

WINNER'S CIRCLE BREW PUB RIBBON CUTTING IN NEW HAVEN



Saturday was the ribbon cutting at New Haven's newest attraction. The Winner's Circle Brew Pub is now open in the Lutheran Medical Plaza at the corner of State Road 930 and Minnich Road. The newly remodeled 8000+

square foot facility hosts a full bar featuring local craft brews, a full food menu, and Off Track Betting on horses. The Winner's Circle is owned and operated by Hoosier Park Racing & Casino in Anderson, Indiana. They will be

open Sunday through Thursday - 11 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Here's a link to their website: <http://www.otbwinnerscircle.com/locations/new-haven/>
www.newhavenbulletin.com

OAKWOOD FIRE DEPT. SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER

The Oakwood Fire Department will host a Soup & Sandwich Supper on Friday, January 30, 2015 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. This will take place at the Oakwood Fire Station. On the menu for the evening will be: Soups - ham & bean, potato, chili; Sandwiches - ham, beef, sloppy joe, hot dogs; Drinks - coffee, lemon-

ade; Plus a dessert bar! This supper will benefit the fire department acquired needed supplies and equipment to better serve their community.

SUPER COOPER'S LITTLE RED WAGON FOUNDATION BENEFIT

On January 31, 2015 Saturday Brian's Barber Shop will be sponsoring a benefit for the Super Cooper's Little Red

Wagon foundation. The Super Cooper Foundation was founded by New Haven native Justin Herman and his wife, Elise. They named the foundation after their son, Cooper, who battled brain and spinal cancer. Cooper passed away last year at the age of six. The Herman's keep Cooper's spirit alive through this foundation to help other families and their children who battle the same disease as Cooper did.
Brian Knott, a New Haven

High School classmate of Justin Herman and owner of Brian's Barber Shop located at 617 1/2 Broadway in downtown New Haven, will be sponsoring an event. "Haircuts for Cooper." On that day everyone who comes in the barber shop and gets their haircut, all the money made will go towards the foundation. Also Knott has collected donations from around the New Haven and Fort Wayne area and those items will be raffled and auctioned off at Rack and Helen's Bar and Grill at 525 Broadway located in downtown New Haven. The money made from the raffle and auction will go towards the foundation as well.

Children are welcome to the event. The event starts at 8:00 a.m. at Brian's Barber Shop and ends at 2:00 p.m. The raffle and auction bids at Rack and Helen's start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. Rack and Helen's will be offering a pizza and salad bar buffet. If you have any questions about the event, call Brian's Barber Shop at 260-493-2500.

PAULDING CHAPTER 10 PERI MEETING

The Paulding County Chapter 10 Public Employee Retirement Incorporated (PERI) will be meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at the Paulding County Senior Center. Guest speaker for the meeting is Lisa McClure from the Paulding County Area Foundation.

BRAGG CHIROPRACTIC CELEBRATES 1st YEAR IN ANTWERP!



In between the cold blasts and mammoth snow falls of the 2013-14 winter, Chris and Ashley Bragg managed to move from the Peach State to Antwerp, Ohio. For Chris, it was a whole new world. Chris has been in the chiropractic business for nearly 20 years. He graduated from Antwerp in 1991 and went on to graduate from the University of Toledo and Life Chiropractic University in Marietta, GA, where he met his wife, Ashley. She had come to the school after graduating from the University of Georgia with a degree in communications. Ashley has adjusted very well during this incredibly different relocation (she survived last winter!). She has really enjoyed becoming a part of the community. "Everyone has been extremely wel-

coming and kind," she added. Bragg Chiropractic opened in February 2014. The establishment is located on old 24 just east of the village. On February 4th, Bragg Chiropractic wants to show its appreciation to the remarkable welcome they have received into the Antwerp community. Stop in from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or 2:30-6:00 p.m. for a treatment, a tour of the facility or a free hydro massage bed treatment, while grazing on some refreshments. Massage therapist, Jennifer Nestleroad, will also be on staff to do free 5-minute massages from 2:30-4:30 p.m. From headaches to sciatica to knee pain, Dr. Bragg provides his patients with the best care possible. Check them out online at braggchiropractic.com

OAKWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT
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TEAM BIRD ELITE COMPETES AT TRINE & IPFW



Local running club Team Bird Elite took couple weeks off between end of Cross Country Nationals December to Indoor Track Season January 3rd. TBE kicked off the indoor season at Trine University with several local runners setting some best efforts right off the start: Paige Boatright ran 3200 in 12:01, Haley Newman 12:26 previous year she ran 13:36 at the same event. Paige's time exceeds her high schools best in history. Other ladies in the middle school divisions; Carmen Yoder 5:53, Marisa Eberle 6:06, Jamie Zeigler 6:11 for 1600 meters. Megan Kage pole vaulted 9 feet to take second place at the meet, don't be surprised to see Megan make the trip to the state meet this year. The men had several good starts; Bailey Yoder, Mike Meyers did the 3200 meters, Josh Hiatt took on the 1600, along with Grant Atkinson. Brayan Pizano ran 200, 400 and Long Jump, along with freshman Jordan Lahr.

Team Bird Elite ran at IPFW Meet this past weekend with another great performances by many; We were able to have a couple of relays Distance Medley (1200, 400, 800, 1600) placing second for the ladies 14:14.69 (Paige 1200 4:08, Carmen 400 1:09,

Hayley 800 2:44, Marisa 1600 6:15), Paige set her personal record (PR) in the 1600 5:38.6, Hayley just 3 seconds off doing the same in 5:54.2. MS runner Jamie Ziegler ran a 6:01.1 again just missing her PR by less than 2 seconds. In the 800 meter run MS Carmen Yoder ran 2:41.8, Marisa Eberle 2:52.0. Other ladies included Megan Coffin 5 feet in High Jump and 29.6 in the 200 meter dash.

The men also placed 2nd in the Distance Medley Relay 12:14.3 (Bailey 1200 3:50, Brayan 400 0:57, Jordan 800 2:17, Josh 1600 5:09) Mikeal Griggs cleared 5 feet 10 inch in the High Jump to finish 3rd, and his 60 meter hurdles 9.44 for 4th place as well. The 1600 race feature Bailey Yoder 5:19, Jordan Lahr 5:25, Brayan Pizano 5:26, Mike Meyer 5:36. Mike Meyer turn his best record in the 800 2:33. Josh Hiatt also ran the 3200 finish 6th in 11:05.9 with his PR being 10:53, so very good start for the men as well. TBE contested the Long Jump with Brayan taken 4th with a leap of 17 feet, and Jordan 6th place 15 feet 9 inches.

On January 31st TBE is back at Trine University for a full team competition. TBE Club is open to any ages 8 to 18 for any events

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THE SEVEN MOST SUCCESSFUL JOB-SEARCH STRATEGIES FOR 2015

With the number of new jobs increasing and the unemployment rate falling, more people will be testing the job market this year for new or better jobs. Their efforts will be more effective if they learn such tactics as how to customize their communications for each prospective employer, transfer their capabilities to match the requirements of available jobs, remain open to new and different job-search methods and other strategies, according to PeopleFirst HR Solutions/OI Global Partners, a leading human resources consulting firm.

OI Global Partners surveyed its career consultants throughout North America and developed the following

list of the seven most successful job-search strategies being used today. According to the survey, they are:

1. Customize all communications to fit each prospective employer (selected by 80% of consultants)
2. Learn how to transfer your capabilities to match the desired job opportunity (78%)
3. Remain open to new and different job-search strategies (68%)
4. Develop a comprehensive social media profile with searchable key words (65%)
5. Have as many face-to-face networking and informational meetings as you can (60%)
6. Only target jobs for which you have at least 75% of the stated qualifications (58%)
7. Explore temporary and contract work and freelance

arrangements (55%)
 "These tactics will help people differentiate themselves - from their resumes and cover letters, to translating their past experience to new positions, to building strong social media profiles, to acquiring new skills from temporary and freelance jobs - and demonstrate why they would be the best hires," said Bob Zinda, President, Southeast Wisconsin, of PeopleFirst HR Solutions/OI Global Partners.

• Customize all communications to fit each prospective employer: "Employers are using technology to screen applications and non-customized submissions will not meet the criteria or key words in the job specs. 'Customize all communications' does not mean continually customizing your resume. It's not only time-consuming, but causes more confusion for job seekers when trying to recall which resume was sent to whom. Instead, customize each cover letter based on what qualifications the potential employer is seeking. Include the name of the hiring manager or human resources manager in your cover letter," said Zinda.

• Learn how to transfer your capabilities to match desired job opportunity: "You need to be able to state how your skills translate to new position. Highlight your competencies that match those the employer is seeking. Applicants must demonstrate they can do the job. It's sometimes difficult for prospective employers to interpret how your prior experience will deliver the desired results. If job-seekers do not adequately 'bridge build' their experience to the new position requirements, do not expect an interviewer to do it. This is especially important for former members of the military and their titles and job descriptions, which may not be clearly understood by non-military interviewers," said Zinda.

• Remain open to new and different job-search strategies: Working with a career coach can help you identify new strategies and improve existing ones. Learn as much as you can about how social media sites such as LinkedIn are impacting the search for talent. In addition, a job-search method often referred to as a "handbill" or "profile" can prove effective in place of a resume, especially when you want to stress your strengths and functional skills, or mask too many jobs or gaps in employment. The handbill or profile does not include titles or chronology. Approaches that are a bit more unique can help in making an applicant stand out from being "just another resume."

• Develop a comprehensive social media profile with searchable key words: "Employers are relying on technology first and the human touch second. More than 8 out of 10 internal and external recruiters use LinkedIn to search for potential desirable candidates, so you need to be included in LinkedIn searches. Review the LinkedIn profiles of others in your field and/or advertised job descriptions to capture frequently-used "buzz words." Develop a strong, consistent branding message with searchable key words. Blogging and Tweeting on industry-related topics can help raise your social media profile. Also, employers are more frequently checking all levels of social media to see if the information an applicant has submitted is the same as can be found on social media sites," said Zinda.

• Have as many face-to-face networking and informational meetings as you can: As many as 80% of new jobs are found in the so-called "hidden job market" - not listed on websites, job boards or with recruiters. An in person meeting will typically result in a stronger, more personal connection than submitting a resume or a telephone call. Stay away from emailing network contacts. Although "easier," it takes away the personal touch. Informational meetings are a great approach if you are trying to gather information about a given company, industry or career or are considering a career change. Be upfront, however, that if you set up an informational meeting, it is meant for that purpose - to gather information - and not a ruse to ask for a job.

• Only target jobs for which you have at least 75% of stated qualifications: Due to the volume of resumes received, employers must narrow the field of candidates, so the more matching qualifications you have, the better. Don't waste your time applying for jobs for which you don't fit the qualifications. Electronic screening will weed out unqualified candidates before a person ever sees your resume. Without at least 75% of the qualifications, it is likely there will be many applicants who better match the desired job specifications.

• Explore temporary and contract work and freelance arrangements: A great number of full-time jobs today start out as temporary jobs or freelance or contract work. Employers don't like gaps in employment or long term unemployment. Temporary or contract jobs are a way to bridge an employment gap, get experience, keep your skills sharp, acquire new skills and develop network-

ing contacts. More employers are requesting that job candidates work 3- to 6-month temporary assignments before determining whether to hire them full-time. Temporary jobs have expanded beyond their traditional role in recruiting primarily administrative positions to include executive, managerial and entry-level posts in accounting and finance, information technology, medical, sales, legal and other professions.

CHARLIE HEBDO, TERRORISM, AND THE PROBLEM WITH RIGHTS TALK

By: Laura Finley

I know this piece comes in the midst of great trauma and global challenges that are deeply emotionally charged. But I see great value in offering another perspective on the Charlie Hebdo publications and subsequent attack, as I feel as though to date the conversation has been entirely binary. Either you are for free speech and support Charlie Hebdo or you are, in the U.S. and the Western world, for terrorism. That is a false binary, and one that I believe contributes to the problem. I think there is a vast place between the two that can help us move toward a more peaceful coexistence with people who value freedom of speech and those who care deeply about freedom of religion. Although I do not agree 100 percent with what Pope Francis said about the issue, I do think his perspective has a lot to offer.

I agree that verbal provocation is no excuse for violence, as the Pope clearly said. But I also see how some like Polly Toynbee in The Guardian can argue that the Pope's comments were akin to a "wife beater defense." However, another way of looking at the issue is that the folks at Charlie Hebdo are little more than bullies. It is obvious that continual harassment about an issue on which people are terrifically sensitive will not be well-received. In this case, the victims of the harassment are billions of people—it is all those who follow Islam's dictates that it is blasphemy to denigrate Allah or the Prophet Muhammad. This is what the Pope said... not that violence is justified, just that it shouldn't surprise us, either, as it was intended to incite and disrupt.

I am not saying we should never critique unfair policies or practices. In fact, we probably need to do even more of that without suffering repercussions, as is Saudi Arabian blogger Raif Bedawi, who has been lashed for his secular commentary. Satire and political cartoons can be an incredibly useful tool for raising awareness about various atrocities. But I have a hard time seeing how provocative images of who an estimated two billion people believe is their savior does anything to question policies, to shine a light on injustices, or to move the world in a better direction. Poke fun at dictators? OK. Of politicians who make promises then repeatedly renege? OK. At pompous messengers of "religious doctrine" who themselves violate the very tenets they profess? OK. But of the actual deities, I feel less confident. For instance, while

I see the merit in satirizing the priests who allowed decades of abuse to be swept under the rug or the alleged followers of Islam who terrorize children in the name of their religion, I have a harder time seeing anything but bullying when it comes to attacking Jesus, God, Allah, Buddha, or other deities themselves. In the U.S, we pass laws prohibiting bullying. We train educators about it so that they can disrupt the behavior. The White House has weighed in on the issue and issued reprimands to schools and universities who fail to disrupt bullying behavior. Yet here, when journalists pick and poke at the most holiest of holies, they couch their behavior in "rights language."

At least in the United States, journalistic enterprises have the "right" to poke fun at religious leaders and doctrine in the name of free speech. But I think what the Pope means is that perhaps we shouldn't be looking at this as a rights issue at all. Perhaps it is, quite simply, mean to do what Charlie Hebdo repeatedly does and that, instead of an even greater divide between adherents to Islam and those who defend free speech, we should be looking for ways in which people can come together. Many scholars have argued that "rights talk" limits the dialogue or simply results in opposing sides trenching deeper into their positions. Harvard Law Professor and author of Rights Talk: The Impoverishment of Political Discourse Mary Ann Glendon argues that "A penchant for absolute formulations ("I have the right to do whatever I want with my property") promotes unrealistic expectations and ignores both social costs and the rights of others."

