

## MERCER LANDMARK OPENS NEW FACILITY

The last couple of years has brought challenges unseen before to the energy markets with the issues brought on by lack of supply with propane. Many customers—both commercial and residential—saw prices spike and some couldn't get their tanks filled because of the intense cold and low supplies in the area.

Mercer Landmark, traditionally known for its grain, is also in the energy markets. They recently opened a new facility that is now fully functional on US 127 just south of SR 613. Mercer Landmark Inc and Growmark Inc hosted an open house Monday, September 21, 2015 for the new propane truck terminal. The first speaker was Kevin Carroll—VP of Energy. He spoke on how much better this will be receiving the propane in large tanks by rail.

Latta explained the issues with the energy crisis and how he and other politicians have worked to correct the problems so this does not leave people in the cold—literally. The US has moved right up to number one on the list of the largest producers of oil in the world, and there should be no reason for there not to be plenty of heat for everyone.

Dan Recker, Operations Manager at Mercer Landmark in Payne, also spoke that the energy will be used on farms too for helping to dry grain. Local resellers and delivery companies such as APlus Propane are looking forward to having a local distributor in which to have access.

Construction started in April and this is the third facility that has been put together in the last couple of

## 1st SOURCE BANK SUPPORT EACS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION EFFORTS



At the Grand Opening of New Haven's new 1st Source Bank branch, 1st Source Bank provided a \$500 do-

nation to our EACS Educational Foundation. Superintendent Kenneth Folks and Rose Fritzinger, director of our EACS Educational Foundation, helped with the ribbon cutting ceremony and expressed appreciation for the community's support.

According to Mrs. Fritzinger, "This generous donation from 1st Source Bank will help to support our EACS Foundation's efforts. Including our Dual Credit/Collegiate Connection reimbursement program to EACS junior and senior students who successfully complete college credit at our five high schools and our EACS Teacher of the Year recognition. On behalf of all our students and staff who will benefit, we thank 1st Source Bank."

More than 900 students have benefited through the reimbursement program because of our Foundation's support. To learn more about the Foundation, contact Rose Fritzinger, 260-446-0135 or email rfrizinge@eacs.k12.in.us

years, ensuring there is more stability in the market. The propane is brought in from Canada by rail and then distributed to the facilities. Two full time employees will be manning the new operations facility.

More photos at www.westbendnews.net



## PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECEIVES OVER \$28,000 IN TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANTS

Paulding County Sheriff Jason K. Landers announced the Ohio Department of Public Safety's (ODPS) Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO) awarded \$28,222.42 in federal traffic safety funding to his office for federal fiscal year 2016, running from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

"Partnerships are critical to the success of any safety effort and we are committed to working with safety partners to address traffic safety concerns in Paulding County," said Sheriff Landers.

Paulding County Sheriff Office has identified traffic areas with higher number fatalities and serious traffic injuries throughout the county. To save lives and improve the quality of life for our citizens, the Sheriff's Office will use the grant funds to participate in several blitz campaigns, including the "Click It or Ticket It" and "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" national campaigns.

The funds are passed through OTSO from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to support the efforts of safety partners statewide and focus on traffic safety priority areas such as restraint use, impaired driving, motorcycle safety and

## LOCAL BOY STATIONED AT NAVAL SUBMARINE SCHOOL



Austin Ramey is currently stationed at the Naval Submarine School. He is the son of Sherri and Brian Ramey. His grandparents are Shirley McCreery and Bob Bland of Antwerp, OH. Austin is a 2015 graduate of Fairview High School.

youthful drivers.

Competitive grant proposals are accepted and reviewed by OTSO. The FFY 2016 competitive grant process solicited grant proposals from state agencies, non-profit organizations, colleges, universities, hospitals, political subdivisions and other interested groups within selected Ohio counties and jurisdictions (based upon the number of fatal crashes).

The previous year's grants allowed Paulding County Deputies to work road patrol an extra 514 hours. Many of these hours were spent on U.S. 24 with over 400 traffic stops resulting anywhere from speed citations to felony drug charges.

For more information about OTSO and statewide efforts to improve safety on Ohio's roadways, log <http://ohiohighwaysafetyoffice.ohio.gov/index.stm>



Dan Recker, Dan Pannier, Jerry Zielke, Bob Latta, Kevin Carroll, Darren Deffenbaugh, Larry Cristy, Ken Stammen, Hank Lichtenfeld.

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**OBITUARIES**

**OAKWOOD, OHIO**

**Joyce S. Estle**, age 76, Oakwood, died at 9:15 p.m. Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at the Brookview Healthcare Center in Defiance, Ohio. She was born in Grover Hill, Ohio, on February 24, 1939, the daughter of Austin E. and Margarite E. (Stahl) Bair. On May 20th, 1955, she married Marvin L. Estle, who survives.

She was the owner/operator of Sleepy Hollow Beauty Shop, a real estate agent for Straley Realty and helped her husband build many homes around the Oakwood area. She attended the Melrose United Methodist Church of Melrose, Ohio, and the Oakwood United Methodist Church of Oakwood, Ohio.

Joyce is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Marvin "Doc" Estle of Oakwood; five sons, Michael Estle of Defiance, Ohio, C. Richard "Rick" (Lana) Estle of Oakwood, Ohio, Robert (Cheri) Estle of Oakwood, Ohio, James Estle of Defiance, Ohio, Lance (Nicole) Estle of Oakwood, Ohio; daughter, Amy Estle of Columbus, Ohio; a brother, Robert "Dib" Bair of Melrose, Ohio; 19 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Rex Sherry; a brother and sister-in-law, Charles E. "Junior" and Roberta Bair; a sister-in-law, Patricia Bair; and two grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 3, 2015, at Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, Oakwood, with Pastor Eileen Kochensparger officiating. Visitation will be held an hour prior to services at the church on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to Paulding County Hospital Home Health. Arrangements are under the direction of Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood.

Condolences may be expressed at: [www.heimmeyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.heimmeyerfuneralhome.com).



**CECIL, OHIO:**

**Janice A. Cross**, age 74 died Monday, September 21, 2015.

She was born April 24, 1941 in Paulding, Ohio, the daughter of the late Carl V. and Maude E. (Hand) Ankney.

She is survived by a daughter, Lynn (Richard) Conrad, Paulding.

Janice is also preceded in death by her husband, George L. Cross; a son, Carl Cross; an infant sister, Joan Ankney; and a brother, Kenneth Ankney.

Funeral services were conducted 11 AM Friday, September 25 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial followed in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation was 2 - 8 PM Thursday, September 24 at Den

Herder Funeral Home. There was also visitation from 10 AM until time of services on Friday.

Donations may be made to Friends of Felines Rescue Center, Defiance, Ohio.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com)

**PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 9/30 - 10/6**

9/30 - Liver & onions, mashed potatoes, carrots, fruit cocktail, WW bread, fruit & grain bar; Liver Alt; Swiss steak

10/1 - Tuna saald sandwich, vegetable soup, tropical fruit, potato salad, cookie, crackers

10/2 - Beef lasagna, green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, blushing pears, cake

10/5 - BBQ riblet sandwich, herbed potatoes, country style spinach, mandarin oranges, apple juice

10/6 - Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, seasoned cauliflower, strawberry hash, dinner roll, apple crisp

**PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 9/30 - 10/6**

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

10/1 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Blood Pressure & Toe Nail Clinic at 9:00 a.m.; Turn Up at 12:15 p.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.

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

10/5 - Raffle Day; Shedding Pounds at 9:30 a.m.; Fingernail Clinic, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Country Inn Bingo at 12:00 Noon

10/6 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.



**NEW HAVEN GOES TO THE DOGS...**

Wednesday night at New Haven High School the American Police Canine Association held a public demonstration. Over 11 states provided teams doing various activities. The officers have been in New Haven the entire week training.

Photos by Braeden Holle Photography.

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**THANK YOU**

Robert Nighswander and family would like to thank this opportunity to thank the many people who supported us during Maxine's illness and death. Your prayers, cards, food and visits helped us through this difficult time. How fortunate we are to live in a community where people care for each other. You are remembered in our prayers. May God's blessing be with you.

—Robert L. Nighswander & family

**LUTHERAN HOSTING CONFERENCE ON HOW TO TALK WITH FAMILIES OF DYING LOVED ONES**

On Wednesday, October 14, Lutheran Health Network is offering its annual "Caring with Compassion" training session designed for healthcare providers who care for dying patients and their families. Taking place at Lutheran Hospital's Kachmann Auditorium, Medical Office Building Two, registration begins at 7:00 a.m., and the program will run from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Presenters will discuss the role of healthcare providers to the family during the dying process as well as how to provide support for the family. Specific explanations will be given about what to say or what to avoid, in addition to ways to assist children when their loved one is dying.

The speakers include Victor Kolch, D.Min., division director of pastoral care, Lutheran Hospital; Cindy Maldonado-Schaefer, MSHRM, child grief specialist and director of operations, Erin's House for Grieving Children; and Marlene C. Bultemeyer, MD, Fort Wayne Neurological Center.

Continuing education hours for nursing professionals are available for this training.

Anyone interested in attending may register online at [www.lutheranhealth.net/education](http://www.lutheranhealth.net/education). Questions may be directed to Sherry Gephart-Cotner at (260) 435-7704 or by email at [sgephartcotner@lutheran-hosp.com](mailto:sgephartcotner@lutheran-hosp.com).

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**FRANCIS STRICKLAND TO SPEAK AT DEMOCRATIC DINNER**

Francis Strickland, former First Lady of Ohio, will be the featured speaker for the 2nd annual Paulding County Democratic Party Chili/Baked Potato Dinner.

The event will be held at the Paulding Eagles Hall in Paulding, OH on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 starting at 5:30 p.m. and continuing until 7:30 p.m. Public is encouraged to attend.

Candidates running for Mayor, Councilman, and County Trustees are welcome to speak. Representatives are welcome to discuss issues on the ballot for the November election.

For more information and questions, please contact Roger Sierer at 419-399-3727.

**CHP OFFERING LUNCH & LEARN ON OCTOBER 14**

Community Health Professionals will host a free "Lunch and Learn" opportunity titled, "Planning for End-of-Life... The Smart Thing to Do" on October 14, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 1159 Westwood Dr., Van Wert.

The format will be an informal discussion with presenters from Putman Law Offices, Cowan and Son Funeral Home and CHP Hospice staff.

"When it comes to end-of-life planning, the decisions involved can be overwhelming," said Tonya Rutledge, RN, nursing supervisor at Van Wert Area Inpatient Hospice Center. "We want to help [participants] understand what is involved in putting your affairs in order."

Topics included in the discussion include: explaining end-of-life planning, understanding hospice care, advance directives and financial planning, and where to start

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

"The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned."

—1 Corinthians 2:14

with funeral planning.

Talking about such topics may be a little intimidating to most people, but are important to discuss and will be presented in a nonthreatening manner according to Rutledge.

"End-of-life planning allows a person to make his or her wishes and care preferences known before being faced with a medical crisis," Rutledge said. "Advance planning is simply smart life planning."

Attendees will receive a complimentary lunch with pre-registration required by October 5.

For more information or to register, call Tonya Rutledge or Beth Dye at Van Wert Area Inpatient Hospice Center, 419-623-7125.

**COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS GET GREEN LIGHT FOR E-POLLBOOKS**

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that county boards of elections may begin moving forward with the purchase of e-pollbooks. The General Assembly appropriated \$12.7 million to aid county governments in covering the cost of upgrading to e-pollbooks during the biennial budget (Am. Sub. H.B. 64) approved on June 30th.

"E-pollbooks help voters more efficiently find their correct voting precinct which leads to less confusion and shorter wait times. We know that e-pollbooks create a better voting experience for voters and poll workers," Secretary Husted said.

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

"The Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS) appreciated the opportunity to work collaboratively with the Secretary of State, the Ohio Association of Election Officials (OAE), and

the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) on this project. We look forward to continuing this partnership as we take the next steps in implementing these budget provisions," said DAS Assistant Director Randall Howard.

"The costs associated with the administration of elections weigh heavily on the minds of county commissioners," said County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) Executive Director Suzanne Dulaney. "CCAO greatly appreciates the General Assembly, Secretary of State Jon Husted, and the Ohio Association of Election Officials for their leadership and support to provide state funding for electronic poll books. Electronic poll books have the ability to increase efficiency to counties when administering elections."

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

"Boards of Elections around the state are excited to begin acquiring and deploying electronic pollbooks," said Ohio Association of Election Officials Executive Director (OAE) Aaron Ockerman. "This proven technology holds the promise of a better voting experience for our voters and greater efficiencies for local boards of elections. OAE would like to recognize the members of both political parties in the Ohio Senate and Ohio House of Representatives for making this acquisition possible, as well as Secretary Husted for his leadership on this issue."

There is not a required timeline for procuring the new technology, however, Secretary Husted encouraged counties to move forward in a timely fashion as the pollbooks represent a significant advancement in voting technology.

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### GEARING UP FOR 2015 HABITAT HOG RUN



Pictured here are Deb Hunter, Mary Clark and Glenna Stabler getting ready for the big day.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Hog Run for Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County is coming up on October 3, 2015

Registration begins at 9:00 for runners and walkers. All ages are welcome. Race begins at 10:30 a.m. The pink pig will be running again and those who pass him will receive a prize (up to ten runners).

Everyone will receive a ribbon and there will be medals given for several of the categories of both walkers and runners. A pulled pork lunch will be offered from 11:00-12:00 Noon. Lunch menu will be pulled pork, cole slaw, chips, cupcakes, and a beverage. There will also be activities for the children.

### OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup> IS VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> GENERAL ELECTION

Anyone that is not registered to vote and wishes to vote in the upcoming General Election on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, must register by Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Board of Elections; (or, you may register to vote at an office of any Deputy Registrar of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles; public libraries; public high schools or vocational schools; County Treasurer's Office; Office of Secretary of State or any of the 88 county Boards of Elections). Regular office hours for the Paulding County Board of Elections office are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m. The office will be open until 9:00 p.m. on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, voter registration deadline.

Have you moved or changed your name since the last time you voted? If so, you should notify the Board of Elections by Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Persons not certain of their registration validity may contact

### WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL HOSTS "ABC FASHION SHOW"



WLS's Kindergarten students had a busy day on Friday celebrating the end of their "ABC Boot Camp." The fun included an alpha-

bet Fashion Show, alphabet races, alphabet letter find, alphabet cooking, and much more. Each student chose a letter and wore all kinds of

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the Board of Elections office at 419-399-8230, or write, email, or stop in the office at 105 East Perry Street in Paulding. You may review your voter information on our website at <http://electionsonthe.net/oh/Paulding> or by searching "Paulding County Ohio Board of Elections." You may also change your name or address online using: [www.MyOhioVote.com](http://www.MyOhioVote.com).

