall Smith" called out by Bob Habern. "Randall Scott Smith" The roll call took place in complete silence. Though others responded, Randall does not answer. Bob, District Disabled Veteran's Commander Chapter 54, calls again, louder this time, "Petty Officer, Second Class, Randall Smith". After a short delay Sheriff Jason Landers stands and answers, "Petty Officer, Second Class, Randall Scott Smith is not with us. Randall was killed in action serving his country." It is Randall's final roll call.

We have been watching closely as the day has come and now gone for the Randall Smith memorial. If you recall, Randall Smith from Paulding, Ohio was serving in active duty Navy service in Chattanooga, TN on July

16 when a domestic enemy carried a machine gun in and fired upon those at the Naval Operations Support Center. Randall, though not scheduled to work, came in that day to finish a project. When the person came in shooting, Randall drew the fire away while others were able to escape. Altogether five people died as a result of the attack. Without Randall reports say many others may also have been killed.

The funeral Service took place in Chattanooga on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 where he was buried with full military honors.

All of this took place down south, but Paulding, Ohio also needed closure. It was scheduled with the family, county, and school to have the event take place on Saturday,



Landers answers for Randall Smith. More pictures at westbendnews.net.

August 1st.

Mourners from Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, and as far away as Arizona came to the ceremony in Paulding.

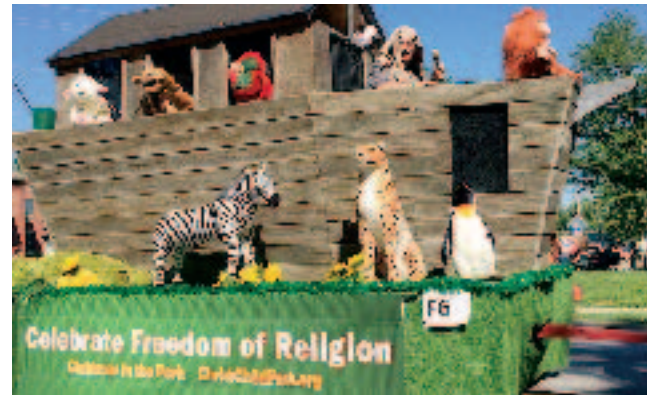
Breakfast started at the Paulding VFW and the morning began with the Legion Riders meeting at Walmart in Defiance. Eric Holzer led the 6-mile long group southwest on Emerald Road toward First Christian Church where more Riders joined in. The group of 800 drove around the school, under the 20'x30' flag suspended by the Paulding and Defiance ladder firetrucks, and parked in the designated area.

While the Riders were arriving Dan Meyer played his guitar and sang to the veterans waiting to enter, "It's all because of you."

Joel Kociancic a firefighter of Perrysburg, OH entered with the bagpipes as the posting of the colors took place and the Riders filed in, paying their last respects. The service

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COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER FOR HARLAN DAYS



Harlan Days is always the last weekend in July and the community always looks forward to it. It's amazing to think that July is now over. This is the 68th Annual Harlan Days fair. It originally started in 1947 and has had a great following from the Rock-O-Plane ride to the famous Lions Club Chicken.

Jeff and Betty Stieglitz started helping out on the fair committee in 1995 and knew all about the history, including the ups and downs of the fair and how the weather has effected the outcome. This year the atmospheric conditions were perfect for lots of fun for the fairgoers!

Dale Cobbs and his wife Doris were in charge of getting the favorite food ready for the fair. They took over four years ago, along with the Ekklesia Church (the owners of the old Harlan Elementary building), just north of the park, and the concessions. The fair was losing that "Harlan Days" food flavor. Dale realized how important the quality of the food and preparation was. They started at the church potluck dinners by analyzing who had the best

recipes for the different foods such as the beans, the potato salad, and other tasty treats, and made that the basis for the food at the festival. All of the food is homemade now!

Much of the food is brought in from local business and farmers. The beef all comes from Gustin's Custom Slaughtering on the State-Line Road. Other food such as the brats, hotdogs, buns, etc came from A&M Grocery. 1500 ears of steamed corn is provided by Kurtz Farms.

There are so many people who have given their time. Dale said there are 231 time slots that had to be filled between Ekklesia Church and the other churches in the community.

Here are some amazing
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PAULDING COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Paulding County Democratic Central Committee will meet to fill a vacancy on the Paulding County Board of Elections and also to appoint a committeeman for the Village I precinct in Paulding.

All persons interested in these vacancies please attend meeting at the Paulding Eagles Hall on August 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

ANTWERP ANNOUNCES GEM OF THE YEAR: BILL FISH



2015 Gem of the Year, Bill Fish.

Every year the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce selects an outstanding member of the community based upon the entries provided by residents. This year Bill Fish has been selected for the 2015 Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Gem of the Year.

Bill is actively involved in the community — from the school to the city works. You probably have seen Bill fixing broken water lines, cleaning out storm sewers this year from the flooding, or fixing up the park when the need arose. He has done much more than that though.

Bill's family moved to Antwerp when he was 11 or so. His parents, JD and Frances Fish, realized Detroit was not the location to raise a family. Being pushed around with

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OBITUARIES

PAYNE, OH

Diane L. Hughes, age 58 died Friday, July 31, 2015.

She was born November 14, 1956 in Ft. Wayne, IN, the daughter of Frederick and Deloris (Richart) Robinson.

She is survived by her mother, Deloris Robinson, Ft. Wayne; long time companion, Dale Bartrand; children: Angela (Guy) Barnes, New Haven, Sherray Elliott, Paulding, Jennifer (Michael) Lehman, Camden, MI, Sarah Richards, Inverness, FL, Chasity (Brad) Perkins, Auburn, IN, Samantha (Craig) Smith, Paulding, and Shaune Barrand, Newville, IN; brothers, Fred, Don, Floyd and Charlie Robinson; sister, Karen Abbot, and 23 grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her father; daughter, Alicia Newby; and granddaughter, Izabella Perkins.

Visitation will be 1 - 5 PM Wednesday, August 5 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to Den Herder Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 8/5 - 8/11

8/5 - Taco salad casserole, corn chips, grapes & pineapple, broccoli salad, cornbread
8/6 - BBQ rib sandwich, seasoned potatoes, mixed vegetables, blushing pears, apple granola bar

8/7 - Hot chicken sandwich, macaroni salad, coleslaw, ambrosia, apple juice

8/10 - Turkey Manhattan, mashed potatoes, tomato, cabbage & carrot medley, pineapple, WW bread, cookie bar

8/11 - Swedish meatballs, noodles, lima beans, grape juice, applesauce, dinner roll

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 8/5 - 8/11

8/5 - PERI at 10:00 a.m.; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Bunco at 12:30 p.m.; Bingo w/ Western Southern at 12:00 Noon

8/6 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Blood Pressure & Toe Nail Clinic at 9:00 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Turn Up at 12:15 p.m.

8/7 - Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Summer Series Concert at 7:00 p.m.

8/10 - Raffle Day; Shedding Pounds at 9:30 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Walking Zumba at 10:30 a.m.

8/11 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF

AGING TO HOST "WELL BEYOND 60!" EXPO AT OHIO STATE FAIR

The Ohio Department of Aging invites all Ohioans to visit the "Well Beyond 60!" EXPO during National Church Residences' Senior Day at the Ohio State Fair on Tuesday, August 4, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The expo will feature health screenings that will help visitors identify healthy choices they can make throughout their lifespans to ensure they live a healthier, more active life at age 60 and beyond. The event is free with fair admission.

Fairgoers visiting the expo will have access to free health screenings and educational displays including: Blood pressure screening, falls risk assessment, balance testing, vision screening, nutrition education, stroke information and more.

"Aging well begins at birth and never stops being important. We know that the choices we make throughout our lives have a greater impact on our health and wellness in elderhood than genetics," said Bonnie K. Burman, director of the department. "No matter your age or physical ability, there is always something you can do to improve your health and ensure that you live 'Well Beyond 60!' We're excited to bring together partners from many disciplines to promote lifestyle choices that can have real benefit at any age."

"Well Beyond 60!" EXPO partners include: Ohio Department of Aging, Ohio Department of Health, Prevent Blindness Ohio, Mount Carmel Health, National Church Residences, Arbors of Delaware, The Ohio State University Extension, Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center, STEADY U Ohio and HEALTHY U Ohio.

Fairgoers also are invited to arrive early for the free 1 p.m. Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons tribute concert, "Let's Hang On," for an "A Matter of Balance" falls prevention mini-workshop.

For ticket information, directions and a full schedule for the Ohio State Fair, visit www.ohiostatefair.com. For information about the Department of Aging's "Well Beyond 60!" initiative, visit www.aging.ohio.gov.

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uncalled for violence and gang fights, it was a choice that had to be made for the benefit of the whole family.

When the family moved here, his dad already had a plan. His sister, LoJean, ran the Varner's Restaurant on East River Street. She invited her brother's family to the Antwerp community, knowing it would be much better than Detroit.

In high school, Bill played football and basketball. He won sports awards from the school and also from the Green Meadows Conference. Bill graduated in the class of 1975 of Antwerp High School and he's been around ever since.

After high school he worked for Weatherhead, but found a better paying job at Parrot Meats in Fort Wayne on West Main Street. It was good pay and he met his future wife, Cheryl Hamman, on the job. How he spontaneously introduced himself to Cheryl, well, you'll have to ask Bill. This is a family newspaper and we just can't print everything.

In 1981, they married. Unfortunately, after they had their first child and another on the way, Bill found Parrot Meat Packing suddenly closed its doors. Bill took up any odd job he could find to keep food on the table.

Through the help of George Rhonehouse, he was able to secure a job at Spectemp for 7 years. Following that stint, he worked for CR Carpet in Fort Wayne, but it was rough on his body, and the doctor told him if he continued he would need a full knee replacement.

The medical pronouncement scared Bill into looking for another job that wasn't so hard on his knees. For the last eight years now, Bill has worked for the Village of Antwerp. It was a perfect fit! "I love to work outside!" Bill continues, "including taking care of the park." It doesn't matter the weather, it's always a good day to be outside—according to Bill!

"He is at every event supporting both the boys and the girls athletics," states Drew Altimus, Antwerp Athletic Director. Bill has also served many years at the school helping young people out in the weight room and inspiring them to push themselves further than before, making goals and beating them. In 2010, Bill broke his own record with 80 push-ups in 30 seconds! Some of the responders specifically

pointed out Bill's enthusiasm for encouraging them. "Our athletes look for him in the stands at every event. He is a very positive influence of our student," said Drew.

He remembers distinctly that he would go support the kids playing games when other people may not think the sport is as popular. He and Cheryl are remembered for the giant cookies that are made for the volleyball team, or making the homemade pizza that the kids love! The young people recalled how much he cared—and showed it.

Why did Bill get involved with exercise and weight lifting? "I kept getting the crap beat out of me in Detroit. I always had to hide because of the gangs. I started lifting weights at age 11 because I was tired of running!" This is why he wants young people to get involved with their health and fitness. He understands that kids can control their lives and he inspires everyone to take charge!

Bill not only lives and works in Antwerp, he also attends church here. He is a Jehovah's Witness.

In the last couple of years, Bill has stepped back from some of his obligations. He and his wife are now empty nesters. It's been 34 years since the house has been empty and he says it's time for him and Cheryl to do what they have been wanting to do for years and enjoy each other.

All of their kids live close by, but Bill's dad moved down to Alabama. His mother is deceased.

Congratulations on being selected as Antwerp's 2015 Gem of the Year!

RURAL HOSPITAL INTRODUCES TELEMEDICINE PROGRAM PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL STARTS TELECARDIOLOGY CLINIC

Dr. Ameer Kabour and Paulding County Hospital are pleased to announce the launch of a complete telemedicine solution enabling patients to undergo a cardiac consultation with specialists remotely - leading to faster diagnosis and treatment for their patients.

Dr. Kabour is Cardiology Chief at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center in Toledo and CEO of Toledo Cardiology Consultants. He is a familiar face to many in Northwest Ohio as the host and producer of the television show Time Waits For No One.

The new telemedicine solution will enable Dr. Kabour to conduct remote consultations with two-way audiovisual, clinical data and medical imaging, all from an iPad, laptop or desktop computer. The systems will allow him to coordinate patient care in real-time leading to improved quality and decreased decision-making time.

Many medical solutions have been developed over the years, which benefit both patients and hospitals with limited access to funding. One of those is telemedicine, which allows physicians to cross

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

—John 15:3

physical barriers, instantly eliminate distance, and facilitate vital communication between medical staff and patients, all while maintaining financial sustainability.

The telemedicine solution provided by InTouch Health is a comprehensive clinical solution extending far beyond just the placement of reliable equipment and high quality connectivity. The InTouch Health solution offers hospitals and health systems a way to build financially sustainable programs, which will deliver superior clinical outcomes.

