

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD A HUGE SUCCESS AT CENTRAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL



Working with Samaritan's Purse International Relief, students at Central Lutheran School participated once again in Operation Christmas Child. Rather than exchanging Christmas gifts in their classrooms,

students and their families collect items that will be packaged in shoeboxes and shipped all over the world to those in need. Items include hygiene items, small toys, school supplies, socks, and a storybook about Jesus. This

year Central families filled 444 shoeboxes! Following Jesus' example, students at Central Lutheran School are helping those in need and sharing the hope of the Gospel.

MOVING PAULDING COUNTY FORWARD WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The grand opening and ribbon cutting of the New Paulding County Economic Development Small Business Innovation Center, at 103 E Perry St, Paulding, Ohio, on Tuesday December 15, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

follow from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Paulding Eagles Community Room, 206 W Perry St - Paulding Ohio.

Hot Appetizers by Puckerbrush Pizza, Cash Bar provided by Paulding Eagles.

Hosted by Paulding County Economic Development in partnership with Antwerp Chamber, Paulding Chamber Payne Chamber, & Oakwood Development Co.

Christmas comes but once a year. Let's get together and celebrate the season!

RSVP to Sandy by December 4th at 419-399-8294 or e-mail pcedinfo@gmail.com

NWSCC HOST WE ARE STEMM CONFERENCE



Northwest State Community College hosted a We are STEMM Conference on Friday, November 20. Students from throughout the region in grades eight through 12 learned about (and perhaps gained a new perspective for) STEMM (science, technology, engineering, math and medicine) through instructor-led presentations and hands-on activities. Pictured is Gus Stuckey, a sophomore from Fairview High School, displaying the "slime" he created during a session about chemical composition in material engineering.

NEW RECORD SET FOR SHOEBOX COLLECTION IN NORTHWEST OHIO

TV-44 and Samaritan's Purse are pleased to announce 18,210 boxes were collected from the northwest Ohio region during the 2015 Operation Christmas Child national collection week.

Individuals, churches, and organizations from the region converged on TV-44 from No-



vember 16-23 to bring their filled and sealed shoeboxes. Items inside the boxes ranged from toys to school supplies, personal hygiene items, and more. Each box was designated for a boy or girl of specific age range.

The 18,210 boxes departed Lima on November 24 in 4 semi truck pup trailers, transported to North Carolina for the next step of processing.

Throughout the coming months, the shoeboxes will be dispersed to countries around the world, given to children in need. The program is organized by Samaritan's Purse as a way to impact the lives for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection is an annual program, taking place every year, the third week of November.

PAULDING COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION TO HOST HOLIDAY COFFEE

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association will host a holiday coffee on Monday, December 7 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The event will be held at the Black Swamp Nature Center on Fairground Drive across from Park Lane School in Paulding. Retired administrators, teachers, aides, secretaries, custodians, food service employees, and bus drivers are all invited to attend. No reservations are necessary.

PAULDING OVERCOMES ODDS TO WIN AGAINST ARCHERS



Alex Arellano is fouled by the Archers' Josh Poulson in the latter half of the game. Being aggressive to get the ball, it's understandable why Antwerp is in foul trouble. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The struggling Panthers, with Alex Arellano achieving 23 points, were able to turn the match around and with in a minute left of the fourth quarter, tied the Archers to go in a fifth quarter. The home team's revival was in the fourth quarter and continued to the end.

With a minute and a half left, Paulding passed Antwerp in points. Antwerp's Williamson scored 1 basket from the line to tie the game. Paulding's Griffin Harder was under the basket and fouled with 1.1 seconds on the clock. Under lots of pressure from the screaming fans on both

sides, Harder couldn't make either shot, sending the game to the fifth quarter.

In overtime the Panthers' Corbin Edwards and Nathan Gee both scored free throws from Antwerp's foul trouble and caused Archers to slip—Brandon Pendergrast and Matt Jones both fouled out and both played hard.

The final score ended at 51-46 with Paulding winning the difficult match.

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding — 15 10 11 8
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Antwerp — 22 7 11 4 2=46

Scorers of the Game:

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HAVILAND, OH
Lester H. Sherer, age 90 died at 11:16 PM Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at the Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center surrounded by his family.

He was born October 10, 1925 to the late Lester H. and Linnie I. Sherer. On November 8, 1947 he married Carolyn J. Tomlinson who survives in Haviland.

Also surviving are his children: Roger A. (Vicky) of Paulding, Karla K. (Rick) Welch of Grover Hill and Stephen A. of Pineville, NC; 2 granddaughters, Tammy Sherer of Paulding, and Dawn (Travis) LaFountain of Grover Hill; 3 great grandchildren, Kody Stripe of Paulding, Linsey and Caleb LaFountain of Grover Hill; and his brother-in-law, Richard Ackerman of Hanover, MI.

He is preceded in death by his sister, Barbara Ackerman, and his in-laws, Dr. Harold and Jane Tomlinson and Bruns and Helen Griffiths.

Lester served in the Army during WWII where he was a Purple Heart recipient. He was in the D-Day Invasion and also the Battle of the Bulge. He worked at Borden's in Van Wert for 29 1/2 years until they closed. He then was the maintenance and property manager for ACME Rentals in Van Wert, just retiring in September of 2014. He was a life-long member of Country Chapel UMC in Haviland, where he served as a trustee and treasurer, and the Van Wert VFW. One of his greatest joys was going on the Honor's Flight to Washington DC. He had served on the Haviland Council and was the Mayor for several terms.

Funeral services were conducted 11 AM Monday, November 30 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will follow in Blue Creek Cemetery, Haviland with military graveside rites accorded.

Visitation was Sunday November 29 from 2 - 8 PM at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. There was also a visitation from 10 AM until time of services on Monday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center or Country Chapel United Methodist Church of Haviland.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

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Thank You

To everyone who has supported us following the death of Cindy Seslar, we would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation. Your many acts of kindness and sympathy continue to be a great comfort to us all. We especially wish to thank Dooley Funeral Home, Mike Pennington & Adam Vance for the beautiful service. Special thanks to the staff at Community Memorial Hospital & Dr. Kooistra for the excellent care provided during her stay.

-Mike Seslar
 Greg & Chris Buchan & Family
 Steve & Susan Laney & Family

Wounded Warriors.
 Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 12/2-12/8

12/2 - Chicken stew, Betty salad, tropical fruit, biscuit, gingerbread, milk

12/3 - Liver & onions, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, ambrosia salad, bread, graham crackers, liver alt: Swiss steak, milk

12/4 - Shake & bake chicken, boiled potatoes, green bean casserole, mixed fruit, dinner roll, milk

12/7 - Pot roast, mashed potatoes, broccoli, apricots, w.w. bread, cookie bar, milk

12/8 - Stuffed pepper casserole over white rice, beets, hot apples, w.w. bread, milk

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING: HELP A LOVED ONE LIVE "WELL BEYOND 60!"

Do you have an older loved one who is difficult to buy for each holiday season because he or she doesn't need or want anything in particular? The Ohio Department of Aging's Golden Buckeye program encourages you to consider gift ideas that will help an older friend or relative pursue interests and make choices that will help them live "Well Beyond 60!"

"As lifespans get longer and Ohioans increasingly live well beyond traditional retirement age, it becomes more important that they find and embrace ways to live well so that they can continue to be respected as vital members of society who continue to grow, thrive and contribute in meaningful ways," said Bonnie K. Burman, director of the department. "When we recognize that the choices we and our loved ones make for ourselves have a greater impact on health and well-being as we age than genetics, we begin to understand that aging is everybody's business."

The department, through its iconic Golden Buckeye program, offers these gift-giving suggestions to help an older loved one, family member or friend discover what living "Well Beyond 60" means to them:

The gift of being steady: Falls are the leading cause of injury in adults age 65 and older, but most falls can be prevented. Visit www.steady.ohio.gov for falls prevention tips and resources, then give a "coupon" good for your help checking for and removing falls risks around the house. Take them on a shopping trip for new footwear or assistive devices, like a cane or reaching tool.

The gift of music and memory: Listening to beloved songs and other recordings helps keep the mind sharp and eases worries. Get them an inexpensive and easy-to-use digital music player and help load it with a personalized playlist of their all-time favorite tunes. Or, buy them tickets to the theater or a concert and offer to take them.

The gift of mental fitness: Give a gift card for a local bookstore, or buy them a digital ebook reader and offer to help load it with their favorite books and magazines. Create a gift basket of puzzle books and card, board and video games, and offer to play with them.

The gift of physical activity: Learn what physical activities they enjoy doing and give a gift that helps them do it. For example, if working out is something they value, give a gym membership or new workout gear, arrange a session with a personal trainer or offer to work out with them.

The gift of good nutrition: If your loved one enjoys cooking, give a cookbook with healthy recipes or arrange cooking classes. If cooking for themselves is a challenge, help them set up a meal delivery subscription, or prepare meals for (or with) them in advance that they can keep frozen and re-heat easily.

The gift of being together: Feeling connected is an important part of well-being. Create a coupon book of activities they can do and destinations they can visit with their children and grandchildren. Buy them a zoo or museum membership. If you can't physically be with them, consider helping with the costs of a smart phone or tablet, internet service and lessons to help them stay connected online.

Follow the Golden Buckeye Program on Facebook (www.facebook.com/OhioDepartmentOfAging) throughout the holiday season for more tips and gift ideas. If you're over 60 or have a disability, remember take your Golden Buckeye Card shopping with you, and ask wherever you spend money if they honor it. For help obtaining or using your Golden Buckeye Card, call 1-800-422-1976.

EPA TAKES NEXT STEPS TO PROTECT DRINKING WATER FROM HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS

2015 brought a summer of green water, with many areas of the nation seeing a record year for the growth of harmful algal blooms (HABs) in rivers and lakes - including a 700-mile long bloom on the Ohio River and the largest bloom ever in Lake Erie. These HABs contain toxins that pose serious risks to our health and drinking water quality. EPA estimates that between 30 and 48 million people use drinking water from lakes and reservoirs that may be vulnerable to contamination by algal toxins. In 2014, the City of Toledo had to curtail drinking water use for three days as a result in Lake Erie, which supplies the city's drinking water.

Last spring EPA issued health advisory values that states and utilities can use to protect Americans from elevated levels of algal toxins in drinking water. We also provided recommendations to water system operators on how to monitor and treat drinking water for algal toxins and notify the public if drinking water exceeds protective levels. Additionally, we are working with NASA, NOAA, and the U.S. Geological Survey to develop an early warning indicator system and mobile app powered by satellite data to detect algal blooms.

We're releasing a comprehensive strategic plan outlining ongoing actions to address algal toxins in drinking water. Solving the challenge of algal toxins in drinking water will require action at all levels of government and approaches that are collaborative, innovative, and persistent. EPA will work closely with other

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives" —2 Peter 3:10-11 NIV

federal agencies, state and local governments, and the public to provide scientific and technical leadership on a number of fronts, including health effects studies. We will work on treatment techniques and monitoring technologies, develop innovative mapping tools to help protect drinking water sources, provide technical support to states and public water systems, issue health advisories, and support activities to protect drinking water sources.

In the next year alone, EPA intends to:

- Develop and propose recreational water quality criteria for two types of algal toxins (microcystins and cylindrospermopsin), which will help protect people who paddle, swim, and spend time by the water.

- Collaborate on workshops to address HABs' impacts on drinking water and activities to protect drinking water sources.

- Evaluate whether to include certain cyanotoxins in the fourth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule, which will require the collection of drinking water to better understand whether these toxins are present in drinking water systems.

- Assist utilities in managing the risks from cyanotoxins to drinking water.

- Publish monitoring data for cyanobacteria and microcystins in the National Aquatic Resource Survey National Lakes Assessment.

- Accelerate development and use of technologies that can recover nitrogen and phosphorus from animal manure and generate value-added products by partnering with the dairy and swine industries on the Nutrient Recycling Challenge.

- Improve EPA's Drinking Water Mapping Application for Protecting Source Waters.

- Co-lead an interagency working group to develop a Comprehensive Research Plan and Action Strategy to address marine and freshwater HABs and hypoxia.

- Provide funding for critical projects that reduce nutrient pollution that fuels HABs in the Great Lakes.

Algal toxins are a growing problem in the United States

Naturally occurring blue-green algae in surface water can form HABs. Some species of HABs produce toxic compounds, called algal toxins or cyanotoxins, which can pose health risks to humans and animals. These blooms and their toxins are more than a nuisance - they also have the ability to cause fish kills and contaminate drinking water supplies. Their presence can disrupt recreational activities and harm the liver, kidney,

and nervous system.

HABs are a national problem that is growing in frequency and duration across the country. Excess nutrient (nitrogen and phosphorus) pollution is a leading factor contributing to HAB formation in water bodies. These excess nutrients can originate from urban, agricultural, and industrial sources as well as from atmospheric deposition. Additionally, increased temperatures and changes in frequency and intensity of rainfall associated with climate change can also favor bloom formation. Three significant HAB events plagued parts of the nation the summer of 2015, including:

- A massive toxic bloom in marine waters that hit the west coast extending from central California to Alaska with some of the highest bloom-related toxin levels ever reported,

- The largest biomass of algae ever recorded on Lake Erie,

- A river algal bloom in the Ohio River spanning over 700 miles from Wheeling, WV to Louisville, KY.

The cost of these events is significant and impacts our ability to work, our health, and our environment. In 2015 alone, we had numerous closures of fisheries and beaches as well as increased costs for treating drinking water for the millions of people that rely on Lake Erie and the Ohio River for their drinking water. The good news is that no drinking water systems stopped service to customers due to algal toxin contamination this year. Unfortunately, this was not the case in 2014, when another large HAB on Lake Erie impacted Toledo, Ohio's finished drinking water. The elevated levels of a cyanotoxin called microcystin in the city's drinking water led to a state of emergency in OH, preventing approximately half a million people access to safe public drinking water for over two days.

This wasn't the first drinking water system to be impacted by cyanotoxins, but this event in Toledo highlighted the need to strategically address HABs in drinking water across the country.

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PAYNE ELEMENTARY REWARDED WITH OBSTACLE COURSE



The Payne Elementary PTO recently provided students preschool through grade six with a Fall season obstacle course. The amazing obstacle course was a reward to the students for participating in the PTO fundraiser. The Payne PTO is working hard to garner funds to update the elementary playground.

OFFICER PHIL PROGRAM: CHARACTER MATTERS: BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE, AND BE SAFE

In celebration of its 40th anniversary, the Officer Phil Program is excited to present their 2015-16 programs to the elementary schools in your local community. With the involvement of the New Haven Police Department, the Officer Phil Program will focus on important safety topics. Armed with catchy slogans, magic and fun, the "Edu-tainer" will energize and engage the audience in a way that makes staying safe the cool thing to do. For the children's enjoyment, Officer Phil's pal, Buddy the Bulldog, will be stopping by to help teach some of the lessons.

One of the primary objectives of the Officer Phil Program is to help the New Haven Police Department establish positive contact with the youth in the community. It is important for the children to know that officers are friendly, approachable and always around to help the children if they need it. The program will start with an introduction of the New Haven Police Officers in attendance.

Stranger Awareness is covered each year during the presentation and this year is no different. The first illustration will review three important rules the children should follow if they are approached by a stranger. For this illusion, each rule will be represented by a different sized rope. The short piece of rope will remind the students that 'if you don't know, you don't go' and always ask permission before going with anyone you do know. The medium piece of rope will remind students to 'run and yell' if a person is bothering them. Last, the long piece of rope will remind the students to 'tell' a grownup they know and trust what happened as soon as they are safe. When the ropes are put together, they magically become equal in length to illustrate that all of the ropes, like all of the rules, are equally important in keeping children safe from strangers.

Next, the Edu-tainer will

talk about School Safety through a demonstration of linking rings. While it is important for children to be safe when they are at home or in the community, it is also important for them to be safe when they are at school. Topics such as respect, following school rules, what to do in an emergency, and being ready to learn will be discussed. When the Edu-tainer links the rings together through magic, they will exemplify that in order to make school and the community a safe place, everyone needs to come together in a 'joint' effort.

As mentioned earlier, Officer Phil's special pal this year is Buddy the Bulldog. Equipped with a few jokes of his own, he will talk to the children about what it means to be a kid of character and to think about the well-being of others. Buddy will share his knowledge about the topic of bullying and the hurt that it causes. He will also discuss the importance of responsible reporting—students will be encouraged to talk to a teacher, parent, police officer, or another adult they trust if they or someone they know are being bullied.

A final review of all the safety lessons taught will happen at the end of the program when the children participate in a trivia game. The children will be divided into two teams and given different scenarios based on the lessons they learned during the assembly. Together the children will have lots of fun coming up with the right answers.

The program will close with Buddy singing a song that will sum up his safety message. Following the presentation, each student will receive an activity book, compliments of the local business community, to reinforce the lessons taught in the program. The show, activity book and online resources will give teachers and parents the tools for future lessons or discussions so the safety messages can continue in the classroom and at home.

The New Haven Police Department and the Officer Phil Program would like to thank all of the participating

businesses in the community who made the program possible.

School Day Date Time Program Grades:

St. John's Catholic School - Thursday, December 3, 2015, 12:30 p.m.

New Haven Primary School - Friday, December 4, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

New Haven Primary School - Friday, December 4, 2015, 10:45 a.m.