Should you wish to register at the Paulding County Bureau of Motor Vehicles located at 831 North Williams Street, Paulding, the office hours are Monday 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

You are qualified to vote if:

You are a citizen of the United States.

You will be at least 18 years old on or before November 4<sup>th</sup>.

You will be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days immediately before the election in which you want to vote.

You are not incarcerated (in prison) for a felony conviction under the laws of this state, another state or the United States.

You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court.

You have not been permanently disfranchised for violations of the election laws.

You are eligible to vote in elections conducted in your voting precinct more than 30 consecutive days after you are properly registered to vote in Ohio.

If you have any questions, please call the Board of Elections at 419-399-8230 or you may email us at [paulding@ohiosecretary-ofstate.gov](mailto:paulding@ohiosecretary-ofstate.gov) with any other questions. Our website is <http://electionsonthe.net/OH/Paulding/>

### ELECTRONICS RECYCLING HOURS TO CHANGE

The Allen County Solid Waste Management District's electronics recycling drop-off site location will change hours on Monday, October 5.

OmniSource, 1430 Meyer Road, Fort Wayne will begin opening at 9:00 a.m., Monday through Friday. Saturday hours will remain at 8:00 a.m. through 12 noon.

Recognizing the incredible growth of electronics in our daily lives and their problematic disposal issues, the District partnered with OmniSource in 2002 and created a year-round electronics recycling program for Allen County residents. Indiana law (IC

13-20.5) banned electronics from landfill disposal in 2011.

A record number of electronics, 161.4 tons, was collected by the 2014 recycling program. Electronics collected in the District are de-manufactured by a certified contractor located in Indiana.

Because old electronic devices contain toxic substances such as lead, mercury, cadmium and chromium, proper processing is essential to ensure that these materials are not released into the environment.

Residents are encouraged to visit [www.acwastewatcher.org](http://www.acwastewatcher.org) for more information about waste reduction, reuse, and recycling in Allen County.

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Fri. Oct. 9  
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Thu. Oct. 15  
Noon - 2 p.m.  
Cooper Community  
Library, Oakwood

Wed. Oct. 14  
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
First Christian Church,  
Paulding

Wed. Oct. 21  
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**CHOICES-CHOICES-CHOICES**

**By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church**

"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: ...And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life,'" Matthew 25:41, 46 (NKJV). "...for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost," Luke 19:10 (NKJV).

God desires all mankind to receive salvation and to be with him in heaven. Hell was prepared for the devil and his fallen angels, but men and women have free will and the choices they make will determine whether they will be in eternal heaven with God or eternal hell with the devil and his fallen angels. People will ask, "How can a loving God send people to hell?" The answer is that God doesn't send people to hell, the individual people make the choices that will send them to hell. Jesus Christ in the judgment determines what each person in their earthly life has chosen and will rule accordingly.

The illustration I like to use is that in the game of ice hockey there is a rule that forbids high sticking. It goes something like this, "Thou shalt not raise your hockey stick to hit another player. If thou raises your hockey stick and hit another player with it, thou shalt be sent to the penalty box." The hockey player may not like this rule, he may not agree with this rule, he may think that he should have a right to raise his hockey stick and hit another player with it but he has no voice in the matter. If the hockey player raises his hockey stick and hits another player, the referee blows his whistle and the offending player is sent to the penalty box. The hockey player himself has made the decision to do that which results in him being sent to the penalty box.

It is the same in life, the creator God has written the rules for the game of life and we have no voice in it - we can only choose to obey or not to obey. Those who choose to be obedient to God's will and commandments will be on the winning team and be in eternal heaven, those who choose to do their own thing will be on the losing team and will be in eternal hell. "For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God." Romans 8:13-14 (NIV).

**BIBLE QUESTIONS**

**By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ**

1. Luke 22:43 - Who appeared to Jesus and why?
2. Luke 22:44 - What was Jesus in?
3. Luke 22:44 - What did Jesus do more earnestly?
4. Luke 22:44 - What did Jesus blood become like?
5. Luke 22:45 - What did Jesus find the disciples doing?
6. Luke 22:46 - What did Jesus ask the disciples?
7. Luke 22:46 - Why did Jesus tell the disciples to rise and pray?
8. Luke 22:47 - Who went before the multitude?
9. Luke 22:47 - Who drew near to Jesus and kissed Him?
10. Luke 22:48 - What did Jesus say to the person?

Loved ones, for your questions or comments, or help in understanding the New Testament in your studies, call James Potter at 419-393-4775 or e-mail jsp1941@yahoo.com or also you can call Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022. Jesus loves you and so does the church of Christ.

Answers to today's questions:

1. Angel to strengthen Him?; 2. Agony; 3. Prayed; 4. Great drops of blood; 5. Sleeping; 6. Why do you sleep; 7. So they would not enter into temptation; 8. Judas; 9. Judas; 10. Betray the son of man with a kiss.

Just some comments on this study. In verse 44, only Luke's account tells us that Jesus' blood resembled drops of blood. Jesus was in extreme agony, but He did not give up, or give in. Jesus accomplished the mission He was sent to do. Notice what the disciples were doing in verse 46. They were asleep. How tragic it is that many who claim to be Christians act as though they are sound sleep when it comes to devotion to Christ and service for Him. You and I should not be found insensitive to or unprepared for Christ's work. This is one of the reasons why I insist so much on prayer, reading and studying the New Testament. When you do your studying, you can know the truth and this truth will set you free from sin, in obedience to what the Gospel teaches.

"Ol' Baldy says bye for now. Luv Ya!

**"DO UNTO OTHERS": POPE FRANCIS' CALL TO ACTION**

**By: Rev. John Dear**

Pope Francis called us to "Hope and healing, peace and justice" as he addressed Congress. "Summon the courage and the intelligence to resolve today's many geopolitical and economic crises," he said. "Our efforts must aim at restoring hope, righting wrongs, maintaining commitments, and thus promoting the well-being of individuals and of peoples. We must move forward together, as one, in a renewed spirit of fraternity and solidarity, cooperating generously for the common good."

With his address to Congress, Pope Francis gave a call to action with a specific "to do" list: End the death penalty, poverty, hunger, rampant capitalism, the exclusion of immigrants, war, the arms trade, environmental destruction.

He offered his call to action by invoking four great Americans: Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Jr., Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton.

With Lincoln, he invoked the great liberator who ended slavery. With King, he invoked the great dreamer who imagined what we could be - more just, respectful, equitable and nonviolent. With Dorothy Day, he called us to end poverty and hunger and pursue social justice and peace. With Thomas Merton, the monk and author, he invited us to the life of contemplative peace, oneness with creation, and the search for God.

In a gentle way, he asked us to use the Golden Rule as our guide. The Golden Rule is mentioned in every religion and cited by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

"Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated," he said. "Let us seek for others the same possibilities which we seek for ourselves. Let us help others to grow, as we would like to be helped ourselves. In a word, if we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities. The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us. The Golden Rule also reminds us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development."

Then he got down to business. End the death penalty, he said emphatically. "I am convinced that this way is the best, since every life is sacred, every human person is endowed with an inalien-

able dignity, and society can only benefit from the rehabilitation of those convicted of crimes."

Invoking Dorothy Day of New York, he said we need to continue the fight to end poverty and hunger. "I would encourage you to keep in mind all those people around us who are trapped in a cycle of poverty. The fight against poverty and hunger must be fought constantly and on many fronts, especially in its causes."

"I call for a courageous and responsible effort to 're-direct our steps,' and to avert the most serious effects of the environmental deterioration caused by human activity," he said urging us to end environmental destruction. "I am convinced that we can make a difference."

Then Pope Francis invoked Thomas Merton. Merton calls us all to be peacemakers, to make peace with ourselves and with one another. Merton spoke against racism, nuclear weapons, the Vietnam War, and all forms of violence, and he often did this by dialoguing with others.

Invoking Merton's way of dialogue and peace, the Pope invited world leaders to end war. "Being at the service of dialogue and peace also means being truly determined to minimize and, in the long term, to end the many armed conflicts throughout our world. Here we have to ask ourselves: Why are deadly weapons being sold to those who plan to inflict untold suffering on individuals and society? Sadly, the answer is simply for money. In the face of this shameful and culpable silence, it is our duty to confront the problem and to stop the arms trade."

"To imitate the hatred and violence of tyrants and murderers is the best way to take their place," he said. Francis wants us to refuse the money made from war and become peacemakers.

Pope Francis calls each one of us to rise above ourselves and get to work with the task at hand. He urges us to do what we can to end the death penalty, poverty, hunger, exclusion of immigrants, war, greed, the arms trade, and environmental destruction. He calls us to be like Jesus and St. Francis, people of the Golden Rule.

We need a new national and global grassroots movement for peace, justice and nonviolence and that means we all need to get involved. We must rise to the occasion as he has, to take a stand, speak out, take to the streets, and keep moving forward toward a more nonviolent world. My hope and prayer is that all Americans, religious and secular, heed the call and do our part for "hope and

**WHY PEOPLE LEAVE CHURCH EXPLORED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ**



Insights from those who've walked away from church

Insights and trends about the current state of the church will be discussed at Lifetree Café on Thursday, October 1 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

The program, titled "Leaving God? Insights From Those Who've Walked Away From Church," includes interviews with John Bucher, an author, filmmaker, and screenwriter who was hurt by the church, and Dr. Josh Packard, a professor and researcher at the University of Northern Colorado.

"The reasons people are leaving are not the same, but half of the people we talk to can't conceive of a church they'd come back to, and a third say they'll actively discourage their children from going, too," said Packard.

Participants will also have

the opportunity to discuss their own personal experiences with organized religion.

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located in The Bachwell at 116 N. Washington Street, Van Wert, Ohio. Please enter through the handicapped accessible entrance on Court Street. Parking is available in the Courthouse lots.

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

Topic for October 8th will be "What do you want to talk about?"

healing, peace and justice."

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

**MVNU PARTNERS WITH TUTOR MATCHING SERVICES**

Mount Vernon Nazarene University has recently partnered with Tutor Matching Services (TMS) to streamline the University's tutoring process. The Center for Student Success will be using TMS to train and certify tutors and to fill the tutoring needs of students on and off campus. Tutoring through the TMS service is free to current MVNU students and MVNU alumni with a voucher code from the Center for Student Success.

Ethan Fieldman, co-founder and director of TMS, said, "We are delighted to welcome these new partners."

"TMS opens wide our potential for first-class customer service by enabling us to not only provide tutoring for our traditional and GPS students during the night hours and weekends, but by also opening our tutoring services up the local community, the MVNU education region, and the world," said Dr. Brad Whitaker, Assistant Vice President for Student Success and Retention at MVNU.

"I'm particularly excited about the potential for our MVNU students to tutor home-educated and missionary kids around the world," said Whitaker.

In addition to partnering with MVNU, TMS also announced partnerships with College of Southern Idaho, East Tennessee State University, San Diego Christian, Ursinus College, University of South Carolina-Aiken, and Paine College.

MVNU will provide tutoring services to those in the Mount Vernon community outside of the student population for a flat fee of \$9 per hour. People in the Mount Vernon community will be able to request MVNU tutors through TMS either in person at the Center for Student Success or remotely through virtual tutoring sessions. Tutoring appointments are scheduled in one hour increments.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is a private, four-year, intentionally Christian teaching university for traditional age students, graduate students and working adults. With a 327-acre main campus in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and several convenient Graduate and Professional Studies locations throughout the state, MVNU emphasizes academic excellence, spiritual growth and service to community and church. MVNU offers an affordable education to more than 2,200 students from 29 states and 12 countries/U.S. territories.

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**BLACK SWAMP NATURE CENTER PHOTO CONTEST**



**By: Staci Miller, Education Specialist, Paulding SWCD**

The Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring a photo contest at the Black Swamp Nature Center. This is an opportunity for county residents to explore the wonders of the Black Swamp Nature Center and capture the beauty of nature and its elements. Photos must be taken at the Black Swamp Nature Center between the dates of September 1, 2015 - May 1, 2016. This contest is open to all residents in Paulding County. Each resident may submit up to three photos for the contest. Age Divisions are under 18 years old and over 18 years old. Photos must be 8x10 in size and may not be framed or matted. The photo should be placed in a clear sheet protector. They can be black and white or color. The each photo should have a label or note card attached to the back of it with

the resident's name, address, phone number, email, age division and date the photo was taken. Photos will not be returned upon completion of the contest. Paulding SWCD reserves the right to use all photographs in publications or for promotional purposes. All entries are due by May 1, 2016 to the Paulding SWCD office at 503 Fairground Dr. Paulding, Ohio 45879. Photos will be judged at the 2016 Paulding County Fair. Prizes will include \$25 for 1st place in each division and \$10 for 2nd place in each division. Please contact Staci Miller, Education Specialist at 419-399-4771 or staci.miller@pauldingswcd.org for additional questions. The Paulding SWCD wants to encourage county residents to take part in this photo contest and go out and enjoy the wonders of nature at the Black Swamp Nature Center.

**GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE TO DEVELOP "WILD SCHOOL SITES"**

Ohio teachers who have successfully used Project WILD in their classrooms can now provide students with additional hands-on learning about wildlife and habitat through grants from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

ODNR Division of Wildlife grants, totaling \$500 each, will be awarded on a competitive basis to 40 schools currently participating in Project WILD, a supplemental environmental education curriculum for grades K-12. For the first time, grants will be available the entire school year, beginning now through May 31.

Project WILD uses wildlife and wildlife management concepts to teach traditional school subjects, such as math, science and language arts. Now in its 10th year, the grant program provides teachers with funding to purchase the materials, equipment and activities needed to develop "WILD School Sites" on their campuses.

A WILD School Site project allows teachers to take lesson plans outdoors, bringing conservation education concepts to life for students. An added benefit is the improvement

of schoolyard habitat for wildlife and people, which enhances outdoor learning experiences.

The grants are awarded to applicants that best meet the WILD School Site criteria. Criteria includes participation in one of Ohio's Project WILD programs, direct improvement of the habitat on the school grounds, involvement of the students in the projects as much as possible and correlation of the projects to the school's curriculum.

Funding for the WILD School Site grant program comes from the sale of Ohio hunting and fishing licenses.

Interested educators should submit an application from now through May 31 to the ODNR Division of Wildlife, Outdoor Education Section, 2045 Morse Road, Bldg. G, Columbus, OH 43229. Complete details of the grant program and an application packet can be found at wildohio.gov. To learn more about Project WILD or to find an area workshop, go to wildohio.gov or call 800-WILDLIFE.

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

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**USDA PARTNERS WITH EPA, OFFERS NEW RESOURCES TO SUPPORT WATER QUALITY TRADING**

This week, following the recent announcement of \$2 million in Conservation Innovation Grants to support water quality trading markets, the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hosted a joint workshop to expand markets for water quality benefits generated on farms, ranches and forest lands.

