

2015 PAULDING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DINNER



The Paulding County Economic Development Dinner for the community took place on Tuesday, September 15 at the Fairgrounds in Paulding. The evening began with meet & greet session and following that was the dinner. Jerry Zielke, PCED Director opened the evening.

Two great speakers on this evening were Sarah Stubblefield and Dave Dorner.

Jerry reported after the dinner over \$20,000,000 in private dollars were being spent in local business investments in a minimum of 30 active projects including business startups, major manufacturing equipment updates, business expansions and new companies looking at the area.

The projects next year looks to be growing tremendously, including a new professional office building in Antwerp being built by Sarah Mowery DDS, Ed's Car Care's expansion in Paulding, the large Blue Creek & Latty township wind project will be starting back up very soon. The large Harrison

township EDP wind project looks to start sometime in 2016 as well as a number of other projects. The total estimated private capital investment in these projects will be over 400 million dollars.

"Every manufacturer in the last two months is hiring new employees," stated Zielke. "Large cement business has been very brisk this summer."

The Paulding Small Business Innovation Center at 103 E Perry St. (Former Paulding County Law Library) will be opened in the next year by the PCED, leased from the Paulding County Commissioners. The center will not only have conference rooms, but will also offer small business office space for business startups, making it easier for small business owners to get off the ground.

The Workforce Development project has been a major undertaking by the office this past. Hosting the Career Opportunity Showcase and job fair in March, PCED will partner with Defiance, Williams,

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NEW HAVEN HIGH STUDENT 2016 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALIST



Devin Dubbelde, senior at New Haven High School has been selected as a 2016 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist! Approximately 16,000 semifinalists were recently announced by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,400 National Merit Scholarships worth more than 432 million that will be offered next spring.

Devin is ranked #1 in the 2016 class! His grade point average is 12.13/12.0. He is involved in the National Honor Society, Key Club, Varsity Boys Soccer, Student Council, SADD, CANstruction and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Devin has received several academic and athletic awards at New Haven High School!

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

JOHNNY APPLESEED FESTIVAL & CHRISTMAS LIGHT DRIVE THRU AT AUGLAIZE VILLAGE

Auglaize Village is set to host this year's Johnny Appleseed Festival on October 3-4, 2015. Come out and enjoy a weekend of apple butter, sorghum molasses, cider press and tasting, broom shop, basket weaver, the general store, caramel corn, ice cream parlor, flea market and crafts.

All buildings will be open for the weekend's festivities.

A Christmas light drive thru is planned in Auglaize Village on December 11-13 and 18-20 from 6:30-?? each evening. The village is located at 12296 Krouse Rd.

Drive through and see the many Christmas lights to get yourself in the spirit of the Christmas season.

This event is sponsored by the Auglaize Village volunteers.

For more information about either of these events, contact Mayor Lynn Lantz at 419-782-7255.

JOHNNY APPLESEED TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT JPMS MEETING

The John Paulding Historical Society will be having their general meeting, which is open to the public, on Tuesday, September 22 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the museum. After a brief business meeting, the group will hear from Johnny Appleseed (as portrayed by Bill Grimes). It is sure to be interesting and refreshments will be served afterwards! Make your plans now to bring your friends and family and come to the museum to hear Johnny Appleseed!

Bill Grimes received his BS in Education from The Ohio State University in 1972 and received his Masters in general education from Defiance College in 1991. He taught 30 years for the Northeastern Local Schools (Tinora) and retired in 2002. He has also received 34 graduate

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BAUMLE - MUMMA



Jerry and Kathy Baumle of Payne are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Anna Marie Baumle to Jeffrey John Mumma, son of John and Judy Mumma of Payne.

The bride elect is a 2010 homeschool graduate and a 2012 graduate of Northwest State Community College. She is currently employed

by Park Center, Inc. in Fort Wayne. The groom is a 2003 graduate of Paulding High School and a 2008 graduate of Bowling Green State University. He is currently employed part time at The Antwerp Exchange Bank and full time for Mumma Drainage, Ltd.

The couple will exchange vows on October 10th at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

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OBITUARIES



PAYNE, OH
Leroy A. "Bud" King, age 88 died Thursday, September 17, 2015.

He was born October 1, 1926 in Allen County, Indiana, the son of the late Raymond E. and Edith M. (Pattenbrock) King. In 1974 he retired from the US Army serving in WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

He is survived by three children: Frank (Roxane) King, Payne, Cynthia Patterson, Hawaii, Ted (Cindy) King, Anaheim, CA; 8 grandchildren; and 7 great grandchildren.

He is also preceded in death by a brother, Robert King, and sisters, Ruth Batt and Delores Baumle.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 AM Saturday, September 26 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will be at a later date in Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

Visitation will be 4 - 8 PM Friday, September 25 at Den Herder Funeral Home. There will also be visitation from 10 AM until service time on Saturday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to Wounded Warrior Project.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 9/23 - 9/29

9/23 - BBQ chicken, baked potato, glazed carrots, banana, WW bread

9/24 - Ham & scalloped potatoes, capri blend vegetables, fresh fruit, cornbread, sherbet

9/25 - Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, raisins, dinner roll

9/28 - Pork cutlet w/gravy, sweet potato casserole, corn, pears, WW bread, peanut butter cookie

9/29 - Cheeseburger, broccoli salad, tropical fruit, fruit juice, goldfish crackers

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 9/23 - 9/29

9/23 - Matter of Balance, 8:30-10:00 a.m.; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Buckeye Hearing Bingo at 12:00 Noon; Grocery shopping at 1:30 p.m.

9/24 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Bingo w/Gardens of Paulding at 10:00 a.m.; Turn Up at 12:15 p.m.; Evening Meal at

5:00 p.m. compliments of the Gardens of Paulding

9/25 - Red Hat Day; Bible Study at 11:00 a.m.; Craft store open 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Bingo w/Vancrest of Antwerp at 12:00 Noon; You're invited to the Gardens of Paulding at 2:00 p.m. - Rick Heffner playing!

9/28 - Raffle Day; Shedding Pounds at 9:30 a.m.; Fingernail Clinic, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

9/29 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.; Trivia w/Nicole at 12:00 Noon

LUTHERAN TO BUILD FORT WAYNE'S FIRST FREE-STANDING ER

Residents of eastern Fort Wayne and Allen County who value quality, efficiency and high-level customer service when seeking emergency care will soon have the option of visiting a first-of-its-kind facility in the area. Officials from Lutheran Health Network today announced plans for the construction of Fort Wayne's first freestanding ER at the northwest corner of Coliseum and State boulevards in Statewood Plaza.

Lutheran ER Statewood will be open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and feature the same QuickER model that was introduced locally during the summer of 2011. QuickER, which has since been adopted by all Lutheran Health Network ERs in the region, tracks the average time a patient waits to be seen by a clinical professional from the moment they enter the emergency department. Wait times are communicated publically in multiple ways including digital displays on billboards and via the Web.

"Most emergency visits involve patients making a personal choice where they want to go, and thousands from the neighborhoods nearest to where Lutheran ER Statewood will be located have already demonstrated a desire to travel great lengths to receive care delivered in our network's emergency departments," said Brian Bauer, chief executive officer, Lutheran Health Network. "Decreasing the amount of time it takes to receive emergency care, whether that involves less time en route or less time in a waiting room, is part of our commitment to bolstering healthcare experiences for area patients."

The site at the intersection of Coliseum and State was chosen based on the easy access it provides for area residents and businesses. Thousands of patients in the adjoining zip codes already seek care at other LHN ERs in Allen County each year. The new ER will bring the services closer to where these individuals live and work, which

LHN believes will enhance convenience and safety.

"I'm encouraged by the positive momentum and excitement we're experiencing in our City," said Mayor Tom Henry. "Healthcare is an important sector in our local economy, and we appreciate Lutheran's commitment to investing in our community with new jobs and expanded services as Fort Wayne continues to be a leader in economic development opportunities and job growth."

A Lutheran EMS crew will be stationed around the clock for the rapid transport of patients deemed to be in need of hospitalization. An ambulance bay will be built and equipped to accommodate Lutheran and independent emergency medical services vehicles. Approximately 35 new positions are expected to be created in advance of Lutheran ER Statewood's projected opening in the spring of 2016.

The 8,911-square-foot Lutheran ER Statewood project will involve the renovation of 5,380 square feet of vacant space at 3929 E. State Blvd., and 3,531 square feet of new construction built out toward Coliseum. It will include five treatment rooms, a major exam room and a decontamination room. The total investment for this project will be approximately \$10 million including equipment, furnishings and a long-term lease.

Lutheran ER Statewood will include general X-ray, CT and lab services. It will share the same electronic medical records system available through Lutheran Health Network, meaning history about patients who have visited other LHN facilities will be readily available. The ER will also be staffed by the same group of emergency physicians that cover all LHN hospitals in northeastern Indiana.

Architecture and design services for Lutheran ER Statewood are being handled by MKM architecture + design. The general contractor is Weigand Construction.

This is the latest in a series of Lutheran Health Network projects to expand services for patients in eastern Fort Wayne and Allen County. That list includes the addition of Lutheran Health Plaza in New Haven in 2010, and the move of 10 St. Joseph Medical Group physicians in mid-2014 from various locations to 2622 Lake Ave., which is just three minutes from Statewood Plaza. St. Joseph Medical Group offices on Lake Avenue include specialists in the fields of cardiology, family medicine, gastroenterology, internal medicine and pediatrics. Imaging and laboratory services are also available at that campus.

STEADY U OHIO, OLDER ADULT FALLS PREVENTION COALITION PARTNER WITH OHIO PHARMACY CHAINS FOR FREE FALLS RISK SCREENINGS DURING FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK

Certain types of medications and drug combinations can cause dizziness, drowsiness and confusion and could contribute to a life-changing fall in older adults. To help Ohioans understand and minimize this risk, the STEADY U Ohio initiative and the Ohio Older Adult Falls Prevention Coalition have partnered with Kroger Pharmacy, Northside Pharmacy and Discount Drug Mart to provide free prescription consultations at 11 retail locations around the state.

"One in three Ohioans over the age of 60 will experience a fall this year. Falls are the leading cause of emergency room visits, hospitalizations and deaths among our elders," said Bonnie K. Burman, Sc.D., director of the Ohio Department of Aging, which coordinates the STEADY U Ohio initiative and is a partner in the Older Adult Falls Prevention Coalition. "By offering these consultations, these pharmacies are helping their customers have crucial conversations with their health care providers to identify medicines that could be putting them at increased risk for falling and what they can do together to minimize that risk."

During the screenings, a pharmacist will review customers' medicine usage and identify those medicines and combinations most likely to cause falls. Customers will receive a list of their potentially problem medicines to take to their health care professional and use to discuss risk and appropriate treatments.

Kroger - Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Upper Arlington: 1955 Henderson Rd.

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Columbus: 8617 S. High St.

Columbus: 7000 E. Broad St.

Hilliard: 2525 Hilliard Rome Rd.

Holland: 7059 Orchard Centre Dr.

Northside Pharmacy - Thursday, September 24, 2015

Somerset: 110 W. Main St.

Zanesville: 15 Maysville Ave.

Zanesville: 2899 Bell St.

Discount Drug Mart - Friday, September 25, 2015

Indeville: 6160 Brecksville Rd.

Parma Heights: 6476 York Rd.

Representatives from the Older Adult Falls Prevention

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

—II Corinthians 13:14

Coalition will be on-site at each location to discuss available programs and resources to help customers reduce their risk, including the community-based "A Matter of Balance" program, available in all 88 Ohio counties.

In addition, STEADY U Ohio is asking all Ohioans to help take "10 Million Steps to Prevent Falls" by attending a local fitness walk or taking a walk in their own neighborhoods during September and posting a selfie to social media with the hashtags #PreventFalls and #10MStepsOH. Visit www.steady.u.ohio.gov to learn more and find an event near you.

Mind your medicines to prevent falls:

- Maintain a list of all the drugs you take. Include doses, frequency and prescribing doctor. Also include any over-the-counter medicines (pain relievers, antacids, cold medicines, etc.) or supplements you take. Bring the list with you to doctor's appointments and when you pick up prescriptions.

- Read the label. If it says "may cause dizziness or drowsiness," or cautions against driving, ask about the best time to take it to avoid falls. Also ask about alternative treatments with less hazardous side effects.

- Take your medicine exactly as prescribed. If you find it hard to stick to a medication schedule or if you have trouble telling medicines apart, your doctor may have some ideas to help. Similarly, ask your doctor to write detailed directions on how and when to take your medications.

- Talk to your doctor about changes to your eating habits (such as a low-fat or high-calcium diet), as well as how much caffeine and alcohol you consume, as these can all affect how your medicines work.

- Ask your pharmacist about easier-to-read labels and instructions if you have trouble reading warnings or directions on your medicine containers.

- Choose over-the-counter medications that only have the ingredients you need. Your pharmacist can help select the best OTC options for your symptoms.

NEW REDIMED CLINIC IN BLUFFTON SET TO OPEN SOON

Lutheran Health Network officials today announced that RediMed will open a new, full-service urgent care clinic September 21 in Bluffton, IN.

"We are happy to provide nearby urgent care for Bluffton with a full-service RediMed right in town," said Matt Lehn, chief operating officer, RediMed. "Treating

illness and non-emergent injuries in the evenings or on the weekends just got easier for Wells County residents. They no longer have to drive many miles away or go to the hospital for simpler health issues."

The new urgent care clinic is a 3,400-square-foot facility located in front of the local Wal-Mart at 1980 N. Main St. RediMed Bluffton hours of operation will be 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

"Having RediMed expand its services here is a good thing," said Aaron Garofola, chief executive officer, Bluffton Regional Medical Center. "It expands access to the community since the only weekend medical care in Bluffton is the ER. It allows us to focus more on true emergencies in the ER, and it adds savings and convenience for patients."

"We're pleased that the new RediMed clinic created additional healthcare jobs because it helps meet the healthcare needs of our community," said City of Bluffton Mayor Ted Ellis. "We view this development as growth for the community as well as a potential benefit for attracting businesses to locate here."

Lehn expects on-site services to help strengthen efficiency in the delivery of urgent care and occupational medicine. "RediMed will be better positioned to serve patients having X-ray, lab and even audiology testing now that they are all available under the same roof," he said.

RediMed Bluffton will also provide patients easier access to other healthcare services within Bluffton Regional Medical Center and Lutheran Health Network through greater continuity of care as a result of technological upgrades including electronic medical record capabilities.

RediMed was established in 1984 to treat patients with illnesses or injuries that do not require a trip to the emergency room. All RediMed clinics are staffed by physicians and mid-level providers and offer X-ray, laboratory and prescription services on site with convenient locations and hours. Appointments are not necessary. Additional services offered at the clinics include fracture management, hydration management and foreign body removal.

Architecture and design services for the RediMed Bluffton project was handled by MKM architecture + design. The general contractor was locally-owned James S. Jackson Company.

For more information about RediMed, visit RediMedClinics.com.

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2015 Gold Members awards – Back Row: Harry Wiebe, Vice President; Mayor Greg White. Middle Row: Terry Wehrkamp, Cooper Farms; Beth Coughlin, Bashore Reineck, Stoller & Waterman; Joyce Parrish, Antwerp Exchange Bank; Sara Keeran, Antwerp CIC. Front Row: Roger Sierer, Paulding Village Council Member; Tom VanVlerah, Antwerp Village; Erika Willitzer, Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative.



