

2015 HARLAN DAYS RAFFLE WINNERS!



Harlan Days grand prize winner, John Alexander of Monroeville with his brand new Chevy Spark.

The Harlan Days Committee is happy to announce the 2015 Harlan Days Raffle winners. Again this year, over 2,500 raffle tickets were sold and we were able to give away the 2015 Chevy Spark! The following are this year's winners:

- 1st - Chevy Spark - John Alexander (pictured) of Monroeville
- 2nd - 40" TV - Arlene Delagrang of Grabill
- 3rd - Laptop - Amanda Abbett of Harlan
- 4th - HVAC agreement

from Korte - Kent Von Gunt-en

5th - Cherry Hill Golf - Larry Yoder of Hicksville, OH

6th - Gas Trimmer - Ryan Kennerk

7th - \$100 A Lily's Dew Drop - Darren Harter of Harlan

8th - \$100 Harlan Café - Matt Kurtz of New Haven

9th - \$100 Grabill Hardware - Andy Kurtz of Fishers

10th - Reflections Spa Package - Dylan Housh of Fort Wayne

BLUE CREEK WIND FARM PAYS ANOTHER MILLION DOLLARS TO VAN WERT SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY

Iberdrola Renewables, the owner and operator of the Blue Creek Wind Farm, presented a check at the Van Wert County Courthouse to local officials in Van Wert County to commemorate the second annual PILOT payments the Blue Creek Wind Farm will make to the community.

Van Wert County, with 115 turbines, received its second payment in 2015 of \$1,035,000, an amount that

makes the wind farm the largest single taxpayer in the county. Approximately two-thirds of this money will go to support schools and the remainder benefits the County, Townships and other local taxing bodies.

Project developer Dan Litchfield said, "Our wind farm has been operating smoothly for over three years now and we are glad for the Van Wert County Community for the warm reception we have received. At this point, it should be apparent to all that wind energy can be a positive contributor to your community, and we look forward to work-

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BROUGHTON REDNECK JAMBOREE WAS JAMMIN'



Russell Long, 94 years young Air Force veteran. More pictures at westbendnews.net.

This is the 10th anniversary for the annual Broughton Redneck Jamboree set right in the center of town. It seemed as if the whole town turned out on such a pleasant Saturday evening. The festivities took off with a balloon release of about 300 balloons.

The flag raising was then conducted by veterans Dan Wilder, John Dager, and 94 years young Russell Long. Russell served in the Air Force during WWII stationed in Kansas as an engine mechanic for B17 and B29 bombers.

The town hall was oozing with good food provided by the Jamboree committee (main meats and potatoes) and the good folks of Broughton. And a certain lady fed some eager eaters a very tasty piece of fresh strawberry pie - yum!!

Entertainment was commencing all around the town hall with inflatables, craft tables and relay games for the kids (including a water balloon toss!), and the extreme talents of Yvonne Stahl and

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OAKWOOD GEARS UP FOR HOMECOMING: "OAKWOOD COUNTRY FAIR"

Plans are well underway for Oakwood's annual Labor Day Weekend Homecoming and the traditional kick off dinner sponsored by the Event Planners. This dinner and entertainment, held in the big tent will provide needed funds for the Cooper Community Library, a branch of the Paulding County Carnegie library. Guests have come to expect great table settings, great food, and entertainment at these events and won't be disappointed as the Event Planners change things up a little this year in keeping with the theme for the weekend festivities, "Oakwood Country Fair".

Cooper's famous marinated turkey will be the main entrée along with a full dinner menu and dessert. Like many country fairs, there will be a horse race with the opportunity for everyone to join in and be a winner! The dinner will be held Friday, September 4 at 7:00 p.m. with just 200 seats available. Those calling in first are assured the best seating. Reserve your seat or an entire table of 8 by calling the library at 419-594-3337.

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Friday night, August 14th, join us at 8:30 p.m. for "Movies in the Park" at Schnelker Park in New Haven. This summer movie series is presented by Impact Community Church and New Haven Parks & Recreation. Enjoy popcorn, candy, and drinks while watching the movie. For more information call New Haven Parks and Recreation at 260-749-2212.

The best part - it's all FREE!

Movie will be shown weather permitting - rain date is Saturday night, August 15th.

www.newhavenbulletin.com

THE 2015 ANTWERP SCHOOL REUNION



The MAC gym hosted the Antwerp School Reunion on Saturday, August 8. Classes since 1942 were there having fun and carrying on with friends from the past and present.

In the picture above you will see the classmates that graduated 40 years ago in the class of 1975. Once upon a time the thought of 40 years out of school would be a long time! Not anymore. The class starting from the lower left going up the stairs:

Kim (Crabill) Bowers; Beth (Bowers) Coughlin; Vanice (Shidler) Martenies; Anita (Brooks) Tolbert; and Rolan Rister.

From the top of the stairs on the right going down: Reva (Meyer) Hatfield; Susie (Meyer) Miller; Mona (Rodriguez) Wurst; Gail (Miller) White; Robin Parsons-Burk.

In the middle on top: Tony Billman; Middle left to

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THANK YOU

A huge thank you goes out to ALL the many volunteers who helped in every area of the 2015 Harlan Days Fair. Without volunteers, Harlan days would not have been as successful as it was again this year.

-Harlan Days Committee

OBITUARIES



PAYNE, OH
Leona A. Molitor age 86 died Tuesday, August 4, 2015.

She was born June 23, 1929 in Boston, Indiana, the daughter of George and Gertrude (Diver) Laker. On October 6, 1951 she married John M. Molitor Sr. who preceded her in death on February 20, 2007. She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Payne, and the Altar Rosary Society.

She is survived by sons, John (Julanne) Molitor Jr., Payne, Bruce (Lorraine) Molitor, Mt. Gilead, OH; daughters, Mary Molitor, Payne, Dr. Jean Molitor, Maumee, Kay (Ashlee) Rager, Ft. Wayne, Carol Molitor, Payne; a brother, Roman "Bud" Laker, Cecil; a sister, Pauline Swary, Santa Rosa, California; eleven grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by her parents; brothers: Theodore and Dean Laker; sisters, Elizabeth Buehrer; Beatrice Johanns, Lucille Overmyer; and great granddaughter, Tyler McClure.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted 10 AM Monday, August 10 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Payne, OH. Burial is in St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Payne.

Visitation was 2 - 8 PM Sunday, August 9 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with a Rosary at 8PM.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to CHP Hospice, Defiance or Masses.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com



PAYLING, OH:
Richard Lee Ross age 75 died Wednesday, August 5, 2015 in a farming accident.

He was born September 16, 1939 in Paulding, Ohio, the son of William and Bernice (Workman) Ross Sr. He married Rose Ellen Grimes and she preceded him in death on June 8, 1999. He retired from LaFarge Corporation and was a US Marine veteran. He was a member of Horseman Association and an avid horse racer.

He is survived by his fiancé, Marjorie Moore Scott, Paulding; three children: Rhonda Mc-

Clure, Van Wert, Rick Ross, Mt. Vernon and Robert (Stacy) Ross, Haviland; brother, William (Janet) Ross Jr., Grover Hill; sisters, Karen (Roger) Craft, Patty Lou (John) Thiel, Nancy (Kevin) Albright, Virginia (Wayne) Hersherger, Gloria (Irvin) Tumbliin, Nila Larson and Linda (Rodney) Allen; grandchildren: Shawn McClure, Tachea Wall, Brian Ross, Shane Scott, Beth Ross, Jill Ross, Emily, Dawn and Janelle Workman; great grandchildren: Logan, Braiden, Haylin, Sam and Isabella.

He is also preceded in death by a brother, Ray Dean Ross.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 AM Tuesday, August 11 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will be in Hedges Cemetery, Paulding County with military graveside services by Paulding VFW Post #587.

Visitation was 2 - 8 PM Monday, August 10 at Den Herder Funeral Home and one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com



PAYNE, OH:
Ethel A. Flaugh, age 82 died Saturday, August 8, 2015.

She was born August 25, 1932 in Ft. Wayne, IN, the daughter of Lorin and Margaret (Wallace) Marquiss. On January 13, 1954 she married Richard Flaugh, who preceded her in death on January 14, 2001. She was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne; DAR; VFW Post #587 Auxiliary; Payne Chamber of Commerce; Payne Community Theater; St. Paul United Methodist Church Women's Group; and Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by five children: Rick (Mary Beth) Flaugh, West Mifflin, PA, Scott (Margaret) Flaugh, Medford, OR, Mark (Irene) Flaugh, Cheryl (George) Williams, and Karen (Robert) Williams, all of Payne; personal caretakers and granddaughters, Rikki Skiver and Heather Wesley; 13 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; and one great-great granddaughter.

She is also preceded in death by an infant daughter; siblings, Tonya Roberts, Mary Keeley, John Marquiss; and infant grandson, Joey Williams.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 AM Thursday, August 13 at St. Paul United Methodist Church with Rev. David Rohrer officiating. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

Visitation will be 2 - 8 PM Wednesday, August 12 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services on Thursday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family

requests donations made to Alzheimer's Association.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 8/12 - 8/18

8/12 - BBQ chicken, baked potato, glazed carrots, banana, WW bread

8/13 - Ham & scalloped potatoes, capri blend veggies, fresh fruit, cornbread, sherbet

8/14 - Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, cake, dinner roll

8/17 - Pork cutlet/gravy, sweet potato casserole, corn, pears, WW bread, peanut butter cookie

8/18 - Cheeseburger, broccoli salad, tropical fruit, fruit juice, goldfish crackers

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 8/12 - 8/18

8/12 - Walking zumba at 10:30 a.m.; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Bingo w/Community Health Professionals at 12:00 Noon; Cancer Roundtable at 12:15 p.m.; Caregiver & Memory at 1:00 p.m.; Grocery Shopping at 1:30 p.m.

8/13 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Bingo w/PCH at 10:00 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; America Checkup at 10:30 a.m.; Turn Up at 12:15 p.m.

8/14 - Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

8/17 - Raffle Day; Shedding Pounds at 9:30 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Bingo w/ Fountain Park at 10:00 a.m.; Fingernail clinic 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon; Walking Zumba at 10:30 a.m.; Steering Committee Meeting at 12:00 Noon

8/18 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

HUSTED ADVISES COUNTIES ON FUNDING FOR ELECTRONIC POLLBOOKS, ENCOURAGES LOCAL OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted advised county boards of elections on the amount of funding available to each board for the implementation of e-pollbooks.

"E-Pollbooks are a great advancement in voter technology that will make elections simpler for both Ohio voters and the staff and volunteers who assist them on Election Day," said Husted.

The state legislature appropriated \$12.7 million to aid county governments in covering the cost of upgrading to e-pollbooks during the biennial budget (Am. Sub. H.B. 64) enacted on June 30th.

In partnership with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Secretary Husted is working to help counties move forward with the procurement of the new technology ahead of the 2015 General Election.

"Ohioans already wait less time in line when casting their ballot at the polls than most Americans and implementation of e-pollbooks statewide is the next step we can take to lead the nation forward in making it easier to vote and hard to cheat," added Secretary Husted.

The state funding is intended to cover up to 85 percent of each county's purchase cost with funds being distributed based on county population.

Secretary Husted also released a list of vendors and devices that have been approved for use in the Buckeye State to help guide the boards of elections in beginning the process.

The 21 Ohio counties who already implemented electronic pollbook technology are also eligible to take part in the state grant to recoup part of the costs associated with the upgrade.

Though counties are not required to implement e-pollbook technology before the 2015 General Election, Secretary Husted has encouraged them to move forward in time for the upgrade to be in place for the Presidential Election held in 2016.

NEW VOLUNTEER PROGRAM BRIDGES GENERATIONS, OFFERS FREE COLLEGE TUITION

By: Bonnie K. Burman, Sc.D., Director of the Ohio Department of Aging and John Carey, Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education

It can be said that a community's most valuable assets are its elders, with their years of experience and wisdom, and its youth, who represent a vibrant future filled with opportunity.

Director Bonnie Burman and Chancellor John Carey The elders of the Mahoning Valley have helped build the region into what it is today, using their expertise in business, industry, innovation, and community involvement to bring new life to this part of Ohio. Continued prosperity will depend on future generations, which can learn from their elders while charting their own course for success.

It is with this mindset that we launch GIVE back. GO forward., a joint initiative of the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Ohio Department of Aging. Through this new program, elders age 60 and older will "give back" to the community by volunteering at least 100 hours per year at one of three organizations identified by the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber as benefiting from their service. Once volunteers have tallied 100 hours of service, they will earn a three-hour college tuition waiver at either Youngstown State University or Eastern Gateway Community College, which they can keep to use themselves or gift to a current or future college student to help him or her "go forward."

The idea of earning free college tuition for volunteering has been championed by Governor John R. Kasich, who knows the value of giving back to the local community and the benefits of bringing generations together. The Youngstown area was

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.""

—Psalm 46:10



The community gathered together for an evening of fun at the 10th Anniversary of the Broughton Redneck Jamboree. More pictures at westbendnews.net.

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the Boogie Grass Band. After this exceptional band, Drew Munger hooked up to the sound system and saturated the ears of the event goers with his awesome blues talents. Later Austin Bowers of Antwerp entertained the crowds.

All the sales from 50/50 tickets, raffles, t-shirt sales, and anonymous donations help to fund the next annual Redneck Jamboree. Some of the people who are responsible for making sure this special Saturday gets put together are Kathy Sanderson, Teresa Matthews, and Robin Dobbelaere.



Drew Munger entertains the crowd at the Broughton Redneck Jamboree. More pictures at westbendnews.net.

chosen as the first region to host a GIVE back. GO forward. program thanks to an overwhelming willingness to participate from Youngstown State, Eastern Gateway, the Chamber, and the volunteer organizations.

Prospective volunteers will donate their time to two local United Way programs—Success By 6 and Success After 6—as well as Inspiring Minds, which seeks to engage, empower, and inspire youth to reach their full potential. All three programs will use their elder volunteers to give youth the opportunity to be successful in their school years and beyond. It's a win-win for everyone involved - elders will feel valued and experience the health benefits of volunteering as they donate time to a local organization, and students, including those who may not have thought it possible to go to college, will have experienced mentors to guide them and receive an extra push to jump start their future in the form of free college credit.

Youngstown State and Eastern Gateway will each offer 50 tuition vouchers during the first year of GIVE back. GO forward. Up to 100 new volunteers have until May 31, 2016 to serve their 100 hours and earn their tuition waiver. Volunteers can receive one tuition waiver per year, and it must be used within five years of receiving it. More than one volunteer can donate a tuition waiver to the same student,

but a student cannot receive more than two waivers - the equivalent of six credit hours - per year.

The GIVE back. GO forward. initiative will officially be launched during an event at Youngstown State on August 3. From there, Inspiring Minds and the United Way will begin accepting applications for new volunteers.

You can learn more about GIVE back. GO forward. at www.ohiohighered.org/gbgf. We are eager to see this program in action in the Mahoning Valley, and it is our hope that we can replicate it in other regions of the state and show that we can go forward only when we make time to give back to others.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Landynn Tate Gibson was born to Nicole Gibson of Hicksville. Baby's grandparents are Timothy and Kim Gibson. Baby's great-grandparent is Karen Cottrell.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Emily Renee Fisher was born on August 7, 2015 at 7:03 a.m. at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville, OH. She was 8 lb. 10.6 oz. and was 20.9" long.

Her parents are Chris and Heather Fisher of Sherwood, OH. Her older siblings are Jonathan Lackerday, Aleyah Mack, Mackayla Mack, and Matthew Fisher.

Proud grandparents are Etta Pearce of Abbotsford, BC, Canada; Calvin Fisher of Ada, OH; and Gwen Beckwith of Somerset, KY. Proud great-grandparents are Lorene Eagleson of Payne, OH; and Joanne Porter of Mark Center, OH.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Emma Sue Roselynn Walz was born on August 9, 2015 at 5:41 a.m. at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville, OH. She weighed 7 lb. 2.6 oz. and was 19.3 inches long.

Her parents are Angela and Corey Walz of Hicksville, OH. Her siblings are Alexandria, Kaitlyn, and Hunter.

Proud grandparents are Carolyn Gamble of Metz, IN; Thomas High of Garrett, IN; and Cheryl and Andy Hahn of Antwerp, OH. Proud great-grandparents are Bob and Elinor Walz of Edon, OH.

THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY LAUNCHES VIDEO SERIES AIMED AT EDUCATING HIKERS

Volunteers and staff at the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) have created a series of entertaining and informative videos that will teach visitors how to reduce their imprint on the Appalachian Trail (A.T.). The videos, titled "Don't Be That Guy - Appalachian Trail - Leave No Trace," were released Saturday, August 1st.

Filmed by professional videographer and former thru-hiker Tara Roberts with support from the U.S. Forest Service, the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics, the ATC's Tennessee License Plate Fund, and the ATC volunteers, the series illustrates the proper practices for hiking and camping that minimize impacts on the A.T.