Water quality trading is an innovative approach to reduce pollution and efficiently achieve water quality goals. Trading is based on the fact that sources in a watershed can face very different costs to control the same pollutant. Trading programs allow facilities facing higher pollution control costs to meet their regulatory obligations by purchasing environmentally equivalent (or superior) pollution reductions from another source at lower cost, thus achieving the same water quality improvement at lower overall cost.

USDA and EPA signed a partnership agreement in 2013 to advance water quality trading and other market-based approaches that provide benefits to the environment and economy. The workshop attracted over 200 participants involved in water quality trading from across the nation.

"Conservation practices that improve soil health and conserve nutrients also produce real water quality benefits. With support from USDA and our Federal partners, water quality markets can create incentives to increase these environmental benefits and boost investment in rural America. The actions we are announcing today will help us get there," said Ann Mills, USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment.

Among the new water quality trading resources announced:

**EPA-USDA Water Quality Trading Roadmap**

The Water Quality Trading Roadmap is a decision support tool for those designing and participating in water quality trading programs. The Roadmap is a searchable database that consolidates policy guidance from EPA, information from State programs, and examples and supporting materials from across the U.S.

**EPA-USDA partnership on EnviroAtlas to support environmental markets**

USDA and EPA will incorporate environmental markets data layers into the Federal ecosystem service decision support tool, EnviroAtlas. The data layers will show where markets for water, carbon, wetlands, and habitats occur on the U.S. landscape, provide information about these markets, and allow this information to be displayed in the context of existing environmental data from Federal agencies.

**Nutrient Tracking Tool (NTT)**

USDA will release this fall the next version of NTT, ready for use in the Pacific Northwest and Ohio River Basin. The new version of NTT is a USDA hosted, user-friendly, web-based tool that calculates edge of field

nutrient and sediment loads for use in conservation planning and environmental market credit calculation. NTT will be made available in additional regions in 2016.

**USDA Environmental Markets Website**

USDA released the Department-level environmental markets website. The site integrates information, tools and resources on environmental markets from across the Department, allowing users to easily gain a snapshot of environmental market activities at USDA.

These new resources were announced days after the Natural Resources Conservation Service awarded over \$2 million in Conservation Innovation Grants to support water quality trading markets. The 2015 Water Quality Trading Conservation Innovation Grant Awardees are:

**Conservation Marketplace Midwest (\$243,933)** - proposes to develop and pilot a Field Stewards program, an innovative conservation credit system designed to allow companies in the food industry to buy "offsets" for water quality and agricultural conservation. Through the purchase of certification credits, food companies can demonstrate sustainability to their customers without having to create a new chain-of-custody supply chain for agricultural commodities, keeping costs low for retailers and the consumer. (MN)

**Electric Power Research Institute (\$300,000)** - proposes to develop and execute, for the first time, trades of "stacked" ecosystem services-both water quality and greenhouse gas emissions reduction credits. EPRI administers the Ohio River Basin nutrient trading program, the only multi-state trading program in the country. (IN, KY, OH)

**Great Lakes Commission (\$400,000)** - substantial water quality issues plague the Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB), leading to harmful algal blooms each summer in Lake Erie. The Great Lakes Commission proposes to develop a framework for water quality trading in the WLEB. (IN, MI, OH)

**Iowa League of Cities (\$700,000)** - proposes to develop a framework for water quality trading in Iowa to

support the State's Nutrient Reduction Strategy. (IA)

**National Association of Conservation Districts (\$116,725)** - proposes to develop guidance materials and engage in outreach and training to increase participation of soil and water conservation districts in nutrient trading programs. In many water quality trading programs, district employees are the conservation experts interacting with agricultural producers generating credits from the installation of conservation practices. (Nationwide)

**Virginia Tech University (\$285,729)** - proposes to develop the information and tools required to incorporate agroforestry into Virginia's nutrient trading program, which currently largely depends on the retirement of marginal agricultural lands for credit generation. In December 2014, USDA, EPA and the State of Virginia celebrated a first-of-its-kind transaction when the Virginia Dept. of Transportation purchased phosphorous credits generated by a Virginia farmer. (VA)

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- Broughton:** Kohart's Surplus & Salvage
- Bryan:** Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center
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- Edgerton:** Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Frager's Barbershop, Utilities Office
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**INDIANA LOCATIONS**

- Fort Wayne:** Walmart (Maysville Rd.)
- Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
- Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Harlan Cafe, iAB Bank
- Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
- Monroeville:** Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General
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**THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS**

**By: Stan Jordan**

On today's mission we had a ball in the area of Renanange, France! We came upon a convoy of old German tanks. I think they were used Rommel in North Africa, maybe called the M10. They were in a column retreating towards Belgium. These tanks only had about 2" of armor in the front and less than that on sides.

It was fun. My first rocket hit the tank and knocked the turret clean off. I went past the column and made a full circle while some of the boys hit some more of the tanks.

Then we came at them again and I hit another with a rocket. The pieces of the tank flew all over the place. I had used up all of the rockets and so far had gotten two tanks.

I made a big circle and gained altitude and came down on the rear of the next German tank and put round after round in his engine area. It finally caught fire and the black smoke started pouring out with the flames.

We made a big circle and came at them from the front.

All the tanks were destroyed or burning. There were trucks and some other vehicles and a command car in the line. We shot up all the targets that we saw. We rendezvoused at about 500 ft. and discussed the situation.

Eight tanks were destroyed along with a truck and a fuel tanker and a command car along with a couple of motorcycles with sidecars.

We were running low on ammunition and decided to head back to our base in Anthony, France. We sat in the barracks and talked about our good luck today.

Man, what a wonderful mission. We will all sleep good tonight!

See ya!

**TALK ABOUT CONFUSION**

**By: Stan Jordan**

I am so mixed up, I don't know how to start. For the last 75 years I have been told that using marijuana is not only bad for you, but also illegal. I read in the newspaper where the secretary of the State of Ohio has used 6600 words to describe Issue 3 for the fall state election. That is an issue to make using marijuana legal for recreational and medical uses.

Now, that is down right thigh slapping funny, to think that folks are going to use "Wacky Weed" for medicine!

Now it's funny to think that our government has spent mil-

lions, yes, millions of dollars to eradicate and destroy this plant.

Now, we are to vote on whether to allow some pot-heads to legally use dope. To think that everyone will use it only legally will be downright hilarious. Some people say they are making its use legal because the courts don't punish the users anyhow.

I have yet to be told or explained how someone has been made well or recovered from using marijuana. I understand that there will be 10 places in Ohio where it will be legal to grow and buy the plant. This is ridiculous to think it will be handled straight and above board. There will also be a governing board to look after it all—a CEO and helper, secretary and a guard for each farm and an assistant to each guard for vacations, sick leave, etc. New trucks must be purchased to transport the marijuana and new buildings for the office work. Heat, lights, taxes, and insurance will also need to be paid. Lawyers and legal people and our own medical staff. There is no end of the government operation all at taxpayers' expense.

A phrase that Ben Franklin stated, "Look well to your ballot."

This is the opinion of the writer and not the West Bend News.



**By: Stan Jordan**

There was a little old lady, who every morning, stepped onto her front porch, raised her arms to the sky, and shouted: "PRAISE THE LORD!"

One day an atheist moved into the house next door. He became irritated at the little old lady. Every morning he'd step onto his front porch after her and yell: "THERE IS NO LORD!"

Time passed with the two of them carrying on this way every day. One morning, in the middle of winter, the little old lady stepped onto her front porch and shouted: "PRAISE THE LORD! Please Lord, I have no food and I am starving, provide for me, oh Lord!"

The next morning she stepped out onto her porch and there were two huge bags of groceries sitting there. "PRAISE THE LORD!" she cried out. "HE HAS PROVIDED GROCERIES FOR ME!"

The atheist neighbor jumped out of the hedges and shouted: "THERE IS NO LORD; I BOUGHT THOSE GROCERIES!!"

The little old lady threw her arms into the air and shouted: "PRAISE THE LORD! HE HAS PROVIDED ME WITH GROCERIES AND MADE THE DEVIL PAY FOR THEM!"

**MAGGERT – RIEFERS**



Tom and Judy Maggert of Garrett, IN and Mike and Debbie Schuller of Antwerp, OH are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Kayleigh Corene Maggert to Eric Robert Riefers, son of Bob and Karen Riefers of Napoleon, OH. The bride elect is a 2006 graduate of Antwerp High School and 2010 graduate of Brown Mackie College. She is currently employed with University of Toledo Pulmonary/Critical Care Physicians as a CMA. The groom is a 2007 graduate of Napoleon High School and 2009 graduate of Hocking College. He is currently employed with Fulton Soil and Water Conservation District as an Ag/Natural Resources Technician. The couple will exchange wedding vows on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at St. John Lutheran Church in Napoleon, OH.

**INDIANA SENATE REPUBLICANS OFFERING PAID INTERNSHIPS**

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

Are you a student or recent graduate who is looking to build your resume with hands-on experience? If so, consider interning with the Indiana Senate Republican Caucus.

During the 2016 session of the General Assembly, there are a variety of paid internship opportunities in the Senate's legislative, legal, policy, communications and information technology offices.

Here is more information about each internship opportunity and its duties:

- Legislative interns will track and analyze bill data, provide constituent services, staff committee meetings and conduct policy research.
- Legal interns will conduct legal and policy research, file legislative documents within deadlines, summarize amendments and conference committees and create the daily legislative agenda.
- Policy interns will conduct research, track legislative proposals, develop a legislative matrix and summarize legislation.
- Press Secretary interns will track legislation, write news releases and op-eds, create e-communications and social media strategies and work with members of the media.
- Information Technology interns will respond to IT needs of senators and staff, troubleshoot hardware and software issues, assist in

the implementation of new technologies and reformat and reimage computers.

Visual Communications interns will assist with Senate photography and videography needs, monitor online streaming of committees and session, create visual content for print and web and assist in website management.

Interested and 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.

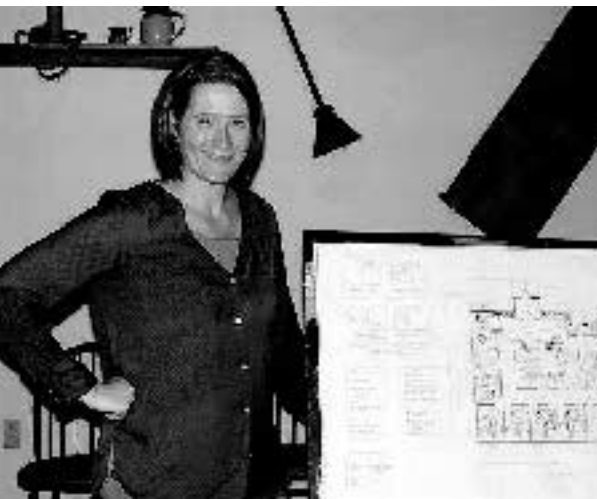
Benefits include a \$700 bi-weekly stipend, scholarship opportunities, earned academic credits, resume building, community involvement and networking while working along with more than 40 fellow interns at the Indiana Statehouse located in downtown Indianapolis.

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.

During internships with the Senate, students gain time-management, communication and problem-solving skills that will help them become attractive candidates for employers in today's competitive job market. I encourage anyone interested in state government to apply for this unique and rewarding opportunity.

More information and applications for full-time, spring internships can be found online at [www.IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/intern-program](http://www.IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/intern-program).

**DR. SARAH MOWERY DISPLAYS NEW OFFICE PLANS AT ANTWERP ROTARY MEETING**



Pictured is Sarah J. Mowery, DDS, showing Antwerp Rotarians the plans for her new office which will be located on South Main Street in Antwerp (east of the current site). The new office will increase the size of the current building making appointment times more flexible

and services more readily available to current and future patients! Dr. Mowery hopes to eventually build her team with the addition of two compassionate, full-time employees. Ground breaking is anticipated to begin in approximately six weeks.

**BLUE CREEK CLASS OF 1965 CELEBRATES 50th REUNION**



Pictured here in the top row are LaVern Weaver, Bill Tope, and Jay Basil. In the middle row are Mary (Brady) Pierczynski, Ruth Ann (Baxter) Covey, Diane (Weiland) Gerber, Sharon (Pease) Manson, Bonnie (Foust) Brinkman, Mary Alice (Ashbough) Whitford, and Sandra (Boroff) Kruty. In the bottom row are Rose (Ashton) Holtsberry, Ernestine (Doster) Wygal, Juanita (Niswander) Hotmire, and Kathy (Mosier) Martin.

The Blue Creek School class of 1965 recently celebrated their 50th class reunion with a get together in Cincinnati, OH. The event was planned and hosted by Jay and Beth Basil of Cincinnati.

The Blue Creek School was the school system preceding the Wayne Trace Local School system.

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**PAULDING CHAPTER 10 PERI OCTOBER MEETING SET**

The Paulding County Chapter 10 Public Employee Retirement Incorporated (PERI) will be meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at the Paulding County Senior Center (401 E. Jackson St.).

Guest speaker for the meeting is Margaret Needum. She will be speaking about OPERS, healthcare and giving information on new insurance plans.

As always, you can contact my office directly with your questions and concerns by email at Senator. [Kruse@iga.in.gov](mailto:Kruse@iga.in.gov) or by phone at 800-382-9467.

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Pictured in the photo (l-r) are Mr. Keith Busse, Man of the Year; Mr. Amos Norman, B&GC Director of Operations; Ronnie Miles and Mr. Joe Jordan, B&GC President and CEO.

Ronnie Miles, 10<sup>th</sup> grade student at Heritage Jr. Sr. High was named the Boys and Girls Club (B&GC) 'Young Man of the Year' at the annual Passport to Manhood breakfast. Passport to Manhood encourages boys and teens to adopt and embrace the kind of character virtues that will give them a positive head start in their journey to manhood.

Ronnie said, "Passport

has taught me how to step up in becoming a young man, because when I get older I'm going to have bigger responsibilities. I've learned what respect really means and Passport taught me how to become a better person".