PCED Banquet 2015 Bronze Members – Top Row: Linda Hodges PCED Secretary, Mike Kauser PCED Board Member, Randy Daeger – PolyOne, Larry Manz – Insource Technologies and PCED Board Member Middle Row: Megan Meeks, First Financial Bank, Elizabeth Vance First Federal Bank, Kathy Cadwallader – Paulding Dairy Queen and PCED Board Member, Clint Reagle – Alex Products, Bottom Row: Dennis Recker PCED Board Member, Steve Sinn – Tri County Roofing



PCED Banquet 2015 Silver Members – Front Row: Peter Prichard – Vantage Career Center, Donna Garman – Herber Orr, Terry Belland – Lafarge, Eric Baughman – Baughman Tile Back Row: Larry Manz an PCED At Large Member, Sarah Noggle PCED Board Member



PCED Banquet Community Investment Awards – Back Row: Linda Hodges, PCED Secretary; Joe B. Barker, WMYW 102.7; John Kobee, PCED Middle Row: Lisa McClure, PCAF Fairground Fund; Kathy Cadwallader, Paulding Dairy Queen; Kim & Tom Sinn, Paulding Ace Hardware. Front Row: Terry Belland, Lafarge North America; Donna Garman, Herbert E. Orr Company; Terry Wehrkamp, Cooper Farms; Clint Reagle, Alex Products. Not pictured: PSG Holding LLC, Putman Law Office, and The Greenhouse Effect.

Johnny Applesed at JPHS
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credit hours beyond his Masters degree from several Ohio universities.

In the fall of 2004 Bill taught remedial algebra and in 2007 a conservation and environmental education class for the classroom teacher through the Defiance College. He began working for the Defiance Soil and Water Conservation District as their Education Specialist in January of 2005. He is a member of the Johnny Applesed Association housed at Urbana University. He has portrayed Johnny throughout northwest Ohio for the last 36 years. In 2011, he received the Project Wild Facilitator of the Year for Ohio and was recognized as an Employee of the Year for the Area 1 Soil and Water Districts.

He is now retired from the Defiance Soil & Water and enjoying traveling around the U.S.A. and portraying Johnny Applesed in schools and other venues. The John Paulding Historical Society is very grateful to have his attendance at our meeting. We hope to see you there!



William Sholl served as an adjunct professor at Defiance College, the University of Toledo, Lourdes University, and Owens Community College. Prior to working in education, he spent more than 15 years in entrepreneurial organizations, including ownership of a regional chain of retail outlets and a small regional advertising agency. At present, Sholl is a member of the Defiance College Academic Assessment Committee and the American Marketing Association.

DEFIANCE COLLEGE WELCOMES NEW FULL-TIME FACULTY TO CAMPUS

Three new full-time faculty members have been appointed at Defiance College in the fields of education, business, and nursing.



Cheryl Hinojosa

Cheryl Hinojosa joined the Defiance College faculty in August as an Assistant Professor of Nursing Practice and the Director of Nursing. She is an Advanced Practice Nurse and Certified Nurse Midwife, holding a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Bowling Green State University and a Master of Science in Nursing from Case Western Reserve University (CWRU). While earning her Master's degree, Hinojosa collected data for a research team at CWRU which explored the health consequences of caregiving. Throughout her career, she has collaborated with local agencies as well as coordinated a Rural Mobile Unit to aid rural migrants. She has worked to provide prenatal education and care for monolingual women and their families. Hinojosa received recognition by Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and was an affiliate staff member at Lima Memorial Hospital and Defiance Hospital. She has served as chairman of the Hispanic Latino Health Coalition and co-chairman of the Northwest Ohio American College of Nurse-Midwives Chapter. Additionally, she has served on speakers bureaus, gave a presentation on television of "Common Pregnancy Concerns," and published an individual midwife's birth log that highlighted benchmark collection data.



Dr. Carla Higgins

Dr. Carla Higgins came to Defiance College in June from Newark, Ohio. She became full-time in July as an Assistant Professor of Education and the Director of Education. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Education and a Master of Education in Early and Middle Childhood education from the Ohio State University. Upon completion of those degrees, Dr. Higgins taught third grade in Newark City Schools. She also worked in the school system as a K-5 literacy coach and trained nationally at Lesley University in Cambridge, MA. While earning her Ph.D. in Teacher Education and Literacy from OSU in Columbus, she taught courses in teacher education, provided research support, and supervised teaching candidates in the greater Columbus area. Once she attained her Ph.D., Dr. Higgins continued to teach courses and supervise teacher candidates at OSU Newark. She served as a consultant for several school districts in Central Ohio. Currently, she is a member of the Ohio Clinical Alliance Design team.

William Sholl started at Defiance College in January as an Assistant Professor of Practice of Marketing. Originally from Paulding County, Sholl now resides in Toledo and holds a Bachelor of Science in Business and Journalism from Bowling Green State University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Toledo. Before joining the DC faculty full-time, Sholl

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PCED Banquet
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Fulton and Henry County in a hosting a Manufacturers Day at NWSCC at Archbold on October 2, 2015. The PCED office has been working closely with all the area schools and colleges. A trained workforce is critical for continued growth of business and industries here in Paulding County and also to attract new business to the area.

Jerry also mentioned the state issues including the bipartisan redistricting change.

One of the most important votes neionted was the 4H county wide tax levy for OSU extension. "This is a very important program for me." he stated. "The passage of this levy is critical for the continued growth of this community and providing future leaders for Paulding County."

The evening was very nice for everyone who attended. It's great to see all the hard work being done to try and increase job opportunities in the local communities of Paulding County.

Thanks for Being Our Hall of Famer!



Coach Earle Bruce
former head football coach of The Ohio State Buckeyes

We want to thank Coach Earle Bruce for all he's done to help raise funding and awareness in our community for the fight against Alzheimer's disease. Earle, former head football coach of The Ohio State Buckeyes, has been a tireless warrior against this disease and a very good friend to our center. His efforts were recently recognized by the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging and the Ohio General Assembly when they named him to the Ohio Senior Citizen's Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame recognizes Ohio's elders for "living well beyond 60."

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BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Luke 22:37 - Who was Jesus reckoned with?
2. Luke 22:37 - The things concerning me have an end, mean?
3. Luke 22:38 - What does it is enough mean?
4. Luke 22:39 - Where did Jesus come out from?
5. Luke 22:39 - Where was Jesus accustomed to going?
6. Luke 22:39 - Who also followed Jesus?
7. Luke 22:40 - What did Jesus tell the disciples to do?
8. Luke 22:41 - How far was Jesus withdrawn from the disciples?
9. Luke 22:41 - What did Jesus kneel down and do?
10. Luke 22:42 - Whose will did Jesus asked to be done?

I am available for comments or questions and to help or assist in your studies on the Bible or New Testament. Just call 419-393-4775 for James Potter or e-mail jsp1941@yahoo.com. Also you can call Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022, who checks the articles. Jesus loves you and so does the church of Christ.

Answers to today's questions:

1. transgressors;
2. the prophecies concerning Christ;
3. That Jesus is finished with the teaching or conversation;
4. The upper room;
5. Mount of Olives;
6. Disciples;
7. Pray;
8. A stone's throw;
9. Prayed;
10. The Father's

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

BLESSED ARE THEY

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

"Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'" Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV).

The beatitudes are a revolutionary teaching. Jesus had

watched and searched the type of righteousness called righteous in his day, and now joined issue with it. The Beatitudes, far from being passive or mild, are a gauntlet flung down before the world's accepted standards. The beatitudes are statements, descriptions, concerning who will be blessed. The blessings of the beatitudes, the blessings pronounced by Jesus do not come to those we expect. They don't come to the winners of the world. Jesus turns our understanding of blessing upside down, for his blessings do not come to those who are trying to get a blessing, but to those who understand that the kingdom of God is different from what we experience in the world.

What does God ask of us? What does God require of us? Micah tells us in Micah 6:8 (NIV), "He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." That's it, direct and simple.

In the kingdom of God, for those who follow the God's instruction to do justice and love mercy and walk humbly with Him there will only be winners.

What Jesus tells his disciples in the beatitudes, is that the world's opinion and the world's priorities in these matters are irrelevant and in fact they are wrong. The blessed ones are the ones who seek God and are obedient to His will.

FALL SINGLE MOTHERS & WIDOWS FREE AUTO CLINIC

Summer, officially came to an end on September 20th and fall is on the way and it is time again for the annual fall Single Mothers & Widows Free Auto Clinic. This is the 28th year for the Single Mothers & Widows Auto Clinic shared Pastor Paul and his lovely wife Susie. The spring of 1987 was the beginning of an area ministry that has touched over 2,000 local single mothers and widows and their families with the love of God in a practical way and assisted them in saving thousands of dollars in automotive expenses. Pastor Paul and his wife Susie have assisted churches in four counties minister through this practical sharing of the love of God.

For the last six years, First Friends Church, located at 210 South Franklin in Van Wert has hosted this community assistance program. Each spring and fall, the caring and dedicated men and women of First Friends freely give of their time and resources to show the Love of God in this small way.

At the Free Auto Clinic they change the oil and the filter and do a multi-point inspection and offer car

COMBINING MATH & ART AT DIVINE MERCY SCHOOL



The kindergarteners had fun in art class this week, using their knowledge of shapes from math class to trace and cut out their own shapes in which to use to create a scene

of different sized birds sitting on a telephone wire. The birds turned out amazing and you can check them out in the school hallways!

care information and tips. Walmart, Advance Auto, and other local businesses generously donate supplies to help make the Free Auto Clinic possible. The generous support of community minded businesses and individuals allows First Friends Church to not have to turn away any single mom or widow because of limited resources. It truly is a community effort working together to make Van Wert and our area a better place to live. Early Saturday morning, September 26th, First Friends volunteers gather together to pray and begin for a long but fulfilling day of caring and loving area Single Mothers and Widows through the Free Auto Clinic. Pastor Paul shared this is a small part of their being "A Church with Heart, Caring for Our Communities".

They have to limit the Free Auto Clinic to the first 50 who call and pre-register because of time restraints. It is a long day after doing up to 50 oil changes in their parking lot. For more information or to pre-register please call Pastor Paul at 419-771-9378 or Susan Mell at 419-203-2266. Area Single Moms and Widows will need to pre-register by Thursday, September 24th so First Friend's Church can have the correct oil filter for your vehicle.

If God's puts it on your heart to help in any way with this community ministry please call Pastor Paul at 419-771-9378. Pastor Paul welcomes any assistance: if you have a heart to help by working at the Free Auto Clinic your gracious gift would be greatly appreciated. First Friends, also on one Sunday night of the month, offers a Community Fellowship Barbecue or Dinner for our area. Pastor Paul requests you call 419-771-9378, ahead to insure having plenty of food for their dinner guests.

Pastor Paul shared if you are looking for a friendly, growing, and vibrant church that cares for others and is making a big impact in our local communities, please join them Sunday mornings at 10:30 at 210 South Franklin St. in Van Wert. Single Moms and Widows from Van Wert, Paulding, Defiance, Williams, Mercer, and Allen counties have been blessed by this James 1:27 ministry. Single moms and widows must be pre-registered by Thursday September 24.

LET FALLING LEAVES LIE

By: Staci Miller, Education Specialist, Paulding SWCD

It's the official start of fall on September 23rd. As the fall season is upon us, the colors of red, orange, gold and yellow will shine bright in the trees. Those beautiful leaves will start falling and many homeowners will have to deal with the cleanup of the leaves, but why not put those fallen leaves to work for you and your property. The fallen leaves can provide many benefits to the environment, wildlife and your garden. A leaf layer will create its own mini ecosystem.

Many wildlife species live in or rely on the leaf layer to find food and habitat, including salamanders, chipmunks, box turtles, toads, shrews, earthworms, and many insects' species. Many butterfly and moth species live overwinter as pupae in leaf litter. If you rake up and throw away all of your leaves this fall, you'll be getting rid of those beneficial and beautiful insects too. Butterflies and moth caterpillars are a critically important food source for birds in the spring when they are feeding their babies. If you remove of all the pupae with your leaves in the fall, there will be fewer of those insects in and around your yard this spring.

If you choose to rake up your leaves this fall, reuse them as a natural mulch for your garden over winter. The leaves form a natural mulch that helps suppress weeds and at the same time fertilize the soil as they break down. The leaves can be shredded using a mower or weed eater. This helps to cover more surface area of your garden if the leaves are mulched into smaller pieces. Leaves are packed with trace minerals that trees draw up from deep in the soil. When added to your garden, leaves feed earthworms and beneficial microbes. They lighten heavy soils and help sandy soils retain moisture. They are also a fabulous source of carbon to balance the nitrogen in your compost pile. And they insulate tender plants from cold temperatures. Rather you let the leaves lie for wildlife over winter or use them to help with your garden for next spring don't let the benefits of leaves go unused.

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

STUDENTS HELP PREPARE FOR FOOD PANTRY GIVEAWAY



3rd and 5th graders from the Cross Categorical Classroom at Payne Elementary are excited to help their community. Each month these

students help Mrs. Henriott get ready for the food pantry giveaway at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Payne.

EAST ALLEN UNIVERSITY ENDORSED AS INDIANA EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL



At a recent East Allen County Schools Board of School Trustees meeting, representatives from the Early College at the Center of Excellence (CELL) and the Vincennes University, interim president, Mr. Chuck Johnson recognized East Allen University [EAU] as an endorsed Indiana Early College High School. "EAU was endorsed for the fidelity and rigor with which it has implemented CELL's eight Core Principles of Early College High School," said Tyonka Perkins, interim director of Early College at the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning. Mr. Doug Hicks, principal of EAU stated, "Being endorsed by CELL is a tribute to the hard work and commitment levels of our students, parents, and staff. This group has worked tirelessly for the last three years to accomplish this goal. This is certainly a proud moment for East Allen University."

CELL is a non-profit located at the University of Indianapolis that leads education innovation across the state. In 2013, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education designated CELL as the sole endorser of official, high-quality ECHSs in the state. In its role, CELL serves as the lead trainer and supporter of a network of over 90 schools in some stage of Early College implementa-

tion (i.e., exploring, emerging, pursuing endorsement, or endorsed). Currently, 13 of those schools have been designated as endorsed Early Colleges with EAU becoming only one of three endorsed in Northeast Indiana.

Members of CELL had the opportunity to meet with students and parents, and it was quite clear that the close-knit atmosphere and culture of high expectations administrators intended to create had been established.

Through EAU, students have the opportunity to earn the Indiana Statewide Transfer General Education Core [STGEC] and an associate's degree. Students who earn the STGEC alone, which is a 30-hour block of credits that satisfies the general education core requirements at all Indiana public colleges and universities, can save between \$2,000 and \$7,800 in tuition costs depending on which public institution they choose to attend.

"Administrators are intentional about using data to monitor and support students to ensure they are on track to earn both their high school and postsecondary credentials. That is why over half of EAU students are on track to earn a college degree at the same time they earn a high school diploma."



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HAUNTED, HEMORRHAGING

By: Robert C. Koehler

The world hemorrhages. Refugees flow from its wounds.

Is there a way to be innocent of this?

People are washed ashore. They die of suffocation in humanity-stuffed trucks. They flee war and politics; they flee starvation. And finally, we don't even have sufficient air for them to breathe.

For words to matter about all this, they have to express more than "concern" or even outrage - that is to say, they have to slice internally as well as externally. They have to sever our own lives and personal comfort. They have to cut as deep as prayer.

"What in my life today, in myself, in my community, in my culture, prepares me, not some other person in some border area trying to live his or her own complicated life, what prepares me to take in a refugee?"

This is where I felt the cut of razor wire into my heart.

"My bigger TV? The little glider in my backyard? Any of my stuff? My careful savings in order to have enough to pay my quarterly estimated taxes and what'll come due next April? My love of poetry and Shakespeare? ... I look around at my conservative neighbors, who and wherev-

er they are, and I wonder just how very different I am - not in what I believe but in what I will actually do.

I open this door of uncertainty not to pretend I have answers but precisely because I don't.

I think about the words of Somali-British poet Warsan Shire: "no one leaves home unless/home is the mouth of a shark ..." I think about the refugees in my own city, Chicago, standing at intersections holding signs that plead for help. Help means money. Maybe it also means eye contact. Sometimes I don't even have any of the latter to spare.

Eye contact can be the beginning of God knows what. A dozen years ago I gave eye contact to an old friend, a Guatemalan who had fled U.S.-sponsored hell in his native country in the 1980s. I'd written about him when I was a reporter. We were friends, but I hadn't seen him in a long time.