So, what next? I'd like to see an international dialogue that addresses the complexities of the issue, not just the surface opposition of freedom of speech versus freedom of religion. I'd like us to move to a place where we understand that, while we technically have the right to say or write something, we should exercise better judgment unless we can truly support the fact that our efforts will result in something better. I remain hopeful that others will view the issue similarly. I remain hopeful that, rather than dig deeper into their defenses, the many people with diverse perspectives on this issue will choose to consider another option.

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BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

1. Luke 17:26-29: In these verses Jesus is telling about those who faced God's wrath or judgment, were these people told judgment was coming?

2. Thought question: Do we see the same thing today?

3. Thought Question: Luke 17:27: According to Genesis 7:13, how many were prepared in the days of Noah?

4. Luke 17:27: How many were destroyed?

5. Luke 17:29: What did it rain on Sodom?

6. Luke 17:30: On that day, who will Jesus be revealed to?

7. Luke 17:31: Why did Jesus tell them not to go into the house to get his belongings?

8. Luke 17:32: What does it mean to "Remember Lot's wife?"

9. Luke 17:33: What does this verse mean?

10. Luke 17:34-36: In these verses, one will be taken, the other left means what?

Comments or questions? Call James Potter at 419-393-4775 or e-mail at jsp1941@yahoo.com. Loved ones, if you only knew how much Jesus loved you and He truly does, and also the Oakwood church of Christ does too!

Answers to today's questions:

1. Yes; 2. Yes; 3. Eight; 4. All but 8; 5. Fire and Brimstone; 6. All People; 7. Jesus said not to; 8. Disobeying God brings punishment. 9. Those who try to save themselves will be destroyed. Those who listen and follow the Lord will be preserved. 10. The event being described in the judgment of God against Judaism. The Jew rejected God's son so they are no longer God's chosen people! Now about Luke 17:37: we know that this is not the 2nd coming of Jesus for some would be left in the 2nd coming; all will be raised from the grave to face judgment John 5:28-29. Where would this happen in Jerusalem?

Loved ones, you can also know these truths, if you would only, pray, read and study the Bible. "Ol' Baldy" surely does love you people and someday before it is eternally too late I would love to meet you, bye now and take care. Luv ya!

VALENTINE DINNER AT FIRST FRIENDS CHURCH

First Friends Church in Van Wert is offering an evening of fun and fellowship on Valentine Day, February 14. The Valentine's Dinner at

First Friends includes an option of tender chicken breast or savory Swiss steak with choice of vegetable, rolls and dessert. You will have choice of early dinner from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. or later 6:30 or 7:30 p.m. Also for those who cannot attend, but desire a dinner at home, carry-outs are available.

This will be an evening of fine dining, door prizes, and a chance for one married couple to win a Romantic Getaway at Don Hall's Guest House, Hotel and Convention Center in Fort Wayne.

The Romantic Getaway includes a fine dining dinner for 2, a luxury king size room and breakfast. A number of local merchant gift cards will be given away as door prizes.

As part of First Friends Church's mission of "Caring for our Communities", anyone can enjoy this fun filled evening for donation only. The proceeds from the dinner will assist in funding their children's movie night. Limited seating, so please pre-register by February 7th by calling Kathy at 419-203-9516 or Pastor Paul at 419-771-9378.

WEST OHIO FOOD BANK NAMES INTERIM CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS:

After two and a half years as CEO of the West Ohio Food Bank (WOFB), Gary Bright will be leaving to return to work for Century Health in Findlay / Hancock County. There, Mr. Bright will be acting as an Emergency Services Therapist as well as working with their Fund Development Committee.

For this interim period, The West Ohio Food Bank Board of Directors has named Brian Van Meter and Tommie Harner as Interim Co-Executive Directors. They will both be working with Gary and the WOFB Board on a transition plan to ensure that all of the organization's operations are effectively covered and maintained until a permanent replacement can be named. An announcement will be made at a later date about the search process for a permanent CEO.

Over the past two and a half years, the West Ohio Food Bank has made great strides in its hunger relief efforts, improving its fiscal stability, expanding hunger awareness and its own brand awareness, and addressing some major capital improvements all while expanding services to the community. However, especially during this interim period, the community's support will be

needed now more than ever so that they can continue and expand their good work. Please contact the WOFB at 419-222-7946 or through their website at www.wofb.org to find out how you can help.

LIMA POWWOW DATES ANNOUNCED

The 6th annual Lima "Honoring Our Native Heritage" Powwow, will be held February 21st and 22nd 2015 at the United Auto Workers Hall, 1440 Bellefontaine Ave, Lima, OH. The doors open at 10:00 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Grand entry will be at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The UAW Hall is off OH 309, at the 309, 117, and Kibby Street intersection. Bellefontaine Ave. ends at the UAW Hall. Coming off I-75 it is exit 125 from the South and 125 B from the North. The UAW Hall number is 419-224-6791.

Co-host Drums for the powwow are Sky Hawk and Southern Singers. Head dancers are Justin Kwascigroh and Shawnee Waters. Brian Darst is the announcer, Shawn Reilly, the Head Veteran, and the Arena Director is Aaron Stevens.

An auction of Native crafts, etc. donated by the vendors, will be held at short intervals throughout both days.

There will be vendors from several states in the United States, Canada, and South America with their offerings of many varieties of handmade Native American merchandise. They will have everything from beads and craft supplies, fur and leather clothing to tomahawks, knives, and bow and arrows, turquoise jewelry, t-shirts, and art work.

Of course, there will be the Indian fry bread and Indian tacos, Buffalo burgers, Shawnee dogs, corn soup, nachos/cheese, fried dill pickles and more to warm you and satisfy those hunger pangs.

A powwow is spiritual, exciting, entertaining, beautiful and educational, all in one, under one roof. A moving experience you won't want to miss! Come feel the heartbeat of the drum and learn more about the Native ways. The public will be invited to participate in many of the dances, and don't miss the candy dance for the youngsters!

Host motel for the powwow is The Howard Johnson Hotel, 419-222-0004.

For information, please call or e-mail Phyllis Davis at 419-203-0377, padavis39@embarqmail.com or John Thompson, 419-587-3474. For vendor information, call or e-mail Terri Brewster at 419-648-9230, or dancing_fawn@watchtv.net

GRANTS IN THREE AREAS HELP ORGANIZATIONS REACH AUDIENCES FROM CHILDREN TO SCHOLARS - OHIO HUMANITIES

During its most recent grant cycle, Ohio Humanities awarded eight grants to seven organizations totaling \$59,250. Representing a wide diversity of ideas, three grants were given for exhibits, conferences and cultural engagement projects.

MUSEUM EXHIBITS

\$5,000 to the Columbus

Museum of Art for Fabric of Survival: The Art of Esther Nisenthal Krinitz. An artist and Holocaust survivor uses captioned needlework panels to document her life in Poland before, during and after Nazi occupation. As part of the exhibition's program, Ms. Krinitz's daughters will present a remembrance of their mother's life and work.

\$10,000 to the Cleveland Children's Museum for The Egyptian Sands. The exhibit features dramatic, themed play environments for young audiences to learn about historic Egyptian culture, while offering parents an introduction to ancient Egyptian life, culture, art and religion.

\$17,000 for The Legacy of Ferdinand Brader: 19th Century Drawings of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Landscape, the first comprehensive exhibition of the itinerant Swiss artist's work. Brader's large-scale drawings of family farms in Pennsylvania and Ohio richly document the world of rural America at the end of the 1800s. The exhibition features many works of art from private collections and an illustrated scholarly catalog.

CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT

\$2,000 to the Canton Symphony Orchestra for ConverZations. The Canton Symphony Orchestra will present a free lecture series inspired by its MasterWorks Series concerts that will equip audiences to analyze music in historical, cultural and personal contexts and gain insights into the creative process of composition and performance.

\$3,250 to the Maple Heights School District for Books@Work. The project will utilize Cleveland-area faculty as facilitators of literature seminars with non-teaching staff in the Maple Heights School District. Books@Work develops critical thinkers by offering literature seminars at the workplace. They partner with employers to inspire their employees by facilitating life-long learning.

CONFERENCES:

\$10,000 to Kent State University for Why the Humanities: Answers from the Cognitive and Neuro-Sciences. Internationally recognized scholars will present current research combined with teachers' workshops for K-12 instructors and administrators. Conference sessions will examine the ways in which the humanities promote cognitive and emotional capabilities and habits crucial for responsible citizenship.

\$10,000 to Bowling Green State University for Interdisciplinary Symposium on Improvisation will explore improvisation from an interdisciplinary perspective. The event will bring together experts from diverse fields to discuss the use of improvisation in the humanities and arts.

\$2,000 to Bowling Green State University for The Electric Guitar in Popular Culture. The conference will examine the transformative role of the electric guitar on 20th century music in Ohio, the USA, and around the world.

CENTRAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL CELEBRATES NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK



Central Lutheran School will be celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week (NLSW) on January 26-30, 2015. This is an opportunity for Lutheran Schools throughout the country to celebrate the good work that God is doing in their schools. The theme for the week is "Standing in Christ, Serving Others." CLS has the opportunity to serve others during NLSW by helping an organization called Phil's Friends. Phil's Friends provides support and comfort to people fighting cancer. CLS will be collecting items that go into

care packages that Phil's Friends sends out to cancer patients. Students will also be making fleece tied blankets and cards to send to those receiving the care packages.

Students will also celebrate the week with special dress days and various activities throughout the week. The week will culminate with the infamous 8th Grade vs. Faculty/Staff Volleyball Game. We encourage anyone who would like to learn more about Central Lutheran School to contact us at any time through our website: www.cluth.org.

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 1/28 - 2/3

JH/HS Breakfast:

1/28 - Sausage, egg & cheese biscuit, juice/fruit, milk

1/29 - Cinnamon roll, cheese biscuit, juice/fruit, milk

1/30 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice/fruit, milk

2/2 - Breakfast pizza, sausage, bacon and egg, juice/fruit, milk

2/3 - Tator tots w/cheese, sausage links, juice/fruit, milk

JH/HS Lunch:

1/28 - Beef or chicken & cheese burrito OR Quesadilla, refried beans, Spanish rice; Toppings: salsa, banana peppers, corn, black beans, sour cream; fruit, milk

1/29 - BBQ pork w/whole grain bun, pickles potato soup juice box OR Big daddy pizza slice, seasoned corn, fruit, milk

1/30 - Sloppy joe sandwich, oven potatoes OR Salad bar w/meat, vegetables and salads, garlic breadstick, fruit, milk

2/2 - Country fried steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, whole grain biscuit OR Salad bar w/meat, vegetables and salads, garlic breadstick, fruit, milk

2/3 - Spicy chicken salad, assorted dressings, tomatoes, garlic toast OR Assorted entree items, bun, pickle slices, oven fried potatoes, fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary Breakfast:

1/28 - Burrito, fruit/juice, milk

1/29 - Muffin, string cheese, fruit/juice, milk

1/30 - Assorted cereals or Cereal bar goldfish graham, juice/fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary Lunch:

1/28 - Cheesy bread w/ marinara, green beans, fruit, milk

1/29 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, corn, whole grain bread, fruit, milk

1/30 - Fish on whole grain bun, romaine blend, broccoli, tomatoes, fruit, milk

2/2 - Grilled chicken on whole grain bun, carrots, celery, fruit, milk

2/3 - Hot dog on whole grain bun, baked beans, celery/carrots, fruit snacks, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary Breakfast:

1/28 - Pancakes on stick, fruit/juice, milk

1/29 - Breakfast pizza, juice/fruit, milk

1/30 - Assorted cereal packs, juice/fruit, milk

2/2 - Warm whole grain cinnamon roll, fruit/juice, milk

2/3 - Mini pancakes, fruit/juice, milk

Oakwood Elementary Lunch:

1/28 - Whole grain pepperoni breadstick, marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk

1/29 - Popcorn chicken, whipped potatoes, gravy, whole grain bread, romaine lettuce salad, fruit, milk

1/30 - Taco in a bag, cheese, doritos, romaine lettuce, refried beans, fruit, milk

2/2 - Hot dog, whole grain bun, corn, celery stix, fruit, milk

2/3 - Whole grain breaded chicken, whole grain bun, peas, carrot stix, fruit, milk

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Paulding County Commissioners are taking such good care of our beautiful historic county courthouse, but issues still remain. This January a freshly painted handicap parking space was noted at the North entrance of the courthouse.

While conducting business, and upon walking the corridors, I came the realization that NO entrance to the courthouse was handicap-accessible. Who that is handicapped or aged, are able to gain entrance to this building?

The steps are steep and there are many of them. Was the issue of handicap accessibility addressed by those in charge at any time, before or during the most recent construction? Did anyone consider this issue, when the entrances were refurbished, that perhaps one side of one entrance could include a ramp?

What about an elevator to access all floors? Why hasn't one been installed, for inside and/or outside access, into this public building? A disabled/aged person would not be confronted with having to surmount the obstacle of steep steps. Those persons, whom require a wheelchair, could possibly utilize a power lift, or be pushed up with help from an assistant, but that still leaves the aged without access. Are there other public buildings that are inaccessible? Shouldn't the disabled or aged have the entitlement to enter all buildings too? Is Paulding County in compliance with the ADA act?

How much longer will these issues be on the back burner? It is hoped that a resolution can be achieved with regard to this issue, in the near future. What are the answers; can those in charge enlighten the citizens of Paulding County?

Concerned citizens of Paulding County,

—Karen Sanders, Susie Gillen Cole, Ray Keck

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everybody for coming to my 70th birthday party, and for the cards and gifts.

—Bob Bland

INSIDE THE UNIFORM, UNDER THE HOOD, LONGING FOR CHANGE

By: Kathy Kelly

From January 4-12, 2015, Witness Against Torture (WAT) activists assembled in Washington D.C. for an annual time of fasting and public witness to end the United States' use of torture and indefinite detention and to demand the closure, with immediate freedom for those long cleared for release, of the illegal U.S. prison at Guantanamo.

Participants in our eight-day fast started each day with a time of reflection. This year, asked to briefly describe who or what we had left behind and yet might still carry in our thoughts that morning, I said that I'd left behind an imagined WWI soldier, Leonce Boudreau.

I was thinking of Nicole de'Entremont's story of World War I, A Generation of Leaves, which I had just finished reading. Initial chapters focus on a Canadian family of Acadian descent. Their beloved oldest son, Leonce, enlists with Canada's military because he wants to experience life beyond the confines of a small town and he feels stirred by a call to defend innocent European people from advancing "Hun" warriors. He soon finds himself mired in the horrid slaughter of trench warfare near Ypres, Belgium.

I often thought of Leonce during the week of fasting with WAT campaign members. We focused, each day, on the experiences and writing of a Yemeni prisoner in Guantanamo, Fahed Ghazi who, like Leonce, left his family and village to train as a fighter for what he believed to be a noble cause. He wanted to defend his family, faith and culture from hostile forces. Pakistani forces captured Fahed and turned him over to U.S. forces after he had spent two weeks in a military training camp in Afghanistan. At the time he was 17, a juvenile. He was cleared for release from Guantanamo in 2007.