The telemedicine program will:

- Provide 24/7 access to a cardiologist
- Reduce unnecessary hospital admissions by consulting with high-risk patients remotely
- Allow patients to stay in the local hospital
- Transfer only those patients that are appropriate for higher level intervention
- Gain advanced access to a network of shared resources, including education, training, and best practices

The first telemedicine clinic will start on August 14, 2015. Persons wishing to make an appointment may call 419-399-1133. This advancement in telemedicine allows the hospital to provide 24/7 expert care to patients in the rural setting, as well as critical acute-care expertise to life and death situations.

WHEELS IN THE PARK CRUISE IN AT ANTWERP'S DAY IN THE PARK

Cars, Trucks, tractors, motorcycles, scooters, etc. — Bring in your baby, anything with wheels, and show it off at Antwerp's Wheels in the Park Cruise In. This awesome event is free and will take place during Day in the Park at Riverside Park from 10:00 a.m. till people are done looking!

There will be plenty of food vendors at the park to keep you all day long. Dash plaques will be awarded to the first 25 entries and door prizes until gone.

FAMILY FUNDAMENTALS: HELP STUDENT HEADING TO COLLEGE SET A BUDGET

My son is starting college this year. I want to sit him down to help him learn how to set a budget, but he is resisting. How much should I press him?

No matter what your son is majoring in or how much he ends up earning during his career, learning how to set and live on a budget is one of those critical life lessons that will impact him for years — really, decades — to come. If he doesn't learn how to manage his money now, he very well may regret it later when he has to deal with the consequences. If you're going to insist on anything, insist he at least sit down with you to talk about it.

It's not unusual for a young person to stonewall when a parent wants to of-

fer guidance. He is probably feeling like he is on the brink of independence and doesn't want to acknowledge that he still needs a parent's helping hand every once in a while. But this is important, and worth putting up with some teenage sullenness.

There are plenty of resources that can help, if you need them. Here are a few to check out:

- The National Endowment for Financial Education is a nonprofit organization designed to help young people and adults learn about financial decision-making. It offers whole curriculums for high schools and colleges to offer personal finance programs. Its resources are free, and you can download them yourself without taking a whole course. One resource you may find helpful is "40 Money Management Tips Every College Student Should Know," available at www.smartaboutmoney.org/Portals/0/Resource-Center/40MoneyManagementTips.pdf. You can share this 32-page guide with your son to review on his own, if he'd prefer, before you sit down with him to go over some basics. It includes a spending plan worksheet to help your son list sources of income and anticipated expenses — a great starting point for budget planning.

- Bankrate.com, an industry leader in offering personal finance information on the Internet, offers an online student budget calculator at www.bankrate.com/calculators/smart-spending/college-student-budget-calculator.aspx. It's designed especially for full-time college students, with the ability to plan for income and expenses monthly, per semester, or per academic year.

- The U.S. Department of Education's office of Federal Student Aid offers a step-by-step guide for college students to learn how to keep track of income and expenses, save toward specific goals, and adjust a budget when circumstances change. It's online at studentaid.ed.gov/sa/prepare-for-college/budgeting/creating-your-budget.

- If he doesn't already do so regularly, put a special emphasis on both building up savings and balancing a checkbook. Now is the time to start a habit of regular and consistent saving, even small amounts. And bounced check fees can add up very quickly and damage your son's credit rating. For a simple guide to balancing a checkbook, see tips from the College Board at www.collegeboard.com/prod_downloads/highered/res/cc_tips/Balancing05.pdf.

Any one of these resources will be helpful for you to start this conversation with your son. Don't shy away from this issue. It may take awhile, but eventually your son will be grateful.




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food stats: 1000 porkchops were served, 400 lbs of potato salad, 300 lbs of broccoli salad, 180 pies, 6- 5 gallon buckets of baked beans, 5- 5 gallon buckets of sloppy joes, 2000 hotdogs, 700 brats with sauerkraut, 1300 chicken halves (Harlan Days Chicken by the Lions Club).

At 5:00 a.m. on Saturday, the chicken begins to grill. By Saturday evening, it will all be gone!

The grocery list for all the food costs about \$25,000. A&M helps gives good deals for everything the Harlan Days Fair needs.

All the money brought in goes to keeping the park going. It pays for the maintenance, the lights, scoreboards, and whatever else is needed!

Last year the profit from food was \$8,000 which is excellent when considering only four years before the amount was only \$800.

The last couple of years the Fair started to give away hotdogs - up to four per family - on Thursday nights. It wasn't a big night for attendance and this was a great way for families who couldn't afford much to still get their kids food. It worked! Families started coming on the evening deemed slower, keeping the rides going and hotdogs really are not that expensive. Everyone won!

The Harlan Days fair is a great way to bring the entire community together and seeing the crowd this year really shows how much people like good food and good community!

This territory was finally conquered by Gen. Anthony Wayne at the Battle of Fallen Timbers near the city of Maumee, OH on August 20, 1794. He then constructed forts at Defiance and Ft. Wayne, IN General Wayne's trail from Maumee to Ft. Wayne passed through Antwerp, Ohio on which is now known as River Street and Route # 24.

(Note: This History of Antwerp did not have any of Mr. Zedaker's notes of reference materials. However, it has always been a legendary tradition that Anthony Wayne did pass in or near Antwerp. There were said to be numerous Indian villages along the Maumee River from Lake Erie to the mouth of the Maumee (now Ft. Wayne)). The river was a well-traveled passage-way by all peoples, the first being the French in the 1600's. What is now "Old US 24" was once very close to the river and was always thought to be an Indian trail. The "Great Black Swamp" made it even more ideal to stick with river passages or high ground on river bluffs. Also, some historians say that Wayne marched North of the Maumee River to Ft. Wayne.

Knaggs Reserve was an active Indian reservation at the Ohio/Indiana State Line (where the Pond-a-River Golf Course now is) about the time Wayne came through (?). As he was getting rid of Indian populations, he might have wanted to go through there also on his way to Ft. Wayne from the Battle of Fallen Timbers).

The first settler of Carryall Township was David Applegate. He settled on the north side of the Maumee River in 1827. The following year brought the following: Brasier Campbell; Wm. Banks; R. V. Spurner; Thomas Runyan; Robert Murphy; Zacharia Graves; Dennison H(u)ghes; Sam H(i)alton; A. J. Smith; Wilson Snook; Wm. Snook; Jesse Pocock; and Joseph Cole.

Carryall Township was organized in 1829, containing 36 square miles. It derived its name from a large rock in the Maumee River just west of the village. The rock resembles a French vehicle which was called a "Carryall". All of Paulding and Defiance Counties until 1839 were under the jurisdiction of Williams County. The first Twp. election was held in 1830 in a log cabin near the present home of Harry Snook Jr. There were only 12 votes cast. The officers elected were: Gilbert Murphy, clerk; Richard Banks, Hugh Runyon and Wm. Hodge, trustees.

Soon after the surveying and platting of Antwerp, the

town people began to debate about giving the town a name. They wanted to avoid duplication, so they consulted a postal guide and found that the city of Antwerp, Belgium was not used by any city in the United States at that time, thus the name of Antwerp was chosen. Since that time there is an Antwerp in North-eastern New York.

In 1820 the Ohio Legislature authorized the location of a canal which would join Lake Erie and the Wabash River. The canal was started in 1832 and completed in 1843, a distance of 213 miles.

The Wabash-Erie Canal did a thriving business for 30 years, carrying ore, wood for charcoal, buckets, barrels, stoves and building materials. During the time when the canal operated, Antwerp boasted of many factories bordering the canal. Saylor's Hoop Mill, the largest of its kind in Paulding Co.; Antwerp Oar Factory; and the Antwerp Furnace which was located east of Antwerp near the Harmon Farm were just a few. Several grist mills operated in Antwerp; one of the largest ones being owned by Thomas Carr and later by the Carr Brothers until it was destroyed by fire in 1928. "Snowdrift Flour" and "Bob-white Flour" could be found in nearly every grocery store in local and surrounding towns.

In 1870 the State of Indiana abolished their part of the Wasbash-Erie Canal, thus leaving the portion from Antwerp to the Junction which proved to be non-profitable. (The railroad was now being used in place of the canal).

After the Wabash-Erie Canal was no longer used, the Antwerp Reservoir located east of Antwerp became an eyesore and a breeding place for mosquitoes which caused frequent outbreaks of malaria and typhoid fever. A petition was signed by citizens to drain the Reservoir and the Bill was passed by the State House, but was defeated by the State Senate.

Thereafter, small groups of citizens began to meet in secret to try to solve the "Antwerp Reservoir Problem". After several secret meetings in Frank Lamb's Barber Shop in Antwerp, a force of 200-300 men who later assumed the name of "The Dynamiters", with the slogan of: "The Reservoir Must Go!", decided on a plan.

On the night of April 25, 1887 a masked force of men (armed with dynamite) got on the train at Antwerp (led by a man with a gold tooth). They disembarked near the Canal. It is said that at the hour of midnight the fuses of dynamite were set off at the lock at the NE corner of the Antwerp Reservoir and up to Tate's Landing, thus flooding the surrounding territory. (The Governor sent State Militia out "to keep the peace". They stayed at Cecil and also camped on the Eastern bank of the Reservoir. One soldier accidentally fatality shot himself The local people came out to visit with the soldiers. It was said that a memorial was held for the soldier who died.) Some men were arrested. No one was ever charged.

(Note: Even to the year 2015 the banks of the Antwerp Reservoir are evident in many places especially the Eastern Bank. Co. Rd. 176 used to be called "the Reservoir Rd." as it goes up

through the middle of what was the Antwerp Reservoir. It is now all farm land. The Canal is still visible on the Rd. South of Co. Rd. 176).

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OHIO EPA RETOOLS ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Ohio EPA has updated its Encouraging Environmental Excellence (E3) Program to encourage more applicants, clarify and simplify the application instructions and expand the pool of eligible applicants to include communities, venues and retail establishments.

The E3 program recognizes organizations committed to environmental excellence at all levels and is open to a wide variety of participants. The program recognizes those who reduce waste, improve efficiency and work to continuously improve as an environmental steward. Applications for the 2016 Silver and Gold Levels are being accepted through August 28, 2015.

"If you're doing something great for the environment, tell us about it," Ohio EPA Director Craig W. Butler said. "By recognizing Ohio businesses and other organizations, we can improve Ohio's environment through innovation and efficiency."

The E3 is a three-level approach to provide recognition to Ohio organizations completing environmentally beneficial activities, and escalates to higher levels of recognition for those who exceed regulatory requirements or commit to future environmental stewardship efforts. The levels are:

Achievement Level - Recognizing any organization completing environmentally beneficial activities.

Recognition includes:

- a certificate of recognition signed by Ohio EPA's director;
- a decal with the E3 logo to display at the applicant's location;

- having program highlights included in Ohio EPA publications; and
- a listing on Ohio EPA's website.

Silver Level - Recognizing organizations that exceed regulatory compliance obligations and have exceptional achievements in environmental stewardship.

Recognition includes:

- a certificate of recognition presented at an awards ceremony or possibly at a site visit by Ohio EPA's director;
- an E3 flag to hang at the recipient's location;
- an Ohio EPA news release touting the recipient's environmental accomplishments; and

• a case study to publicize the recipient's proactive approach to environmental stewardship.

Gold Level - Recognizing organizations that exceed regulatory compliance obligations and commit to exceptional long-term achievements in environmental stewardship.

Recognition includes:

- a certificate of recognition presented at an awards ceremony or possibly at a site visit by Ohio EPA's director;
- an E3 flag to hang at the recipient's location;
- an Ohio EPA news release touting the recipient's environmental accomplishments;

• a case study to publicize the recipient's proactive approach to environmental stewardship; and

• the opportunity to work with Ohio EPA on regulatory and permitting flexibility options, potentially including expedited permit review, reporting flexibility, reduced inspection frequency and other options.

Ohio EPA is offering a free webinar on the Encouraging Environmental Excellence Program at 10:00 a.m. on August 5. For more information about the E3 program and the three levels of recognition, visit www.epa.ohio.gov/ohioE3.aspx or call (800) 329-7518.

PAULDING COUNTY CHRONICLES IV

By: **Caroline Zimmerman**
"The History of Antwerp Village"

(Note: the following was taken from a loose-leaf notebook at the Paulding Carnegie Library containing several towns in Paulding Co. Antwerp's History was compiled by Ollie Zedaker. No date by this material).

HISTORY OF ANTWERP

- Antwerp, Ohio which was surveyed in 1841 but not incorporated until 1864, was once covered by water known as Lake Maumee that extended from the Ridge Road at Hicksville to the Ridge Road in Van Wert County known as the Lincoln Highway. Because of a fault of the earth's

crust, the St. Joe River and the St. Mary's which flowed in a westerly direction merged at Ft. Wayne forming the Maumee River that flows in a Northeasterly direction into Lake Erie thus causing Lake Maumee to be drained, making the area in Northwestern Ohio (a swampy area) a dense forest in the fertile soil and eventually inhabited by the Ottawas, Chippewas, Miami, and Potowatomies and others.

During the latter part of the 17th century, the French, English and the American colonists competed with each other to wrest this territory from the Indians. Several graves have been found on the Harry Snook farm north of Antwerp, revealing buttons and swords of French soldiers.