"Leave No Trace" is a great program that encourages everyone to minimize their impacts on the outdoors. These methods are needed on the Appalachian Trail, especially due to its popularity," said Tom Banks, video producer and director. "There's a lot of good information available from the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics teaching the principles, and what these videos add is information that applies specifically to the Appalachian Trail. We illustrate the techniques in a direct, but entertaining, way."

The series features a clip on each of the seven principles of Leave No Trace, which include plan ahead and prepare, travel and camp on durable surfaces, dispose of waste properly, leave what you find, minimize campfire impacts, respect wildlife, and be considerate of other visitors. Additional videos, to be released later in the month, will also include engaging elements like interviews with

recent hikers and actors in the series as well as a lighthearted bloopers and outtakes reel.

"We have to be vigilant. Our duty is to take care of the Appalachian Trail," explained Sarah Jones Decker, a creative consultant, actor in the videos, and former A.T. thru-hiker. "As the Trail becomes more popular, we need to make sure that we are working diligently to spread the 'leave no trace' message."

The video series is one way the ATC is preparing for a surge in Trail use following the release of the film *A Walk in the Woods*, a comedy adventure starring Robert Redford and Nick Nolte as old friends who make the improbable decision to hike the 2,190-mile Trail. The film will be released September 2 by Broad Green Pictures. The ATC acted as a consulting organization during production and assisted with the film's environmental messaging.

"Effort will be necessary to keep the Appalachian Trail in its natural state, especially given the increased attention that the Trail is receiving," said Javier Folgar, the ATC's Director of Marketing and Communications. "Whether you are new to hiking or are an experienced 2,000-miler on the Appalachian Trail, everyone can benefit from watching these videos as a reminder of how to reduce impact."

To view the first "Don't Be That Guy - Appalachian Trail | Leave No Trace" video series, visit <https://goo.gl/bTYMAU>.

For more information about Leave No Trace and the A.T., visit www.appalachian-trail.org/lnt.

About Leave No Trace
The member-driven Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics teaches people of all ages how to enjoy the outdoors responsibly, and is the most widely accepted outdoor ethics program used on public lands. Through relevant and targeted education, research and outreach, the Center ensures the long-term health of our natural world. In its simplest form, Leave No Trace is about making good decisions to protect the world around you - the world we all enjoy. For more information, please visit www.LNT.org.

GANDHI AND THE BOMB

By: **Stephanie Van Hook**

"Has not the atom bomb proved the futility of all violence?"

—Gandhi (*Harijan*, March 10, 1946)

It's an amazing contrast that the 20th century witnessed moments where nonviolence soared to giddy heights and violence brought us down to unfathomed lows.

When Gandhi heard the news that the United States had used the atomic bomb in Japan, he said that he sat still and silent. In his words: "I did not move a muscle when I first heard that the atom bomb had wiped out Hiroshima. On the contrary, I said to myself 'unless now the world adopts non-violence, it will spell certain suicide for mankind.'"

When asked if it exploded his faith in nonviolence, he said that such a faith was the only thing that the atom bomb could not destroy. Moved as he was, he reminded us that though he has said it before, we absolutely must draw a moral from the use of the atom



AHS Alumni waiting to enter the MAC Gym for the annual reunion. More pictures at westbendnews.net.

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right (in front of Tony): Kevin Smith; Pat Hart; Middle front: Patty Smith.

Not pictured, but attending were: Kim (Savage) Cottrell; and Mike Stewart

The oldest person attending was Stan Jordan of the West Bend News and he was the only one from the class of 1942.

Tony Langham was the master of ceremonies for the event and he praised Donna Snyder for getting so many people from the class of 1954 to attend. At least 10 came just for the dinner.

There were over 175 people who came for the dinner and the number sharing in Antwerp's history doubled

bomb: counter-bombs cannot destroy the sorrow and shame it caused, only love can do that.

Concretely, he advocated the bold move of states disarming themselves, noting that the courage required for such an act in a climate of violence would be enormous, but that the nation who could do it would catalyze a transformational shift in our world. But he is presupposing a deeper understanding of who we are, a faith in ourselves that makes that courage real and available to us.

My mentor, drawing on the best in Gandhi's message, would not fail to point out that if we are called to disarm and resist such weaponry, we must, by all means available, raise the human image. It is not a psychological coincidence that the bombs were given human names, "Little Boy" and "Fat Man," while the people of Japan were not seen as people at all. Such dehumanization, such a low image of the human being, is the natural outcome of aggressive, destructive and deadly violence. And Gandhi nudges us, "is this not the futility of all violence?"

Taken to its logical end, we have to have faith that it is so, and carry with us the people of Japan in our hearts, never forgetting, never letting this happen to anyone ever again. Nonviolence is the only way.

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

CONGRESSMAN LATTA VOTES IN SUPPORT OF VETERAN'S LEGISLATION

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) voted yesterday in support of legislation that will protect American veterans by increasing the accountability of the Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA), and allow for small businesses to hire more veterans with greater ease.

H.R. 3236 includes the Hire More Heroes Act, which exempts veterans enrolled in



Pictured here are Jerry Smith, Mary Applegate, Ron Smith, Pat Smith, and Elaine Wiegmann. They are five siblings that attended the Antwerp Reunion celebration on Saturday. The Smith family moved to Antwerp in 1963. There were eight siblings all together in the family. One of the siblings, Allen D. Smith, was killed in Vietnam in 1967.

by 9:00 p.m.

The event came to an end by 11:00 p.m. with many who were ready for the next reunion to come around,

but we don't want to rush it. Time already goes fast enough!

There are lots of pictures at westbendnews.net

health care provided by the VA or TRICARE from being counted as part of the 50 full-time employee thresholds for purposes of the employer mandate. It also includes a provision allowing eligible Veterans who are receiving care from the VA for a service-connected disability to continue to contribute to their Health Savings Account. Additional provisions in the bill further ensure the VA receives the necessary funding in order to provide access to healthcare services in a timely fashion.

"The Hire More Heroes Act is a commonsense, bipartisan solution that encourages small businesses to hire more of our nation's heroes by exempting veterans from the employer mandate if they already receive health insurance through the VA or TRICARE," said Rep. Latta. "We owe it to our brave servicemen and women to provide the greatest opportunity for prosperity we can. This legislation supports our veterans in ensuring they are well positioned to find gainful employment, and access to timely care."

H.R. 1994, the VA Accountability Act of 2015, makes it easier to hold VA officials at any level accountable, and if necessary, fire them.

"As I often hear from veterans throughout my district, it is clear that the issues within the VA continue to be systemic. We have a responsibility to uphold our promise to the men and women who have served this country, and a duty to ensure they receive quality and timely care. It is incomprehensible that it takes Act of Con-

gress to give the VA authority to fire employees who are not performing for our veterans," continued Latta. "I will continue working with my colleagues in Congress to make sure the mismanagement of our veterans' care is addressed, and will continue to urge the President to more diligently focus on addressing the unacceptable environment of the VA."

CONGRESSMAN LATTA APPLAUDS SENATE SUPPORT OF H.R. 212

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) issued the following statement regarding the Senate's passage of H.R. 212, The Drinking Water Protection Act, legislation he first introduced in response to the water emergency in Toledo last August.

"The health of Ohio's bodies of water is vital to our region, as millions of people rely on them for drinking water. This bipartisan legislation is a major step to better understand and further mitigate harmful algal toxins in the drinking water provided by the Great Lakes and surface waters," said Rep. Latta. "This legislation - developed through input from the States, as well as academic and scientific communities - will help ensure the protection of public health and safety, and the preservation of one of our greatest national gifts, Lake Erie. I applaud my colleagues for supporting this legislation in its passage in the Senate, and look forward to the President signing this important bill into law."

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events in the Bible: A. fall of Babylon, Isaiah 13:10; B. distress of Egypt, Ezekiel 32:7 C. Stars falling, Isaiah 13:10, and the fall of Edom, Isaiah 34:4 D. Coming on the clouds = this is a typical apocalyptic phrase referring to the Lord coming in Judgment, Isaiah 19:1, Lamentations 2:1, Ezekiel 30:18. In Luke 21:27, Jesus is quoting Daniel 7:13.

Now we can look at an apocalyptic point that Joel made, which most Bible students are familiar with: Joel 2:28-31. Please read, for this is a point that Joel made about the coming of the Lord's church (Acts 2:16-21). Did any of these things happen, like the sun turning to darkness, moon into blood, and so forth? No, because Joel was making a point about something that was going to happen in the last days. The words 'last days' was used by the Jews to denote the last dispensation, that of Christ. The verse in Luke 21:29-33 is Jesus telling the Jews that as they know the time of the seasons, they will also know the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by what He has told them.

I am available for questions, comments or to help in some way with your studies. You can reach me at 419-393-4775 or e-mail jsp1941@yahoo.com. Also you can contact the editor and proof-reader at 419-399-5022. Jesus loves you and so does the church of Christ.

ACTS OF KINDNESS, FORGIVENESS, AND LOVE

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

"All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need." Acts 4:32-35 (NIV).

A woman by the name of Anne Herbert, a writer who lives in California, accidentally started a movement called "practicing random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty." She came up with the phrase while doodling on a restaurant placemat in Sausalito one day. The objective of those who subscribe to this movement is quite simply to do kind things for other people for absolutely no reason at all other than the fact that they want to make the world a better place.

Practicing random acts of

kindness and senseless acts of beauty is what our Christian faith is about. It's about doing acts of kindness, and acts of beauty, and doing so without regard to the merits of those for whom we do those deeds, without regard to question of whether or not anyone has deserved or earned our affection, time, or our care. There is even more to our acts of kindness, our acts of forgiveness, and our acts of love. We have been commissioned to do these acts; we have been given the authority and the power to do them. Our acts of kindness, and forgiveness, and love, and beauty should never be random or senseless in their motivation. They should all be done because we love God, and because God loves us.

Mother Teresa once said this about her work in the streets of Calcutta: "Non-Christians and Christians both do social work, but non-Christians do it for something, while we do it for someone. This accounts for the respect, the love, and the devotion because we do it for God. That is why we try to do it as beautifully as possible. We are in continual contact with Christ in his work. In the world of misery, in the torn bodies, in the children, it is the same Christ that we see, that we touch."

11th ANNUAL WOODBURN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME BENEFIT AUCTION

The 11th Annual Woodburn Christian Children's Home Benefit Auction will be held on October 17, 2015 at the Woodburn Community Center, 22651 Main Street, Woodburn, Indiana, to support the Woodburn Christian Children's Home. Dinner will begin serving at 4:00 p.m. The Silent Auction will start at 4:00 p.m. and the Live Auction will begin at 5:00 p.m.

There is a listing of items, including a 1968 Mustang GT, vacation packages and handcrafted items, to name a few, on our website www.wcchonline.org, this is just a partial listing of the many items available. Check back periodically for new listings.

The Woodburn Christian Children's Home is supported entirely by voluntary contribution. We receive no federal, state or county support. We are entirely dependent upon our private contributors whose strong support enables this ministry to operate on a cash basis.

WCCH operates very efficiently. Our cost of caring for a child is about half the average cost of similar child-care throughout the tri-state area. Children are evaluated for placement on a needs basis. Family participation is on a sliding scale. Over the years, numerous children have been accepted for placement even though their parents had little or no ability to pay.

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ing with you to add more wind turbines, and thus more benefits for you and Iberdrola Renewables. In addition to the clean, affordable and stable-priced electricity and local tax revenue, we also produce a new crop from area farm fields. With this year's rainy summer, it's a great reminder that it is always good to diversify farm income." The approximately \$600 million wind farm was the

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GLOW YOUTH CENTER 5K RUN/WALK

GLOW Youth Center is holding their 2nd Annual 5K Run/Walk the evening of September 19, 2015 beginning at 5:00 p.m. The run/walk begins and ends at the Woodburn Shelter House on Overmeyer Street with registration beginning at 3:30 p.m. Registration is due before August 22nd and each register will be guaranteed a t-shirt or you can sign up until the day of the event. You can sign up at www.glowyouthcenter.weebly.com.

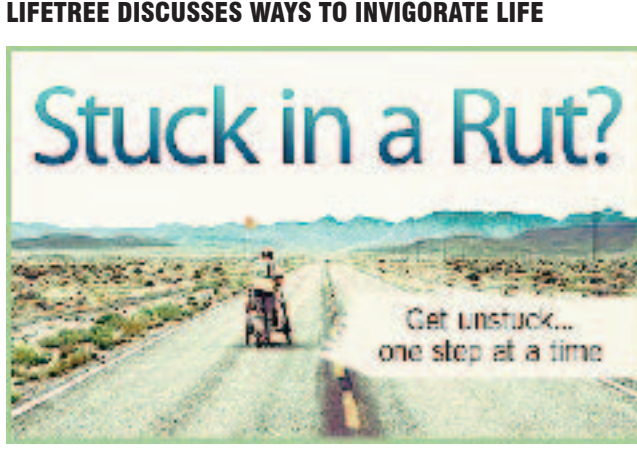
Last year's run had over 160 runners and walkers and was a great time of fun and fellowship with people in the community. This 5K benefits the GLOW Youth Center which is a ministry of Next Step Outreach.

GLOW Youth Center is held at Woodlan Elementary after school on Mondays and Thursdays. The 2014-15 school year was the first year it was held and GLOW ministered to over 60 children and their families in the Woodlan School district. For more information on registering your child for GLOW or about the program you can get information the day of the run or call 260-632-7glw.

This event is sponsored by Gentz Insurance Agency. For more information on Gentz Insurance Agency visit www.gentzinsuranceagency.com.

STANDING GUARD - THE GRANITE SOLDIER SPEAKS: ANTWERP'S VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

I watch you come into this beautiful park, possibly unaware of these honored veterans who served our great country. Stop; take time to reflect upon what I see while I stand Guard over this military memorial. Of those veterans' names engraved on these tablets, four served in



Practical tips for adding meaning and purpose to life will be explored at Lifetree Café on Thursday, August 13th from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

The program, titled "Stuck in a Rut? Get Unstuck... One Step at a Time," features a filmed interview with Kenyon Easton, a man who began a coast-to-coast walk across the country in April 2014. Although he faced multiple hardships from weather and unforeseen complications, Easton says his walk gave him a life-changing perspective.

"I've wanted to do something like this for a while," explains Easton. "I felt if I didn't grab this opportunity, it wouldn't happen. I knew I wouldn't regret it, so I took

the leap."

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 handicapped accessible 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.

Topic for August 20, "Facing Your Fears."

the War of 1812; thirty-one Spanish American War; three hundred sixty Civil War; one-hundred ninety-nine WWI; four hundred thirteen WWII; one hundred seventy-five Korean War; two hundred seventy-one Vietnam War; forty Lebanon * Grenada * Panama Era; forty-seven Persian Gulf * Iraq * Afghanistan Era for a current total of 1540 veterans.

The grave markers in Riverside Cemetery are voices from the past, read their inscriptions. There are over 700 graves, with the earliest known birth dates belonging to George Liddill and his wife, Catherine - in 1773 and 1783 respectively. Six others were born in the late 1700s: Joseph Reeb, 1785, Sarah G. (Luke) Vores, 1790, Dr. Bernard B. Woodcock, 1795, Robert A. Rogers, 1796, Mary Shirley, 1797 and her husband David, 1799. At least forty-eight burial stones have birth dates on or before 1815.

LAST MINUTE REGISTRATIONS FOR ANTWERP SCHOOL SUPPLY PROJECT STILL BEING ACCEPTED!!

Originally, in 1918, local folks asked for and received \$1000.00 in donations, to post me in the center of your park. Most donations were 25 - 50 cents. A few of the more wealthy citizens gave \$5.00. As the park's trees matured it was difficult to see me. Some cosmetic reconstruction was needed caused by downed trees and my age, which cost nearly \$16,000 in 2009-2010. An additional \$85,000 in donations went towards preparing this park entrance area, engraving the names and installing the tablets.

Sadly, I witness lack of respect for those who fought and even died for us, from visitors who allow their pets to relieve themselves while others leave their trash - both are acts of desecration of this

sacrosanct place of honor.

Five years ago on August 29, 2010, the village of Antwerp and many area residents came together to honor all veterans from over two hundred years of fighting for our freedoms, hopes and dreams. Sacrifices came from all the names engraved on these black granite tablets—which surround me—as well as their families. Additional veterans' names are engraved yearly.

It is my honor to stand guard here, in full view. The days come and go as I watch diligently over my charges. At night I hear voices speaking of hardships, far away battlegrounds; wars won; wars lost; leaving behind death and destruction, as well as joyous homecomings. I wish more of you would take the time to read every name engraved, not just those you know. Benches are nearby; sit a spell. Share with me, I will listen.

LAST MINUTE REGISTRATIONS FOR ANTWERP SCHOOL SUPPLY PROJECT STILL BEING ACCEPTED!!

