

LADY RAIDERS TRIP PAULDING AFTER 28 POINTS



Wayne Trace's Courtney Mead is fouled by Paulding's Samantha Meggison sending Mead to the foul line. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The game between the local rivals—Paulding vs Wayne Trace — at the Panthers stadium was rather hot-hum for much of the first half. The Lady Panthers actually earned and kept the lead over the Raiders in the first and part of the second periods.

Later in the second quarter it wasn't long before the coach lit a fire under the guest

team. It was a different game from then on. Wayne Trace put together a 28-0 scoring stretched into the third quarter where the lady Raiders were burning up the court, leaving the Panthers holding nothing but an empty bag.

It started when the Lady Panthers got into foul trouble while Erin Mohr and Danae Myers chipped away at their lead. It was just bad timing for the home team.

The final score was 56-38 with the Raiders taking home the win.

Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Vogel 17; Arend 11; Townley 5; Meggison 3; Arellano 2

Wayne Trace - Mohr 25; Myers 11; Sinn 6; Mead 5; Gudakunst 4; Eklund 2; Egnor 1
Coach Mark Rhodes stat-

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ARCHER BOYS WIN IN 4TH OT



Sam Williamson scores half of his points as free-throws in this tight contest.

The Antwerp Archers travelled to Continental on Saturday, December 12 at the home court of the Pirates. Antwerp has had good games this year, but not the best outcomes. I think you'll see both Antwerp and Continental very similar. The Archers went in with a 1-3 record. The JV game was won by Antwerp 26-20.

The game began with Antwerp having a phenomenal first period when Sam Williamson easily nailed two 3 point baskets and Matt Jones scoring 2 - 2 pointers and they outscored the Pirates by 10 points.

The second quarter, like they do many times, reversed course and put Continental in charge when Williams and Olds both kept hitting the basket.

On the Archer side, defense was struggling to hold down the Pirates while the offense had a hard time keeping it on Antwerp's side, only adding 7 points to the period. The half finished with Antwerp holding a small lead, 24-19.

The rest of the game came down to pure entertainment. By the end of the fourth quarter, the game was tied at 44. Next came the overtime periods, Sam Williamson kept getting fouled, and two of the Continental players fouled out. Out of 16 free throws under this kind of pressure, Sam missed none! Matt Jones also had 6 points from foul shots.

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LEGISLATION WOULD HONOR FALLEN MILITARY HERO IN PAULDING COUNTY

State Representative Tony Burkley (R-Payne) introduced legislation to designate a portion of highway in Paulding County after a local military hero who was killed during a shootout in Chattanooga, Tennessee, this summer.

House Bill 406 would name the portion of US Route 127 stretching from the northern edge of Paulding to the intersection of US Route 127 and State Route 111 in Paulding County as the "U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Smith Memorial Highway."

Born in Paulding in 1989 and a graduate of Paulding High School, PO2 Smith was shot while protecting his fellow servicemen on July 18th during an ambush at a recruiting center in Chattanooga. He died two days later.

"While nothing can change the events that occurred in Chattanooga, we do have an opportunity to properly honor this fallen hero," said Burkley. "It is my hope that once enacted, this stretch of highway will stand as a reminder every day of the sacrifices from our men and women in uniform."

After serving for three years as an active duty lo-

NEW HAVEN SENIOR, DERIC LAURENT SIGNS WITH INDIANA WESLEYAN



Deric Laurent signed letter of intent for Indiana Wesleyan University, for Track and Cross Country. Deric plans on studying Business Management with the hope of running a physical therapy clinic with his brother. Deric holds the school record for the 5,000 with a time of 15:34, is 1st team all Northeast 8, 1st Team all State, 4A

runner IATCCC, and placed 35th at this years state cross county meet. Deric helped lead the cross country team to both Sectional and Regional Championships this year. He was named the teams most valuable runner for the last 3 seasons. Deric's current class rank is 22nd.

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gistics specialist with the US Navy, Smith re-enlisted and was stationed at the Naval Operations Support Center in Chattanooga. There, he was responsible for training and transporting active duty Naval personnel. He was also very charitable, including giving his time to Stuff the Truck, the Chattanooga Area Food Bank,

cancer awareness programs, providing rescue assistance during Hurricane Sandy and donating Easter baskets to hospitalized children.

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OBITUARIES

CECIL, OHIO

Forrest Rice, 71, of Cecil, passed away Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at Paulding County Hospital. His family was assisted by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne, Ohio.

CECIL, OHIO

Eileen D. Shaffer, 96 of Cecil, passed away Sunday, December 13, 2015. Her family was assisted by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 12/16- 12/22

12/16 - Turkey, ham & cheese on rye, vegetable soup w/crackers, potato salad, tropical fruit, oatmeal raisin bar, milk

12/17 - Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, wax beans, hot apples, w.w. bread, jello, milk

12/18 - Seasoned veal cutlet, rice pilaf, brussel sprouts, apple juice, fruit crisp, dinner roll, milk

12/21 - Chili, coleslaw, cinnamon peaches, fiesta cornbread, brownie, milk

12/22 - Chicken & broccoli casserole, warm applesauce, biscuit, grape juice, milk

USDA ANNOUNCES INVESTMENTS IN RURAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES TO ENHANCE RURAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced investments to improve rural community infrastructure, provide essential services and improve access to health care across rural America through Rural Development's Community Facilities (CF) program. Today's investments in health facilities and support for first responders comes as the department celebrates National Rural Health Week.