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FIRST UM CHANCEL CHOIR INVITED TO SING IN PORTLAND, OREGON



The First United Methodist Senior Chancel Choir has been invited to sing at General Conference for the global United Methodist Church. It will be held in Portland, Oregon from May 10-20, 2016. General Conference is the United Methodist Church's top legislative body and meets every four years. Delegates from the U.S., Africa, Europe and Asia will be present. It will be held at the Oregon Convention Center, the largest convention center in the Pacific Northwest.

A request went out approximately nine months ago to United Methodist churches throughout the world to submit video of their performing ensemble, if they wished to be considered to perform at General Conference. Paul Hoverman, director of Van Wert's First United Methodist Church Choir sent video in on a whim. He recently received an email from Rev. Laura Bartlett, Director of Worship & Music for General Conference stating they would like to invite FUMC Chancel Choir to sing on the opening day of the conference. They will sing during the opening lunch for 30 minutes and then later that day for the opening worship service during communion.

The Senior Choir of First Church in Van Wert is no stranger to travel as it toured Great Britain in 1981 under then director, L.W. Schaufelberger. During that tenure, they also sang in Michigan for a special competition. In 1995, Hoverman took the choir to Lakeside Chautauqua, Ohio to sing and in 2001, they performed in St. John the Divine in New York City. Plans are being made to make this trip a Pacific Coast tour, starting in Seattle, Washington, then heading to Portland, Oregon for General Conference and then down the Pacific Coast through the Redwoods and ending in San Francisco, CA. Plans are to sing in churches in Seattle and San Francisco as well as General Conference in Portland.

First's Senior Choir has commissioned works over the years from composers such as Craig Courtney, John Ness Beck, Steven Rickards, Thomas More Scott, and John Chorbajian. It has also had the pleasure of having such esteemed vocalists solo with them such as Richard Mathey, J. Mark McVey (Jean Valjean, Les Misérables,) and trombonist and founder of the Dallas Brass, Michael Levine.

The choir is responsible for funding the trip and will be working throughout the upcoming year to raise a portion of the funds. Anyone wishing to support the First U.M. Senior Chancel Choir with donations or otherwise, may contact the church office at 419-238-0631. A rummage sale is planned from August 6-8 in conjunction with the US 127 Garage Sale event.

The Senior Chancel Choir of First U.M. Church in Van Wert has been under the direction of Paul Hoverman since 1993. Gloria Wendel is the long-time accompanist and the Rev. Gus Christo-Baker is Senior Pastor. The choir sings traditional and contemporary choral music, including hymns, spirituals, classical, and many other styles and helps lead worship at the 10:45 a.m. service. Members of the choir include music majors, collegiate-experienced singers and amateur singers of high school through adult.

The choir's adopted mission statement is Psalm 40:3, "He has given me a new song to sing, of praises to our God. Now many will hear of the glorious things he did for me, and stand in awe before the Lord. And put their trust in him."

Anyone interested in joining the choir may contact Hoverman at aphoverman@gmail.com or call the church office. The choir will start its singing in September, with its first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 9 and participation in its first worship service again on Sunday, September 13.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Luke 21:7 - The first question the disciples ask, "Teacher, but when will these things be?"

2. Luke 21:7 - The second question is "what sign will there be when these things are about to take place?"

3. Luke 21:8 - Whose responsibility is it, when you have been deceived?

4. Luke 21:8 - Who will be coming in Jesus name?

5. Luke 21:8 - In this verse what does Jesus tell us not to do?

6. Luke 21:9 - When we hear about wars and commotions, we are not to be what?

7. Luke 21:9 - Did any false people rise up before 70 A.D.?

8. Luke 21:10-11 - In these verses, did what Jesus tell the disciples happen?

9. Luke 21:12 - What is Jesus telling us in this verse?

10. Luke 21:12-13 - What will this give us a chance to do, when brought before Kings and rulers for His name's sake?

I am available for comments, questions or to help or assist in same way. You can reach me by calling 419-393-4775 or e-mail jsp1941@yahoo.com. Also there is the editor and proof reader can be reached at 419-399-5022. Jesus loves you and so does the Church of Christ.

Answers to today's questions:

1. The first question comes verse 6 when Jesus said these things; when will the temple be destroyed? And what are the accompanying signs to prepare us? 2. When will you come again? And what are the accompanying signs; 3. Your own; 4. Imposters; 5. Follow them; 6. Terrified; 7. Yes: Acts 5:36-37; 8. Yes, natural disasters will occur, but these things are just the beginning.; 9. Jesus is telling the disciples or apostles what will happen before the destruction of Jerusalem. As you study the Book of Acts, you will see what Jesus is saying happened just as He said it would. This is the beginning of the Lord's church, the church He shed His blood for, also if you study the Book of Revelation that Apostle John was inspired of God to write, is also about the persecution of the Lord's church.; 10. We will be a testimony for Jesus, as Paul was, we will be able to speak and tell how wonderful Jesus is. Just as Paul was a testimony for Christ through all he suffered in the synagogues, prisons at the hands of man. What about the times Paul was standing before Kings and rulers on trial for telling others about Jesus and the way of salvation.

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

BORN THAT WAY

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

"Sin came into the world through one man, and his sin has brought death with it. As a result, death has spread to the whole human race because everyone has sinned." Romans 5:12 (GNB) "I have been evil from the day I was born; from the time I was conceived I have been sinful." Psalms 51:5 (GNB)

We hear the excuse from

some people who wish to excuse their sins, "I was born that way." Yes, they were—as all people were and are. All humans have inherited from Adam and Eve the inclination to commit sins with the accompanying ultimate physical and spiritual death. "I was born that way," is not an excuse for sin as sin is a choice, just as the decision not to sin is a choice. All humans have decisions to make in their daily lives; to be good or to be bad, to seek after righteousness or to fall into sin, to resist temptation or to let temptation overcome them.

There is a little saying that summarizes the human experience. "Born once, die twice. Born twice, die once." The penalty for sin is spiritual death but all humanity has the option to repent, believe in Jesus Christ, receive Christian baptism, and then to seek to live their lives in obedience to God's will and commandments. "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not have life, but will remain under God's punishment." John 3:36 (GNB)

FORT WAYNE NEWSPAPERS SHE EXPO FASHION MAKEOVER CONTEST OFFERS CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

Makeover expert Andy Paige, who is an internationally known fashion and beauty expert, has learned that the best makeovers celebrate a woman's passage through life's challenges. A great makeover is a climactic chapter in a section of a woman's life story, a story about making it, surviving life's challenges, about succeeding where and how we can.

The two Fort Wayne area women Paige chooses to win the 2015 You Look Fabulous! SHE Expo Fashion Makeover Contest October 10 and 11, sponsored by Carson's, will have the chance of a lifetime to celebrate the challenges they have met and are overcoming.

A head-to-toe makeover under Andy Paige's expert guidance — a prize package valued at more than \$2,000 for each of the two winners sponsored by Carson's — will be a highlight of the 2015 Fort Wayne Newspapers SHE Expo, presented by Lutheran Health Network, Oct. 10 and 11 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

"We are extremely proud to be bringing a special event like the SHE Expo to Fort Wayne, and we want the event to make a difference for everyone who attends," said Fort Wayne Newspapers CEO Michael J. Christman. "This makeover contest is a way to make a very special difference for two very special women. We are delighted Andy Paige has agreed to provide her expert guidance here."

Entries are being accepted from noon August 3 through 5:00 p.m. August 28 at the SHE Expo page of FortWayne.com. Only one entry per person will be accepted. Full contest rules and regulations are available at the website.

The Fort Wayne Newspapers SHE Expo, presented by Lutheran Health Network, is two full days of shopping for

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FAITH AND SCIENCE EXPLORED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ



FAITH AND SCIENCE

Discoveries from the scientist who led the human genome project

The often-rocky relationship between faith and science will be discussed at Lifetree Café on Thursday, August 6th from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

The program, titled "Faith and Science: Discoveries From the Scientist Who Led the Human Genome Project," features a filmed interview with Dr. Francis Collins, a world-renowned geneticist noted for his leadership in directing the human genome project.

"For me as a scientist, there are aspects of what we have learned about nature that seem to be pointers toward God. Not proofs, but pointers," says Collins. "The fact that the universe seems

to have a beginning is crying out for some explanation of how you can go from nothing to something."

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. Please enter through the door on Court Street. Parking is available in the Courthouse lots.

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

you and your home, plus exciting guest speakers, beauty demonstrations, health and fitness checks and tips and giveaways, and an exciting lineup of guest speakers. Headliner is Hilary Farr, international home designer and co-host of the wildly popular home design television show "Love It or List It" on HGTV since 2008. 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.

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."

Three specialty pavilions featuring up-close-and-personal vendor experiences are at the heart of the SHE Expo: Lutheran Health Network Health Pavilion, Windows, Doors & More Home Décor Pavilion and Darlington Pampering Pavilion. The rest of the exhibit floor will be a shopping village of vendors offering exciting opportunities to try, explore and buy for you and your home.

FW AREA COMMUNITY BAND PRESENTS FREE CONCERT

Fort Wayne Area Community Band will present a free concert Tuesday, August 11 at Foellinger Theater in Franke Park. Downbeat is 7:30 p.m. for a variety of music under the direction of assistant conductor Susan Jehl that includes Big Band Cavalcade, a medley of Beatles songs, Cole Porter Classics, Hands Across the Sea March, Moon River, The Syncopated Clock, The Piccolo Polka, Star-Spangled Salute, Instant Concert and Part I of Video Games Live.

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NO WARLORDS NEED APPLY - A CALL FOR CREDIBLE PEACEMAKING IN AFGHANISTAN

By: Kathy Kelly and Buddy Bell

A second round of peace talks between Afghan government officials and Taliban representatives, expected to begin before the end of July 2015, suggests that some parties to the fighting want to declare a cease-fire. But even in the short time since the first round of talks were completed on July 7, fighting has intensified. The Taliban, the Afghan government forces, various militias and the U.S. have ramped up attacks all across Afghanistan.

Some analysts say the Taliban may be trying to gain territory and clout to give them leverage in the peace talks. Taliban forces, apparently beginning to splinter since the reported death of Mullah Omar, are now competing with a new Islamic State presence in Afghanistan as various armed groups try to recruit new fighters from among ultra-conservative sectors of the regional population.

Spectacular and frightening suicide bombings, hostage-taking, and a demonstrated capacity to force Afghan government soldiers into retreat or surrender might bolster any group's claim to be effectively ejecting foreigners from Afghanistan. The U.S., however, with its history of waging aerial

SECRETARY HUSTED: LIFE IS A PRECIOUS GIFT FROM GOD



Secretary of State Jon Husted joined Ohio Right to Life and other pro-life supporters at an event at the Ohio Statehouse to draw attention to a recent video released showing a Planned Parenthood senior medical director discussing techniques for harvesting the organs of unborn children.

During his remarks, Secretary Husted noted that when he heard about the video he didn't want to watch it. "This video, and the casual way the Planned Parenthood executive discusses harvesting organs from unborn babies, is one of the most awful things I have ever seen," Secretary Husted said. "Thankfully, Ohio prohibits this horrible practice, but it is allowed in other states and I, like many others, have called for this practice to be investigated and stopped."

Throughout his public service career, Secretary Husted has worked to protect life and advance the mission of seeing every unborn child granted their God-given right to life.

attacks, using helicopters and weaponized drones, and engaging in constant aerial surveillance, along with its continued night raids and detention of civilians, effectively carries itself as the most formidable warlord in the region.

Throughout June, the *New York Times* reports that military statistics indicates, "American drones and warplanes fired against militants in Afghanistan more than twice as much as they had in any previous month this year." On July 19, 2015, U.S. helicopters even fired on an Afghan army facility in the Logar province, killing seven troops and wounding five others. The Afghan Ministry of Defense told CBS News that "coalition helicopters were flying through the area early Monday morning when they came under fire from insurgents. After the insurgents' attack on the helicopters, the helicopters bombed the area, and as a result, an Afghan army outpost was destroyed."

He has done this through efforts such as placing limits on facilities that perform abortions and reprioritizing government dollars to prevent tax dollars from being used for abortions. An adoptee at birth, Secretary Husted has also worked to promote adoption in Ohio.

"Life is a precious gift from God that deserves our gratitude and our respect," Secretary Husted said during his remarks today. "This gratitude and respect must be extended to both the born and the unborn."

A recent *Los Angeles Times* article Secretary Husted referenced during the event describes the shocking revelation that California's Attorney General has launched an investigation into the group that recorded this video and not Planned Parenthood for the abhorrent practices described.

"Leaders are supposed to protect the innocent, not persecute their liberators," Secretary Husted said.

Meanwhile, top U.S. military officials have met with President Ashraf Ghani to talk about extending the U.S. military presence in Afghanistan beyond 2016 in light of a possible threat from Islamic State fighters. On July 19, the *Los Angeles Times* reported that Gen. John Campbell, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, and Gen. Martin Dempsey, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, met with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani. Following the meeting, General Dempsey said he agreed that the U.S. needed to have a transnational strategy against the Islamic State. He said he would raise Ghani's idea that Afghanistan "could serve as a hub from which the U.S., its allies and Afghanistan itself could work to prevent Islamic State from gaining followers in South Asia the way it has in the Middle East."