Leonce's family never saw him again. Fahed's family has been told, twice, that he is cleared for release and could soon reunite with his wife, daughter, brothers and parents. Being cleared for release means that U.S. authorities have decided that Fahed poses no threat to the security of people in the U.S. Still he languishes in Guantanamo where he has been held for 13 years.

Fahed writes that there is no guilt or innocence at Guantanamo. But he asserts that everyone, even the guards, knows the difference between right and wrong. It is illegal to hold him and 54 other prisoners, without charge, after they have been cleared for release.

Fahed is one of 122 prisoners held in Guantanamo.

Bitter cold had gripped Washington D.C. during most days of our fast and public witness. Clad in multiple layers of clothing, we clambered into orange jump-

TWO NEW TROOPERS ASSIGNED TO THE VAN WERT PATROL POST



The Van Wert Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol has two new troopers serving at the local patrol post.

Troopers Kara Kavaliauskas and Daniel Thompson graduated from the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy on October 10, 2014 after 26 weeks of intense paramilitary training.

Courses completed by the



156th class included Core Values, crash investigation, criminal and traffic law, detection of impaired drivers, firearms, physical fitness, self-defense and emergency vehicle operations.

The troopers recently completed their field training period and are now serving the Van Wert and Paulding County communities.

suits, pulled black hoods over our heads, our "uniforms," and walked in single file lines, hands held behind our backs.

Inside Union Station's enormous Main Hall, we lined up on either side of a rolled up banner. As readers shouted out excerpts from one of Fahed's letters that tell how he longs for reunion with his family, we unfurled a beautiful portrait of his face. "Now that you know," Fahed writes, "you cannot turn away."

U.S. people have a lot of help in turning away. Politicians and much of the U.S. mainstream media manufacture and peddle distorted views of security to the U.S. public, encouraging people to eradicate threats to their security and to exalt and glorify uniformed soldiers or police officers who have been trained to kill or imprison anyone perceived to threaten the well-being of U.S. people.

Often, people who've enlisted to wear U.S. military or police uniforms bear much in common with Leonce and Fahed. They are young, hard pressed to earn an income, and eager for adventure.

There's no reason to automatically exalt uniformed fighters as heroes.

But a humane society will surely seek understanding and care for any person who survives the killing fields of a war zone. Likewise, people in the U.S. should be encouraged to see every detainee in Guantanamo as a human person, someone to be called by name and not by a prison number.

The cartoonized versions of foreign policy handed to U.S. people, designating heroes and villains, create a dangerously under-educated public unable to engage in democratic decision-making.

Nicole de'Entremont writes of battered soldiers, soldiers who know they've been discarded in an endless, pointless war, longing to be rid of their uniforms. The overcoats were heavy, sodden, and often too bulky for struggling through areas entangled with barbed wire. Boots leaked and the soldiers' feet were always wet, muddy, and sore. Miserably clothed, miserably fed, and horribly trapped in a murderous, insane war, soldiers longed to escape.

When putting on Fahed's uniform, each day of our fast, I could imagine how

intensely he longs to be rid of his prison garb. Thinking of his writings, and recalling d'Entremont's stories drawn from "the war to end all wars," I can imagine that there are many thousands of people trapped in the uniforms issued by war makers who deeply understand Dr. Martin Luther King's call for revolution:

"A true revolution of values will lay hands on the world order and say of war, 'This way of settling differences is not just.' This business of burning human beings with napalm, of filling our nation's homes with orphans and widows, of injecting poisonous drugs of hate into the veins of peoples normally humane, of sending men home from dark and bloody battlefields physically handicapped and psychologically deranged, cannot be reconciled with wisdom, justice, and love."

This article first appeared on TeleSUR English. Kathy Kelly (Kathy@vcnv.org) is distributed by PeaceVoice and co-coordinates Voices for Creative Nonviolence (www.vcnv.org). On January 23rd, she will begin serving a 3 month sentence in federal prison for attempting to deliver a loaf of bread and a letter about drone warfare to the commander of a U.S. Air Force base.

ANTWERP COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HOLDS FIRST BOARD MEETING OF 2015

The ACDC held its first planning meeting of 2015 at Papa Oley's Pizza. The 12 board members and their spouses discussed many subjects and ideas for the coming year. President Jim Pendergrast reminded everyone the importance of fund raising.

Ideas to help raise money to improve Antwerp and donate to local organizations includ-

ed: a beer/wine tasting possibly in November, the Annual Ribfest on June 6, the Annual Big Hole golf outing on the last Saturday in September, helping with the Car Show July 25, partnering with other Antwerp organizations. Also discussed was the 2015 Antwerp High School Reunion, August 7 and 8, the same weekend as the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Day in the Park. There will be an ACDC meeting every other month in 2015. If you would like more information on the ACDC, please call 419-769-1700.

The West Bend News READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

- OHIO LOCATIONS
Antwerp: Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, River Street Market, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Papa Oley's, Hometown Pantry, Pop-N-Brew, The Rootbeer Stand, Agora, Pit-Stop
Broughton: Kohart's Surplus & Salvage
Bryan: Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center
Cecil: Cecil Elevator, Maramart, Vagabond
Charloe: Charloe Store
Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
Defiance: Newman's Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Cabin Fever Coffee
Edgerton: Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Frager's Barbershop, Utilities Office
Grover Hill: Ross' Gas Station, N&N, Quick Stop
Grabill: Do-It Best Hardware, Save-A-Lot
Hicksville: Cline's Market, Hickory Hills Golf Course, Sailers, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, H20, Senior Center
Melrose: Uncle Fudd's Diner, Morning Star Convenience Store
Oakwood: Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware
Paulding: Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Napa
True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Holly Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Country Inn Living Center, Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW Post 587
Payne: Lichty's Barber Shop, Payne Super Valu, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza
Scott: Scott Variety Store
Sherwood: Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank,
Van Wert: Pak-A-Sak, Short Stop, Family Video, Orchard Tree, BalyEat's, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market, Walmart
INDIANA LOCATIONS
Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Harlan Cafe, iAB Bank
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Monroeville: Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General
New Haven: Curves, Milan Center, New Haven Branch Library, Ken's Meat Market, New Haven Bakery, Broadway Deli, Paterson Hardware, Richard's Restaurant, New Haven Chamber
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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan

On our dawn patrol this morning we went over to the St. Lo area. That is just a little west of Caen. The fighting there is terrific. There is lots of hedgerows and lots of German tanks and armored vehicles. The Germans will protect this area to the last man. That is Hitler's orders.

We shot up everything we could see. We got a few of the Krauts smaller tanks and some half tracks. We caught some tiger tanks on a bridge and we blew both tracks off of both of them and that will plug up the traffic in that bridge for a while.

We used up all of our rockets and then we machine gunned the fence rows. We hope that will help the foot soldiers.

We got back to our air base about noon today. The crewmen got the planes loaded up with rockets and ammo, but there wasn't any gasoline. The other fighter wings here on the base got to the trucks first and used up the supply. All we could do was sit and wait for the gas trucks to come.

The Col. and his driver came down and after we had our business for tomorrow all settled he said, "Let's have a ball game." So, we drew colored cards for sides. Well, between the twelve crewmen, the four pilots, and the Col. and his driver we had just enough for two full teams. To make the game a little more interesting you had to bat from your unusual side, that way we didn't have any long ball hitters.

Whenever you find a few American soldiers, you will find some sporting equipment like balls, bats, gloves, and sometimes a football to throw around.

We had a good time playing ball until dark and then a gasoline truck came. We pilots drove the jeep to supper and after the crewmen filled the plane with petrol, they drove their truck to the mess hall.

We went back over to the St. Lo area this a.m. and found a number of targets. The Krauts have plenty of tiger tanks here and they plan on keeping control of the area around Caen. It is a very important hub for supplies going in and out of the Coentin Peninsula. At the very West end of the peninsula is Cherbourg, and the Germans will never let that seaport city fall into the allied hands.

Around the St. Lo area we lost a lot of Air Borne troops. This is a few miles on down

the Coentin Peninsula, we lost a lot of Canadian boys here. Some of the atrocities committed by the Germans were despicable. They just murdered some of prisoners. See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

My friend, Buck, was telling me about an incident that happened a few months ago.

He was sitting at a table for two at the Golden Corral there in Fort Wayne just off the bypass by 469 and IN 37.

As he was enjoying his lunch, a portly young lady came up to his table and said, "Can you help me? How can I get down to 469?" After a second or two Buck replied, "Why don't you try Weight Watchers."

A man and his wife were sitting on the couch one evening. He was watching TV and she was reading a book and really enjoying it and the phone rang.

The man picked up the phone and after a few seconds said, "Well, how do I know? That is 2000 miles away." And he put the phone back on the cradle.

She asked, "Who was that?"

The man said, "It's some man who wants to know if the coast is clear."

See ya!

OHSAA WRESTLING STATE DUALS TOURNAMENT

The state duals wrestling tournament first round will be held at Wayne Trace High School on Wednesday, January 28th with action beginning at 5:00 p.m. Wayne Trace was selected as the host as the Raiders are seeded #1 in sub region 24A.

Several local teams are participating Wednesday including: Allen East #4, Lima Central Catholic #5, Paulding #8, Van Wert #9, and the host Raiders #1. Van Wert will square off against Paulding in the first contest of the evening. Paulding will be featuring Aaron Mock and Adam Deatruck as current state ranked wrestlers on their squad.

The second round will pit Allen East against LCC. Both of these schools have several state ranked wrestlers currently on their roster. Wayne Trace will face the winner of the Paulding versus Van Wert dual. Wayne Trace currently has Max Rassman, George Clemens, Ruger Goeltzenleuchter, Tyler Showalter, and Jacob Dings ranked in the state standings.

The final contest of the night will see the winner of

Allen East/LCC against the winner of Wayne Trace versus Paulding/Van Wert advancer.

"I am very excited that we can host and bring quality wrestling to Paulding county for wrestling fans and enthusiasts to enjoy without having such a long drive," stated Coach Clemens. "Most of the tournaments will be determined about how your best wrestlers do and you get some help from the remainder of the team, but in a duals situation, the freshman with the least experience could be all the difference in a team win. Not only is every match pivotal, but also even how you win or lose a match. You can't give up bonus points by losing by pin, and you want to earn bonus points by winning by as much as possible. It should be a great night and atmosphere Wednesday," commented Clemens.

Wayne Trace will be hosting for the first ever time and will feature two full mats with plenty of seating room with good visibility. There will be full concessions available during the tournament.

3rd GRADERS AT PAULDING ELEMENTARY DEVELOPED THEIR OWN SOIL MODEL

By: Staci Miller, Paulding SWCD

On January 15, Staci Miller, Education Specialist with the Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) gave a presentation to all the 3rd graders at Paulding Elementary. This presentation was developed according to the Ohio Science Standards. There were 82 students that learned about the composition of soil and how it is created. The presentation also identified the different types of soils as well as their textures and particle sizes. After the PowerPoint presentation, students got to participate in a hands-on demonstration creating their own soil model. Each student was given a soil model kit where they actually generated the different soil layers to create a visual display. The end result of the soil model was that the students were able to create their own take home science clay or play dough. The students really enjoyed learning about how soil is created and how the different soil types are identified. Their favorite part of the program was being able to make their own soils model that they could play with later. Please contact the Paulding SWCD if you are interested in this presentation or would like more information about other classroom presentations available.

OHIO CHAUTAUQUA 2016 SEEKS SCHOLARS - OHIO HUMANITIES

Ohio Humanities seeks high quality living history scholars who can portray historical characters for Ohio Chautauqua 2016: The Natural World. Presentations will be costumed performances based on thorough academic research. With a goal of presenting five unique perspectives on the theme, the Ohio Chautauqua troupe might include historical characters that focus on natural history, literature, STEM, ethics, and the environment. The Natural World presents a world of opportunities.

An Ohio Chautauqua liv-

ing history performance consists of a monologue (30-40 minutes) followed by question-and-answer sessions, both in and out of character. During each week as a scholar-in-residence, performers present one evening performance under the tent, one daytime workshop for youths, and one daytime program for adults. Scholars will be available for meetings and appearances at social and publicity events. Scholars will submit an essay, timeline, and additional written materials for the Companion Reader and other publications. An honorarium, per diem, and travel and lodging expenses will be provided to the scholars. Applicants are responsible for developing their own scripts, costumes, and props.

All applications to portray an Ohio Chautauqua 2016 character must include:

- Cover sheet with your contact information and the name of the character you wish to portray
- Current vita/resume detailing acting and research experience, along with letters of reference
- 500-word essay detailing the importance of the historical character and the her/his connections to the theme
- A brief bibliography of sources of information on the historical character
- Plans for youth and adult daytime programs
- Video (15 minutes or longer) of you portraying the proposed historical character

Application deadline is April 1, 2015. Submit applications to: Ohio Humanities, 471 E. Broad Street, Suite 1620, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3857

Questions? Contact Fran at 800-293-9774; frant@ohio-humanities.org.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS BEGIN TERMS IN 2015- OHIO HUMANITIES

Three new board members begin three-year terms this month and represent a diversity of experience and expertise.

Dr. Theresa Delgadillo, associate professor of Comparative Studies at The Ohio State University teaches Latino/a studies and is the author of *Spiritual Mestizaje: Religion, Gender, Race and Nation in Contemporary Chicana Narrative* (2011). Among her academic interests in the humanities are religion/spirituality, visual culture and Latinos in the Midwest. Her previous academic experience includes teaching Women's Studies at the University of Arizona and English at the University of Notre Dame. At OSU since 2007, Dr. Delgadillo is a member of the Modern Language Association, National Women's Studies Association and American Studies Association.

Dr. Deborah Witte returns to the board after serving from 2008-12. Recently retired, Dr. Witte served as a program officer for the Kettering Foundation. Her 30-plus years at the foundation in Dayton include work on projects focused on the theory and practice of public scholarship, the humanities and the American public, and a collaborative project with

MORE ON THE EAGLES



By: Stan Jordan

Here is another picture of the young eagle given to me by Mike Jones.

This was taken on C.R. 192 or as I call it the River Road East.

This is a deer carcass just a few feet off the road east of

Mike's house.

Mike installed a trail camera on a post and this bird took his own photo.

There will be one more picture of the eagle next week. Thanks again, Mike.

See ya!

five Russian cities titled "Library as a Community Center." She has been the editor of Higher Education Exchange and a variety of other publications. Dr. Witte earned her Ph.D. in Leadership and Change, as well as a Masters in Management from the McGregor School at Antioch University.

Angela O'Neal is the Manager of Genealogy, History and Travel for the Columbus Metropolitan Library. Previously, Ms. O'Neal was the Director of Collections Services at the Ohio History Connection. She is a past president of the Society of Ohio Archivists, serves on the Collaborative Digitization Subcommittee for the American Library Association and is an eight-year member of the Ohio Library Council. Ms. O'Neal has earned a Master of Library & Information Science from Kent State University and a Master of Arts in U.S. History from Miami University.