New Haven Intermediate - Friday, December 4, 2015, 1:15 p.m.

New Haven Intermediate - Friday, December 4, 2015, 2:00 p.m.

Central Lutheran School - Friday, January 22, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

Central Lutheran School Fri January 22, 2016, 9:45 a.m.

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ODNR TAKES ACTION TO MONITOR CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE IN OHIO'S DEER HERD

Portions of Holmes and Wayne counties have been declared a Chronic Wasting Disease Surveillance Area (DSA) as part of the state's ongoing efforts to monitor Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). This designation requires that additional rules must be followed by deer hunters in this area.

Since October 2014, 19 captive white-tailed deer have tested positive for CWD at a shooting preserve and a breeding facility in Holmes County. Twenty-four escaped white-tailed deer have been found outside of those facilities and have been tested. Since CWD was first detected, ODNR Division of Wildlife staff have also collected hundreds of samples of wild deer with the cooperation of hunters and local landowners. While none of these deer have tested positive for CWD, it cannot be assumed the disease is confined to a fenced facility, and the ODNR Division of Wildlife is taking additional steps to protect Ohio's deer herd.

The DSA includes the areas within a 6-mile radius from the CWD positive samples in Holmes County and includes: Franklin and Clinton townships in Wayne County, and Ripley, Prairie, Salt Creek, Monroe, Hardy, Berlin, Killbuck and Mechanic townships, as well as the northeast portion of Richland Township (defined by the boundary of Twp. Road 36 to State Route 520 to Twp. Road 31 to U.S. Route 62) in Holmes County. This DSA designation will remain in effect for a minimum of three years. The area will be mapped and posted on the division's website at wildohio.gov.

The following regulations apply within the DSA:

- Requires hunters to bring deer carcasses harvested within the DSA boundaries to an ODNR Division of Wildlife inspection station for sampling during the deer-gun and deer muzzleloader seasons
- Prohibits the placement of or use of salt, mineral

supplement, grain, fruit, vegetables or other feed to attract or feed deer within the DSA boundaries

- Prohibits hunting of deer by the aid of salt, mineral supplement, grain, fruit, vegetables or other feed within the DSA boundaries

- Prohibits the removal of a deer carcass killed by a motor vehicle within the DSA boundaries unless the carcass complies with deer carcass regulations. Additional information on carcass regulations can be found at wildohio.gov.

Normal agricultural activities including feeding of domestic animals as well as hunting deer over food plots, naturally occurring or cultivated plants and agriculture crops are not prohibited.

Hunters harvesting deer within the DSA are required to deliver their deer to a carcass inspection station. Two locations have been designated as Carcass Inspection Stations for the deer-gun seasons and the deer muzzleloader season. Both locations will be open and staffed from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. during the deer-gun and deer muzzleloader seasons. The dates for these seasons are: November 30 to December 6, December 28-29 and January 9-12.

- Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) garage, 1800 South Washington Street, Millersburg, OH 44654.

- Industrial Park, 8254 County Road 245, Holmesville, OH 44633.

Hunters will be asked to provide their confirmation number from the game check process as well as the location where the deer was killed (the address of the farm or nearest road intersection are acceptable). Tissue samples will be taken and tested for CWD. The process should take no more than 10 minutes, however, delays are likely at peak times of the day. Hunters are strongly encouraged to complete the game check process before proceeding to the inspection, but division staff will be able to assist with checking deer.

Hunters that harvest a deer and wish to have it mounted will still need to bring their deer to a carcass inspection station. Samples will not be taken at the time, but staff will collect additional information so samples can be collected later.

If hunters have questions about the carcass inspection stations or need directions to the locations, they may call 800-WILDLIFE or the Wildlife District Three office at 330-644-2293.

The ODNR Division of Wildlife is responsible for protecting and managing Ohio's fish and wildlife resources for the benefit of all Ohioans. We greatly appreciate hunters' cooperation in helping us monitor Ohio's deer herd. For more information about CWD, visit wildohio.gov.

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

HITE ANNOUNCES BILL TO IMPROVE AGRICULTURE PROPERTY TAXES AND ENHANCE WATER QUALITY

Senator Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) announced the introduction of legislation aimed at updating the way agricultural property values are calculated and reducing the financial burden for farmers using land for conservation purposes.

The proposal modifies the Current Agricultural Use Valuation (CAUV) formula which determines the value of farmland for property taxation purposes.

"Many farmers simply could not afford to keep farming their land without CAUV," said Hite. "This legislation will make minor adjustments to the formula that will make the taxes our farmers are paying more accurately reflect the value of their land."

CAUV is a property tax relief program for agricultural land in Ohio. It is the result of a voter referendum from 1973 that allows farmland to be taxed according to its agricultural value, as opposed to full market value. This program is considered a "differential assessment," a type of tax relief used for agriculture in the United States.

Senate Bill 246 would make adjustments to the way agricultural land values are calculated. The legislation prohibits certain non-agricultural factors from being used in the formula and would remove disincentives to engage in certain conservation practices. Land set aside for soil preservation, water quality protection, and other environmental practices would no longer be valued as though it was producing crops.

"These factors arbitrarily inflate the value of farmland based on market considerations and do not in any way account for how much income is achieved," said Hite. "These changes will allow for wider implementation of best practices to enhance water quality."

Senate Bill 246 mirrors House Bill 398, recently introduced by Representative Brian Hill (R-Zanesville). Both bills will now be assigned to committee for further hearings.

CARPENTRY STUDENTS BUILD ON EXPERIENCE

Much goes on in the Carpentry lab at the end of the long hallway in the Trade and Industrial wing at Vantage. Students learn how to use the "tools of the trade" - a dovetail machine, router, biscuit joiner, pocket hole cutter, and wide belt sander - just to name a few. Many times, they are working on custom project for local businesses, like the Van Wert Senior Center, VFW Museum, and Habitat for Humanity.

One recent project for Universal Lettering had the Carpentry students building customized sewing carts and tables. General Manager, Cory Hoops was very pleased with the project. "I can't say enough about the carpentry program at Vantage. Each year that we have asked the students to build work aids for our growing operation, they have exceeded far beyond our expectations in a number of ways. The workmanship is top notch as well the professionalism of the young men and women in the program. I always look forward to the next opportunity to work with Mr. Robinson's students on future carpentry projects that will help Universal Lettering continue to expand and grow." Instructor Jerry Robinson is eager for his students to learn a variety of skills in the two year program.

At the extreme opposite end of the building, Culinary Arts students are preparing for one of their biggest events at the Cup & Saucer Restaurant - the annual Christmas Lunch Buffet. It will be held two days this year - Wednesday, December 9 and Friday, December 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This year's buffet will include a delicious variety of salads, meats, vegetables, breads and desserts all for just \$8.95 + tax. Reservations are necessary for this special event. Reservations go quickly, so be sure to call 419-238-5411 ext. 2425 to reserve your spot now.



Universal Lettering General Manager Cory Hoops and a few of the members of the Vantage Junior Carpentry class show off the latest sewing cart project. Students pictured are (front row) Nathan Soto (Continental), Brittany Bergman (Wayne Trace), Sam Vetter (Ft. Jennings), and Josh Fowler (Van Wert). (Back row) Tyler Bauer (Paulding), Nick Burgoon (LifeLinks), Andrew Krogman (Parkway) and Kori Wolfrum (Paulding).

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1. Luke 23:26; Who carried Jesus' cross?
2. Luke 23:27; Who was following Jesus?
3. Luke 23:27; What were the women doing that followed Jesus?
4. Luke 23:28; What is Jesus telling the daughters of Jerusalem?
5. Luke 23:29; In this verse, what does "blessed are the barren" mean?
6. Luke 23:30; They will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us." And to the hills, "cover us" mean?
7. Luke 23:31; Jesus has given us a proverb here, what is its meaning?
8. Luke 23:32; How many more were led with Jesus to be crucified?
9. Luke 23:33; What was the name of the place they crucified Jesus?
10. Luke 23:33; Who was center person in the crucifixion, one on the right, the other on the left?

We are available for comments, questions, or to help, to assist in your study of the Bible, especially the New Testament.

For James Potter call 419-393-4775 or e-mail jsp1941@yahoo.com also there is Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Answers to this week's questions:

1. Simon a Cyrenian;
2. A great multitude of people;
3. Mourned and lamented;
4. Jesus heart and love is going out to these women because of the destruction coming on Jerusalem;
5. Jesus is telling the women that it would be better not to have children, than to have them suffer;
6. This is saying people would seek escape through destruction in death, rather than endure continuing suffering and judgment;
7. If they treat the Messiah this way when the "tree" is well watered and green, what will the plight of the Jews, (dry), when Jesus is withdrawn from them and they suffer for their rejection in the dry period?
8. 2;
9. Calvary;
10. Christ;

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

VOCALIST JERRY GARCIA FEATURED IN CONCERT AT THREE NORTHWEST OHIO LOCATIONS!

Award Winning Southern Gospel Recording Artist Jerry Garcia will be appearing in Northwest Ohio during the month of December at three locations! The public is invited to celebrate Christmas with the Gospel Music Sensation. Each performance will be unforgettable for all. Jerry Garcia sings songs that raise people's spirits, bring smiles to faces, and make great memories! Concerts are set for Saturday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. at House of Love Ministries, of 220 N. Williams Street, Paulding; then on Sunday, December 13 at 10:00 a.m., Beaver Chapel Congregational Christian Church will host Jerry at 6505 Karch Road, Celina; and at 6:00 p.m. he is hosted by First Church of God, of 500 Defiance Road, St. Marys.

Each performance will be filled with comedy, amazing

MINISTERIAL SOCIETY OF GROVER HILL AREA CHURCHES HELP GIVE BOOKBAGS



Front L-R Lance Whitman, Laryssa Whitman, Sherray Elliott and Landyn Whitman. Back L-R Lydia Whitman, Mandi Whitman, Kathy Denny and Blake Miller.

The Ministerial Society Of Grover Hill Area Churches want to make sure that the Grover Hill Elementary students start the school year with a brand new backpack

fully stuffed with the things that a child will need. Mrs. Kathy Denny organized the purchase and sorting of all the donated school supplies. Volunteers.

music, and pure inspiration! A For 30 years, Jerry Garcia has been delivering the Gospel message in song across America and abroad through his spiritually uplifting musical ministry. Respected by his peers and industry leaders alike, Jerry Garcia is recognized as one of the premiere soloist's in gospel music.

Mark your calendars for December 12 and 13 and experience the excitement with Jerry this holiday season when he shares the gospel through music!

VALUES OF JESUS

By: James A. Haught

Jesus sided with underdogs. He championed little people, not the privileged and powerful. "Blessed are the poor" was one of his maxims. He told a noble: "Sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor."

Christ's teachings were virtually a prescription for the compassionate "safety net" upholding people and families in modern democracies.

"For I was hungered, and ye gave me meat. I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink. I was a stranger, and ye took me in. Naked and ye clothed me. I was sick, and ye visited me. I was in prison, and ye came unto me... Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

He also said: "When thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: and thou shalt be blessed, for they cannot recompense thee."

His parable of the Good Samaritan spotlighted the nobility of caring for those who suffer misfortune.

Jesus didn't support harsh punishments. When the law demanded stoning of an adultress, he famously said: "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."

Jesus advocated separation of church and state. "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's."

Jesus wasn't a militarist. "Blessed are the peacemakers" was another of his maxims.

Clearly, Jesus espoused values generally aligned with the modern political left and peace movement. Sometimes, this facet of religion is called the "social gospel."

So it's strange that Amer-

ica's white evangelicals and fundamentalists are the bedrock of the Republican Party - a party that favors the rich, undercuts the safety net, backs militarism and demands harsher justice and the death penalty. Oddly, these conservative believers contradict the values of Jesus.

When George W. Bush was governor of Texas, he signed execution warrants for a record-breaking 135 inmates, including 11 who were juveniles at the time of the crimes. Many cases involved questionable evidence. Bush was renowned as a born-again believer and declared on national television that his favorite philosopher was Jesus. The contrast between the two sets off clanging bells of cognitive dissonance.

Meanwhile, secular Americans who don't attend church have become the largest group in the base of the Democratic Party, which supports the safety net for average folks. How odd that often churchless people are closer to the social principles of Jesus than many churchgoers are.

New Pope Francis has gained immense worldwide popularity because he pushes the humane liberal ideas of Jesus, not the sexual taboos and hidebound Puritanism that dominated his church in the past.

"Inequality is the root of social evil," Francis declares. All poor families deserve "land, lodging, labor," he preaches. He says capitalism rests on "unfettered pursuit of money" and discards "unproductive people" like the poor, elderly and less-educated.

The prelate rattles conservatives. Republican figure Pat Buchanan accused him of preaching "socialist sermons."

But the pope is merely voicing the values of Jesus. He is underscoring what should be obvious to every thinking person: that Jesus was a liberal.

James Haught, syndicated by PeaceVoice, is editor emeritus of West Virginia's largest newspaper, The Charleston Gazette-Mail.

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WLS CELEBRATES THANKSGIVING



On Wednesday, November 25, 2015, Woodburn Lutheran School hosted its Thanksgiving Celebration. All students, grades preschool - eighth grade, with their families were invited. The incredible kitchen staff put together a beautiful Thanksgiving Feast for nearly the 400 people who attended. After the meal, the students presented a 30-minute video featuring each class. Some classes listed the things

they were most thankful for and their favorite Thanksgiving foods; some classes recited poems or stories. The junior high classes were very creative. One class created a Thanksgiving newscast, and another re-wrote popular songs to make them into Thanksgiving songs. The day helped our students recognize the importance of thankfulness and celebrate with their families and classmates.

LATTA VOTES TO STRENGTHEN REFUGEE STRATEGY

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green), voted in favor of H.R. 4038, the American Security Against Foreign Enemies (SAFE) Act, legislation that strengthens the vetting system for Syrian and Iraqi refugees being admitted to the U.S. The bill passed the U.S. House of Representatives with bipartisan support.

"This great nation has a long history of providing safe haven for many of the world's most vulnerable refugees; however, we must take measures to prevent Americans from being placed in harm's way. The passage of this legislation is an essential step to minimize the risk of a terrorist attack on American soil," said Rep. Latta "The President's own top national security officials, including FBI Director Comey, have repeatedly warned that the U.S. government does not have the resources nor the access to information needed to fully vet these refugees entering the country."

The American SAFE Act requires that, following a thorough background investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Iraq and Syria refugees may only be admitted if the Department of Homeland Security, in unanimous concurrence with the FBI Director and Director of National Intelligence, certifies that Congress that each refugee is not a security threat.

"The first responsibility of the Federal Government is to keep the American people safe," Latta continued. "ISIS has made it clear they intend to target additional Western countries in the future. Until we can ensure that those seeking refuge do not pose

national security threats to our nation, the President's current Syrian and Iraqi resettlement program should be paused, and this legislation must be passed into law."

STATE'S FIRST DIVERGING DIAMOND RECEIVES ENGINEERING AWARD

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces the diverging diamond interchange at Interstate 69 and State Road 1 in Fort Wayne has earned an Honor Award for Engineering Excellence by the American Council of Engineering Companies of Indiana.

ACEC presents the Engineering Excellence awards to recognize outstanding engineering achievements that demonstrate a high degree of merit and ingenuity. The I-69/S.R. 1 DDI is one of eight projects to earn Honor Award designation and will vie for the ACEC Grand Project Award, to be announced in March 2016.

In April, the DDI was named the Civil Engineering Project of the Year by the American Society of Civil Engineers Indiana section.

Designed by Burgess & Niple, the interchange modification project was built to add traffic capacity and relieve congestion for an estimated 40,000 motorists who travel the interchange each day. The redesigned interchange has also improved access for emergency vehicles to the two hospitals in the area.

Additionally, the \$3.5 million project features a barrier-separated median designed for pedestrians. It has proven to be a safer path for pedestrians to navigate the interchange and connect to Fort Wayne's existing trail network.

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AN EYE FOR AN EYE MAKES THE WHOLE WORLD BLIND

By: John Dear

Millions of Americans believe that war doesn't work, that war cannot end terrorism because war is terrorism, and that U.S. war-making is breeding a new generation of terrorists around the world. Millions also want the senseless killing to stop and they realize we must begin with ending our own military's killing sprees. Americans want a new nonviolent response to the violence in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Yemen. We don't want to keep on inspiring millions of oppressed people to join ISIS or Al Qaeda. We want to stop the killing, make reparations, and start healing our world.

Al Qaeda and ISIS are the outcomes of far too many years of U.S. warfare in the Middle East. The American government has killed hundreds of thousands, militarized much of the Middle East, funded the Palestinian occupation, and used drones to kill innocent civilians in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen, Libya, and elsewhere.

What is needed instead of continued military violence is a new global nonviolent response. The United States should immediately halt all its bombing raids and drone attacks and pursue ceasefires everywhere. We should start a massive reparations program to Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Palestine, and every land we have bombed, on a scale greater than the Marshall Plan. We should cut off all funding to ISIS from all quarters, and fund nonviolent peacemakers throughout the Middle East. Creative nonviolence should become our new foreign policy and the policy of every nation.