U.S. military officials diminish the credibility of any proposed cease-fire when they suggest that the U.S. will, after all, consider maintaining bases and troops in Afghanistan far beyond the supposed 2016 evacuation of U.S. bases. Confidence in a cease-fire is further undermined when parties to negotiations know that the U.S. could assassinate them if they were to appear on a list of U.S. targets.

The U.S. State Department published its Country Reports on Terrorism: 2014 on June 19, 2015, from which we can see that in 2002, at the start of the U.S.-led global war against terrorism, 725 people were killed worldwide. During President Barack Obama's first

full year in office, in 2010, the number rose to 13,186. In other words, terrorist-related deaths grew by more than 4,000 percent from 2002 to 2010.

This is borne out on the ground in Afghanistan where the United Nations has been reporting record increases in civilian casualties.

Stopping the failed, counter-productive war against terrorism in Afghanistan and removing drones from the skies during peace talks would inspire respect for the idea of peace processes. Rural populations - the "constituency" of the Taliban in Afghanistan - fear the drones and look for protection, making them vulnerable to recruitment by armed militias who vow to eject the foreign militaries.

If the U.S. hopes to broker peace in the region, the U.S. should indicate that it doesn't wish to keep military personnel in Afghanistan or maintain military bases there.

Yet, even if the U.S. were to take these steps, a declared ceasefire between warlords who have neglected the needs of Afghanistan's poorest communities and whose war making has exacerbated suffering and poverty may not be very meaningful to ordinary people living in rural areas. Whose interests would the warlords aim to secure?

It seems that the most crucially needed cease-fire agreement in Afghanistan would be one that occurred among ordinary communities that agree to no longer cooperate with warring parties and to no longer allow warlords to use them as pawns. This kind of cease-fire might fill the need and longing for peace so often expressed by people who are weary of living through wave after wave of destruction. But ordinary Afghans living in rural areas need to feed their children, plant crops, restore irrigation systems, replenish their flocks and rehabilitate their agricultural infrastructure in order to survive. If they could have some realistic assurance of sustained resolve to help them reach these goals, they'd have good reason to link up and rise up

in opposition to continued war.

What source of funding and skill could possibly offer the assistance required for this kind of rebuilding?

The U.S. military doesn't hesitate to demand sums for continued U.S. military presence in Afghanistan which could instead be dedicated to rebuilding the country. The U.S. should state that it wishes to pay reparations for suffering caused in the past. This could be done in the form of setting up an escrow account to be administered by an

NGO or agency that has not been accused of succumbing to the rampant corruption in Afghanistan.

By doing so, the U.S. could credibly begin to withdraw from warlord status in Afghanistan, and apply itself to being part of reconstruction, setting a model desperately needed throughout the world.

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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan

Well, here we are at the Tony Airbase in Anthony, France. We are a few miles southeast of Paris. This is a former German Flughafen and one that they didn't destroy too much. We have pretty good quarters and a fine mess hall.

Back at the Lopshire Airbase in Brighton, England we loaded up all of our personal gear and belongings in our truck and jeep.

Boy, it was fully loaded! We got it all in both vehicles.

Three of the crewman took the truck and jeep down to the dock and loaded them into an LST (Landing Ship Tank) and they took it to Le-Havre, France.

The boys drove all night in France and ended up at the Tony Airbase around mid



morning. We were all squared and unloaded by supper time.

We four pilots flew around here a little before the truck arrived. We had some of the soldier d'rations for dinner.

Well, after two days of moving to our new airbase, we are back in the air again. We flew over eastern France to a city called Dijon. It is a big railroad junction from the trains bringing supplies from Germany.

We found the railroad yard as a very busy place. There was a number of engines there loading up supplies for transportation. These were probably fleeing back to Germany.

We got three locomotives, and a number of trucks and halftracks. The rail yards were in great shape when we arrived there, but our rockets tore up the ties and rails pretty bad. We destroyed the signal tower and left the area in a shambles. We flew back to our airbase in Anthony.

Our supper was army stew. The colonel visited us after dinner and we told him of our foray into the German rail yards.

We haven't played Euchre for quite a while until tonight. We had a great time of fun! Lights out came too quick.

See ya!

THE MOVING OF THE MARIE DE-LARME

By: Stan Jordan

This partial map of Carryall Township was probably made around 1880. You can see this is way out of date. I want to draw your attention to the part of the map where the Marie De-Larme drainage ditch/creek passes under SR 49. That is right there by the home of Ken and Jan Hahn.

If you look close you can see on the old map that the ditch travels east about a quarter of a mile to County Road 220 and then crosses over and then back shortly to the south of 220.

Well, if you are familiar with that area that it isn't like that now.

Back in 1934 or so Presi-

dent Roosevelt developed the WPA (Works Progress Administration) and a lot of men did not have employment until this was created for them. The pay was \$.325 per hour but it was a weekly paycheck anyhow.

These men moved that part of the Marie De-larme ditch to the south side of 220 about a half-mile to where it crosses over 220, about where Cliff Bragg lives and then dashes into Lybarger's woods. That is in it's natural state.

You can follow the ditch and see the two branches coming together a short distance from Road 53 and then continues to the Maumee about a mile east of the Bethel church.

Just a little bit of old history of the area!

SATURDAY IS THE BIG DAY AT THE PARK!

By: Stan Jordan

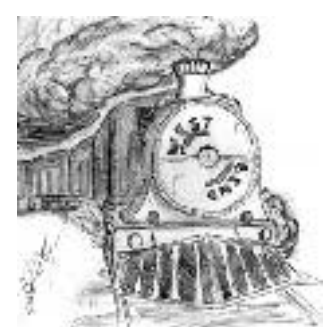
The start of the day begins with the EMS Breakfast at 7:00 a.m. at the EMS building. The free-will donation pancake and sausage breakfast is always a great time and fundraiser for the EMS.

The big parade starts at 10:00 a.m. and the route travels north through downtown and finishes at Veteran's Memorial Park.

That is where the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is hosting the annual Day in the Park. These festivities start at 11:00 a.m. and honor the 2015 Gem of the Year - Bill Fish, city employee and continue until around 4:00 p.m.

There are all kinds of arts and crafts and displays along with a lot of good food.

The ACDC is having the 2015 Antwerp high school reunion at the MAC Gym. This starts at 5:30 p.m. and catered by Grant's. The call to classes is at 7:00 p.m. and the dance is from 8:00-11:00 p.m. The performing dance band is the Wannabee's.



AN OLDIE BUT GOODIE!

By: Stan Jordan

Buck and Jim were eating their lunch at the break room of the BF Goodrich Tire Plant. Jim asked Buck, "What is that big black thing by your lunch bucket?"

Buck replied, "It's my Thermos."

Jim asked again, "What does it do?"

Buck said, "It keeps hot things hot and it keeps cold things cold. There are no buttons or dials. It just knows!"

Jim asked, "Buck, where did you get a thing like that?"

"Oh they have them at the Meijer store on SR 37."

A few days later Jim was eating lunch with a new employee in the break room. When the new boy asked, "What is that big black thing beside your lunch bucket?"

Jim replied, "It's called a Thermos."

He told the new boy all about it. How it keeps things cold and it keeps things hot with no buttons to push or knobs to turn. It just knows what to do.

The new boys asked, "Where did you get it?"

"They have them at the Meijer store on SR 37."

"I must get me one!" said the new boy, "What do you have in it?"

Jim replied, "Two cups of coffee and a popsicle!"

SPORTSMEN & WOMEN HAVE CONSERVATION OPTIONS AVAILABLE IN THE LAKE ERIE WATERSHED

Ohio's Conservation Programs Advisory Committee reminds sportsmen and women owning land in the Lake Erie watershed they can create quality wildlife habitat by participating in the Lake Erie Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

Sportsmen and women can choose from a number of practices that provide unique wildlife habitat, including wetland restorations to attract waterfowl, grass buffer strips for wild turkey production and white-tailed deer fawn-rearing areas, and multi-row windbreaks that can provide travel corridors for pheasant, and bobwhite quail. Also available is a conservation practice to create pollinator habitat by planting wildflowers that bloom throughout the growing season and will enhance an area for many wildlife species. These habitat improvement projects also work to prevent chemicals, soil, and other contaminants from running off cropland and into waterways.

Participants can earn money on less economically viable cropland, such as areas of land that historically lay wet, as well as cropland bordering ditch banks and streams. The Lake Erie CREP annual soil rental payments average \$249 to \$362 per acre for 15 years depending on the type of conservation practice installed. FSA will also provide cost-share assistance to create the wildlife habitat. In most cases this cost-share will be close to 90 percent of the cost of the project. Some habitat practices also include a \$150 per acre bonus sign-up payment.

Landowners are required to maintain the habitat according to a conservation plan developed specifically for their property. The annual income from the conservation practice will be similar to what is paid for cash rent on similar soils in the county where the land is enrolled.

Lake Erie CREP is a voluntary program that helps landowners protect environmentally sensitive land, reduce sediment and nu-

trient runoff, prevent water pollution, minimize the risk of flooding, and create wildlife habitat and safeguard ground and surface water. The program has a goal of enrolling 67,000 acres. Currently 47,000 acres have been enrolled. There are presently only 20,000 acres left available for signup.

The program is focused on improving water quality and soil conservation in the Lake Erie watershed, with a special emphasis on the Blanchard and Tiffin rivers as important tributaries on the Maumee River. The Lake Erie CREP is available in 27 counties: Allen, Ashland, Auglaize, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Lorain, Marion, Medina, Mercer, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Shelby, Van Wert, Williams, Wood and Wyandot.

These conservation practices target environmentally sensitive areas in the Lake Erie watershed to reduce sediment and nutrient runoff, prevent water pollution, minimize the risk of flooding and enhance wildlife habitat.

Sportsmen and women who want to create wildlife habitat and reduce soil erosion while providing cleaner water may contact ODNR Division of Wildlife private lands biologist Mark Witt for technical assistance at (419) 898-0960, ext. 26.

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.

ANTWERP FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY COLLECTING BOOKS FOR DAY IN THE PARK

Antwerp Friends of the Library will be collecting gently used books for their table at Day in the Park. If you have stacks of books at home that are just in the way & want to put them to good use—why not donate them to the Friends of the Library?! Books can be dropped off any time between now and Friday afternoon at the Antwerp library during regular business hours. The Friends group supports the Antwerp Branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library by providing books for the Summer Reading programs and helping upgrade the facility like the new carpet that was installed a few years ago.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 7/23/15

The Antwerp Local School District Board of Education met at 5:00 p.m. at the above date for their July meeting at the Antwerp Local School Board Room.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Board Members.

Roll Call of Members: Mrs. Anita Bok, Mr. Robert Herber, Mr. Dennis Recker, Mr. Mark Ryan and Mr. Kipp Taylor.

Others Present: Pat Ross (Superintendent), Kristine Stuart (Treasurer), Tim Manz (Elementary Principal).

Guests included Joe Shouse, Paulding Progress Reporter; Bryce Steiner, West Bend Reporter; and Peter Greer, Defiance Crescent Reporter.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Motion by Robert Herber and seconded by Dennis Recker, to approve the agenda with any additions or changes as presented. Vote: Yes: Mrs. Anita Bok, Mr. Robert Herber, Mr. Dennis Recker, Mr. Mark Ryan and Mr. Kipp Taylor. Motion passed: 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Motion by Anita Bok and seconded by Kipp Taylor, to approve the minutes from the June 30, 2015 regular meeting. Vote: Yes: Mrs. Anita Bok, Mr. Robert Herber, Mr. Dennis Recker, Mr. Mark Ryan and Mr. Kipp Taylor. Motion passed: 5-0.

LIAISON REPORT:
Update on ODE report on Charter Schools

VENTAGE BOARD REPORT:
Mr. Recker shared with the Board that Antwerp student Serena Drake entered her design for the cover of the 2015 Ohio ACTE Conference and she won. Her design will be used for the conference this year.

TREASURER'S REPORT:
A. Review of Accounts Payable
B. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report
Motion by Mark Ryan and seconded by Dennis Recker, that the Board accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Vote: Yes: Mrs. Anita Bok, Mr. Robert Herber, Mr. Dennis Recker, Mr. Mark Ryan and Mr. Kipp Taylor. Motion passed: 5-0.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS:
Mr. Bute - Middle/High School Principal

- a. Fall Sports Pictures - August 14
- b. Teacher Workday - August 17
- c. First Day of School - August 18
- d. Fall Sports - Coaching begins August 1

Mr. Manz - Elementary School Principal

- a. Technology Enhanced Study - 1st-6th grade, on-line testing study
- b. Elementary Open House

SUPERINTENDENT ITEMS:

- a. Building & Grounds Update - Painting and Cleaning on schedule
- b. Technology Update - Security Lighting and Cameras
- c. Staffing - all positions currently filled with possibility of adding a third Kindergarten section in August once enrollment numbers are final

CONSENT ITEMS:
a. Approve a resolution determining to proceed with the proposition of a renewal income tax.

b. Approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2015-2016 school year:

- 1. Travis Hammer - Boys Basketball Head Coach
- 2. Jeremy Kosch - Varsity Wrestling Coach
- 3. Dan Lehman - Friday School Supervisor
- 4. Amy Sorrell - Friday School Supervisor
- 5. Wade Sisson - Friday School Supervisor
- 6. Jon Short - Friday School Supervisor
- 7. Jon Short - Co-Assistant Athletic Director
- 8. Scott McMichael - Co-Assistant Athletic Director
- 9. Joshua Hoepfner - Junior High Head Football Coach

c. Approve purchase of Security Camera System from X-Tech Partners for \$77,149.00.

d. Approve contract with Schweller Electric for Outdoor Security Lighting not to exceed \$55,000.00.

e. Approve contract with Owens Electric for Lighting at the Football Stadium for \$90,914.91.