There is still time to sign up your kids to receive school supply packs through the Antwerp School Supply Project. Just give Angel a call at 419-258-0656 or send a message to the Hearts & Hands Facebook page with your name, kids' names, and grade level and we will confirm your receipt.

Walk-ins will be welcome on Sunday, August 16th, BUT from 2:00-3:00p only, and on a first come, first served basis.

Pick ups for pre-registered students is Sunday August 16th from 12:00-2:00 p.m., in the Family Center located inside Riverside Christian Church.

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THE LION AND THE SCAPEGOAT

By: Michael N. Nagler

The recent shooting of a protected Zimbabwean lion named Cecil by an American dentist who likes to hunt big game with a crossbow has caused outrage around the world, to the surprise of many, including - we can only imagine - the former dentist. It has brought attention to the plight of endangered animals in Africa, but it also raises a number of questions.

The outcry is an example of the Anne Franck effect: one death (or accident, or whatever) seizes the imagination when there are a million others going on underneath our emotional radar. Not only millions of animals: we are all suffering from "compassion fatigue" over the way global violence has created an enormous number of refugees - recently restyled as "migrants" by the press, which pushes their desperate plight further beyond the reach of empathy.

Hitler, or was it Stalin, (it's attributed to both and would be equally characteristic of either) famously reportedly said, "One death is a tragedy; a million is a statistic." The death of this noble animal, Cecil, became a "one" that rose up out of the surrounding millions, and we would love to know how. The very real, very particular event perhaps has taken on a kind of mythic clarity, allegorizing the suppressed agony we all feel every day about what our technology - and lack of feeling - is doing to nature. In any event, it tells us that while we suffer from compassion fatigue we do not undergo compassion death: our compassion may be numb but is never beyond the possibility of revival. Unfortunately, it is hard to predict what exactly it will take to revive it. If we understood this we could perhaps awaken ourselves de-

liberately instead of waiting for just the right event to break through.

For full disclosure, I am a lifetime vegetarian and love all animals; I am finding it very difficult to feel any sympathy for Walter Palmer, who killed Cecil under really heinous circumstances. But I have to try. Not because his practice is already ruined and Zimbabwe is seeking his extradition. There is a real danger that by demonizing one unfortunate dentist we will be making him a symbol, and thereby a substitute, for the whole problem of our insensitivity and destruction of life - in a word, scapegoating him. That will solve nothing. The way out of this danger has two steps. First, as far as possible, shift our energy from reviling Palmer to feeling - though it's painful - for the dead creature and what he represents. Second (and this is the only real way to assuage those feelings), take action to address this problem. That could be in many ways. More than a million people (including your author) have signed a petition to "demand justice" for Cecil and urge Zimbabwe to stop all poaching. That's a start. But the problem so pervades our civilization that we can tackle it anywhere, from education in our community to hanging from a bridge in Portland, Oregon (as protestors recently did to try to prevent Shell oil from drilling in the Arctic).

If we choose compassionate action that engages our capacities and tackles a real aspect of the problem it will channel our emotions in a useful direction. That will be good for us personally; but taken all together, done persistently enough, it can do much more. Some news reports are saying that poachers like Palmer "give legitimate hunters a bad name." But is killing an animal for sport "legitimate?" I say it's degrading and it's ultimately endangering life on earth. We have to stop it, and we can, along with the other dimensions of our misguided relationships to the environment.

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MAINE SAIL FREIGHT REVIVES SALTY HISTORY OF REVOLUTION, INDEPENDENCE

By: Rivera Sun

In this new millennium marked by the looming threat of transnational trade deals like the Transpacific Partnership (TPP), The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), and the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA), one unusual trade adventure, Maine Sail Freight, will embark on a creative and bold journey as an act of defiance against what has become a poor standard of business-as-usual. When Maine Sail Freight launches its maiden voyage at the end of August carrying 11 tons of local, Maine-made cargo, the Greenhorns - a plucky

band of young farmers - and the sailing crew of a historic wooden schooner are declaring their independence from corporate tyranny and re-invigorating sail freight as a wind-powered transportation agent of the booming local food economy.

And, interestingly, they will be carrying one freight item that has a long history of revolutionary potential: salt.

Yes, salt.

More than a hundred years before Gandhi's independence movement kicked the British Empire out of India, the American colonies were roundly beating the same empire using tools of nonviolent action - noncooperation, civil disobedience, boycotts, strikes, blockades, parallel governments, marches, rallies, and self-reliance programs. The two independence movements even shared parallel salt campaigns.

Gandhi's 1930 Salt Satyagraha campaign is famous. The 1776 New England saltworks expansion is virtually unknown. Indeed, several well-organized, clearly identifiable nonviolent campaigns are often overshadowed by violence and war in the retelling of revolutionary era history. The research, however, testifies to the nonviolent campaigns' pivotal role in the struggles.

Know your history. The British certainly should have. In 1930, 150 years after American Independence, Lord Irwin, Viceroy of India, commented on the brewing salt law resistance saying, "At present the prospect of a salt campaign does not keep me awake at night." Too bad - if he had stayed awake, studying the history of salt, colonial governments, and independence movements, he might have lost sleep - but he may not have lost India.

In 1776, the British Empire lost the American colonies over a famous tax on tea... and salt.

Most everyone has heard the story of the Boston Tea Party - rowdy colonists, incensed by the tax on tea, dressed up as Indians and stormed Boston Harbor to dump the contents of a ship carrying import goods into the water. The colonials boycotted tea and demanded "no taxation without representation." The tax on tea also contained a tax on salt. At the time, salt was a necessity for household survival and the economic functionality of the colonial fisheries, which exported salted fish. There were, however, no saltworks along the lengthy coastlines of North America. The salt used by the colonists was imported from the British Caribbean.

When the new tax laws were announced in the colonies, the colonists declared they would boycott imported goods from Britain, refusing to cooperate. Of course, they didn't use the term "boycott," which would not be coined until 1880 when the Irish rebelled against the land agent Charles C. Boycott.

The colonists rebelled against the tax laws, declaring independence. A crippling embargo was placed on the colonies, cutting off the supply of imported salt entirely. In response, the Continental Congress placed a "bounty" on salt to encourage the young nation to build saltworks and produce this essential resource. Cape Cod

responded to the call, even inventing new elements of the salt production process. They rejected the process of boiling out the water, as it used too many cords of wood, and instead developed a system of producing salt that used wind power to haul the seawater to the drying troughs, natural solar power to evaporate the water, and a unique construction of rolling canvas roofs that would keep the rain out of the troughs and could be pulled back on sunny days to allow the light in. The production of salt increased the American's self-reliance, reduced their dependence on the empire, and strengthened their ability to resist British oppression.

These three dynamics - increasing self-reliance, reducing dependence, and strengthening the ability to resist oppression - are all elements of what Gandhi would later call "constructive program." Gandhi employed 18 different constructive programs in his movement, one of which was the production of salt. The 1930 Salt Satyagraha was a powerful demonstration of the two-fold strength of nonviolent action. In addition to the constructive dynamics, it also utilized the "obstructive" dynamics of noncooperation and mass civil disobedience, as well as many acts of protest and persuasion including marches, rallies, picketing, letter writing, and demonstrations.

The story is simple: the British Empire enforced a monopoly on the production of salt in colonial India, operating the saltworks to their own profit and charging the Indians for the staple. In 1930, Gandhi decided to openly defy the salt laws, inciting thousands of Indians to make and sell salt, rendering the salt laws unenforceable through mass noncooperation. Gandhi added his usual political clarity and dramatic flair to the undertaking. Where the Americans pragmatically made salt as a necessity of survival and a tool of self-reliance, Gandhi's marches, public announcements, mass disobedience, and inimitable sense of humor made humble salt the downfall of British authority over India. Gandhi overtly challenged the British over salt—and won.

Today, many contemporary struggles revolve not around colonies and crowns,

but rather between citizens and transnational corporations. The basic lessons of salt still hold true for modern times. To win our freedom one again, we must increase self-reliance and lessen our dependency on products of our oppressors. We must refuse cooperation with injustice and build parallel institutions that benefit people rather than some company's bottom line. As Maine Sail Freight travels from Portland to Boston, reinvigorating traditional ocean trade routes, the participants are also joining the growing popular re-

sistance to global corporate domination. As history will attest, their success lies in the willingness of the people to non-cooperate with business-as-usual and instead participate with the constructive actions of local, sustainable, and renewable economies. Here's where to find out more and join the Portland to Boston adventure.

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

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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan

We returned to the railyards at Dijon today. It is a very busy place as the Germans are fleeing before Patton's troops and they're loading up the material on flat cars and heading east. We shot up everything that we could find; tanks, half-tracks, trucks and some small stuff. I guess most of the German Air Force is busy over on the Russian front. Anyhow, we never saw any of their planes today. We were back at our Airbase at Anthony by noon today. We drove our Jeep to lunch while the crewmen re-supplied our planes.

The Col. brought us a note from the French underground that on the south-side of Dijon, is an area camouflaged as an orchard, but it's really a parking area for some German tanks. We had to slow down a little so we could find that place, and when we got into range, we caught a lot of small arms fire. But it worked out alright, when we caught the anti-aircraft fire, it gave away the sides of the tank park area.

We made a couple runs over the area to knock out the anti-aircraft guns and get them off our back, but we took on a lot of fire, also. A couple of imitation trees separated, and some of the tanks tried to escape. We got very frugal with our rockets and we wanted to get 16 tanks with our 16 rockets. We were very busy for about 10 minutes. We could see our targets pretty well. But, after a few of the tanks started to burn, the thick, black smoke blotted out the area.

Things settled down a little and we four formed up at about 1,000 ft. We checked our planes for damage and how much ammo and rockets we had left. We had three rockets left out of the 16 and a minimal amount of 50 cal. ammo. We could see that two tanks had gotten out onto the road and were trying to escape. The boys got the two tanks, but one rocket missed its target. But, we could see some smoke coming from the engine area of the third tank.

We stayed down on the ground and started back to the Tony Air-base at Anthony, France. After supper, we talked about today's raid. We

destroyed or damaged everything we saw. But, we didn't go unscathed either. Each of us had a number of bullet holes in the fuselage. Oh, but it was worth it! What a trip we had! What a day!

See ya!

A LITTLE ON ONE OF OUR SERVICEMEN

By: Stan Jordan

Eric Gross is one of our servicemen who just returned home from one of the trouble-areas in the Middle East. He is at home in Payne, OH until his next assignment. He is an E-7 or a Master Sergeant with 23 years experience. His job is a crew-chief on a A-10 Warthog.

Eric was born in Paulding in 1973. His parents were Winston and Rita Gross. There were two in the family. He has one sister. He went to school at Wayne Trace and graduated there in 1991. He enlisted right away into the Indiana National Guard, a part of the Air-Force. He took his basic training at Lackland Air-Force Base in TX.

Then, he took a few months of technical training to be a crew-chief at Wichita Falls, TX. Then, he took a few months training at Nellis Air-Base in Las Vegas. This was specific training on the A-10 Warthog.

His six-year enlistment ran out in 1997 and he came home. He was home about five years, and then he re-enlisted in 2001. His first assignment was to the small country of Qatar, the world's largest producer of natural gas. In 2005, he went to an Air-base in Iraq. He was sent to Alaska in 2010, and again, was a crew-chief on the A-10 Warthog.

In 2013, he went to Louisiana and had more technical training on the A-10. It carries one 37mm cannon and 12 rockets in a pod under the wing, and a load of bombs under the other wing. He is now re-deployed to the Indiana National Guard as a crew-chief for the A-10 at the 122nd Fighter Wing at the Fort Wayne Air-base. It is just like a regular job. He works four, 10 hour days with one weekend drill each month. He is in both light and heavy maintenance.

He has been in the service of his country for 23 years and he plans on putting in 12 more, and he will retire with 35 years of service when he is 55. In 2004, he married Nichole Martinez, they live in Payne and they have two children and they attend Wayne Trace.

Eric, I really enjoyed our interview today. I am very interested in the A-10 Warthog. The best tank busters in the skies! In my fictitious column called, The Lobo Tank Bust-

ers, we fly the P-51 D, the only fighter plane in WWII that used rockets and earned the honor of having the Air-Force to build the A-10.

Eric, again I say, "Thank You" for your service to our great country.

See ya!



THE MAUMEE RIVER RAFT RACE

By: Stan Jordan

This coming Saturday, August 15, is the big Maumee Regatta sponsored by the Advanced Chassis and Fabrication shop. I called it a Regatta because after talking to Dan Bowers, it seems most any type of floatation is allowable; whether it is a boat, a kayak, raft, a barrel or an ark.

The water in the river is about down to normal and it has cleared up pretty well. They will meet about 10:00 a.m. at the east end of the park and put in. With the race starting about noon. There are only a few rules: You must have a life jacket. You bring your own refreshments. You must have a good time. You must be on the lookout for a mermaid. There will be a prize for anyone who catches a real, honest to goodness, official mermaid.

See ya Saturday!



POSTAL SERVICE TO ISSUE ELVIS PRESLEY STAMP

Elvis Presley will be commemorated on a Forever stamp as the sixth inductee into the Postal Service's Music Icon Series.

"Elvis is a natural addition to our Music Icon Series," said Postmaster General Megan Brennan. "His life and talents are an incredible story. Spanning from his humble beginnings in a Tupelo, Mississippi, two-room house to becoming one of the most legendary performance artists of the 20th Century, Elvis Presley's works continue to resonate with millions the world over."

The First-Day-of-Issue dedication ceremony will take place on the morning of August 12 at Graceland in Memphis as part of this year's Elvis Week celebration. The public is encouraged to tweet about this news using #Elvis-Forever.

Launched in 2013, the Music Icons series consists of beloved musicians whose blend of sound and way of life broke musical boundaries. The first inductees included Lydia Mendoza, Johnny Cash and Ray Charles. Last year's inductees were Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin.

This stamp features a 1955 black-and-white photograph of Presley taken by William

Speer. In the bottom left corner, between the words "Forever" and "USA," is a small gold crown, a nod to Presley's nickname, The King of Rock 'n' Roll. Presley's signature, in gold ink, also is featured along the right side of the stamp. The square stamp pane resembles a vintage 45 rpm record sleeve. One side of the pane includes 16 stamps while the image of a sliver of a record seems to peek out of the top of the sleeve.

An image of Presley performing was shot by photographer Alfred Wertheimer and the logo for the Music Icons series appear on the reverse side (above) of the stamp pane. Antonio Alcalá of Alexandria, VA, served as the art director and designed the stamp pane with Leslie Badani, also of Alexandria, VA.

The following text borders the block of 16 stamps: "During his illustrious career, rock-and-roll superstar Elvis Presley starred in dozens of feature films, won three Grammy Awards, and recorded 18 number one singles: Heartbreak Hotel, I Want You, I Need You, I Love You, Don't Be Cruel, Hound Dog, Love Me Tender, Too Much, All Shook Up, (Let Me Be Your) Teddy Bear, Jailhouse Rock, Don't, Hard Headed Woman, A Big Hunk O' Love, Stuck On You, It's Now Or Never, Are You Lonesome Tonight?, Surrender, Good Luck Charm, Suspicious Minds."

Presley left an indelible mark on American pop music, inspiring and influencing thousands of rock musicians. Nearly 40 years after Presley's death, more than 600,000 people still visit his Graceland home in Memphis every year. The Postal Service previously honored Presley on a stamp in 1993. Visit this link for more information.

VETERANS NAMES WANTED FOR ANTWERP'S MEMORIAL

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce held their annual Day In The Park last Saturday August 8. The park was full of people enjoying Riverside Park and visiting our Veteran's Memorial. It was also the sight of the annual flag burning ceremony performed by the Antwerp Boy Scouts and the Antwerp VFW. To continue to honor all of our Antwerp Veterans we are currently accepting names and documentation for engraving to be done this fall. The deadline to submit the paperwork is September 11, 2015. For further information please contact Nancy Lichty at 419-258-2026 or Keith West at 419-258-2232.

OHIO IS ON THE ROAD TO BALANCE

By Bonnie K. Burman, Sc.D., Director Ohio Department of Aging and John B. McCarthy, Director Ohio Department of Medicaid

Upon entering office in 2011, the Kasich Administration prioritized the need to create more ways for aging Ohioans with long-term care needs and individuals living with disabilities to remain in the comfort of their homes, rather than enter institutional settings. As evidenced in a new report from

the Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University titled, "The Road to Balance: Two Decades of Progress in Providing Long-Term Services and Supports for Ohio's Older Population," Ohio has certainly moved the needle in recent years.

Today, like many states, Ohio's population is growing older. In fact, Ohio's aging population is the seventh largest in the nation. While there will always be those individuals among us whose level of care requires them to obtain services in a nursing home setting, others must be afforded the opportunity to remain in the community. By making home and community-based services more accessible throughout the state, more individuals are able to live independently and on their own terms.