Then, there he was. It was 2004, a year into the occupation of Iraq. We were at the Federal Building, at the end of a march protesting the war. When I saw him, my blood ran cold because I could tell in an instant that his life had collapsed. I could tell that he was destitute and homeless and utterly lost and the last thing I wanted to give him was eye contact, but I did. And with it I offered him the mirage of hope.

We talked. I invited him for dinner. He was a skilled carpenter and did some work for me. Eventually, a few months into our reconnection, I invited him to move into my house. He lived there for almost five years.

This was not an easy situation. His spiritual wounds were deep; he treated them with alcohol. I know that I helped him, but I don't think I would be so open again. I'm careful about the eye contact I dole out, but I cannot sever myself from a sense of responsibility to others in need.

I hate the idea of razor wire on national borders. I am torn apart by the suffering of refugees and the bombastic manipulation of politicians, who try to turn the planet's most vulnerable into national enemies. But I don't trust or understand my relationship with collective humanity. Who are we in relation to others? What do we owe them? What do we owe ourselves? How do we unite in all our flawed humanity? Let the dialogue begin.

Robert Koehler, syndicated by PeaceVoice, is a Chicago award-winning journalist and editor.

OHSAA FOUNDATION TO HOST NATION'S LARGEST STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The nation's largest student leadership conference returns to the Ohio Union at The Ohio State University on October 6 when a capac-

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": USING SKILLS IN THE "REAL WORLD"



Vantage Health Technology senior Avery Braaten (Antwerp) practices the eye test with Aleeah R. during elementary school screenings at Van Wert Early Childhood Center.

Did you know that Vantage Health Technology seniors provide helping hands to local school nurses with student health screenings? For the past several years, one of their most favorite community projects has been to help the school nurses perform hearing and vision screenings for students from kindergarten through high school. All students must be tested and the job is overwhelming for just one school nurse.

Vantage senior Health Tech students were trained on how to use the audiometer to test hearing by Melissa McCoy, M.A. from the Ohio Department of Health. Their instructor, Mrs. Wendy Baumle provided training on the Snellen charts for vision screenings and the color blindness test. In addition to the hearing and vision screenings, the Vantage students also help take and record the height and weights of the elementary students.

This experience for the Health Technology students is not without its' challenges. One of the biggest has been helping the elementary students who do not speak English as a primary language,

understand the test and getting an appropriate response from them. The senior Health Technology students are just beginning their screenings with Van Wert kindergartners. They are also scheduled to assist at Crestview this fall.

The school nurses, Theresa Whittington from Van Wert City Schools and Sandra Grooms from Crestview Local Schools are very appreciative of the student help. They also evaluate the high school students on their positive attitude, ability to accept constructive feedback and being a team player.

New Vantage senior Health Technology instructor, Wendy Baumle says, "The senior Health Technology students have told me this is their number 1 experience as far as learning a health related skill and being able to apply it in "real life."

You can see the Health Tech seniors in action as they pitch in to help at the Van Wert United Way Day of Caring Bloodmobile at Trinity Friends on Friday, September 25. If you haven't made your appointment yet, please call 1.800.RED.CROSS.

ity crowd of 1,500 students from around Ohio will gather for the annual Ohio High School Athletic Association Foundation Student Leadership Conference.

The 2015 conference will focus on overcoming adversity, academic success and character development. The conference is free to attend for those students selected by OHSAA member schools and is geared toward students in grades 9 through 11.

"Students selected for this conference are demonstrating their commitment to being a positive role model and leader in their communities," Dr. Dan Ross, OHSAA Commissioner, said. "That is what school sports are all about. Leadership is one of the many values that can be established by participation in interscholastic athletics, including sportsmanship, integrity, teamwork, discipline and academic accountability. This conference is one part of that."

HICKSVILLE BAND TO HOST ALUMNI & COMMUNITY EVENT

Hail to Thee Our Alma Mater! Hail to Hicksville High! The Hicksville band will be hosting "Band Night 2015" on October 23, 2015. The Aces Pride Marching Band invites any Hicksville Band alumni or Hicksville community member with musical experience to join the band in a performance for halftime of the Hicksville vs. Ayersville Football game. Two rehearsals will

be held on Tuesday, October 20, 7:00-9:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 22, 7:00-9:00 p.m. to prepare for the event. Participants should plan to attend one or both rehearsals to prepare for the Friday performance. Dinner will be provided to participants the day of the event. Please visit the Hicksville Schools Homepage (www.hicksvilleschools.org) for online registration and more information, or visit the Hicksville Middle School and High School office for a registration form.

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Broughton: Kohart's Surplus & Salvage

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

Cecil: Cecil Elevator, Maramart, Vagabond

Charloe: Charloe Store

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

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

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Grabbil: Do-It Best Hardware, Save-A-Lot

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Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

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I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, beautiful flowers, food and visits while I was a patient in the hospital and since returning home. Also to the EMS for the quick response and transport to Parkview North.
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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan

On today's mission, we were to go to the Stuttgart, Germany area. Some of the free-French told us there might be a launching pad area over that way for the German V-2 Rocket that is causing so much trouble for the English at London. For the first 300 miles, we were up to about 8,000 ft. altitude to save gas. Then, we dropped down to ground level to escape the radars because we know this place will be well-protected by anti-aircraft fire.

After we crossed the city of Baden-Baden, we followed the Auto Bahn to the north about 20 miles, and that is Stuttgart. Our target was on the northwest part of town, probably right where the rockets are made. Now, if this is a launching spot, it will be protected by a lot of German planes as well as anti-aircraft batteries. We will only be able to make one pass as there will be Krauts all over the place. Over the radio came, "Drop your extra fuel tanks and test your guns. Drop your speed down to about 250mph. Do the best you can and good luck! After you make the pass, you might be on your own, so head back to Anthony."

It looked like there were five launching pads, each one had a V-2 Rocket in place. I took the one on the extreme right end. There were tracers from anti-aircraft units all over. I concentrated on the rocket and touched off two of my rockets. Nothing happened. In a split second, I could figure that I missed that tower. I know I didn't. By then, I was passed the area and on my own at about 500 ft. looking for my buddies. We all headed for Paris and our base at Anthony. There was a lot of talking over the radio. Everybody talked at once. We made one pass through that area and then made a big circle and headed back to Paris. I guess none of our planes got hurt today.

I guess that area was a camouflaged area to look like a launching site. I guess we knocked down some of their towers, but those so-called rockets were made of paper or canvas to look like V-2 Rockets. Yes, we were duped, and we fell for it. But, we did get some of their towers. We made a long trip for almost nothing. See ya!

HODGEPODGE

By: Stan Jordan

* Bill Fish and Pudge Kennedy are so strong, they play Tiddlywinks with manhole covers.

* What is dirt? Mud with the juice squeezed out.

* What turns green first in the spring? Christmas jewelry.

* Don't run your legs off over a woman. You will need them to kick yourself.

* A man says to the waiter, "There is a fly in my ice cream."

The waiter says, "Serves him right. Let him freeze!"

* "Who is that lady I saw you with last night?"

"That was no lady, that was my wife!"

* What is a name for a new college sorority? I Phelta Thi

* My girlfriend has Pullman Teeth. One upper and one lower.

* Elmer said, "I never spoke a cross word to my wife but once."

George replied, "That's quite remarkable!"

Elmer said, "Not so very, see that scar?"

* A bachelor is that guy that never made the same mistake once.

* I am a light eater. As soon as it is light, I'm ready to eat.

* When an American goes into the bathroom, he comes out an American. But while he's in there, he's European.

See ya!

SENIOR CENTER AND THE FALL ELECTIONS

By: Stan Jordan

One time back in 1775, on one of my trips to Boston, Ben Franklin told me that the Fall Elections would always be the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. We have had some odd-ball elections, but that is a good way to remember the election dates.

I talked with a member of the Paulding County Election Board this morning and he told me that on the fall election, there will be an issue for the Senior Center. He said it is not a new issue, nor is it a renewal. It is a replacement levy. Then, he went on to explain that a replacement is what the tax base was at the time of enactment and what the tax base is now. It could be a little amount or no amount at all. But, probably a little amount as the tax base has increased in the last few years.

The Senior Center is a very nice place for the old folks here in Paulding County. It does a number of things for the older generation, supplying Meals on Wheels is so

very helpful, but is only one of the only things it does. I have visited the center a number of times and it is always helpful, friendly and satisfying. Marsha Yeutter is a very capable manager. I don't think the issue will cost anyone so very much, and I think it deserves to be passed. See ya!



PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC CEO ON A MISSION TO ELECTRIFY GUATEMALA

Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op's (PPEC) CEO and General Manager George Carter will be one of 4 people making the long journey to a Guatemala the week of September 28th. PPEC's statewide organization Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives (OREC) is spear-heading the project and PPEC's CEO was lucky enough to be asked to go down for the first exploratory visit.

"It's a great honor to be asked to go on the trip. This is a wonderful opportunity to spread the success of rural electrification to a part of the world that has never experienced electricity. Without the cooperation of all 24 cooperatives in the State this would not be possible; it's another example of people helping people. We must remember too that the villages that we are assisting have already committed to doing a lot of work themselves in preparation for the visit. This, in no way, is a hand-out, but a hand-up to these folks," stated George Carter.

For this first trip, Carter will be joined by Phil Crowdy from Frontier Power,

Gary Glover with The Energy Cooperative, and Dwight Miller with OREC. While there, they will gather information and establish a plan for the electrical linemen selected to participate in this amazing program. Tentatively, the lineman selected to help build the new construction for the people of Guatemala is set for some time in March.

"I am very thankful that our Board of Trustees has allowed myself and Paulding Putnam Electric to participate in this program. Our board has shown strong support for the international foundation in the past and this continues that tradition," added Carter.

To follow George's journey to Guatemala, visit our website at www.ppec.coop. Also, watch for updates on social media: Facebook, Twitter, & LinkedIn



STUDENT EARNS ARTIST OF THE MONTH STATUS

Payne Elementary Art Teacher, Mr. Ogle, chose Olivia Baughman as Artist of the Month because the creativity she used with changing each letter into a well known object was top notch! She also did a great job coloring by blending colors.

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FALL-ING INTO SCHOOL!



Pre-School at Divine Mercy are Fall-ing into new studies and activities.

OHIO PEDIATRICIANS HONOR HITE FOR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE CHILDREN'S HEALTH



State Senator Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) was honored by the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics on Friday for his work to educate and protect Ohioans from meningitis.

"I am honored to receive this award and appreciate the support of those in the pediatric health community who have joined this effort to raise awareness about preventable diseases among Ohio families," said Hite. "Together, we are saving lives."

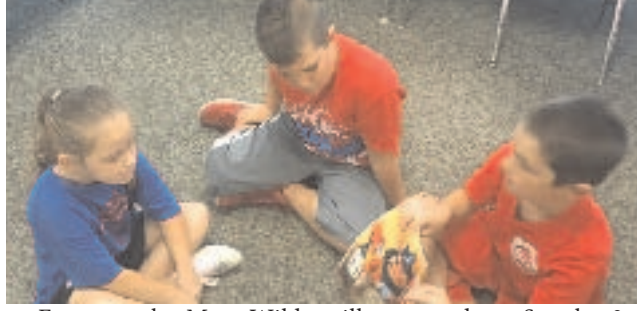
Hite was awarded the prestigious Dr. Antoinette Parisi Eaton Advocacy Award, which is presented annually to an individual who advocates for children and furthers the mission of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

"There are no words to accurately express what it's like to have someone like Senator Hite in your corner," said Sam Bennett, a meningitis survivor and pediatric health advocate. "I'll always be grateful for his efforts to educate and protect our state from meningitis. He cares and—from a survivor's point of view—that means everything."

Earlier this year, the Ohio Senate passed legislation, sponsored by Senator Hite, to require students to be immunized against meningitis.

Last year the Ohio Senate honored the memory of Senator Hite's niece, Tess, by designating March 9 as "Meningitis Awareness Day." Tess passed away within hours after contracting meningitis.

BEGINNINGS, MIDDLES & ENDINGS: STORY TIME AT PAYNE



Every week, Mrs. Wilder's 3rd grade students will pick out books at the library to read to Mrs. Hire's young kindergarten class. They will read the book to them and then ask the young kindergartners questions about the book. Right now the Young Kindergarten class is learning about what an author and

illustrator does. So, the 3rd graders asked them questions about those concepts.

This is a great way to put everyone's tools to a test! Third graders did a great job coming up with questions to ask the Y-K students. All of the students are so excited that they cannot wait until next week!

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GRANDPARENTS DAY AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



Oakwood Elementary Kindergarten students celebrated Grandparents' Day on Monday, September 14th with a light breakfast in the cafe and some sharing time together. Karin Weible is shown with her grandson Dylan Weible. Dylan is a student in Mrs. Kelly Snyder's class this year.

STUDENTS ENJOY 5TH GRADE FIELD DAY AT THE PC FAIRGROUNDS



Pictured here are Payne Elementary students learning about Global Positioning Systems (GPS) technology with Noel Morris from Nature Resource Conservation Service while going out on a scavenger hunt to find their very own treasure, Candy, using GPS points.

The Grover Hill 5th graders enjoyed their time at the Fifth Grade Field Day at the fairgrounds. They were able to interact with experts in the areas of wildlife, agriculture, forestry, geology, GPS technology, recycling, water quality and farm safety. They benefited from this day "in the field"! The students enjoyed the day which included a free lunch and t-shirt.

PAULDING SWCD 5TH GRADE FIELD DAY WAS A SUCCESS!

By: Staci Miller, Paulding SWCD, Education Specialist

On September 11th over 275 fifth grade students from the county spent the day at the Paulding County Fairgrounds and Black Swamp Nature Center. The students arrived after 9:00 a.m. to receive their very own commemorative 5th grade field day t-shirt with the sponsors of the event listed on the back. The students were then divided into groups and led around to eight different stations throughout the day. Each group had a Vantage FFA student with them to assist them and rotate throughout the stations. The eight different stations featured were: Forestry with Curtis Young, Ag Educator for OSU Extension Van Wert Co., Water Quality with Nicole Sarver from ODN, Geology with Talia Flagan, Quarry Manager at LaFarge, Agriculture with Sarah Noggle, Ag Educator with OSU Extension Paulding Co., Farm Safety with Sandy Kuhn of Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, GPS with Deb Hubbard of Paulding SWCD and Noel Morris of NRCS, Recycling with Kathy Gerken of Erie Recycling and Wildlife with Amanda Podach, Education Specialist from Fulton County SWCD. The students learned about a wide variety of topics from crops to fossils to bears. The students visited four stations before enjoying a picnic lunch with grilled hot dogs, chips, apples slices, carrots and cookies as well as bottled milk. After lunch, they went to the last four stations before ending the day with signing thank you notes and having a popsicle for snack before they departed back to their schools. The students really enjoyed the day learning through hands-on activities and interactive presentations. It was truly and fun and educational experience for everyone who was involved. The Paulding SWCD looks forward to next year's Annual 5th Grade Field Day and is grateful to everyone who helped with the field day.

caption: Pictured here are Payne Elementary students learning about Global Positioning Systems (GPS) technology with Noel Morris from Nature Resource Conservation Service while going out on a scavenger hunt to find their very own treasure, Candy, using GPS points.

ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY MAIN BRANCH OCTOBER EVENTS

- STORYTIME FOR PRE-SCHOOLS, DAYCARES & OTHER GROUPS:**
 Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21, 28, 9:30 a.m. 30-minutes of theme-based stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities and fun for your 3 to 6 year old child.
- FAMILY STORYTIME:**
 Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 a.m. Join us for a special half-hour of book-related fun. Each session is geared to preschoolers ages 3 to 6. Each session includes books, fingerplays, songs and multimedia computer fun.
- BABIES AND BOOKS:**
 Fridays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:00 a.m. Bring in those little babies for a special time just for them. They are never too young to begin with books.
- TODDLER STORYTIME:**
 Fridays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Special

WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL CELEBRATES FALL SPORTS



The Woodburn Lutheran Wildcats enjoyed a pep session last Friday afternoon to help get their fall athletes fired up for their upcoming games. Woodburn Lutheran has several students playing on Woodlan Junior High teams, including three 5th graders on the PAL football team, three 8th graders on the 8th Grade team and

one 7th grader on the Junior High Cross Country team. The Lady Wildcat JV Volleyball team has been having an outstanding season and have a winning record. The Varsity Volleyball team also has a winning record, and went on to host the Wildcat Invitational this weekend. They played games Friday and Saturday, going undefeated in tourna-

ment play and winning the championship. We are very grateful to our coaches and parent volunteers for spending the time they do with our athletes. See the Wildcats in action by visiting our website www.wlsedu.org and clicking on Athletics link to see our Athletic Calendar.

stories, songs and activities for active toddlers! Children 18 months to 3 years of age and their caregivers are encouraged to attend.

CHI LEGO CLUB:
 Thursdays October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 3:00 p.m. Do you like LEGOs? If so, come join a group of like-minded kids, sprawl on the floor and build.

MINECRAFT MASTERS:
 Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21, 28, 4:00 p.m. Welcome all Minecraft survivors. Whether you are an expert or just getting started, come and explore the Minecraft world.

SCIENCE EXPLORER TESSERATION AND REFLECTION:
 Tuesday, October 13, 2:00 & 6:30 p.m. Hands-on fun with experiments and science activities for homeschoolers grades K-5.

I'M A HOOSIER! THE ACPL 32nd ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST:
 September 13 - November 2, 2015. Children and young adults through grade 12 are invited to submit one original poem on the theme: I'M A Hoosier!

The contest ends on Monday, November 2, 2015. Complete rules available at any library location or online.

THIRD ANNUAL DYSLEXIA SYMPOSIUM:

Saturday, October 10, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Meeting Room BC, Main Library, 900 Library Plaza. Parents, teachers, and other interested adults: learn more about dyslexia, its symptoms and the many resources that are available to help. There will be a panel discussion from 1:30-3:30 p.m. with the opportunity for questions.

ABE LINCOLN'S FRIEND—A DRAMATIC PRESENTATION:

Tuesday, October 20, 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, October 21, 9:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.
 Thursday, October 22, 9:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

Storyteller Doyne Carson, returns for this dramatic presentation about Abe Lincoln's youth. Her storytelling targets fourth and fifth grade level youth.

TIME FOR ART! PENCIL ART:
 Tuesday, October 27, 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Come join us for an hour of art. You can come and go as you please. This month we will use different types of pencils to create art.

WHICH WITCH? YOUTHEATRE STORYBOOK THEATRE:

Friday, October 30, 2:00 & 3:00 p.m. Some of literature's most popular witches are getting together for a reunion. Chant, cackle and cheer along with the finest alumni of Miss Cackle's Academy of Witches, you are bound to have a scary good time.

TOTALLY TERRIFIC TUESDAYS:
 Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 p.m. This month, Spooky Sweet Treats. We have the supplies you provide the creativity.

FIRST FRIDAYS BOOK

GROUP:

Friday, October 2, 10:00 a.m. Talk about interesting books while enjoying donuts with other homeschoolers. This month we will talk about Storybound by Marissa Burt

BOOKS-N-BAGELS (AND A FEW DONUTS):

Friday, October 9, 10:00 a.m.

Join our homeschool book group for high school students.

MINECRAFT CLUB:

Thursday, October 22, 2:00 & 7:00 p.m. Play Minecraft with other people who love the game as much as you do! Call to sign up, 260-421-1255

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS:

Thursday, October 1, 1:00 p.m. Learn something new or participate in an interesting activity every month. This month we will tour Access Fort Wayne and learn about Public Access Television.

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE:

Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20, 27, 4:00 p.m. Middle schoolers are invited to join our first robotics team. The team will be mentored by Dr. Martin Stern and Dr. Tom Loos. Registration is required.

SCIFI CLUB:

Thursday, October 8, 7:00 p.m. We talk movies, games books, graphic novels and any other science fiction topic.

ART CLUB: CHARACTER DESIGN IN COMICS:

Saturdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2:00 pm, Globe Room. Middle school age participants will work with a local artist designing their own comic or graphic novel character and learn about character anatomy plus drawing parts of the body with an emphasis on facial features. Registration is required.

FRIGHT NIGHT:

Saturday, October 17, 3:00 p.m. Join us for special activities including button-making (2 per person limit) and Photo Ops. Bring your camera and stand in front of a spooky not terrifying backdrop or in front of our green screen!

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MOVIE NIGHT @ THE LIBRARY:

Tuesday, October 27, 6:30 p.m. Theater Lower Level 2 Main Library. We will present a G, PG or PG-13 moving on the big screen the 4th Tuesday of the month. Adults must accompany children under 13, the doors open at 6:00 p.m., first come first seated.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT:

Sunday, October 25, 2:00 p.m. Main Library Theater, Lower Level 2. Late Arrivals is a Blues, R&B and Classic Rock band that would not have existed if not for the Build a Band program at the Sweetwater Academy. Join us for this concert by a new local band.

OCTOBER IS FAMILY HISTORY MONTH:

The Genealogy Center is planning events for all, from beginning family historians to experienced researchers. Don't miss events like "An Evening of Storytelling, classes on subscription databases, DNA explorations, one on one consultations and Midnight Madness extended research hours on October 30. For a complete list, www.genealogy-center.org/docs/FamilyHistory-Month2015

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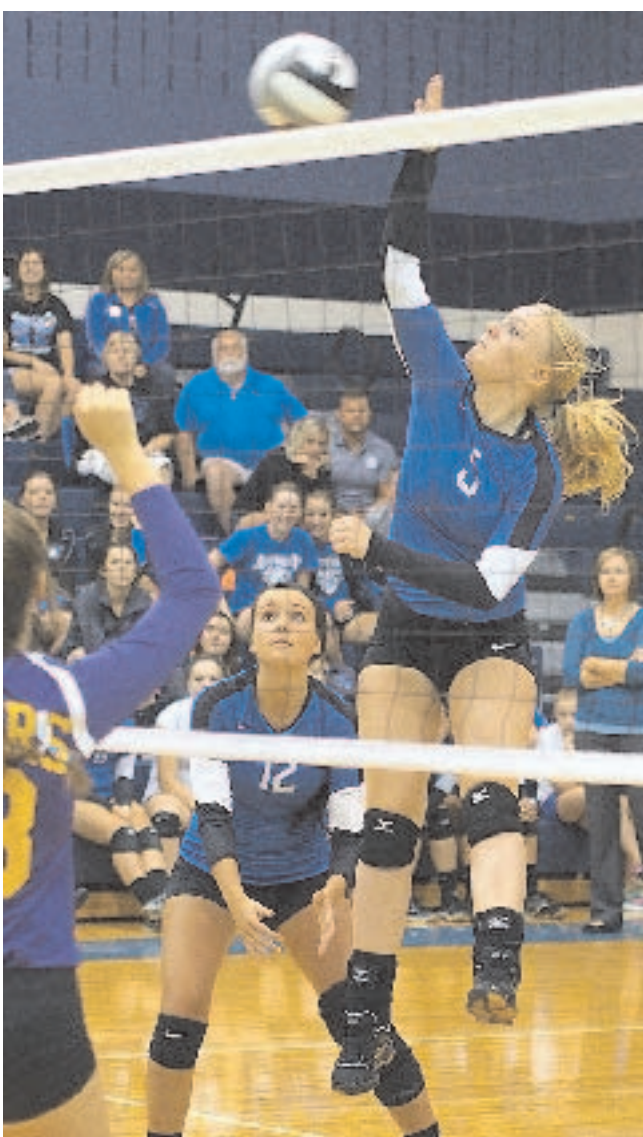
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THREE FOR ANTWERP—WINS OVER HOLGATE



Junior Sydney Sheedy nails a kill for the Archers against Holgate. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On Tuesday, September 15 the Tigers travelled to Antwerp for the 2015 conference match. The Archers are continuing a great season with their 6 seniors as they defeated Holgate - 25-21, 25-16, 25-12

Kiana Recker: 12 kills, 8 digs, 13-14 serving, 2 aces; Rachel Williamson 14 kills, 8 digs, 1 block; Emily Derck 5 kills, 4 aces, 9 digs, 15-16

serving; Peyton Short 28 assists, 1 kill, 6 digs, 1 block, 12-13 serving 1 ace; Avery Braaten 9 digs, 3-3 serving; Sydney Sheedy 4 kills, 7 digs, 2 aces; Audrie Longardner 4 digs, 11-12 serving, 2 aces; Beth Hawley 3 digs, 1-1 serving; Hope Smith 1 kill, 1 dig.

Antwerp JV won in 3. More pictures at westbendnews.net

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL SCORES

Volleyball - Antwerp over Delphos Jefferson - 9/14/15
Antwerp won against Delphos Jefferson in 4: 25-16, 23-25, 25-22, 26-24
Rachel Williamson 19 kills, 4 aces, 5 digs, 3 blocks
Kiana Recker 15 kills, 3 aces, 21 digs
Peyton Short 3 kills, 42 assists, 19-19 serving, 6 digs
Sydney Sheedy 10 kills, 10 digs
Emily Derck 4 kills, 4 as-

sists, 3 digs
Avery Braaten 13 digs, 16-16 serving, 1 ace
Sidney Barnhouse 6-6 serving, 2 assists, 1 dig
Audrie Longardner 12 digs, 3 kills, 7-8 serving
Beth Hawley 1 kill, 7-7 serving, 2 aces, 6 digs
Hope Smith 1 kill, 2 assists, 1 dig, 1 block
Antwerp is now 6-1 on the season.
Antwerp JV won in two.
Ayersville over Wayne Trace - 9/15/15
Wayne Trace lost to Ayers-



Another dig adds up on Kiana Recker's stat sheet. More pictures at westbendnews.net

vile in 3: 25-19, 25-17, 25-10
Wayne Trace is now 4-4 overall, 1-1 in the Green Meadows Conference

Wayne Trace Leaders:
Sadie Sinn - 11 digs
Danae Myers - 8 digs, 4 blocks, 7-8 serving, 1 ace, 9 kills, 2 assists
Stacy Flint - 8 digs, 2 assists
Erin Mohr - 3 blocks, 5 digs, 10-12 serving, 1 ace, 8 kills
Carissa Laukhuf - 8-8 serving, 2 kills, 12 assists
Leah Maasel - 3 kills
Sydney Critten - 9-11 serving, 5 digs
Junior Varsity - Ayersville over Wayne Trace 20-25, 25-19, 25-16

Paulding over Spencerville - 9/17/15
Paulding took down Spencerville in 3: 25-5, 25-9, 25-6
Paulding Leaders:
Jaycie Varner - 11 kills, 15-15 serving
Kristen Schilt - 16 assists, 20-20 serving
Kelsey Beck - 16-16 serving
Ottoville over Wayne Trace - 9/17/15

Wayne Trace fell to Ottoville in 3: 25-20, 25-19, 25-19
Wayne Trace Leaders:
Danae Myers - 10 digs, 3 blocks, 7 kills, 10-10 serving
Erin Mohr - 9 digs, 4 blocks, 12 kills
Stacy Flint - 8 digs
Carissa Laukhuf - 6 digs, 2 blocks, 14 assists
Sadie Sinn - 5 digs, 1 block
Varsity Volleyball at Antwerp - 9/19/15

Antwerp over Crestview in 3: 25-20, 18-25, 25-13
Rachel Williamson 10 kills, 5 blocks, 3 digs
Sydney Sheedy 9 kills, 3 digs
Emily Derck 6 kills, 4 assists, 7 digs
Peyton Short 2 kills, 15-15 serving 1 ace, 26 assists, 6 digs
Kiana Recker 7 kills, 2 assists, 9 digs
Audrie Longardner 1 kill, 1 dig
Sidney Barnhouse 7-7 serving, 1 dig
Beth Hawley 10-10 serving, 3 digs
Hope Smith 1 block
Avery Braaten 4 digs

Kalida over Antwerp in 2: 25-22, 25-21
Antwerp lost to Kalida 22-25, 21-25
Hope Smith 4 kills
Rachel Williamson 8 kills, 6-6 serving, 1 ace, 1 assist, 4 digs
Sydney Sheedy 5 kills
Emily Derck 2 kills, 3 assists, 9 digs
Peyton Short 1 kill, 19 assists, 8-8 serving, 1 ace, 4 digs
Kiana Recker 7 kills, 5 digs
Audrie Longardner 6-8 serving, 1 assist, 2 digs
Avery Braaten 7-8 serving, 1 ace, 4 digs

Antwerp is now 8-2 on the season.

RAIDERS DEFEAT APACHES AFTER STUNTED 2ND HALF

The Apaches and the Raiders faced off on Friday, September 18 at Wayne Trace high school. The game began at 7:00 p.m. with the kickoff from Fairview to the home team. No score took place in the first possessions and penalties for either team until Luke Miller intercepted the pass and the Raiders headed back down to their goal. With about 4 minutes left in the first quarter, the Raider Quarterback, Gabe Wobler made a 9 yard pass to Miller and the first touchdown was scored. The point after failed, but this put the first points on the board at 6-0.

Another touchdown would have been made by the Raiders' Cole Shepherd had it not been for a penalty that invalidated the play.

The next touchdown was by Shepherd, though, on a 4 yard run and Hunter Showalter proceeded to the point zone for the extra 2 points, moving the Raiders to 14-0 over their rivals.

The last touchdown for the home team derived from Gabe Wobler making a 12 yard pass to Eli Sinn waiting at the goal line, finishing the half at 20-0.

In the second half of the game, neither team scored. Both had 3 fumbles and each lost the ball once. Total offensive yards for the Raiders were 294 while there were 213 for the Apaches.

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Luke Miller reaches for the sky as he intercepts the Fairview pass, changing the tone for the first half. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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ADA DEFEATS PAULDING VOLLEYBALL



Paulding Senior Jaycie Varner gets the dig against Ada. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Bulldogs took on the Lady Panthers on Tuesday, September 15. The game was a good, hard match for Paulding. Ada took the 1, 3 and 4th sets, while the Panthers

only earned the second set. The scores were 25-18, 17-25, 28-26, 25-11. The lady Panthers are demonstrating their teamwork skills very well this year!

Paulding Leaders: Kelsey Beck - 12 kills; Audrey Manz - 24 assists; Taylor March - 18 digs

Junior Varsity - Ada over Paulding in two sets.

More pictures at westbendnews.net

PIRATES PILLAGE PANTHERS AT BLUFFTON FIELD

The Paulding Panthers football traveled to Bluffton Pirate territory Friday night, September 18th for some varsity football action. Bluffton had the home field advantage and used it to score a win. Final score: 34-10.

Score by the Quarter:
 Paulding - 0 3 7 0=10
 Bluffton - 7 6 14 7=34
 Plays of the game:
 B - #25 26 yd. run (PAT good) 2:25 1st
 B - #14 15 yd. run (PAT unsuccessful) :45 2nd
 P - #2 43 yd. FG :02 2nd
 B - #28 12 yd. run (PAT good) 10:44 3rd
 P - #2 80 yd. kick return (PAT good) 10:30 3rd
 B - #14 20 yd. run (PAT good) 4:17 3rd
 B - #28 12 yd. run (PAT good) 9:38 4th

XC QUAD MEET AT RIVERSIDE PARK

Antwerp hosted a cross country quad meet at the Riverside Memorial Park in Antwerp on September 22nd.