Motion by Anita Bok and seconded by Mark Ryan, that the Board Approve the following consent items (a-e). Vote: Yes: Mrs. Bok, Mr. Herber, Mr. Recker, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Taylor. Motion passed: 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Dennis Recker and seconded by Robert Herber to adjourn the Board meeting at 5:47 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board of Education room. Vote: Yes: Mrs. Bok, Mr. Herber, Mr. Recker, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Taylor. Motion passed: 5-0.

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WORKOUT BUDDIES PROVIDE MANY BENEFITS

The Nurturing Well by: Jill Starbuck

With extremely busy lifestyles today, it seems to be even harder to commit to an exercise regimen. If you're someone who finds it difficult to stay on task, consider seeking a workout buddy. Many benefits come with a compatible workout buddy. For instance, a workout buddy can help you stay motivated. Exercise becomes more fun when you have someone to do it with. Your biggest supporter is often the one who witnesses your efforts and progress towards the end goal. You stay more committed because it's harder to let down a buddy than if you were skipping a workout on your own. A committed workout buddy can even become one of your best friends as you spend many hours and days together.

However, if you've never worked out with someone else, you may feel intimidated at first. Will I be able to keep up? Will I hold them back? Are we compatible? Will we have anything to talk about? These and others are just a few of the questions that may cross your mind when considering whether or not to seek a workout buddy.

Consider the following tips when deciding whether someone will make a good workout buddy for you.

1. Goals. Look for a buddy who has the same fitness goals. For instance, if you like to run long distance, you wouldn't want someone who is a body builder and spends all their time with weights. While there is nothing wrong with either exercise type, the end goals are completely different and the way you get to those end goals takes on a different process.

2. Enthusiasm. Someone who approaches fitness with a positive attitude can provide tremendous benefits. Positive energy can be very catching, just as much as a negative attitude can. A positive workout

buddy can make the simplest workout rewarding.

3. Proximity. The closer a workout buddy is to you, the more convenient and easier it is to meet. Long distance can create many diversions that make it hard to remain consistent.

4. Fitness level. Seek someone who is at a relatively equal fitness level. While one of you may be better at certain types of exercises, a partner who is close in fitness level can provide the best support. Otherwise, choosing a partner who is at a much higher fitness level can be discouraging to you and possibly frustrating for them.

5. Personality. Do you like to work out at a slow pace? Or are you someone who likes to push it to the limit each and every time? Your workout buddy should be one who approaches exercise in similar ways that you do.

Finding the right workout buddy can be very rewarding in many ways. Try it and find out how your approach to exercise changes. It is likely to get better!

NEW ATTRACTIONS AT MONROEVILLE SUMMER-FEST

By: Jill Starbuck

The St. Rose Festival committee is excited to announce new attractions, along with crowd favorites, to this year's Summerfest. New competitive events include a 3-on-3 basketball tournament and a cornhole tournament. The 3-on-3 basketball co-ed tournament begins at 9:00 a.m. for third through eighth grade participants at the Monroeville basketball/tennis courts. Ninth grade through adult participants play at noon. Teams must dress alike with a four person max. Prizes include t-shirts, medals, trophies, ice cream, beverage tickets, and water bottles. If basketball is a little too aggressive for your style, check out the cornhole tournament that begins at 10:00 a.m. in the outfield of the Monroeville baseball diamond. Cash prizes go to the top two winning teams. Gather your teams today and apply online at www.strosemonroeville.org. The registration deadline is August 23. This is the perfect opportunity to showcase your skills and enjoy friendly competition, all in support of the St. Rose School.

If you're looking for something new and unusual, check out the square dancing tractors at the Monroeville Arena from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. See

for yourself how Lily Pearl's Farmall H tractors graciously dance around the arena in perfect formation. You will be amazed how such monstrous machinery can appear so eloquent. The Lily Pearl team brings vibrant personality, interesting garb, and masterful maneuverability. Their show brings guaranteed entertainment for everyone!

These events and more will take place on Saturday, August 29 in Monroeville, IN. Stop by the Monroeville Park on Monroe Street to enjoy an entire day filled with fun, family activities.

OHSAA AWARDS \$54,200 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS TO 48 STUDENTS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association will hand out \$54,200 in college scholarships to 48 recent high school graduates following selections made by each of the OHSAA's six District Athletic Boards. The OHSAA's annual college scholarship program is now in its 23rd year.

Of the 48 honorees, 41 will receive \$1,000 awards, including six (one from each district) who will receive an OHSAA Minority Scholarship. The highest ranking scholarship recipient in each district will receive a \$2,000 OHSAA Spirit of Sport scholarship (a tie in one district resulted in both graduates receiving \$1,600). The point system used in each district is described below. Nike and Molten have also contributed to the OHSAA scholarship program.

"In addition to being excellent students and athletes, these 48 young people have been leaders in their schools and in their communities," said OHSAA Commissioner Dr. Dan Ross. "They truly represent what it means to be a student-athlete. Their futures are very bright and their families, teachers and coaches are to be commended for helping guide them to great high school careers and now on to college. The OHSAA is very proud of all of them."

More About the Scholar-Athlete Selection Process
Scholar-athlete recipients are selected based on a point system which rewards students for grade point averages; class rank; ACT or SAT scores; varsity letters earned; and individual and team athletic honors. The number of scholarship recipients from each district are based upon the number of schools within the district. The recipients were selected by special committees within each of the OHSAA's six athletic districts. Individuals who receive athletic scholarships from NCAA Division I or II institutions or appointees to military academies are not eligible for an award.

2015 OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Recipients

- OHSAA Spirit of Sport Scholarship goes to the highest ranking scholarship recipient in that district (based on point system described above) with a value of \$2,000 each
- OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship value is \$1,000 each
- OHSAA Ethnic Minority Scholarship value is \$1,000 each

Northwest District (9)
Taylor Arbogast, New Riegel - OHSAA Spirit of Sport (tie, \$1,600)

Lauren Seas, Coldwater - OHSAA Spirit of Sport (tie, \$1,600)

Dustin Rethman, Maria Stein Marion Local - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Ellie Dackin, Lima Bath - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Cassie Jutte, Minster - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Jon Wenning, Coldwater - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Adam Henderson, Wapakoneta - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Ryan Smith, Mansfield Christian - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

William Lawson III, Findlay Liberty-Benton - OHSAA Ethnic Minority Scholar-Athlete

Southeast District (6)
Austin May, Wheelersburg - OHSAA Spirit of Sport

Meagan Pierron, Portsmouth Notre Dame - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Nathan Campbell, Proctorville Fairland - OHSAA Ethnic Minority Scholar-Athlete

Tristen Wolfe, Racine Southern - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Kaitlin Evans, Leesburg Fairfield - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Trey Moberly, Hillsboro - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Central District (6)
Kori Caughenbaugh, Newark Licking Valley - OHSAA Spirit of Sport

Donald Deep, Powell Olentangy Liberty - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Rachel Bush, Mount Gilead - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Jacob Adkins, Johnstown Northridge - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Mitch Willis, Newark Catholic - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Renee Waters, Columbus Africentric Early College - OHSAA Ethnic Minority Scholar-Athlete

East District (6)
Kerrie Dolick, New Concord John Glenn - OHSAA Spirit of Sport

Samuel Wentworth, Sugarcreek Garaway - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Natalie Hart, Beverly Fort Frye - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Lucas Herrington, Steubenville - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Alex Milleman, New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic - OHSAA Ethnic Minority Scholar-Athlete

Brennan Coil, Berlin Hilland - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Southwest District (9)
Alexa Jennings, Centerville - OHSAA Spirit of Sport

Jackson Mantkowski, Cincinnati Madeira - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Kathleen McCarthy, Middletown Bishop Fenwick - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

VANTAGE ANNOUNCES ORIENTATION MEETINGS & SCHEDULE PICKUP DATES



It's time to get ready for the new school year at Vantage! There will be two orientation meetings to welcome new students and their parents to the school. The first orientation meeting will be held on Monday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m. This is for students who are enrolled in Ag & Industrial Power Tech, Auto Body, Auto Technology, Building & Grounds Maintenance, Carpentry, Electricity, Industrial Mechanics, Precision Machining, and Welding.

The second orientation meeting is set for Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m. and is for students in the following Business and Human Services programs: Network Systems, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Interactive Media, Early Childhood Education, Health Technology, and Medical Office Management.

Both meetings will be held in the Commons Area at Vantage. The evening will include a brief general session as well as an opportunity for students and their parents to re-acquaint themselves with the Vantage building, talk to the teachers, complete electronic forms, pay program fees, and get measured for

uniforms. Class schedules and student handbooks will also be available for pick up. All students new to Vantage and their parents should attend this meeting.

Students who attended Vantage last year can pick up their schedule and pay program fees from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, August 10 and 11. Please return your completed emergency medical form on the day you pick up schedules and pay fees.

Returning students who are unable to pick up their schedule on the above dates should call Vantage Student Services at 419-238-5411 or 1-800-686-3944 ext. 2126 to make arrangements to get your schedule before school starts.

The first day of school for new students is Monday, August 24, starting at 8:23 a.m. The first day of school for returning students is Tuesday, August 25. The school day runs until 2:40 p.m.

If you have any additional questions, please call Vantage Student Services at the number above for more information.

Benjamin Miller, Covington - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Grace Stimson, Cincinnati Indian Hill - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Trent Hagenbuch, Kettering Archbishop Alter - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Mark Hancher, Cincinnati Sycamore - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Mark Andrew, Middletown - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Deepak Indrakanti, Cincinnati Sycamore - OHSAA Ethnic Minority Scholar-Athlete

Northeast District (12)
Leah Vasaharhelyi, Macedonia Nordonia - OHSAA Spirit of Sport

Aleah Hughes, Berlin Center Western Reserve - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Jessica Isler, Windham - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Sam Skiljan, Kirtland - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Jennifer Wisniewski, Independence - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Parker Carmichael, Wooster Triway - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Victoria Glunt, Chardon Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Tessa Murthy, Shaker Heights Hathaway Brown - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Alec White, Bay Village Bay - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Teressa Hill, Massillon Jackson - OHSAA Ethnic Minority Scholar-Athlete

Emily Russell, Solon - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Kathleen Shier, North Canton Hoover - OHSAA Scholar-Athlete

Save the Date(s) for:
Antwerp Athletic Boosters Club, Inc

August 14
"Meet the Teams" Night ~ 8:30
(after football scrimmage)
(Football, XC, Golf, Volleyball & Cheerleading)

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Oct. 17
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continued after the roll call and prayer. Amanda Heil from Napoleon beautifully sang the National Anthem right after the last VFW Rider passed.

Randall was born April 16, 1989 in Paulding, Ohio where he graduated from Paulding High School with the class of 2007. Randall served with the US navy as an active duty logistics specialist on the USS Wasp in Norfolk, VA for three years. Upon his recent re-enlistment, he was stationed at the naval Operations Support Center in Chattanooga, TN. He was responsible for the training and transportation of active duty Naval personnel. Randy was honored to serve on special detail at the

Chattanooga National Cemetery - where he was later interred. He was also enrolled at Ashford University where he was on the Dean's List



Amanda Heil sings at the memorial service for Randall Smith. More pictures at westbendnews.net.

working on a degree in hospital administration.

The moving service by friends such as Greg Reinhart, Jeff Dye and baseball coach Joel Parrott was incredible. Joel mentioned how Randall came in to class after he had graduated several years before and talked of ups and downs and how much our choices do impact lives once we become adults—more than we'll ever know.

Specifically mentioned is Randall's grandparents, Hiram and Catherin Smith. They were very influential in his life and they were his primary caregivers.

Representative Tony Burkley articulated the condolences from the state house and senate while Tony Zart-



Bagpiper, Joel Kociancic, from Perrysburg, OH. More pictures at westbendnews.net.

man spoke of the resolution approved by the Paulding County Commissioners offering their condolences.

Drew Gardner had an excellent message of hope and service to others. John 15:3 "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Randall is mentioned as having gave his life for his fellow servicemen. He delayed the attacker, drawing him away from other service members while the Chattanooga Police arrived, taking

down the assailant.