2015 ORAL HISTORY INSTITUTE ANNOUNCED - OHIO HUMANITIES

Oral history workshop helps develop practical skills in interviewing, recording, and organization of oral material.

The Oral History Institute, co-sponsored by Ohio Humanities and The Rural Life Center at Kenyon College will take place June 2-4 this year.

The three-day workshop is suited for volunteers and staff from local history organizations, libraries, schools, and colleges, and those working in corporate history, park services, medicine/research, and tourism. Registration is now open for the program that trains participants in planning and conducting successful oral history projects.

Emphasizing hands-on experience, topics covered in the three-day schedule will be interviewing techniques, transcribing and archiving, and devising public programs based on oral history. To develop these skills, participants will work on a practice project that encompasses all stages of oral history.

The Institute faculty includes professors of History, Sociology, Archiving, and Journalism, each representing extensive experience conducting oral history projects. The Institute schedule provides ample time for students to consult with these experts.

Admission to the Oral History Institute is competitive and limited to thirty persons. For additional information, contact James Calder at 800-293-9774 or jimc@ohio-humanities.org.

Deadline to apply is ongoing. Seats fill quickly, so apply soon!

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BREAK ROUTINE WITH NEW ADVENTURES

By: Jill Starbuck, The Nurturing Well

Many of us are creatures of habit. Some of us go to the extreme of eating the same things daily. But having a routine is not necessarily a bad thing. We often benefit from routines because we can accomplish more, we can remember things easier, we can be more relaxed, and we can be more organized. Routines are also great ways to rear children because they involve consistency, which builds trust and expectations. Perhaps most importantly, routines give us a sense of comfort. However, if we don't break out of our routines occasionally, we have a hard time accepting change, being flexible, and challenging ourselves. Besides, doing the same thing day in and day out can lead to boredom.

give it some time. Even if you realize it simply isn't for you, it's worth finding out rather than wondering for the rest of your life because you had never tried it in the first place.

4. Introduces the like-minded. Trying something new gives you an opportunity to meet people with the same interests. You are likely to make new friends this way.

5. Develops new skills. Whenever we learn new things, we become stronger. Whether it is mentally or physically, continual learning helps us live more satisfying lives. We can always use new skills to our advantage.

Sure, breaking out of a routine and trying something new can be intimidating and uncomfortable. However, it can also be rewarding and something to look forward to. Now is the time to try something new. What are you waiting for?

Jill Starbuck has 20 years of experience as a business writer, editor, and market research analyst. She is a certified health coach through the Integrative Institute of Nutrition and a certified running coach through the Road Runners Club of America. She is also the co-owner of a running business. She can be reached at jillstarbuck@hotmail.com.

MOST OHIO ADULTS FEEL GOOD ABOUT THEIR COMMUNITIES

The 2014 Ohio Health Issues Poll (OHIP), funded by Interact for Health, asked adults in Ohio if they agree or disagree with three statements about their communities:

- People can depend on each other in my community.
- Living in my community gives me a secure feeling.
- People in my community know they can get help from the community if they are in trouble.

"How people feel about their communities has an effect on physical and mental health," says Mary Francis, Program Officer, Empowering Communities, Interact for Health. The poll found that in general, a large majority of Ohioans feel positively about their communities.

Nearly 8 in 10 Ohio adults (78 percent) say people in their communities are dependable. More than 8 in 10 (83 percent) feel secure in their communities. And more than 7 in 10 (75 percent) feel they can get help from their community when they are in trouble.

Ratings vary based on other factors

- Poverty: Adults above 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) feel more positive about their communities than adults between 138% and 200% FPL or adults at or below 138% FPL.
- Education: Adults with some college or a college degree feel more positive about

their communities than those with lower educational attainment.

•Race: Whites rate people in their community as more dependable and are more likely to report being able to get help from their community than African Americans. However, African Americans and Whites feel equally secure in their communities.

More information about Ohioans' views on community support and other topics is available online at www.interactforhealth.org/ohio-health-issues-poll.

About the Ohio Health Issues Poll

The 2014 Ohio Health Issues Poll (OHIP) is funded by Interact for Health. OHIP was conducted May 7-20, 2014, by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati. A random sample of 820 adults from throughout Ohio was interviewed by telephone. This included 489 landline telephone and 331 cell phone interviews. In 95 of 100 cases, the statewide estimates will be accurate to ±3.4%. There are other sources of variation inherent in public opinion studies, such as non-response, question wording or context effects that can introduce error or bias. For more information about the Ohio Health Issues Poll, please visit www.interactforhealth.org/ohio-health-issues-poll.

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Interact for Health improves the health of people in the Cincinnati region by being a catalyst for health and wellness. We accomplish our mission by promoting healthy living through grants, education, policy and action. Interact for Health is an independent nonprofit that serves 20 counties in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. More information is available on our website, www.interactforhealth.org.

ACAC WRESTLING RESULTS

Team Scores:
1. Adams Central 230.5; 2. Leo 202.0; 3. Southern Wells 168.5; 4. Jay County 168.0; 5. South Adams 143.0; 6. Woodlan 129.0; 7. Bluffton 91.0; 8. Heritage 40.0

106 Results:
Guaranteed Places:
1st Wyatt Miller, South Adams; 2nd Nick Liter, Adams Central; 3rd Noah Goodrich, Southern Wells; 4th Brandon Bennett, Woodlan

1st Place Match:
Wyatt Miller (SA) 29-1, Fr. over Nick Liter (AC) 23-11, Fr. (MD 17-9)

3rd Place Match:
Noah Goodrich (SW) 14-6, Fr. over Brandon Bennett (W) 14-16, Fr. (Dec 5-1)

113 Results:
Guaranteed Places:
1st Anthony Mosser, Adams Central; 2nd Dane Martin, Leo; 3rd Gilbert Martinez, Bluffton; 4th Kaimen Sanders, Jay County; 5th Briar Goodwin, South Adams; 6th John Miller, Woodlan

1st Place Match:
Anthony Mosser (AC) 28-6, So. over Dane Martin (L) 16-7, So. (MD 11-2)

3rd Place Match:
Gilbert Martinez (B) 19-7, Fr. over Kaimen Sanders (JC) 17-9, Fr. (Fall 2:39)

5th Place Match:
Briar Goodwin (SA) 24-9, So. over John Miller (Wn) 13-14, Fr. (TF-1.5 3:32 (15-0))

Austin Roemer, Woodlan; 5th Tristan Atkins, Jay County; 6th Wesley Moore, Southern Wells

1st Place Match:
Sawyer Miller (SA) 31-0, Sr. over Eddie Loraine (L) 27-3, Sr. (Dec 12-9)

3rd Place Match:
Kyle Rothgeb (H) 23-3, Sr. over Austin Roemer (W) 20-11, So. (Fall 3:00)

5th Place Match:
Tristan Atkins (JC) 11-19, Jr. over Wesley Moore (SW) 8-22, Fr. (Fall 2:18)

126 Results:

Guaranteed Places:
1st Nik Hoot, Woodlan; 2nd Paul Renner of Southern Wells; 3rd Trenton Bonner of Leo; 4th Colton Compton of Jay County; 5th Trevor Free of Adams Central; 6th Andrew Castanada of Bluffton

1st Place Match:
Nik Hoot (W) 17-3, Sr. over Paul Renner (SW) 25-8, Sr. (Dec 5-1)

3rd Place Match:
Trenton Bonner (L) 16-9, Fr. over Colton Compton (JC) 19-16, Jr. (Fall 1:53)

5th Place Match:
Trevor Free (AC) 5-15, So. over Andrew Castanada (B) 5-20, Fr. (Dec 4-2)

132 Results:

Guaranteed Places:
1st Dallas Dudelston, Jay County; 2nd Casey Parisot, Woodlan; 3rd Chase Hissong, Leo; 4th Josh Lahr, South Adams; 5th Tucker Miller of Adams Central; 6th Zach Mounsey of Bluffton

1st Place Match:
Dallas Dudelston (JC) 25-7, Jr. over Casey Parisot (W) 19-8, Jr. (SV-1 4-2)

3rd Place Match:
Chase Hissong (L) 22-9, So. over Josh Lahr (SA) 16-18, So. (Fall 3:32)

5th Place Match:
Tucker Miller (AC) 12-7, Jr. over Zach Mounsey (B) 18-10, Fr. (MD 8-0)

138 Results:

Guaranteed Places:
1st Isaac Eicher, Leo; 2nd Briar Beeks, Southern Wells; 3rd Jacoby Raugh, Bluffton; 4th Brant Thieme, Adams Central; 5th Shawn Roemer, Woodlan; 6th Keegan Boxell, South Adams

1st Place Match:
Isaac Eicher (L) 30-0, Jr. over Briar Beeks (SW) 14-7, So. (Fall 0:30)

3rd Place Match:
Jacoby Raugh (B) 17-14, Sr. over Brant Thieme (AC) 9-20, Fr. (Dec 3-0)

5th Place Match:
Shawn Roemer (W) 11-10, So. over Keegan Boxell (SA) 9-20, So. (Dec 5-0)

145 Results:
Guaranteed Places:
1st Hunter Bates, Adams Central; 2nd Daniel Beeks, Southern Wells; 3rd Gabe Martinez, Bluffton; 4th Blake Dager, Leo; 5th Ivan Hemmelgarn, Jay County; 6th Josh Anglemyer, Woodlan

1st Place Match:
Hunter Bates (AC) 30-4, Jr. over Daniel Beeks (SW) 27-6, Sr. (Dec 10-5)

3rd Place Match:
Gabe Martinez (B) 28-4, Sr. over Blake Dager (L) 13-12, Jr. (Dec 4-2).

5th Place Match:
Ivan Hemmelgarn (JC) 18-17, So. over Josh Anglemyer (W) 10-12, So. (Fall 1:45)

152 Results:

Guaranteed Places:
1st TC Perry, Southern Wells; 2nd Boaz Marbach, South Adams; 3rd Cody VanOoyen, Leo; 4th Tyler Leon-



Woodlan Junior Casey Parisot pins Blake Hohler from Edgerton High School. More pictures at westbendnews.net.



Woodlan's Mason Berry pins opponent Edgar Ortiz from Logansport High School. More pictures at westbendnews.net.

hard, Jay County; 5th Ryan Ashley, Adams Central; 6th Tucker Wallace, Woodlan

1st Place Match:
TC Perry (SW) 31-2, Jr. over Boaz Marbach (SA) 14-2, Sr. (Fall 3:28)

3rd Place Match:
Cody VanOoyen (L) 21-10, Jr. over Tyler Leonhard (JC) 27-7, So. (Dec 4-2)

5th Place Match:
Ryan Ashley (AC) 20-14, Jr. over Tucker Wallace (W) 11-10, So. (Fall 1:46)

160 Results:
Guaranteed Places:
1st Luke Liter, Adams Central; 2nd Levi Hummel, Jay County; 3rd Tim Pennington, Leo; 4th Justyn Hart, Heritage; 5th Corrie Lewis, Bluffton; 6th Corbin Blomeke, South Adams

1st Place Match:
Luke Liter (AC) 24-2, Sr. over Levi Hummel (JC) 22-9, Jr. (Dec 6-4)

3rd Place Match:
Tim Pennington (L) 18-13, Jr. over Justyn Hart (H) 9-9, Jr. (Fall 1:54)

5th Place Match:
Corrie Lewis (B) 10-13, Fr. over Corbin Blomeke (SA) 3-15, So. (Dec 3-2)

170 Results:
Guaranteed Places:
1st Karthon McCullough, Adams Central; 2nd Taylor Garton, Leo; 3rd Brian Hubble, Bluffton; 4th Jacob Schmit, Jay County

1st Place Match:
Karthon McCullough (AC) 19-7, Jr. over Taylor Garton (L) 14-10, Jr. (Fall 4:46)

3rd Place Match:
Brian Hubble (B) 13-19, So. over Jacob Schmit (JC) 5-6, Jr. (Fall 2:06)

182 Results:
Guaranteed Places:
1st Kaine Luginbill, Adams Central; 2nd Andy Kohler of Jay County; 3rd Ethan Smith, Southern Wells; 4th Wally Grinager, Leo; 5th Noah Studebaker, Bluffton; 6th Jon McNeal, Heritage

1st Place Match:
Kaine Luginbill (AC) 31-2, Sr. over Andy Kohler (JC) 29-3, Jr. (Dec 5-3)

3rd Place Match:
Ethan Smith (SW) 29-6, Sr. over Wally Grinager (L) 19-9, Sr. (Inj. 0:00)

5th Place Match:
Noah Studebaker (B) 15-17, Sr. over Jon McNeal (H) 14-13, So. (Fall 4:01)

195 Results:
Guaranteed Places:
1st Jacob Stout, Southern Wells; 2nd Isaiah Baumgartner, South Adams; 3rd Ethan Storms, Leo; 4th Gaven Hare, Jay County; 5th Chandler Schumm, Adams Central; 6th Jake Lewman, Woodlan

1st Place Match:
Jacob Stout (SW) 21-5, Sr. over Isaiah Baumgartner (SA) 22-8, Fr. (Dec 1-0)

3rd Place Match:
Ethan Storms (L) 19-13, Jr. over Gaven Hare (JC) 17-15, Fr. (MD 12-2)

5th Place Match:
Chandler Schumm (AC) 14-17, Fr. over Jake Lewman (W) 1-3, Fr. (Fall 0:29)

220 Results:
Guaranteed Places:
1st Edwin Barberena, Woodlan; 2nd John Isaacson, Leo; 3rd Nash Brunner, Adams Central; 4th Nik Roberts, Southern Wells; 5th Jon Blankenship, Jay County; 6th Jared Brinkman, Heritage

1st Place Match:
Edwin Barberena (W) 24-2, Sr. over John Isaacson (L) 27-3, Jr. (Dec 2-1)

3rd Place Match:
Nash Brunner (AC) 11-8, So. over Nik Roberts (SW) 15-8, Jr. (Fall 2:06)

5th Place Match:
Jon Blankenship (JC) 11-17, Sr. over Jared Brinkman (H) 16-17, So. (Fall 1:31)

285 Results:
Guaranteed Places:
1st Isiah Bollenbacher, Adams Central; 2nd Mason Morningstar, South Adams; 3rd Chris Pfeifer, Jay County; 4th Jimmy McQueary, Southern Wells; 5th Dylan Gerig, Woodlan; 6th Ryan Horner, Bluffton

1st Place Match:
Isiah Bollenbacher (AC) 30-4, Sr. over Mason Morningstar (SA) 22-4, Sr. (Fall 3:39)

3rd Place Match:
Chris Pfeifer (JC) 17-10, Sr. over Jimmy McQueary (SW) 15-10, Fr. (Fall 2:34)

5th Place Match:
Dylan Gerig (W) 7-11, Sr. over Ryan Horner (B) 5-20, Fr. (Fall 0:44)

Antwerp Ball Association to hold
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PHS GIRLS DROP AGAINST COLUMBUS GROVE



Suzanne Reinhart is fouled on the shot in the first quarter. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Bulldogs came to Paulding to take on the Panthers on Thursday, January 22.