HS Boys:
 Antwerp 27, Paulding 44, Montpelier 52, Woodlan 114
 Top 6 Runners:
 Williamson, A, 17:08; Buchan, A, 18:26; Waterston, M, 19:34; Dooley, A, 19:43; Shepherd, P, 19:46; Manz, P, 19:57
 HS Girls:
 Montpelier 26, Antwerp 30



Annie Miesle



Abby McMichael

Top 6 Runners:
 Carlson, M, 22:22; Kayser, W, 22:52; Miesle, A, 23:09; Engels, M, 23:22; Meador, W, 23:47; Cox, M, 25:48

JH Boys:
 Montpelier 18, Woodlan 40

Top 6 Runners:
 McClain, M, 11:42; Tay, M, 13:32; Elkins, W, 13:33; Laney, A, 13:35; Eitnrear, M, 13:44; Partin, A, 13:51

JH Girls:
 Montpelier 36, Antwerp 53, Woodlan 60, Paulding 67

Top 6 Runners:
 Gentz, W, 14:07; Miller, M, 14:21; Manz, P, 14:26; Bexten, M, 15:04; Octaviano, A, 15:30; Vanhorn, W, 15:34

8th ANNUAL CELEBRATE 4-H CAMP PALMER DAY-FREE EVENT!

The general public is invited to a day of celebration and fun geared to the whole family and for all ages. The Open House event will take place at 4-H Camp Palmer in Fulton County (26450 County Rd. MN, Fayette Ohio 43521) on Sunday, October 4th, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

4-H Camp Palmer is owned and operated by 11 counties in northwest Ohio and also is an outreach outreach of Ohio State University Extension.

Please join us for a fun day! Activities will include carnival games with pumpkin painting, wagon rides, camp store, zip line, rifle, climbing tower, archery, gaga ball, canoeing, and flying squirrel.

Picnic lunch will be provided on a first come, first serve basis served from 12:00 Noon - 2:00 p.m. Also there will be craft and specialty vendors in Woodland lodge.

LADY RAIDERS WIN TRI-MATCH



Erin Mohr high jumps, slamming the ball over the net. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On the rainy morning of Saturday, September 19th, Wayne Trace hosted a volleyball tri-match against Lima Perry and Miller City. This group of players is one of the best teams the Raiders have had in a while.

The first set against Lima Perry finished in an extended game with the Raiders on top 28-26. The next set was an easy win for the Lady Raiders 25-16, winning the game.

The lead players were Stacy Flint - 6 digs, 1 block, 2 aces, 8-10 hitting, 2 kills; Carissa Laukhuf - 12 assists; Madison Zartman - 6-6 serve reception; Leah Maasel - 2 blocks, 7-8 hitting, 2 kills; Danae Myers - 5 blocks, 8 kills, 19-21 hitting; Erin Mohr - 4 digs, 2 blocks, 11-12 serving, 2 aces, 21-22 hitting, 9 kills;

The next game was between Miller City and the Lady Raiders, taking the win 25-10, 25-15—and making it look quite easy, I might add.

The leading players for the Raiders were Carissa Laukhuf - 9-10 serving, 16 assists; Sadie Sinn - 6 digs; Leah Maasel - 5-6 hitting

Danae Myers - 12-13 hitting, 6 kills; Sydney Critten - 12-14 serving, 3 aces; Erin Mohr - 10-11 serving, 4 aces, 21-25 hitting, 7 kills; Stacy Flint - 2 digs, 5-6 serving, 8-9 hitting, 2 kills.

Wayne Trace's varsity is now 6-5 on the season.

The Junior Varsity also did well - Wayne Trace over Miller City 25-13, 25-19 and against Lima Perry 25-14, 30-28.

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Woodlan High School HOMECOMING EVENT SCHEDULE

Opponent: Jay County Patriots

5:30 - Pregame tailgating and activities
 Sponsored by Youth For Christ, Dallich Entertainment, and the US Army

6:30 - Class float parade

7:00 Kick-off

Halftime - Crowning of homecoming King and Queen

Post-game dance at the Woodburn Community Center
 Sponsored by Dallich Entertainment

SOCCER VICTORY FOR PAULDING U12 GIRLS



The Paulding U12 Girls soccer team beat out Ottonville Timbers 2-0 on September 9th. Goals were scored by Janae Pease and Kalyn Goshia.

Olivia Porter, Coach Lanetta Goshia, Janae Pease, Ella Cook, Claire Schweller, Brooke Ankney, Madison Wright, Hannah Trausch, Naomy Yanez, Coach Brad Wright, Olivia Sprouse, Sophia Fisher, and Kalyn

Goshia. **Paulding Boys Soccer - 9/17/15**
Varsity - Sylvania Southview 9, Paulding 0
Junior Varsity - Sylvania Southview 12, Paulding 0

they host Jay County for an ACAC homecoming battle on Friday, September 25. Woodlan will play a Patriots squad coming off a 36-28 league win over Bluffton (Bluffton, IN). The Patriots record now stands at 2-3.

Stop in at the game and support your home town team, the best football team to call Woodlan home in years.

NEW HAVEN XC AT OTTAWA-GLANDORF INVITATIONAL

On a very rainy day, the New Haven Cross Country teams overcame the weather and the course to bring home their 5th team championships of the season at the Ottawa-Glandorf Invitational. This is the third time both teams have won the same invitational in the same year.

The boys' started the day off with a 16 point victory over 2nd place Van Wert. With the course being muddy and slick, Deric Laurent the lead shortly after the mile and cruised to a 10 second victory in 16:50. Braynan Pizano finished next for the team in 6th place in 17:30. Josh Hiatt overcame a fall on the slick course to finish 11th in 17:37. Cyrus Felger set a personal record with a 17:41 to finish in 12th. Kyle Charles was the team's fifth runner and finished in 20th place in 18:07. Jordan Lahr was the team's 6th runner and placed 31st in 18:26. Grant Atkinson placed 38th in 18:43.

New Haven Times:
Deric Laurent (1) 16:50; Braynan Pizano (6) 17:30; Josh Hiatt (11) 17:37; Cyrus Felger (12) 17:41; Kyle Charles (20) 18:07; Jordan Lahr (31) 18:26; Grant Atkinson (38) 18:43

Team Scores - Boys
1. New Haven 50; 2. Van Wert 66, 3. Carey 115, 4. Wapakoneta 129; 5. Eastwood 144

The girls took the course for the third race of the day. Even with huge down pours, the girls' team easily dominated the field to take home the team championships. The Lady Bulldogs' defeated 2nd place Wapakoneta by 37 points. Paige Boatright led the team with a 2nd place finish in 19:58. Hayley Newman was next for the team in 6th place in 20:35. Carmen Yoder finished in 8th place in 20:49. Brianna Dishong was next for the team in 16th place in 21:57. Ariel Stier sealed the deal for the team with her 20th place finish in 22:04. Ally Holcomb was the team's 6th runner and placed 48th in 24:14.

New Haven Results:
Paige Boatright (2) 19:58; Hayley Newman (6) 20:15; Carmen Yoder (8) 20:49; Brianna Dishong (16) 21:57; Ariel Stier (20) 22:04; Ally Holcomb (48) 24:14

Team Places - Girls:
1. New Haven 43; 2. Wapakoneta 80; 3. Van Wert 91; 4. Eastwood 134; 5. St. Marys Memorial 138

Warrior Touchdowns: McCarter 3; Rhoades 1; Williams 1; Vanbrocklin 2; Durkes 1 for a total of 8. Woodlan could continue this winning streak for years to come as most of the scorers were sophomores.

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SOCCER AT NEW HAVEN DEFEATS WOODLAN BOYS - GIRLS TIE MATCH



Woodlan's Goalie, Cassidy Schneider, grabs the ball before New Haven's Megan Baker can score for the home team. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Woodlan boys and girls teams travelled to Grace Gathering in New Haven for a wet and rainy soccer game on Saturday, September 19 against the Bulldogs.

The New Haven Bulldogs girls soccer team tied Saturday's home non-conference game against Woodlan by a score of 1-1.

The boys match, starting after the girls game finished, began with Woodlan struggling to score in the first half, while the New Haven boys posted 4 goals in the first half.

Both teams were very active and by the second half, the Warriors were able to be on the board from their own goals. The final score ended with New Haven on top 8-3.

Goals for New Haven were scored by Gilberto Castaneda (player of the game!), Alex Garcia, and Andrew Mettert.

ANTWERP MINI ARCHER VOLLEYBALL COMPLETES PROGRAM



The Antwerp High School Volleyball team hosted a Mini Archer volleyball program

during the month of September. Shown here are students in grades 1-4. The girls

learned the fundamentals of volleyball and how to work together as a team.

KING'S CRUSADERS AMBUSHED BY WOLFPACK

By: Lael Barkman
The Tri State King's Crusaders traveled north to Michigan and suffered a crushing 28-14 defeat to the hands of the Downriver Wolfpack in an inter-league battle. It was a battle of forces as the super-sized Wolfpack put 7 men on the line of scrimmage and pounded the ball at the Crusaders and accumulated over 350 yards rushing and 25 yards passing.

Offensively, the Crusaders were led by Freshman Garrett Tenborge's 106 yards passing on 10/18, distributing the ball to Josh Witmer 3/45, Sawyer Miller 2/33, Marcus Nafziger 2/21, and Kyle Graber 2/16. Rylee Schindler led the way in rushing, carrying the ball 9 times for 30 yards and Mar-

cus Nafziger had 9 carries for 27 yards.

Defensively, Marcus Nafziger had 12 tackles and 2 tackles for loss, while Rylee Schindler had 10 tackles. Sam Mossberg and Kyle Stuckey each contributed 3 tackles for loss.

Saturday, the Crusaders hosted the Livingston County Knights for another inter-league battle at New Haven's Havenhurst Park.

Tri State Christian is a private Christian football team based in Harlan Indiana that plays in the CALA league. It exists to give young men in home school and Christian schools that do not have football programs the opportunity to experience the great sport of football in a Christian environment. For more information, you may contact Lynn Swing 260-403-5167.

LADY WARRIORS EDGED AROUND TIGERS FOR WIN IN HS VOLLEYBALL

By: Jeff Abbott
ACAC opponents Woodlan and Bluffton met in the Warriors's gym and the two teams played 4 close games with the Warriors edging the Tigers 3-1 for the conference win. Bluffton won the first game 25-22 with Woodlan taking the second game 25-22. The Warriors need overtime to take the third set 26-24 and finished the match with a 25-17 win in the fourth game. Paige Lichty had 15 assist and 5 serve aces for Woodlan. Woodlan and Bluffton split the reserve match 25-24 and 23-25

Scores: 25-22, 22-25, 24-26, 17-25

SOUTHERN WELLS HAUNTED BY WARRIORS

The Woodlan Warriors football squad scored 61 points and limited the host Southern Wells Raiders to 20 in the Warriors league win on Friday, September 18.

The score by Quarter:
Woodlan - 14 28 6 13=61
Southern Wells - 0 6 7 7=20

Warrior Touchdowns: McCarter 3; Rhoades 1; Williams 1; Vanbrocklin 2; Durkes 1 for a total of 8. Woodlan could continue this winning streak for years to come as most of the scorers were sophomores.

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WT RAIDERS GIRLS GOLF PLACE 2ND AT INVITE



Wayne Trace Lady Raiders placed 2nd in the Willow Bend Golf Tournament on Sept 17. Shown here are Gracie Gudakunst, Olivia Klinker, Coach Al Welch, Brooke Sinn, Gillie Wiseman, and Hailey Dempsey. Receiving individual metals were Gracie Gudakunst, Brooke Sinn and Hailey Dempsey.

Lima Central Catholic (186) - Megan Mulcahey 43, Lexie Evans 46, Callie Koenig 47, Sara Rex 50, Maggie Brodbeck 52

Wayne Trace (196) - Gracie Gudakunst 41, Brooke Sinn 49, Hailey Dempsey 48, Gilly Wiseman 58, Olivia

Klinker 66
Lincolnview (220) - McKenzie Kraft 45, Macala Ashbaugh 53, McKenzie Davis 57, Marissa Miller 65, Madison Shepherd 91
Hicksville (238) - Micah Schroeder 53, Riley Balsler 61, Laney Balsler 62, Calista McKinney 62, Taylor Larry 72

Parkway (250) - Haylee Stukey 57, Taylor Hesse 63, Liz Dellinger 69, Chanell Walls 71, Melissa Hauter 74
Ayersville (did not field full squad) - Emily Fackler 72, Brooklyn Bowen 75, Sally Roberts 95

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AIRMAN CALEB MEAD VISITS GROVER HILL STUDENTS



Airman Caleb Mead came to Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary to talk to students in grades 2 and 6 about his experiences so far in the US Air Force. Mead recently grad-

uated from Basic Training at Lackland AFB and then graduated from technical school at Shephard AFB, both located in Texas. Caleb was a 2013 graduate of Wayne Trace

and an Eagle Scout from the Grover Hill Boy Scout Troop. He is shown with his mother, Mrs. Tina Mead, and her second grade class at Grover Hill Elementary.

FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



Ann's Bright Beginnings preschoolers had a pink-alicious day recently! Along with reviewing our colors, we are working on name recognition and learning about

dinosaurs! Shown here with their very own Namesaurus are (in back) Levi Athy, Taylor McKeen, Mason Gutierrez, Andros Isidoro, Mason Smith, and Lauren Hanak.

In the front are Scarlett Neff, Dashlyn Schweinsberg, Alaina Reinhart and Brynlee Mangette. These children are in the four and young five year old class.

ECHOLOCAION EDUCATION



After completing a research project on bats, Mrs. Gideon's Mercy 3rd and 4th grade students at Divine Mercy Catholic School practiced echolocation by donning some batwings and a

blindfold. Pictured here, 'bat' Jazmyne Roddy zeroes in on her 'prey' Jasmine Mattson by listening to small noises and using only her sense of hearing while Maddox Treece and other classmates look on.

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WOODLAN SLAMS WAYNE TRACE IN HS VOLLEYBALL

By: Jeff Abbott
Kory Gerig has 12 kills and 5 serve aces to help the Woodlan offense in a sweep of Wayne Trace in girls volleyball. The Warriors swept the visiting Raiders in straight games. Woodlan handily won the first set and then came out on top in a pair of close games to get the sweep. Woodlan and Wayne Trace split the reserve match 20-25 and 25-24.

Scores: 25-15, 26-24, 25-22

Woodlan Leaders:
Aces - Gerig 5; Assists - Houser 14; Blocks - Gerig 1; Digs - Fredrick 5; Kills - Gerig 12, Hockemeyer 11
Wayne Trace Leaders:
Mohr - 22-27 hitting, 9 kills, 7 digs
Laukhuf - 49-55 setting, 26 assists, 7 digs
Flint - 8 digs, 12-13 serving, 3 aces
Myers - 8 digs, 21-23 hitting, 11 kills
Sinn - 8 digs
Record:
Woodlan 8-6, Wayne Trace 4-3

ADAMS CENTRAL BESTS WOODLAN

By: Jeff Abbott
Adams Central took 3 of 4 games to down Woodlan in girls' ACAC volleyball at the Jets' home gym. Adams Central won the first game handily over the Warriors with Woodlan taking a close second game to tie the match. The Warriors challenged the Jets in the next two games but couldn't get a win as the Jets hung on for the match win. Lanessa Graber had 13 digs for Woodlan and Kory Gerig had 10 kills.
Scores: 13-25, 25-20, 21-25, 21-25

BEST BUDDIES!



These three girls are having an awesome day in Preschool at Paulding Elementary School. They are all students in Mrs. Becca

Kohart's class. The girls are Kendal Hodge, Aspen Schlegel, and Madison Clark. They look like best buddies for sure!!

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING NOTES 9/17/15

The government class of Antwerp High School stopped in at the Antwerp high school board meeting on September 17.

Antwerp Local Schools received receipts of \$992,392.02 and had expenses of \$673,022.11 interest: \$2,213.63 by Kristine Stuart. 5 year forecast is due next year. It is being worked on now.

Vantage Report by Dennis Recker. Permanent levy renewal on the ballot for Paulding County. "Passing that levy is very important."

Mike Bute's son was 2nd highest in the Pipe Fitters Union out of about 500 students.