A fund has been established for the family at First Federal Bank. Donations can be given at any branch location. Angela Smith and daughters Lyla, Eila and Kyla were not able to attend in person. They had family here from both sides of the Ohio/Indiana state line.

Drew also thanked many people and businesses: Annin Flagmakers in New Jersey donated the use of the 20x30' flag (in the pictures). The obituary bulletin was

provided by Den Herder. The glossy memorial card was printed and donated by West Bend Printing & Publishing. There were many others who deserved to be thanked too including the Sheriff's Office, Paulding School Superintendent Bill Hanak, Paulding County EMA, Paulding and Defiance VFW, and many more!

Over 35 different law enforcement, fire, and emergency agencies participated in this memorial. And more than 130 law enforcement officers at this event from throughout the state, as far away as Cincinnati participating, not only to pay respects, but to make this location safe. Sheriff Landers stated, "My goal is to make sure the area is secure. We don't want weapons, bombs or anything else here." The intent was met and those grieving were able without issue thanks to all that helped keep everyone safe. With no dissents, problems, issues, or protests, the day went just fine!

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Emmanuel Baptist Church for Randall Smith, C/O First Federal Bank, PO Box 253, Paulding Ohio 45879 or the Capital Bank beneficiary account for Randall Smith, PO box 2146 Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742. Funds will be in an education trust for Randall's three daughters.

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ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DAY IN THE PARK AUG.8, 2015, 10AM - 4PM

Parade Downtown at 10:00AM!
Crafters • Kids Games • Good Food • Chalk Walk

Entertainment Schedule Includes:

- 11:00 Opening Ceremonies
Flag raising by the Antwerp Boy Scout Troop #143
National Anthem and short performance by the Antwerp High School Band
- 11:15 Opening remarks from Mayor Tom VanVlerah
Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Gem Recognition
- 11:45 Antwerp Community Band
- 12:30 Johnny from the Fort Wayne Tin Caps will be in the park
- 12:45 Dance Dolls
- 1:30 Paulding County Sheriff K-9 Demonstration
- 2:00 Indiana Wild will be on stage
- 2:30 Violinist Morgan Bland wowing the crowd with her amazing talent
- 3:00 Local teen band "Distractions" performing a variety of music
- 3:45 50/50 and other drawing announcement
- 4:00 Flag Burning Ceremony by Antwerp VFW Post #5087 & Antwerp Boy Scout Troop #143



Grab the family and come out for some
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CONGRESSMAN BOB LATTA COSPONSORS RESOLUTION TO AWARD PURPLE HEART TO SERVICEMEN KILLED OR WOUNDED IN CHATTANOOGA



Pallbearers carry the casket of Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Scott Smith out of First Baptist Church in Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., before transporting him to Chattanooga National Cemetery on Tuesday. Photo by Dan Henry/Times Free Press.

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) released the following statement regarding H.Res. 383, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the appropriate award of the Purple Heart to the Marines and Sailor killed or wounded in the recent attack at the Navy

Operational Support Center and Marine Corps Reserve Center and the Armed Forces Career Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Among the five servicemen killed during the Chattanooga shooting was Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Smith, of Paulding County, Ohio.

“As we pray and grieve with the families of these brave servicemen, we honor their service, and their memory. In their dedication to the great cause of preserving liberty, they made the ultimate sacrifice, and deserve recognition befitting our heroes.”

HUSTED NAMES SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted named David Bowers to serve as a special investigator to review discrepancies in the petitions submitted by ResponsibleOhio in their effort to place a constitutional amendment before voters this fall.

“As with every possible case of election fraud, it is my responsibility to investigate and hold accountable anyone who may have cheapened the voice of all Ohioans by cheating the system,” said Husted. “I have long stated that voter fraud is rare, but it happens; and when it does, we will call out the guilty parties and hold them accountable.”

Significant disparities remain between the number of petitions and signatures

ResponsibleOhio claimed to have collected and the number the group actually submitted to the Secretary of State’s Office. There are also discrepancies between the hard-copy petitions and what should have been identical electronic copies of those petitions. Such discrepancies, if the product of fraud, are subject to criminal penalties up to a fifth degree felony.

Secretary Husted will also exercise his authority under section 3501.05 of the Ohio Revised Code to subpoena Ian James and any relevant records in the possession of ResponsibleOhio and The Strategy Network to aid in the investigation.

David Bowers, Esq. is the principle at the Law Offices of David Bowers in Lima, Ohio. He is the former Prosecutor of Allen County where he

was the longest-serving county prosecutor in Ohio at the time after 28 years of service. During his service, he maintained a conviction rate in excess of 90 percent in criminal prosecutions.

Last month, Secretary Husted issued a warning to ResponsibleOhio when it was discovered by county boards of elections that The Strategy Network, the organization managing ResponsibleOhio’s petition drive, was submitting an alarming number of fraudulent voter registration forms.

“Fraud and sloppiness have more in common than being the devastating cause of undermining voter confidence, they are illegal and will not be tolerated by my office,” added Husted.



PREPARING FOR THE MEMORIAL

Around the Village of Paulding, and other parts of Paulding County, many people have given their time and money to put up flags, banners, signs and chalk memorials. Kids were drawing on the windows of area businesses showing their support for Randall and his family.

Over 500 flags were donated to the people setting up the flags according to Nicole Estle, one of the people volunteering their time. “50 were brought in from Gardens of Paulding and 150 more were purchased with donations.” With all different sizes the kids were able to be creative in setting up the flags around the Courthouse and throughout the town.

The Paulding FFA, Paulding National Honor Society, Athletic Boosters and many others all contributed to the grand effort. There were 38 people in addition to the Lima Red Cross who arrived earlier unbeknownst to those who were planning this.

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Kyle Mobley 6th Grader at Paulding Middle School placing flags on Emerald Road. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Painting on window (furthest to closest) Lexie Beckman, Katelyn Estle, Delaney Johanns, Joe Estle, Wyatt Beckman, and Madison Hull. More pictures at westbendnews.net.

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Divine Mercy Catholic Parish of Paulding County celebrated their Vacation Bible School the week of July 20th in Antwerp. On the 2nd day of the program, the students learned about some of the great gifts God

gives us. Students also learned about how each of us can be a gift to others. One way the students decided to share themselves was by supporting the family of Petty Officer Randall Smith. The 52 stu-

dents present colored pictures of the American flag, then gathered together in prayer for Randall and his family. The flag pictures were gathered up and sent with a note to the family.

RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT EXPANDS: RESIDENTS OF EIGHT MORE NW OHIO COUNTIES ELIGIBLE FOR IN-STATE TUITION AT IPFW

Residents of the eight Ohio counties within driving distance of Fort Wayne are now eligible for in-state tuition rates at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW). This change comes due to a recent expansion of the reciprocity agreement between Indiana's Commission for Higher Education and the Ohio Board of Regents.

Effective July 1, 2015, IPFW now offers Indiana in-state, resident tuition rates to students in eight additional Ohio counties closest to Fort Wayne: Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Putnam, and Williams. Eligible students still have time to begin taking classes in fall semester.

This expansion brings the total number of Ohio counties covered by the reciprocity agreement to 14. Students in Butler, Darke, Preble, Shelby, Mercer, and Van Wert, the original six Ohio counties covered by the reciprocity agreement, will continue to receive in-state tuition rates.

The tuition reciprocity agreement is designed to expand higher education opportunities across the Indiana/Ohio border through collaboration among public institutions.

"We are very excited to offer our closest Ohio neighbors the opportunity to earn a prestigious IU or Purdue

degree at IPFW without the out-of-state tuition rates," said Chancellor Vicky Carwein. "When the original reciprocity agreement went into effect, the Ohio families nearest to us hoped they would be included in the future. Now they are. The expanded reciprocity agreement will make a wonderful impact on this region."

Awareness and recruiting efforts for students in the newly-added Ohio counties is underway. Interested students should visit ipfw.edu/ohio or call 1-800-324-IPFW for application information. Students who want to start their undergraduate degree program this fall are encouraged to apply soon.

They can also become a "Mastodon on-the-Spot" at Accelerated Admission Day on Thursday, July 30. This program lets students find out immediately if they are admitted to IPFW. For complete information on the program and instructions for how to take part, visit the Office of Admissions website

For further details contact me at Office 419-399-8282 or Cell 260-312-2081 or pced-63director@gmail.com

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 7/20/15

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Mayor Tom VanVlerah. Council persons present: Rudie Reeb, Ken Reinhart, Larry Ryan, Steve Derck and Council President Jan Reeb.

Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Police Chief George Clemens, Administrator Sara Keeran, Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty and EMS Billing Clerk Ashley McDougal. Media present: Joe Shouse from Paulding Progress, Peter Greer from Defiance Crescent and Bryce

Steiner of the West Bend News. Also in attendance: Richard Heyman and Cindy Westfall of Poggemeyer Design Group, and visitors Jim and Sandy Bowers, Dennis and Rita Brinkman, Pam Altic, Don Oberlin, Larry Mansfield, Billie Jackson, and Eric Jackson.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Reinhart, to excuse Keith West from July council meeting. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Minutes from the regular council meeting held June 15, 2015, were reviewed.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Reinhart, to accept the minutes from the June 15, 2015, council meeting. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

The June disbursements were reviewed.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Derck, to approve the June reconciliation report. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Visitors: Visitors present to discuss flooding concerns due to unusual rainfall this summer.

Richard Heyman and Cindy Westfall of Poggemeyer Design Group present to discuss sanitary sewer improvements by replacing the two (2) old lift stations, install a ferric chloride phosphorus removal system in sewer lagoons and replace commutator at the lagoons. Total projected cost of improvements is \$654,383.00. The sanitary plant and lift stations are 35 years old. Discussion had on financing options and conducting a village-wide low to moderate income (LMI) survey to determine eligibility for Ohio Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Police report: Chief Clemens reported 121 calls for service and 45 citations for the month of June.

EMS report: Randy Shaffer provided a written report showing 21 runs for the month of June. EMS billing clerk McDougal provided a written report showing EMS run collections year-to-date of \$14,418.08 along with 40 Medicare claims waiting to be filed.

Fiscal officer's report: Aimee Lichty received information from current software provider that they are currently doing an upgrade and although they will continue to support their old program, they will no longer update it. Fiscal officer Lichty requested the software upgrade be purchased for both budgetary and payroll programs at the cost of \$1,000.00 each for a total of \$2,000.00.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Derck, to purchase the software upgrade for budgetary 2.0 and payroll 2.0 for \$2,000.00. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

3rd reading of resolution no. 2015-02: a resolution determining to proceed with the submission to the electors 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.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Jan Reeb, to accept resolution no. 2015-02. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of resolution no. 2015-04: 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.

Motion made by Derck, seconded by Ryan, to suspend the rules regarding resolution no. 2015-04. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Rudie Reeb, to accept resolution no. 2015-04. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2015-17: an ordinance authorizing the village fiscal officer to transfer \$27,500.00 from the general fund to the police fund, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Ryan, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2015-17. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Derck, seconded by Ryan, to accept ordinance no. 2015-17. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

from the general fund to the water fund in the amount of \$40,000.00, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Reinhart, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2015-18. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by Ryan, to accept ordinance no. 2015-18. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

1st reading of ordinance no. 2015-19: an ordinance amending section 2 of ordinance no. 2000-19 establishing a schedule of fees, charges, and expenses, and a collection procedure for zoning permits, amendments, appeals, variances, conditional use permits, and other matters relating to the administration and enforcement of zoning in the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, and regulating the fees paid to the zoning inspector for services.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2015-20: 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.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Derck, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2015-20. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Rudie Reeb, to accept ordinance no. 2015-20. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2015-21: 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.

Motion made by Derck, seconded by Jan Reeb, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2015-21. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Ryan, to accept ordinance no. 2015-21. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Solicitor Farr reported that several local township offices were contacted to determine if any bill insurance for fire department related services. All of those available for comment stated they do not bill insurance companies but fund the fire services through tax levy collections. Benton Township bills insurance for damage to equipment only.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2015-22: 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. C08s/ce09s; and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Ryan, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2015-22. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Derck, seconded by Ryan, to accept ordinance no. 2015-22. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Administrator's report: Poggemeyer Design Group made a recommendation to accept bid of \$142,995.00 from Hohenbrink Excavating, LLC of Ottawa for West Woodcox waterline replacement/project.

Poggemeyer Design Group has been meeting with administrator on next phase of stormwater improvements. Keeran asked for a motion to approve entering into contract with Poggemeyer Design Group for engineering study for next phase of stormwater improvements, said contract amount not to exceed \$9,000.00.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Reinhart, to approve entering into contract with Poggemeyer Design Group for engineering study on next phase of stormwater improvements at a cost not to exceed \$9,000.00. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Poggemeyer representatives spoke in detail earlier in meeting about sanitary sewer improvement project. The Village of Antwerp could qualify for some additional funding through CDBG grant by participating in a LMI survey. Keeran asked for a motion to enter into contract with Poggemeyer Design Group to conduct LMI survey in an amount not to exceed \$4,025.00 plus postage.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Jan Reeb, to approve entering into contract with Poggemeyer Design Group for LMI survey in an amount not to exceed \$4,025.00 plus postage. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Keeran updated council on Monroe Street railroad crossing. She asked that council make a motion to share in costs and contribute \$4,000.00 in a joint effort with Mercer Landmark and Pioneer Railroad for repair of this crossing. Repair will include a complete dig out with new asphalt and wood ties being reinstalled.