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## 2015 NWC ALL-CONFERENCE GOLF TEAMS

### FIRST TEAM:

Joshah Rager, Lincolnview, 189.5; Kayne Richardson, Allen East, 185.5; Aaron Belcher, Bluffton, 182; Mitchell Youngpeter, Spencerville, 182; Parker Frye, Allen East, 176; Connor Lautzenheiser, Crestview 171; Cade McGarvey, Paulding, 156

### SECOND TEAM:

Noah Oglesbee, Columbus Grove, 154.5; Ethan Dominique, Paulding, 153.5; Cole Heller, Paulding, 150; Andrew Foust, Delphos Jefferson, 149.5; Ryan Moody, Lincolnview, 149.5; Collin Davis, Spencerville, 148.5

### HONORABLE MENTION:

Kyle Welty, Columbus Grove, 139.5; Derek Youtsey, Lincolnview, 139; Colton Lautzenheiser, Crestview, 137; Tyler McLaughlin, Bluffton, 127.5; Alex Theobald, Delphos Jefferson, 125; Cade Mullins, Ada, 124; Ronnie Schumm, Crestview, 123; Jaden Youtsey, Lincolnview, 122.5; Reece Farmer, Lincolnview, 116; Jacob Ogles-

bee, Columbus Grove, 114.5; Drake Mertz, Spencerville, 102; Brandon Hammons, Delphos Jefferson, 101

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

Joshah Rager, Lincolnview

### COACH OF THE YEAR:

Daryl Dowdy, Lincolnview

In each NWC match, points are awarded to the 12 players based on order of finish from 1st through 12th. The medalist earns 12 points, the next lowest score 11, etc. Ties add the points for the places involved and divide by the number of ties.

All-Conference players are selected by the total points amassed during regular season NWC matches. The top point getter is named Golfer of the Year and is accorded First Team honors. The next six (and ties) also earn First Team honors. The next six (and ties) are named to the Second Team. The next twelve (and ties) earn Honorable Mention.

Coach of the Year is determined by a vote of the conference coaches at the season-ending league tournament.

## FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

JV football lost 35-6 to Wayne Trace. Ian Groves scored the lone TD.

8th grade volleyball won against Liberty Center in three games: 25-14, 15-25 and 25-19. Good job girls.

8th grade volleyball lost in 3 to Antwerp 25-18, 22-25 and 11-25.

The 7th grade volleyball team defeated Liberty Center 25-8 and 25-17.

7th grade volleyball defeated Antwerp Thursday in 3 games by the scores of 20-25, 25-19, 25-17

Fairview volleyball lost in 4 to Montpelier; 17-25, 23-25, 25-20, 13-25.

Johns - 6 kills, 6 aces; Polter - 26 assists, 8 digs; Vetter - 15 digs, 5 kills; Phillips - 7 kills. Record: 2-10

Fairview volleyball lost in 3 to Ayersville: 11-25, 14-25, 6-25. Record: 2-11, GMC: 0-2

JV volleyball won versus Montpelier in three games. Lost the first 21-25. Won the second and third, 25-20 and 25-9.

JV Volleyball lost in two, 21-25 and 23-25 against Ayersville.

The girls cross country ran at Holgate versus Edgerton Tue evening placing 3rd.

The Fairview Boys Cross Country team competed with Edgerton and Holgate at Holgate. Fairview won the meet (26), Edgerton came in 2nd (37), and Holgate was third (68). Johnson finished 2nd. Midget finished 3rd. Kolb finished 5th. Nester finished 6th. Hammon finished 10th. Hart finished 14th. Skinner finished 16th. Macsary finished 17th. Schroeder finished 18th. K Macsary finished 19th. Breckler finished 20th. Sliter finished 22nd. Yoder finished 23rd. Ankney finished 24th.

The Fairview Junior High Boys Cross Country team competed with Edgerton and Holgate at Holgate. Fairview won the meet (35), Edgerton came in 2nd (36), and Holgate was third (49). Kolb finished 3rd. Fadley finished 4th. Ankney finished 7th. Nusbaum finished 9th. Bennett finished 12th with a personal best of 14:01. Nichols finished 17th. Krill finished 19th. Geissinger finished 23rd. Breckler finished 24th.

The 8th grade football defeated Antwerp 50 to 0. Noah Hagerman had 155 yards rushing, 3 rushing touchdowns, and two interceptions for touchdowns. Chayse Singer and Riely Lucas each had 1 rushing touchdown. Riley Lucus also had a fumble recovery. Ashton Jones had quarterback sack. The 8th grade is now 3:0

The 7th grade football improved to 3-0 by defeating Montpelier last night, 52 to 8. Luke Timbrook: 110 yards rushing, 2 touchdowns and an interception; Russ Zedyk: 1 rushing touchdown and a 40 yard interception for a touchdown; Caleb Frank: 2 rushing touchdowns, 4 kicked extra points, and an interception; Dougy Rakes: 1 rushing touchdown and a 51 yard pass for a touchdown; Cade Ripke: 54 yards receiving and 1 touchdown; Kaden Blair: 2 quarterback sacks; Wesley Bowers: 1 quarterback sack.

## PAULDING SOCCER PICKS UP A TIE



The Paulding Panthers Varsity Soccer tied Allen East in a 0-0 defensive standoff.

Pictured left to right are: Ben Stuck, Ryan Woodring,

Jared Paschall, Skyler Maassel, Robert Deitrick, Kaleb Goshia, Brian Matson, Matthew Martinez, Adrian Daniels, Josh Trausch, Michael

Dangler, Coach Mike Maassel, Alex Schlegel, William Deisler, Griffin Harder, Cameron Strahley, Dakota Bradford and Cullen Wenzlick.

## JPHS ANNUAL HOG ROAST & BARN DANCE

John Paulding Historical Society's annual Hog Roast and Barn Dance will be held Saturday, October 10 in Barn Two at the JPHS museum, located at 600 Fairgrounds Drive, Paulding, OH.

The menu will include pulled pork sandwiches (with or without BBQ sauce), scalloped potatoes, baked beans, applesauce and Texas sheet cake. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:00 p.m. and the dance will begin at 7:00 p.m. This event is limited to 250 people and carry-out meals will be available.

Music for round, square and polka dancing will be provided by the Len Collier Band.

For more information, the Museum is open every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. or by calling Kim Sutton at 419-399-2388 or the museum at 419-399-3667.

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## PAULDING U-12 GIRLS SOCCER CRY 'VICTORY'



Paulding Soccer Club Girls U-12 shut down Ottawa Lightning 5-0 September 14th. Goals were scored by Olivia Sprouse, Olivia Porter, and a hat trick (3 goals) by Kaly Goshia. Celebrating after the game in the front row is Sophia Fisher and Ka-

lyn Goshia. In the back row: Ella Cook, Janae Pease, Claire Schweller, Brooke Ankney, Coach Lanetta Goshia, Olivia Sprouse, Madison Wright, Naomi Yanez, Coach Brad Wright, Olivia Porter, Olivia Paschall, and Hannah Trausch.

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## WOODLAN GRAPPLES FOR WIN



On defense Woodlan senior Alec Evans forces the ball-carrier to the ground in one of his many tackles. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Jay County Patriots were on the Etzler Field Friday night, week six, against the Warriors. The beautiful evening brought fans and the players alike to the field of play for homecoming night. Woodlan began the game undefeated and was hoping to continue that for the evening. The first quarter was scoreless for both teams as they were getting the feel of the defense and offense of the opponents. Jay County matched the Warriors for possessions but nearly doubled the time.

Jordan Delagrange and the defense were able to hold the Patriots from gaining the necessary yards to gain entrance to the end zone. While Delagrange, Alec Evans, and Blake Acosta were keeping the offense in check, the Warriors were getting into gear starting in the second period with 3 seconds on the clock, the Warriors posted all three touchdowns. The first by Trevon McCarter, the second by Mitchell Van Brocklin, and the third by McCarter again. In the same quarter, senior

Quentin Graber added three more points on for each kick after the goal. The third and fourth quarters were a little slow with neither side adding points to their scores. Woodlan wins 21-0 and remains undefeated at 6-0 with the help of sophomore quarterback, Justin Durkes. Jay County left with a record of 2-4. A hot game against Lima Central Catholic will be interesting to watch if the Warriors can pull this off on Friday.

## ANTWERP FOOTBALL BRINGS HOME ANOTHER WIN!



Keaton Altimus

On Saturday, September 26th, Antwerp JV football improved to 3-1 with a road win at Montpelier sat morning by the score of 52-22.

Leading the scoring was Matt Jones with 3 TD receptions of 15, 51 and 5 yards.

mat also scored a 2 point play. Keaton Altimus also scored two TD's on ground from 9 and 56 yards. he also added a two point play. Jake Ryan also hauled in a pass for a 40 yard score. Mike Taylor had a 3 yard TD run while adding a two point reception. To round the scoring was Cole Seslar and Hunter Noel each had a two point score. Archers

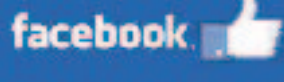
will be back in action Next Monday hosting Edgerton at 5:00 p.m. Other Stats: Mike Taylor (pictured) - 7 rushes for 76 yards, 1 TD, 1-2pt. Keaton Altimus (pictured) - 10 rushes, 127 yards, 2 TD, 1-2pt, 14-16 206 yards, 4 TD throws



Mike Taylor

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## BOYS GOLF AT POND-A-RIVER GOLF COURSE

On September 21st, Antwerp and Hilltop teed off at Pond-A-River Golf Course for high school boys golf. Antwerp (168) - Coleman 40, Cline 38, Getrost 38, Roebel 52, Lee 66, Chirgwin 47 Hilltop (184) - Shipman 55, Vanhatten 46, Grant 44, Batterfield 39

## LADY RAIDERS LOSE 2 AT TRI MATCH

Wayne Trace volleyball competed in a tri match on September 26th. The Lady Raiders lost both matches to Van Wert and Bryan.

Van Wert over Wayne Trace 25-18, 25-21. Wayne Trace Leaders: Mohr - 7 kills, 4 digs, 1 block; Myers - 3 kills, 1 block; Sinn - 5 digs; Laukhuf - 5 digs, 13 assists; Flint - 4 digs; Maassel - 1 block; Reinhart - 1 block Junior Varsity - Van Wert over Wayne Trace 25-19, 25-21

Bryan over Wayne Trace 14-25, 25-15, 25-18 Wayne Trace Leaders: Laukhuf - 20 assists, 5 kills, 12 digs; Mohr - 15 kills, 10 digs; Myers - 9 kills, 6-6 serving, 11 digs; Critten - 14-15 serving, 2 aces, 9 digs; Sinn - 13-13 serving, 2 aces, 7 digs; Flint - 8 digs

Junior Varsity - Bryan over Wayne Trace 25-18, 25-13 Wayne Trace is now 7-7 on the season.

## THE BULLDOGS DOMINATE THE EAGLES



New Haven's Tremon Jackson gains yards as he runs along the line when the Columbia City defense pushes him out of bounds in the second quarter. More pictures at westbendnews.net

It was also homecoming for the New Haven Bulldogs on Friday night, September 27 as they prepared to take on the Columbia City Eagles. The Eagles came into the game with a 2-3 record and New Haven entered with a 4-1 record. The home game was a beautiful night for the evening.

The Bulldogs started the evening off right, within the first minute, an early touchdown by Tremon Jackson receiving the pass from Keshawn Moore. With 6 minutes to go Nishawn Jones and the offense pushed through the Eagle's defense for the second touchdown of the game. The two point conversion was successfully completed by Nishawn Jones.

The last touchdown of the of half was in the second quarter and completed by Tyon Woods on a pass completed from Moore.

Columbia City proved to have mettle with two touchdowns of their own in the third quarter. The first was by Carson Reed and the second was by Ashten Barnes. New Haven's Jones also added another touchdown, finishing the third quarter at 29-14.

In the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs scored two more touchdowns - both by Woods.

The final score was 42-14 with New Haven's record moving to 5-1.

The Bulldogs (5-1) will now prepare for their challenge against Belmont (Decatur, IN) on Friday, October 2. The Braves come into the Northeast 8 challenge with a 5-2 record. In their last challenge, Belmont achieved victory over Leo (Leo, IN), 24-21, in a league challenge.

More pictures at westbendnews.net

## PAULDING FOOTBALL STRUGGLES AGAINST JEFFERSON

Paulding, over the last several seasons, has been struggling to make a dent in their rivals' scores. Their time will come again. The Panthers keep a good crowd coming and they have fun. This game is one of their biggest rivals each year and this particular match was no different.

Delphos seems to always have a good team. They scored their first touchdown within minutes against the home team. Junior Hunter Binkley scored four touchdowns in the first and second quarters while Jace Stockwell added two to the total points. All the touchdowns were scored in the first half.



Paulding Junior James Mourey is slammed by the Jefferson defense, dropping the ball, turning the ball over to the Wildcats. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The final score was 41-0. Paulding game stats: 112 Total Passing yards; Receiving: Nathan Gee 19; Corbin Edwards 33; Preston Ingot 2; Zach Buchman 23; Jarrett Sitton 32; Darien Rowe 3; Rushing: Ingot 27; Buchman 7; Edwards 2; Cameron Echols 31; Zaine Craig 3. Top tackles by: Cameron Doster 9; Jarrett Sitton 7; Bronson Minck 2; Tycen Proxmire 2; Devin Gee 2; Corbin Edwards 1;

Zach Buchman 1. With the loss, Paulding drops to 0-5 for their 2015 season. The Panthers host Allen East (Harrod, OH) to confront the Mustangs in a Northwest test on Friday, October 2. The Mustangs come into the test with a record of 4-1. Allen East won 41-24 in their recent league test against Bluffton (Bluffton, OH) More pictures at westbendnews.net

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Faith Vogel slams the ball in the first set against the Mustangs. More pictures at westbendnews.net

### PAULDING VS ALLEN EAST VOLLEYBALL

On September 22nd, the Paulding Panthers took on Allen East at home. The game clearly favored the home team as the Panthers devoured the Mustangs in a short, three set game — 25-19, 25-11, 25-8.

Paulding Leaders: Beck 9 kills, 12-12 serving; Manz 15 assists; Varner - 14-14 serving Paulding is now 7-3 overall, 2-1 in the Northwest Conference.

Junior Varsity - Paulding over Allen East 26-28, 25-11, 28-26.

### LADY RAIDERS FIRE UP THE VOLLEYBALL COURT

On September 22nd, Wayne Trace squared off against Holgate in a fiery volleyball match up. Wayne Trace took it in 3: 25-22, 25-8, 25-21

Record: 7-5, 2-1 GMC

Wayne Trace Leaders:

Laukhuf - 25 assists, 5 digs, 4 kills; Flint - 2 assists, 6 digs, 1 block, 9 kills; Myers - 12 digs, 4 blocks, 9 kills; Critten - 8 digs, 5 aces; Sinn - 7 digs; Mohr - 16 kills, 6 aces

Junior Varsity - Wayne Trace over Holgate 21-25, 25-21, 26-24



Antwerp Sophomore Rachel Williamson spikes the ball in a very active night. More pictures at westbendnews.net

### ANTWERP NARROWLY BEATS WOODLAN IN VOLLEYBALL



Woodlan Senior Kory Gerig blocks the ball from crossing to the Warriors' side of the net after Antwerp's Peyton Short hits the ball over. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Warriors took on Antwerp at Archer Court on Thursday, September 24. The game started with Woodlan taking the first match after having a serious deficit at the beginning.