Paulding grabbed the ball for the first possession of the game from the jump shot. The girls basketball game was close the first quarter, but fell apart after that when Columbus Grove

outscored the home team 32-14 in a runaway period. The first half finished 44-23.

The third quarter developed well for the Paulding girls as they posted their highest points of the game at 15 and they held the Bulldogs to only 2 points different.

The fourth quarter once

again put the CG team at the top, more than doubling the Lady Panthers at 18-7 and the game finished at 79-45.

Scorers of the Game: Paulding - Riley 2, Combs 6 (2-3), Vogel 10, Ar- end 2, Manz 4, Meggison 4, Reinhart 5, McCullough 6, Poesy 6

CG - M. McClure 2, Yinger 7, Clement 20 (4-3's), Bane 2, Hoffman 4, Wurth 5 (1-3), C. McClure 10 (2-3's), Endicott 4, Diller 6, Bell- man 19

Rebounds: Paulding: 28 (Vogel 8)

Turnovers: Paulding 39, CG 15

Records: Paulding 0-13 (0-5), CG 8-6

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



Paulding's Brooke Combs scores from just outside the key in Thursday's matchup. More pictures at westbendnews.net

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING CLUB PLACES 6, QUALIFIES 4 FOR STATE

Sunday, January 18th, WTWC had ten boys competing at districts for a spot at the OAC Elementary State wrestling tournament. Four earned their spot to the tournament, two landed alternate positions, and four boys fell short.

Placing for Wayne Trace; 2nd: Hunter Long, 3rd: Jarrett Hornish and Kamryn Sutton, and 4th: Kaiden Feeney. Eli Ames and Graiden Troth both placed 5th, leaving them as alternates. Gabe Sutton, Seth Meggison, Asa Ames, and Corbin Kimmel fell just short of earning alternate positions.

Good luck to all the young grapplers March 28th as they head to Youngstown, Ohio to compete in the Elementary State wrestling tournament.

NHS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

On January 30 at half-time of the New Haven Boys' varsity basketball game versus Columbia City, New Haven High School will induct it's 2015 inductees.

This year's class includes:

Kay Yoder, long-time New Haven teacher and pioneer of women's athletics at New Haven High School. In the early years of IHSAA competition, Yoder successfully coached women's volleyball, basketball, softball, tennis and gymnastics for the Lady Bulldogs. In addition, Yoder enjoyed a 20 year career as a licensed IHSAA official, that included numerous awards, working the

state finals and being named to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame as an official.

Ed Steger, class of 1982. Individual record holder of most New Haven rushing and scoring records until eclipsed by Cory Jacquay twenty years later, Steger helped to lead the Bulldogs to an undefeated regular season, two NEIAC football championships. Steger was also chosen to play in the North-South All-Star game went on to play two years at Ball State before injuries curtailed his career.

Zach Dommer, class of 2003. No athlete in New Haven history has come close to the 16 varsity letters earned by Dommer who successfully competed and lettered four years each in football, track and the rare combination of wrestling and basketball. Dommer was recognized by the state of Indiana as the only student on record to have lettered four consecutive years in both wrestling and basketball and gained All-Conference honors in both sports. In addition, Dommer would also gain All-State honors in football, wrestling and track in his storied career at New Haven.

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PAULDING PANTHERS TAKE DOWN THE AYERSVILLE PILOTS

On Saturday January 24th, the Paulding Panthers went up against the Ayersville boys. It was a close first quarter as Ayersville led by just one basket.

The second quarter really won the game for the Panthers who pulled ahead and kept Ayersville from scoring a single point. The Pilots tried to come back in the second half, but Paulding didn't let up. The Panthers secured the victory with a final score of 49-38.

Score by the Quarter: Paulding - 12 10 10 17=49

Ayersville - 14 0 19 5=38

Scorers of the game:

Paulding - Edwards 28, Arellano 10, Gonzales 7, Crawford 4

Ayersville - Mortin 9, Dales 8, Lamb 7, Thieroff 6, Cook 4, McGuire 4

Stats:

Rebounds - Paulding 31, Ayersville 25; Turnovers - Paulding 16, Ayersville 12

Alex Arellano and Treston Gonzales both contributed 10 rebounds each during this game.

JV score: Paulding 42, Ayersville 44

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RAIDERS PICK UP WIN BUT NOT BY MUCH



Darius Hale picks up two of his six points for the Raider Nation against Lima's Shawnee HS. Photo by Jarrison Steiner. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Shawnee was fast and furious on the court.

The first half finished with only a 3 point difference and the Raiders were down at 32-29. This game would be close and may turn similar to the game against Napoleon, Wayne Trace's only loss.

The three point lead held by Lima quickly vanished as half time turned into the third quarter. 28 points were added to the board with most by David Sinn and Ethan Linder as the Raiders kept the opposing boys to only 11, finishing the third quarter with a 57-43 lead. The game was in the bag, or so one would assume.

Not so, both teams were fouling and Ethan Linder and Jaden O'Neal were both at the line a lot. Linder posted 13 free throw points on 16 shots while Jaden hit 12 of 14. The Shawnee began an incredible revival and added 28 points to their score and the Raiders only put 18 on their side. The 10 point fourth quarter difference finished the game giving the Raiders

only a four point lead and a record of 12-1.

Scorers of the Game: Wayne Trace - Arend 2; Miller 7; Hale 6; E Linder 21; Shepherd 11; C Linder 15; Sinn 13

Shawnee High - Tucker 13; Casey 2; Leppla 6; Fox 6; O'Neal 34; Wilkerson 4; Hites 6.

FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC RESULTS

Make Up Dates:

1/31/15 - MS Boys Basketball vs. Antwerp 10:00 (at the HIGH SCHOOL GYM)

2/2/15 - MS Boys Basketball vs. Wayne Trace 4:30

2/2/15 - Freshman Basketball at Hilltop 5:00

Varsity Boys Basketball:

The Fairview varsity got beat by Ayersville 53-32

The Fairview varsity got beat by Defiance 81-30.

Varsity Girls Basketball:

The Fairview varsity girls beat Hilltop, 1/20, 49-43. Leading the scoring was Kelsie Beck with 12, Erin Marshall with 11, and Ali Hug with 8.

The Varsity girls lost to a very good Ayersville team Friday 68-49. Leading Fairview was Ali Hug with a game high 28 points.

Varsity Wrestling:

The wrestling team moved to 9-1 on the season 1/22 beating reigning 2014 GMC Champions Ayersville 49-12 and Parkway 60-12. Winning 2 matches on the night were Laguna, Heater, Kelley, Warncke, Sidle, Carpenter, Saul, Bassett, Hatchett and Bok.

The wrestling team competed at the Chuck Forward Duals Saturday coming home in 4th place out of 12 teams. They defeated Archbold B team 39-36, Clear Fork 46-36, Patrick Henry 54-17, but fell to Coldwater 48-27, and Archbold A 45-21. Going 5-0 on the day for Fairview were Bobby Kelley, Gavin Saul, and Joey Hatchett. On a special note, Bobby Kelley earned his 100th career win midway through the duals and is now at 102. Joey Hatchett is at 99 career wins and will earn his 100th Wednesday at Delta when the team competes in the region quarterfinals of the state team duals against Montpelier. The team is now 12-3 on the season. Team leading individual records are as follows: Gavin Saul 7-0, Joey Hatchett 25-2, Bobby Kelley 28-3, Chase Carpenter 18-3, Reilly Heater 26-5, Wesley Bok 15-4, Cory Sidle 18-10, Jacob Laguna 10-6, and Jared Warncke 9-6.

JV Boys Basketball:

JV Boys got beat by Ayersville 43-42. Justin Smith led Fairview with 18 points and 8 boards. Fairview lost to a tough Ayersville squad at the buzzer.

JV Boys got beat by Defiance 44-42. Riley Cooper had 10 points and 6 rebounds.

JV Girls Basketball:

JV girls defeated Hilltop 38-32. Leading scorer was Carlie Phillips with 16 points and Kiara Bauer added 7.

JV lost to Ayersville 26-18. Allison Vetter and Lexi Johns each had 6 points.

8th Grade Girls Basketball:

The Lady Apaches lost to a strong Holgate team 19 to 37. Mercedes Wagner lead all scorers with 9 points.

The Lady Apaches beat Edgerton 53 to 29. The Lady Apaches used a strong defensive effort during the third quarter and capitalized on numerous Edgerton turnovers to win. Mercedes Wagner lead all scorers with 21 points.

The Lady Apaches beat the Defiance Bulldogs 38 to 3. The Lady Apaches put forth a good defensive effort holding Defiance to 1 point through 3 quarters of play. Mercedes Wagner lead all scorers with 16 points. The Lady Apaches will be back in action on Saturday at the GMC Tourney.

The Lady Apaches beat the Hicksville Aces 34 to 24 Saturday to move on to the second round of the GMC tourney. The Lady apaches had a strong defensive effort during the second and third quarters putting the Apaches ahead 25 to 15. The Lady Apaches had five players in the score column today. Mercedes Wagner led all scorers with 10.

7th Grade Girls Basketball:

7th grade girls responded well to their loss last night by defeating Holgate tonight, 28-8. FV had a great defensive showing, only commuting 12 team fouls for the game.

7th grade girls were defeated by Edgerton by a score of 21-25

The 7th grade girls concluded their season with a 24-22 victory over Defiance. The girls played hard all year and finished with a 9-4 record.

8th Grade Boys Basketball:

8th grade lost 47-40. Close Burggrave had 15 points and Noah Hagerman had 11.

7th Grade Boys Basketball:

7th grade defeated Holgate 55-18. Chayse Singer lead the scoring with 13, Riley Lucas 10, JT Nusbaum had 9.

JH Wrestling:

The Jr. High wrestling team swept both teams last to finish the season at 16-1.

The Jr. High wrestled this pass weekend at the Wauseon Invite. Wrestlers placing were C. Baumgardner, J. Thompson, M. Ankney, M. Breckler, J. Hatchett, J. Bowers, N. Reed, J. Backhaus, and J. McCoy. As a team we placed 5th out of 16 teams.

WAYNE TRACE GIRLS DEFEATED BY LIMA CENTRAL CATHOLIC

January 19, 2015 the Lady Raiders took on the Lima Central Catholic girls. Wayne Trace got off to a good start leading the first quarter. In the second quarter, Lima Central Catholic pulled ahead by eleven points. The Raiders came back in the third quarter only leaving a two point gap between the teams. In the end it was Lima Central Catholic who claimed the victory with a final score of 48-55.

Score by the quarter: Wayne Trace - 13 4 20 11=48

LCC - 5 23 11 16=55

Scorers of the game: Wayne Trace - Mohr 18, Temple 18, Wannemacher 6, Gudakunst 6

Lima Central Catholic - Koenig 19, Stolly 10, Snider 10, Verhoff 9, Santaguida 3, Tafflinger 3, Donnelly 1

JV: Wayne Trace 34, Lima Central Catholic 33

Records: Wayne Trace 8-4

WAYNE TRACE BOYS STEAL HOME WIN FROM APACHES

On January 15th, the Wayne Trace Raiders traveled to Apache country for high school boys basketball. The Raiders dominated the court for the duration of the evening, sending the Wayne Trace boys home with the win, 83-52.

Score by the Quarter: Wayne Trace - 32 20 23 19=83

Fairview - 12 12 14 14=52

Scorers of the Game: Wayne Trace - Arend 9, Miller 8, Hale 9, E Linder 6, Shepherd 2, C Linder 28, Vest 6, D Sinn 8, Speice 2, Stabler 3, Saylor 2

Fairview - Wolfrum 7, Schwiefert 3, Breininger 10, Maccay 6, Kozumplik 10, Puffinberger 2, Timbrook 6, Wagner 3, King 3, Smith 2

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WAYNE TRACE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATE CHANGE

The Wayne Trace Board of Education will meet in regular session on February 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

ANTWERP ATHLETIC BOOSTER MEETING

The monthly Antwerp Athletic Boosters Board of Directors Meeting will be held January 28, 2015, in the Board of Education Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m. This is a public meeting. The boosters is a group of volunteers dedicated to assist the athletic department financially through various projects to better the facilities, uniforms and equipment of the athletes that represent our school district.

CLEMENS/GOELTZENLEUCHTER TOPS AT VAN BUREN

The Raider wrestling team competed in the Van Buren Invitational Wrestling Tournament on January 23rd and 24th. 27 division 3 Northwest high schools composed the field and competed over two days in the toughest tournament to date that the red, white, and blue have participated in.

Hunter Showalter, Caleb Schultz, Zaine Cotterman, Jacob Dingus, Brandon Laney, Josh Reel, Anthony Rooks, and Quinton Stabler would all pick up wins for the team points. WT would go on to place four other wrestlers in the tourney and would finish the tournament in seventh place with Eastwood being the overall team champion.

Tyler Showalter would pick up wins over wrestlers from Fostoria, Ottawa Glandorf, and Columbus Grove setting up a match with state ranked 8th Davidson from Eastwood. Showalter would drop that match by a decision of 6-5. He would battle back and finish the day in fourth place.

Freshman Max Rassman would step onto the mat for his first ever VBI and would not disappoint. He would easily handle opponents from Ada, Elmwood, and Carrey and find himself in the championship match at 113 pounds. Max would square off against Swartzmiller of Hopewell-Loudon and fall short and be the 2015 VBI runner up at 113 pounds.

At 126, Wayne Trace would see Ruger Goeltzen-

leuchter dispose of wrestlers from Ottawa Glandorf, Bluffton, and Van Buren before setting up a much anticipated match with and himself and Reisinger of Swanton. These wrestlers had faced each other twice before splitting matches last year. This match was action packed with more than one amazing scrambles for takedowns and control and in the end, Ruger would get the decision 7-3. This is Goeltzenleuchter's first VBI crown.

George Clemens IV would do what only a handful of wrestlers have been able to: win his third VBI crown. Clemens would dispatch wrestlers from McComb, Seneca East, and Lincolnview setting up a showdown with Moore of Swanton. George would showcase what he does best in this championship match with explosive takedowns and using his legs to control and score points in the top position. The 6-2 decision would earn Clemens a most impressive third championship at Van Buren.

"This is the toughest I have seen this tournament in 6 or 7 years. Several weight classes had a state qualifier or two and several district qualifiers in them. You could also see two, three, or even four state ranked wrestlers in several of the weight classes. We were in most matches and just a little mistake here or there and it cost us the match. We need to work on situational wrestling and hand control on the bottom, and we should be improving in those close matches. We will be back at it on Monday preparing for the state duals we are hosting on Wednesday," commented Coach Clemens.