Of course, America is going to have to spend billions of dollars on nonviolent options. This money is available for war and should instead be made available for peace. To start paying for nonviolent solutions, we can close all our nuclear weapons plants, disarm our nuclear arsenal, and allocate those many billions of dollars to the many problems we face in the world. We have spent some seven trillion dollars on nuclear weapons since Hiroshima. It's time we instead spent serious money

on nonviolent conflict resolution instead.

We have definitive proof that active nonviolence works. Unlike war and violence, strategic nonviolence brings lasting, peaceful results. Erica Chenoweth and Maria Stephan's groundbreaking book, *Why Civil Resistance Works*, proves through empirical data and strong scientific analysis that violence in response to violence only increases violence and that nonviolent conflict resolution can bring a more peaceful and just solutions.

"An eye for an eye only makes the whole world blind," Gandhi famously said. This sad truth is being played out every day now. We need to have the courage to stop the cycle of violence and use the methods of creative strategic nonviolence to end this madness and pursue a more nonviolent world. This is achievable, but it requires that everyone get involved in building a global grassroots movement of nonviolence. We need to stop the warmakers on all sides who are intent on furthering the cycle of violence and war.

"To retaliate with hate and bitterness would do nothing but intensify the hate in the world," Martin Luther King, Jr. said. "Along the way of life, someone must have sense enough and morality enough to cut off the chain of hate. This can be done only by projecting the ethics of love to the center of our lives."

"When evil men plot, good men [and women] must plan," King continued. "When evil men burn and bomb, good men [and women] must build and bind. When evil men shout ugly words of hatred, good men [and women] must commit themselves to the glories of love. When evil men would seek to perpetuate an unjust status quo, good men [and women] must seek to bring into being a real order of justice."

I hope everyone will stop listening to the voices advocating violence and instead listen to the voices of nonviolence. Please join the grassroots movements of active nonviolence in pursuit of peace because the people of the world deserve so much more than violence and war has ever given us.

John Dear, syndicated by PeaceVoice, is an American Catholic priest nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. He is also a Christian pacifist, an author, and lecturer.

THE AFTERMATH OF PARIS

By: Robert C. Koehler

I'm sitting in the aftermath of Paris, feeling emotions tear me apart. One of the emotions is joy. My daughter, who lives there, is safe.

Has "joy" ever felt so troubling?

The aftermath of Paris seems likely to be intensified ("pitiless") bombing raids in Syria, closed borders, heightened fear-based security and the deletion of "the gray zones of coexistence" across the planet.

Oh, it's so nice to have an enemy who is truly evil! The logic of war is so seductive. It simplifies all these complex emotions. Just watch the news.

The news is that terror wins. Indeed, terror is the

PAULDING PANTHERS FILL CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS



The Paulding 8th Grade team Proud Panthers filled Christmas stockings with items such as sunblock, puzzle books and assorted food items. The students provided the items that will be sent to soldiers fighting overseas. The Stockings for Soldiers is sponsored by Den Herder Funeral Home.

cornerstone of civilization.

I couldn't get that notion out of my head. That's because I couldn't stop thinking about an act of extraordinary terror that took place a little more than a dozen years ago, and its relevance to the world's current state of shock and chaos. Doing so made it impossible to contemplate the raw savagery of the ISIS killings in Paris and Beirut and everywhere else — the "my God!" of it all, as innocent lives are cut short with such indifference — in a simplistic context of us vs. them.

In March of 2003, the U.S. launched its invasion of Iraq with a bombing campaign called "Shock and Awe," consisting of some 1,700 air sorties over the country that killed, according to Iraq Body Count, more than 7,400 civilians.

We launched our war on Iraq with the intent to commit terror on a scale ISIS could only dream of. The relevance of this is inescapable, not simply because it makes the United States and NATO brothers in terror with ISIS, but also because the war shattered Iraq and caused the death and displacement of millions more people and, ultimately, created the conditions in which ISIS was able to come to power.

What's haunting to me is the absence of this shockingly relevant recent history from most mainstream coverage of the Paris killings — or more to the point, the absence of almost any sort of trans-war consciousness, you might say, from the discussion of what we ought to do next.

Considering that bombing campaigns, and war itself, are not only the equivalent of terror ("writ large") but also wildly ineffective and counterproductive, producing, in the long term, pretty much the opposite of what rational, non-war-mongers crave, the failure of politicians and mainstream media types to reach beyond a riled militarism in their reaction to the Dark Ages terror in which ISIS specializes bodes poorly, I fear, for the future of humanity.

My daughter, who last Friday night had been at a rehearsal for an upcoming poetry event, found herself, at 10:00 p.m., as she was leaving a tavern called Les Caves St.-Sabin, in the middle of the chaos. As she and her friends stepped into the street, someone came running past warning people to get back inside. They only learned, in bits and pieces, the enormity of what was

still happening in their city. She spent the night at the tavern, a decorated basement that felt, she said, like a "medieval fallout shelter." In the morning, the Metro was running again, and she returned to her apartment. Only then did the horror hit her with full ferocity. She sat and cried, then got up and went to work.

However, the tears continue, if only in silence. The Paris tears are a small tributary to a worldwide River of Sorrow that swells beyond Paris and beyond Europe and the West to the broken, bombed, war-ravaged nations of the Third and Fourth World, the source of the planet's 60 million refugees. This is the world of ISIS. Instead of continuing to bomb this world, in our fear and anger, we could try to understand it.

"ISIS is the first group since Al Qaeda to offer these young men a way to defend their dignity, family, and tribe."

So wrote Lydia Wilson, a research fellow at the Centre for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict at Oxford University, in a recent piece for *The Nation*. She and her colleagues, in an attempt to do just that — understand those who have given over their lives to ISIS — recently interviewed ISIS prisoners of war in Iraq and, in the process, found their humanity. Mostly they were young men in their 20s who grew up in the wake of the American occupation of Iraq; that is to say, in the midst of brutal civil war.

"The Americans came,"

one of them told her. "They took away Saddam, but they also took away our security. I didn't like Saddam, we were starving then, but at least we didn't have war. When you came here, the civil war started."

Violence begets violence; war begets war. Knowing this is the starting place. It is time to start over.

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

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS 12/2 - 12/8

- 12/2 - Cheeseburger on bun, carrots w/dip, pineapple, milk; PLUS Salad bar
- 12/3 - Chicken fajita, baked fries, orange smiles, milk; PLUS Salad bar
- 12/4 - Pizza bagel, cole slaw, applesauce, milk; PLUS Salad bar
- 12/7 - Chicken nuggets, sweet potato fries, apple, milk; PLUS Salad bar
- 12/8 - Sloppy scoops, baked beans, orange smiles, milk; PLUS Salad bar

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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan

We downed three of those German radar towers east of Marsella in southern France. Then we flew on over to the Rome, Italy area and landed at the Spaghetti Air Base.

We were all pretty tired, so after supper, we sat around and talked awhile and then went to bed. We had some new type of food for supper called pizza pie and lasagna.

We helped some crewmen refuel the planes and replenish our ammunition supply. Our rockets were here alright, but these men had never loaded any before, so we helped them and got the job done as we were not going to fly today anyhow.

One of the boys' planes got a hit from a piece of tower shrapnel. It lodged inside of the fuselage, about half way back between the cockpit and the rudder, it lodged up against a stringer. He was very fortunate it didn't tear up his wiring or hydraulic system.

Later on in the afternoon, we caught an army bus into Rome and visited some of the old area of the early Roman Empire.

We left the Spaghetti Air Base and climbed up to about 9000 feet and turned west headed for the southeast of southern France. For the last 50 miles, we dropped down to fly about 50 feet altitude and came right in, in a straight line. They were not expecting any planes coming in off the sea so the anti-air craft fire was sort of low at first.

We went up to about 500 feet altitude to be high enough to miss all the guy wires. We found three radar towers still standing and I put a rocket into the one leg of the right hand tower. It blew the leg apart but the tower was still standing with the aide of the guy wire.

Lt. Barnes was a little to my rear and put a rocket into the other leg and it was now leaning at a 45 degree list.

We went on over the land and rendezvoused at about 1000 feet. The other two pilots had about the same luck. All the towers were on about a 45 degree list. We dropped our speed a little and went back at them on a four plane front.

They were ready for us this time, and the anti-air craft fire was terrific. No time to worry about that, we had to get those towers down to the ground.

We knocked those towers all the way to the ground and even had a couple of rockets

left and used those up on the communication shack. We climbed up to about 9000 feet and went to the north at about 300 mph and landed at Anthony Air Base in time for supper. We had an important mission and we got it done.

See Ya!

IN MEMORIAM OF PAULINE POWELL JORDAN

By: Stan Jordan

This November 18, 2015, my fine wife, Pauline Powell Jordan, has been gone 4 years now. The tears will not let me write my feelings, so I will use a few lines from a song that was a hit back in the 1970's by Marvin Rainwater, a hill and country singer. "I'm gonna find me a bluebird, have him sing me a song, cause I'm so lonesome since you are gone. Gonna chase me a rainbow, all over the blue cause I'm so lonesome without you."

That time worn phrase, "Gone but not forgotten" is certainly true here. The number eleven showed up a number of times in her life. She was born the eleventh month, the eleventh day, and the eleventh hour in 1925. After nearly 68 years of married life, she passed away the 18th day of the eleventh month of 2011.

See Ya!

RONALD SAVAGE AND PAULDING COUNTY HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

Ronnie was born in 1916 in Paulding County to Harry and Georgia and graduated from Antwerp High School in 1933. He passed away down in Saint Mary's, Ohio on November 7, 2015 at the age of 99, but let me tell you a little about Ronnie, as I knew him well.

Back in 1939 and 1940 the war was going on over in Europe and things didn't look good at all. Here in Paulding County, a lot of the young fellows belonged to the Ohio National Guard called the Company A, 148 Infantry Regiment.

Well, the government activated the Ohio 37th Division in 1940 and "A" Company was called also. Most of the boys were from Paulding County but also a few from Hicksville and Defiance. The boys were in the army a year before the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.

The boys trained in Camp Shelby, Mississippi and after the war started, they were sent to the south Pacific to the Fiji Islands. They saw combat at Guadal Canal, Henderson Field, the Solomon Islands, Leyte Gulf and in the Philippines and Manila.

Besides fighting the Japanese, they had to fight the jungle, the heat, the rain, the snakes, the insects and the mud.

To the best of my knowledge, Ronnie Savage left with the "A" Company and I think he was the only fellow still alive that left with "A" Com-

pany back in 1940. He was 99 years old. He married Wilma Miller in 1947 after he came back from the war. They had 4 children, 17 grandchildren and 36 great grandchildren. His hobbies were playing cards, the American Legion Post 223, his dog SNO-B. He was also very good at working cross word puzzles.

Yes, indeed, that was the passing of an era.

See Ya!



THE STOP LINES IN ANTWERP

By: Stan Jordan

I have growled to myself for a long time about the position of stop lines at the corner of East Canal and Erie Street. If you stay at the white line, in either direction of State Route 49, you cannot see around the corner. If you don't stop before the line, you can get a ticket because you are wrong. The white line at the corner, while east bound is a delicate situation. If you go past the white line a little to the right, then maybe a big 18 wheeler coming from the right making a left onto Canal Street, might have to take off your bumper.

You see, that is a no win situation. You have to stop at the white line, not on it or past it. Common sense should prevail here.

The State Patrolman stopped this lady for that reason. She said "I did stop" "Yes, you did, but you went by the white line" He was very cordial about it, but also said it's the law. Our young trooper was very friendly, he didn't jerk the lady out of the car, and throw her on the ground on her belly then jump on her back and slap the handcuffs on her. No, he didn't do that, he did something worse. He gave her a ticket and it cost her \$130. That is more than a days pay. I think that trooper was wrong and went too far. She did stop, but she went across the white line, just like everyone else does. That is being a good driver. I think common sense should be used here.

Now, the scene changes to the corner of Main and River Street. There are four white lines at that intersection, and 3 of them are too close. If a big truck is coming from the east, west, or north and making a right turn, the car sitting at the white line has to back up. That would not be if the white line was about 10 feet to the rear of its present position. To me, just because the state put those lines there, does not mean they are in the right position.

It is not always possible for that first car to back up. Sometimes the line is too long and sometimes the person there is not with it and you can't back up.

If you go west on Canal Street, one block from the ambush, where state route 49 turns right, an 18 wheeler has to swing to his left, over the yellow line and continue west, till almost the west side curb on Main Street, crossing

a double yellow line, before he can negotiate that corner and follow state route 49.

Now, people traveling south on Main Street who see that big truck in their lane will slow up and pull over to their right and let that trucker straighten out his rig over on the correct side of the road.

Now, this is common sense driving, because if that policeman would follow the letter of the law here, he would have to arrest that truck driver for crossing the yellow line, each and every time a truck turns that corner.

You state patrol troopers do a fine, proper job out on the highway. Our own police people do a fine job here in town, they understand all the circumstances. Sometimes common sense over rules the letter of the law.

One time, back in 1775, I met Ben Franklin in Philadelphia and he said, "Stan, the sun will set tonight and thank goodness it will rise again in the morning. A new day is born at dawn."

See Ya!

PAULDING CO. CHAPTER OF THE OHIO GENEALOGY SOCIETY

November 18th meeting held everyone's attention. Rhonda Burke-Feasby, our speaker, gave a presentation on "Creation & Keeping Facebook Private." As the administrator of the facebook page, Paulding County Ohio History and Genealogy, Burke-Feasby is also knowledgeable about facebook for individuals and organizations. Rhonda recommends closed groups for knowing the members posting. She follows a number of genealogy pages and posts many interesting and timely articles on the subject.

Facebook is a good way to find genealogical information and cousins that you may not locate any other way. On her own facebook page, Rhonda has created an Interest List, making it easier to find things and keeps her interests in order. One of her favorite pages is Random Acts of Genealogy Kindness. She recommends Google Alert for topics published that you are interested in and use the Privacy settings available on your facebook page. Rhonda was acknowledged for all she is doing to promote Paulding County Genealogy on this page.

Our members annual Christmas party & homemade gift exchange will be held at the Antwerp Essen House w/buffet on Wednesday, December 10th at 6:00 p.m. Required RSVP to Marilyn Smith 419/399-4663 or mjsmith123@windstream.net

Correction in 2015 Banquet photo: The person identified as Linda Tuohy is Century Family member Gladys Donson, Bryan, OH. Please accept our apology, Gladys.

Most meetings are held at the Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, ground floor meeting room at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday monthly. Everyone is welcome! Contact Ray Keck at 419/399-4415 or Karen Sanders at karen15806@gmail.com for First and Century family applications or if needing assistance in proving eligibility in these two categories. Did your ancestors reside in Paulding County, Ohio 100 years or 136 years or more ago?

PAYNE ELEMENTARY PARTICIPATE IN DARE



Students in Mrs. Stouffer's class at Payne Elementary have been participating in the DARE program through the Paulding County Sheriff's Office. Officer Mendez comes into the classroom every Friday afternoon and teaches the students about smart choices and the dangers of starting bad habits.

ONLY WE CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES

By: Tom H. Hastings

We have a small amount of our original forest left in the US, but we still have a great deal of woodlands. There is a school of forest managers who advocate so-called "controlled burns" to create a healthier forest.

Such a poor idea. Has anyone mentioned global warming to those forest experts?

Forest fires are exactly wrong when we consider that. Fire adds instantly to high airborne carbon content and thus is a driver of global warming, exactly what no one needs.

If we clearcut the forests, we lose the lungs of the Earth, the ecosystem that sequesters so much carbon and gives us so much oxygen. And the same is true every time we burn a portion of the forest. Are there alternatives to pumping those megatons of carbon into our carbon-overloaded atmosphere?

People need paper, building material, and many other products from the forest. People need jobs working in the woods and with the woodlands products. Fire destroys raw material and any jobs harvesting that raw material, plus jobs creating the added value to woodland products, from newsprint to framing lumber and much more. We cannot afford to waste material satisfying some theoretician's hobby horse about the ancient role of fire. These are not ancient times.

How can we maximize all the benefits and minimize all the downsides?

First, create permanent Forest Stewards camps for public woodlands, patterned at least in part on the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s. Cancel a couple of big ticket items that the Pentagon wants and split the savings between tax relief for middle and lower income taxpayers and a program to employ Forest Stewards. The austere minimum-wage barracks life is well suited for those hungry for work—I would have loved it in my late teens and twenties. They would thin and clean forests using sustainable practices, never clearcuts, and they would leave no slash behind. In some areas, we could even bring back selective logging hauled

out by teams of draft horses. Labor-intensive sustainable practices with mustering-out benefits like education would skill up the American workforce and radically reduce nonproductive ranks while mitigating global warming and enhancing forest health.

Second, create a mix of power plants with state-of-the-art carbon-fixing scrubbers, paper manufacturing, lumber and veneer mills, to economically benefit from the ongoing harvest operations. Each element of a hybridized value-added management program would help pay for the overall operation. Young people would learn a great deal from older skilled workers and beneficial products would help society instead of massive choking clouds of polluted smoke from "controlled burns."

In this way, the forests would be managed for diversity, old growth untouched, understory trees utilized, with small clearings that would never cause killer landslides or stream-destroying erosion. This could be a public-private-non-profit partnership resulting in a win for everyone and a long term sustainable way to preserve and even regain some of America's amazing old growth, while employing and training a workforce dedicated to—and benefiting from—clean sustainable forestry practices.