Elementary principal, Tim Manz gave his report. Fall picture day is September 30 and October 1st. He thanked the PTO officers for their work on the fundraiser. "Kids on the Block" will be back on October 20 for the third graders of puppets with challenges. They made a presentation to 155 schools last year to bring understanding to students. This was all based on donations. October 5 will be the day for the mobile dentist.

January will begin DARE and they will be on Fridays. Bob Herber will be presenting about Fire prevention on October 8th. Fire trucks will be here from local fire departments.

Antwerp will be introducing coding/programming to the elementary students soon. They are working on this because there is such a demand for it and trying to drive the interest starts with young people according to Cathy Barnett.

Mike Bute said the Defiance County Sheriff program will be presenting kids 5-12th grade for DARE at the Hicksville High School on September 21. There will be about 7 busses being used.

There will not be homecoming during football season, but moved to

basketball season because of the lack of varsity team.

Jostens will be arriving for class ring orders on the 21st and 22nd along with the graduation packages. The midterm was September 18. The end of the first grading period is Friday, October 16th. The annual Academic Boosters chicken dinners will be on Friday, October 9th at 4:00 p.m. and will go up to game time. October 17 is the fun night fundraiser for the Athletic boosters at Grant's hall. The fall tournaments is October 1st for golf, September 29 for girls golf, Cross Country Districts is October 24th. Volleyball is October 20th.

Dr. Marty Miller stated that 734 students are currently enrolled. It has gone up quite a bit from last year.

Harold Gottke says WiFi is installed and operational. He gave a demo to show the new cameras and all that has been installed. A total 74 cameras are installed and they can section off each wing for various purposes. The detail is pretty incredible. Different users will be able to have their own access instead of having to look at all and sort through all the views. There is 24 terabytes of storage for a month of recordings.

Mark Ryan asked about relighting in the gym. There are two contractors who are giving Harold pricing on the lights. He mentioned that Lincolnview is a good school to look at to see how much better the LED lighting is.

October 22 is the Senior Citizens breakfast. The high school band and show choir will be performing for the residents. 10 years of service for Anita Bok - she will be receiving an award.

There is a Levy renewal coming up. There is a fier that will be going out. It will explain what funds are being spent on and stuff that may not be so obvious.

Dennis Recker asked about door-stops. Marty said right now that Columbus has not decided on the issues and it wouldn't be a good idea to install them at this time until a determination is handed down to the schools.

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DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE CONSTITUTION



In honor of Constitution Day, the 7th and 8th grade social studies classes of Kerry Gudakunst took part in a lesson about the Preamble to the US Constitution. After watching a short video, students participated in a class discussion on the following

topics: Who were the people represented in the Constitution? What are your ideas of a perfect union? How does the Constitution establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general

welfare, and ensure the blessings of liberty? Student were placed in groups where they were assigned one idea. Groups were challenged to create a quilt square that reflected how the Constitution addresses this topic.

CROSS CATEGORICAL STUDENTS BACK IN BINGO ACTION WITH VANCREST FRIENDS



The 3rd to 6th grade students in the Payne Elementary Cross Categorical Class are excited to be back with their friends at Vancrest Assisted Living. We missed each other over the summer. These

friends get together monthly for fun, laughter and usually Bingo! The students and residents have wonderful interactions together and look forward to the next visit.

VANTAGE SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING HELD 9/3/15

The Vantage Board of Education held the September Board meeting on Thursday, September 3, 2015 in the District Conference room. The minutes from the August 6, 2015 regular Board meeting were approved along with financial statements for the month of July, 2015.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman expressed to the Board her appreciation for staff efforts in improvement in the district CTE report card. Support staff, teachers, and administrators pushed for increased accountability in the performance indicators. She announced the 40th anniversary for Vantage Career Center will officially be held on February 22, at the annual Open House. Forty years of providing workforce training will be recognized throughout the calendar year 2016, as Vantage opened its doors in 1976. Ms. Kaufman also reminded the Board of the permanent improvement levy renewal on the November ballot, at .7 mils. A taxpayer with a home valued at \$100,000 would pay annual taxes of \$9.57. The levy currently collects at only .30 mils. Adult Education Director Pete Prichard submitted his written report on the ABLE program, enrollment service, financial aid, the Medical Assisting program, and the Police Academy. High School Director Ben Winans reported on staff and student recognition and upcoming events for the month of September. Mr. Winans presented a thorough review of the CTE Report Card components and the earned scores, to the Board.

In new business, the Board:
• Employed the following list, as needed as scheduled: Susan Osenbaugh, Cook; Tricia Taylor, Assistant Treasurer; Reesa Rohrs, High School Secondary Program STNA Coordinator; Tillman Karl, Theresa Mengerink, Laura Stocksdaile, Katie Drerup, Kelly Horstman, Ashley Cline, Angie Shella-barger all as Virtual Learning Graders.
• Employed the following list, as Adult Education employees, as needed, as scheduled: Linda Bales, Adult Education Secretarial Substitute; also Adult Education Instructors Marcia Osenga,

Karen McGilton, Mary Jane Fast, and Christie Wortman; Kristie Jones, Ohio Technical Center Instructional Leader;

- Approved the list of bus & van drivers for Vantage Career Center 2015-16 school year;
 - Approved the Subrecipient Agreement between WSOS Community Action Commission, Inc. and Vantage Career Center;
 - Approved Susan Farr as Paulding Agriculture Satellite FFA Advisor for the 201516 school year;
 - Approved employment of Reesa Rohrs as a primary instructor for nursing clinicals from September 1, 2015 August 31, 2016;
 - Approved the list of Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) certified evaluators, effective July 1, 2015 - July 30, 2016: Dave Froelich, Van Wert Satellite Administrator; Robert Priest, Van Wert Satellite Administrator; Todd Harmon, Paulding Satellite Administrator;
 - Appointed Adult Education Director (Pete Prichard) as the Title IX Coordinator for Ohio Technical Center (Adult Education) postsecondary students at Vantage Career Center as required by federal regulations;
 - Accepted the resignation of Peter H. Weir, Trade and Industry Programs Manager effective August 31, 2015. (revisions to the Revenue Sharing Agreement with Northwest State Community College stipulate NSCC will employ Mr. Weir starting September 1, 2015);
 - Accepted the donation of an EMD Cylinder, valued at \$3,000.00, from General Motors, Defiance, Ohio toward the Automotive programs;
 - Approved the Van Wert Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between Jordan and Jenna Sherry, 259 Prairie Lane, Van Wert, Ohio and Vantage Career Center;
 - Approved the NEOLA revised policy 5460: Students Graduation Requirements;
 - Approved the revisions made to Article VIII, Evaluation System, of the Negotiated Agreement between the Vantage Teacher's Organization and Vantage Career Center's Board of Education;
- The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Conference Room.

KRUSE: INDIANA SENATE REPUBLICANS OFFERING PAID INTERNSHIPS

IN State Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn) announced the Indiana Senate Republicans are offering paid internship opportunities in the Senate's legislative, legal, policy, communications and information technology offices during the 2016 session of the General Assembly.

Qualified candidates must be college students, recent graduates, or enrolled in graduate or law school. Positions are open to Indiana residents or non-residents who attend a college or university located within the state.

Benefits include a \$700 bi-weekly stipend, scholarship opportunities, earned academic credits, resume building, community involvement and networking while working along with more than 40 fellow interns at the Indiana Statehouse located in downtown Indianapolis.

These are partisan, full-time positions that begin with a mandatory orientation in late December and conclude at the end of the legislative session in March 2016.

"This internship is a way to gain valuable work experience while actively participating in the legislative process," Kruse said. "I encourage any student interested in public service or state government to apply."

Kruse said more information and applications for full-time, spring internships can be found online at www.IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/intern-program.

The deadline to apply is October 31.

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More than 122,000 Ohio employees have already been trained through the Ohio Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program, and now that number will increase because round four is right around the corner.

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ASK ME Miss C!

Dear Miss C,

All over the news are stories about intolerance. It's so disheartening to watch the news because every day there is a new story about new shootings, racial and sex discrimination. Seriously. I am a Christian woman, and sometimes I think that we are part of the problem! How can I teach my child to love everyone, when every time I turn around, other Christians are the ones making things worse? Please help me to understand!

—Rose

Dear Rose,

To respond to this question, I consulted with my friend, and Pastor at Riverside Christian Church, Regan Clem. The most basic answer is, you teach your child to love because it is

who you are, and inside your core beliefs. You raise your children to love in the way you believe love should be given.

Rose, how do you define love? Does love affirm, wherever you are in the journey? Or is love an action? If love is an action, then it is a tool to help change the world and intolerance around you, one moment at a time. And words from Regan, "But here is the problem we often fall into. We want the world to change without changing ourselves. We want our community to change without changing ourselves. We want to live our lives to change without actually changing anything."

So to teach your child to love, show them the changes that loving makes happen in

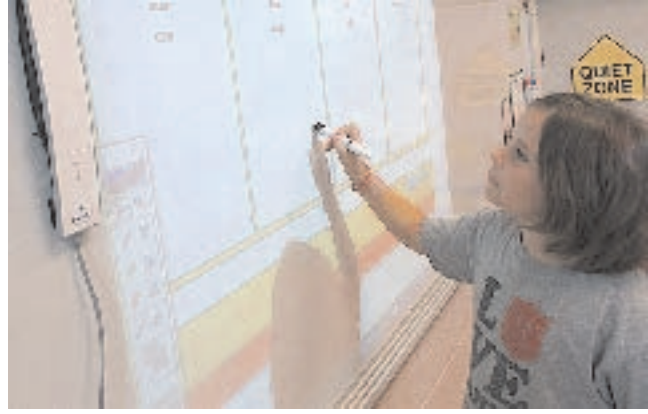
the world. You will continue to see the negative stories in our daily news. We are overwhelmed by horrific stories in newspapers, on TV, and via the internet. Many of those stories involve Christians as a perpetrator of hurt. It is, as you said, disheartening, but Christians are just humans. So they will continue to make one mistake after another.

My best advice is for you to guide and show your children how to love and overcome the negativity by which we are often bombarded. Ensure your children through your own actions, that with faith and love we have the power to change, and inspire change in others.

Blessings,

—Miss C

PAYNE STUDENTS PLAY SHORT VOWEL GAMES



Students at Payne Elementary in Mrs. Perkins's class are working on reading words with short vowel sounds. Monica Williams is shown using the mimio to sort rhyming words with short a vowel sounds.



First grade students in Mrs. Perkins's class at Payne Elementary are shown playing a board game where they are reading words with short vowels.

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PAULDING COUNTY ODOT EMPLOYEE WINS STATE-WIDE ROADEO

Leon Goyings of the Paulding County Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1 maintenance garage was the winner of the loader competition in



Wednesday's Director's Cup Truck and Loader Rodeo.

Goyings took first place among 24 contestants who competed in the loader event. He earned the right to compete after winning the district's contest in May where he bested his coworkers in each of the eight counties within ODOT District 1.

The top-two finishers in the district competition in both the truck and loader competed in Wednesday's event.

District 1 encompasses Allen, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert and Wyandot counties.

The rodeo is a friendly competition which pits equipment operators against one another to test their skill in maneuvering equipment through a series of obstacles intended to mimic situations they encounter on the job.

Participants are also required to find deliberately-placed mechanical bugs on equipment as part of the pre-trip inspection portion of the competition and to complete a written test.

Goyings has won or placed at the district level in both the truck and loader events several times, but has never won at the statewide level. In his 19 years with ODOT, he's competed in the statewide competition approximately 15 times.

"That's my first, first-place win. I've won second place a couple times," said

Goyings, who said he was very surprised at the win. "I really didn't think I'd be in the top three," he said, after watching several others drive the course. He beat the second-place finisher by 20 points.

The ability to operate any type of equipment is apparently key to a statewide win. Goyings said a Caterpillar loader which he'd never operated before was used in the competition. "That was my first time in a Cat loader. We use Case and John Deere," said Goyings.

Finishing third in the loader event was Tom Mellinger of the Hancock County ODOT maintenance garage.

Photo outline: Leon Goyings (foreground) of Paulding County and Tom Mellinger (background) of Hancock County sign the paperwork after being named the first and third-place finishers, respectively, in the Ohio Department of Transportation Director's Cup Truck and Loader Rodeo in Columbus on Wednesday. It is Goyings first win at the state level.

ODOT CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE PROJECTS WEEK OF 9/21/15

Paulding County:

Ohio 500 from Ohio 49 in Payne to the Indiana state line will be closed beginning September 28 for approximately one month for reconstruction of the roadway. Access to residents and businesses as well as for school buses, emergency services and farming activities will be maintained. All other traffic will be detoured onto County Road 1, Ohio 613 and Ohio 49 back to Ohio 500. Work is being performed by Gerken Paving, Napoleon.

U.S. 127 from the south corporation limit of Paulding to the Van Wert County line will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for berm work. Work is being performed by the Paulding County ODOT maintenance garage.

Sealing of pavement cracks will restrict traffic to one lane through the work zone during the week at the following locations. Work is being performed by the Paulding County ODOT maintenance garage:

- *Ohio 111* east of U.S. 127
- *Ohio 637* east of U.S. 127

• *Ohio 114* east of U.S. 127 U.S. 127 between Garfield Avenue and Jackson Street in the village of Paulding closed April 13 for approximately eight months for a sewer separation project. Traffic is detoured onto Ohio 111, Ohio 637 and Ohio 114 back onto U.S. 127. Work is being performed by VTF Excavation, Celina.

Putnam County:

U.S. 224 between Kalida and Ottawa will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for placement of berm stone. Work is being performed by the Putnam County ODOT maintenance garage.

U.S. 224 in Glendorf closed August 31 for approximately three days for a culvert replacement. Traffic is detoured onto Ohio 694, Ohio 115 and Ohio 15 back to U.S. 224. Work is being performed by the Putnam County ODOT maintenance garage.