It has been this same theme of independence that has driven the State of Ohio's work in the past four years. Through the collaboration of several state agencies, and the partnership of many community organizations, individuals and their families now have a series of options in the arena of long-term care.

Proof of this shift can be seen among some of the milestones achieved in recent years:

- Once plagued by a long waitlist for enrollment, the PASSPORT program, under the Kasich Administration, is now immediately accessible to those individuals looking for services.

- The HOME Choice program, dedicated to moving individuals out of institutional settings and back into the community, has successfully completed more than 6,500 transitions since its inception. The Ohio program ranks first nationally for transitioning individuals living with mental illness and second in overall transitions.

- In June 2013, Ohio was awarded over \$169 million for its participation in the Balancing Incentive Program, which incentivizes states to direct at least 50 percent of long-term care spending toward community-based options. In 2014, the state achieved its balancing target one year ahead of schedule and, today, is investing more than 50 percent of long-term care funds into home and community based alternatives.

With the conclusion of another state budget cycle, Ohio's commitment to its seniors and individuals with disabilities remains strong. Though a great deal of progress has been made, we must continue to create new avenues for individuals to enjoy independence through greater choice. Important work certainly lays ahead.

LANEY FAMILY REUNION PLANNED!

Descendants of Reid and Josephine Laney will be holding the Laney Reunion at the Antwerp Riverside Park on Sunday, August 16, 2015 at 12:00 Noon.

CONFIDENTIAL INCOME SURVEY MAILED TO VILLAGE OF ANTWERP RESIDENTS

The Village of Antwerp intends to do some much needed improvements to the sanitary sewer system. The current system was installed in 1981 and is in need of updated equipment as some has completely broken down and must be replaced according to EPA. As a part of the total financing of this project, the village wants to apply for grant funds through the community development block grant program. This program can help villages whose household incomes are at 51% low to moderate. According to the 2010 Census Antwerp's low to moderate percentage was 44.38%. The Village believes that we are closer to the 51% low to moderate income and in order to establish this, a random income survey needs to be conducted.

The Village is going forward with having it's engineering company, Poggenmeyer Design Group out of Bowling Green, Ohio, conduct the income survey on behalf of the village. Please note no names will be asked on the survey, just address, number of household members and the income range of the household. This survey will only be used for applying for grant funds and is a requirement in order to apply. If the village survey results in a low to moderate household income overall, the village can use this result for 3 years to apply for federal dollars.

The first mailing of the survey was sent this week. If you receive a survey, please fill out the form and return it. It will enable the village to keep the cost of the project affordable. If not enough surveys are returned on the first mailing, a second and third mailing may have to be sent. Finally, if not enough are returned, door to door visits may be needed.

If you receive this survey and have any questions on it, please feel free to contact the Village Administrator at 419-258-2371 or speak to a council member. Please be assured that your income survey is just one part of the overall percentage the village is trying to determine.

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

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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 was on this material).

Some of the early businesses in Antwerp were: Schilb Furniture and Mortuary. It was established in 1857 by Mrs. Andrew Schilb and at his death, Margret G., his wife continued the business, being the first lady licensed embalmer in the United States. Her son, Andrew, continued the business until 1924 when his wife, Olive and her sons, Robert, Ray, Tom, and Andy, expanded the business to Paulding and Hicksville. Several years ago, Tom and Andy divided the furniture and mortuary businesses. Andy operated the furniture store, but Tom had recently sold the Funeral Home to his son, Walter. (at the time this was written by Ollie Zedaker).

The Antwerp Bee-Argus - The first paper printed in Antwerp was in 1866 known as "The Antwerp Gazette". In 1879 "The Antwerp Banner" made its appearance as "The Gazette" moved to Paulding. In 1882 "The Antwerp Standard" was published and the next year sold to W.E. Osborne, who sold "The Argus" in 1890 and in 1906, published another paper called "The Antwerp Bee". In 1910, Mr. Osborne repurchased "The Argus" and combined the two papers which is still known as "The Bee Argus".

Mr. D.C. Bickard purchased the print shop in 1914 and he and his son Ed, operated it until 1958 when Mr. James Temple acquired it. During the past several years the newspaper has enjoyed increased circulation along with several accolades as an outstanding small town weekly. (Mr. Temple's daughter, Sandra, is now the Editor

- 2015)
Ehrhart's Studio - In the early days of the Canal, Vincent Brown traveled by house-boat on the canal and made tin-type photos. John Mote also operated a studio on a canal boat. He also had a studio on Canal Street until the late 61 ties.

E.P. Neat started a studio in 1885 and conducted it until 1907 when it was purchased by O.E. Ehrhart. Mr. Ehrhart operated it until his retirement. His son, Cloid, now operates it. Mr. Ehrhart, upon his retirement concentrated upon his hobby of taxidermy. Many of his mounted specimens of wildlife can be found in the Ohio State Museum in Columbus, Ohio. The O.E. Ehrhart Museum in the Town Hall of Antwerp, Ohio contains the balance of his collections. (Please note that this info was written several years before 2015).

B.A. Smith Lumber - The B.A. Smith Co. is an old established firm, having been started in 1903 by Mr. Smith and son, Arlie. Mr. Guy Jump assumed management of the business upon Mr. Smith's death and expanded the business to Paulding. The two lumber companies are now operated by Mr. Robert Ely in Antwerp and Mr. Earl Utterback in Paulding. (Info written before 2015)

L. Smith & Sons - Mr. Smith & Son Carl, moved from Defiance in 1908 and purchased the hardware owned by Alex Grant. Since then, they have extended into automotive and furniture. Mr. Carl Smith has been the Buick Distributor for the past 65 years. He is also the Pontiac and American Motors Distributor. Mr. Smith is assisted by his two sons, Max and Bud.

Weatherhead Corp. - A large number of residents of Antwerp, Paulding and surrounding areas are employed at the Weatherhead Corp. east of Antwerp on Route 24, which has a capacity of 700 employees. Its products are automotive and industrial supplies.

It recently celebrated its

25th anniversary. The value of this company is a paramount factory to the economy of Antwerp by providing employment and furnishing approximately 20% of the school tax.

Antwerp Schools - In 1833 a log school house was built about 2 miles northwest of Antwerp on the farm of Isaac Woodcox. There were 15 pupils taught by William Roberts.

With the platting of Antwerp Village, another log school house was built on the lot that is now occupied by the Bee-Argus Newspaper on Main St. Later a frame building was erected on the site of the present Antwerp Automotive Supply.

The next school building was framed on the lot just west of the Methodist Church on East River St. This structure was later moved to the NW corner of River and Madison St.

In 1876 a six room brick building was built just west of the present gymnasium at the cost of \$17,000. It was torn down in 1911 to make room for a larger, more modern building at a cost of \$25,000. In 1936 it was again enlarged with the assistance of the Federal government through the W.P.A. Part of Crane and Harrison Twp. was then added to the school district.

To accommodate the increased enrollment, new additions between 1956 and 1972 included a 1500 seat capacity gymnasium, an indoor heated swimming pool and four classrooms.

CONGRESSMAN LATTA STATEMENT ON EPA EMISSIONS RULE

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) released the following statement regarding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "Clean Power Plan" rule announced:

"Despite the lofty rhetoric we heard at this afternoon's press conference, these new rules are more about this President looking to build a legacy than build a better future. The rules, released under the guise of 'Climate Change prevention', will directly impact hardworking families all across Ohio with job losses, and increased energy costs - dramatic increases in some cases. It will stifle economic growth, jeopardize our grid reliability and discourage future investment in our state at a time when we are enduring the slowest economic growth period in a generation. This administration continues to target specific industries with the regulatory overreach of one of its political weapons of choice - the EPA - and it is American working families who are going to bear the burden and heavy costs. I will continue to work in Congress to ensure access to affordable and reliable energy through commonsense policies based on best practices and sound science, not political posturing."

STATE FAIR DISCOUNTS

By: IN State Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn)

The Indiana State Fair is a 17-day event that celebrates agriculture, youth and education. This year, the fair is themed "Year of the Farmer" to recognize those who supply us with food, fiber and fuel.

Throughout the fair, which runs August 7-23, there are

special deals and promotions to help families save money. Below is a list of discounts that can be used while attending one of the summer's greatest events.

ADVANCE MIDWAY VOUCHER: A Midway Wristband Voucher online to save off the regular wristband price. Vouchers can be found by visiting, http://www.in.gov/statefair/fair/gen_info/admission.html.

TRACTOR SHUTTLE RIDE DISCOUNTS FOR SENIORS: All seniors, age 55 and older, can ride the tractor shuttles for a discount with a special wristband at the State Fair Information Booths. On Tuesdays (August 11 and 18), seniors can ride the tractor shuttles for free.

COLLEGE ID DAY: On Friday, August 7, admission is free to college students when they present their active college student ID.

FREE ADMISSION FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES: The State Fair is honoring current and former members of the Armed Forces by offering them and their family members free admission Monday, Aug. 10, with presentation of a military ID.

SPRINGLEAF FINANCIAL \$2 TUESDAYS: Visit any Springleaf Financial Branch or www.springleaf.com/indianastatefair for more information on how to access your discount voucher for \$2 Tuesdays.

TASTE OF THE STATE FAIR: On \$2 Tuesdays at the fair (August 11 and 18), concessionaires throughout the fairgrounds will offer this discount servings all day.

FREE ADMISSION TICKET IN THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR: Monday, August 10, the *Indianapolis Star* will print a ticket good for free admission Wednesday, August 12.

myBMV.com DISCOUNT DAY: Fairgoers can save off of the gate admission Thursday, August 13, by redeeming the voucher available online at www.myBMV.com.

FREE LOTTERY TICKET: On Hoosier Lottery Day, which is Saturday, August 15, all guests 18 and older can receive a FREE Hoosier Lottery ticket by providing their Hoosier Lottery gate flyer entry slip from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. in Lotto Town at the Hoosier Lottery Grandstand.

MEIJER FAMILY DAY: Families and groups traveling to the fair together can take advantage of this offer Monday, August 17... with a Meijer voucher printed from www.indianastatefair.com.

AAA DAY: Hoosier AAA members receive FREE admission Thursday, August 20, when they show their valid membership card at the gate. One valid AAA card per person.

\$5 FOODIE FRIDAY: On Friday, August 21, all concessionaires will offer an item at a discount.

DISCOUNT ON PEPSI WILD CHERRY DAY WITH PEPSI BRAND CAN: All visitors who bring any Pepsi brand on the fair's final day, Sunday, August 23, will receive discount off the gate admission.

The Indiana State Fair grounds are located on the corner of E. 38th St. and Fall Creek Parkway at 1202 E. 38th St., Indianapolis, IN 46205.

For directions or more information, visit www.indianastatefair.com or call (317) 927-7500.

What do you think?

THE JUBILEES TO PERFORM IN CONCERT AT ROCKFORD BELLE



On Saturday, August 15th, the Rockford Belle, at 135 Market Street, Rockford, OH will host gospel music entertainers, The Jubilees for a heartwarming appearance. Their purpose in singing is to present to all they meet, Jesus Christ, and trust you will make Him your own personal Savior and friend!" Attend this exciting musical performance at 7:00 p.m. with doors open at 6:00 p.m.

The Jubilees officially started August 2000 in Marion, IN. Warren and Kathy Johnson and Dave and Christy Birnell entered and won a talent search at the Northern Gospel Singing Convention held at the Marion Coliseum, earning them a two song recording session at Counterpoint Studios in Cincinnati, OH. Seven months later, at Counterpoint they were hon-

ored to record their first recording session entitled "The Jubilees Family Reunion".

After attending the 2nd Northern Gospel Singing Convention in Marion, Indiana, the Jubilees were privileged to meet Eddie Crook of the "Happy Goodman Family" fame and went on to record their 2nd project "Ready to Go" with him on his Cedar Hill label in Nashville, Tennessee, in February of 2002.

Group members appreciate all the Lord has done for The Jubilees as well as all their friends, family and churches who have been there for them! Don't miss this opportunity to meet and enjoy what the four members of the The Jubilees bring to the stage at The Rockford Belle on August 15th! For more information contact Nancy Ritz at 567-259-9211.

OHIO DEPARTMENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AGING, LAUNCHES PROGRAM FOR ELDER VOLUNTEERS TO EARN FREE COLLEGE TUITION

A new joint initiative between the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Ohio Department of Aging launched in Youngstown and allows area residents age 60 and older to earn free college tuition by volunteering in their community.

Through the GIVE back. GO forward. program, elders in the Youngstown region can "give back" to their community by volunteering at least 100 hours per year at any of three local organizations. In exchange, they will earn a three-credit-hour tuition waiver at either Youngstown State University or Eastern Gateway Community College that they can use themselves or gift to a student to help him or her "go forward."

"Our elders are valued and respected resources that are in a position to contribute to their communities in ways that will impact the state for years to come," said Ohio Department of Aging Director Bonnie K. Burman. "GIVE back. GO forward. will allow Ohio's elder population to feel valued in their community while they experience the health benefits that come with volunteering and helping others. And by working with youth-centered programs, they will be able to pass their wisdom and experience on to a younger generation."

In this first year of the program, volunteers have from August 3 through May 31, 2016 to earn at least 100 hours of volunteer service with the following:

- United Way Success By 6, a United Way pre-kindergarten summer readiness program that gives children the opportunity to be successful in kindergarten and beyond.
- United Way Success After 6, a United Way program that focuses on academic success for hundreds of students

in grades K-6 with the goal of improving their test scores, behavior, and motivation to stay in school.

• Inspiring Minds, which seeks to engage, inspire, and empower youth to reach their full potential through education and exposure to life-changing experiences. The program has a vision "to see every student graduate from high school, complete college or a vocational school, and become strong, successful members of our society."

Once volunteers reach 100 hours, they will receive the tuition waiver. Volunteers may earn only one tuition waiver per year, and the waiver must be used within five years of earning it. Students receiving the tuition waiver as a gift may receive a waiver from multiple volunteers, but may utilize no more than two waivers (valued at six credit hours) per year.

"At a time when college affordability is increasingly important, GIVE back. GO forward. provides a way for students of any age to jump start their college education," said Ohio Department of Higher Education Chancellor John Carey. "Governor Kasich knows the value of giving back to your community and making higher education more affordable, and this program brings both of those things together. We are glad that the Youngstown region and its college presidents have embraced GIVE back. GO forward., and we are excited to see how this first year unfolds."

GIVE back. GO forward. is open to 100 new volunteers in its first year. Youngstown State and Eastern Gateway each will provide 50 three-credit-hour tuition waivers for those volunteers. Director Burman and Chancellor Carey said ultimately, the idea is to continue GIVE back. GO forward. in Youngstown for years to come as well as replicate the program in other communities around Ohio. Visit GIVE back. GO forward. to learn more.

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Johnny Tincap browsing the Antwerp Library's book selection at Antwerp Day in the Park. More pictures at westbendnews.net.



THE PATROL REMINDS DRIVERS TO WATCH FOR STOPPED SCHOOL BUSES DURING NEW SCHOOL YEAR

With the new academic year approaching for Ohio students, the Ohio State Highway Patrol is reminding drivers to be alert for stopped school buses that will soon be on the road again every weekday. Extra patience and attention will help make a safer school year for children statewide.

Motorists should remember to stop at least 10 feet back when approaching a school bus from either side while it displays flashing lights and an extended arm, and to not resume driving until the school bus begins moving. From 2012-2014, 4,059 drivers were convicted of failing to stop for a school bus that was loading or dropping off passengers.

"All Ohioans play a part in making it safe for students to load and unload school buses," said Lt. Tim Grigsby, Van Wert Post Commander. "Motorists must be cautious when driving near school buses and parents should teach their children to stop and look both ways before crossing the street. The Patrol will do our part by watching for motorists driving recklessly and inspecting school buses."

The Patrol reminds motorists to plan ahead and allow extra time for these school bus stops. Motorists are urged to exercise patience and never pass a stopped school bus.

For a complete statistical breakdown of school bus inspections, crashes and passing stopped school bus violations, visit http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/doc/School_Bus_Bulletin_2015.pdf.



Dr. Mowery painting Batman's face at Antwerp Day in the Park. More pictures at westbendnews.net.



Bill Fish accepting the Gem of the Year award from Brian McLaughlin at this year's Antwerp Day in the Park. More pictures at westbendnews.net.



Sheriff Jason Landers anticipating getting dunked at Antwerp Day in the Park. More pictures at westbendnews.net.



Jim Lichty conducting the kids' train at Antwerp Day in the Park. More pictures at westbendnews.net.

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NORTHWEST OHIO'S KATE MURPHY BECOMES A WOMAN OF MARVEL ON A ONCE IN A LIFETIME TRIP TO MARVEL COMICS HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK CITY



Kate Murphy presented her science fair project, "Analyzing Female Gender Roles in Marvel Comics from the Silver Age (1960) to the present to Dr. Bethany Brookshire from the "Science News" at the Intel International Science & Engineering Fair in Pittsburgh.