We can disagree on many things in our country, but no one would be sorry to see the magnificent forests of America make a long term comeback. Fire is not the way. We can be creative instead of destructive.

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

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WOODLAN BOYS BEAT BELLMONT IN FIRST GAME

Woodlan 60 Belmont 55
Woodlan (1-0) Deontae Biggs 4, Trevor Mccarter 9, Austin Fancher 7, Ben Schwartz 3, Cole Weiss 9, Andrew Krahn 19, Aaron Hahn 8, Blake Williams 1.
Bellmont (1-1) Adam Weaver 3, Sam Ainsworth 11, Ryan Okoniewski 9, Jake Hall 6, Trace Bauer 16, Conner Hess 10.
Points by Period: Woodlan: 9 14 17 20 = 60; Belmont: 11 11 12 21 = 55.

WOODLAN SNATCHES WIN FROM CHURUBUSCO

On Tuesday, November 24th the Lady Warriors played host to the Churubusco Lady Eagles in high school basketball. Woodlan dominated the court from the first quarter till the buzzer. Final score was a Lady Warrior victory: 54-36
Score by the Quarter:
Churubusco — 5 6 7 18=36
Woodlan — 12 13 13 16=54
Scorers of the Game:
Churubusco — Yant 8, Festen 6, Needles 6, Mowdorf 5, Brockman 4, Stauffer 4, Erwin 3
Woodlan — Hinton 28, Kayser 10, Voors 6, Salzbrenner 5, Houser 3, Reidenbach 2
JV Scores: Churubusco 38, Woodlan 23

PANTHERS POUNCE ON PIRATES

On Friday, November 27th, Paulding defended the home court in varsity boys basketball action against the Continental Pirates. The Panthers kept a victory at home in both the varsity and JV games: V 55-41, JV 47-20.
Varsity stats:
Paulding - rebounds 19, turnovers 15, Fg% 18-29, 62%
Continental - rebounds 13, turnovers 14, Fg% 13-35, 37%

LADY WARRIOR SECOND HALF PLUMMETS AGAINST JAY



On Friday, November 27th, the Jay County Patriots travelled to the Woodlan court for the 10th game of the Warrior season. The hour drive was no deterrent for the guests in this Lady basketball game.
The game was a tough sell for the Woodlan crowd who gathered to watch the home team compete against the undefeated Patriots. The first quarter began and Jay took control of the court from the beginning and quickly the score was 12-0 with a two minutes left on the clock. The Warriors began to turn around with points by Kenzie Salzbrenner. She was fouled on the shot and the game took off. In the last couple of minutes, she was able to gather a couple from under the basket and five more from the foul line. Altogether, she hit 8 of 9 baskets from the free throw line. This was not a one man show, but Kenzie made it look like it when she outscored the rest of her teammates combined

points.
The first half of the second quarter was also a good show for the girls when they climbed back to have the difference to only one at 12-13. The Lady Patriots worked their way back up to finish the half at 25-16 when the Warriors had another lull. The half time finished at 25-16 in favor of the guests.
In the second half of the game, the lady Warriors ran out of steam. In each of both quarters, the home team only added four to the board. The final score was 54-24 and the win went with Jay County, and now at 6-0 for their record.
Score by the Quarter:
Woodlan — 8 8 4 4=24
Jay County — 14 11 18 11=54
Scorers of the Game:
Woodlan — Salzbrenner 14; Houser 4; Hinton 2; Voors 2; Kayser 1; Reidenbach 1.
Woodlan is now 4-6
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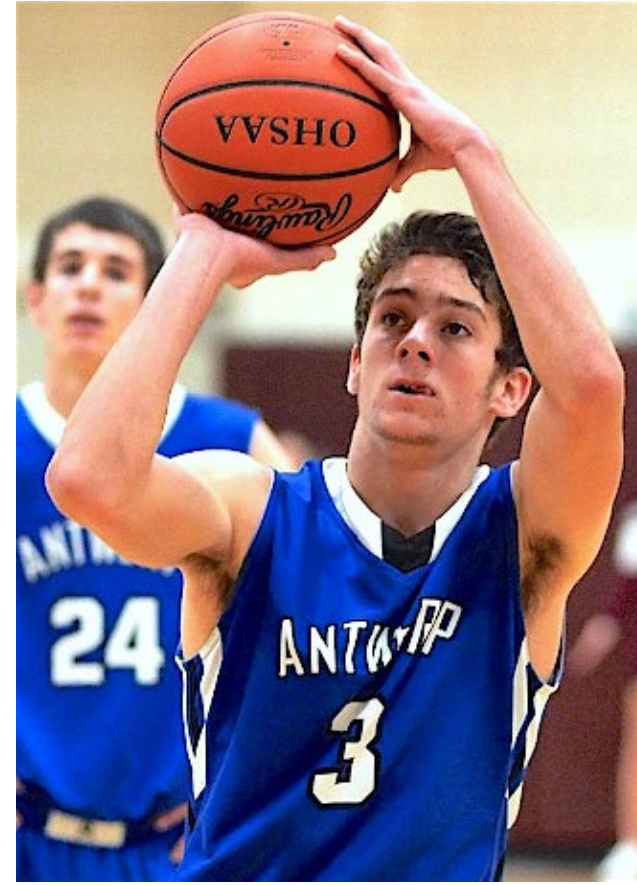
ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL FALL SPORTS AWARDS 2015

VOLLEYBALL
Pursuit Award - Emily Derck
Most Improved Award - Hope Smith
Most Valuable - Rachel Williamson
Rotary Award - Beth Hawley
Mickae Schlatter Leadership Award - Peyton Short
(The winner will receive a little plaque and a plate on the big picture plaque).
CROSS COUNTRY
Cross Country Boys MVP - Sam Williamson
Most Improved - Matthew Dooley
Guts Award - Erik Buchan
Rotary Award - Sam Williamson
Four Year Letterman - Sam Williamson, Chase Gerken
Cross Country Girls MVP - Annie Miesle
Most Improved - Mikayla Boesch
Guts Award - Brittany Smith
Rotary Award - Annie Miesle
FOOTBALL
Ironman Award - Caleb Cline
Teammate Award - Josh

Poulson
Mental Attitude Award - Justice Clark, Carlos Sanchez, Austin Wendt
Rotary Award - Austin Wendt
Four Year Letterman - Justice Clark, Carlos Sanchez
CHEERLEADING
Most Improved - Jon Lederman
Cheer Showmanship - Rebecca McCroskey
BOYS GOLF
Most Valuable - Jeffrey Coleman
Most Improved - Noah Cline, Zeb Getrost
Rotary Award - Iann Roebel
Four Year Letterman - Jeff Coleman
GIRLS GOLF
Most Valuable - Emilee Phillips
Most Improved - Sierra Cline
Coaches Award - Brooke Gerig
Rotary Award - Jenna Wilson
Four Year Letterman - Jenna Wilson

NWC 2015 FALL SCHOLAR ATHLETES

These are the Northwest Conference 2015 Fall Scholar Athletes.
CHEERLEADING:
Ada:
Gold - Anabel Alexander, Rylee Webb, Ashley Breidenbach, Alex Waugh, Lyric Jones, Ivy Fisher, Emma Jameson, Brooklyn Rudasill, Lexus Lunguy
Allen East:
Gold - Dalen Foster, Maddie Friesdner, Destiney Goble, Taylor Gutierrez, Kayla Redman, Kasey Reneau, Kassydney Reneau, Katelynn Richardson, Morgan Zellmann
Silver - Caley Mason
Bluffton:
Gold - Georgia Owen, Shyanne Mortimer, Allison Wise, Kylee Leugers, Victoria Hover, Kaity King
Silver - Maddie Soper, Lydia Skelly
Columbus Grove:
Gold - Kylie Coffey, Madison Nusbaum, Lauren Roose
Silver - Kylie Muter, Alyssa Ridinger
Crestview:
Gold - Alex Boroff, Lauren Brecht, Dreama Hampton, Emma Leary, Kelsey Rothgeb
Silver - Alex Boroff, Lauren Brecht, Dreama Hampton, Emma Leary, Kelsey Rothgeb
Delphos Jefferson:
Gold - Sami Klint, Sarah Fitch, Lindsey Jettinghoff, Kaytlin Ward
Silver - Bria McClure, Maddie Smith, Kiersten Teman, Sophie Wilson, Brooke Rice, Kyrstin Warnecke
Paulding:
Gold - Emily Knodel, Taylor Schooley, Molly Meeker, Kynsie Etzler, Jordan Shull, Hailey Porter
Silver - Katie Wesley, Sierra Bullard
Spencerville:
Gold - Emma Bertram, Gabrielle Goecke, Carliegh Hefner, Grace Hollar, Jayden Maier, Sophia Nourse, Amanda Schwartz, Kennedy Sharp
Silver - Alivia McMichael, Kayla Osting
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY:
Ada:
Gold - Andrew Robey, Eric Armbrecht
Silver - Keaton Kipker
Allen East:
Gold - Dakota Clark, Justin Frueh



Antwerp's Matt Jones is the top scorer of the game, helped by this point from the free-throw line. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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Paulding — Arellano 23; Edwards 16; Sitton 5; Ingol 3; Gee 2; Harder 2.
Antwerp — Jones 28; Williamson 7; Longardner 6; Peters 3; Pendergrast 2.
Incredible game for both teams!
Antwerp will take on Fort Jennings on Friday, December 4 (away), while Paulding will play at Defiance (same date).
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Silver - Corey Spees
Bluffton:
Gold - Adam Wannemacher, Seth Andreas, Jacob Spencer, Brice Metzger, Jack Marcum
Columbus Grove:
Gold - Ryan Price
Silver - Grant Mumaugh, Cam Caton, Preston Brubaker, Austin Sager
Crestview:
Gold - Caleb Bagley, Andrew Boley, Adam Saylor, Dylan Sparks
Silver - Cody Mefferd, Gabe Smith
Lincolnview:
Gold - Colton Snyder, Trevor Neate, Austin Elick, Andrew Fickert, Alek Bowersock
Silver - Karter Tow, Jacob Keyser
Paulding:
Gold - Carson Shull, Shawn Jackson, Michael Kohart, Lucas Arend, Dayton Pracht
Silver - Bailey Manz, Sim Leon Shepherd
Spencerville:
Gold - Robert Modic
Silver - Kalob Pitson, Ed Smith, Hunter Stephen, Matthew Wood
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY:
Ada:

Ada:
Gold - Alexandra Boyadzhiiev, Mara Guyton, Olivia Guyton, Jil Wolber
Allen East:
Gold - Alyssa Bowerman, Lauren Criblez, Alyssa Young
Silver - Caitlyn Spees
Bluffton:
Gold - Sydney Hoff, Elizabeth Nisly
Columbus Grove:
Gold - Kirsten Malsam, Gracyn Stechsulte, Julia Bogart, Leah Myerholtz, Taylor Ellerbrock, Kaitlyn Price
Crestview:
Gold - Ashley Bowen, Brooke Ripley, Lauren Schumm, Megan Sherman, Leslie Skelton, Nevada Smith
Lincolnview:
Gold - Anna Gorman, Abbie Enyart, Miah Katalenas, Alena Looser, Trinity Welch, Brayden Langdon, Rylee Byrne, Madeline Snyder
Paulding:
Gold - Mary Cate Panico, Abbie McMichael, Emilee Ringer
Spencerville:
Gold - Jayden Smith, Destiney Fiely, Jenna Henline, Julie Mulholland
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RAIDERS WITH VICTORY EARNS LINDER 100th WIN!



Cole Shepherd adds two points in breakaway layup to his and the team's credit. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The game Saturday, November 28 at Wayne Trace boys basketball competed in their first game of the season against Liberty Center Tigers. The game was off to an intense start when senior Cole Shepherd tipped the ball to his team. Alec Vest was on fire in the first quarter. Between baskets and steals, he kept the Tigers on their toes. In all, he made seven points from the line, 2 3-point baskets and 3 2 pointers. The first quarter finished 18-10 in the Raiders favor. Watching the Raider defense is very entertaining, keeping the game on their side of the court.

The second quarter reversed trends and Liberty Center scored more than the home team did in the first and the half ended in a very close match at 32-30 with Wayne Trace barely holding on to their lead.

The second half started up and the Raiders were back in the drivers seat pulling off 23 points with help from Cole Shepherd under the basket, leading in rebounds and also

having 18 points altogether. The third quarter ended with the Raiders in the lead 55-43.

A turn for the worse in the fourth for the home team when the Tigers outscored home boys by 5 points, but it wasn't enough to take home the win. The Raiders won the match 69-62, setting Wayne Trace up for a great season and giving Coach Jim Linder his 100th victory since he began eight years ago.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace — 18 14 23 14=69
Liberty Center — 10 20 13 19=62

Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace — Vest 19; Shepherd 18; Speice 12; Sinn 9; Sinn 6; Stabler 3; Saylor 2.
Liberty Center — Hinton 19; Saneholtz 12; Graber 8; Studer 8; Carpenter 7; Chamber 4; Wymer 4.

Wayne Trace will take on Bryan at home on December 3 and Paulding (away) on December 5.

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Gold - Mitchell Ault, Justin Haggard, Carrick Lancaster, Joel Siefker, Misha Groman, Sam Crisp, Zach Little, Blake Sampson, Dylan Pletcher

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Columbus Grove:
Gold - Aiden Fortman, Baily Clement, Jake Utendorf, Adam Birkemeier, Reid Stechschulte, Grant Cassidy, Enoch Jones

Silver - Logan Ride-nour, Lachlan Clymer, Logan Diller, Rayne Sharrits, Rece Roney, Andrew Nichols, Brandon Grigsby, Owen Fuerst, Caleb Barrientes

Crestview:
Gold - Derek Biro, Braden

Brecht, Chase Clark, Luke Gerardot, Joel Germann, Nick Henry, Drew Kline, Payton Kittle, Jordan Miller, Ford Tutum

Silver - Chandler Grubb, Cyler Miller, Sage Schaffner, Grant Schlagbaum

Delphos Jefferson:
Gold - Michael Cline, Noah Illig, Bryce Lindeman, Gage Mercer, Adam Rode, Easton Siefker, Christian Stemen, Cole Arroyo, Hunter Binkley, Corey Dudgeon, Jace Stockwell, Brenen Auer

Silver - Corbin Betz, Tristan Fetzer, Ryan Goergens, Dylan Hicks, Zac Scirocco, Grant Wallace, Nick Long, Drew Riess, Drake Schmitt, Troy Dudgeon, Tyler Shrider, Davion Tyson

Paulding:
Gold - Corbin Edwards, Jarrett Sitton, Zach Buchman, Branson Mink, Preston Ingol, Preston Johanss, Nathan Gee, Aaron Horstman, Colton Lloyd, Devin Gee, Hunter Vogel, Ethan Matty

Silver - James Mourey, Tyler Nichols, Kameron Echols, Hunter Powell

Spencerville:
Gold - Evan Barnett, Lucas Carpenter, Cody Dickson, Peyton Ford, Nick Freewalt, Hunter French, Zach Goecke, Wyatt Krouskop, Mason Nourse, Christopher Picker, Evan Pugh, Trenton Schwartz

Silver - Damien Corso, Keaton Lotz, Dakota Prichard, Calvin Wilson

BOYS GOLF:

Ada:
Gold - Jake Colwell, Brice Ferguson, Cade Mullins

Silver - Taylor Ramey

Allen East:
Gold - Parker Frey, Nick Phillips

Bluffton:
Gold - Tyler McLaughlin, Jared Metzger

Silver - Jordan Siefer, Aaron Belcher

Columbus Grove:
Silver - Wyatt Mayberry

Crestview:
Gold - Connor Lautzenheiser, Kaleb Myers, Brett Schumm, Ronnie Schumm

Silver - Jacob Bowman, Kalieb Hanicq

Delphos Jefferson:
Gold - Connor Berelsman, Andrew Foust, Tristen Moore, Tyler Klint, Nathan Pohlman

Silver - Evan Mox, Alex Theobald

Lincolnview:
Gold - Joshah Rager, Derek Youtsey, Nick Motycka, Braden Thatcher

Silver - Ryan Moody, Jaden Youtsey

Paulding:
Gold - Cade McGarvey, Fletcher Cook, Isaac Baldwin, Jaret Miller

Silver - Westen Phlipot

Spencerville:
Gold - Logan Core, Collin Davis

Silver - Mitchell Youngpeter

GIRLS GOLF:

Allen East:
Gold - Ariel Schantz

Bluffton:
Gold - Kayleigh Coughlan, Alivia Koenig, Kennedy Coughlan, Mara Minning

Delphos Jefferson:
Gold - Brooke Gallmeier

Lincolnview:
Gold - Macala Ashbaugh, Makenzie Kraft, McKenzie Davis, Madison Shepherd, Marissa Miller

Paulding:
Gold - Leona Aldred

BOYS SOCCER:

Ada:
Gold - John Allen, Noah Pinkney, Johnathan Rettig, William Jolliff Jr.,

Logan Williams, Terry Sheridan, Nate Allen, Miguel Jordan, Brendan Sheridan, Will Allen, Rylan Hisson, Jacob Okuly

Silver - Noah Garmon, Hayden Pitts

Allen East:
Gold - Landon Gossard, Christian Hedrick, James Hunt, Dylan Koehlinger, Brayden Newland, Brock Spencer, Evan Stover, Colton Truex