Ohio 189 at the east edge of Ottoville closed May 27 for an unplanned culvert repair. The road is closed for an indefinite amount of time. Traffic is being detoured onto Ohio 190, Ohio 634 and U.S. 224 back to Ohio 189.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT REPORTS

Criminal Dispositions:

Dario Anic; Mentor, OH; FTY/Left Turn; No Cont; Pay all fines and cost by 9/30/15

Leighton B. Mullins, Jr; Defiance, OH; No OL; J-No Cont; Pay all fines and costs by 10/30/15 or will be sent to collections

Kristen N. Beck; Bluffton, OH; off Inv Underag; A-Dismiss; Case dismissed per state; with prejudice; costs waived

Eric Paul Adams; Oakwood, OH; Open container; Dismiss; Case dismissed per state; costs to defendant; Count B; Reckless Oper; No Cont; Report to jail 12/4/15 at 8:00 a.m. for two days; 12/11/15 at 8:00 a.m. for two days; 12/18/15 at 8:00 a.m.; Two days ALS vacated; pay all fines and costs by 10/30/15 or will be sent to collections; Community Control 2; 24 jail days reserved; Count C; Driv/Era Susp; No Cont; Pay all fines and costs by 10/30/15 or will be sent to collections

Kevin D. Stork; Paulding, OH; Phys Control; Guilty; May attend the DIP Program in lieu of jail; ALS vacated shall pay \$50 per mo. Commencing 10/30/15; has a POC date of 6/24/16; Community Control 2 ordered; secure a valid driver's license; 20 hrs. community service; 87 jail days reserved

Jacob W. Shock; Defiance, OH; Reckless Oper; No Cont; Proof of financial responsibility provided; ALS vacated; pay all fines and costs today; 27 jail days reserved

Ryan M. Mapes; Paulding, OH; Towing Viol; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Andrea N. Miller; Paulding, OH; Fictitious Reg; J-No Cont; Proof of insurance provided; pay all fines and costs by 10/30/15 or will be sent to collections

Brock D. Verfaillie; Paulding, OH; Dom Violence; Dismiss; Case dismissed per state; with prejudice; costs waived

Brandon W. Develbiss; Melrose, OH; Dom Violence; A-Dismiss; Case dismissed per state

Dustin Anthony Dobbelaere; Melrose, OH; Domestic Violence; Dismiss; Case dismissed per state; without prejudice; costs to defendant

Herbert L. Lovell, Jr.; Paulding, OH; Junk Notice; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines; defendant has till 9/15/15 at 5:00 p.m. to retrieve all personal property; the remaining item on the property are deemed abandoned by the land owner and the land owner may destroy the remaining items

Renee L. Brean; Paulding, OH; Telecom Harassm; Guilty; defendant placed on standard probation; fines and costs to be taken from bond on case #15-CRB-191; defendant shall complete 40 hrs. community service; shall have no contact whatsoever with victim

Shandonn J. Moore; Payne, OH; Req stop cross; Guilty; pay all fines and costs today; complete the school bus drive R Safety refresher course; within one year of today's date and provide proof to the court

Ilene N. Rickels; Payne, OH; Reckless Oper; Guilty; May attend the DIP Program in lieu of jail; ALS vacated; shall pay \$50 per mo. commencing 10/30/15; has a POC date of 2/26/15; Community Control 2 ordered; secure a valid driver's license; 20 hrs. community service; 27 jail days reserved

Wade R. Bissell; Paulding, OH; Driv/Fra Susp; J-Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 9/25/15 or will be sent to collections

Angel Alfonso Pineda; Indianapolis, IN; No OL; J-No Cont; Pay all fines and costs today

Jaydon Laray Williams; Fort Wayne, IN; Driv Under Susp; J-Guilty; Shall pay \$50 per mo. Commencing 10/30/15; has a POC date of 6/24/16; Community Control 2 ordered; complete 25 hrs. of community service; secure a valid driver's license; 90 jail days reserved; Count B; Reckless Oper; J-Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 6/24/16 or will be sent to collections; shall pay \$50 per mo. Commencing 10/30/15

Jacqueline Acosta; Indianapolis, IN; Viol being pass; guilty; case was waived by defendant

BALLOT BOARD APPROVES FINAL LANGUAGE FOR STATE ISSUE 3, CERTIFIES TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT AS SINGLE ISSUE

The Ohio Ballot Board today approved ballot language for State Issue 3 that will appear before voters during the General Election to be held on November 3, 2015.

The board also certified a ballot initiative seeking to modify the structure of term limits in Ohio as a single issue. Petitioners for that initiative will now need to collect 305,591 signatures, which is equal to 10 percent of the total vote cast for governor in 2014, in order to place the issue on the ballot. As part of the total number of signatures needed to place the measure on the ballot, petitioners must also have collected signatures from at least 44 of Ohio's 88 counties, and within each of those counties, collect enough signatures equal to five percent of the total vote cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election, 2014.

Secretary Husted serves as the Chairman of the Ballot Board in his official capacity as the Ohio Secretary of State. Other members include Ohio Senate President Keith Faber, State Representative Kathleen Clyde, former State Senator Nina Turner and Mr. William Morgan.

LATTA ON DEFUNDING OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Congressman Bob Latta issued the following statement regarding the U.S. House of Representatives passage of H.R. 3134 - the Defund Planned Parenthood Act, and H.R. 3504 - the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.

"Today the House acted to protect the life of the unborn by voting to defund Planned Parenthood. The abhorrent videos that have connected Planned Parenthood to allegations of trafficking fetal body parts have shown a callous disrespect for innocent life. The Defund Planned Parenthood Act removes federal funding for the organization while Congress completes its investigations into these implications. Additionally, the bill further supports women's health by providing \$235 million for community health centers that do not perform abortions.

Both pieces of legislation passed today ensure taxpayer dollars are being spent with integrity, and reaffirms a commitment to acting against infanticide.

Nearly \$500 million dollars in federal funding goes to Planned Parenthood. This cannot continue. There are over 9,000 community health centers across the country providing a full range of services to millions of American women, including 280 better health care alternatives in Ohio. None of these centers carry the moral and ethical challenges Planned Parenthood presents.

Every unborn life is sacred, and I will continue working to enact policies that ensure their protection."

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Sudoku Puzzle

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HUSTED PRAISES HIGH COURT'S DECISION IN RESPONSIBLE OHIO BALLOT TITLE

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted released the following statement in the Ohio Supreme Court's ruling in The State ex rel. ResponsibleOhio vs. Ohio Ballot Board et al., specifically the court's affirmation of the State Issue 3 ballot title where the court stated that "Husted's ballot title is not 'inaccurate, incorrect, or illegal,' 'confusing, misleading, or argumentative,' or persuasive in nature."

The following may be attributed to Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted: "Today, the Ohio Supreme Court agreed with me, the dictionary, common sense and many news publications across our state that State Issue 3 would create a marijuana monopoly in Ohio and that the voters deserve to be given that information before casting their ballots.

"I have an obligation to present the people of Ohio with accurate information to help them make an honest and educated decision on Election Day.

"I will convene the Ohio Ballot Board this week where we should easily be able to make the technical changes the court requested to the language it approved so county boards of elections across our state can make final preparations for this fall's election."

MAGEE MARSH WILDLIFE AREA TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

The road on Magee Marsh Wildlife Area running from the Sportsmen's Migratory Bird Center to the beach area, including the boardwalk and beach trails, will be closed in order to provide a quality hunting experience for Ohio's sportsmen and women.

The road closure is in effect September 28 - October 5, October 13 - November 1, and November 9 - December 7, 2015. Additionally, the road and beach area will be closed during the controlled youth waterfowl and deer hunts scheduled October 3-4 and November 21-22, 2015.

For more information, go to www.wildlife.ohiodnr.gov

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PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

Date: Monday October 5th, 2015
Time: 3:00 PM Sharp

Location: 03138 Cemetery Rd. Edgerton, Ohio 43517
Auctioneers Note: The Koenemans have sold their residents and are relocating out of state and will be offering a very clean and well maintained offering of personal property. Don't miss this Auction!!

Personal Property: 2006 Yamaha Rhino 660 4x4 214hrs. electric diff lock 2" receiver (original tires & rims), Ford 8N(very nice extra cast rim) Simplicity Zero turn 50" deck w/387 hrs. 20hp Vanguard engine, Simplicity garden tractor 614hrs 48"deck-36"rear-mount tiller, cultivator, blade, sickle bar mower, Colt SG PopUp Camper sleeps 6 w/awning (extra 40gal water heater & sink, 1999 Dodge Truck 1500 SLT 4x4 198,440miles 5.2 liter engine, MidAtlantic Dump Trailer 5000lbs 5'x8" w/electric hoist & brakes, JD 6ft blade, 5ft King Kutter Chopper, **Tools & Specialty Equipment:** Annie electronic Thermometer, Magnahelic Differential Pressure gauge, Rigid No# 450 Tri-stand 1/8" to 1" w/pipe cutter, reamer(very nice), 5550 automatic halogen leak detector, Slack Tube gas-u-manometer, Oil nozzles for Oil burners, Dayton Work box, Milwaukee(Super Saw, Electric Impact, Cordless hammer drill), Thermal Recovery center, Ritchie gas pressure test kits, Speedair 90psi air compressor, EXL 8000 generator, 13,500 watt electric start 15hp Briggs & Stratton, Chore Master 3000psi pressure washer(brand new), air compressor w/2-1/2hp 3phase motors, Lincoln Weld-pak 100 wirewelder, 1/2 DV-85N 3cfm fast vac, Speed sharp chainsaw sharpener, Sterling TF-150 120V 150,000BTU furnace, blowtorch, Skilsaw 2 1/2" hp 7 1/2" saw, Dayton Truck wrench, come lons, wheelbarrow, 1/2"PEX Infloor heating tube, **Misc. & Collectibles:** Baskets, Cabelas 50th anniversary collectible catalogs, 5 gal. crock, Log Hook, log chains, Stihl(130 weedeater, 023 & 044 Chainsaws), Fimco 25gal. yard sprayer, Werner 24ft. & 10ft fiberglass ladders, Holland Traditions Grill, Smoker Craft Aluminum boat, 12x7 Montana Camping tent, Raleigh M-30 Men & Women Mountain bikes, Wicker Porch swing & chair, Black & Decker Mini Fridge, Rush packable ATV & UTV ramps, electric 1000psi pressure washer

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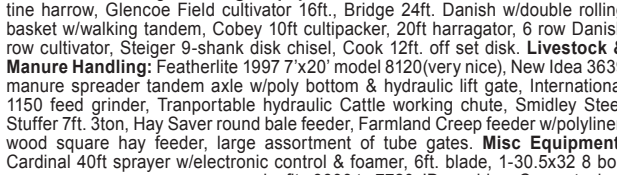


GOEBEL FARM MACHINERY AUCTION

Date: September 26th 2015
Time: 9:00 a.m. Sharp

Location: 02652 Co. Rd. 2.50 Edgerton Ohio 43517

Tractors: IH Farmall M 1941 Ser#(48878) 2 way hydraulics 9speed trans, IH Farmall Super A 1948 Ser#(257306), JD MC 1951 Crawler Ser# (15130), Case 530 backhoe 3-stick, 1805 MF 4x4. **Harvest Equipment & Grain handling:** JD 925 25ft. grain head w/poly skid plates, JD running gear header cart, New Idea 2row narrow corn picker, New Idea 2row wide corn choppers, Gehl TR680 2row wide silage header, Gehl TR680 2row 30" silage header, Gehl HA 900 hay pickup header, Gehl 960 silage wagon tandem axle, Farmhand silage wagon, New Holland 27 whirl a feed silage blower, JD 7360 green chopper, 2-200bu hopper wagons, Corn Auger 6500, Little Giant Corn elevator, flatbed wagon, **Tillage Equipment:** Krause 21ft. Disk cultivator w/5bar tine harrow, Glencoe Field cultivator 16ft., Bridge 24ft. Danish w/double rolling basket w/walking tandem, Cobey 10ft cultipacker, 20ft harragator, 6 row Danish row cultivator, Steiger 9-shank disk chisel, Cook 12ft. off set disk. **Livestock & Manure Handling:** Featherlite 1997 7'x20' model 8120(very nice), New Idea 3639 manure spreader tandem axle w/poly bottom & hydraulic lift gate, International 1150 feed grinder, Tranportable hydraulic cattle working chute, Smidley Steer Stuffer 7ft. 3ton, Hay Saver round bale feeder, Farmland Creep feeder w/polyliner, wood square hay feeder, large assortment of tube gates. **Misc Equipment:** Cardinal 40ft sprayer w/electronic control & foamer, 6ft. blade, 1-30.5x32 8 bolt rim fits 6600 to 7720 JD combine, Cement mixer 3-pt, Round bales grass 1000lbs, small squares grass hay, 3-Electric Motors 7.5hp 3phase, tire changer. **Collectibles & Misc:** JD 20 pedal tractor, JD 2-wheel trailer, Honda Aero, 5hp minibike, Antique lanterns(Dietz Lantern, Dietz-Blizzard Lantern, Little Wizard, Hibbard Spencer & Bartle No2 lantern)



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WILDLIFE ASSEMBLY EXCITES GROVER HILL STUDENTS



First grade students at Grover Hill School have a Wildlife Assembly. Students were introduced to a turtle, snake, bearded dragon, frog and bunny. Faces beamed

with expressions of awe and wonder. Brad and Krista Volk sponsored Beth from Indiana Wild. Pictured here is a turtle and Campbell Volk.

CURRENT CONDITIONS



COSI, Columbus' Center of Science and Industry, brought "Current Conditions", with many weather experiments to educate students at Grover Hill Elementary School. Students experienced the amazing world of weather as they help create a "thunderstorm" inside Grover Hill School. They also learned the science behind weather and

interacted with a variety of resources to learn about air pressure, create clouds, and test weather instruments. The students were thrilled by the opening assembly for all, and then gained firsthand experience with the hands-on activities for each grade level. The program was partially paid for with money from the Monsanto Grant.

STUDENTS PAY TRIBUTE TO CONSTITUTION DAY



Payne Elementary students Therin Coyne, Alivia Perl, Summer Strawser, Elizabeth Mohr, Malia Wittwer,

Gracie Shepherd and Nyle Stoller recite the Preamble to Constitution Day, September 17.

GREAT WEEK IN NEW HAVEN

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

New Haven Chamber Business Blitz – The New Haven Chamber of Commerce thanks area businesses for locating in New Haven

City Council at 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

New Haven Chamber Business Blitz – The New Haven Chamber of Commerce thanks area businesses for locating in New Haven.

1st Source Ribbon Cutting and Open House at 2:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting and Open House at their new location at the corner of Broadway and Lincoln Highway.

2015 Public Canine Demonstration – New Haven High School. Gates open at 4:30-7:00 p.m. Over 110 Canine Officers from over 11 states and Canada.

Farmers Market at 4:00-7:00 p.m. Enjoy live music, crafts for kids, and featured non-profit organizations in an open air market, outdoor in a park. Products include produce, local honey, sauces, baked goods, jewelry, and more!

NHHS Powder Puff Football Game at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 24, 2015

New Haven Chamber Business Blitz – The New Haven Chamber of Commerce thanks area businesses for locating in New Haven.

Friday, September 25, 2015

New Haven Chamber Business Blitz – The New Haven Chamber of Commerce thanks area businesses for locating in New Haven

New Haven High School Homecoming – A Homecoming Parade is held in the evening and a football game is played at the high school. Game vs. Columbia City.

Saturday, September 26, 2015

Sample New Haven from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Downtown New Haven. Come Hungry!

Nature Center Community Project Garlic Mustard Pull from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Woodland Habitats Ages 6 yr. through 12 yr. Moser Park Nature Center, 601 W. Main Street

WHNH 101.3fm Fund-raising Event from 7:00-11:00 p.m. Rack & Helen's Banquet Room. Includes pizza buffet (around 9:00 p.m.) and soft drinks. Cash bar available. Silent auction, stand up comedy, prizes, giveaways, fellowship,whnh studio tour. Call 260-450-3727 (Bob) for more information. www.newhavenbulletin.com

SPIELMAN TO SPEAK AT THE NISWONGER

The Niswonger along with Dale and Sarah Burden and Lee Kinstle GM Sales & Service present Chris Spielman on Monday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m. There are athletes in this world who are good at what they do: And then, there are athletes who are good to the world as well. Chris Spielman is just that person. Not only is he a member of the College Football Hall of Fame, and regarded as one of the best college linebackers of his time, but he is also a cancer warrior – continuing the fight that he and his late

wife Stefanie started after her first diagnosis. They started a Fund together after her diagnosis that has currently raised over \$15.4M for breast cancer research. He discovered his biggest opponent in life wasn't a hard-hitting football player, but rather the difficult fight against cancer. He is currently an ESPN College Football Analyst and a Professional Speaker. Chris' success wasn't easy, but it came from the life order that he still follows today: faith, family and community. Chris was a 2 time All-American with The Ohio State Buckeyes, and an 11-year NFL star who played for the Detroit Lions, Buffalo Bills and the Cleveland Browns... he represented the Lions in four Pro Bowls, and was named the team's defensive MVP in 1993 and 1994. Chris will bring a message of inspiration and motivation for men, women and children of all ages.

For more information, go online, anytime at NPACVW.ORG or call at 419-238-6722, Monday-Friday from Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Supporting sponsors for the event are The Ohio State University Alumni Association of Paulding and Van Wert counties, 1150 WIMA, Dark Horse Productions, Williamson Insurance Agency, Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc., WalMart, and US BANK. Season Sponsors are Statewide Ford Lincoln and Van Wert Federal Savings Bank.

MONROEVILLE BRANCH OF ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY OCTOBER EVENTS

SMART START STORY-TIME

Mondays, October 5, 12, 19, 26, 3:30 p.m. Enjoy the latest books, some old favorites and an awesome craft each week.