By: Amy Murphy

Have you ever had a dream come true? Well, Kate Murphy sure had hers come true with a once in a lifetime invitation to visit Marvel Comics Headquarters (HQ) in New York City.

"I was so excited that I was in shock for weeks! Then the editor said just come on down to New York for a tour. He thought I was from Hicksville, New York... just a few miles away NOT 10 hours away! The trip took a little more planning and many more emails to arrange, but it was worth it! It was awesome! It was so cool! And those are not phrases I use lightly."

Murphy's dream became a reality from a very unlikely beginning... the Hicksville High School Science Fair. Most people will wonder what a small, rural high school science fair has to do with a trip to Marvel Comics Headquarters in New York City. Well, the answer is EVERYTHING!

For her science fair project, Kate analyzed female gender roles in Marvel Comics from the Silver Age (1960) to the present.

She read 788 Marvel Comic Books from 68 different titles and reviewed each of them on the following criteria: cover artwork, the Bechdel Test, story line, occupation, balance of power, female sexualization, violence against women, and total score on each issue.

For all her hard work, Kate earned a perfect 40 superior rating at her high school, district, regional, and Ohio State Science Fairs and qualified for the Intel International Science & Engineering Fair (ISEF). Among the awards she earned were The University of Toledo Psychology Award, the Top Behavioral Science Award, the Ohio Psychological Association Award, and the Turning Science Fiction into Science Fact Award.

But dreams don't come true without a lot of hard work, dedication, caring individuals, and a little luck. "Without a lot of people pulling for me, I would never have been able to do this project...let alone make it to the International Science Fair and Marvel HQ," explained Murphy. "I have to

thank Kathy Laney for coordinating our Hicksville High School Science Fair and supporting me through both science fair and national quiz bowl competition. A big shout out goes to Alex Koch for giving me visiting scholar status at the Bowling Green State University Popular Culture Library. And last but not least, Jim Short, coordinator of the Northwest Ohio Science & Engineering Fair, made the trip to the Intel ISEF Fair possible. Without him, I wouldn't have made it to Pittsburgh and gained national attention."

And Murphy certainly gained media attention with interviews and articles running through Pittsburgh media outlets, international newspapers, and the most important article of all—an interview with Dr. Bethany Brookshire from the "Science News." Her on-line article, "Teen Finds More Graphic Heroines Are 'Super'" caught the attention of Executive Editorial Director of Marvel Digital Media Group Ryan Penagos. He was so intrigued by the article and Murphy's project that he sent her a once in a lifetime invitation by email.

"When I first read it, I yelled out, 'Mom, oh my God, they want me in New York' without any context or explanation. When I could get my thoughts together and my Mom went, 'What?' I was able to get out, 'Marvel invited me to New York!'"

Since Penagos originally thought Kate was from Hicksville, New York rather than Ohio, it took a little longer for her to reach New York City. Murphy hit the Big Apple in late July. But the hurdles to reach Marvel HQ weren't over yet. Murphy had to overcome the Lincoln Tunnel, Manhattan traffic jams, the absolute anonymity of Marvel's unmarked building, heavy security, monitored elevators that only went to specific floors, and then a very close, personal ID check. Marvel takes its security seriously!

Kate was a little taken aback by all of the security measures. She just thought this was such an "awesome" invitation and tour that she didn't realize how big of a deal it was. "During the tour, Ryan (Penagos) casually mentioned that he turns down thousands and thousands of invitations to tour Marvel HQ every year from both media outlets and

fans. And in the next breath, he mentioned that the last three people to get this very same Marvel tour were Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas, and Michael Pena from the 'Ant Man Movie.' I hadn't realized how truly prestigious the tour was!"

At times during the tour, Murphy felt like she was even in a James Bond Movie. The most used and heard phrases were "This is top secret. No one has seen this. Promise not to tell anyone. For your eyes only!" Even Executive Editorial Director Penagos giving her the tour stopped several times and said, "Scoot over, and let me see too. I haven't even seen this yet!" Among those top secret reveals will be exciting adventures coming out in Ms. Marvel, Spiderman, and Nightcrawler in October.

But the best was yet to come! Kate Murphy literally became a Woman of Marvel. She participated in the July 24th Women of Marvel Podcast and was interviewed by Judy Stephens, Marvel's official podcast producer. Murphy spoke on the Special Fan Girl Friday Podcast, sponsored by Barnes & Noble to promote women and science. Kate will forever be archived on the Women of Marvel web site with her full podcast with the likes of Chris Hemsworth (Thor) and Paul Rudd (Ant Man).

"If you go on there (Marvel's website), my week is literally right after Paul Rudd's San Diego Comic Con interview. It's really hard to believe that I am right there... of the same caliber as Marvel heroes!" shared Murphy. "And they didn't just do a short, quick interview with me. The Women of Marvel podcast is about a half hour long, and they even promoted it on This Week in Marvel with Ryan Penagos. Fifteen minutes of me and Marvel comics going out to over three million people! It's incredibly hard to believe, but you can find me on the Marvel weekly podcast with Star Lord and Kitty Pryde."

Murphy said, "I thought this was just an incredibly awesome and exciting experience; but because I didn't know how few Marvel HQ tours are granted each year, I didn't realize how exciting ANY tour was to Marvel's editors and illustrators." They went all out for her. Kate met with and talked to the editors and illustrators of Magneto, Rocket Raccoon, Ms. Marvel, Ultimate Spiderman, and Giant-Sized Tiny Marvel to name just a few. Murphy heard over and over, "You read my comics, but you don't have this one or this one. Here. Here. Have this variant, this cover, this San Diego Comic Con alternate (Only 5,000 were ever printed). Try this story line. You'll like Electra." But probably the most excited was the editor of A-Babies vs. X-Babies, Charles Beacham, who has only been with Marvel for a year, "You read MY comic! You've read all three so far? I have alternates. How many alternates would you like?" Kate left Marvel HQ with a VERY LARGE stack of RARE comic books.

"I've talked about the tour, the podcasts, and the great people at Marvel; but I can't forget the Marvel

HQ meeting rooms themselves," explained Murphy. "Every meeting room is named after a specific Marvel character... Iron Man, Hulk, Captain America, etc. These rooms are unbelievable! Each is designed and decorated around its Marvel character. Because of security, there were very few and limited photo opportunities; but I was able to get a picture of the life-sized sculpture of Tony Stark in the Iron Man Room and a picture of the Hulk mural in the podcast room. Even though, we were told not to touch anything, I was told that Chris Hemsworth picked up his life-size hammer in the Thor Room. No one was going to say 'NO' to Thor."

AUGUST 12th: SOIL HEALTH FIELD DAY PROMOTES AGRICULTURAL EVOLUTION

Providing food, fuel and fiber for a growing population without harming resources for future generations is one of agriculture's greatest challenges. But the nation's farmers are a resourceful lot, with many embracing innovative technology and practices to achieve ambitious strides.

The Soil Health Partnership hopes to share ideas fueling this farming evolution with producers throughout the Midwest, and will host a soil health field day in Harlan, IN on Wednesday, August 12.

SHP farmers Carrie and Ryan Sanders are hosting the field day at the Roemke Farm in Harlan, IN from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The event takes place on their farm at 12125 State Route 101, Harlan, IN.

The field day will demonstrate how changing certain practices can create lasting environmental benefits while possibly increasing farm productivity and even income. Featured topics will include:

- Soil testing for soil health
- Why and how to use cover crops on prevent plant acres?
- What do cover crops mean for crop insurance?
- Do I need to worry about herbicide carryover for cover crop establishment?
- Hands-on demonstration with cover crop planting equipment

An initiative of the National Corn Growers Association, the Soil Health Partnership works closely with diverse organizations including commodity groups, industry, foundations, federal agencies, universities and well-known environmental groups toward common goals.

"We encourage sound soil practices combined with scientific quantification of results from farmers taking positive actions," said Nick Goeser, SHP director. "Improved crop productivity, environmental gains and economic growth are all benefits of progressive soil management strategies."

Please pre-register by August 10 for the event by contacting Krista Voors, Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District, 260-484-5848 extension 3, or krista.voors@in.nacdnet.net.

OHSAA TO REVISE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT COUNTS FOR 2015-16

The Ohio High School Athletic Association board of directors deliberated Thursday and voted to remove students who attend community schools and STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) schools from their local public school enrollment counts. This decision changes the OHSAA's previous policy and will result in the OHSAA revising and reposting the enrollment counts for each school and the divisional alignments that will be used for the upcoming fall tournaments. Winter and spring sports divisional alignments will follow in the near future.

The passage of Ohio House Bill 487 in July of 2014 now gives those students the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities at their local public school. Since data from the Ohio Department of Education included the public school district where those students reside, the OHSAA decided to include those community school and STEM school students in the enrollment counts of their local public school. For districts with multiple high schools, those students were divided evenly among that districts' schools. However, today's action by the board in their first meeting of the 2015-16 school year reversed that decision.

"Simply put, the decision to include charter school students was based on our longstanding past practice of counting kids who had participation opportunities," OHSAA Commissioner Dr. Dan Ross said. "We were not wrong to make that decision at the time, but the feedback we've received from many member schools across the state about the negative impact this had on tournament divisional movement for schools, combined with the belief that so few of these students currently take advantage of these participation opportunities, made us realize it is best for us to study this issue further. This is a new issue we now have to address and has many ramifications. I give extreme credit to our board, which is comprised of elected school administrators from around the state, for recognizing that and changing the course in this particular area."

As soon as possible, the OHSAA will configure the new divisional assignments for fall sports, including new regional assignments in football, and will post the updated information at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/members/sptdivis15.htm>

The OHSAA had already begun the process of forming a committee to study the issue. The committee will still meet this fall to determine the best way to include community school and STEM school students in enrollment counts in the future.

In June, the OHSAA issued a release explaining why charter school and STEM school students were included in enrollment counts. The release is posted at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/members/Memos/20150626.pdf>

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SHOW-STOPPING ILLUSION: WIN A VEHICLE FROM MIKE SUPER



Mike Super has astonished millions of people with his craft, including the Hollywood elite. He will now amaze the Northwest Ohio Region at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center on October 10 at 7:30 p.m. Mike's ever-growing popularity has garnered him many prestigious awards and honors, including being the only magician in history to win a LIVE magic competition on primetime US network television. In addition, his other accomplishments include being named Entertainer of the Year, Best Performing Artist of the Year, Best Novelty Performer of the Year and was voted America's Favorite Mystifier on NBC's hit TV Show PHENOMENON.

To add even more intrigue, magician Mike Super will try to "steal" a vehicle from Season Sponsor State-wide Ford Lincoln by making it vanish from their lot and appear on the Central Mutual Stage! The live audience that witnesses this event, will have a chance to win that very vehicle! Every audience member (with a valid drivers license) will have a chance to win the

vehicle if Mike can make it appear.

The Magic of Mike Super is more than just a show, it's a community event that redefines art, theater and magic as you know it. This impressive production utilizes state of the art theatrical elements featuring an interactive UV stage set, video projection, cutting edge magic & illusions, dramatic lighting and energetic, digital music. Mike's production has the built-in benefit of universal appeal, but still maintains its artistic integrity. It can be described as a great Broadway play, meets a rock concert, meets the hilarity of a headline comedian, emerged in original, eye popping, visual deception! Together, people of all ages and backgrounds share in a memorable theatrical experience that instills the belief that anything is possible!

For more information about this show, please contact Niswonger Performing Arts Center at NPACVW.ORG or by phone 419-238-6722, Tues-Fri from Noon - 4:00 p.m. The Niswonger is located at 10700 SR 118 South, Van Wert, OH.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held its August meeting Thursday morning at the OHSAA office. The following are highlights from the meeting. Complete meeting minutes will be posted at OHSAA.org.

- The board voted to immediately remove community school students and STEM school students from the school enrollment counts and reconfigure the divisional assignments for the 2015-16 sports tournaments. In the spring, those students had been included in the public school enrollment counts for the next two-year cycle after the passage of Ohio House Bill 487, which gives them participation opportunities. The full release is posted at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/news/misc/20150806enrollment.pdf>

- The board reviewed the member high school list for

2015-16. Several schools still need to confirm membership by submitting the board resolution card, however it is expected the number of member high schools will be 822. Ohio has the third-most member schools in the country behind California and Texas.

- Since the board's June meeting, five member schools were penalized for committing infractions of OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations. The list of infractions and penalties is always included in the complete meeting minutes, but media members may request the list in advance from Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Information Services, at tstried@ohsaa.org.

- The attendance and financial reports from the 2015 winter sports tournaments were presented to the board. The boys basketball regional and state tournaments resulted in proceeds of \$1,100,391. The girls basketball regional and state tournaments resulted in proceeds of \$134,935. The bowling state tournaments resulted in a loss of

\$7,937. The gymnastics state tournament resulted in a loss of \$16,566. The ice hockey district and state tournaments resulted in proceeds of \$31,061. The swimming and diving state tournament resulted in a loss of \$12,704. The individual wrestling state tournament resulted in proceeds of \$247,653. The dual team wrestling regional and state tournaments resulted in a loss of \$52,647.

- The board approved the 2015-16 Officials Handbook and the 2015-16 Media Regulations and Broadcast Rates. Those documents are now posted at OHSAA.org. The board also approved a policy on use of the OHSAA logos, trademarks and trade names. That document will be posted on the News & Media page at OHSAA.org.

- The board approved two appointments to fill unexpired terms on district athletic boards as interim representatives for the 2015-16 school year. In the Central District, Ryan Fitzgerald, athletic director at Hamilton Township High School, will serve as the Class AA representative, while in the East District, Bill Love, athletic director at Gnadenuhnen Indian Valley High School, will serve as the Class AA representative. A position remains to be filled in the Northeast District.

SECRETARY HUSTED ANNOUNCES AUGUST 2015 OHIO BUSINESS PROFILES

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced "Tourism" as this month's feature in the Ohio Business Profile Program. All businesses selected aim to feature Ohio's history and beauty for her citizens, while also making the Buckeye State a destination for travelers.

"Ohio is more than just a great place to work and raise your family; it also has a rich history and a lot of things to see and do from museums and architecture to exploring the great outdoors," Secretary Husted said.

In 2014, 200 million people made Ohio a destination for their vacations and travels, adding \$40 billion to the state's economy. The tourism industry in the state also boasts more than 400,000 full-time, part-time and seasonal jobs.

Companies profiled this month include:

- Armstrong Air & Space Museum (Wapakoneta, Ohio) shares the stories of Neil Armstrong and all Ohioans who have attempted to defy gravity, the history of the Space Race and details current space exploration. Conveniently located within three hours of 10 major cities, the museum tells the story of the state with one of the richest aerospace heritages.

- Bonnybrook Farms (Clarksville, Ohio) has been celebrating Ohio's rich agricultural heritage for 40 years. The 370-acre farm in Warren County is one of the finest equestrian centers in the Midwest and has become a popular destination for families, school groups, corporate picnics and weddings.

- Cleveland Museum of Art (Cleveland, Ohio) is renowned for the quality and breadth of its collection, which includes nearly 45,000 objects, spanning 6,000 years of achievement in the arts. A Cleveland staple for nearly

a century, the museum currently employs 400 full-time and part-time workers.

- Children's Museum of Findlay (Findlay, Ohio) works to provide a facility for children to play and learn through hands-on experiences. Their newest exhibit, Little Main Street, welcomed over 16,000 visitors since it was opened in July 2014.

- COSI (Columbus, Ohio) is driven to inspire the scientists, dreamers and innovators of tomorrow. One of the largest modern-built science centers in the United States, COSI has been named America's number-one science center for families and has engaged more than 32 million people across the globe between their onsite and outreach programs.

- The Dairy Barn Arts Center (Athens, Ohio) aims to offer exhibitions, events and educational programs that nurture and promote area artists and artisans. They provide opportunities for artists to teach, create and sell work in a 101-year-old dairy barn in Southwest Ohio.

- Ravenwood Castle (New Plymouth, Ohio) is a country inn located in one of the most scenic regions of Ohio, Hocking Hills. They host numerous events each year, including weddings, beer tastings, board game conventions and murder mysteries. The grounds feature a number of different lodging options from castle rooms to cottages.

- Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens (Akron, Ohio) was originally built by the Seiberling family, co-founders of Good-year Tire & Rubber Company and still celebrates the heritage that gave Akron the title of "Rubber Capital of the World." Built in 1915, the non-profit historic house and museum is the sixth largest home open to the public in the United States, featuring 65 rooms and a nearly 65,000 square foot Manor House.