Silver - Daniel Brown, Dalton Calvert, Dalton Clum, Ethan Grant, Ryan LeSure, Ethan Reichenbach

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Gold - Eli Bourassa, Josh Begg, Phillip Tatarokov, Tucker Routson, Douglas Nester, Antony Kingsley, Tristan Smucker, Cole Harlow, Trevor Bunch, Isaac Andreas, Christopher Harnish, Jack Burrell, Levi Smith

Silver - Zach Basinger, Austin Maroscher

Lincolnview:
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Silver - Cole Schmursal, Louie Crow, Hannes Wistrom, Jared Pollock, Brendan Hanf, Logan Williams

Paulding:
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Silver - Griffin Harder, PJ Wharry

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Gold - Brandon Bockey, Bailey Croft, Griffen Croft, Christina Emery, Carliegh Hefner, Riley Klaus, Ter-

ence "Keith" Nielsen, Madison Pugh, Austin Rex, Thad Ringwald, Justin Thiery

Silver - Gage Bellows, Chandler Kahle, Jacob Litsey, Zach Ringwald, Cole Ward, David Wisher, Alexis Wolfe

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Silver - Morgan Roberts, Madison Preston, Makenna Callahan

Allen East:
Gold - Mallory Austin, Leah Casey, Alan'na Diepenbrock, Makinsey Helser, Madison Houston, Alexis McCluer, Cassidy McKeever, Kasey Reneau, Cassidy Reneau, Allyson Richardson, Gabrielle Scott, Savannah Silone, Sophia Silone, Madison Staley

Silver - Lori Bassett, Abby Garver, Mya Gossard, Jade Meyer

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Crestview:
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Gold - Brooke Schroeder, Autumn Proctor, Savannah Bigum, Grace Gorman, Frankie Carey, Olivia Gorman, Sydney Thatcher, Haley Pollock, Allie Crow, Nykeely Billingham

Silver - Haley Overholt, Allison Wagnement

Paulding:
Gold - Victoria Bradford, Megan Reineck, Allison Ar-end, Christine Clappsaddle, Daleigh Davis, Paige Fitzwater, Morrisa Rue, Brooke Weidenhamer, Kaylee Plummer

Silver - Destiny Dangler-Reed, Angel Escalera

TENNIS:

Ada:
Gold - Calle Young, Casey Swick, Olivia Gonder, Mackenzie Wills, Cheyenne Wells, Meredith Morgan, Meredith Marshall, Libbie Milks

Silver - Alex James, Hailey Maier, Shelby Higgins

Bluffton:
Gold - Katie Wright, Lucie Fett, Brielle Hamilton, Sara Bertka, Julianna Hotmire, Maggie Fett, Justine Mitchell

Silver - Baylee Liddick, Ilene Owen

Spencerville:
Gold - Kaylee Davis

VOLLEYBALL:

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LADY ARCHERS TAKE WIN AT PAULDING



Paulding's Skyler McCullough shoots from the outside with Peyton Short and Audrie Longardner attempting to block. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Paulding hosted the Antwerp Lady Archers in the first home basketball game of the season on Tuesday, November 24. Both sides fans filled the seats and represented their schools well. The Archers began the game with a strong lead over Paulding, but Paulding was able to narrow it down towards the end of the first quarter with the help of Faith Vogel's free throws, totaling 4 for 4 at the line. The Panthers are a relatively young team with only one senior. The Archers, on the

other hand, have a strong crew with four seniors on their squad. Kiana Recker and Rachel Williamson seemed to have no problem banging them in. The first quarter ended with the Archers in the lead 9-15. The second quarter was much stronger for the home team when they scored 11, versus Antwerp's 12 points, spreading the accolades across the team. Vogel and Williamson both kept points going up for their teams. The half finished at 20-27. The third quarter was



Antwerp's Audrie Longardner shoots and scores on a layup with Audrey Manz attempting to block. More pictures at westbendnews.net

what killed the Lady Panthers for this match. Only 6 points were made and those by Allison Arend, Kaylen Hale, and Samantha Meggison. Antwerp, on the other hand, didn't have their best quarter, but it was still in the double digits. Sierra Cline had her best quarter of the evening here. The fourth quarter Paulding narrowed the lead, "We cut it to 8 in the 4th quarter, but couldn't get over the hump," stated coach Mark Rhodes. The lady Panthers posted 15 — their best quar-

ter by far. Antwerp also had their best quarter when they took the latter half of the last quarter back and won the game 41-56. Score by the Quarter: Paulding — 9 11 6 15=41 Antwerp — 15 12 13 16=56 Scorers of the Game: Antwerp — Cline 7; Williamson 15; Braaten 2; Recker 18; Longardner 7; Johanns 3; Short 4. Paulding — Vogel 14; Arend 7; Hale 3; Meggison 8; Manz 2; McCullough 5; Townley 7.

Offensive Running Backs — Andrew Guillaume, 12, Edgerton; Timmy Timbrook, 11, Fairview; Riley Nagel, 12, Tinora
 Defensive Tackles — Dakota Schweitzer, 11, Ayersville; Logan Bailey, 12, Tinora; Derek Smith, 11, Tinora
 Punter — Logan Neidhardt, 11, Hicksville
SECOND TEAM:
 Offensive Ends — Mikey McGuire, 11, Ayersville; Alex Michael, 12, Edgerton; Payton Tunis, 10, Hicksville
 Offensive Guards — Michael Wolfrum, 12, Ayersville; Logan Neidhardt, 11, Hicksville
 Place Kicker — Markus Volden, 12, Ayersville
 Offensive Tackles — Brody Langham, 12, Hicksville; Noah Stoller, 12, Wayne Trace
 Quarterback — Garrett Crall, 12, Hicksville
 Defensive Ends — Jaylon Martinez, 11, Ayersville; Alex Michael, 12, Edgerton
 Offensive Center — Dakota Schweitzer, 11, Ayersville; Alex Dunlap, 11, Tinora
 Offensive Running Backs — Hunter Stark, 12, Ayersville; Abel Corser, 11, Holgate; T.J. Gares, 12, Tinora
 Defensive Tackles — D.J. Ray, 11, Ayersville; Isaac Wright, 12, Edgerton; Justin Speice, 12, Wayne Trace
 Linebackers — Hunter Stark, 12, Ayersville; Chase Carpenter, 12, Fairview; Noah Stoller, 12, Wayne Trace
 Defensive Backs — Jacob Miller, 11, Ayersville; Payton Tunis, 10, Hicksville; Cole Shepherd, 12, Wayne Trace
 Punter — Dauson Dales, 11, Ayersville
HONORABLE MENTION:
 Caleb Cook, 12, Ayersville; Logan Stein, 11, Edgerton; Mason Hostetler, 12, Hicksville; Clay Waisner, 10, Holgate; Luke Miller, 12, Wayne Trace; Ethan Schlachter, 10, Ayersville; Joey Hatchett, 12, Fairview; Zakk Witte, 11, Hicksville; Jeremiah Smith, 12, Tinora; Scott Wenninger, 12, Wayne Trace; Cade McClellan, 11, Edgerton; Jarid Schweifert, 12, Fairview; Dylan Szabo, 12, Holgate; Alex Garneau, 12, Tinora

er lies on the horizon, USDA continues to seek out new and innovative ways to expand opportunity for America's farming families and support markets that will boost farm income. Roughly one in three American farm products are exported, but there is significant and as yet untapped opportunity in markets in Asia and Europe. By the end of the year, I will have met with key leaders in those regions to promote the benefits of the Trans-Pacific Partnership and further negotiations on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, as well as expanded access in China. Expanded trade will help to drive higher commodity prices, additional farm income and agribusiness jobs that ultimately generate more cash flow in rural economies and support local businesses on main street. "Thanks to its ability to remain competitive through thick and thin, American agriculture continues to enjoy some of the strongest years in our nation's history, supporting and creating good-paying American jobs for millions, and positioning the United States as a reliable supplier of high-quality goods for domestic and foreign markets alike. Overall, today's projections provide a snapshot of a rural America that continues to remain innovative, stable and resilient in the aftermath of the worst animal disease outbreak in our nation's history and as the western United States unloosens itself from the grip of historic drought. For example, today's projections indicate a rise in specialty crop receipts in 2015, while final farm income for 2014 was revised upward by \$1.9 billion since August and \$13.5 billion since February. Today's estimates also indicate that new 2014 Farm Bill safety net programs are working as intended and helping producers protect their operations from changes in the marketplace. "Since 2009, USDA, under President Obama, has made historic investments in rural America and American agriculture. Two-thirds of all rural counties gained jobs over the past year and the American economy overall has created 8 million jobs over the past 36 months, the fastest pace since 2000. USDA and the Obama Administration will continue to stand with America's farming families, small businesses and rural communities as they build a brighter future for our country on the land that they love."

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Allen East:
Gold — Taylor Brown, Kyra Clark, Sierra Downing, Courtney Harris, Alexa Hawk, Adriane Hensley, Gracie Howard, Madison Jacobs, Kelli Leis, Megan Niemeyer, Morgan Niemeyer, Spencer Stippich
Silver — Abby Kennedy, Sydney Rex
Bluffton:
Gold — Abby Tuttle, Haley Baker, Emily Metzger, Andie Schmutz, Katie Prater
Silver — Emily Stratton, Haley Pinks, Alicia Schmutz,

Samantha Fruchey
Columbus Grove:
Gold — Robyn Schumacher, McKenzie Clymer, Mykala Roman, Rylee Sybert, Lauren Birkemeier, Renee Schroeder, Samantha Rosengarten
Silver — Jade Clement, Paige Bellman
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Meggison, Arianna Posey
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Gold — Allison Adams, Grace Bowling, Olivia Clark, Maggie Patterson, Allyson Pugin, Abbygayle Satterfield, Sydney Shaffer, Tiffany Work, Emily Zak
Silver — Jenson Nagy

2015 GMC FOOTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS
 The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce the All-Conference selections and Players of the Year for Football for the 2015 season:
 Offensive Player Of The Year — Riley Nagel, 12, Tinora
 Defensive Player Of The Year — Dauson Dales, 11, Ayersville
FIRST TEAM:
 Offensive Ends — Jacob Miller, 11, Ayersville; Reid Anders, 12, Tinora; Cole Shepherd, 12, Wayne Trace
 Offensive Guards — Mathias Grube, 12, Tinora; Alex Hinojosa, 12 Tinora
 Place Kicker — Patrick Voirol, 12, Fairview
 Linebackers — Dauson Dales, 11, Ayersville; Logan Neidhardt, 11, Hicksville; Mathias Grube, 12, Tinora
 Offensive Tackles — Logan Bailey, 12, Tinora; Derek Smith, 11, Tinora
 Quarterback — Brevin Renollet, 12, Tinora
 Defensive Ends — Garrett Crall, 12, Hicksville; Dakota Stark, 12, Tinora
 Defensive Backs — Timmy Timbrook, 11, Fairview; Brevin Renollet, 12, Tinora; Nathan Drewes, 12, Tinora
 Offensive Center — Justin Speice, 12, Wayne Trace

STATEMENT FROM SECRETARY TOM VILSACK ON UPDATED 2015 U.S. FARM INCOME FORECAST
 U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack made the following statement:
 "As one growing season comes to an end and another



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PAULDING KINDERGARTEN ENJOYS LEARNING ABOUT FARMING



Pictured here is Charlie Fohner, getting spun around by Staci Miller while being blindfolded getting ready to play Pin the Tires on the Tractor!

Last week, Paulding Kindergarten students learned about the importance of farming and agriculture in Paulding County. Students learned who farmers are and how they use seeds and the environment to produce crops that are harvested and used to supply the world with food which is a vital part of agriculture. They got the opportunity to learn about the many different types of crops that are grown throughout the county especially focusing on corn, soybeans and wheat. Then the students got to see and feel the seeds from these crops as well as discussed what foods are produced from corn, wheat and soybeans. These products include crayons, bread, cookies and even soymilk.

Then Staci Miller, read the students a book called "Farms Feed the World," which talked about how important agriculture is all over the world. After reading the book, the students learned about the different types of equipment farmers' use to grow and harvest the crops. As a fun activity for the students, they got to play a version of pin the tail on the donkey, but with a tractor twist, Pin the Wheels on the Tractor. The students really enjoyed learning about farming and how without agriculture and farmers, we wouldn't have all the wonderful food we like to eat. If you are interested in this presentation, please contact Staci Miller, Education Specialist, at 419-399-4771.

USDA HELPS SCHOOLS CONNECT WITH LOCAL FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced \$4.8 million in grants for 74 projects spanning 39 states that support the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) efforts to connect child nutrition programs with local farmers and ranchers through its Farm to School Program.

"Farm to school programs work—for schools, for producers, and for communities," said Secretary Vilsack. "By serving nutritious and locally grown foods, engaging students in hands-on lessons, and involving parents and community members, these programs provide children with a holistic experience that sets them up for a lifetime of healthy eating. With early results from our Farm to School Census indicating schools across the nation invested nearly \$600 million in local products, farm to school also provides a significant and reliable market for local farmers and ranchers."

USDA's Farm to School Grants fund school districts, state and local agencies, tribal nations, agricultural producers, and non-profit

organizations in their efforts to increase local foods served through child nutrition programs, teach children about food and agriculture through garden and classroom education, and develop schools' and farmers' capacities to participate in farm to school. Awards ranging from \$20,000 to \$100,000 are distributed in four different grant categories: Planning, Implementation, Support Service, and Training.

For the 2016 school year, grants will serve more than 5,211 schools and 2.9 million students, nearly 40 percent of whom are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Funded projects include:

- *Conway School District* in Arkansas received a planning grant to design a local food processing kitchen program in a centralized school kitchen facility that will allow the district's schools to serve nutritious local produce throughout the school year.

- *The Ferguson-Florissant School District* in Missouri received an implementation grant to partner with St. Louis University and local farms to expand and integrate its farm to school program through the HELP (Healthy Eating with Local Produce) project. Through HELP, student employ-

ees will use preservation techniques to make local produce available to all 24 schools in the district year round, even outside of regular harvest seasons. HELP will offer high school students culinary training, hands-on experience with local produce, and food production skills while providing employment in the local community.

- *The New York State Department of Agriculture* and Markets received a support service grant to build on a successful pilot program that provides local procurement, food safety, culinary skills, and capacity-building trainings for districts. The department will also identify and work with interested local growers to facilitate market-readiness trainings.

- *The Oxford School District* in Mississippi, which previously received a FY 2013 planning grant, will expand their program through an implementation grant. The district will take part in a city-wide food hub collaboration with the Oxford City Market and turn garden projects into self-sustaining educational programs. Since receiving their initial grant in 2013, the project has served as an example to schools around the state and will continue to lead the way for farm to school projects in the coming years.

- *The First Nations Development Institute* in New Mexico received a training grant to convene Native American food producers and leaders from schools with primarily Native American student bodies for a two-day training. The event will facilitate connections between schools and producers, showcase best practices, present resources available to initiate and further develop farm to school programs, and provide an open forum to discuss the unique challenges and opportunities for farm to school programs in Native communities.

For a complete list of 2016 Farm to School Grant recipients, please see the 2016 Farm to School Grants summary page.

The latest round of USDA Farm to School Grants brings investment since the program's inception in fiscal year 2013 to \$19.9 million. Projects have been funded in all 50 states, DC, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. A report released earlier this year found that a vast majority of grantees use the USDA Farm to School Grant funds to strengthen or develop new partnerships, suggesting the potential for widespread collaboration between eligible schools, nongovernmental and community-based organizations, agricultural producer groups, and other community partners. This is reinforced by a recent USDA Farm to School Census finding that 39 percent of participating school districts saw greater community support as a result of their farm to school program.

Farm to school programs are one of the many tools and resources USDA offers to help schools successfully serve healthier meals. In the past three years since the bipartisan passage of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, kids have eaten

healthier breakfasts, lunches and snacks at school. Over 97 percent of schools report that they are successfully meeting the updated nutrition standards.

In addition to school meals, USDA's Food and Nutrition Service administers several other nutrition programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (Commonly known as WIC), and the Summer Food Service Program. Together, these programs comprise America's nutrition safety net. For more information, visit www.fns.usda.gov.

AGRICULTURE DEPUTY SECRETARY HARDEN TO LEAD USDA SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA TRADE MISSION

Leaders from five state departments of agriculture and 26 U.S. agribusinesses and organizations will accompany Agriculture Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden on a mission to sub-Saharan Africa November 16 to November 20, to expand export opportunities for U.S. food and agricultural products in that market.

"Sub-Saharan Africa's strong economic outlook, growing middle class, and surging demand for consumer-oriented foods creates a promising market for U.S. food and agricultural products," Harden said. "Over the past decade, U.S. agricultural exports to this region increased by more than 50 percent, totaling \$2.3 billion in 2014."

The mission includes 22 U.S. companies and four U.S. agricultural commodity trade associations representing a variety of agricultural products including grains and feeds, peanuts, soybeans, meat and poultry products, agricultural machinery, and more.

Harden noted that many of the participants are small or medium-sized enterprises owned by women, minorities and/or veterans. The mission will also include leaders from the Arkansas, Kansas, Nebraska, North Carolina and Texas departments of agriculture.

The delegation will meet with potential customers from more than a dozen countries across Sub-Saharan Africa, forging relationships and learning about the market conditions and business environment in the region. This first-hand intelligence will help them develop strategies to start or expand sales to these key markets.