BUDGET SCRAP-BOOKING

Thursday, October 15, 4:00 p.m. We will have a different layout page each month and provide supplies. You bring your adhesive & scissors and have fun whether you are a new or an experienced scrapbooker.

HEARTLAND WRITERS' FORUM

Wednesday, October 21, 6:30 p.m. Two writing and editing professions, Bobbi Madry and Jill Starbuck, welcome all aspiring and published writers to Monroeville. The Forum offers opportunities to discover different genres of writing and share writing tips.

PIECEFUL QUILTERS

Wednesday, October 28, 6:00 p.m. An opportunity for quilters to gather and share tips while they create.

THE HISTORY OF THE INTERURBAN RAILROAD

Wednesday, October 7, 6:30 p.m. Local railroad historian, Crag Berndt, will present on the five electric interurban railroads that once operated out of Fort Wayne. Bring your questions and local railroad photos to share.

OCTOBER EVENTS AT WOODBURN BRANCH OF ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

SMART START STORY-TIME

Fridays, October 2, 9, 16,

23, 30, 10:30 a.m. This Storytime features finger plays, songs, stories of various lengths and crafts.

YARN LOVER'S GATHERING

Thursdays October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 7:00 p.m. If you already know how to knit or crochet or if you want to learn how to knit or crochet join us at Woodburn. We have people that can help you get started or teach you new techniques. Join us for a creative evening.

Woodburn Lego Club

Monday, October 12, 4:00 p.m. Grades 3 and up can create with Legos. There will also be Legos at the library for you to use. And, of course, snacks.

WOODBURN KIDS CLUB

Wednesday, October 14, 4:00 p.m. A special club for children ages 6-11. Each meeting will include a game, a readers theater, a craft and a snack as well as book sharing. You will receive a button each time you attend. This month we will talk about Pumpkins.

THE MIX

Wednesday, October 21, 4:00 p.m. For young adults 5th Grade and up.

INTERNET, WORD PROCESSING & E-MAIL HELP

By appointment. We offer computer classes. No previous computer knowledge is necessary.

WOODBURN COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOSTS OPEN MEETING

The Woodburn Community Historical Society is having an Open Meeting for everyone! Come on out on September 24, 2015 to the Woodburn Community Center from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to see the community memorabilia. We will also have the 150th items available. Light refreshments will be served.

BABY SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSIFIED NOW AVAILABLE

Baby Sign Language class of Baby Signing Time, will be offered at Vantage Career Center in Van Wert Ohio on Wednesday, October 7, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Free intro class with a four week class to follow every wednesday October 7, 14, 21, 28, and November 4. For more information, please contact Danielle at 419-771-9256.

YOU ARE NEEDED AND WANTED!

Now is the time to begin practice for the Christmas season with the Oakwood Community Band.

We will gladly welcome you on Monday, October 5 at the Twin Oaks United Methodist fellowship hall at 7:00 p.m. Join us for a fun,

relaxing evening in the spirit of Christmas.

Even though you haven't played your favorite musical instrument for years, you will be surprised how it will come back to you.

For further information, contact Karen Jacobs at 419-594-2138 or Jane Sharp at 419-594-2812.

CORNELIUS GREEN TO GUEST SPEAK AT FALL BUCKEYE BASH

The Ohio State Alumni Club of Van Wert and Paulding Counties will be having their Fall Buckeye Bash on Thursday, October 15th at the Willow Bend Country Club, 579 Hospital Drive, Van Wert. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. There will be a live auction of Ohio State items including two tickets for the 2015 Ohio State vs. Michigan State football game in Columbus.

The speaker will be Cornelius Green who was the quarterback of the Buckeye football team in the mid-1970s during the years of Archie Griffin as Running Back. His honors include Captain of the football team (1975), All Big Ten Quarterback (1974, 1975), and All American Quarterback (1975). Presently, he is involved with helping kids attain their goals.

For more information about this event, contact Jeffery-Mohr Dentistry at 419-238-5810, Animal Clinic of Paulding at 419-399-2871.

NEW HAVEN LADY BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL SCORES

9/14/15: Bulldogs take the win against Northside!

Scores: 25-19, 25-9, 25-19
Kills – Decamp 6, Hoffer 6

Digs – Luginbill 14, Decamp 7

Assists – Cordray 14
Aces – Cordray 6, Decamp 5

9/17/15:
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Scores:

9-25, 11-25, 9-25
New Haven stats:

Decamp – 4 kills, Cordray – 11 assists, Decamp 10 digs

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OHIO SUPREME COURT RULES AGAINST SECRETARY OF STATE

The people's constitutional right to vote on local County Charter initiatives was upheld by the Ohio Supreme Court. The Court ruled that Ohio Secretary of State John Husted - who claimed "unfettered authority" to keep Home Rule county charter initiatives off the ballot - has no such prerogative.

On August 13th, Mr. Husted blocked citizens from voting on Home Rule Charter initiatives in three counties, declaring, "I find nothing to materially limit the scope of my legal review," including ruling on the substance of the initiatives. The measures included provisions on fracking infrastructure development, alarming the oil and gas industry. Mr. Husted handed them a victory in his decision to remove the measures from the ballot. In doing so, he trampled on the rights of the people.

The Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF) filed a lawsuit against the Ohio Secretary of State on behalf of community members in Athens, Medina, and Fulton Counties, seeking to restore the initiatives to the November ballot.

In addition to barring Mr. Husted from keeping community measures off the ballot based on substantive review of the content, the Court also ruled that, because the charter initiatives did not create a new form of government, they cannot be on the ballot this November. Communities had kept the existing governmental structure

intact, while adding initiative and referendum powers to residents.

CELDF community organizer Tish O'Dell stated, "Athens, Medina, and Fulton Counties have triumphed against a government official claiming 'unfettered authority' to rule on the content of the people's initiatives - a dangerous threat to democracy. The Ohio Supreme Court has ruled on behalf of the people, safeguarding their inalienable right to advance and vote on their own initiatives."

Dick McGinn, Athens County Board member of the Ohio Community Rights Network - a partner organization of CELDF - added, "The Ohio Supreme Court - rather than being influenced by the oil and gas industry - stood by the people's rights. Communities across the state are celebrating this decision, and are ready to get to work to draft Home Rule county charter initiatives that meet the Supreme Court's requirements."

Added Kathie Jones of Sustainable Medina County, "We're also fully prepared for attempts by the Secretary of State and the oil and gas industry to try and find other reasons to keep future measures off the ballot. But, the people will not quit fighting for their inalienable right to local self-government and the right to protect their health, safety and welfare, even if that means amending the state constitution itself."

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SATURDAY YOUTH BOWLING at Alley Cat Lanes. Ages 4-19 starting Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Call 419-399-4022 or 419-399-9127 for information. You can sign up anytime through the Year.

RAIN TECH Seamless Gutters, 419-258-1818.

HOMETOWN ARTIST SHERYJEAN Rorick invites you to her Rural Studio Sept. 26, 2015 from 10-1 for Art Sale. 13928 Parent Rd., New Haven, Ind.

LUNCH & LEARN - Thursday, October 1st Hicksville Senior Center, 708 East High Street - Judy McCalla will be our speaker - **HERB GARDENING @ 11:00. FREE PROGRAM.** Ham dinner lunch 12:00 noon. Lunch reservations needed. Suggested donation \$3. Call 419.542.5004 for reservations, transportation, or information.

MULTI FAMILY SALE: Fri. Sept 25th 8-6pm & Sat. 26th 8-12pm. Christmas, Americana, Small Appliances, Crafts & Supplies, Dishes, Luggage, Vera Bradley, Longaberger, Wedding Cake Pool Stairs, Ladder Jacks, Golf Bag, Toys and So Much More! Look for the Orange Signs - Rain or Shine at 5730 Thimlar Rd. New Haven (near Woodlan School).

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SECRETARY HUSTED: BALLOTS FOR MILITARY & OVERSEAS VOTERS NOW AVAILABLE

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced on Friday, September 18, 2015 that voting for military and overseas voters began September 19, 2015 for the upcoming General Election.

Military voters who have not yet registered to vote or submitted a request for an absentee ballot may still do so by visiting OhioMilitaryVotes.com or OhioVoterPassport.com for overseas voters. There they can download the Federal Post Card Application, register to vote and request an absentee ballot, read through frequently asked questions, track the status of their mailed ballot and sign up for election reminders via email and social media. All voters can also contact their county board of elections directly for more information.

Information on the three statewide ballot initiatives can be accessed on the Secretary of State's website.

Absentee Voting by Mail and In-Person

Non-military and overseas Ohio voters may begin voting on October 6, 2015 (first day after the close of registration) via in-person and by mail-in absentee ballot. For more information, visit MyOhioVote.com.

Register to Vote/Update Your Address

The deadline to register to vote in the November 3, 2015 General Election is October 5th (30 days before the election). Voter registration forms are available at MyOhioVote.com. Voters who need to up-

date their address also have until October 5th, and can use the Online Change of Address System available at MyOhioVote.com.

Voting Information and Resources

To register to vote, update voting information, request an absentee ballot, find contact information for Ohio's 88 county boards of elections or obtain more general information about the November 3rd General Election and how to participate, all Ohioans are encouraged to visit MyOhioVote.com.

Get Election Updates and Ohio's Virtual Voting Sticker


All voters are encouraged to connect with "Ohio-SOSHusted" on Facebook and Twitter to get election information and updates throughout the year. Here they can also get a virtual voting sticker badge to let their friends and followers know they've participated in the General Election. Facebook users simply need to "like" Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted's official Facebook page to "wear" a virtual sticker on their wall. Twitter users may share their voting badge by visiting the Secretary of State's website.

Sudoku solution from page 13

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

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This property has much to offer. If you are looking for a home in south Paulding County and Wayne Trace Schools, you will find none nicer. Minutes from Payne, this country home has room, storage and the acres. This is a very nice and spacious home. Huge master suite with bath, large separate living areas, den, dining, kitchen, laundry and full bath on the main. 3 bedrooms and full bath upstairs. The home has been thoughtfully decorated. Very well maintained with attractive landscaping and great curb appeal. 54 x 68 Morton pole barn 2 car garage and 8x12 garden shed. Buried dog fence and twin propane tanks remain. \$174,500.


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PETE THE CAT ENTERTAINS AT THE LIBRARY



Kirk Reading Story to Kids: Over thirty children enjoyed listening to the antics of storybook character "Pete the Cat", making a magic sunglasses craft, hunting for missing buttons and more during a special library program held recently at the main historic Carnegie library.



Button Guess: How many buttons would you have guessed to be in this jar? Young reader, Lofton Brown, guessed exactly correct!

Be sure to tell the businesses you patronize, that you saw their ad in the West Bend News.

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REDUCED PRICE \$40,000!!!
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SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH



September is National Preparedness Month and the Paulding County Emergency Management Agency is encouraging you to be prepared for any type of an emergency. We are all expert planners - we prepare for the day at hand, we prepare for a vacation, a party, and car maintenance. We especially need to prepare for an emergency. What have you done to Be Smart...Take Part...Prepare?

To start out with, become friends with Paulding County EMA on Facebook. Paulding County EMA puts information out through social media to include weather alerts, pictures of incidents, and happenings of his office. Create a communication plan, or written phone number list, in case you become separated from family. Consider having an out-of-town contact person - sometimes it is easier to call long distance than across town.

You need to take this seriously, scan important docu-

ments, like insurance policies and medical records, and save them to a USB drive. Create an emergency supply kit that allows for three (3) days without the comforts of home for you and your pet. Items to consider include: medications a gallon of water per person per day, non-perishable food items, personal hygiene items, batteries, first aid kit, battery-operated radio, flashlight and cash. For more details on creating an emergency kit, visit www.ready.gov.

Get your children involved. Empowering them to become preparedness leaders in their home and school will help build a resilient person and a resilient community. Youth who are prepared during times of emergency are more confident, feel more control over the situation and have less anxiety.

Whatever you think, do one thing today to make tomorrow safer for you and your family. Be Smart... Take...Part...Prepare.

WBESC GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES 9/16/15

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held its regular monthly Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday September 16, 2015 at the Van Wert ESC office. Board President Mr. Billy Poe II welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting. Treasurer Kim Jones reviewed the current financial reports, investments and the monthly expenditures with the Board.

Superintendent Brian Gerber updated the Board on the current status of the 21st Century Grants. A strategic evaluation will need to be in place for all three 21st Century Grants. Western Buckeye Educational Service Center in partnership with Paulding Exempted Village Schools, Antwerp Local Schools, and Lincolnview Local Schools were awarded two-three year 21st Century Community Learning Center grants from the Ohio Department of Education. Each grant is fully funded for \$200,000 each year for three years, for a grand total of \$1.2 million between the four sites over the next three years. Paulding Elementary, Oakwood Elementary, Antwerp Elementary, and Lincolnview Elementary are the 21st Century after school sites. Each program will focus on increasing math and reading achievement, enhancing positive youth development and encouraging parent and family engagement.

Western Buckeye Educational Service Center in partnership with Wayne Trace Local Schools is in year four of our 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant. We will receive \$112,500 this year. Total amount over the five year grant cycle is \$545,625. We were fully funded at \$150,000 for the first three years. There is a 25% reduction the fourth year and an additional 25% reduction the fifth year. Our program will continue to focus on increasing math and reading achievement, enhancing positive youth development and encouraging parent and family engagement.

- Consent Items - WBESC
Motion to:
A. Motion to approve a one year limited contract to Jana Rayer, Paraprofessional at Allen County ESC for the 2015-2016 school year.
B. Motion to approve a one year limited contract to Jennifer Myers, Paraprofessional at Allen County ESC for the 2015-2016 school year.
C. Motion to approve a one year limited contract to Jessica Conley, Paraprofessional at Allen County ESC for the 2015-2016 school year.
D. Motion to approve a one year limited contract to Sarah Prine, Paraprofessional at Allen County ESC for the 2015-2016 school year.
E. Motion to approve a one year limited contract to Stephanie Archer, Paraprofessional at Allen County ESC for the 2015-2016 school year.
F. Motion to approve a one year limited contract to Joe Teodosio, Sign

Language Interpreter/Aide at the Allen County ESC for the 2015-2016 school year.

G. Motion to approve a one year limited contract to Terri Colley, LPN/Aide at Allen County ESC for the 2015-2016 school year, part-time by timesheet.

H. Motion to approve the 2015-2016 substitute teacher and paraprofessional aide list and authorize the Superintendent to approve future additions if all requirements are met.

I. Motion to approve the 2015-2016 van and bus driver lists for the certification and authorize the Superintendent to approve future drivers if all requirements are met.

J. Motion to approve one year certified contract to Janice Kohart, part-time 21st Century Coordinator Assistant for the 2015-2016, by timesheet.

The September 16, 2015 Board meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regular Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center will be on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Paulding ESC office.

LATTA VA APPEALS BACKLOG RELIEF ACT INCLUDED IN VETERANS AFFAIRS LEGISLATION MARKUP

The U.S. House of Representative's Committee on Veterans' Affairs included vital legislation introduced by Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green), the VA Appeals Backlog Relief Act, in its markup of H.R. 677.

Rep. Latta's legislation will expedite the processing of VA appeals claims.

Currently, when an initial VA claim is denied, a veteran has the choice to appeal the decision. However, in order to do this, he or she must enter into a lengthy and inefficient process, which has forced many veterans to wait years before receiving a final decision. The legislation places a 12-month deadline for all ap-

peals claims to be certified by a regional VA office and sent to the Board of Veterans Appeals, ensuring veterans are receiving more timely decisions.

"Our nation's veterans deserve the utmost care and service, and it is our obligation to ensure their benefits are being provided to them in a timely fashion. Unacceptable wait times, lengthy delays in receiving needed benefits, and stagnant bureaucratic red-tape have long plagued the VA. It is imperative these obstacles to providing for our former servicemen and women be eliminated," said Rep. Latta.

"This legislation would streamline the VA's processes by creating a deadline by which all appeals must be certified, ensuring the trend of unnecessary delays does not continue."

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