Motion made by Derck, seconded by Ryan, to contribute \$4,000.00 for Monroe Street railroad crossing repair. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Antwerp Archers varsity, junior varsity and freshman volleyball teams volunteered to paint village fire hydrants and downtown street signs. Keeran stated they did a fantastic job. She asked for a motion to donate \$200.00 to the Antwerp volleyball program.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Derck, to donate \$200.00 to the Antwerp volleyball program. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Committee reports: Personnel and finance committee to meet Tuesday, August 4, 2015, at 7:30 a.m. In regards to proposed department of labor salary amendments.

Old business: The mayor and councilman Ryan will continue to work on Harrison Township fire contract for remainder of 2015.

New business: No new business.

Mayor's report: Mayor's court deposited \$6,871.67 for the month of June. A total of \$1,612.50 was sent to the state and \$64.50 was deposited into the ALC treatment fund.

Mayor asked if village could save money by either removing or shutting off traffic light that is not in use by Pit Stop. Council was in agreement to shut it off and allow it to remain hanging in case of emergency use.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Ryan, to adjourn the meeting. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

HADIYA HARRIGAN RECEIVES GIRL SCOUTS' HIGHEST HONOR FOR CREATING WEB DEVELOPMENT AND COMPUTER PROGRAMMING RESOURCE

Girl Scouts of Western Ohio is happy to announce that Hadiya Harrigan was selected by Girl Scouts of the USA as one of the 2015 National Young Women of Distinction, the highest honor in Girl Scouting, for her Gold Award project, Computer Programming Handbook & Modules.

This special honor and designation by Girl Scouts of the USA showcases Harrigan's extraordinary leadership over a project that had measureable and sustainable impact and addressed a national issue. Her passion for computer programming led her to research STEM careers, and a discovery that they may be outsourced overseas in the future due to lack of technology training here in the U.S. From her experience as a member of the Cincinnati Black Data Processing Associates (BDPA) high school competition team, she was inspired to share what she had learned with others. Harrigan created computer programming and web development resource materials from concept to completion. She has developed the handbook and modules as an addition to the BDPA Camp that is held at Cincinnati State. Her free resource for students to increase their technology training is available online at <http://www.bdpa-camp.org/tutorialmysql-net.aspx>.

Last year, local Girl Scout Camille Borders was named a 2014 National Young Woman of Distinction, making Harrigan the second consecutive recipient from the local council.

"We are thrilled to have another of our outstanding Girl Scouts receive this tremendous award," said Roni Luckenbill, chief executive officer of Girl Scouts of Western Ohio. "With only ten young women selected nationally each year, it is such an honor to see two of our girls recognized in consecutive years. These girls work very hard to earn this distinction. We are very proud of them!"

Both the Kappa Delta Foundation and Girl Scouts of the USA each generously provided a \$5,000 college scholarship to all of the ten National Young Women of Distinction, including Harrigan.

Harrigan will be honored at a national recognition ceremony hosted by Girl Scouts of the USA on Octo-

ber 7, 2015 in New York City. She will also be featured in a livestreaming TED Talk--style event with her fellow National Young Women of Distinction.

Earning the Gold Award is just one of the fun and amazing things girls can do as part of Girl Scouts. To join Girl Scouts or learn more about volunteering, please visit gsw.org/join.

SPORTS CARD SHOW IN FORT WAYNE

Saturday, August 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Hotel Fort Wayne located at 305 E Washington Center Rd. (exit 312a off of I-69) in Fort Wayne, IN there will be a sports card and collectibles show. Dealers from the tri-state region will be in attendance buying, selling and trading both sport and non-sport cards and collectibles.

Featured will be vintage and new singles, hobby boxes and supplies. Attendance is free and the public is invited to attend. Please feel free to bring your items in for appraisal. For more information please contact Brian Mayne at 260-824-4867 or mccardscomics@adamswells.com or on facebook at FORT WAYNE BASEBALL CARD SHOW.

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PAULDING SWCD ATTENDS FIELD DAY IN FULTON COUNTY

By: Staci Miller, Education Specialist, Paulding SWCD

On July 30th, The Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District staff attended the Field to Lake Field Day in Fulton County. This field day offered a variety of different sessions that covered soil health, cover crops, two stage ditches, conservation systems and gypsum re-search. The speaker for each session were specialists in their fields. First, Joe Nestler, an independent Ag consultant spoke about the 4Rs which include the proper nutrient rates, times and placement. Dr. Hans Kok with Soil Health Partnership discussed the important of soil health and way to improve soil structure through no-till farming, crop rotations and cover crops. Javier Gonzalez, a research soil scientist with USDA-ARS-National Soil Erosion Research Lab (NSERL) conducted a demonstration using a life size rain simulator to demonstrate the reduced soil erosion when gypsum is applied. Then Dr. Warren Dick, a professor of Soil and Environmental Chemistry from OSU-ATI spoke about the background of gypsum and its potential application for impacting soil quality and soil fertility as well improving water quality by reducing loss of soluble phosphorus from the fields. There was also a soil pit with a smoking tile demonstration done by Frank Gibbs, who is a retired NRCS Resource Soil Scientist. This field day was very educational and had a lot of good information about current conservation practices. The Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District invites you to stop in the office and learn more about the many different cost-share and incentive programs available to producers in Paulding County. Let the Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District assist you today!

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

SPACES AVAILABLE FOR CERTIFIED FISHING INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP IN FINDLAY

Spaces are available for educators, leaders, or conservation clubs who have a sincere interest in taking kids fishing and want to become certified fishing instructors, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). A free workshop is available Saturday, September 5, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will take place at Wildlife District Two Office, 952 Lima Avenue, Findlay, Ohio, 45840.

Passport to Fishing is a one-day instructor training program that qualifies individuals to become ODNR Division of Wildlife certified fishing instructors. All participants will need to pass a background check before being certified.

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

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

To register for the workshop, please call Linda at 419-429-8347 by August 27. For additional class information, visit wildohio.gov.

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DEFENDING DEMOCRACY

By: Tom H. Hastings

In our wonderful land of America we have ongoing debates, discussions, and principled differences. To the extent those are happening by citizens focused on the issues and not on character assassination or violent threat, those robust modes of discourse are the heart of a healthy democracy.

Our democracy is increasingly unhealthy. And we are degrading the image and desirability of democracy around the world as a result. This is a reversal of a century-long trend around the world of more democracy that peaked in the 1990s. Autocrats are not only making a comeback, they are doing so with more populist support. From the racist frontrunner candidacy of Donald Trump to the atavistic emergence of a caliphate in the Middle East, we see a rollback of engaged, respectful, vigorous citizen participants in politics. Where there is a resurgence of focus on civil society participation, however, we see signs of hope, such as pockets of social activism in West Africa that focus on the lessons from Martin Luther King and the US civil rights movement, or a consortium of Palestinians struggling to transform their liberation struggle to democracy-friendly nonviolence.

Rightwing politicians declaim on American exceptionalism; they name the USA as the one nation that offers the best hope for humankind. Sadly, they then practice the "might makes right" model of imposed democracy—an oxymoronic enterprise indeed. Democracy cannot be installed at gunpoint any more than love can, or empathy, or altruism—all of which drive more and better democracy, while guns and bombs—Francis Scott Key notwithstanding—erode it. Metrics of democracy—citizen participation, inclusion, minority rights, transparency, nonviolent transition of power—are all best promoted and practiced without death threats.

Citizen engagement is at the heart of the free press—the very paper you hold or are reading online is the pulse of a democracy worthy of the name. When you engage—read it, write a letter, share it with others—and do so in a way that maintains healthy respect alongside healthy debate, you are bolstering our democracy and showing the rest of the world a better

model that they will emulate. The true "arsenal of democracy" is not a nuclear navy nor a Hellfire missile rain of death from the sky. It is you, seeking information, sharing your thoughts, caring for the hearts and minds of your neighbors, even the ones with whom you disagree—especially the ones who anger you with an opinion you find objectionable.

I teach several courses that revolve around these concepts and I love watching students evolve from apathy and fatalism to outrage and violent ideation to care, capacity, and human agency. True, some never move off the cynical dime, some get stuck on pugnacity and demonization, but those who pass into the stages of engagement and rational, careful analysis and discourse are the ones I am confident will do the most good for democracy in our land, and, by extension of this evolving American experiment, the rest of the world.

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

ANTWERP EMS HOSTS PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

The Antwerp EMS will be having a pancake and sausage breakfast on Saturday August 8th prior to the Day in The Park. We are raising money for gear and equipment for the Antwerp EMS personnel. The breakfast is a free will donation and includes pancakes and sausage, coffee and juice; we will also be having a 50/50 drawing on that day. The all you can eat breakfast will be held at the Antwerp EMS station on the corner of Cleveland and Daggett streets in Antwerp from 7:00 a.m. til 12:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

THE LOOMING US-CHINA CRISIS IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA

By: Mel Gurtov

The long-running, multi-party dispute over control of islets in the South China Sea (SCS) is worsening both in rhetoric and provocative activity. Meeting in late May at the Shangri-La Dialogue on regional security, US and Chinese defense officials sparred over responsibility for the increased tension, though they stopped short of issuing threats. In fact, all sides to the dispute say they want to avoid violence, prefer a diplomatic resolution, and support freedom of navigation.

Both the US and China insist that the dispute notwithstanding, their relationship overall is positive and enduring. But China, claiming indisputable sovereignty over the SCS, is backing its claim in ways that alarm the US and several Asian governments: construction of an air strip on the Spratly Islands, a land reclamation project that has artificially expanded its claimed territory, and most recently emplacement of two mobile artillery vehicles.

The Pentagon has responded by publicly discussing US options such as flyovers and navigation in Chinese-claimed air and sea space. A US navy surveillance aircraft has already

challenged China's sovereignty claim by overflying Fiery Cross Reef in the Spratlys, prompting a Chinese order (which the aircraft ignored) to leave the area. In the meantime, US military assistance to other claimants, including Vietnam and the Philippines, has enabled their coast guards to at least keep an eye on Chinese activities.

The US-China debate over the SCS would be a tempest in a teapot were it not for two other sources of contention. One is the gas and oil potential underneath the South China Sea, long subject to intense competition. The other is the friction arising from the different US and Chinese strategic postures in East Asia. The US deploys enormous air, naval, and nuclear power across the region. Rising China, one Chinese scholar writes, "is no longer susceptible to U.S. coercion or bullying. Under President Xi Jinping, the more confrontational stance Washington takes, the more assertive Beijing will become in response."

The US "rebalancing" of forces in Asia since 2009, with emphasis on deploying additional naval power to the Pacific; its backing of Japan in Japan's territorial dispute with China in the East China Sea; and the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement that aims to undercut China's commercial as well as political success in Asia—these are among the US moves in Asia that have prompted Chinese pushback both economically and militarily. China's gradual buildup in the SCS should be seen as part of that pushback. Its latest official strategy statement, issued (surely not coincidentally) on May 26, explicitly links "maritime military struggle" and "active defense" to the "provocative" actions and "meddling" of foreign parties in that area. The strategy statement conceives of a greatly increased role for the Chinese navy in "offshore waters defense."

Although China's declared position would seem to make the sovereignty issue nonnegotiable, that doesn't rule out conflict management. Ownership can be separated from, and thereby detached from, political and economic issues. All sides might agree, for instance, not to object to others' sovereignty claims and to freeze the situation on the ground, disallowing further construction and land reclamation, entry of vessels and weapons, and introduction of civil or military personnel.

Crafting a binding code of conduct is an option that seems to have support from China and the 10 nations of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

They agreed on the current version of the code, the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea, in November 2002. It commits the parties to resolving disputes by peaceful means, without using threats or force and in accordance with international law, including UNCLOS, the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. The parties also "undertake to exercise self-restraint in the conduct of activities that would complicate or escalate disputes and affect peace and stability including, among others, refraining from action of inhabiting on the presently uninhabited islands, reefs, shoals, cays, and other features and to handle their differences in a constructive manner." Unfortunately, what constitutes self-restraint and how actions would be handled constructively remain to be determined. Instead, the concerned Southeast Asian nations rely on multilateral trust-building efforts to ease tensions, while the Chinese prefer bilateral talks and, it seems clear, unilateral actions to strengthen their claim.

More formal legal avenues might also be utilized despite China's objections, including the Philippines case before UNCLOS and recourse to the International Court of Justice (ICJ). The US does not stand on firm ground, however, when it comes to international legal remedies. First, the UNCLOS, as a treaty, has been awaiting Senate approval since 1994! (Many, including Professor Jerome A. Cohen, a leading expert on international law, urge US ratification). Second, the US has a long record of ignoring adverse ICJ decisions. Third, since 1986, the US has rejected the court's compulsory jurisdiction. The US could be a more effective actor here if it were more law-abiding—certainly more effective than by deploying forces to test China's intentions.