Top Sub-Saharan Africa markets for U.S. agricultural and related products last year included Nigeria (\$847 million), Angola (\$298 million) South Africa (\$259 million), Ghana (\$129 million), Kenya (\$69 million) and Ethiopia (\$83 million).

U.S. Companies Participating in the Sub-Saharan Africa Agribusiness Trade Mission:

1. Agribusiness United Inc., Savannah, Ga.;
2. Arkansas World Trade Center, Rogers, Ark.;
3. Case New Holland Industrial, Washington, D.C.;
4. Food Export Association of the Midwest USA, Springfield, Ill.;
5. GEMCO, New York, N.Y.;
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7. Grain Handler, Inc., Lakeville, Minn.;
8. Hakan USA, Broadway, Va.;
9. Kaivalya, LLC, Lanham, Md.;
10. Kivi International, Roswell, Ga.;
11. Klausner Trading, Inc., Myrtle Beach, S.C.;
12. Lamex, Bloomington, Minn.;
13. LT International Trading Company, Wilmington, N.C.;
14. Meat Team, Ltd., Los Angeles, Calif.;
15. Monta Farms Inc., Millsboro, Del.;
16. Premium Peanut, LLC, Douglas, Ga.;
17. Pristina Capital Partners, Midland Park, N.J.;
18. Suma Trading LLC, Swedesboro, N.J.;
19. TRC Trading Corporation, Roseville, Calif.;
20. Tysons Foods, Inc., Springdale, Ark.;
21. United Source One, Belcamp, Md.;
22. Virginia Natural Beef, Inc., Lexington, Va.;
23. Zafi Beverages, Bensenville, Ill.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Cooperators Participating in the Sub-Saharan Africa Agribusiness Trade Mission:

1. American Soybean Association, St. Louis, Mo.;
2. USA Poultry & Egg Export Council, Stone Mountain, Ga.;
3. U.S. Meat Export Federation, Denver, Colo.;
4. USA Rice Federation, Arlington, Va.

USDA trade missions open doors and deliver results for U.S. exporters, giving them the opportunity to forge relationships with potential customers and foreign government officials, as well as to gather market intelligence that will help develop strategies to expand sales in key markets overseas. Sign up for more information at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAFAS/subscriber/new>.

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WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



The blood drive for the Red Cross was hosted by the Student Council in November. They were responsible for assisting in unloading the equipment and running the blood drive throughout



the day. Nearly 40 pints of blood were collected.



The Christmas for kids campaign took place on Tuesday, November 24 with a visit by Rick Small. The Junior and Senior high students collected dozens of toys to assist children in Paulding County. Physics: The Wayne Trace Physics students were responsible for designing and building toothpick bridges over



the past 4 weeks. Each student was responsible for their own individual design, and they were given an imaginary budget for the purchase of toothpicks

and other building materials. We will be testing the strength of the bridges and ranking their efficiency soon.

iAB FINANCIAL BANK RECOGNIZES BATES FOR 35 YEARS OF SERVICE

iAB Financial Bank is pleased to recognize Kimberly Bates as a Legacy Employee serving 35 years with the organization. Kim began her employment with iAB in November, 1980 as a Bookkeeper. She has since been promoted to Controller and Deposit Compliance Officer in 2004 and Branch Manager and Assistant Vice President in 2015. Kim values the partnerships she's formed with iAB customers over the last three decades and looks forward to finding new and innovative ways to assist cus-

tomers in reaching their financial goals with the products and solutions that iAB brings to the Bourbon community. When not working with the customers of iAB, Kim enjoys volunteering time to her community, and is actively involved in Marshall County 4-H. In any spare time, she enjoys crocheting and supporting Indiana University sports. iAB Financial Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Independent Alliance Banks, Inc., is one of the largest locally-owned community banks in the area and employs approximately 270 people throughout Allen, Huntington and Wells counties.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT TO HOST CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL, CENTRAL OHIO HONORS BAND

Mount Vernon Nazarene University's Music Department will host several musical events this holiday season.

The MVNU Music Department will present the biennial Christmas Festival on Wednesday, December 2, at 7:15 p.m. in the R.R. Hodges Chapel/Auditorium. The community is invited to join in celebrating the season with a wide variety of Christmas music. The concert will feature Music Department choral and instrumental ensembles as well as a short carol sing.

The MVNU Music Department will present an evening of jazz on Thursday, December 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Prince Student Union. The MVNU Big Band and Jazz Combo will play an evening of jazz standards by Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, and more.

MVNU is proud to host the 2015 Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) District 10 middle school and high school honors bands for a day of education and performance on Saturday, Dec. 5. The event will feature over 200 young musicians from Ashland, Coshocton, Delaware, Holmes, Knox, Licking, Morrow, and Richland Counties and over 60 participating schools.

The day will feature a morning of instruction for both bands, and will culminate with a final concert at 3:30 p.m. in the R.R. Hodges Chapel/Auditorium on the MVNU campus. The concert is free and open to the public. This event will feature guest conductors for both the middle school and high school bands.

Please join the MVNU Music Department as we ring in the Christmas season.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is a private, four-year, intentionally Christian teaching university for traditional age students, graduate students and working adults. With a 327-acre main campus in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and several convenient Graduate and Professional Studies locations throughout the state, MVNU emphasizes academic excellence, spiritual growth and service to community and church. MVNU offers an affordable education to more than 2,100 students from 28 states and 16 countries/U.S. territories.

PROGRAMS FOR WOODBURN BRANCH LIBRARY

STORY TIME
Fridays, December 4, 11, 18, 10:30 a.m. This Storytime features finger plays, songs, stories of various lengths and crafts.

YARN LOVER'S GATHERING
Thursdays, December 3, 10, 17, 7:00 p.m. If you already know how to knit or crochet or if you want to learn how to knit or crochet join us at Woodburn. We have people that can help you get started or teach you new techniques. Join us for a creative evening.

WOODBURN LEGO CLUB
Monday, December 14,

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

WOODBURN KIDS CLUB
Wednesday, December 9, 4:00 p.m. A special club for children ages 6-11. Each meeting will include a game, a readers' theater, a craft and a snack as well as book sharing. You will receive a button each time you attend. This month we will be making some cookies!

THE MIX
Wednesday, December 16, 4:00 p.m. Young Adults... drop into the library for a different activity each month. Music or crafts or games or whatever is in the mix. This month we are enjoying some Christmas Games & Having Fun.

CANDY CREATIONS
Wednesday, December 2, at 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 5, 11:00 a.m. Put your creative talents to the test and don't let your sweet tooth get the best of you. Using all kinds of candy and chocolate we will be making holiday trees, wreaths, stockings and more.

IF YOU TAKE A LIBRARIAN WITH SANTA
Tuesday, December 1 - Saturday, December 19, during library hours. Saint Nick's Day is celebrated on December 6 and we are planning a journey/scavenger hunt to see if Santa

would be sidetracked on his Christmas Eve trek, if a librarian accompanied him.

Friendship Bracelets
Wednesday, December 30, 4:00 p.m. Friendship Bracelets are a way to let your friends know you think of them often. We supply materials and samples of different bracelets then you design your own.

PROGRAMS FOR GRABILL BRANCH LIBRARY

MONDAY NIGHT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Monday, December 7, 7:00 p.m. Each month we discuss a different book. This month we will read *Some Luck* by Jane Smiley

BORN TO READ
Tuesdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:30 a.m. You're never too young to enjoy the library. For babies and their caregivers.

SMART START STORYTIME
Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 10:30 a.m. Preschoolers and their grownups are invited to attend a storytime designed to help them as they begin to read.

LEGO CLUB
Wednesday, December 2, 3:30 p.m. Use our stash of Lego blocks to build amazing things. Each month we'll have a special challenge and time to share our creations with each other.

HOMESCHOOL CRAFT CHALLENGE

Monday, December 14, 10:30 a.m. Come on over for creative (sometimes messy) fun. We supply all the materials so bring your friends and family. In December we will be making Cards

HOMESCHOOL SCIENCE CHALLENGE

Monday, December 28, 10:30 a.m. Challenge your mind learning new science concepts, while having a blast with your friends. In December we will be building with LEGO bricks.

HOMESCHOOL HISTORY CHALLENGE

Monday, December 21, 10:30 a.m. Home school History Challenge meetings will focus on an Historical time period with iPad quizzes, discussion and activities.

3D PRINTING WORKSHOP

Wednesday, December 30, 1:00 p.m. The staff from the Maker Lab at Main Library is hitting the road and bringing a 3D Printing Workshop to the Grabill Branch. In a 2-hour program, we will teach you how to use TinkerCAD to make your own designs.

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CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING AT ANTWERP ELEMENTARY



Mrs. McMichael's kindergarten class at Antwerp Elementary School finished a Thanksgiving unit and celebrated by making cornbread and butter. Alexis Halker, Kora Zuber, and Weston Woodby took turns making homemade butter. Pictured here are Gage Barker with the cornbread and Allie Rice with the homemade butter.

GROVER HILL STUDENTS SHARE A 'MINION' REASONS TO BE THANKFUL



Mrs. Jessica Jacob's Kindergarten class at Grover Hill Elementary share a "Minion" reasons to be thankful. L-R Parker Jenkins, Damara Stephey-Baldazo, Aries Ricker, Chyenne Brimmer and Braxton Schnipke.

PROGRAMS FOR ALLEN COUNTY LIBRARY

The 'King's Cure': Lincoln and the Thirteenth Amendment

Sunday, December 6, 2:00 p.m. Meeting Room A, Main Library. On the 150th anniversary of the thirteenth amendment's ratification by the states, Professor Brian Dirck of Anderson University will discuss the amendment and Lincoln's role in its success. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Allen County Public Library.

Storytime for Preschools, Daycares & Other Groups

Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 9:30 a.m. 30-minute of theme-based stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities and fun for your 3 to 6 year old child.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 10:30 a.m. Little kids - and bigger kids, too!

Are invited to read, sing, and play along at a storytime that is fun for all ages and stages.

BABIES AND BOOKS

Fridays, December 4, 11, 18, 10:00 a.m. Bring in those little babies for a special time just for them. They are never too young to begin with books.

TODDLER STORY-TIME

Fridays, December 4, 11, 18, 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Special stories, songs and activities for active toddlers! Children 18 months to 3 years of age and their caregivers are encouraged to attend.

CHI LEGO Club

Thursdays, December 3, 10, 17, 31, 3:30 p.m. Do you like LEGOs? If so, come join a group of like-minded kids, sprawl on the floor and build.

Minecraft Masters

Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 4:00 p.m. Welcome all Minecraft survivors. Whether you are an expert or just getting started, come and

explore the Minecraft world.

Toddler Art

Tuesday, December 8, 10:30 a.m. Caregivers and Toddlers are welcome to join us in the Globe Room to make a fun, age-appropriate craft. Though we try to be careful, art projects can get messy, so it's recommended that adults and little ones wear old clothes.

Discover 3D Printing

Monday, December 14, 2:00 & 6:30 p.m. Discover the wonder of 3D printing in this hands-on class. Children will learn the basics of designing a 3D object and also learn how to use a 3D printer. We won't have enough time to print every design so participants will receive a free print certificate to use at a later date. To register please call 421-1220.

The Coretta Scott King Book Award: Past and Present

Saturday, December 5, 2:00 p.m. "The Coretta Scott King Book Awards are given annually to outstanding African-American authors and illustrators of books for children and your adults that demonstrate an appreciation of African-American culture and universal human values. We will discuss past award winning books and potential winners.

Math Adventures

Monday, December 7, 4:00 p.m. This program encourages participants to solve problems and explore basic math concepts. For children grades K - 2nd.

I'm a Hoosier! - The ACPL 33rd Annual Poetry Contest Awards Ceremony

Saturday, December 12, 11:00 a.m. Main Library Theater. The winners of the Poetry Contest, sponsored by the Friends of the Allen County Public Library will read their poems and receive their awards.

2016 Mock Caldecott Election.

Saturday, December 12, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Any-one interest in picture book art will enjoy the discussion of this year's Caldecott contenders. Indian librarians will earn 4 LEU's for attending.

2016 Mock Newbery Discussion and Election

Saturday, December 12, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. We will be discussing this year's new chapter books and then voting for the 2016 ACPL Mock Newbery winner and honor books.

Be a Moviemaker

Tuesday, December 29, 2:00 p.m. Learn the basics of storytelling with stop motion animation apps on the library's iPads. This program is open to all ages, but is designed for children who can read.

Build with Keva Planks

Wednesday, December 30, 2:00 p.m. Build it high, Build it Strong. Create amazing structures and designs with our collection of Keva Planks.

Totally Terrific Tuesdays-

Tuesday, December 8, 7:00 p.m. This month we will be making a special December craft—Christmas Craft.

First Fridays Book Group

Friday, December 4, 10:00 a.m. Talk about interesting books while enjoying donuts with other homeschoolers.

Books-n-Bagels(and a few donuts)

Friday, December 11, 10:00 a.m. Join our home

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-SoNotanElf

Dear SoNotanElf,
Why yes, yes I do have some tips for you!

1. Make a list! While this may sound like common sense. It is not! We have all been guilty of wandering through the aisles trying to find the perfect holiday gifts. So, start by making a list of those you hope to gift. Beside the name, write your price range, then write a 3 gift ideas. Do some research online and in local ads to find your best deals!

2. Start early. Yes, you

may not be starting super early this year (since I just received this question), but start now! The earlier you start, the better chance you have for avoiding the rush. The rush prevents us from being able to take the needed time for price research.

3. Now, while I do suggest starting early as possible. For those of us who inevitably find ourselves shopping at the last minute, many online stores offer free shipping starting about December 17th. (Watch your favorite sites for specials)

4. Don't spend money at all! If you are crafty, create something special for those on your list. If you are a good baker or candy maker,

these make amazing gifts. Give the gift of your time and talents. They are more personal and last a life time.

5. And finally, do not buy gifts, simply to buy them. Do not waste your hard earned money on a gift that will not be cherished. Take the time to understand the giftee. This season is not about getting lots of gifts but about celebration and love.

Blessings,
-Miss C

Send your questions to me today! AskMeMissC@gmail.com, Facebook, or US Mail directed to the West Bend News (and to my attention)

school book group for high school students.

Home school Happenings

Thursday, December 3 1:00 p.m. Learn something new or participate in an interesting activity every month. This month It's a Wonderful Christmas Party.

SciFi Club

Thursday, December 10, 7:00 p.m. We talk movies, games books, graphic novels and any other science fiction topic.

Jeffrey R. Krull Gallery The Hoosier Salon

Sunday, December 13 - Friday, January 8, 2015. Once again we are hosting the Hoosier Salon. The best by Indiana artists will be on display.

Craft Café

Thursday, December 10, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Want to get crafty? So Do we. Bring your project to the library and enjoy drafting, coffee and conversation. All crafters and projects are welcome.

Movie Night@ the Library

Tuesday, December 15, 6:30 p.m. Theater Lower Level 2 Main Library. We will present a G, PG or PG-13 moving on the big screen the 4th Tuesday of the month. Adults must accompany children under 13, the doors open at 6 first come first seated.

IPFW Saxophone Quartet

Tuesday, December 1, 12:00 p.m. Join us in the Great Hall for Holiday music by the IPFW Saxophone Quartet, directed by Dr. Farrell Vernon.

IPFW Saxophone Choir

Wednesday, December 9, 7:00 p.m. Main library Theater. Enjoy Holiday Music as only a Saxophone Choir can play it. The IPFW Saxophone Choir is directed by Dr. Farrell Vernon.

Peter Fletcher, Classical Guitarist, Plays Music for the Christmas Season

Monday, December 14, 7:00 p.m. Main Library Theater, Lower Level 2. Peter Fletcher has performed at the library a number of times and this year he is here to perform an hour long Christmas concert. Almost all the selections will be from his recent Christmas CD. It should be a great way to spend a December evening.

Where Art Thou PERSI?

9, 2:30 p.m. This presentation by Melissa Tennant will talk about where one can find PERSI, the differences between the sites, how to get copies of articles cited in the Periodical Index and the dramatic things that are happening with PERSI at FindMyPast.

LATTA TOURS OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green), toured the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge in Ottawa, OH last week. Latta, joined by State Rep. Steve Arndt (R-Port Clinton), met with Refuge Manager Jason Lewis to tour the facility, and learn about the agency's role in addressing Lake Erie water quality by creating and conserving wetlands.

"We were thrilled to have the opportunity to showcase the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge to Congressman Latta. We really appreciate the Congressman taking the time to engage with the refuge about wetland conservation and the role of wetlands in improving Lake Erie water quality," said Lewis.

"Wetlands are one piece of the landscape conservation puzzle needed to address the larger scale issue of nutrients within Lake Erie. The Congressman's visit to Ottawa shows he is genuinely concerned about this issue and is willing to en-

gage different parties to better understand the problem and solutions. The problem causing the harmful algal blooms within Lake Erie is going to require all of us working together."

Congressman Latta's bill, H.R. 212, the Drinking Water Protection Act, was recently signed into law by the President. The bill ensures the assessment and management of the risk of algal toxins in drinking water to help prevent future emergencies like the one that threatened the drinking water supply of the Greater Toledo Area last summer.