The Lady Archers volleyball team went on to collect the next two wins, giving them a 2-1 advantage. The Warriors were not finished yet and came back from the depths of near loss to take the fourth set, putting the game in decision. The short fifth game completed the win for the home team as they were traditionally the leaders early in each game, working to their advantage and taking the game 3-2 — 21-25, 25-19, 25-15, 18-25, 15-10

Antwerp Leaders:

Hawley - 2 digs; Braaten - 13 digs, 1 ace; Longardner - 4 digs; Barnhouse - 11-11 serving, 2 digs; Smith - 3 kills, 1 block; Short - 37 assists, 4 kills, 23-23 serving, 3 aces, 8 digs, 2 blocks; Derck - 6 kills, 10 digs, 1 block; Recker - 7 kills, 16-16 serving, 3 aces, 12 digs; Sheedy - 11 kills, 5 digs, 1 ace; Williamson - 16 kills, 6 aces, 4 blocks

Woodlan Leaders: Aces: Houser, Hockemeyer, Fredrick 2; Assists: Houser 21 Lichty 17; Blocks: Gerig 2; Digs: Houser, Fredrick, Gerig; 11; Kills: Gerig; 23.

Woodlan is now 9-10 for the season while Antwerp is 10-2. Junior Varsity - Antwerp defeated Woodlan in three sets.

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### NEW HAVEN CROSS COUNTRY CONQUER HOME NEW HAVEN CLASSIC

The New Haven Cross Country teams did not serve as good hosts at the New Haven Classic as both teams for the fourth weekend in a row were team champions.

For the boys' team they defended their AA Division title. Deric Laurent for the second year in a row was the individual champion of the AA Division in 16:38. Josh Hiatt was next for the team in 16:59. Brayan Pizano finished right behind Josh in 17:03 to place 8th. Jordan Lahr placed 24th in 17:44 to be the 4th runner to earn an award. Kyel Charles was the team's 5th place runner and placed 30th. Cyrus Felger finished next in 31st with a time of 18:02. Grant Atkinson was the team's 7th runner and placed 38th in 18:13.

Team Scores - Boys

1. New Haven 68; 2. Angola 130; 3. Bellmont 149; 4. Lakeland 157; 5. Marion 164

The Lady Bulldog's won their first AA Division of the New Haven Classic. Paige Boatright finished in 2nd place in 19:00. Hayley Newman and Carmen Yoder worked together to place 10th and 11th respectively in 20:14 and 20:17. Bri Dishong ran 21:22 and placed 24th to be the 4th runner to earn an individual award. Ariel Stier placed 44th in 22:04. Ally Holcomb placed 80th in 23:37.

Team Scores - Girls

1. New Haven 89; 2. Columbia City 111; 3. Celina 150; 4. Northwestern 154; 5. Norwell 193

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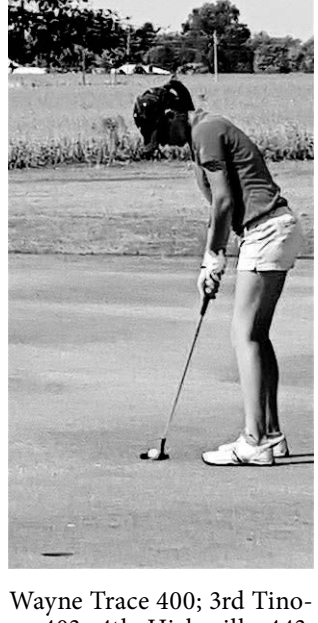


Vantage celebrated Fall Sports Spirit Day recently. Over 40 students who attend Vantage participate in fall extracurricular activities at their home school. Pictured above are fall athletes, cheerleaders, band members, and even a school mascot!

### GMC HIGH SCHOOL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS



Hailey Dempsey 99. Named to 1st team GMC.



The GMC Golf championships were held at Ironwood Golf Course in Wau-seon on Friday, September 25, 2015

**Boys Team Scores:**  
 1st Tinora 348; 2nd Fair-view 352; 2nd Hicksville 352; 4th Wayne Trace 354; 5th Ayersville 531; 6th Edgerton 374; 7th Antwerp 392; 8th Holgate 403  
**Golfer of the Year:**  
 Cole Woods 76, Tinora  
**1st Team:**  
 Matthew Kozumplik 80, Fairview; Evan Baughman 83, Wayne Trace; Bailey Tear 83, Hicksville; Alec Vest 84, Wayne Trace; Austin Wil-litzer 84, Ayersville  
**2nd Team:**  
 Brett Camp 85, Tinora; Jake Grim 85, Holgate; Lo-gan Hetrick 86, Fairview; Garrett Miller 86, Hicks-ville; Collin Derrow 88, Tinora; Eric Engel 88, Ayers-ville; Cameron Schaper 88, Edgerton; Jacob Siebenaler 88, Edgerton  
**Honorable Mention:**  
 Wes Perry 91, Hicksville; Quentin Peffley 92, Hicks-ville; Jeffrey Coleman 93, Antwerp; Brayden Dietrich 93, Fairview; Kody King 93, Fairview; Brady Stabler 93, Wayne Trace

**Girls Team Scores:**  
 1st Antwerp 386; 2nd

Wayne Trace 400; 3rd Tino-ra 403; 4th Hicksville 443; 5th Ayersville 370  
**Golfer of the Year:**  
 Gabbi Keller 85, Tinora  
**1st Team:**  
 Emilee Phipps 89, Ant-werp; Sierra Cline 94, Ant-werp; Paige Johnson 96, Fairview; Micah Schroeder 97, Hicksville; Hailey Dempsey 99, Wayne Trace  
**2nd Team:**  
 Brooke Gerig 100, Ant-werp; Gracie Gudakunst 100, Wayne Trace; Hannah Slesman 100, Edgerton; Gillianne Wiseman 100, Wayne Trace; B r o o k e Sinn 101, Wayne Trace; Amanda Roberts 103, Ant-werp; Maddie Trefzger 103, Tinora; Jenna Wilson 103, Antwerp  
**Honorable Mention:**  
 Rylee Sanders 105, Tino-ra; Stephanie Lambert 110, Tinora; Grace Roberts 110, Ayersville; Laney Balsler 111, Hicksville; Riley Balsler 117, Hicksville; Selena Alvarado 118, Tinora; Madison Brown 118, Tinora; Taylor Larry 118, Hicksville

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### GIRLS GOLF AT ST. MIKE'S GOLF COURSE

Wayne Trace (194) – Brooke Sinn 46, Gracie Gu-dakunst 49, Hailey Dempsey 49, Gilly Wiseman 50, Olivia Klinker 62  
 Tinora (221) – Gabbi Keller 48, Stephanie Lambert 55, Maddie Trefzger 56, Riley Sanders 62  
 Fairview – Paige Johnson 56, Emily Culler 61, McKayla Bauer 64

### LADY PANTHERS DOMINATE VOLLEYBALL COURT

On September 24th, Paulding won against Bluff-ton in varsity girls volleyball. They took the match in 3 sets: 25-23, 25-20, 25-23

Paulding is now 8-3 on the season.

Leaders for the Panthers:  
 Posey – 11 kills; Vogel – 8 kills; Manz – 17 assists; Var-ner – 11 digs; March – 11 digs, 11-11 serving  
 Junior Varsity – Paulding won in two sets

### PAULDING COUNTY COM-MISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 9/14/15

This 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the follow-ing members present:  
 Roy Klopfenstein, Tony Zartman, Mark Holtzberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:**  
 Warrants documented as 219051 through 219142 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**  
 A MOTION was made by Mr. Tony Zartman to go into executive session at 10:42 a.m. with the Paulding Coun-ty Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtzberry. All members voting yea.

At 10:55 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

**IN THE MATTER OF AMEND-ING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPRO-PRATION (FUND 001-013):**

The Board of County Commis-sioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2015 Annual Approp-riation by appropriating the following: 001-013-00003/General Fund/Cor-oner/Contract Services

AMOUNT: \$5,000.00  
**MEETING NOTES OF AP-POINTMENTS:**

Dr. Joseph Kuhn, County Cor-ner – Dr. Kuhn met with the Commis-sioners for an update. He indicated the need for autopsies has increased. The Commissioners will allocate additional funding to cover the costs.

Kevin Hanenkraat – Mr. Hanenk-ratt reported the sewer repair/mainte-nance project at the Jacob Eaton Chil-dren's Home has been completed. He provided information about the new Barnes pump and drawings of the loca-tion of the pipes. Mr. Hanenkraat also noted there are spare pumps and a tri-pod that needs to be stored for possible use. The Commissioners will follow-up with SWCD to see if there is storage in their pole barn on site. Mr. Hanenkraat mentioned the Jacob Eaton Children's Home is in need of a new garbage dis-posal. The Commissioners gave him the go-ahead to install one.

Brion Hanenkraat and Brandon Manz, Sheriff's Office – Mr. Hankratt introduced Mr. Manz on his first day on the job as a Sheriff's Deputy. Mr. Hanenkraat has scheduled a meeting with P&R Communications Systems in the Commissioners' Office on Mon-day, September 21, at 10:30 a.m. He will make sure all involved parties are invited to attend to discuss the future of radio communications in the county.

Anita Stechschulte – Ms. Stech-schulte verbally tendered her resigna-tion. She has accepted a position with the Ohio EMA in Findlay. The Com-missioners wished her well and thanked her for her service to the county.

Suzanne Rister, Paulding County Court Judge – Judge Rister presented a news release from the Auditor of State regarding the former Paulding Coun-ty Director of Probation Services. She then reported that her case load con-tinues to increase, especially traffic vi-o-lations.

Jason Landers, Paulding County Sheriff – Sheriff Landers met with the Commissioners to report the Dog War-den has been in his position for a year. He suggested that the Commissioners review the Dog Warden's salary and consider an increase. After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to increase the Dog Warden's salary effective Sep-tember 12, 2015. The Sheriff and the Commissioners discussed the last offer from Putnam County for the housing of inmates. He will continue to work with the Putnam County Sheriff and Com-missioners to come to an agreement on out-housing costs. Mr. Landers re-ported his office is gearing up for the Flat Rock Creek Festival, which is this weekend at the Paulding County Fair-ground.

Jerry Zielke, PCED – Mr. Zielke met briefly with the Commissioners to update them on recent economic devel-opments.

### ANTWERP VOLLEYBALL TAKES ANOTHER WIN

On September 22nd, Ant-werp flew over Edgerton in 3 sets: 25-15, 25-20, 25-11

Antwerp is now 9-2 over-all, 2-1 in the Green Mead-ows Conference.

**Antwerp Leaders:**  
 Longardner – 6 digs, 1 ace; Smith – 2 kills, 2 digs; Derck – 6 kills, 9 assists, 1 block, 8-8 serving; Short – 30 assists, 15-15 serving, 8 digs; Recker – 10 kills, 12-12 serving, 5 digs, 1 block; Sheedy – 12 kills, 6 digs; Barnhouse – 6 digs, 4-4 serving; Williamson – 11 kills, 1 ace; Hawley – 6 digs, 10-10 serving, 2 aces; Braat-en – 6 digs  
 Junior Varsity – Antwerp won in two sets.

### LADY WARRIORS SUFFER TWO VOLLEYBALL LOSSES

On September 22nd, Woodlan volleyball played at Heritage. Heritage defended the home court, winning in 3: 13-25 18-25 19-25

**Leaders:**  
 Aces: 5 players with 1 each; Assists: Lichty 11; Blocks: Sowers 1; Digs: Fredrick 3; Kills: Gerig 9  
 Record: 9-8, ACAC 1-3

On September 23rd, Woodlan took on Carroll, but fell to the same fate of a loss in 3: 16-25, 19-25, 14-25

**Leaders:**  
 Aces: Hockemeyer 3; As-sists: Houser 9; Blocks Gerig 2; Digs: Gerig 4; Kills: Hocke-meyer 4  
 Record 9-9

### NEW HAVEN LADY BULL-DOGS VOLLEYBALL

New Haven High School Girls Varsity Volleyball falls to Leo Jr./ Sr. High School 0-3 on September 22, 2015.

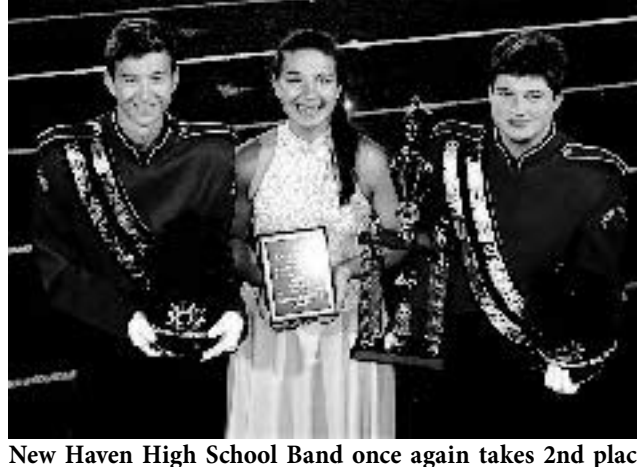
Scores: 11-25, 10-25, 17-25  
**Bulldog stats:**  
 Digs – Decamp 9, Lug-inbill 10; Blocks – Decker 3, Hoffer 3; Jordan 2

New Haven beat Colum-bia City High School 3-2 on Thursday, September 24, 2015.

Assists – Cordray 34; Digs – Decamp 36, Luginbill 24, Saalfank 15, Cordray 9, Bremer 8  
 Kills – Decker 13, Jordan 10, Hoffer 8, Creed 4, Rayes 3

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### NEW HAVEN BAND TAKES 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE



New Haven High School Band once again takes 2nd place and they received a caption award for Best Guard. [www.newhavenbulletin.com](http://www.newhavenbulletin.com)

### ANTWERP ATHLETIC BOOSTERS TO HOST REVERSE RAFFLE ON OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup>



There are some exciting changes coming to the Ant-werp Archer ball fields!

The Antwerp Athletic Boosters Club, Inc. in con- junction with the Antwerp Local School is working hard to improve the spring ball athletic complex. The goal is to have this completed for the start of the 2017 ball season. Together, they have already achieved Phase One of the project, which involved the field grading and tile instal-lation.

The proposed plan is to move the high school base- ball field to where the practice field is currently located. They will then be adding new dug-outs for both the softball and baseball fields, centralized concession stand and some much needed restrooms!