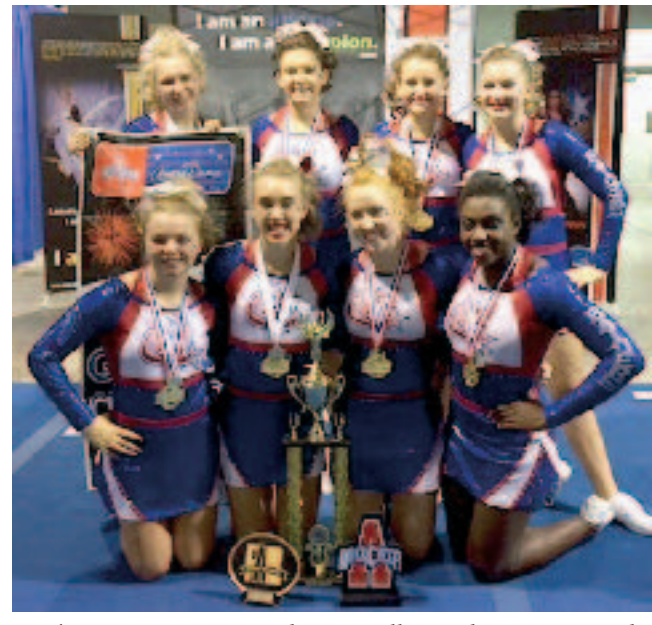
- Toledo Museum of Art (Toledo, Ohio) was founded in 1901 and has earned a global reputation for the quality of its collection, innovative and extensive education programs and an architectural-ly significant campus. More than 30,000 works of art are contained within, while the museum itself features the popular Glass Pavilion, which honors her home city's heritage as the Glass City and the Birthplace of American Studio Glass.

- The Wilds (Cumberland, Ohio) is a private, non-profit safari park that combines cutting-edge conservation science with animal adventures. The grounds span more than 9,100 acres in Southeast Ohio and serve as the largest wildlife conservation center for endangered species in North America.

Launched in June 2011, Ohio Business Profile has helped raise awareness about companies registered and doing business in Ohio that are creating interesting products, offering outstanding service, contributing to their local communities and employing Ohioans in the process. Each month, a handful of diverse businesses linked together by a common theme are featured on the Secretary of State's website, where Ohioans are encouraged to submit companies they feel are deserving of recognition in future months.

The Secretary of State's office also releases a monthly report of new business fil-

WAYNE TRACE CHEERLEADERS WIN 2 GRAND CHAMPIONSHIPS AT STATE FAIR



The Wayne Trace Raider competition squad competed at The Ohio State Fair. The ladies won two Grand Champion trophies for the day. They won Grand Champion of the

small squad non mount division and Grand Champion for receiving the highest score over all 23 squads competing for the day.

ings in Ohio and recent data has shown that Ohio experienced another record year for the number of newly-registered businesses. One reason for the growth has been the launch of online services. In October 2013, Secretary Husted launched Ohio Business Central allowing businesses to file some of the most commonly used forms online and services continue to be expanded. Since January 2011, more than 373,000 filings have been submitted and half of all new companies are now started online in Ohio.

AVOID THREATS TO URINARY TRACT HEALTH

by Sherry Torkos, B.Sc. Phm., R.Ph.

(NAPSI)—Scientists have found an important fact about a sensitive topic. The discomfort of a urinary tract infection (UTI) is all too common—for a surprising reason. According to a study in the Journal Emerging Infectious Diseases, it can come from consuming chicken or eggs polluted with antibiotic-resistant E. coli bacteria.

What To Watch For: The condition affects nearly half of all women at some time in their lives and 12 percent of men. Symptoms can hit suddenly. They include urinary frequency, burning and pain. There can also be cloudiness or blood in the urine. Getting prompt medical attention is critical. If left untreated, the infection can become serious and cause kidney damage.

What To Do: Fortunately, there are five steps you can take to prevent the problem:

- Go organic. Until more rigorous laws are enforced on antibiotic use with livestock, choose organic meats and

eggs and make sure your meat is thoroughly cooked (chicken should always be cooked to 165 degrees Fahrenheit). Designate a cutting board solely for raw meat and poultry and wash it immediately after use with hot, soapy water. When preparing chicken, be sure to clean your hands thoroughly afterward.

- Drink plenty of water. The Institute of Medicine recommends about 72 ounces a day. Dehydration increases the risk of bacterial growth.

- Avoid tight clothing.
- Be cautious with OTC drugs. Antihistamines and certain cold medications can cause urinary retention, which increases the risk of a UTI. Ask your doctor or pharmacist about alternatives.

- Supplement with cranberry. Cranberries can keep bacteria from adhering to the bladder wall. The active components responsible for this effect are the condensed tannins or proanthocyanidins (a type of flavonoid). A concentrated cranberry ingredient called Cran-Max has been shown in clinical studies to be comparable to traditional antibiotics but without the side effects. The supplement ingredient is unique in that it contains all the vital parts of the cranberry—the fruit, seeds, skin and juice—in a special delivery system called Bio-Shield that protects the active compounds from destruction by stomach acid. It's available in supplements at pharmacies and health food stores.

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Mrs. Walls KB - Jackson Antoine, Reed Bidlack, Chad Garberson, Londyn Greear, Mary Kimmel, Jonathon Landwehr, Luke Miller, Avery Noffsinger, Kenzie Ogle, Tatum Sheets, Madison Silance, Aubrie Stoller, Alivia Thrasher, Brooke Tigner, Zackary Wieland

Mrs. Jacobs KC - Chyenne Brimmer, Cayley Caldwell, Madison Densmore, Jayce Edwards, Helena Gambler, Jady Hammons, Parker Jenkins, Marcus Killion, Ethan Kremer, Trenton Osborn, Lashan Reynolds, Aries Ricker, Braxton Schnipke, Damara Stephey-Baldazo, Maddisynne (Maddy) Young

FIRST GRADE:

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Mrs. Stucky 2A - Whitney Boroff, Audrey Dougal, Izabella (Izzy) Foust, Laura Garberson, Zander Gray, Gauge Landwehr, Zachariah Landwehr, Lance Maenle, Kodan Martz, Jayden Maynard, Aubree Miller, Lexi Moore, Andrew Peters, Drew Shaffer, Micah Sinn, Addison Stoller, Kiera Youtsey

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Whitman, Zanden Wine-land

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FIFTH GRADE:

Mrs. Schlatter 5A - Eli Ames, Chloe Beining, Elliot Boroff, Brice Carnahan, Kaden Colley, Corbin Delgado, Ava Dougal, Madison Elliott, Makenna Elliott, Brooklynn Elston, Nicholas Fleming, Hannah Maenle, Elise Miller, Abby Moore, Kameron Shellenberger, Sydnee Sinn, Blake Stoller, Laura Thornell, Gabriel Thrasher, Storm Tracy

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SIXTH GRADE:

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er, Jakob Landwehr, Faith Minnard, Allen Michael Maynk, Isaiah Pirani, Karlie Simindinger, Claudia Sinn, Nathan Sinn, Tyler Sinn, Elijah (Eli) Spinner, Abbie Stoller, Rylee Troth, Kaden Vielma, Landyn Whitman

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PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES BEGIN AGAIN AT CARNEGIE LIBRARY!

It is time to rev up again for a new season of preschool storytimes at the main historic Carnegie library in Paulding. Preschool storytimes are held every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Storytimes are wonderful ways to introduce your preschooler to the library, provide them with social opportunities and encourage the love of books and reading. Each storytime is planned to engage your child in the love of reading and may include not only sharing a book, but also activities, crafts, music and snacks. Each storytime is theme-based and provides forty-five minutes to an hour of non-stop fun.

Preschool storytimes began the first week of August in the Children's Room of the historic Carnegie library in Paulding. For more information, call 419-399-2032 and ask for the children's room.

HS GIRLS GOLF AT PLEASANT VALLEY GOLF COURSE

Wayne Trace girls golf kicked off their season against Coldwater at the Pleasant Valley Golf Course on August 6, 2015.

Team scores:

Wayne Trace 209, Coldwater 258

Individual finishers:

Wayne Trace - Gilly Wiseman 49, Gracie Gudakunst 51, Hailey Dempsey 53, Brooke Sinn 56, Olivia Klinker 77

Coldwater - Alexis Muhlenkamp 58, Amanda Schmitmeyer 62, Logan May 66, Payton Kunk 72, Cathy Langenkamp 79

WBESC SCHEDULES AUGUST MEETING

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center August Governing Board Meeting will be Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Paulding ESC, 202 N. Cherry, Paulding, OH 45879.

YOUTH SOCCER FOOT SKILLS AND BALL CONTROL CLINIC

There will be a Youth Soccer Foot Skills and Ball Control Clinic this coming Saturday, August 15th at the Emmanuel Baptist Church on Emerald Road in Paulding beginning at 12:00 Noon. This clinic will help to cover the costs of summer tournaments for High School Soccer.

VANTAGE AUGUST BOARD MEETING HELD 8/6/15

The Vantage Board of Education held its regular August Board meeting on Thursday, August 6, 2015 in the District Conference room. Prior to the Treasurer's reports being approved, the Board went into executive session for discussion of the employment of personnel. No action was taken.

The minutes from the June 25, 2015 regular board meeting were approved along with financial statements for the month of June, 2015.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman updated the Board on the status of the search for new personnel, which has two remaining positions completing the interview stage. Also summarized were current CRA and TIF agreements. She informed the Board of the expected savings in the new electricity contract beginning January 1, 2016, and noted the positive impact of the solar array on Vantage's capacity, important in the formula used to calculate electricity costs. Adult Education Director Pete Prichard reported on the ABLE program, enrollment service, financial aid, medical assisting and the police academy. High School Director Ben Winans reported on the upcoming orientations set for Monday, August 10 and Tuesday, August 11, 2015 for Trade and Industry, Business, Services, and Information Technology. He also reported on the upcoming auction, held in the Vantage Bus Barn, on August 13, 2015, which will include (5) lathes, (3) welders, (1) surface grinder, computer desk, chairs and various computers.

In new business, the Board:

- Employed the following for a 1-year contract; Richard McKanna, 2nd-Shift Custodial

- Maintenance, Larry Davis, Automotive Technology Instructor, and Linda Bales, hourly Interim Superintendent Secretary. The Board also employed the following supplemental contracts; Penny Baucom, Special Events Worker, Mary Ann Falk, Lead Teacher;

- Employed the following list, as Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled; Craig Black and Donna Wheeler, and Adult Education evening secretary, Annette Klinger;

- Accepted the resignation of Assistant Treasurer, Lori Gunderman, effective July 31, 2015;

- Accepted the resignation of Automotive Technology Instructor, Jeffrey Duncan, effective July 31, 2015;

- Approved a stipend payment for Susan Farr, July, 2015, \$1000.00, Special Ag Student Projects, Paulding Agriculture Satellite;

- Resolution to approve a stipend for Susan Farr, Paulding Agriculture Satellite Student Projects, \$5565.00, for the 2015-16;

- Accepted the donation of a 2000 Ford Ranger Pick Up valued at \$1700.00 from Tony L. Joseph, Convoy, OH;

- Recognized the school nurse designees for 2015-2016 school year. (Wendy Bauble and Leigh Carey, Health Technologies Instructors);

- Appointed Lonnie Nedderman as the 2015 OSBA Vantage Career Center Capital Conference Delegate and Greg Reinhart as the Alternate OSBA Vantage Career Center Capital Conference Delegate to be held November 8-11, 2015;

- Approved the increase in the rate of pay for substitute teachers at \$90.00 per day.

- Approved the Vantage Career Center substitute list of certified/non-certified employees and subsequent revisions for high school and adult education operations;

- Approved the Western Buckeye ESC substitute list and subsequent revisions;

- Approved school lunch prices for school year 2015-2016, (no increases);

- Waived the district's 45-day notice prior to local government action regarding the Tax

Incremental Finance (TIF) Agreement with Cooper Hatchery, Inc., 2016-2030, 15-

HISTORIC SWINNEY HOMESTEAD OPEN HOUSE

The Historic Swinney Homestead in Swinney Park will be open September 12-13 for walk through tours, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., 1424 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne. Members of Settlers, Inc. will share history of the Homestead and the Swinney family. For more information, please call 260-424-7212.

FREE CONCERT & BURGER BASH AT WASENBURG ART CENTER

FREE! FREE! Doug Hallock-Christian Concert and Free burger bash and free games and prizes. Located at Wassenburg Art Center on Saturday, August 22, 2015 at 214 N. Washington St., Van

year abatement at 100%, collecting \$338.34 annually;

- Approved the revised job description for the Ohio Technical Center (Adult Education) Instructional Leader;

- Approved the Electricity Supply Agreement with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc., for the purchase of electricity;

- Approved the revised Memorandum of Understanding, Revenue Sharing Agreement, between NSCC and Vantage Career Center for the purpose of adult education workforce training;

- First reading of NEOLA revised policies, 5460, Students - Graduation Requirements;

- Waived the 45-day notice and approve the City of Van Wert commercial Community Reinvestment Area tax abatement at 90% for 10-years, \$72,000 investment for Jim Collins/The Edition, LLC, Van Wert, Ohio;

- Approved the Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) Agreement with Gina Dairy, LLC for a period of 10-years with a 75% abated tax to go towards infrastructure improvements;

Outside of the Consent Items, the Board:

- Employed the following for a 1-year contract; Wendy Bauble, Health Technology Instructor, Jeanne Windsor, Paulding Agriculture Satellite Instructor;

- Approved the resolution to oppose the process and consequences generated by the Ohio Legislature pertaining to House Bill 70.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Conference Room.

Went, Ohio, 45891. Games and food begin at 5:00 p.m. Concert begins inside at 7:00 p.m. Hear a music and a message of brokenness, salvation and recovery. All ages invited. Sponsored by VW Youth Net and Celebrate Recovery Van Wert. Also anyone wishing to help support this event by donation, please contact Jane Schmid at 419-203-3079. Fun for the whole family.

PUBLIC NOTICE CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

VILLAGE OF CECIL REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 24TH DUE TO SCHEDULE CONFLICTS WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS.

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FOSSIL FASCINATION!



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool and Daycare recently welcomed Mrs. Tara Miller with her fossil collection. We saw many fascinating fossils and had a great time finding our own fossils in the parking lot!

Shown here with Mrs. M. are (in front) Noah Lucas, Levi Fisk, Mason Gutierrez, Mason Smith, Lincoln Lucas, Levi Athy, William Fritz, Jake Wobler, and MaKenna Schilt. In the back are Landyn Moore, Dominic Lawhorn, Isaac Miller, Darcy Taylor,

Mrs. M, Zachary Wobler, Emiliano Turner, Parker Schilt and Noah Schilt. Keep your eye on the West Bend News for our ad! We are accepting preschoolers for fall. Call 419-399-5437 for more information.

AREA YOUTH LEARN ABOUT THE WONDERS OF WORMS!

By: Staci Miller, Education Specialist Paulding SWCD

Throughout the summer, Staci Miller, Education Specialist has visited the Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission Healthy Lunch Program as a presenter for the youth after lunch. Recently, youth got the opportunity to learn about vermicomposting which is the process of using worms ("vermin" is Latin for worm") to process organic food waste into nutrient-rich soil. The youth learned how to construct a worm bin by using storage totes. They also learned about what worms like to eat and how they are able to eat the rotting food and reuse it as a natural fertilizer for plants. Worm poop or castings are the best compost. It is full of beneficial nutrients that is a great plant fertilizer. After learning about their habitat, they got the chance to hold a live red wiggler worm. Then to finish off the presentation, youth participated in a worm relay game. They were transformed into birds and had to pick up worms (pipe cleaners) with their beak (clothespin) just like birds and deliver them to their birdhouse (container). The students really enjoyed playing this relay game and getting to hold a live red worm. If you are interested in this or other educational programs, please contact Staci Miller, Education Specialist for a full listing of programs available for your classroom or organizational group at 419-399-4771.

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

PORTMAN, LATTA, AND JORDAN URGE FEDERAL AGENCIES TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO ENSURE OHIO WATER QUALITY

U.S. Senator Rob Portman (R-Ohio), U.S. Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH-05), and

U.S. Congressman Jim Jordan (R-OH-04) urged several federal agencies to provide assistance to Ohio Governor John Kasich and respective Ohio agencies as they work to improve the water quality and safety at Grand Lake St. Marys.

In a letter to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the lawmakers called for support of Ohio's efforts to monitor the water quality of areas susceptible to high microcystin levels. This letter is in response to the elevated public health advisory issued by Ohio public health officials for Grand Lake St. Marys in Celina, Ohio.

"The presence of harmful cyanotoxins continues to be a problem for Ohio, as record heavy rainfall this spring and summer has put freshwater bodies such as Lake Erie and Grand Lake St. Marys at increased risk," the lawmakers wrote. "The water crisis which disrupted the water supply of roughly 500,000 people in Toledo last August highlights the need to protect our freshwater bodies from high microcystin levels, which has dramatic impacts on public health, tourism, and the local economy."