"This is a critical issue for our state and nation. The protection of one of our greatest natural resources, Lake Erie, and of the drinking water supply of northern Ohio is a responsibility shared by the federal, state and local levels," said Latta. "It was important for me to come here to see and to learn about the Refuge's efforts to protect and improve the water quality of our national treasure - an important step in further reducing the risk of algal toxins."

"I was glad to join Congressman Latta at the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Center," stated Rep. Arndt. "A commitment to remain vigilant against the pressures that our precious natural resources face—and seeing firsthand the effects and solutions to these problems—is something we both take very seriously."

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THE WEST BEND NEWS Answers on Page 15
Sudoku Puzzle

9x9 grid for a Sudoku puzzle with some numbers filled in.

WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Left to Right: 7th Grader: Lauren Barnett, 8th Grader: Catherine Strable, 9th Grader: Macy Glass, 10th Grader: Alexandra Fast, 11th Grader: Emil Stoller, 12th Grader: Allie Boroff.

Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School teachers recently nominated and voted on November Students of the Month. Nominees were: 7th Grade: Dylan Wobler, Natalie Schultz, Lauren Barnett, and Gage Tinlin. 8th Grade: Taylor Long, Catherine Strable, and Morgahn Butler. 9th Grade: Emily Dyson, Macey Glass, Brian Holbrooks, Bryan Hoffman, Ellie Stoller, and Evan Mohr. 10th Grade: Alexandra Fast, Leah Maassel, and Lily Sinn. 11th Grade: Emil Stoller. 12th Grade: Allie Boroff, and Noah Stoller.

in incarceration costs. Ten cases have used the SCRAM Unit, with nine completing the program successfully. Judge Rister commented several SCRAM probationers have requested to be extended beyond their recommended time (as self pay), noting better accountability. Mr. Johnson noted that most probationers have ties to Paulding County and many have expressed thanks for a second chance. He also noted the good working relationship with Paulding County Child Support Enforcement Agency in collecting child support payments from probationers. Mr. Johnson briefly explained that probationers may 'buy out' their community service hours if they are employed. Probationers may chose the approved community service site and pay minimum wage for the number of hours they have been assigned. Mr. Turnbull noted the excellent working relationship among the County Prosecutor's Office and local law enforcement. Joe Burkard noted Paulding County's probation officers have a high volume of probationers (above the state average). Mr. Turvy, TRI-County ADAMHS Board Director, noted Paulding County has been very pro-active in developing an effective probation department. Ms. Sutton remarked the department's services are very important to the community.
• David Cline, Sheriff's Office - Mr.

Cline presented a report on the HVAC improvements at the Sheriff's Office. He noted significant savings and was appreciative of the assistance in identifying the problem.

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VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2015-19 on November 16, 2015, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2000-19 ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF FEES, CHARGES, AND EXPENSES, AND A COLLECTION PROCEDURE FOR ZONING PERMITS, AMENDMENTS, APPEALS, VARIANCES, CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ZONING IN THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, AND REGULATING THE FEES PAID TO THE ZONING INSPECTOR FOR SERVICES." This ordinance amends Ordinance No. 2000-19 to increase certain zoning fees to cover costs of publication.
The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2015-27 on November 16, 2015, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2006-26 AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO IMPOSING A MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX IN THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO." This ordinance amends Ordinance No. 2006-26 to comply with the new municipal income tax law that will be effective January 1, 2016.
The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2015-28 on November 16, 2015, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A POLICY ON THE REIMBURSEMENT TO THE VILLAGE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN TRAINING COSTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND ADOPTING AN AGREEMENT FOR THIS SAME PURPOSE." This ordinance establishes a policy and contract to be signed by each new prospective emergency medical technician before the Village agrees to pay the training costs of an emergency medical technician for the Village of Antwerp EMS department.
The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2015-34 on November 16, 2015, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 2015-23 AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER \$5,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE COUNCIL CONTRACTUAL FUND, AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY." This ordinance repeals Ordinance No. 2015-23 as such transfer was not necessary and was never made.
The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2015-35 on November 16, 2015, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 2015-24 AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER \$9,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STORM SEWER CONTRACTUAL FUND, AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance repeals Ordinance No. 2015-24 as such transfer was not necessary and was never made.
The publication of these Ordinances is by summary only. The complete text of the Ordinances may be obtained or viewed at the office of the Village of Antwerp Fiscal Officer located at 118 North Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT REPORTS

Criminal Dispositions
Jesus M. Tano; Paulding, OH; No OL; J-Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today; proof of insurance provided
Seth M. Buhner; Oakwood, OH; Aggrav Trespass; Guilty; Fines and costs to be taken from bond; shall pay for stay at Paulding County Jail; placed on standard probation; shall complete the Hands Down Book; 60 hrs. community service; shall have no contact whatsoever with victim or her family; Count B; Dismiss; Case was waived by defendant
Brent L. Kausser; Paulding, OH; Confine of dog; guilty; case was waived by defendant
Garrett R. Bennett; Paulding, OH; Hunt Bfr season; J-Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Ohio Department of Natural Resources shall release the firearm; .22 caliber Wingmaster and Accompany Ammunition; 13 .22 short rounds back to the defendant
Trevor L. Saylor; Oakwood, OH; DUS/Non-Complia; No Cont; Pay all fines and costs by 12/16/16 or will be sent to collections
Porsche R. Wilson; Fort Wayne, IN; FTY Emer Vehicl; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Tucker Harman; Bryan, OH; Escape; Prel-Waive; Case bound over to the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio; Preliminary hearing is hereby vacated
Brandon M. Cooper; Oakwood, OH; Aggravate Arson; Prel-Waive; Defendant has been indicted by the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio; case shall be bound over
Avery E. Coplin; Paulding, OH; FTY Emer Vehicl; J-Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 1/29/16 or will be sent to collections
Rayna K. May; Greenfield, IN; Driving/Texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Andrew T. Keeling; Delphos, OH; Temp Permit; J-No Cont; Pay all fines and costs today
Real Estate Transfers:
Antwerp Village:
11/23/15; John R. Reeb, et al; Lot 25; 0.1288 acres; To: Keith E. & Beth A. Derck
Paulding Village:
11/25/15; Brandon E. Rhonehouse; Lot 6; 0.5005 acres; To: Brandon E. & Melissa S. Rhonehouse
Payne Village:
11/23/15; Darlene A. Eibling; Lot 13; 0.0306 acres; Lot 14; 0.0964 acres; To: Fifth Third Mortgage Company
Benton Twp.:
11/24/15; Robert E. Laukhuf, trustee, et al; Sec. 24; 80 acres; Sec. 13; 40 acres; Sec. 2; 41.093 acres; To: Gaye L. Myers, trustee, et al
Blue Creek Twp.:
11/24/15; Robert E. Laukhuf, trustee, et al; Sec. 19; 70 acres; To: Gaye L. Myers, trustee, et al
Latty Twp.:
11/23/15; Don Elston, life estate; Sec. 25; 74.99 acres; To: Don R. & Dessie Elston, LE

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 INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR SPRINGLEAF MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2012-3, Plaintiff, vs. AGUSTIN HERNANDEZ, ET AL., Defendants,
Case No. Cl 15 081.
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 17th day of December, 2015 at 10:15 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:
13355 Helen Street, Paulding, Ohio
Parcel Number: 23-51B-064-00
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 Fifty-seven Thousand and No/100 (\$57,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount.
The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the property at the time the purchaser takes possession.
Purchasers are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.
TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent down on day of the sale with the balance to be paid before the deed is issued.
The successful bidder will have 30 days from the sale date to obtain an examination of title at their expense, if so desired. Should such examination disclose the title to be unmarketable by any defect in the court proceedings or the existence of any outstanding interest rendering the title unmarketable, the successful bidder has 30 days to file a written motion requesting the sale shall be set aside. If the court finds the title unmarketable, the court will refuse to confirm the sale or fix a reasonable time, not to exceed 90 days, within which the defect of title may be corrected.
Taxes shall be prorated to the filing date of the confirmation entry and paid from the sale proceeds.
Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
www.pauldingohsheriff.com
James L. Sassano, Attorney for Plaintiff

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General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26
THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:
FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. RAYMOND D. McCLOUD, ET AL., Defendants,
Case No. Cl 15 127.
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 17th day of December, 2015 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:
13814 Nancy Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879
Parcel Number: 23-51B-085-00
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 Forty-five Thousand and No/100 (\$45,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount.
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General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26
THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-WL1, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-WL1, Plaintiff, vs. KARISA LONG, ET AL., Defendants,
Case No. Cl 15 119.
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 17th day of December, 2015 at 10:05 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:
14831 State Route 66, Oakwood, Ohio 45873
Parcel Number: 01-11S-001-01
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 Eighty-seven Thousand and No/100 (\$87,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount.
The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the property at the time the purchaser takes possession.
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Matthew P. Cury, Attorney for Plaintiff

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 11/18/15

This 18th day of November, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:
Roy Klopfenstein, Tony Zartman, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk
ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
Warrants documented as 220625 through 220711 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.
TRAVEL REQUEST
• Sandee Buffington, Toledo District Meeting, Findlay, OH - December 4, 2015
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING "THEN AND NOW" PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS:
The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claim on November 16, 2015, Warrants numbered 220516 through 220623 in the amount of \$73,302.56; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-001):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2015 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following:
001-001-00008/General Fund/Commissioners/Other Expenses
AMOUNT: \$19,430.00
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 003):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2015 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Health Department Fund (Fund 003):
003-001-00002/Health Department/Supplies
AMOUNT: \$21,000.00
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 009):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2015 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Engineer-Gas Tax Fund (Fund 009):
009-001-00007/Engineer-Gas Tax/Materials
AMOUNT: \$55,000.00
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 009):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2015 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Engineer-Gas Tax Fund (Fund 009):
009-001-00008/Engineer-Gas Tax/Equipment
AMOUNT: \$7,000.00
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 009):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2015 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Engineer-Gas Tax Fund (Fund 009):
009-001-00010/Engineer-Gas Tax/Insurance
AMOUNT: \$26,100.00
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 009):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2015 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Engineer-Gas Tax Fund (Fund 009):
009-001-00017/Engineer-Gas Tax/Materials
AMOUNT: \$5,000.00
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 283):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2015 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Rosedale Road Ditch Fund (Fund 283):
283-001-00001/Rosedale Road Ditch/Contracts
AMOUNT: \$1,760.00
IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 210):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2015 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Public Safety Tower Fund (Fund 210):
FROM: 210-001-00003/Public Safety Tower/Other Expenses
TO: 210-001-00001/Public Safety Tower/Maintenance Expenses
AMOUNT: \$3,660.00
Meeting Notes of Appointments:
• Ed Bohn, Paulding County EMA - Mr. Bohn announced that Christmas for Kids has begun. He was stationed around the Courthouse square on Monday, November 16. Mr. Bohn also reported he will be examining the LEPF to determine if any funds can be transferred to the EMA fund. He provided a rundown of LEPF expenditures since 2012 and what is projected for 2016 and also a quick review of what the funds may be used for. Mr. Bohn noted the Haz Mat Fund (092) may be utilized to reimburse local first responders for supplies used for clean up of hazardous spills. Dollars to replenish the fund are available from the state EMA when the appropriate paperwork is completed.
• Brion Hanenkraatt, E-911 - Mr. Hanenkraatt presented a bill from P & R Communication Services for the upgrades on the communication system. He reported radios are working better than they ever have, noting there will always be weak areas in the county. Mr. Hanenkraatt added that all three county school systems have been contacted about upgrading their equipment as well. Mr. Hanenkraatt will be providing quotes to the schools for radios from P & R Communication Services; however, he emphasized a different vendor may be used if the schools so chose.
• Board of Elections - Brenda Crawford, Jan Commers, Stan Harmon, David Cline, Linda Weidenhamer, and Bob Burkley - Ms. Crawford presented an agreement from the Secretary of State

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY STUDENTS DISGUISE TURKEYS



The first graders at Antwerp Elementary School disguised turkeys to save them from being eaten for Thanksgiving dinner! Here, Alyssa Lawson, Maddox Friend, and Eric Johnson show off the class's creative work.

HONOREES ANNOUNCED FOR DC HALL OF FAME, COACHES OF THE YEAR

Four Defiance College alumni were inducted in the Alumni Varsity D Hall of Fame during homecoming festivities on Saturday, October 24. They included: Stephanie Nafziger Fetter, Adrian, Mich.; Paul (Larry) Flynn, Avon, Ohio; Maurice (Marv) Rotondo, Sylvania, Ohio; and Michael Bixel, Willoughby, Ohio

An induction ceremony was held at halftime during the DC versus Earlham College football game in Justin F. Coressel Stadium. The Alumni Varsity D recognized Hall of Fame inductees at a 9:00 a.m. breakfast in the Serrick Campus Center. Also recognized on Saturday were seven DC alumni selected as 2015 Coach of the Year recipients. They included: Tom Held, Bob Martin, Frank Kill, Tim Held, Jim Linder, Tim Shock and Ken-

ny Krouse. Stephanie Fetter lettered in basketball all four years at Defiance College. She served as captain of the team her junior and senior years, and was chosen All-American for the 1997-1998 season. Fetter and her teammates made three NCAA Tournament appearances during her playing career, and she was chosen as the Purple & Gold Female Athlete of the Year her senior year. She was also active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Fetter graduated with a degree in finance in 1998 and worked at Tiffin University for three years as the Bursar. She and her husband Jamie (a fellow DC graduate) have three children: Tyson, Brook, and Trenton. She currently works part-time at Adrian College and does volunteer work for her children's schools.

Larry Flynn lettered in basketball all four years at DC. He played in 110 varsity games with a combined record of 73-37. He had 1,258 career points, which ranked him ninth all-time when he graduated in 1980. He shot 45 percent from the floor, which was fifth all-time when he graduated. Defiance College was the HBCC Conference champion his sophomore year and won the NAIA District 22 championship his senior year. Earlier this year, Flynn was inducted into the Lorain, Ohio, Sports Hall of Fame. His high school team Lorain Catholic went 25-1 his senior year, losing only in the state championship. Flynn played on an All-Star team the following summer in Costa Rica, representing Ohio and the United States. He graduated from DC in 1980 with a degree in accounting and management. Currently, he is a regional audit specialist with AIG. He and his wife, Judy, live in Avon, Ohio, with their two children, Andrew and Elizabeth. At DC, Maurice Rotondo lettered all four years of his athletic career, was All-Conference and All-District (NAIA District 22) Offensive Guard in 1969. In addition to football, he was a four year player for the Defiance club lacrosse team and was captain in 1970. Off the field, he was chosen as Tau Kappa Epsilon Master and Pledge Master 1968-70. Rotondo retired from teaching in 2010 after four decades of service. His time as an educator was marked

by recognition as Ottawa Hills Teacher of the Year in 1983, three Lucas County Teacher of the Year awards, two national recognitions for "Who's Who" teacher by former students, and Teacher of the Month in 2008. He served for 20 years as president of the Ottawa Hills Education Association. He is also a Vietnam War veteran. Rotondo and his wife, Cynthia, live in Sylvania, Ohio. Michael Bixel was recognized for his prowess on the football field. He came to Defiance College as a transfer student his junior and senior years, moving over from Bowling Green State University. Bixel lettered in football those two years at DC and was chosen All-District, All-League, All-American, MVP, and as captain of the team. After graduation, he played on several nationally-ranked flag football teams. He graduated with a degree in history in 1983 and is currently vice president (projects) at PNC Bank. His wife, Elizabeth, is also a 1983 graduate of Defiance College. They live in Willoughby, Ohio, and have three children: Ashley, Chelsea and Michael II. Tim Held, class of 1996, was recognized for the fifth consecutive year as a Coach of the Year for his latest outstanding season with the Cincinnati Moeller High School baseball team. Moeller has now won three of the past four Division I state baseball titles, defeating Westerville Central 16-0 for the 2015 championship. Held also earned Coach of the Year honors from the Greater Catholic League-South, the Cincinnati Enquirer, and local coaches' associations. He was invited to coach the Perfect Game All-American East team in August. He lives in Cincinnati with his wife, Leslie, and their two sons. Tom Held, DC class of 1985, was recognized as Coach of the Year for once again leading the Defiance High School baseball team to the Division II state championship. The Bulldogs finished the 2015 season with a 28-5 record, bringing Tom's lifetime record at Defiance 437-70. Tom and his wife, Deanne, have three children and live in Defiance. Jim Linder, class of 1989, was recognized as Coach of the Year for leading the Wayne Trace High School boys basketball team to the state semifinals for the first time in seven years. Wayne Trace entered the semifinals ranked second in the state, and although a loss to Canal Winchester ended their season, they did so with a 25-2 overall record. Linder's sons, Ethan and Corbin, helped lead the Raiders' phenomenal season. Linder is in his eighth year as head coach of the boys basketball team. He was honored as an Alumni Coach of the Year two years ago, the Crescent-News Co-Coach of the Year and Northwest District Coach of the Year last year. Linder holds the single-season record for wins at Wayne Trace with 25 victories during the 2014-15 season. He and his wife, Jane, live in Paulding and have six

children: Riley, Abbey, Haley, Corbin, Ethan and Josiah. Frank Kill, class of 2002, was awarded Coach of the Year for leading the Lima Central Catholic High School boys basketball team to the state tournament. The team advanced to the state final before losing in the title game to Cleveland Villa Angela-St. Joseph. This was Kill's second state championship game as head coach at LCC, and his second year to receive Coach of the Year recognition. His Thunderbirds won the state championship in 2014. Kill and his wife, Kris, live in Lima and have two children. Tim Shock, class of 2008, received Coach of the Year honors for leading Hicksville High School's baseball team to the state semi-finals. The team secured the Division IV Regional Championship with a record of 19-10. Although Hicksville was the fifth seed in the Bryan District Tournament, the Aces ran off six straight playoff wins to make it to the state tournament for the first time since 1982. Shock lives in Hicksville with his wife, Chris. They have two children, Abbey and Gunner. Bob Martin, class of 1976, is being honored as Coach of the Year for his work with the Doncaster Danum Eagles basketball team in Doncaster, England. He has been with the Danum Eagles high school program since 2001 and led the team to eight conference championships, seven final four appearanc-

es, and six English Schools high school national championships. Martin was named 2014-15 Coach of the Year and Team of the Year in the region, and currently has more than 300 "mini-Eagles" involved in a weekly youth program. Kenny Krouse, class of 1987, received Coach of the Year honors for his outstanding 2014 season with the Tinora High School football program. Tinora won the 2014 regional title with a 13-1 record before ending the season with a loss in the state semi-finals. Tinora was ranked fourth in the final AP State Football Poll. Krouse and the Rams hold a 61-4 record in the conference over the past 10 years and have had three undefeated regular seasons (2002, 2010 and 2014). He has a career record at Tinora of 132-60. During that time they have won eight Green Meadows Conference titles and have made nine playoff appearances. Krouse lives in Bryan with his wife, Lori, daughter, Madysen, and stepsons, Brandon and Jared. Defiance College, chartered in 1850, is an independent, liberal arts institution in Northwest Ohio offering more than 40 undergraduate programs of study as well as graduate programs in education and business. Defiance College has received national recognition for its educational experience of service and engagement. The college website is www.defiance.edu.