Be sure not to miss out

### AUDITOR YOST ANNOUNC-ES STATE AWARD RECIP-IENTS

Auditor of State Dave Yost is pleased to announce that the following entities received the Auditor of State Award for their clean audit reports: City of Salem (Columbiana County), Defiance County, South East Area Transit Au-thority (Muskingum County)

The Auditor of State Award is presented to local governments and school dis-tricts upon the completion of a financial audit. Entities that receive the award meet the following criteria of a "clean" audit report:

- The entity must file time-ly financial reports with the Auditor of State's office in ac-

cordance with GAAP (Gen-erally Accepted Accounting Principles);

- The audit report does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, sig-nificant deficiencies, Single Audit findings or questioned costs;
- The entity's management letter contains no comments related to:

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**WAYNE TRACE HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES 2015 HOMECOMING COURT**



Wayne Trace High School has recently selected its' 2015 Homecoming Court. Members of the court include (front row) Seniors Jessica Offerle, Brianna Sinn, Shayna Temple, and Erin Mohr;

Junior Danae Myers; Sophomore Lily Sinn; and Freshman Olivia Egnor.

In the 2nd row are Luke Miller, Arlyn Cooper, Cole Shepherd, Clint Sinn, Jayden Sherry, Eli Sinn, and Grant

Baumle. The annual Homecoming Football game will be played on Friday, October 2 versus Holgate, with the Homecoming Dance taking place on Saturday, October 3.

**ODOT CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE PROJECTS WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2015**

**DEFIANCE COUNTY:**

*U.S. 24* between Ohio 15 and Kraus Road, both eastbound and westbound, will be reduced to one lane through the work zone for cleaning of bridge decks. Work is being performed by the Defiance County ODOT maintenance garage.

*Buckskin Road at Ohio 15* will be closed for the week for a culvert replacement. Work is being performed by the Defiance County ODOT maintenance garage.

*Ohio 500* between Ohio 49 and County Road 21 will close for approximately two weeks. Access to residents will be available from Township Road 39, Township Road 33 and Township Road 21.

All other traffic will be detoured onto County Road 1, Ohio 613 and Ohio 49 back to Ohio 500.

*Two weeks later*, the section of Township Road 21 and County Road 1 (Indiana state line) will be closed for two weeks. Access to residents will be available from Township Road 21, County Road 11 and County Road 1. All other traffic will be detoured onto County Road 1, Ohio 613 and Ohio 49 back to Ohio 500.

ODOT will coordinate with local landowners regarding access to residents and farm fields during the project.

*Ohio 613* in Melrose will be closed September 30 for

approximately three days for a culvert replacement. Traffic is detoured onto Ohio 637, Ohio 114 and Ohio 66 back to Ohio 613. Work is being performed by all Purpose Contracting.

*U.S. 24* at U.S. 127 may be restricted through the work zone at times during slope repair. 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* from U.S. 127 to Ohio 637

*Ohio 637* from Ohio 613 to Ohio 114

*Ohio 114* from U.S. 127 to Ohio 66

*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:**

*Ohio 12* at the west edge of Columbus Grove will be closed October 7 for approximately five weeks for installation of sanitary sewer. Traffic detoured onto Ohio 65, U.S. 30 and Ohio 115 back to Ohio 12. Work is being performed by Underground Utilities, Inc.

*Ohio 613* east of West Leipsic will be closed October 13 for approximately four days for culvert replacement at two locations. Traffic detoured onto Ohio 65, U.S. 224 and Ohio 235 back to Ohio 613. Work is being performed by the Putnam County ODOT maintenance garage.

*Ohio 109* between Ottawa and the Henry County line will be reduced to one lane

through the work zone for pavement repair. Work is being performed by the Putnam County ODOT maintenance garage.

*Ohio 613* between 109 and 65 will be reduced to one lane through the work zone for pavement repair. 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.

**U.S. TALL WOOD BUILDING PRIZE COMPETITION WINNERS REVEALED**

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, in partnership with the Softwood Lumber Board and the Binational Softwood Lumber Council, announced the winners of the U.S. Tall Wood Building Prize Competition. The two winning development teams were granted a combined \$3 million in funding to support the development of tall wood demonstration projects in New York and Portland, Oregon.

At a press conference hosted in New York this morning, Secretary Vilsack congratulated the competition winners. "The U.S. wood products industry is vitally important as it employs more than 547,000 people in manufacturing and forestry, with another 2.4 million jobs supported by U.S. private-forest owners," said Vilsack. "By embracing the benefits of wood as a sustainable building material, these demonstration projects have the ability to help change the face of our communities, mitigate climate change and support jobs in rural America. I look forward to seeing how these two buildings help lead the way in furthering the industry."

Next-generation lumber and mass timber products are becoming the latest innovation in building. Innovative new technologies and building systems have enabled longer wood spans, taller walls, and higher buildings, and continue to expand the possibilities for wood use in construction. Mass timber wood products are flexible,

strong, and fire resistant, and can be used as a safe and sustainable alternative to concrete, masonry, and steel. Using wood helps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by storing carbon and simultaneously offsetting emissions from conventional building materials. Wood can also help struggling rural forest communities. During the Recession, the drop in new construction and decline in home remodeling had a deep impact on wood manufacturing. However, if next-generation wood products can penetrate just five to fifteen percent of the non-residential North American market, it would mean roughly 0.8 - 2.4 billion board feet of lumber consumed annually. To put that in real-world context, roughly 35 jobs are created for each million board feet of wood processed.

The two winning proposals - Framework and 475 West 18th - were selected by a panel of distinguished jurors in the architecture and engineering fields who are familiar with innovative wood building systems. While each took a unique approach, both projects met the Competition's criteria to showcase the safe application, practicality and sustainability of a minimum 80-foot structure that uses mass timber, composite wood technologies and innovative building techniques.

Framework, LLC and 130-134 Holdings LLC - on behalf of Framework and 475 West 18th, respectively - will each receive \$1.5 million to embark on the exploratory phase of their projects, including the research and development necessary to utilize engineered wood products in high-rise construction in the U.S. As part of the Competition evaluation criteria, both of the winning teams have also obtained early support from their respective authorities having jurisdiction to proceed.

"Tall wood building systems have been embraced by developers and architects around the world for many years," said Marc Brinkmeyer, Softwood Lumber Board Chair. "Moving forward with these projects is a step in the right direction for the U.S. building industry in having the ability to take full advantage of the inherent benefits of wood from both an environmental and economic standpoint."

Additional background information on the Competition, including the Official Rules and contact details can be found on the prize competition website at: [www.tallwoodbuildingcompetition.org](http://www.tallwoodbuildingcompetition.org).

**PUBLIC DRAWING OFFERED FOR BEAVER AND OTTER TRAPPING OPPORTUNITIES ON STATE-OWNED OR MANAGED PROPERTIES**

Ohio trappers are invited to participate in a special drawing Saturday, October 10, 2015 for public land beaver and river otter trapping opportunities.

A list of public land trapping opportunities available at this lottery is posted at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov) under "Controlled Hunting and Trapping Events."

Interested trappers will be required to come to one of the five wildlife district offices, except for the District Two

**WOODLAN FFA PLACES AT STATE CONTEST**



Pictured here (l-r) are Lily Vondran, Janae Sowles, Eric Kurtz, Branden Bennett, and Nicky Gerber.

**By: Kyle Nahrwold, Woodlan FFA Reporter**

The Woodlan FFA Chapter recently participated in the Indiana State FFA Horticulture CDE (Career Development Event) contest held on the campus of Purdue University at West Lafayette, IN. The Horticulture CDE contest is divided into several areas where students identify trees through leaf identification,

shrubs, fruits, vegetables, flowers, ranking flower arrangements, vegetables, and being tested over horticulture problems. The Woodlan FFA Horticulture Team finished 10th place overall.

Individually, Janae Sowles led the Woodlan FFA Horticulture team by placing 12th overall high individual, followed by Nicky Gerber 30th, and Eric Kurtz 47th.

drawing which will be held at the Mt. Blanchard Gun Club, 21655 Twp. Rd. 186, Forest, OH 45843. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m., with the drawing to begin at 12:00 p.m.

Please follow the link for more information: <http://wildlife.ohio-dnr.gov/stay-informed/news-announcements/post/public-drawing-offered-for-beaver-and-otter-trapping-opportunities-on-state-owned-or-managed-properties>

**SECRETARY VILSACK ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF KARLA THIEMAN AS USDA CHIEF OF STAFF**

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today the appointment of Karla Thieman as Chief of Staff for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The position was recently vacated by Brian Baenig.

"Karla brings to this position strong leadership, sound judgement, and a fierce passion for agriculture and rural America," said Vilsack. "Karla also understands that USDA is helping to lead transformational change across the country in energy, nutrition, trade, research, conservation, and in building a biobased economy from the ground up. Throughout her career, Karla has been a

valuable advocate for farmers, ranchers and rural communities, and I am confident that she will continue to help USDA achieve great things in her new role as Chief of Staff."

Thieman joined USDA in April 2014, serving as a Senior Policy Advisor to Secretary Tom Vilsack and, most recently, as Chief of Staff to Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden. Prior to joining USDA, Thieman worked for the Senate Agriculture Committee for more than five years, serving under three Chairs of the Committee: Senator Tom Harkin, Senator Blanche Lincoln, and Senator Debbie Stabenow. As senior professional staff on the Agriculture Committee, she handled a portfolio that included livestock, food safety, dairy, energy and climate change. Thieman previously served in leadership positions on the campaigns of Senators McCaskill, Udall and Bennett. Thieman grew up on a third-generation family farm in central Missouri where her family raised cattle, corn and soybeans. She has a degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Missouri.

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# WOODLAN FFA HOLDS WABASH/ERIE DEMONSTRATION DAY



**By: Kyle Nahrwold, Woodlan FFA Reporter**  
 The Woodlan FFA Chapter recently held their annual Wabash/Erie Demonstration Day. Second grade students from East Allen county schools and other area schools were invited to attend. The second grade students ob-

served and participated in demonstrations conducted by the Woodlan FFA members. The second grade students learned about the pioneer life during the Wabash/Erie Canal days which the remains of the Wabash/Erie canal can still be seen adjacent to the Woodlan Jr.-Sr. High School.

Demonstrations included tiling, cooking, clothes washing, candle making, old tools, canal boat, straw maize, and pumpkins. This year over 350 second grade students were involved with over 60, Woodlan FFA members conducting the Wabash/Erie Demonstration Day event.

## McMICHAEL GUEST SPEAKER AT ANTWERP ROTARY



Pictured are Rotarian Shawn Dooley, Brooke Gerig and Mr. Scott McMichael. Shawn Dooley was program chair.

Mr. Scott McMichael was the guest speaker at the Antwerp Rotary meeting on September 17. He updated the club on the baseball field project spearheaded by the Antwerp Athletic Boosters. Plans are underway to upgrade the current fields with scoreboard, dugouts, fencing, tile, and possible concessions. The goal is to have the field playable in 2-3 years. The Athletic Boosters held a "Drive for Your School Event" and are hosting a Reverse Raffle on October 17th to raise funds for this project. Anyone interested in participating on

this project can contact any Athletic Booster member. President of the Boosters is Jason Landers. Mr. McMichael also introduced Senior Lady Archer Varsity golf team member Brooke Gerig. Coach McMichael shared that the golf team worked very hard this year both on the course and academically. The seven member team has a combined GPA of 3.495! Brooke plans to study Clinical Psychology and obtain her Doctorate degree upon graduation from AHS! Goodluck, Brooke!

## FIRST DEFIANCE FINANCIAL CORP. TO RELEASE THIRD QUARTER EARNINGS

First Defiance Financial Corp. (NASDAQ: FDEF) announced that it intends to report third quarter results on Monday, October 19, 2015 after the close of the market. The earnings news release will be available on the company's investor relations website at [www.fdef.com](http://www.fdef.com) and at major financial information sites.

At 11:00 a.m. ET on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, First Defiance will host a conference call at which Donald P. Hileman, President and CEO, and Kevin T. Thompson, Executive Vice President and CFO, will discuss the third quarter results. The conference call may be accessed by calling 1-877-444-1726.

Internet access to the call is also available (in listen-only mode) at the following URL: <http://services.chorus-call.com/links/fdef151020.html>

The replay of the conference call Webcast will be available at [www.fdef.com](http://www.fdef.com) until Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. ET. For those without Internet access, the earnings release will be available by fax or mail upon request. To receive a copy, please call First Defiance Investor Relations at (419) 782-5104.

## LINCOLNVIEW WINS NWC GOLF TITLE

Lincolnview won the Northwest Conference golf tournament in an 18-hole tournament played at Country Acres Golf Club. The first-place tournament finish also clinched the overall 2015 conference golf championship for the Lancers.

The Lancers had a team total 324 to defeat tournament runner-up Allen East (357) by 33 strokes. Other tournament team totals were Paulding (373), Spencerville (392), Crestview (395), Columbus Grove (409), Delphos Jefferson (424), Ada (537). Bluffton participated and did

# ASK ME Miss C!

Dear Miss C,  
 My best friend is making me crazy! She is so needy. I know that makes me sound like a horrible person, but seriously she literally drains and frustrates me. She is never happy. It is always something. She complains about her husband constantly, says she wants a divorce but can't afford it. At the same time, a few years back, she took a weekend with another man. Now, she is flirting with the idea of doing it again. The only thing holding her back is that she thinks she is too fat. Ugh! I have tried to talk to her a million times, but she literally won't stop making herself a victim. I don't want to walk away from a friend, but I seriously don't know what to do.

negative and focus on the bad aspects of life. They can be self-absorbed, defensive, stubborn, self-abasing. They use terms like "I can't... I must have... I don't know." What is learned, can be unlearned. I say this not because it is your job to help her unlearn, but merely so you have an understanding. Your friend may need professional guidance to unlearn the victim mentality. But that does not fix your conundrum. As her friend, you want to be there for her, but it is very emotionally and mentally draining for you as well. I understand, and have had similar experiences. The advice I will give comes from direct experience. If you do not want to lose your friend from your life entirely:

aries... sometimes you just have to say "Our relationship is important to me, but it's not helpful to keep feeling sorry for yourself. I will listen for a few minutes, unless you are ready to start working on solutions. You may get guilt trips from your friend, don't fall prey. Instead just say something like, "I love you, but that's all I can offer."  
 3. When you do hang out, hang out in groups. The groups will help you to deflect some of the pressure to be always tending to your friend.  
 4. And about those boundaries... yes, I say this twice, but it is really important!

—Susan  
 Dear Susan,  
 The victim mentality is a learned personality trait. Many times it is a trait often learned during childhood and is associated with neurotism (general emotional instability). This type of mentality is associated with negative emotional states like fear, anxiety, sadness and anger. People with victim mentality are generally

Susan, there is no easy fix but these are some tools to help. Relationships are very important, and sometimes the best friend in the world isn't enough to fix the world for others. But you can be caring and compassionate without sacrificing your own mental health in the process.  
 Blessings,  
 —Miss C

\*Send your questions to Miss C today! Ask-MeMissC@gmail.com, via Facebook or US mail to West Bend News\*

not receive a team score. Lincolnview junior, Joshah Rager, was the tournament medalist with a 1-under par score of 71. Second place medalist honors went to senior Kayne Richardson of Allen East (81). The third place medalist was Braden Evans of Lincolnview with an 83.