"We continue to be supportive of the efforts of Ohio agencies to monitor the water quality of areas susceptible to high microcystin levels, and we ask your assistance in addressing the elevated public health advisory recently posted at Grand Lake St. Marys."

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

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that the Ohio Board of Voting Machine Examiners will meet on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Secretary

of State's Office located at 180 East Broad St., 15th Floor, Columbus, Ohio, 43215.

The agenda includes:

- Review of the application for certification of the electronic pollbook submitted by Everyone Counts, Inc. and examination of the pollbook for certification and approval for use in Ohio elections.
- Review of the application for certification of the ExpressPoll EZRoster Version 3.2.0.0 electronic pollbook (submitted by Election Systems and Software [ES&S]) and examination of the pollbook for certification and approval for use in Ohio elections.
- Review of the modification to the EA Tablet electronic pollbook (submitted by Election Administrators, LLC) for certification and approval for use in Ohio elections.

This meeting of the board is open to the public.

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

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLASS LISTS 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR

KINDERGARTEN:

Mrs. McMichael KA - Gage Barker, Carter Baumert, Alyvia Bell, Anabelle Bidlack, Alia Clem, Aaden Friend, Brayden Fuller, Taylor Hogans, Noah Lucas, Alyssa Phillips, Allison (Allie) Rice, Clara Rohrs, Weston Woodby, Kora Zuber
 Mrs. Kennedy KB - Hudsyn Bagley, Wyatt Cline, Chloe Evilsizor, Gabriella Grois, Ryder Hines, Rilynn Hofner, Jason McKay, Elise Meyer, Kinzey Parrish, Braxton Peters, Franco Rivera, Levi Schweinsberg, Jazmine Yanez, Anneliese Zijlstra
 Mr. Lee KC - Bryceton Barker, Gabriella Brandenburg, Landon Bryant, Tucker Doster, Reese Franklin, Camden Herber, Avery Honigford, Kaira Jones, Taylor Lockhart, Mercedes McCoy, Corey Moore, Kati Phares, Case Trabel, Kaitlin Walz

Mrs. Scharr IA - Jazlynn Blankenbeckler, Hailley Clem, Payleigh Dickess, Austin (AJ)Eaton, Maclaren



Dear Miss C,

I haven't been married very long and I'm surprised about how much we fight. It didn't seem like we fought this much when we were not married. When I talk to my other married friends, they seem to all be like, "Oh fighting is good for the marriage, it means you are communicating." I think that's a little weird, but I guess if we are going to fight, maybe I should ask for advice on how to do it the right way. I don't really want to fight our way into a divorce.

—FightGirl

Hello FightGirl,

Your friends are right about one thing, there will be times when you have to disagree with our spouse. But it does not necessarily show you are communicating. So, here are some tips on how to deal with conflicts in a way that will strengthen, not harm your marriage:

1. Embrace it! You will have differences of opinion. You will get on each other's nerves. There may even be days when the sock on the floor leads you to believe your spouse left it there on purpose just to irritate you. These are conflicts and they just show us where we need to grow. Embrace it!
2. Don't Attack! Good fighting sticks to the issue, not the personal attacks that come with name calling. It's enough to deal with a problem without adding the new

problems of hurt feelings.

3. Listen and Be Respectful. When people feel strongly about something, hear them out. Acknowledge their feelings. Never tell a person they "Shouldn't" feel a certain way. You can share your own view after you understand theirs.

4. No Yelling! The louder someone yells, the less they are heard. Yelling triggers an emotional and defensive reaction that takes you away from the issue. Even if your spouse yells, there is no need to yell back. This way you can focus on the issue, not the noise.

5. Be Curious! Instead of getting defensive, ask for more information, details and examples. There is usually a reason for a person's complaint... and if you are curious, you just might come to understand the other side.

6. Always & Never. Statements that use the words "always" and "never" almost always get you nowhere and never are true.

7. Find things to agree upon. There are usually points of a conflict that can also be points of agreement. Finding those common points (even if it's just agreeing you have a problem) is important to finding a workable solution.

8. Find Options. The fighting will end when you start to cooperate. So working together to find sugges-

tions shows partnership, and working through the options is a sign of respect.

9. Compromise. You know this would be on the list. But seriously, when you give a little, you make room for your partner to give a little back. It's the small compromises that leads to larger ones. But be careful, because making compromises isn't about keeping score, it's about finding a solution that works for both of you!

10. Finding Peace. There is value in the old adage, "Never go to bed angry." I recently spoke with a man who had been married for 75 years. He told me they never went to bed angry. He said sometimes that meant neither of them went to bed, but sometimes they just realized the issue wasn't actually important enough to lose sleep over. But either way, they talked and processed the conflict until they found peace in it. They have been married for 75 years, I'd say they are probably doing something right!

Blessings,

—Miss C

Miss C is ready to take your questions! All information is confidential so send your questions to AskMeMissC@gmail.com, post Ask Me Miss C Facebook Page, or send an old fashioned letter to the West Bend News. All letters are answered in the order received.

(Clare) Ehrhart, Kole Elston, Ayden Himgurg, Aiden Hook, Zoen King-Bauer, Alyssa Lawson, Danica Lehman, Ethan Marlin, Cheyenne Maynard, Quentin Paxton, Charleen Ritchie, Tory Singer, Kage Slattery, Gabriella Snyder, Lucas Sproles, Konner Starbuck

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PAULDING COUNTY INITIATES DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER BLITZ

The Paulding County Sheriff's Office will provide extra road patrol through Impaired Driving Enforcement Program's Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Blitz. Deputies will be working the roadways between August 21 through September 7, 2015. Funding had been provided through grant monies awarded by the Ohio Department of Public Safety's (ODPS) Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO).

The county deputies also participated in the Fourth of July blitz patrolling 12 hours through the same grant, bringing a total of 246 hours since the grant started in October, 2015.

A total of 246 traffic stops have been made in Paulding County resulting in 3 OVI's, 49 speed citations, 6 DUS arrests, 2 No Operator's License Citations, 3 felony arrests and 16 other citations.

The Paulding County Sheriff's Office has applied for this grant a second time, along with the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program grant. "I expect a notification within the next couple of months if our county qualifies for these grants," states Sheriff Jason K. Landers.

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FIRST FEDERAL BANK DONATES \$1,000 TO THE SKYLER D. HUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

First Federal Bank donates \$1,000 to the Skyler D. Huth Scholarship Fund.

"As a community bank, we are proud to help continue the memory of Skyler D. Huth," said Elizabeth Vance, Community Banking Center Manager at First Federal Bank in Paulding. The bank hosted a golf tournament and encouraged free will donations from employees to raise the thousand dollar donation.

The Skylar D. Huth Scholarship was created after Huth passed away this summer in a car accident. The scholarship will be awarded to Paulding High School students for tuition assistance.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT REPORTS

Criminal Dispositions:

Mark C. Levi; Grover Hill, OH; Dom Violence; Prel-Waive; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing in open court; case shall be bound over to the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio

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

Devin E. Jewell; Grover Hill, OH; Gross sex imposit; Prel-Waive; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing; case shall be bound over to the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio

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

Alfonso S. Rocha; Fort Wayne, IN; Fail to Reinstata; Ct-Guilty; Pay all fines and cost within 30 days of the date of the entry; defendant must pay in full by that date or his operator's license will be subject to forfeiture.

Laural L. Sargent; Paulding, OH; OVI/Breath (low); Guilty; ALS vacated shall pay \$50.00 per mo. Commencing 8/28/15; has a POC date of 12/18/15; complete 3rd millennium course; 87 jail days reserved; proof of financial responsibility not provided; Count B; fail control; dismiss; Ct B dismissed at state's request

Jessica B. Fry; Paulding, OH; FTY/Intersect; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Bridgett Black; Fort Wayne, IN; Assault; A-Dis-

mis; case dismissed per state; with prejudice; costs waived

Isaih Hernandez; Paulding, OH; Falsification; Guilty; Fines and costs to be taken from bond; 2 days jail; 2 days credit; defendant to complete 40 hrs. community service; shall maintain general good behavior; Count B; No OL; Dismiss; Ct B dismissed at the state's request

Jonathan E. Gormely; Chesterfield, IN; Driv Under Susp; J-No Cont; Pay all fines and costs by 8/28/15 or will be sent to collections; 180 jail days reserved

Isaih Hernandez; Paulding, OH; Child Restraint; Guilty; Fines and costs to be paid from bond; Count B; FTY/Intersect; Guilty; fines to be taken from bond

Zachary S. Coyle; FTY Emer Vehicl; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kebra Jo Hammons; Grover Hill, OH; F.R.A. Susp; J-Guilty; Proof of financial responsibility not provided; pay all fines and costs by 10/30/15 or will be sent to collections

Linda B. Kos; New Haven, IN; FTY Emer Vehicl; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Real Estate Transfers:

Antwerp Village: 8/4/15; Timothy & Sandra F. Ruskaup; Lot 19; 0.373 acres; Lot 20; 0.406 acres; To: Sidney J. & Michelle R. Buehrer

Grover Hill Village: 8/4/15; Chad E. & Tracy L. Critten; Outlot 48; 0.205 acres; To: Gary Girod

Chad E. & Tracy L. Critten; Lot 4; 0.107 acres; To: Gary Girod

Paulding Village: Violet R. Riggenbach, life estate; Lot 1; 1.048 acres; To: Violet R. Riggenbach, le

Carryall Twp.: 8/4/15; Jerald L. Balsler; Sec. 30; 60.18 acres; Sec. 19; 60 acres; Sec. 19; 19 acres; To: Jerald L. Balsler, trustee

Crane Twp.: 8/5/15; Harry A. Phlipot; Sec. 35; 37.071 acres; To: John Phlipot, trustee

Harrison Twp.: 8/6/15; Marjorie A Underwood, le & George W. Underwood, le, et al; Sec. 13; 60 acres; To: George W. Underwood, le

Latty Twp.: 8/5/15; Steven Douglas Reed, et al; Sec. 15; 80 acres; To: Keith James Reed

Steven Douglas Reed, et al; Sec. 15; 80.396 acres; To: Keith James Reed

James O. Miller; Sec. 14; 1.151 acres; To: Sue Ann Miller

Washington Twp.: 8/5/15; Steven Douglas Reed, et al; Sec. 28; 82.75 acres; To: Amber Jean Reed McCoy

John S. Young Jr., et al; Sec. 27; 40 acres; To: John S. Young Jr., et al

Steven Douglas Reed; Sec. 22; 40 acres; To: Amber Jean Reed McCoy

Marilyn Fay Lockie, et al; Sec. 17; 5.56 acres; To: Marilyn Fay Lockie, et al

AN ENEMY OF PEACE

By: Mel Gurtov

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has established himself as the biggest enemy of peace in the Middle East. His thoroughly unwelcome and error-marred speech to Congress on Iran, his last-minute racist scare tactics on election eve in Israel, and his disingenuous

post-election statement that he really does support a two-state solution all reveal a man who fears a just Middle East peace and will do everything he can to thwart it.

President Obama has taken the correct position in distancing himself from Netanyahu and, with the usual diplomatic language, making plain that so long as Netanyahu is in charge, the peace process is dead. Their widely reported strained personal relationship is one thing, but the main thing is that the United States and the Palestinian Authority do not have a negotiating partner. What Netanyahu said in the last moments of his electoral campaign simply cannot be walked back: that no two-state solution will ever occur while he is prime minister; and that the Arab vote is a threat to Israel's political system. This is a man who will say and do whatever it takes to preserve his power and keep the Palestinian people in a subordinate place.

Netanyahu has a lot of help in achieving those objectives, both in Congress and from his embassy in Washington. The Israel Lobby remains powerful and well funded, with many resources for ensuring that military and economic aid to Israel continues, that the Palestinian cause is ignored, and that Israel's nuclear weapon arsenal is never a fit topic of debate. Netanyahu's faithful front man—the American-born Israeli ambassador, Ron Dermer—is a key figure in the lobby—a man who, like his boss, never takes a backward step when it comes to promoting an expansive notion of Israel's security needs. He is reportedly working tirelessly to restore Bibi's credibility and embolden Congress members to maintain sanctions on Iran. Unless and until the Israel Lobby is reined in, significant change in US policy is hard to imagine.

President Obama correctly stated that "figuring out how do we get through a real, knotty policy difference" is the chief challenge now. But "getting through" should not mean salving over the differences and reaffirming the unbreakable US-Israel partnership. Rather, Washington should "get through" by using Netanyahu's offensive behavior as an opportunity to change course in its Middle East policy.

A new course should include reaffirmation of the two-state solution within the pre-1967 war boundaries, opposition to a Netanyahu-backed bill that would define Israel as the "nation-state of the Jewish people," and major development assistance to the Palestinian Authority (especially in Gaza, which is facing a water crisis among numerous other deprivations).

Working through the United Nations Security Council rather than continuing to rely on bilateral diplomacy with Israel should also be part of a new US agenda. And the President should condemn outright the Israeli-Republican axis that has formed to undermine his efforts to engage Iran and craft a just peace between Israel and Palestine.

Mel Gurtov, syndicated by PeaceVoice, is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Portland State University,

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

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Editor-in-Chief of Asian Perspective, and blogs at In the Human Interest.

CITY OF WOODBURN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 7/20/15

These are the Woodburn Meeting Minutes from July 20, 2015.

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Hoepfner, Councilman Abbott, Rice, Gerig and Voirol, Treasurer Sarrazine and Chief Duhamell, Superintendent Walls were present.

7:00 p.m. - Pledge

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Woodburn Police Reserves have logged 72 hours so far this month. The department is getting ready for our busy training season with firearms and physical tactics to be scheduled later next month. We have had reports of attempted thefts from vehicles on the west side of the City. We want to remind the citizens to lock all car doors when unoccupied; and remember to close garage doors when not in use. The 3rd Annual Front Streets Drags are expected to be larger than last year, we have received some registration in the mail for competitors and vendors whom want to display their products.

AUDIENCE:

Jim Milledge reminded the city that they are supposed to be getting estimates for the tree in front of his house. Mr. Milledge asked if the redo of the concrete sidewalks was on the city's expense. Mayor responded that the contractor was replacing at their cost.

MAYOR:

Indiana Baptist Minister Association are excited about the elementary school. The Keller group is also looking at the school. The Keller group is a group who puts in assisted living apartments. WBCA sent a thank you for our support. Wessler Engineering is asking an additional \$1,000 for the Wellhead Protection work they are doing. We are going to say no. The sidewalks downtown were redone for ADA compliance issues at no cost to the city. There were 19 areas that were sited.

TREASURER:

Started her report explaining the payment history of the resident in regards to her water account from the last meeting. Treasurer Sarrazine read off all the work orders since July of 2011. There were a total of 8 shut off orders for non-payment. Along with that the last payment that was made in 2014 was in August 8 and no payment was made again until January 9, 2015. Mileage reimbursements has changed from the State rate of .44/mi to .40/mi starting July 1.

Warrants were presented. Councilman Voirol made the motion to approve and pay, Councilman Gerig 2nd, all ap-

proved, motion carried.

Malott Contracting's 4th draw was presented for payment. Councilman Gerig made the motion to pay, Councilman Voirol 2nd, all approved, motion carried.

Meeting minutes from July 6 were presented. Councilman Abbott read a letter he had composed calling for the treasurer to resign and let her successor take over if she can't do her job with dignity, then made the motion to not approve the minutes. Councilman Rice 2nd. Councilman Abbott and Rice Voted to approve motion, Councilman Voirol and Gerig voted to disapprove motion which resulted in a tie and since Councilman Renner was not present. The deciding vote went to the mayor who voted to approve the motion to disapprove the minutes, so the motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT WALLS:

WW Williams sent us a renewal contract for maintenance agreement on the Generators. He has talked with John Drewery about doing the maintenance in house. The last two maintenance agreements were not worth the money spent. There is a problem with the older mower and Councilman Abbott suggested Superintendent Walls price out and look at new. Miller Pipeline gave a price of \$57,000 for the line re-lining. Manholes from west of High School to High School were inspected and 10 were leaking.

COUNCILMAN ABBOTT:

Part of Malott's punch list should be the concrete slurry left by repairs made. He also recommended Superintendent Walls have more gravel laid at the compost site. Spraying of mosquitos will be Tuesday night.

COUNCILMAN RICE:

Stated that hasty or big changes should not be made by this council and should be on hold for the next council.

Councilman Renner: Absent

COUNCILMAN VOIROL:

The flag has been lowered to half mast for respect of the military that were killed. It should be flown that way for 8 days. He also discussed with council the choice made on the PNC issue from last meeting and explained again that PNC had suggested we move the money until their interest rate rose and then we could return the money to them. He stated again that Councilman Gerig, himself, Mayor Hoepfner and Treasurer Sarrazine were the only ones at the meeting with PNC. Councilman Rice responded it was a done deal.