All the parties, and especially Washington and Beijing, surely see the downside to continued tension, notably the retreat of US-China relations to Cold War-style tests of resolve. "Conflict is bad for business," the new head of US Pacific forces is quoted as saying. It's bad for many other things too, but countries have gone to war over far lesser stakes when clashing notions of self-righteousness and national security prevail over common sense.

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**CONGRESSMAN LATTA
SUPPORTS PASSAGE OF
REINS ACT**

On July 28th, Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) joined in supporting the passage of H.R. 427, the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2015, through the U.S. House of Representatives. Rep. Latta was a cosponsor of the legislation.

Estimates show federal regulations cost nearly \$1.9 trillion last year, with 3,554 new regulations imposed on American businesses in 2014 alone. That burden is stifling America's job creators and families, at the equivalent of \$14,976 per U.S. household and 11.5% of real Gross Domestic Product.

"72% of small businesses reported that regulations were hurting their 'operating environment'. This is a crushing blow to America's job creators and working men and women. These costs are particularly harmful to our many small and rural companies, who are currently forced to bear the burden of these unnecessary federal regulations," said Latta.

Regulations are a serious burden in the 5th District. During the past year, when I was touring a small business that had 10 employees, they had to hire an 11th as a compliance officer - just to deal with all the new regu-

ASK ME Miss C!

Dear Miss C,

I have a 4 year old who is terrified about starting school. Every day she wakes up and is nervous about my having to send her to school in a couple of weeks. What can I do to help her?

—Nervous Nellie

Dear Nervous Nellie,

It is very common to have anxiety before starting new things. One of the best things you can do is take away as many of the "unknowns" as possible. All of our fears feed on what we do not know. So, over the next few weeks, show her what school will be like! Spend time talking to your child, sharing school stories, take her to the playground (with a friend who might also be starting or already attending her school). A lot of schools post resources and previews online, so you can tell her all about the things she will learn and the activities they will do throughout the day. Tell her fun stories about when you went to school, the things you learned and loved. It could help her get

excited about the new school year!

Lots of kids experience anxiety about starting school because they don't know how they will handle new social situations. They might worry about eating lunch alone, or who will they play with at recess, will there be bullies? As a parent, you can help your child feel more comfortable by attending play groups, visit the parks, movies with friends (old and new). This can help her practice her social skills and make her feel more comfortable. You might also try doing some role plays to help. If you find that she is afraid of recess, start there. If she is afraid of riding the bus, role play this with her! Visit the location where the busses are located, or set up an area in the house to do a "pretend" ride to school. You can even take turns being the bus driver, your child, or her classmates.

It is also not uncommon to do all the right things and still have a child who is scared to start school.

Some kids even report having stomach and headaches (physical response to fears). Some will act out with thumb sucking, bed wetting, or acting aggressively. So, it is important to talk to your child to help them feel better:

1. Tell them everyone will be new and will be feeling the same as she is. To normalize your child's feelings, remind them that everyone including other students and even teachers feel nervous on the first day. She should know, she is not alone. This reassurance can help!
2. Make the first week of school an event. Research shows that the first week of school is really hard for kids, so it would be a good idea to set aside special time to talk about the week and celebrate as a family each victory!

Blessings,
—Miss C

Send your questions to Ask Me Miss C today! Ask-MeMissC@gmail.com, via Facebook Page, or US Mail to my attention at the West Bend News.

lations. This Bill will create an environment that would allow our region's employers to thrive."

H.R. 427 amends the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to require congressional approval of major agency regulations before those regulations can go into effect.

Specifically, the bill requires Congress to pass, and the President to sign, a joint resolution approving a new major regulation issued by a regulatory agency before the regulation may take effect, instead of requiring Congress to disapprove of such regulations.

"For too long, unelected Washington bureaucrats have placed unnecessary burdens on America's hard-working men and women who create jobs for their neighbors. This Act restores congressional responsibility and accountability in the regulatory process so that the elected representatives of the people can be held accountable to their constituents, and create the environment most conducive to economic growth."

**MVNU'S SCHNORMEIER
GALLERY TO HOST THE
WORK OF GEORGES ROU-
AULT**

MVNU's Schnormeier Gallery will host the work of Georges Rouault in an exhibition entitled "Seeing Christ in the Darkness." The exhibition will be on display from August 20 through November 6, 2015. The opening reception will take place on Friday, September 4, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. This event and the exhibition in the gallery are free and open to the public.

Georges Rouault (1871-1958) is an exception among modern artists. Deeply religious, his works resist traditional depictions of Christian themes, instead emphasizing the suffering

and anguish he observed in the impoverished neighborhoods of his native Paris. The graphic works displayed in this exhibition, completed at the height of his artistic abilities, reveal how deeply human suffering and how he saw within this darkness a hope for salvation.

This exhibition will focus on Rouault's work as a printmaker. It was within his graphic work that his religious vision took shape. The majority of the works in this exhibition are from his Miserere series. Begun during World War I and finished by 1927, the images were first drawn in India ink and later reproduced as engravings. The plates were refined over the course of years, being finally published in a limited edition in 1948. Also included in this exhibition are works from his Passion series, published in 1939.

For more information, visit bowdencollections.com/Rouault/rouault.html.

This show includes eighteen pieces from the Misere-

re series, five from Fleurs du Mal I, several colored pieces from The Passion and Fleurs du Mal III, along with two signed works and several other prints.

The Schnormeier Gallery is located at 221 S. Main Street in Mount Vernon, Ohio. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 12:00-4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, call 740-397-9000, ext. 3040.

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HUSTED'S OFFICE HOLDS
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Secretary of State Jon Husted announced his office's August regional office hours. Regional liaisons for the Secretary of State's office will be in 30 counties around Ohio including Defiance and Williams Counties. The purpose of open office hours is to give local residents an opportunity to learn more about, and stay connected with, the Secretary of State's office in an informal and accessible setting.

In addition to making voter registration forms and election information available, regional representatives will be on hand to answer questions and

distribute materials to those interested in learning more about the other functions of the office such as the business services division and initiatives including the Ohio Business Profile and Military Ready-to-Vote program.

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

Defiance County:
8/24/2012 - 2:00-5:00 p.m., Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort Road, Defiance, Ohio 43512

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8/7/2012 - 12:00-2:00 p.m., Williams County Library Main Branch, 107 East High Street, Bryan, Ohio 43506

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**CONGRESSMAN LATTA
STATEMENT ON SEN. PORTMAN EFFORTS TO PASS DRINKING WATER PROTECTION ACT THROUGH SENATE**

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) issued the following statement in support of Senator Rob Portman's efforts to bring H.R. 212, The Drinking Water Protection Act, for a vote on the U.S. Senate floor. Rep. Latta introduce H.R. 212 earlier this year in the U.S. House of Representatives, and the legislation passed with overwhelming support. These efforts were procedurally blocked by Senate Democrats, causing further delay of passage into law legislation that is vital to the protection of the drinking water sources Ohioans depend on:

"This legislation is vital to helping ensure the protection of the public health and safety of Ohioans the who rely on the Great Lakes for their drinking water. I applaud Senator Portman for his con-

tinued efforts to advance this bill in the Senate, and urge others to join us in supporting its passage. I introduced this legislation in the House of Representatives at the beginning of the year, and as Senator Portman noted, it passed through the House nearly five months ago with overwhelming bipartisan support. With some scientists predicting the possibility of severe outbreaks of algal toxins as we get further into summer, we cannot afford to waste anymore time in getting this commonsense, widely supported legislation into law."

**Sudoku solution
from page 13**

8	6	7	4	2	3	1	5	9
4	9	2	8	5	1	3	7	6
1	5	3	9	6	7	4	2	8
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6	2	4	1	8	9	7	3	5
9	1	5	7	3	2	8	6	4
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HARLAN CLASS OF 1965



Pictured here are the class of 1965 (l-r) Marilyn Graft (Betz); Trude Myers Eicher (Detter); Terry Thompson; Barbara Randolph (Eager); Jeanne Hertig (Chaney); Doyle Snodderly; Linda Gorrell (Snyder); Steve Eager; Tom Bice; Vicki Sefton (Love); Barbara Casselman (Betz); Ron McCurky; Gloria Wann; Teresa Scott (Smith); Alan Volkert; Charlene Volkert (Timbrook); Ned Beerbower; and Janet Smith (Lengacher)

This yearly anticipated event brings together all the classes of Harlan High School at the Grant's Reception Hall in Antwerp, OH on Sunday evening August 2. The band, The G-Men, from Fort Wayne gave a great performance for

the attendees.

The Class of 1965 is the last grade to graduate from the illustrious Harlan High School. Woodlan had already been in operation with Woodburn High School closing and now Harlan was to follow suit. Harlan High School opened in 1908 after the consolidation of several township schools. The school's classes finished in 1965 at the commencement when the underclassmen where divided between Leo and the recently opened Woodlan High School, comprising Woodburn and Milan previously.

This year also increased attendance over last year from 170 to about 180.

Once again, Pete Russell (41) and Nellie (42) (Kees) Beerbower were the oldest at the reunion. There were others from the class of 1942 also. Sandy Mettert Martin received the award for the

longest distance traveled as her voyage began in Browns Valley, CA just north of Sacramento.

Several from the class of '65 were not accounted for including: Joe Kennedy, Du-lane Chapman (Davis); Steve Miller, Jim Miller, Royden Delagrange; Ronald Ferrell; Paul Jensen; Jacquelyn Klender (Harris); David Heritage; Susan Bryson (Inlow); Paul Jensen; Michael Moss, Linda Schaper; Linda Ferrell (Smead); Carol AlBahrani (Turner); Chris Graber; Sandra Gray; Robert Gustin; Pat Harber (Chaney); Steve Hosteler; Wanda Smith; William VanDyke; AB Ward; Lydia Watson (Delagrange).

Several from the class of 1965 were deceased: Harry Copsey; Jerry Delong; Don McMaken; Sharon McDougle; Charlie Hursh; John Knapp; Martin Lengacher; and Jerry Yoder.

ANTWERP IS SET FOR A DAY IN THE PARK!

Final preparations are underway for everyone to have a great time at Riverside Park on August 8. The weather has cooperated in drying the grounds to allow us to keep our celebration at the park. Kicking off the day will be the parade at 10:00 a.m. beginning at the football field and continuing through the downtown. Opening ceremonies at the park will begin with the flag raising at 11:00 a.m., our Antwerp High School band will be playing our National Anthem.

Next, will be opening comments from Mayor Tom Van Vlerah before the presentation of the 2015 Antwerp Gem award from the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce. This year's winner is everyone's friend, Bill Fish.

We have a variety of everyone's favorite entertainment including our local Dance Dolls, Community Band, Paulding County K-9 Unit demonstration and plus some new local talent from a teen band known as "Distraction" playing a variety of music. New this year will be Morgan Bland a terrific violinist from Hicksville.

There will also be presentation by Woodburn's Indiana Wildlife and some time to get acquainted "hands on" with some of our wild furry friends. Johnny from the Tin Caps will be back greeting the youngsters through out the park.

Larry Copsey and Dan Bowers will be lining up the cruise-in at the front of the park, so bring out your classic car and show it off to everyone.

We will have demonstrations by our local tumbler, kids activities and face painting, information being shared by local churches and organizations and a chalk walk everyone of all ages can participate in and enjoy plus bargain prices on a book sale by the library. Also several crafters will be present with products they have been working hard to create.

And, of course, there is food! Something for everyone! If you enjoy hot dogs, brats, funnel cakes, ice cream, walking tacos, curly fries, funnel cakes, Monte Cristo sandwiches and baked goods of all kinds this will be the place to be. Or have a lemon shake up or snow cone to cool off!

The Chamber will also host a 50/50 drawing at approximately 3:45 p.m. We will then close the day with the flag burning ceremony by the Antwerp Boy Scouts and Antwerp VFW. Be sure

to bring your old flags for the proper disposal at this moving ceremony.

As always, we do ask that you leave your pets at home where they will be safer and happier on an August day.

Come out and enjoy Antwerp's beautiful park and visit with your friends while supporting our local organizations.

TWO WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN ANTWERP'S CHALK WALK!

There are two ways chalk artists can participate in the "Here's Antwerp" Chalk Walk activities for Day in the Park. The first way would be to put your creations on any of three sizes of black construction paper (8.5 x 11, 11 x 17 or 17 x 22). A tub of basic colored chalk will be provided or you may bring your own. Final products will be displayed for everyone to admire. Typically, this activity is completed during the Day in the Park on August 8th. There is no charge for this activity.

The second form for creating a chalk-a-ganza is to purchase a 2 ft. by 2 ft. board. Same theme—"Here's Antwerp" but there is a cost for a board. There is

a discount if a receipt is provided (dated after July 15th) for the purchase of \$10 or more from a local Antwerp business. As the art work is completed, please call 419-233-6699 for information on how to display your work in local business windows, or simply bring your work to Day in the Park. Board based chalk art work will be made available for sale during the silent action.

For information on all of the chalk art activities please call 419-233-6699.

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