RAIDERS FALL TO WILD-CATS

The Napoleon Wildcats faced off with the Wayne Trace Raiders in boys basketball on January 10th. Napoleon snagged the victory by the end of the evening: 44-41.

- Score by the Quarter:**
Wayne Trace - 8 3 10 20=41
Napoleon - 7 6 13 18=44
- Scorers of the Game:**
Wayne Trace - Miller 5, E Linder 4, Shepherd 4, C Linder 21, D Sinn 7
Napoleon - Gilliland 10, Dunbar 22, Daman 5, Sickmiller 3, Gerken 2
- JV Score:** Wayne Trace 40, Napoleon 37
- Records:** Napoleon 7-3, Wayne Trace 7-1

MAC GYM WINTER VOLLEYBALL BEGINS

The 2015 MAC Gym volleyball league will begin this Sunday, February 1, 2015. Twelve girls teams and 38 individuals from around the area, will participate in four leagues, weekly for five weeks. There will be a season ending single elimination tournament on week six. This winter there is a new league. We have added a 4th grade and under league with four teams participating from Edgerton, Woodburn Lutheran School, Woodlan and Antwerp. The 6th grade and under league will be made up of Leo, Defiance, two Woodburn Lutheran School teams and four Woodlan teams. This marks the first time that there will be more Indiana teams participating than Ohio teams.

The junior high and high school leagues are teams built from individual sign ups. No more than two girls from any school compete on a team. All teams play two games weekly. Games begin on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. and the days will wrap up by 7:00 p.m.

WT LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 1/28 - 2/03

- Breakfast:**
1/28 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
1/29 - Cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk
1/30 - Fruit stick, juice, milk
2/02 - Sausage pizza, juice, milk
2/03 - Egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk
- Lunch:**
1/28 - Chicken and noodles, mashed potato, green beans, dinner roll w/ butter, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, pizza sub, or Pretzel w/ cheese w/ salad bar
1/29 - HS: Nacho chips w/ meat and cheese, Elem: Sloppy nachos and scoop chips, corn, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar
1/30 - Pizza, romaine lettuce salad, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Cheeseburger sandwich w/ salad bar
2/2 - Chicken nuggets, french fries, California blend, dinner roll w/margarine, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, Pizza sub, or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar
2/3 - Walking tacos w/ meat, cheese, and iceberg lettuce, refried beans, corn, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar

WAYNE TRACE BEATS HOLGATE

On Thursday January 22 Wayne Trace travelled to the Tiger's stadium for the annual boys varsity basketball game.

It was an easy game for Raiders as they took off with a ten point lead in the first quarter. They kept up the momentum throughout the game with Ethan Linder blazing the way followed closely by David Sinn.

- Wayne Traced finished the game strong with a 54-28 lead over Holgate.
- Score by the quarter:**
Wayne Trace - 14 15 11 14=54
Holgate - 4 3 10 11=28
- Scorers of the game:**
Wayne Trace - E. Linder 11, D. Sinn 9, Arend 6, Hale

6, Shepherd 6, Miller 4, C. Linder 4, Speice 4, Vest 2, Saylor 2

Holgate - J. Clady 8, O. Clady 5, Pahl 4, Crumrine 3, Grim 3, Buchholz 3, Okuley 2

Records:
Wayne Trace - 11-1, 3-0
GMC; Holgate - 4-9, 0-2

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS TAKES DOWN WOODLAN

The Warriors battled it out with Prairie Heights on January 20, 2015. Woodlan had a small lead in the first quarter but quickly fell behind. In the end it was Prairie Heights who took the game, 47-62.

Score by the quarter:
Woodlan - 10 9 13 15=47
Prairie Heights - 8 14 16 24=62

Scorers of the game:
Woodlan - Fancher 15, Jones 9, Krahn 8, Schwartz 5, Gustin 4, Hahn 2, Gerig 2, Williams 2
Prairie Heights - Bachelor 20, Heller 17, Penick 13, Beiswanger 5, Burkholder 5, Everidge 2

PAULDING GIRLS DEFEATED BY BLUFFTON

Thursday, January 15, 2015 the Paulding Girls Varsity Basketball Team traveled to Bluffton. Paulding started off strong finishing the first quarter just one point behind Bluffton. Bluffton quickly pulled ahead in the 2nd and 3rd quarters. The 4th quarter was close but it was too late for the Paulding girls who lost the game 37-64.

- Score by the quarter:**
Paulding - 9 7 4 17=37
Bluffton - 10 14 21 19=64
- Top Scorers:**
Paulding - Vogel 12; Reinhart 8; Combs 5 (1-3), Meggison 4
Bluffton - Parkins 23 (3-3's); Schmutz 15; Monday 8; Barry 6 (2-3's)
- Records:** Paulding 0-12, Bluffton 6-6

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU 1/28 - 2/3

- 1/28 - Chicken nuggets, black-eyed peas, orange smiles, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
- 1/29 - Goulash, green beans, mixed fruit, bread & butter, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
- 1/30 - Pizza bagels, tossed salad, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
- 2/2 - Salisbury steak on bun, green beans, pears, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
- 2/3 - Mini corn dogs, baked fries, pineapple crisp, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

CHURUBUSCO PULLS A WIN OVER WOODLAN

By: Jeff Abbott
A cold middle two quarters, iced the game for Churubusco 73-42 over the Woodlan Warriors in boys' basketball. The Eagles broke the game open in the second quarter, outscoring Woodlan 14-4 in the period and then froze the guests out

in the third with a 17-9 advantage. Churubusco continued the pull away in the final quarter with a 25-15 advantage. Evan Gustin had 20 points in the contest for the Warriors.

Score by the quarter:
Woodlan - 14 4 9 15=42
Churubusco - 17 14 17 25=73

Scorers of the game:
Woodlan - Gustin 20, Krahn 8, Biggs 6, Schwartz 5, Jones 2, Hahn 1
Churubusco - Forman 21, Gross 18, Buffenbarger 13, Turnbow 12, B Barkley 4, Harmeyer 2, D Barkley 2, Howk 1



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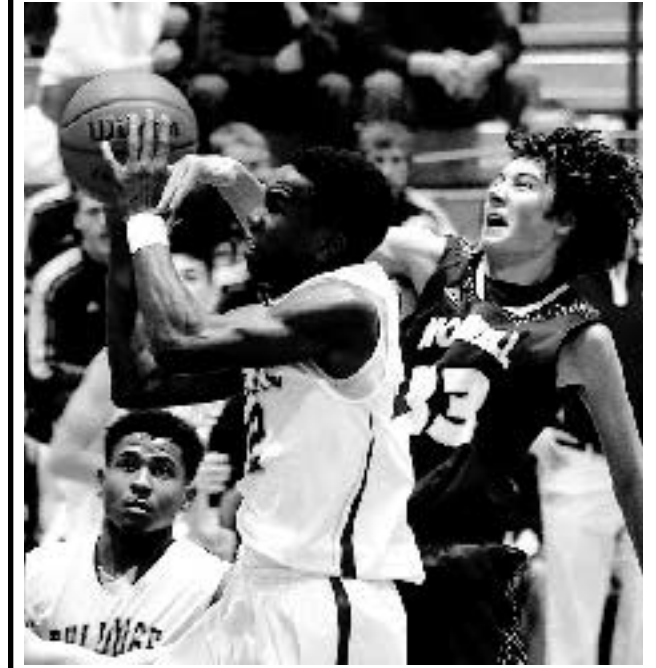
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LAST QUARTER FALL HURTS NEW HAVEN



Brandon Washington drives in under the basket only to get fouled. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The game for the Bulldogs was an intense match between Norwell and the home team on Saturday, January 26.

Starting quickly, the Norwell boys basketball team got off to an early start. The first quarter went to the Knights. Second quarter began with New Haven down 9-11. The first part of the second period had the Knights increasing their lead. A revival with 2 minutes left in the half brought the Bulldogs up to tie

the game with a shot by Diamond Towns after their deficit. The half finished with the home team taking the lead at 23-20.

The second half of the game was controlled by Norwell and the third quarter finished even at 38. A low scoring match for these boys. Fourth quarter brought the game to a close as the nights added another 18 points while the Bulldogs failed to bite with only 11

- points.
- Score by Quarter:**
New Haven - 9 14 15 11=49
Norwell - 11 9 18 18=56
- Scorers by the Game:**
New Haven - V Shearer 3, A Westrick 4, J.C. Gardner 2, M Stevenson 7, T Kinnie 6, D Towns 16, B Rudolph 7, J Workman 4, T Kraner 2.
Norwell - Denny 4, Kissell 12, Hayden 15, Middleton 1, Harnish 11, Wilson 4, Shively 9



Paulding's Brooke Combs scores from just outside the key in Thursday's matchup. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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LEO HIGH STUDENT WINS GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The 2014-15 DAR Good Citizen is Kylie Anne Ryan of Leo High School.

Kylie is a well rounded individual as she is engaged in various aspects of life. She is a gold medal recipient for national jazz choir, where she is the soprano section leader, and she sings in German, French, Italian, Latin and Spanish.

Kylie is also an athlete, playing both JV and varsity sports in both volleyball and track and field, and volunteers for the Special Olympics.

Her achievements in academics are exhibited by being a member of the National Honor Society, and she is currently the salutatorian of the Class of 2015 at Leo High School.

Kylie has been involved in Student Council and currently is the VP of her class.

Her service includes being a group leader in Vacation Bible School and mission trips to Haiti where she helped relocate a school while spreading the Gospel.

Kylie's compassion for others does not end there, as she is also involved with The Community Harvest Food Bank, the Red Cross, World Vision (providing support to a child in Guatemala), and through her church, helps starving children in foreign countries.

Kylie works four hours each week for the FW Volleyball Club and six to 18 hours a week for Skyzone, an indoor trampoline park.

Her father and grandfather have served in the military, demonstrating a measure of honor and commitment to something larger than themselves.

Kylie says, "I can learn from their sacrifice, appreciate what they have done, and become a better citizen as a result."

PAMELA CLARK OF THE NEW HEIGHTS EDUCATIONAL GROUP, NAMED AS FINALIST IN 2015 STEVIE® AWARDS FOR SALES & CUSTOMER SERVICE

Pamela Clark of the NNHEG was named a Finalist today in the Customer Service Leader of the Year category in the ninth annual Stevie® Awards for Sales & Customer Service, and will ultimately be a Gold, Silver, or Bronze Stevie Award winner in the program.

The awards are presented by the Stevie Awards, which organizes several of the world's leading business awards shows including the prestigious International Business Awards and the new German Stevie Awards.

The final results will be announced during a gala banquet on Friday, February 27 at the Bellagio Hotel in

Las Vegas, Nevada. Finalists from the U.S.A. and several other nations are expected to attend.

More than 1,900 nominations from organizations of all sizes and in virtually every industry were evaluated in this year's competition, an increase of 27% over 2014. Finalists were determined by the average scores of 139 professionals worldwide, acting as preliminary judges. Entries were considered in 54 categories for customer service and contact center achievements, including Contact Center of the Year, Award for Innovation in Customer Service, and Customer Service Department of the Year; 50 categories for sales and business development achievements, ranging from Senior Sales Executive of the Year to Business Development Achievement of the Year; and categories to recognize new products and services and solution providers. The Business Development categories are new for 2015.

In response to this achievement, Pamela Clark said, "I am truly honored to be recognized as a finalist. Customer service is very important to us at NHEG. I'm thankful to all the judges and our amazing volunteers, students and their families for all their support."

"The Stevie Awards for Sales & Customer Service continues to be the fastest-growing of our international awards programs," said Michael Gallagher, president and founder of the Stevie Awards. "The sheer number of nominations is matched by the increasing quality of those nominations. We congratulate all of this year's Finalists and wish them well in the next phase of judging."

Details about the Stevie Awards for Sales & Customer Service and the list of Finalists in all categories are available at www.StevieAwards.com/Sales.

EAST ALLEN COUNTY STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN 'VOLUNTARY' INDIANA YOUTH SURVEY

From February 23 through March 13, 2015 all EACS students in Grades 7-12 will be provided an opportunity to participate in a voluntary electronic survey that measures the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. The survey, which is conducted by the Indiana Prevention Resources Center (IPRC), is part of a statewide process to collect data.

Participation by EACS in this survey stems from a collaboration with the Allen County Drug and Alcohol Consortium and various other public and private schools. The program grant is a "Drug Free Communities Support Program." It is funded through a joint effort of the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

The survey is being conducted for three purposes:

1. To provide local schools and their communities with valid estimates of the prevalence of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use among students; and

2. To provide Indiana with similar estimates of prevalence on a statewide basis.

3. To gather data for use in supporting future grant

requests. Important information for parents and students:

1. This survey is completely anonymous and completed in private, without any personally identifiable information that could be traced to an individual student.

2. Participation by EACS Grades 7-12 students is completely voluntary and students can easily "opt out" of participation by discontinuing the survey.

3. To insure valid data collection, there is a need for non-drug using students to participate so that accurate estimates are obtained.

4. Parents have an opportunity to inspect a sample survey form prior to 02-23-15 at their student's school or online at: https://www.indiana.edu/~iprc/docs/sample_survey_form.pdf

Specific instructions for administration of the survey will be sent to participating schools as soon as the IPRC provides the information.

If you have additional questions, please contact Jeff Studebaker, EACS School Safety Manager jstudebaker@eacs.k12.in.us or extension 3206.

Our mission of East Allen County Schools is to inspire in all students a passion for learning while developing knowledge, skills and character necessary to become responsible contributors to the local and global society.

ANTWERP JH WRESTLERS COMPETE AT WAUSEON WRESTLING INVITATIONAL

The Antwerp Junior High Wrestling team recently had another outstanding performance at the Wauseon Junior High Tournament on January 24, 2015. The team currently only has 2 wrestlers but both wrestlers have had outstanding seasons thus far. 8th grader, Aidan McAlexander, remained undefeated on the year by placing 1st in the 80 pound weight class. McAlexander was 3-0 on the day with 3 pins. 8th grader Tyler Bauer finished 2nd in the 98 pound weight class. Bauer ended his day with 2 wins, 1 loss and 2 pins. Both wrestlers look to make history next weekend as they wrestle in the GMC tournament at Edgerton on January 31, 2015. McAlexander is looking to become the first wrestler in Antwerp history to go through an entire season undefeated while Bauer is looking to become Antwerp's first ever 2-time GMC champion.

ANTWERP GIRLS FALL TO TINORA AT HOME

The Lady Archers were visited by Tinora on Friday January 23. Right away the Rams pulled ahead leaving the first quarter with a nine point lead.

Antwerp stayed right on Tinora's tail for the rest of the game. Unfortunately, the ladies couldn't make up the first quarter and lost to Tinora with a final score of 31-42.