- 2. ALLEN EAST 357  
 Kayne Richardson 81, Parker Frey 86, Harrison Kill 83, Grant Whitley 97
- 3. PAULDING 363  
 Ethan Dominique 85, Fletcher Cook 91, Westin Philpot 97, Cade McGarvey 100
- 4. SPENCERVILLE 392  
 Mitchell Youngpeter 86, Brian Wood 94, Collin Davis 102, Alex Gallman 110
- 5. CRESTVIEW 395  
 Connor Lautzenheiser 84, Caleb Myers 101, Colton Lautzenheiser 104, Ronnie Schumm 106
- 6. COLUMBUS GROVE

- 409  
 Jacob Oglesbee 98, Noah Oglesbee 101, Kyle Welty 103, Logan Malsam 107
- 7. DELPHOS JEFFERSON 424  
 Andrew Foust 93, Tristan Moore 109, Alex Theobald 111, Evan Mox 111
- 8. ADA 537  
 Cade Mullins 112, Taylor Ramey 125, Rob Allison 147, Brice Ferguson 153
- 9. BLUFFTON no team score  
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**LOCAL TOURISM EXECUTIVE ATTENDS OACVB EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

Jeri Knowlton, Executive Director for Marietta-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau joined other leaders of Ohio's tourism industry in attending the Ohio Association of Convention and Visitors Bureau's (OACVB) Annual Education Conference, September 17, 2015, at the Jefferson Golf and Country Club in Blacklick, Ohio.

OACVB President Larry Fletcher expressed his appreciation to Gahanna CVB Director Laurie Jadwin, her staff, and conference team for organizing the event. He commented, "The OACVB education conference is always one of my favorite professional development sessions of the year and the Gahanna team really raised the bar! The event was a perfect blend of educational and networking opportunities, plus the chance to experience some of Gahanna's diverse attractions."

During the conference attendees learned more about working with bloggers through a panel discussion featuring Laura Kretler, Heather Rader and Betsy Decillis. The presentation  $X + Y = \text{Generational Marketing \& Recruiting}$ , by Ann and Al Turpin, outlined the challenges and opportunities the Millennial Generation presents for the tourism industry and Columbus restaurateur Cameron Mitchell addressed the group about his company's philosophies for success. The conference also included the OACVB September Board Meeting, a great networking event at the Ohio Herb Education Center,

dinner at 101 Beer Kitchen and the OACVB's Annual Middy Awards Luncheon which recognizes excellence among member bureaus for marketing and PR efforts.

OACVB is statewide organization serving CVBs throughout Ohio helping them to maximize the economic impact of tourism via effective communication, cooperative marketing, industry education, legislative awareness, issue management, trend identification and professional development.

**USDA COMMITS \$2.5 MILLION TO EXPAND NEW FARMER EDUCATION**

Agriculture Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden announced that \$2.5 million in grants is now available for projects to educate new and underserved farmers about more than 20 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency programs that can provide financial, disaster or technical assistance to the agricultural community.

The grants will be awarded to nonprofits and public higher education institutions that develop proposals to improve farmer education on topics such as financial training, value-added production, recordkeeping, property inheritance, and crop production practices.

"We want to partner with nonprofits, colleges and universities who share USDA's priority of helping more Americans enter farming as a profession, whether they are new or underserved farmers, returning Service members, minorities, women, and urban producers or those who sell their crops locally," said Harden.

USDA will conduct four evaluation periods to review applications, with the deadlines of November 20, 2015, January 22, 2015, March 18, 2016, and May 27, 2016. Awards between \$20,000 and \$100,000 per applicant will be available. To learn more about the funding solicitation and the related Farm Service Agency programs, details can be found at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) with the reference number USDA-FSA-CA-2015-001. For nonprofits and public

institutions of higher education that are considering participation, an online informational session will be conducted on September 28, 2015. Additional information is posted on the Web at [www.fsa.usda.gov/outreach](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/outreach).

This funding builds on historic investments made in rural America over the past six years and supports programs enacted by the 2014 Farm Bill, which achieved meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has progressively implemented each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit [www.usda.gov/farmland](http://www.usda.gov/farmland).

**PAULDING CO. CHAPTER OF THE OHIO GENEALOGY SOCIETY NEWS**

October 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to submit applications for 2015 First Families and Century Families recognition certificates. Applications received after October 14<sup>th</sup>, will be 2016 applicants.

The annual banquet will be held Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at Essen House, W. Woodcox St., Antwerp 1:00-3:00 p.m. (buffet or off the menu food cost applies). R.S.V.P. by October 20<sup>th</sup> by contacting Marilyn Smith at [mjsmith123@windstream.net](mailto:mjsmith123@windstream.net) or call 419-399-4663. First & Century Families members will be honored along with distribution of 2015 Certificates of Recognition. Our Society's Volunteer of the Year 2015 will be chosen and given a Certificate of Recognition.

PCCOGS meeting will be held Wednesday October 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. Antwerp's genealogist, Paul Miller, will share how to use Family Tree Maker 14. We'll learn how our tree can be securely saved to a "cloud," use Ancestry.com and he will explain the basics of documenting your family ancestors.

Margaret Hobson returned as our guest speaker at the September 9th meeting. She focused on her 3rd published book; *Voices of the Indiana 44th Regiment, part 3: Battles and Provost Duty*. Four battles of significance: Shiloh, Stones River, Chattanooga Campaign and Chickamauga. Nearly 100% of those Civil War soldiers, from Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and Indiana, traveled by train, steamboat or on foot, over 800 miles in 6 months.

The soldiers suffered from Typhoid and Diarrhea. Paulding Co. holds the distinction of sending the most soldiers into this war from Ohio, as they gathered in the small town of Antwerp to sign up for duty. Soldiers of interest in our area are the Kinmont brothers of

Hicksville; they shared a War diary, Thomas writing the first 6 months and Alex writing the last 6 months.

Watch for an update on our November 11th meeting. The Library will be closed for Veterans Day; the meeting place and time will be announced when a place has been secured.

First Families &/or Century Families: Did your ancestors reside in Paulding County, Ohio 100 or 136 years or more ago? Pioneers living in Paulding County in 1916 or earlier are eligible. Contact Ray Kean at 419-399-4415 or Karen Sanders at [karen15806@gmail.com](mailto:karen15806@gmail.com) for mailed applications or assistance proving eligibility. Your ancestor does not have to be born in the county, but you must prove they lived here at some point during those years.

**HUNTERS SHOULD CONFIRM HUNTING LOCATIONS BEFORE HEADING OUT INTO THE FIELD**

Access to some public hunting lands in southeast Ohio have changed, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), and hunters are encouraged to check with the landowners of both public and private lands each year before traveling to their hunting locations.

American Electric Power (AEP) is a private landowner that has allowed the public to access thousands of acres free of charge for more than 50 years. Effective immediately, AEP has closed the Avondale Area to public access. In addition, two other properties, Poston Plant Lands and Gavin Wildlife Area have had some access changes.

AEP continues to allow the public to recreate on more than 83,000 acres of its land by obtaining a free permit. To obtain a permit, hunters should send a request to American Electric Power Company, 59 W. Main Street, McConnellsville, Ohio 43756 or online at [aep.com/environment/conservation/maps.aspx](http://aep.com/environment/conservation/maps.aspx).

Whether hunting public or private property, it is always a good practice for hunters to check-in with the landowner before arriving at their favorite hunting locations. Hunters are reminded to respect the rights and signs of property owners, and hunters should always obtain written permission before hunting, fishing or trapping on private property. Hunting without permission remains one of the primary violations state wildlife officers encounter in the fall.

Hunters looking for additional areas to pursue their favorite game can also check out the ODNR Division of Wildlife's website at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov) or by calling the Wildlife District 4 Office in southeastern Ohio at 740-589-9930.

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at [ohiodnr.gov](http://ohiodnr.gov).

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

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**PAULDING COUNTY COURT REPORTS**

**Criminal Dispositions:**

John Michael Vanausdal; Woodburn, IN; Felonious Assault; Prel-Waive; Defendant has been indicted by the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio; Case shall be bound over

Bronson L. Berridge; Oakwood, OH; Possession Drugs; Prel-Waive; Defendant has been indicted; case shall be bound over to the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio; Count B; Tamp Evidence; Prel-Waive; Defendant has been indicted by the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio

James E. Johnson; Paulding, OH; Dom Violence; Prel-Waive; Defendant has been indicted by the Common Pleas Court; Case shall be bound over; Count B; Rape; Prel-Waive; Defendant has been indicted by the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio; Case shall be bound over

Heidi A Boger; Antwerp, OH; Confine of dog; J-No Cont; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Janet T. Subler; Paulding, OH; OVI/Under Inf; Dismiss; CT A dismissed at the State's request; Count B; FRA Susp; No Cont; Shall pay \$20.00 per mo. Commencing 10/30/15 has a POC date of 4/29/16; remove from SCRAM today, September 17, 2015

Brent Lee Hitzeman; Antwerp, OH; OVI/Under Inf; No Cont; ALS vacated; provide proof of insurance; shall pay \$20 per mo. Commencing 10/30/15 has a POC date of 7/29/15; Community Control Two ordered secure a valid driver's license; 40 hrs. of Community Service; 165 jail days reserved

John A. Black; Defiance, OH; FRA Susp; No Cont; Pay all fines and costs by 2/26/15 or will be sent to collections; Community Control Two report to probation office 9/18/15 by 3:00 p.m.; secure a valid driver's license; 30 jail days reserved

Jaime Guzman; Fort Wayne, IN; Driving/Texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jacob M. Sproul; Oakwood, OH; DUS (Fail/Rein); J-GUILTY; Pay all fines and costs by 2/26/15 or will be sent to collections

Glenn D. Eneart; Fort Wayne, IN; FTY Emer vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Patrice R. Kinnie; Paulding, OH; Theft; No Cont; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; pay restitution in the amount of \$91,88; placed on standard probation; no unlawful contact with victims; secure a valid OL; shall complete the 3rd Millennium Theft course; 10 days jail run concurrent; Count B; Theft; No Cont; Defendant to pay all fines; same conditions as Count A; 10 days jail to run concurrent with Count A; Count C; Theft; No Cont; Defendant to pay all fines; same conditions as Count A; 10 days jail to run concurrent with Count A

Melissa R. Harden; Indianapolis, IN; Possession; J-GUILTY; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; defendant's operator's license is suspended for 6 months; the suspension is to run concurrent with case 15-CRB-332; defendant granted driving privileges from court to her residence; Count B; Drug Parapherna; J-GUILTY; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; defendant's operator's license shall be suspended for 6 months; suspension to run concurrent with case 15-CRB-331

James R. Cook; Payne, OH; OVI/Under Inf; Ct-GUILTY; May attend the DIP Program in lieu of jail; shall pay \$100 per mo. Commencing 10/30/15; has a POC date of 8/26/15; pay restitution standard probation; secure a valid driver's license; 20 hrs. community service; 87 jail days reserved

Jenny Marie Barham; Oakwood, OH; Fail to Reinstate; No Cont; Shall pay \$40 per mo. Commencing 10/30/15; has a POC date of 8/26/15

Nichole R. Doriot; Indianapolis, IN; No OL; J-No Cont; Pay all fines and costs today

Jessica Jean Debarba; Defiance, OH; DUS; J-No Cont; Pay all fines and costs by 10/30/15

**Real Estate Transfers:**  
Antwerp Village:  
9/24/15; Vivian I. Schilb; Lot 18; 0.2576 acres; To: Arturo W. Octaviano

Paulding Village:  
9/24/15; Sharon J. Strahley; Lot 117; 0.3994 acres; To: David B. Koehnour

Payne Village:  
9/24/15; Jaime L. Holbrook; Lot 11; 0.1667 acres; To: Jaime L. Holbrook

Benton Twp:  
9/22/15; US Bank National Association Trustee; Sec. 15; 2.765 acres; To: Tom J. Bowers

Emerald Twp:  
9/22/15; Howard & Alice Reel; Sec. 16; 2.5 acres; To: Rita L. VanCleve

Latty Twp:  
9/22/15; Cooper Farms Inc.; PT E 1/2 NE 1/4 NW 1/4; 1.501 acres; To: John A. & Jennifer N. Adams

Washington Twp:  
9/22/15; Barbara Archer; Sec. 15; 2 acres; To: Burton & Sandra Merriam

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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 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, Speedaire 90psi air compressor, EXL 8000 generator(13,500 watt electric start 15hp Briggs & Stratton, Chore Master 3000psi pressure washer(brand new), air compressor w/2-1hp 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 and travel 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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## PAYNE STUDENTS FARE WELL IN READING & MATH ASSESSMENTS



Payne Elementary is excited to announce that the students returned to school this fall with strong reading and math skills! Students are assessed three times each school year in reading and math skills using the AIMSweb data assessment. AIMSweb measures students for specific skills such as reading fluency, reading comprehension, number sense and math calculation.

The difference in this year's scores showed that students were able to enter school in August with more reading and math skills than they ever done in the past! This means that students learned more than ever last school year and they were able to remember those skills over the summer.

In the photo, Instructional tutor Mrs. Lisa Laukhuf is leading a group of second grade students in a reading lesson.

## OHIO EPA IMPROVES FREE HELP FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Small businesses in Ohio have access to a new tool from Ohio EPA that can help identify whether environmental permits, licenses or registrations are needed. The Agency's improved and updated Permit Wizard is now available to help new businesses get started on the right track with proper permits; existing businesses also may use the Permit Wizard anonymously as a way to check on whether they still have the right permits for their operations.

business. Once users finish answering the questions posed by the Permit Wizard, they receive a summary, identifying permits, licenses or registrations that will likely be needed, along with contacts and links to helpful resources.

The Agency emphasizes that the Permit Wizard is just a starting point and one tool to help businesses identify needed permits, licenses and registrations. It is not a substitute for reviewing the regulations and/or getting assistance, where needed, from an experienced permitting consultant.

Ohio EPA's Permit Wizard is more user-friendly and helpful because it now offers:

- a choice of industry type to focus responses on those permits most applicable to that industry;
- the ability to select spe-

## ATTENTION WOODBURN RESIDENTS!

The Woodburn City Hall Office hours are as follows:

7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. If you have any question, please contact Janet Palmer, Deputy Clerk, notary, at 260-632-5318 or 260-557-3245.