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USDA AWARDS \$2 MIL- LION FOR NUTRITION EDUCATION AND OBESITY PREVENTION RESEARCH

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) today awarded \$2 million in grants to support research on nutrition education and obesity prevention for disadvantaged children and families at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and Utah State University. The funding will help create two additional Regional Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Centers of Excellence (RNECE), established through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP).

"Childhood obesity rates in America have tripled over the past three decades," said NIFA Director Sonny Ramaswamy. "While we are beginning to see promising signs of progress with the epidemic leveling off in children, these grants will help evaluate and strengthen existing nutrition education and obesity prevention efforts to help ensure this progress continues."

The awards include:
 University of Tennessee at Knoxville (UT) will receive \$1 million to strengthen SNAP and EFNEP nutrition education programs for low-income families. The Center will focus on reducing obesity by analyzing programs to identify facilitators, barriers, best practices, training and evaluation needs. UT will develop and disseminate resources tailored to the needs of those delivering SNAP-Ed and EFNEP interventions and adapt and disseminate readiness-to-change resources to strengthen organizational, community and neighborhood coalitions and provide resources to increase intercultural competence in SNAP-Ed and EFNEP implementation.

Utah State University in Logan, Utah will receive \$1 million to compare EFNEP and SNAP-Ed program participants and non-participants with a variety of ethnic and racial backgrounds across five states. This research will improve USDA's ability to evaluate, create and maintain effective nutrition education programs that result in healthier food choices and increased physical activity for participants. These lifestyle changes will lead to

improved health and reduced incidence of disease and disability, reducing costs to individuals and the nation's healthcare system.

"With one-third of our nation's children overweight or obese, this issue stands out as one of the greatest health challenges facing our country," said USDA Food and Nutrition Service Administrator Audrey Rowe. "As we invest in our nation's health it is important we leverage partners and innovative strategies to help children from low-income families grow and develop into healthy adults."

The RNECE were established in 2014 with one research institution in each of NIFA's four administrative regions and one National Coordination Center. The Centers are the result of a partnership between USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), NIFA and the participating universities. Through these research centers the agencies expect to develop evidence-based data to support best practices that mitigate issues leading to obesity, particularly among poor and underrepresented groups.

SNAP-Ed was initiated in 1992 and is administered by participating state SNAP agencies in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. SNAP-Ed is delivered by nearly 100 implementing agencies including land-grant universities in 47 states, public health departments, food banks, non-profit organizations, and others. EFNEP was started in 1969 and is administered by 1862 and 1890 land-grant institutions in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and six U.S. territories.

FNS administers 15 nutrition assistance programs. In addition to SNAP these programs include the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC); National School Lunch and Breakfast programs; and the Summer Food Service Program that together comprise America's nutrition safety net. Improving the diets of participants is a key component of USDA's nutrition assistance programs.

NIFA invests in and advances agricultural research, education, and extension and seeks to make transformative discoveries that solve societal challenges. To learn more about NIFA's impact on agricultural science visit nifa.usda.gov/impacts.

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U.S., GHANA ANNOUNCE FOOD FOR PROGRESS AGREEMENTS TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY

Deputy Agriculture Secretary Krysta Harden and Ghanaian Minister of Food and Agriculture Fifi Kwetey will announce two Food for Progress agreements today to support agricultural development and trade within Ghana's poultry sector.

"The Food for Progress agreements are the latest example of the partnership between the people of Ghana and the United States," Harden said. "When the government of Ghana asked for assistance to improve its poultry sector, USDA and its partners were ready to help. We are happy to be here today with ACIDI/VOCA and the American Soybean Association to launch new economic development and producer outreach initiatives."

The agreement with ACIDI/VOCA targets producer groups and cooperators and works with those

groups to improve feed quality and veterinary services. The agreement with the American Soybean Association focuses on educating producers about the importance of high-quality feed and improves the industry's capacity to test feed. The agreements are valued at \$36.6 and \$21.5 million, respectively and the projects will operate over five years.

USDA's Food for Progress Program helps developing countries modernize and strengthen their agricultural sectors. U.S. agricultural commodities are donated, sold on the local market and the proceeds are used to support agricultural, economic or infrastructure development programs.

The projects supported by these new agreements will help Ghanaian farmers improve the health and quality of their poultry flocks, increasing farm income and improving operational efficiencies. For more information about the Food for Progress Program, visit www.fas.usda.gov/programs/food-progress.

NEW HEIGHTS EDUCATIONAL GROUP, INC. HONORED AS 2015 TOP-RATED NONPROFIT

New Heights Educational Group announced today that it has been honored with the prestigious 2015 Top-Rated Award by Great Nonprofits, the leading provider of user reviews about nonprofit organizations.

"We are excited to be named a Top-Rated 2015 Nonprofit," says Pamela Clark, Executive Director of the NHEG. We are proud of our accomplishments this year, including expanding our online classes, new partnerships, and internet radio show.

The Top-Rated Nonprofit award was based on the large number of positive reviews NHEG received.

Thirteen reviews with a 5 star average were written by volunteers and clients posting their personal experience with the nonprofit:

"New Heights is an exceptional organization to volunteer for. I have been a volunteer for about seven months now, and it is a highly rewarding place to be. The organization is always growing and evolving their thoughts for continuous improvement. Volunteers are encouraged and listened to. The leadership of Mrs. Clark is exemplary, and all volunteers are appreciated. The mission of the company really makes you feel like you're making a difference. Other volunteers are also friendly, amazing people with a diverse range of talents and backgrounds. I couldn't think of a better place to have chosen to put my time into. NHEG is simply fantastic."

A student wrote, "Hello, my name is Kathyne, and I am a home schooler. New Heights Educational Group sent me these tutors, Sue Sidaway, Vanh Vue, and Heather Ruggiero, to help me in math and science. I just want to take some time and thank them for their help. Sue Sidaway and Heather Ruggiero have helped me so much in math. I'm actually enjoying and understanding it better. Vanh Vue has helped me understand science by breaking it down for me piece by piece. I'm learning new concepts because I can now understand, and I'm making connections to real life scenarios."

While the Top-Rated Awards run through the end of October, NHEG was part of the inaugural group to qualify for the year. In addition, NHEG will be added to GreatNonprofits #GivingTuesday Guide—an interactive guide to top nonprofits throughout the year. Look for this near the holidays. "Savvy donors want to see the impact of their donations more than ever," said Perla Ni, CEO of GreatNonprofits.

Being on the Top-Rated list gives donors and volunteers more confidence that this is a credible organization. The

reviews by volunteers and clients show the on-the-ground results of this nonprofit, and the award shows recognition by the community.

The New Heights Educational Group, Inc. promotes literacy for children and adults by offering a range of educational support services. Such services include: assisting families in the selection of schools, organization of educational activities, and acquisition of materials.

We promote a healthy learning environment and enrichment programs for families of preschool and school-age children, including children with special needs.

Visit NHEG online at www.NewHeightsEducation.org, email NewHeightsEducation@yahoo.com, or call 419-786-0247.

LATTA VOTES ON RESOLUTIONS TO PROTECT AFFORDABLE AND RELIABLE ELECTRICITY

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH), a Member of the Subcommittee on Energy and Power, joined subcommittee colleagues Tuesday in approving two resolutions, H.J. Res 71 and H.J. Res 72. The resolutions, which Latta co-sponsored, disapprove of the two final rules issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for new and existing power plants.

"At the direction of the President, the EPA has overstepped its authority under the Clean Air Act while imposing unnecessary and costly regulation that will destroy jobs, threaten grid reliability and increase electricity prices," said Rep. Latta. "As countless hardworking men and women in Ohio, and across the country are still struggling through a stagnant economy, families can ill-afford to bear the burdensome costs of the President's reiteration of his failed cap and trade policy. These resolutions protect ratepayers and American jobs by ensuring states are not subjected to the EPA's regulatory overreach."

Introduced under the Congressional Review Act, the resolutions dictate the EPA may not issue the same or a substantially similar rule unless authorized by subsequent legislation.

Public Notice School Bus for Sale

The Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities is accepting sealed bids for one 1999 Thomas/Ford handicapped school bus. Interested parties may inspect the bus between the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday at the PARC Lane Training Center, 900 Fairground Drive, Paulding Ohio. The bus will be sold as is with no warranty either written or implicit. Bids will be accepted until 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, to Jeremy Akom, Transportation Supervisor, Paulding County Board of DD, 900 Fairground Drive, Paulding, Ohio 45879. The County Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waiver formalities. Payment for and transfer of title to said vehicle will be handled within ten (10) days after bid opening.

NOTICE

Claudia Fickel, Paulding County Auditor, would like to inform the residents of Paulding County that appraisers will be working throughout the county over the next few months. The appraisers are visiting properties in the county as part of the 2016 revaluation project.

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OHIO'S YOUNG HUNTERS HARVEST MORE THAN 7,000 DEER DURING YOUTH GUN SEASON

Ohio's young hunters checked 7,223 white-tailed deer during the two-day youth gun season, November 21-22, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

"The weather this year provided our youth hunters with a great opportunity to enjoy their time in the field," said ODNR Director James Zehringer. "Providing exclusive youth hunting seasons is a great way to provide our kids with a mentored and educational environment to learn and succeed in the field."

Youth hunters could pursue deer with a legal shotgun, muzzleloader, handgun or specific straight-walled cartridge rifle and were required to be accompanied by a non-hunting adult during the two-day season. The youth deer-gun season is one of four special youth-only hunting seasons designed to offer a dedicated hunting experience for young hunters. Youth hunting seasons are available for small game, wild turkey and

waterfowl.

Ohio offers many more opportunities for hunters of all ages to pursue deer. The deer-gun season is Monday, Nov. 30, through Sunday, Dec. 6, and Dec. 28-29. Deer-muzzleloader season is Saturday, Jan. 9, through Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016. Deer-archery season is open now through Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016. Find complete details in the 2015-2016 Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations at wildohio.gov.

Youth hunters can commemorate their hunt with a First Harvest certificate, available at wildohio.gov. Participants can upload a photo and type in their information to personalize the certificate. Hunters can also share photos by clicking on the Photo Gallery tab online.

The goal of Ohio's Deer Management Program is to provide a deer population that maximizes recreational opportunities, while minimizing conflicts with landowners and motorists. In most counties, deer populations are at or near target levels. Therefore, to help stabilize deer populations, bag limits were reduced, and antlerless permit use has been eliminated in

most counties for the 2015-2016 season. In general, deer hunters will likely find deer populations similar to last year. However, because of the regulation changes (smaller bag limits and limited availability of antlerless permits), fewer antlerless deer will be harvested, and the overall deer harvest will likely be down 4-8 percent.

For summaries of past deer seasons, visit wildohio.gov/deerharvest.

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

Editor's Note: County list of all white-tailed deer checked by youth hunters using a shotgun, muzzleloader, handgun or straight-walled cartridge rifle during the 2015 youth deer-gun hunting season:

- Adams: 170; Allen: 44; Ashland: 149; Ashtabula: 147; Athens: 169; Auglaize: 52; Belmont: 167; Brown: 100; Butler: 25; Carroll: 140; Champaign: 47; Clark: 20; Clermont: 65; Clinton: 37; Columbiana: 122; Coshocton: 258; Crawford: 37; Cuyahoga: 0; Darke: 21; Defiance: 75; Delaware: 42; Erie: 17; Fairfield: 79; Fay-

- ette: 18; Franklin: 8; Fulton: 30; Gallia: 124; Geauga: 39; Greene: 18; Guernsey: 188; Hamilton: 13; Hancock: 50; Hardin: 58; Harrison: 183; Henry: 20; Highland: 132; Hocking: 125; Holmes: 203; Huron: 85; Jackson: 135; Jefferson: 117; Knox: 182; Lake: 8; Lawrence: 69; Licking: 182; Logan: 82; Lorain: 56; Lucas: 15; Madison: 19; Mahoning: 65; Marion: 31; Medina: 38; Meigs: 171; Mercer: 47; Miami: 29; Monroe: 128; Montgomery: 7; Morgan: 143; Morrow: 52; Muskingum: 200; Noble: 114; Ottawa: 18; Paulding: 49; Perry: 128; Pickaway: 41; Pike: 83; Portage: 104; Preble: 43; Putnam: 38; Richland: 116; Ross: 162; Sandusky: 15; Scioto: 127; Seneca: 95; Shelby: 67; Stark: 64; Summit: 9; Trumbull: 81; Tuscarawas: 226; Union: 36; Van Wert: 38; Vinton: 102; Warren: 35; Washington: 145; Wayne: 79; Williams: 48; Wood: 28; Wyandot: 79.

HOLIDAY LIGHT DISPLAY PLANNED AT THE PAULDING COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

It's hard to believe but the Holiday Season will soon be upon us! The Paulding County Senior & Junior Fairboard Holiday Light Display will once again be making a return to the Paulding County Fairgrounds. Holiday Displays from Paulding County 4H Clubs/FFA Chapters, school and community organizations as well as local businesses will light up the fairgrounds in the holiday spirit. Dates for the 2015 display are as follows: December 11th, 12th and 13th, as well as December 18th, 19th, and 20th, running from 5:30 - 10:00 p.m. each evening at 503 Fairground Dr. in Paulding. In addition to the light display outside, the Extension Hall on the fairgrounds will be open each night for the little ones to get their pictures taken with Santa or families to get a holiday picture. Light refreshments will also be available in the Extension Hall.

Any local club or organization is certainly still welcome set up a light display. Those wishing to set up a display need to contact the following Senior Fairboard members: Patrick Troyer (419)-796-7441 or troyer.110@osu.edu, Justin Carnahan (419)-438-5744, Jacob Luderman (419)-785-5422, or Dan Howell (419)-769-1379.

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WAYNE TRACE SPELLING BEE WINNERS!



Pictured are Mrs. Kim Miller, Carson Rupp, Gage Tinlin, and Miss Klopfenstein. Gage will represent WTJH in the county spelling bee which will take place in January.

On November 20, Wayne Trace seventh and eighth graders participated in the school spelling bee. Seventh grader Gage Tinlin defeated runner-up Carson Rupp (also a seventh-grader), who misspelled the word "cylindrical." The winning word was "latency."

RYAN WENNINGER WINS WAYNE TRACE GEOGRAPHIC BEE



Pictured is Geography Bee winner Ryan Wenninger, Mrs. Kerry Gudakunst, and Nathaniel Showalter.

Ryan Wenninger, a 7th student at Wayne Trace Junior High, won the school competition of the National Geographic Bee on November 20, 2015 and a chance at a \$50,000 college scholarship. The school Bee, at which students answered questions on geography, was the first round in the 28th annual National Geographic Bee.

Thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories are participating in the 2016 Bee. The school champions, including Ryan, will take a qualifying test; up to 100 of the top scorers on that test in each state will then be eligible to compete in their state Bee on April 1, 2016.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state winners to participate in the Bee national championship rounds May 22-25, 2016. The first place national champion will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the Society including a subscription to National Geographic magazine, and a National Geographic Expeditions trip to a national park in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service.

The national finals will air on television on the National Geographic Channel and PBS stations. Check local listings for dates and times.

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the exciting GeoBee Challenge, an online geography quiz at www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee, which poses 10 new questions a day, or by downloading the "National Geographic GeoBee Challenge" app, with more than 1,000 questions culled from past Bees, available on the App Store for iPhone, iPod touch and iPad; from the Android Market; or for NOOK Color.

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