Score by the Quarter:
Antwerp - 9 7 6 9=31
Tinora - 18 9 5 10=42
Scorers of the game:
Antwerp - Williamson 14, Braaten 5, Miesle 4, Recker 4, Longardner 2, Short 2

Tinora - Meek 17, Pedroza 8, Bowden 6, Hornish 4, Helberg 3, Marshugh 2, Norden 2

PAULDING DEFEATED BY COLUMBUS GROVE

The Paulding varsity boys basketball team traveled to Columbus Grove Friday January 23. Columbus Grove gained all the distance they needed in the first half of the game. They left the half with a fourteen point lead over Paulding.

In the second half Paulding kept up with their opponents almost point for point. Columbus Grove won with a final score of 45-60.

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 13 10 7 15=45
Columbus Grove - 18 19 7 16=60

Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Arellano 13, Edwards 8, Gonzales 7, Crawford 6, Rhonehouse 6, Sitton 3, Burtech 2

Columbus Grove - Darbyshire 29, From 10, Stechschulte 8, Waenecke 4, Roney 3, Schroeder 2, Diller 2, Bogart 2

Stats:
Rebounds - Paulding 19, CG 24; Turnovers - Paulding 21, CG 15

Records:
Paulding 7-6, 2-2; CG 9-2, 3-0

JV score: Paulding 28, CG 37

WAYNE TRACE GIRLS TAKE A LOSS AGAINST HOLGATE

On January 23rd, the Wayne Trace Varsity Girls took on Holgate. The Tigers took an eleven point lead in the first quarter. Throughout the game Wayne Trace fought hard to close the gap and end-

ed the game only being down 4 points. The final score was 47-51 with Holgate being the victor.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 8 14 8 17=47

Holgate - 19 11 10 11=51
Scorers of the game:
Wayne Trace - Temple 20, Mohr 14, Myers 7, Wannemacher 2, Gudakunst 2, Mead 2

Holgate - Grim 12, Willett 4, Niese 21, Desgranges 14

JV: Wayne Trace 30, Holgate 26

Records: Holgate 13-2, 3-0; WT 8-5, 2-1

LADY ACES BARREL OVER ARCHERS

On January 16th, the Hicksville Lady Aces and the Antwerp Lady Archers faced off in high school girls basketball. Antwerp lost both contests (JV & Varsity). In Varsity, the end score was Hicksville 44, Antwerp 20.

Score by the Quarter:
Hicksville - 4 8 18 14=44
Antwerp - 5 4 8 3=20

Scorers of the Game:
Hicksville - Berenyi 5, Briskey 2, Demland 4, Slatery 2, Taylor 6, Schroeder 2, Straley 2, Bergman 13, Peter 8

Antwerp - Williamson 4, Braaten 4, Miesle 2, Recker 7,

Longardner 1, Johanns 2
JV Score: Hicksville 26, Antwerp 24

WAYNE TRACE GIRLS OVERTAKE EDON

On January 13, 2015 the Wayne Trace Girls Varsity Basketball played against the Edon Bombers. After a close start in the first quarter, the Raiders put some distance between themselves and Edon. Wayne Trace stayed on top through the rest of the game and won with a final score of 63-33.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 8 24 15 16=63

Edon - 6 8 7 12=33

Top scorers:
Wayne Trace - Mohr 16, Gudakunst 12, Temple 10, Danae 10, E. Sinn 8, L. Sinn 3, Wannemacher 2, Mead 2

Edon - Kless 24, Sonnenberger 8, Zulch 1

Records:
Wayne Trace 7-3
Junior Varsity: Wayne Trace 42, Edon 27.

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The New Haven Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the City of New Haven will be holding the 2015 State of the City Address on Monday, March 16, 2015. Mayor Terry McDonald will share with the audience a recap of 2014 and what is in store for New Haven in the upcoming year.

Also, a dinner will be served for all to enjoy, supplied by The Orchid Reception Hall where the event will take place. The event will take place from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. For information on how you can reserve your spot at this dinner, call the Chamber office at 749-4484 or email info@newhavenindiana.org.

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FIRST DEFIANCE FINANCIAL CORP. REPORTS RECORD FULL YEAR EARNINGS FOR 2014

First Defiance Financial Corp. (NASDAQ: FDEF) announced today record net

income for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 totaling \$23.7 million, or \$2.38 per diluted common share, compared to \$22.2 million or \$2.19 per diluted common share for the year ended December 31, 2013. For the fourth quarter 2014, First Defiance earned \$5.8 million, or \$0.59 per diluted common share compared to \$5.1 million; or \$0.50 per diluted common share for the fourth quarter of 2013.

"Our strong fourth quarter results capped another year of record earnings for First Defiance," said Donald P. Hileman, President and CEO of First Defiance Financial Corp. "We were very pleased to see our business expand, profitability improve and shareholder returns grow in 2014 and look forward to building upon this success in 2015."

Net Interest Income up from fourth quarter 2013

Net interest income of \$18.1 million in the fourth quarter of 2014 was up from \$17.0 million in the fourth quarter of 2013. The net interest margin increased to 3.76% in the fourth quarter of 2014 compared with 3.61% in the fourth quarter of 2013 and 3.73% in the third quarter of 2014. Yield on interest earning assets increased by 12 basis points, to 4.09% in the fourth quarter of 2014 from 3.97% in the fourth quarter of 2013. The cost of interest-bearing liabilities decreased by 4 basis points in the fourth quarter of 2014 to 0.42% from 0.46% in the fourth quarter of 2013.

"An improved earning asset mix led to continued expansion of our net interest margin this quarter. Strong loan growth over the second half of 2014 has enabled our margin to grow to 3.76% this quarter from 3.61% a year ago," said Hileman. "Our net interest income increased over \$1 million this quarter from the same quarter last year."

Non-Interest Income up from fourth quarter 2013

First Defiance's non-interest income for the fourth

quarter of 2014 was \$7.3 million compared with \$6.5 million in the fourth quarter of 2013. The fourth quarter of 2013 included \$337,000 of securities losses recognized on CDOs. Mortgage banking income was \$1.3 million in the fourth quarter of 2014, even with the fourth quarter of 2013. Gains from the sale of mortgage loans decreased in the fourth quarter of 2014 to \$734,000 from \$756,000 in the fourth quarter of 2013. Mortgage loan servicing revenue was \$900,000 in the fourth quarter of 2014, down slightly from \$918,000 in the fourth quarter of 2013. The Company had a positive change in the valuation adjustment in mortgage servicing rights ("MSR") of \$11,000 in the fourth quarter of 2014 compared with a negative adjustment of \$4,000 in the fourth quarter of 2013.

Service fees and other charges were \$2.8 million in the fourth quarter of 2014, up from \$2.5 million in the fourth quarter of 2013 due to the benefits of new fee structures and product redesigns implemented in the third quarter this year.

Income from the sale of insurance and investment products was \$2.2 million in the fourth quarter of 2014, up from \$2.1 million in the fourth quarter of 2013.

"Our fourth quarter fee income also reflects a significant increase over the prior year with insurance, bank services, and wealth management all posting healthy revenue gains," stated Hileman. "Growing our fee income businesses remains a strategic emphasis for our company."

Non-Interest Expenses up from fourth quarter 2013


Total non-interest expense was \$17.0 million in the fourth quarter of 2014, an increase from \$16.0 million in the fourth quarter of 2013.

Compensation and benefits increased to \$9.1 million in the fourth quarter of 2014 compared to \$8.3 million in the fourth quarter of 2013. The increase in compensation and benefits is mainly related to higher medical and life insurance costs and merit increases from a year ago. Data processing cost increased to \$1.5 million in the fourth quarter of 2014 from \$1.3 million in the fourth quarter of 2013. Other non-interest expense was \$3.8 million in the fourth quarter of 2014, an increase from \$3.5 million in the fourth quarter of 2013.

Credit Quality

Non-performing loans totaled \$24.1 million at December 31, 2014, a decrease from \$27.8 million at December 31, 2013. In addition, First Defiance had \$6.2 million of real estate owned at December 31, 2014 compared to \$5.9 million at December 31, 2013. Accruing troubled debt restructured loans were \$24.7 million at December 31, 2014 compared with \$27.6 million at December 31, 2013. For the fourth quarter of 2014, First Defiance recorded \$37,000 of net recoveries versus net charge-offs of \$1.5 million in the fourth quarter of 2013. The allowance for loan loss as a percentage of total loans was 1.50% at December 31, 2014 compared with 1.58% at December 31, 2013.

The fourth quarter results include expense for provision for loan losses of \$162,000, compared with \$475,000 for



ASK ME... Miss C!

Dear Miss C,
I am single but want to someday be married. My friends tell me that I probably won't find the guy I am looking for because I expect too much from marriage. So my question is: Do you think that people expect too much out of marriage?
—High Expectations

Dear High Expectations,
The simple answer to your question is YES! When choosing to marry, some believe it will mend their loneliness, make them shine with joy every hour of every day, and eliminate all scars of past heart breaks. But in reality, marriage is the joining of two people into a partnership bound by love and your faith. It is built on your combined ability to grow together, compromise together, and build a new life together. Your past is not erased because of this new partnership. You carry the experiences and scars earned throughout your lives prior to your wedding day. You are still married to a human. Humans are by definition flawed and make mistakes. And though your partner will on many occasions bring you the greatest joy you have ever known, there will be other days that he/she simply gets nerves because dang it... why can't they just wash the dishes just ONE time?
In a more socially complex response, the answer is still yes... we do sometimes expect too much from our marriages. Just look at our high divorce rates as evidence. Take a moment to think about marriages throughout time. In the 1950's, self-report surveys suggest the primary reason one chose to marry was not

love, but because of the partner's ability to provide a good and stable home for raising a family. Oh sure love was on the list as well, but it was not the primary reason. The primary purpose was not our own individual forever happiness but in satisfaction and contentment of building together. Now, if you compare those results to today, findings suggest we are more likely to relate our primary reason for marrying as a love feeling. Reporters continue on suggesting that the proposed partner makes them happy, fills a hole in their life, or makes them feel better about themselves. That sounds good right? In theory, yes. But perhaps that is also a symptom of dysfunctional (and selfish) definition of love? The evolution of marriage is described by commitment based in family and home to marriage being about personal love and satisfaction. It's a symptom that we no longer understand love as consummate, but instead only by passion (the honeymoon stage). The honeymoon stage ends and if you do not have a partnership based in love, faith, and commitment you have little to hold it together. So essentially, yes we expect too much anytime we give the power to happiness to ONE person, instead of to your new partnership, which means you too are responsible for yourself AND for your partner.
—As Always, Miss C

*Be sure to submit your own questions today! I am waiting to hear from you. Email me at AskMeMissC@gmail.com, visit my Ask Me Miss C Facebook Page, or send your letters to the West Bend News to my attention! *

the same period in 2013.

"Credit quality remains much improved with non-performing assets down 10.1 percent from the prior year," said Hileman. "Lower provision expense has strengthened our earnings, and our focus on further reductions to non-performing assets will continue in 2015."

Annual Results

For the full year ended December 31, 2014, net income was \$23.7 million, up 6.8% from \$22.2 million in 2013. Net interest income for 2014 totaled \$69.7 million, compared with \$67.6 million for 2013. Average interest-earning assets increased to \$1.95 billion for 2014, compared to \$1.85 billion in 2013. Net interest margin for 2014 was 3.68%, down 8 basis points from the 3.76% margin for 2013.

The provision for loan losses for 2014 was \$1.1 million, compared to \$1.8 million in 2013.

Non-interest income for the year 2014 was \$31.6 million, compared to \$30.8 million in 2013. Service fees and other charges were \$10.3 million for 2014, up from \$10.0 million in 2013. Mortgage banking income decreased to \$5.6 million for 2014, compared with \$8.4 million in 2013. Insurance and investment sales revenues increased to \$9.9 million for 2014, compared with \$9.6 million for 2013. Non-interest income for 2014 included \$932,000 of net securities gains compared to \$240,000 of net securities losses for 2013. In addition, 2014 included a \$903,000 tax-free benefit from a bank-owned life insurance policy and a \$498,000 tax-free gain recognized through the company's deferred compensation plan trust.

Non-interest expense increased to \$66.8 million for 2014 from \$65.1 million in 2013. Compensation and benefits expense was \$35.5 million for 2014 compared with \$34.3 million for 2013 primarily due to merit in-

creases and higher medical and life insurance costs offset by lower incentive expenses resulting from management changes. Data processing expense increased to \$5.9 million in 2014 from \$5.1 million in 2013 mainly due to increased electronic transaction volumes and product delivery enhancements. Other expense was \$14.4 million in 2014 up from \$13.5 million in 2013 primarily due to the \$786,000 cost recorded in the first quarter for terminating a merger agreement.

Total Assets at \$2.18 Billion

Total assets at December 31, 2014 were \$2.18 billion, compared to \$2.14 billion at December 31, 2013. Net loans receivable (excluding loans held for sale) were \$1.62 billion at December 31, 2014, compared to \$1.56 billion at December 31, 2013. Total cash and cash equivalents were \$112.9 million at December 31, 2014 compared with \$179.3 million at December 31, 2013. Also, at December 31, 2014, goodwill and other intangible assets totaled \$63.9 million compared to \$65.0 million at December 31, 2013.

Total deposits at December 31, 2014 were \$1.76 billion compared with \$1.74 billion at December 31, 2013. Non-interest bearing deposits at December 31, 2014 were \$379.6 million compared to \$348.9 million at December 31, 2013. Total stockholders' equity was \$279.0 million at December 31, 2014 compared to \$272.1 million at December 31, 2013.

Dividend to be paid February 27th

The Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.175 per common share payable February 27, 2015 to shareholders of record at the close of business on February 20, 2015. The dividend represents an annual dividend of 2.10% percent based on the First Defiance common stock closing price on January 16, 2015. First Defiance has approximately 9,209,177 common shares outstanding.

Conference Call

First Defiance Financial Corp. hosted a conference call on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 to discuss the earnings results and business trends. Replay of the Internet Web-cast will be available at www.fdef.com until January 20, 2016.

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

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 Sheriff Jason K. Landers
 Paulding County, Ohio
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 James L. Sassano, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
 General Code, Section 11681
 Revised Code, Section 2329.26
THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:
FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,
 vs.
DAVID N. VALENTINE, ET AL., Defendants,
 Case No. CI 14 184.
 Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 5th day of March, 2015 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:
2746 State Route 637, Grover Hill, Ohio 45849
Parcel Number: 24-25S-013-00
 A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse.
 Said premises appraised at Thirty-six Thousand and No/100 (\$36,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount.
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 Miranda S. Hamrick, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
 General Code, Section 11681
 Revised Code, Section 2329.26
THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
 vs.
RANDALL E. VIEIRA, ET AL., Defendants,
 Case No. CI 14 080.
 Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 5th day of March, 2015 at 10:10 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:
13300 Kay Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879
Parcel Number: 23-51B-166-00
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 Andrew C. Clark, Attorney for Plaintiff

PUBLIC NOTICE
 The Carryall Township 2014 Financial Report is complete and available for public review. Monthly meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm. Meetings will be located at 1445 Road 204, Antwerp, OH
-Twila Demongeot, Fiscal Officer
 Carryall Township

Real Estate Taxes Are Due
Wednesday, February 4, 2015
Failure To Receive A Tax Bill Will Not Avoid Penalty or Interest Charges.
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Paulding County Treasurer
 Lou Ann Wannemacher
 Phone: 419-399-8280
 Office Hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M.