## PAULDING COUNTY CARNEGIE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES OCTOBER MEETING CHANGE

The Board of Trustees for the Paulding County Carnegie Library will meet in a Strategic Planning Session on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the main historic Carnegie library in Paulding. The Strategic Planning Session agenda will include reevaluating the current service roles of the library and finalizing revisions to the personnel handbook. The meeting will be followed by the October Board Meeting at 1:00 p.m. Both meetings are open to the public. For more information call 419-399-2032.

cific permit categories (e.g. water discharge, air, waste);

- more detailed information on specific permit requirements;
- a downloadable, customized results summary with helpful web links and local contacts for follow-up;
- the ability to evaluate the applicability of various permit exemptions; and
- the flexibility to back up and change input information.

The Permit Wizard can be accessed at <http://ohioepa.custhelp.com/app/opa>. Feedback about how the tool is working and areas for future improvements are welcome.

A free webinar will be held at 10:00 a.m. on October 21, 2015, to demonstrate how to use the Permit Wizard and answer questions. Registration is available online through Ohio EPA's Webinar Event Calendar.

In addition to the Permit Wizard, Ohio EPA's Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention (OCAPP) offers free and confidential assistance to Ohio businesses to help them comply with Ohio's environmental requirements. OCAPP is a non-regulatory program that also identifies pollution prevention measures that can help save money and benefit the environment. For more information on OCAPP's services, call (800) 329-7518.

## USDA HELPS REDUCE HIGH ENERGY COSTS IN REMOTE RURAL AREAS

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack awarded nine grants to help reduce energy costs for residents in remote rural areas where the cost of producing electricity is extremely high.

"These grants will help deliver energy more cost-effectively and will help the environment," Vilsack said. "Providing this funding is one of many ways that USDA helps grow the rural economy. When businesses and families spend less on fuel and electricity, they have more money to invest in the local economy. This helps create jobs and benefits entire communities."

USDA is providing \$7.9

million through the High Energy Cost Grant program, which is administered by USDA's Rural Utilities Service. Vilsack also noted that energy conservation, through programs like this, helps improve the environment by reducing carbon emissions and the use of fossil fuels.

High Energy Cost Grants may be used to improve energy generation, transmission or distribution facilities in communities where the average residential cost for home energy exceeds 275 percent of the national average. Grants are available to businesses, non-profit groups, states, local governments and federally recognized Indian tribes.

Funding for each grant is contingent upon the recipient meeting the conditions of the grant agreement. The grantees are:

**ALASKA:**  
Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium - \$426,916 to retrofit sanitation systems and train operators in the eight communities of Napaskiak, Nunapitchuk, Cheforak, Nightmute, Tuntutuliak, Newtok, Teller and Tununak. These communities have no road access, high energy costs and struggling economies. The project will increase energy efficiency by upgrading interior and exterior lighting; installing new controls for heating systems and laundry services, new controls for water storage and pumping; and making weatherization improvements.

Puvurna Power Company - \$857,920 to integrate a 200 kilowatt lithium ion-based battery energy storage system into the wind-diesel power system in Kongiganak, Alaska. This project will lower fuel consumption by up to 20,000 gallons per year and save the the community about \$92,000 annually.

Ipnatchiq Electric Utility - \$175,071 to 1) bring electricians to Deering for five weeks; 2) replace three deteriorated poles; 3) replace insulator caps; 4) repair the distribution system and 5) train staff at the utility to operate and maintain the system. The Ipnatchiq Electric Utility is in Deering, Alaska, on the Kotzebue Sound at the mouth of the Immachuk River, 57 miles southwest of Kotzebue. The 122 residents

## SPECIAL PET PROJECTS



The students in Miss Miller's class at Payne Elementary read stories and discussed what makes a pet special. Students created

posters drawing a pet and wrote sentences describing what makes the pet special and how to take care of the pet.

are predominantly Alaska Native (Inupiat Eskimo).

**ARIZONA:**  
Hualapai Tribe - \$1,881,130 to build an electrical transmission line from Grand Canyon West to a substation operated by Uni-Source Energy Services. The project will reduce the cost of electricity from 46 cents per kilowatt hour to 8 cents per kilowatt hour. Lowering energy costs will make housing more affordable for workers who commute to Grand Canyon West.

**HAWAII:**  
Switching Gears, LLC - \$500,000 to install three 110 kilowatt wind turbines in the North Kohala District on the big island of Hawaii. The turbines will lower the overall cost for electricity in this community.

Heritage Ranch, Inc. - \$896,450 to provide equipment and technical assistance for a solar energy network that will serve 255 native Hawaiian in Milolii, in a remote southwest corner of the big island of Hawaii. The community is one of a few traditional fishing villages in Hawaii. It has no utility-provided electricity and no potable water. Residents pay high rates to have fuel and water delivered. This project will provide solar power for electricity, refrigeration and cooking, and a solar distillation kit to procure safe drinking water.

**NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS:**  
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation - \$382,000 to improve the power distri-

but ion grid by replacing 63 pole-mounted electric transformers. The project also will create a more efficient power grid.

Pacific Wind and Solar, LLC - \$1,359,489 to install a 3.0 kW kilowatt solar panel array at the homes of households assisted by the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation on Saipan. Each home will have twelve, 250W commercial-grade solar panels.

**SOUTH DAKOTA:**  
Sacred Power LLC - \$1,406,975 to install wind turbines that will provide energy at homes in the St. Francis community within the Rosebud Sioux. Each household system will include a 1.8 kilowatt Pika T701 wind turbine, and one Pika X3001 inverter to condition the power for the grid.

Since the start of the Obama Administration, USDA has provided 52 grants totaling \$64 million benefiting communities burdened by high fuel costs in 12 states, two U.S. territories and two areas of the Western Pacific.

President Obama's plan for rural America has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President's leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way - strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities.

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**DEPUTY SECRETARY HARDEN TO LEAD SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA TRADE MISSION**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Krysta Harden will lead a trade mission to Accra, Ghana, November 17 to November 20, to expand export opportunities for U.S. agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa.

"Two years ago, I led a mission to southern Africa to launch USDA's Sub-Saharan Africa Trade Initiative, which aims to expand U.S. agricultural and commercial ties in the region," Harden said. "I am excited to return to Africa with a new group of U.S. agricultural leaders to further explore market opportunities, especially for small, minority and women-owned businesses."

The delegation will meet with potential customers from more than a dozen countries across sub-Saharan Africa, forging relationships and learning about


the market conditions and business environment in the region. This first-hand intelligence will help them develop strategies to start or expand sales to these key markets.

Participants will include representatives from companies representing a wide array of U.S. food and agricultural products, as well as leaders from state departments of agriculture and U.S. agricultural organizations.

With a strong economic outlook, a growing middle class, and surging demand for consumer-oriented foods, sub-Saharan Africa is one of the fastest-growing regions for U.S. agricultural exports. Over the past decade, U.S. agricultural exports to the region have grown by more than 50 percent, totaling \$2.3 billion in 2014. Exports of consumer-oriented products have grown by nearly 90 percent in just five years, from \$480 million in 2010 to a record \$909 million in 2014.

Additional information about the mission, including application materials, is available at [www.fas.usda.gov/topics/trade-missions](http://www.fas.usda.gov/topics/trade-missions). Applications are due October 2, 2015.

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 Moving to Mexico to serve as a missionary in an orphanage. Selling as many of my belongings as I can to help fund my time there. Thirty-one, a lot of skirts, baby boy clothes, other various sizes of clothing - boy's, men's, women's, girl's and junior girl's also. Elliptical, kitchen items, lots of books - mostly Christian fiction, train/Lego table, Abeka homeschool curriculum, some Bob Jones, Stamping up items, bikes, HP printer (like new). Will be at Doggy Suds and Style, 303 W. River St. (Old 24).

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**Sudoku solution from page 13**

2	8	9	9	1	4	8	6	1
4	8	9	8	1	6	9	1	2
6	1	1	8	2	9	9	4	8
9	9	4	1	8	2	8	1	6
1	2	8	6	9	1	4	9	8
1	6	8	4	8	9	1	2	9
8	1	2	1	4	8	6	9	9
8	9	6	2	9	1	1	8	4
9	4	1	9	6	8	2	8	1

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**STATEMENT FROM OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE JON HUSTED**

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted released a statement on the service of United States House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) following the announcement that he will retire from both his leadership position as well as his seat in Congress. All of the following may be attributed directly to Secretary Husted:

"One of the great and unique things about America is that, no matter who you are or what type of life your family lives, you can be successful and you can be a leader in our society. John Boehner is living proof of the American Dream having grown up in very modest means with 11 brothers and sisters, he rose to become the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

"Speaker Boehner has proven himself a leader in good times and bad - from the attacks on our nation on September 11, 2001 to the steady economic recovery after the great recession, he has been a wise and steadfast voice in the capitol and he will certainly be missed.

"I wish Speaker and Debbie Boehner the best in the next phase of their lives together.

"I am working with the Governor to ensure a smooth and fair transition as South-west Ohio looks for a new person to represent them in Congress."

**STATE REP. TONY BURKLEY TO HOLD OFFICE HOURS**

State Representative Tony Burkley (R-Payne) announced that he will be holding district office hours early next month. No appointment is necessary for these office hours and everyone is encouraged to participate.

"It is important that I take the opportunity to connect with my constituents in the 82nd Ohio House District," Rep. Burkley said. "These office hours will provide a valuable chance for me to hear from constituents about their concerns and how I can best serve them in Columbus."

Details of the office hours are below:

Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at the St. Marys Library (140 S. Chestnut St., Saint Marys OH, 45885) from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

If you are unable to attend the office hours, Rep. Burkley encourages you to contact his office by phone at (614) 644-5091 or by email at [Rep82@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Rep82@ohiohouse.gov).


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The 2015-16 Grover Hill Elementary Student Council Members have been elected. Elections were held on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> in Mrs. Jessica Davis' Social Studies classes. Sixth grade council members are Hunter Long, Cameron Sinn, Tyler Sinn and Claudia Sinn. Fifth grade council members are Josh Shelton and Hannah Maenle.

**PC RETIRED TEACHERS DINNER MEETING**

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association will meet for a dinner meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 12, at the First Presbyterian Church at 114 W. Caroline Street in Paulding, Ohio. The speaker for the evening will be Krystal Albright, a former student of Paulding Schools. Local dues for 2016 will be collected. Donations for the food pantries and the scholarship fund will be appreciated. All retired teachers are invited to attend.

Those planning to attend are asked to make reservations by October 2 by calling Marcia Pressler at 419-587-3651 or Karen Jacobs at 419-594-2138.

**AUTUMN PLANS "FALL-ING" IN TO PLACE FOR ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

The September meeting of the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce was a day of planning for fall and holiday events. Due to a generous donation from the Antwerp High School Cross Country team the Chamber was happy to add some Chamber funds to donate a total of \$1000.00 towards new village Christmas lights.

October will bring the annual Halloween parade on October 31 before trick or treat. Line up starts at 3:15 p.m. in front of Vancrest with the parade beginning at 3:30 p.m. down Main Street. They will walk behind the Antwerp High School Marching band to the fire hall for judging. The Fireman's Auxiliary will have sandwiches and drinks.

In November the Chamber will be assisting with the "Fill the Bus with Toys" drive on November 18. It's not too early to start picking up some extra toys to help make sure all of our children can have a nice Christmas!

Another project the Chamber help in November is to help Santa with his letters. The Santa mailbox will be put up at the same time as the nativity scene. So be watching for it kids! He knows you're all being extra good this year!

The final event the Chamber is planning is for "SHOP

"SMALL" Saturday to be held in the morning of November 28. Santa will be arriving at 10:00 a.m. in the Antwerp Fire truck and will be visiting with the kids at the fire hall.

Make plans to pick up the SHOP SMALL bags provided by the Chamber and take them to the participating merchants for their holiday specials and drawings. It's a great time to support local economy and do your holiday shopping too. Remember, for every \$1.00 spent locally \$.68 returns back to our community. So come on out and "SHOP SMALL"!

**PAULDING LIBRARY BEGINS ORAL HISTORY PROJECT**

The Paulding County Carnegie Library (PCCL) will be celebrating one-hundred years of library service in 2016. The library was established in 1912 as the first "county" library in the United States funded by Andrew Carnegie. Land was secured, building plans approved, and construction was completed in late 1915. The library was stocked and opened on March 3, 1916.

Realizing the importance of recording oral histories, and the less than 20 World War II veterans still alive in the county, the library will undertake an Oral History Project: Recording the Memories and Recollections of Paulding County Citizens.

This project is envisioned to not only be the recorded narrative of veterans of World War II, but also those who lived through the Great Depression, the time of boom after World War II, the veterans' stories of the Korean conflict and the Vietnam War as well as the more recent conflicts waged in the Middle East. The narratives of citizens who remembered the boom of the 1950s, the civil unrest of the 1960s and other decades are also an important component of this oral history.

Besides recording the stories of veterans and/or active military personnel, it is important to also record the history of past life in the county - the old depot and train travel, the children's home, the old county hospital. There are people who have firsthand knowledge of life in the early and mid-20th century, and when they are "gone", so too is the knowledge of the time.

The PCCL will schedule dates throughout the balance of 2015 and throughout 2016 to record citizens. The first recording is scheduled to take place on October 13, 2015 at the main historic Carnegie library in Paulding. The recording is currently scheduled for 5:00 in the afternoon. All World War II veterans will be invited to attend and be a part of the conversation.

The veterans will meet in the meeting room and be seated around tables. A camera will be used to record the session. A moderator will introduce the program and ask each participant to introduce themselves and the branch of service.

A series of questions will be asked but the moderator will allow the group to move the conversation naturally. Each participant will have an opportunity to share their memories.

Light refreshments, coffee, tea, etc. will be served.

The recording will be con-

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verted to DVD and a copy placed in local history as well as in the circulation collection. A copy will also be donated to the John Paulding Historical Museum.

If you are a World War II veteran, or know of one, please call the library at 419-399-2032 and sign up for this event.

**TIRE AMNESTY DAY ANNUAL EVENT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3**

The Allen County Solid Waste Management District's annual Tire Amnesty Day will take place on Saturday, October 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Citilink building at 801 Leesburg Road, Fort Wayne. This event is only open to Allen County residents.

Car, truck and bike tires are accepted with a limit of

12 tires per resident. All tires must be de-rimmed and dry with no debris. Tractor or Semi tires over 53" and tires from businesses are not accepted.

Participants may print off and fill out the registration form ahead of time at [www.acwastewatcher.org](http://www.acwastewatcher.org). Forms will also be available on-site at the event.

Tires collected at Tire Amnesty Day will be recycled into usable products such as garden hoses, rubberized asphalt and playground cover. In 2014, 120 tons of waste tires were successfully removed from Allen County for recycling.

Neighborhood associations must register prior to the event. For additional information, please contact the District at 449.7878 or visit [www.acwastewatcher.org](http://www.acwastewatcher.org).

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