Councilman Rice made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Notes prepared by Treasurer Sarrazine.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO

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

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

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

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

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

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

WATER TANK RAISING IN NEW HAVEN



Wessler Engineering Ryan Road water storage worked with the City of New Haven, Indiana on a tank raising project at their tank.

Project Stats:
Tank Capacity - 500,000

- Gallons
- Tank Diameter - 56 Feet
- Original Tank Height - 135 Feet
- New Tank Height - 179 Feet
- Date Raised - May 28, 2015
- Height to Overflow - 174 Feet
- Water Pressure at Tank Base When Full - 75 Pounds Per Square Inch

The tank, erected in 1998, could not be safely used as originally connected and configured. The tank was so far out on the perimeter of the distribution system, and the pressure in the distribution system was so high, that the water in the tank could not be turned over enough to keep it safe for consumption. The elevated water storage tank was raised so that the water pressure in the distribution system on the east side of the City could be maintained during high demand periods. This also allows more water to be delivered throughout the City when needed for emergencies or for fighting fires.

The new control valve is being installed on the water main that conveys water to the east side of the City and will be used to vary the water level in the tank throughout the day, enough to keep the water fresh.

The raised tank is being cleaned and repainted prior to placing it into service.

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NOW IS THE TIME FOR GIRLS AND VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN THE FUN

(NAPSI)—Good news for girls across America and around the world: Research shows hands-on opportunities offered by the largest girl-led organization in the world can provide many benefits in practically all aspects of a girl's life.

"When girls lead, the world succeeds. Girl Scouts is the largest organization in the world where girls call the shots and take charge of their own future," explained Anna Maria Chávez, CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA). "By doing what they're interested in and choosing fun ways to learn more, girls are developing leadership skills that aren't offered by any other extracurricular activity."

Join the Fun

To that end, GSUSA invites all girls to join the fun and register for Girl Scouts at www.girlscouts.org/join. It provides countless opportunities to make new friends, try new things, and exercise new skills through activities from building robots, to participating in the Girl Scout Cookie Program, to playing sports and much more.

How Girls Benefit

As national studies from the Girl Scout Research Institute (GSRI) show, it's not just what girls do but how they do it that makes scouting so beneficial. At Girl Scouts, girls get to learn by doing, and they do so in a girl-led environment. This means they're encouraged to choose their activities, decide which topics they want to explore, and determine how they want to go about exploring them. According to GSRI, at least 75 percent of girls who experience this type of program become better at conflict resolution, problem solving, team building and cooperation, and developing self-confidence. In addition, nearly three in four Girl Scouts become leaders in more activities with their friends and classmates, as well as in their community.

These learning opportunities and experiences also help the girls in school. They learn not to avoid things that are hard for them, but rather to take these challenges head-on, practice creative problem solving, learn from mistakes, and grow—all skills that will help girls succeed throughout school and life.

Such empowering experiences have been shown to boost girls' social and emotional skills, as well. Additionally, because learning by doing is best facilitated in small environments, Girl Scouts' 3:1 adult-volunteer-to-girl ratio gives girls the optimal way to tap into their interests and talents, and the opportunity to explore fun new things including STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), entrepreneurship and the outdoors. GSRI reports girls who experience learning by doing and are part of a girl-led program are more likely to develop confidence, healthy relationships, critical thinking, problem-solving abilities and other positive life skills.

Expert Opinion

"Girl Scouts helps girls gain valuable life skills and amazing new experiences they can't get anywhere else,

all while having fun and making lifelong friends," said GSUSA's Chief Girl Expert Andrea Bastiani Archibald, Ph.D. "The hands-on and girl-led experiences offered by Girl Scouts help girls develop confidence that they can tap into to do incredible things at home, in their classrooms, across the country and around the world. At Girl Scouts, girls learn and thrive in an environment where they are encouraged to speak up, offer ideas and opinions, and try new things. And whether they succeed or fail, they are cheered on by others to try again!"

Volunteers Wanted

Girl Scouts is open to all girls from kindergarten through grade 12, and anyone over the age of 18 can be a Girl Scout volunteer. Girls can't experience the benefits of the organization without adult volunteers, and each adult volunteer can make a real difference in girls' lives. Volunteers come from all walks of life; they are men, women, young professionals, retirees, college students and more. Both girls and adult volunteers can join at any time of year.

Learn More

For further facts or to join or volunteer, visit www.girlscouts.org/join.

SRIRACHA-FLAVORED ALMONDS ARE THE NEW KING OF HEAT

(NAPSI)—Food trends continually evolve and when it comes to snacking, right now it's all about the heat. Blue Diamond's Sriracha-flavored almonds give the bold consumer a snack packed full of spice and flavor. Having combined a hot bite of chili and garlic, the Sriracha almond will "Get Your Good Going." With six grams of protein in every 1 oz. serving, this is the perfect snack to keep you energized, at home and on-the-go. Blue Diamond Sriracha almonds are a mul-

tifunctional, quick and delicious snack you can enjoy as a standalone or for use as a flavorful addition to recipes such as these:

- Sweet and Spicy Trail Mix
- 2 cups Sriracha Blue Diamond Almonds
- 2 cups granola
- 3 cups pretzels
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- ½ cup white chocolate chips

In a large bowl, combine Sriracha Blue Diamond Almonds, granola, pretzels, dried cranberries, and white chocolate chips. Lightly stir to combine. Serve immediately or store in a covered container until ready to eat.

As developed by TheWholeServing.com.

- Bold Sriracha Protein Bars
- 1½ cups Blue Diamond Bold Sriracha almonds
- 1 cup sunflower seeds
- ¾ cup pepitas cup hemp seeds
- ¼ cup sesame seeds
- ½ cup dried cranberries
- ½ cup brown rice syrup
- 2 tablespoons agave nectar

Line an 8 x 8 baking dish with parchment paper. Leave extra on the sides to use when lifting out of baking dish. Lightly coat parchment with oil. In a large bowl mix together the first five ingredients. Mix the brown rice syrup and agave together in a small saucepan over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally. Allow to boil two to three minutes. Pour over nut and seed mixture and mix quickly to evenly coat. Syrup hardens fast. Transfer to baking dish and spread in an even layer using a spatula (or your hand, with a piece of plastic wrap covered over mixture). Allow to cool completely, about 1 hour outside fridge or 30 to 45 minutes in the fridge. Lift out of dish using parchment paper and cut bars in desired sizes.

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OHSAA EXTENDS FOOTBALL FINALS STAY IN COLUMBUS THROUGH 2016

The high school football state championships will remain in Ohio Stadium in Columbus for an additional year, through 2016, the Ohio High School Athletic Association announced Tuesday jointly with the Greater Columbus Sports Commission.

The announcement comes as details are being finalized for the 2015 state championships, which include a public all-session ticket sale date of Monday, Aug. 17 for the seven state championship games (see details below).

The Sports Commission and the Ohio State Athletics Department were awarded a contract to host the football championships in 2014 and 2015, with the OHSAA intending to move the finals in 2016 back to Stark County, which hosted the championships for 24 years (1990-2013). However, the massive renovations underway in Canton at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium, formerly Fawcett Stadium, are not expected to be completed until 2017.

"We are very grateful for the cooperation of the Greater Columbus Sports Commission and Ohio State

for working with us on this extension," Dr. Dan Ross, OHSAA Commissioner, said. "We have been in conversation with the folks in Stark County about the timeline for the renovations in Canton. As we have said all along, we are very blessed in Ohio to have some of the best football stadiums in the country and student-athletes will be so proud to say they played for a state title in Ohio Stadium or in Stark County."

Beyond 2016, details are being discussed as to which venues will host the football state championship games and in which years.

"We are excited to add another year of Ohio's best high school football teams competing for state titles in Columbus," said Greater Columbus Sports Commission Executive Director Linda Shetina Logan. "The State Football Finals in 2014 were incredible from an attendance standpoint and the student-athlete and fan experience. We look forward to creating new memories in the Horseshoe in 2015 and 2016."

The 2015 state championships in Ohio Stadium will be played December 3, 4 and 5. Additional high school football information is posted at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/ft/boys/default.asp>

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BOB DYLAN AND AMERICA'S 70-YEAR NUCLEAR NIGHTMARE

By Rev. John Dear, SJ
In an interview for Rolling Stone, singer Bob Dylan said, "[The U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima] showed that indiscriminate killing and indiscriminate homicide on a mass level was possible, whereas if you look at warfare up until that point, you had to see somebody to shoot them or maim them, you had to look at them. You don't have to do that anymore."

I thought Bob Dylan's statement was profound. In America, we've always had war and all kinds of related evils, but with Hiroshima we crossed the line with this new demonic power and an insane preparation that allows us to destroy the entire planet. It is like we said to God, "What it took you 15 billion years to make, we can destroy in 15 minutes."

America has never dealt with the consequences of our actions. We, as a people, have never talked deeply about how we vaporized more than 100,000 human beings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It seems we are numb or maybe we are mindless with collective insanity as we have continuously allowed our government to go on creating even more nuclear weapons to vaporize more people.

The 70th anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki invites us to reflect anew on our global predicament and what we can do to create a new disarmed world of peace. Most people on the planet have never lived without the threat of nuclear weapons. We're all used to them now. They're part of life, part of the landscape, part of our reality. There's nothing we can do about it, we're told.

By 1968 America had over 32,000 nuclear weapons. Today we have some 7,200 nuclear weapons on alert, ready to end civilization at a moment's notice.

Since Hiroshima, America has spent over \$5.5 trillion building nuclear weapons. Two years ago, the U.S. Congress quietly approved a bill to spend another \$1 trillion over the next 30 years to upgrade our nuclear arsenal. With that vote, America is

now building state of the art nuclear uranium plants in Kansas City and Oak Ridge, upgrading Trident subs and Livermore Labs, and at Los Alamos, the birthplace of the bomb, and they are building a state of the art plutonium bomb factory.

Everything today finds its roots in Hiroshima, which means the whole world of suffering and violence is connected to Los Alamos - from Auschwitz to Vietnam to Iraq to Afghanistan to Haiti to ISIS to Al Qaeda to Ferguson, to Sandy Hook and to Charleston, South Carolina. It's all connected.

Remember what Mahatma Gandhi said shortly after the U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima: "We have seen the physical effects of the atomic bomb on the Japanese people, but it is too early to see the spiritual effects on the people who made and used the bomb, the Americans."

That's what we are living through today - the dire spiritual consequences of what we did to Hiroshima and Nagasaki; as well as the effects of building thousands of nuclear weapons since then, and threatening time and again to use them on our "enemies."

Here in New Mexico where I live, Los Alamos is a given. We're told that it provides jobs, that it protects the nation, and that it is a source of national pride. I am not fooled. I know the sole purpose of Los Alamos is to continue to prepare the weapons that can kill millions of men, women and children without Americans ever having to look at them.

John Dear, syndicated by PeaceVoice, is an American Catholic priest nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. He has been arrested more than 75 times in acts of nonviolent civil disobedience against war, injustice, and nuclear weapons.

Sudoku solution from page 13

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Mr. and Mrs. William Wetli, of Antwerp, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. William Wetli and Helen Wiesehan were married July 23, 1955 at the former St. Mary's Catholic Church, Antwerp, with Father Schill officiating.

The couple has three children: Steve (Sis) Wetli, Dan (Patty) Wetli of Antwerp, and Michael Wetli of Fort Wayne, IN. They have eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The couple celebrated their special occasion with a family picnic.



Connie Pillich

neighborhood. She attended public schools and put herself through college with an ROTC scholarship, student loans, and part-time work.

Connie spent eight years on active duty in the Air Force, and served in support of Operation Desert Storm. She achieved the rank of Captain and is a three-time recipient of the Air Force Commendation Medal.

After serving in the Air Force and earning her MBA, Connie worked as a public defender and later opened her own law practice before running for public office.

Connie spent three terms as the voice of Ohio's 28th house district. While in the legislature, Connie convened the Veterans Caucus to highlight issues facing Ohio's military community and introduced the Ohio's Veterans Bonus hi 2009.

Currently, Connie is the principal attorney and CEO of The Pillich Group, which provides legal, management, and development consulting services. She recently joined the board of Resurrecting Lives Foundation where she continues to advocate for veterans and the military community. Connie belongs to American Legion Post 69 and VFW Post 3283.

Connie has always been an active volunteer in her community. She has dedicated her time to organizations like

Special Olympics, Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor, United Cerebral Palsy, and Sycamore Schools.

Connie lives in suburban Cincinnati with her husband, Paul, and their two children.

Judge John P. O'Donnell is a 2016 candidate for the Ohio Supreme Court. He was first elected to the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas in 2002, and then again in 2006 and 2012. The Cuyahoga County court is one of Ohio's busiest, and during that time Judge O'Donnell has presided over scores of jury trials in felony criminal cases and civil lawsuits.

For three years beginning in 2007, Judge O'Donnell was appointed to handle a felony mental health docket consisting of cases where criminal defendants were diagnosed with a serious mental illness with a psychotic component. These cases often involved complex pre-trial issues about competence to stand trial and insanity. When mentally ill defendants were convicted, Judge O'Donnell was responsible for imposing a sentence that appropriately balanced the protection of the public and the treatment of the de-



Judge John P. O'Donnell

pendant's illness.

In 2008, Judge O'Donnell was selected by the chief justice of the Ohio Supreme Court to be one of only eight trial court judges in the state to preside over a commercial docket devoted strictly to business litigation. The docket was designed as a means of assuring commercial litigants that their cases would be handled consistently and predictably by a judge with expertise in issues peculiar to business-to-business lawsuits. Since then Judge O'Donnell has been responsible for over 2,400 commercial cases while still handling all other varieties of civil lawsuits and a felony criminal docket.

Judge O'Donnell is the author of over one hundred judicial opinions, a rarity for a trial court judge, and has been a frequent presenter at continuing legal education programs. He has consistently been rated as "Excellent" in rankings decided by local bar associations whose members are the people most familiar with his work, and whose cli-

ents are affected by his decisions. The Ohio State Bar Association ranked him in 2014 as "Highly Recommended" for The Ohio Supreme Court.

Judge O'Donnell was raised in Euclid and attended St. Joseph High School in Cleveland and Miami University in Oxford. After college, he worked to put himself through Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Upon earning his law degree he worked as a civil trial attorney until being elected to the bench.

Judge O'Donnell has served on the boards of several northeast Ohio non-profit organizations, including the St. Malachi Center, the Cleveland Law Library Association, the Cuyahoga County Law Library Resource Board and Lakewood City Academy. He and his wife are raising five children in Lakewood.

1st EVER ANNIE'S CRAFT FESTIVAL AT GRAND WAYNE CENTER

Annie's Publishing in Berne, IN will be hosting its very first Annie's Craft Festival at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne, IN on October 30th (8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.), October 31st (8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.), and November 1st (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

At this year's Annie's Craft Festival will offer classes taught by top instructors in crochet, knitting, quilting, sewing, card-making, paper crafts, cross-stitch, floral crafts, painting and more.

There will also be an exclusive shopping area offering a wide variety of craft merchandise, free demonstrations, lectures, panels and free "learn-to" areas.

Social events during the festival include a special evening with best-selling author Debbie Macomber featured as keynote speak-

er on Friday and a Crafts & Cocktails Halloween party on Saturday night.

For more information, please call 877-669-1436 or email at anniescraft@integrityee.com .

MEET ME @ 5!

The next Meet Me @ 5 event will take place at the Whispering Creek Golf Club (216 N. Rufus Street, New Haven, IN).

Join us for food, fun, and networking. Please RSVP for a food count by August 17. This event is sponsored by the New Haven Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, please email at info@newhavenindiana.org or call at 260-749-4484

NEW HAVEN FARMERS MARKET WILL FEATURE SOARIN' HAWK RAPTOR REHAB AT SCHNELKER PARK THIS WEEK

Soarin' Hawk Raptor Rehab is a not for profit service established in 1996 to serve northeast Indiana's injured or orphaned birds of prey. Based in Allen County, Indiana, Soarin' Hawk is dedicated to the rescue, recovery and ultimate release of injured and orphaned birds of prey. Come out and see the beauty of these birds and learn about the organizations efforts to support habitat and species preservation.

Summer is in full swing and the availability of seasonal produce is starting to peak! The Farmers Market features a wide selection locally grown produce, home baked goods, honey, homemade jams and jellies, coffees, BBQ sauce, handmade crafts items, and much more. Enjoy the live music of Tim Snyder while you shop.

1st ANNUAL PAULDING COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY PICNIC

The 1st Annual Paulding County Democratic Party Picnic will take place on Saturday, August 22, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Riverside Park in Antwerp, OH (located on old US 24 west).

Sheriff Jason Landers will be the MC of this new event. There will also be kids games.

Guest Speakers will be democratic nominee for state of Ohio treasurer, Connie Pillich, and nominee for justice of Ohio supreme court, John O'Donnell.

Connie Pillich is an attorney, MBA, veteran, former legislator and mom. The youngest of five, Connie grew up in a working class

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