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

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SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
 General Code, Section 11681
 Revised Code, Section 2329.26
THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:
FIRST FINANCIAL BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO THE UNION STATE BANK, Plaintiff,
 vs.
BRIAN D. HOLBROOKS aka BRIAN HOLBROOKS, ET AL., Defendants,
 Case No. CI 14 006.
 Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 5th day of February, 2015 at 10:15 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:
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Parcel Number: 10-15S-028-00 and 10-15S-029-00
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 Tina Woods, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
 General Code, Section 11681
 Revised Code, Section 2329.26
THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE OWNERS OF THE ACCREDITED MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2004-4 ASSET BACKED NOTES, Plaintiff,
 vs.
BONNIE J. NOW, ET AL., Defendants
 Case No. CI 14 008.
 Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 5th day of February, 2015 at 10:10 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:
5338 County Road 33, Payne, Ohio 45880
Parcel Number: 03-10S-017-00
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 Carrie L. Davis, Attorney for Plaintiff

WATCH OUT! PHONE SCAMMERS ON THE RISE



It's been reported recently to the Paulding County Sheriff's Office that people have been receiving phone calls from the IRS. Though after researching the case, it's not from the IRS at all. Instead phone scammers are acting as agents for the government office.

Rich Fraley of the Antwerp/Paulding area said he received a call and they were asking for him to verify his Social Security Number, bank accounts and other private information.

It's easy for people of all ages to fall prey to such calls as they sound very legitimate, especially this time of year since people are beginning to file their taxes. "I asked for a phone number to call them back. The number they gave me was 202-239-1622," stated Rich. After he looked up the number and talked to the Sheriff's office he found this number was not the IRS at all.

Emails can be just as much or more a threat (also called Phishing) since it's easy to grab the artwork from a real email and create html links to fake sites that look real. Do not give out your personal information. If they are calling you, you must ask them for verification and a number to call back.

Be sure to inform your relatives, family and friends. It appears elderly and young people are the easiest prey. If the IRS has questions concerning your filings, they will usually mail you first.

The IRS reminds people that they can know pretty easily when a supposed IRS caller is a fake. Here are five things the scammers often do but the IRS will not do. Any one of these five things is a tell-tale sign of a scam. The IRS will never:

1. Call to demand immediate payment, nor will we call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
2. Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
3. Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
4. Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
5. Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

Determining fraud can sometimes be difficult but with these steps it can be very helpful

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money, here's what you should do:

- If you know you owe taxes or think you might owe, call the IRS at 1.800.829.1040. The IRS workers can help you with a payment issue.
- If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to believe that you do, report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1.800.366.4484 or at www.

tigta.gov.

You can file a complaint using the FTC Complaint Assistant; choose "Other" and then "Imposter Scams." If the complaint involves someone impersonating the IRS, include the words "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

Remember, too, the IRS does not use unsolicited email, text messages or any social media to discuss your personal tax issue. For more information on reporting tax scams, go to www.irs.gov and type "scam" in the search box.

LATTA SUPPORTS PROPOSAL TO PROTECT INTERNET

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH), Vice Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee's Communications and Technology Subcommittee, released the following statement in support of House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI) and Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee Chairman John Thune's (R-SD) proposal to protect both consumers and the Internet, while also spurring job creation and economic growth.

"The Internet is the symbol of American ingenuity and investment in the 21st Century," said Latta. "As we work to update our communications laws, it is imperative that we protect our digital economy from excessive government overreach, while also providing consumers the protections they need. I applaud Chairmen Upton and Thune for working together to develop a proposal that will establish clear, reasonable rules for the Internet. I am also pleased that this proposal includes a provision similar to the legislation I sponsored to prevent the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) from reclassifying the Internet under Title II. I look forward to examining this proposal in further detail with my Energy and Commerce Committee colleagues at our hearing this week."

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
 General Code, Section 11681
 Revised Code, Section 2329.26
THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-WFHE3, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-WFHE3, Plaintiff,
 vs.
JAMES R. CROWELL, ET AL., Defendants,
 Case No. CI 14 014.
 Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 5th day of March, 2015 at 10:05 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:
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 Matthew Murtland, Attorney for Plaintiff

industry, providing legislative oversight for the Ohio Department of Agriculture, among other duties. The committee also makes recommendations to the full senate for the advice and consent of certain governor's appointments.

"I look forward to another term as Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee," said Hite. "One out of seven Ohioans works in agriculture, and the industry is especially important in northwest Ohio. I anticipate tackling diverse issues that impact this important industry."

Hite will also chair the Finance Subcommittee on Education, a panel that oversees education investments through the state's biennial budget committee.

Prior to his service in the Ohio Senate, Hite served as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives. This will be Hite's third term at the helm of the influential Agriculture Committee and first time directing the Education Finance panel.

Senator Hite spent three

HITE: THIRD TERM AS SENATE AGRICULTURE CHAIRMAN, TAKES REINS OF FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Ohio Senate President Keith Faber (R-Celina) appointed State Senator Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) to serve as the Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture. Hite will also take the reins of the Finance Subcommittee on Education.

The Senate Agriculture Committee is charged with reviewing legislation impacting the state's number-one

PUBLIC NOTICE HOSPITAL BOARD POSITION

Applications will be accepted at the Paulding County Commissioners' Office, 115 North Williams Street, Suite B-1, Courthouse, Paulding, Ohio, until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2015, for a position for a six year term as Paulding County Hospital Trustee expiring March, 2021. Please pick up an application at the Commissioners' Office for this position between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Previous applicants must reapply. Ohio Revised Code Section §339.02 determines that the applicant for this term must be a Democrat or Independent.

NOLA GINTER, CLERK BY ORDER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, PAULDING, OHIO
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 TONY ZARTMAN, AND
 MARK HOLTSBERRY

decades teaching high school history while coaching football. He has a bachelor's degree in secondary education from the University of Kentucky where he was the quarterback for the Wildcats. He resides in Findlay, Ohio with his wife, Diane.

Chairman Hite will convene both committees in the coming weeks.

SECRETARY OF STATE ANNOUNCES 2014 WAS RECORD YEAR FOR NEW BUSINESS FILINGS IN OHIO

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that 2014 marks the fifth year in a row that the state has seen a record number of new entities filing to do business in Ohio. In 2014, 93,775 new businesses filed with the Secretary of State. These numbers surpassed 2013 figures, in which 89,735 filed. "Ohio continues to be a place where companies want to be located because we are focused on providing quality customer service that understands the needs of business," Secretary Husted said. "By working to roll out the red carpet and cut the red tape we are helping improve the state's business climate, and that means a stronger economy and more jobs." The continued growth in new business filings is due in part to the expanded services Secretary Husted has implemented, most notably the launch of online services. In October 2013, Secretary Husted implemented Ohio Business Central, which enables businesses to file some of the most commonly-used forms online. This service has provided easier access, reducing processing

times and streamlined the administrative process. To date, more than 35,000 filings have been submitted and half of all new companies are now started online in Ohio. As part of the overall record number of filings for last year, December 2014 saw 7,441 new entities file to do business, which surpassed the 6,941 filings from December 2013. The steady growth among new businesses is a boon to the economy and for Ohio families. "As more companies start up, they increase the potential for more, good-paying jobs. That means families all across the state will not only be able to put a roof over their head, clothes on their back and food on the table, but also have a sense of accomplishment and dignity that they are moving forward." Though the most visible role of the Secretary of State is that of chief elections officer, the office is also the first stop for individuals or companies who want to file and start a business in Ohio. While recognizing these numbers can't provide a complete picture of Ohio's jobs climate, they are an important indicator of economic activity that Secretary Husted hopes will add to the discussion of how to improve the state's overall climate for business.

NOTE: New business filings are classified as forms filed with the Ohio Secretary of State that declare the formation of a business entity, including for-profit, non-profit and professional corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, limited partnerships and limited liability partnerships. Filing as a business in Ohio does not guarantee the company will begin operations, be profitable or create jobs.

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Sudoku solution from page 13

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OHIO HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO HOLD FIRST HEARING IN VAN WERT

Speaker of the Ohio House Clifford A. Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) announced that the House Agriculture and Rural Development Committee will hold an off-site hearing to study, discuss and address the issue of water quality in Ohio. The committee, led by Chair Brian Hill (R-Zanesville) and Vice Chair Tony Burkley (R-Payne), will hold its first of several hearings on January 29th, at Cooper Farms (6793 U.S. Route 127, Van Wert, OH 45891) at 1 PM.

"As Speaker, one of my main priorities is continuing to take action on the issue of water quality in our state," Speaker Rosenberger said. "This committee will build upon legislation passed in previous general assemblies as well as work with those in the agriculture community, state agencies and others, to establish ways to best manage water quality problems. Our goal is to not place blame on anyone or any group but to find a solution that benefits all Ohioans by protecting our most vital natural resources and ensuring clean water for our citizens."

The committee will hear

from experts and local farmers regarding the issue of water quality and how to address the negative effects of harmful algae blooms in Lake Erie and other bodies of water.

"It is extremely important that we hold the first committee hearing of the 131st General Assembly in Northwest Ohio," Rep. Hill said. "While the entire state faces water quality issues, this region has been especially affected. The goal of this hearing is to reinforce the legislature's commitment to finding sustainable solutions for protecting the water of all Ohioans."

As a major food supplier for customers all around the United States, Cooper Farms includes two divisions: the Live Animal Division and the Food Processing Division. The company's operations are located across Northwest and West Central Ohio.

"It has been made clear that water quality will be a high priority during this General Assembly and our work needs to start right away," Rep. Burkley said. "I am pleased to welcome my colleagues to the 82nd district and look forward to rolling up our sleeves and getting to work."

The committee also intends to hold a hearing at Sylvania City Council Chambers, near Toledo, on February 12th.

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information from a variety of sources including audio, video, still photos, animation, text, soundtracks and digital data using computer applications and visual and sound techniques. Internet applications and website creation are also included in this program.

Students interested in the Medical office field can get a head start in the Medical Office Management program, where they will learn business skills, office techniques, accounting, specific business software applications, medical terminology, abbreviations and Anatomy/Physiology. Students develop skills in medical transcription, utilize medical coding, billing and accounting systems and procedures. The demand is great for students with this educational background.

Interested in seeing how a computer and its systems work from the inside out? The Network Systems program provides students the opportunity to work on state-of-the-art equipment while learning to make basic repairs, network management and troubleshooting within the system. They design, build, install and repair complex computer network systems, develop programming skills for and apps game creation, and apply computer forensics and information security software to keep systems safe. Some of the most recent technology they are using includes Google Glasses, Motion Capture, and Oculus Rift Virtual 3D Reality. Other areas of study also include programming, computer architecture and forensics, information and network security, workstation management and business applications.

If you want to find out about career opportunities in any of these fields or have questions about the Business programs at Vantage, please call Mike Knott, Student Services Supervisor at 419-238-5411 ext. 2032 or email him at knott.m@vantagecareercenter.com.

The annual Open House will be held Monday, February 9, 2015 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. If you haven't been to the new school yet, this is your chance! Tour the building, see the labs, check out the new equipment, talk to the staff and students. Do you have a sophomore who's interested in attending Vantage? There will be a Parent Information Session in the Community Room

at 6:00 p.m. to help answer questions you may have. Interested in going back to school yourself? Adult Education/OH Technical Center representatives will also be there to answer questions about Vantage Adult Ed classes. No time to cook? Help support school-wide student activities by eating dinner at Vantage. This year, several local eating establishments will be set up in the Commons and have sample size portions of food for you to try. We're calling it "A Taste of Vantage"! Mark it on your calendars for Monday, February 9, 2015 from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Enjoy some tasty treats from Fricker's, Baked to Perfection, Puckerbrush Pizza, Main Street Market (Ottoville), Remedy Sports Bar & Grille, and Paulding Dairy Queen. It's gonna be a great night - You won't want to miss it!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

It's time to power wash the fryers and sharpen the potato slicer!

The Hicksville Knights of Columbus are getting ready for their 2015 Fish Fry season, which begins this Friday, January 30. As they have been doing for decades, the Hicksville Knights Council will be organizing an "all-hands-on-deck" effort to ensure that the fried fish, the sides and the friendly, community atmosphere at Saint Michael's Catholic Church will meet the high standards of their faithful patrons.

And they are expanding their efforts! The proceeds from the 2015 season will benefit a larger pool of beneficiaries than ever before. In addition to Saint Michael's Parish and the Knights' own Charity Fund, the profits from the five fish fries (January 30, February 13 and 27, March 13 and 27) will be divided equally among ten area charitable organizations. "We've tried to assemble a roster of beneficiaries that addresses a variety of community needs, and that includes very small, relatively unknown groups, as well as larger, popular ones," said Geoffrey Parker, the secretary of Knights Council #10043 in Hicksville. "Each organization is connected in some way to one or more of our Brother Knights, and all represent some aspect of our international Order's priorities for charity work."

Hicksville residents are probably familiar with Christ's Cupboard Ministries, the Crippled Children and Adult Society of Hicksville, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Community Pregnancy Centers

of Northwest Ohio. Less well-known, are six smaller, newer organizations that have attracted the attention of the local Knights. These include: The Wannabes, a local group which works to support orphanages in Jamaica (in which Hicksville businessman and Brother Knight Greg Collins is active), Helping Hands Cancer Ministries (run by Saint Michael's parishioner Steph Mazur), and Never Let Go Ministries (a drug abuse education project founded and run by Mary and Victor Juarez of Edgerton.) "Saint Martin's Soup Kitchen in Garrett, IN feeds 300 people every Monday and Thursday," reports Parker, "and is currently led by our Brother Knight Bill Sobieski." Rounding out the roster are the Knights' Vocations Fund, which assists in the seminary education of Hicksville's own Dean Smalley II, and the Franciscan Sisters Minor of Our Lady of the Angels Convent in New Haven, IN, where two sisters from Antwerp are

discerning their religious vocation.

The Knights will be serving from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. each of the dates listed above, and encourage all of our readers to join them in supporting these worthy community projects.

2015 UMPIRE CLASS TO BE OFFERED

The Midwest Buckeye Umpire's Association (Van Wert, OH) will be holding instructional classes for those interested in obtaining a OHSAA license to umpire high school baseball games for the 2015 season. Classes will begin on February 9th and will be held every Monday at 6:00 p.m. at Van Wert High School until the conclusion of the course on March 23rd. If you have questions regarding the course or would like to register, contact Ryan Thompson at (419)305-0426 or ryanthompson2000@hotmail.com Registration deadline is February 1st.

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