"Rural America deserves quality, affordable health care, but too often local com-

munities lack the capital to invest in improving the facilities that deliver that care," Vilsack said. "I am especially proud of the role that USDA plays in addressing the critical needs for health care facilities, including mental health facilities."

With today's announcement, Secretary Vilsack said that the department has eclipsed a goal, set in December of 2013, to investing up to \$50 million in CF funds over the subsequent three years to develop or improve mental health facilities and services in rural areas. CF funding in 2015 more than quadrupled that goal in just two years, funding more than \$213 million in 80 projects in 34 states.

Among the awards to support health care services, buildings and equipment is a \$91 million loan USDA provided to the Avita Health System in Galion, Ohio. Avita will use the funds to convert the former Lazarus department store building in the Richland Mall in Ontario, Ohio, into a multi-specialty health care facility. USDA Rural Development Deputy Under Secretary Vernita Dore spoke in Ohio today at the groundbreaking ceremony. Once completed, the 197,500-square-foot facility will create 352 jobs and provide health care to nearly 125,000 residents in portions of three counties in North Central Ohio.

Allendale County, S.C., one of the poorest in the state, is receiving \$366,800 in grants to improve a variety of public safety and other services, including the purchase of a vehicle for the Office of Aging to transport local seniors to health care and other facilities. Allendale and the surrounding "Low country" was designated by the Obama Administration as a Promise Zone where the federal government will partner with and invest in communities to promote economic growth. The county is also served by USDA's StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity Initiative. Through StrikeForce, USDA leverages resources and collaborates with partners and stakeholders to improve economic opportunities and the quality of life in communities that need our services the most.

Another health care investment is a \$7.5 million loan for Nanticoke Memorial Hospital, Inc. in Seaford, Del., to connect two buildings to a larger complex. Nanticoke Memorial serves approximately 30,000 residents in Delaware and Maryland.

The University of Pikeville (Ky.), in the heart of Appalachia, is an example of an organization that is using USDA assistance to improve rural communities. The uni-

versity received two Community Facilities loans totaling \$50 million in September 2014 and April 2015 to build a health education building that will house the new Kentucky College of Optometry. The college will help provide much-needed services to area residents. One out of four Kentucky counties lacks a practicing optometrist, and only one out of 10 counties has enough optometrists to meet residents' needs.

In addition to health investments, the CF program invested in a wide variety of projects to address local rural community needs. In Minnesota, the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians is receiving a \$1.4 million loan to help build a community center. Woodruff County, Ark., is getting a \$50,000 grant to install an elevator in the courthouse to provide access for people with disabilities. The town of Rosedale, Miss., has been selected for a \$39,000 grant to purchase two police cars. And in Oklahoma, operators of the Coalgate Airport will use a \$50,000 grant to improve airport security and enhance fire protection services.

Fifteen recipients receiving funding today were given priority points through a provision in the 2014 Farm Bill that encourages communities to adopt regional economic development plans. These projects are centered on regional collaboration and long-term growth strategies. They leverage outside resources and capitalize on a region's unique strengths. The city of Ash Flat, Ark., received regional development priority points to purchase training equipment for the fire department. Also in Arkansas, Woodruff received a \$50,000 grant to install an elevator in the historic county courthouse to make it accessible for people with disabilities.

Since 2009, USDA has awarded \$9.7 billion under its Community Facilities programs, including \$4.9 billion for 1,052 health care projects; \$266 million for improvements to 206 public schools; \$133 million for 555 libraries; \$39 million for 240 day care centers; and \$791 million to support 4,876 public safety facilities in rural areas.

Funding of each grant and loan announced today, which amounts to more than \$1.2 billion in new projects, is contingent upon the recipient meeting the terms of the funding agreement. The funding announced today will bring CF funding up to \$1.8 billion over the course of the fiscal year 2015.

President Obama's plan for rural America has produced historic investments in rural communities. Under

the President's leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have strengthened America's small towns and cities and helped improve the nation's economy.

MORE THAN 73,000 DEER CHECKED DURING OHIO'S WEEK LONG GUN HUNTING SEASON

Hunters checked 73,399 white-tailed deer during Ohio's 2015 deer-gun hunting season, November 30 - December 6, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). This represents a significant increase over last year's harvest of 65,484 deer. During the 2013 deer-gun season, 75,408 deer were checked.

To date, for the 2015 deer hunting seasons, hunters have checked 152,554 deer. Last year at this same time, hunters had harvested a total of 148,821 deer. Given that the year-to-date harvest is only slightly higher, the significant increase in this year's deer-gun season can most likely be attributed to better weather conditions compared to the 2014 deer-gun season. A smaller contributing element could be the fact that there was not an antlerless muzzleloader season in October this year. This year's harvest was closer to the 2013 deer-gun season harvest, which also points to last year's poor weather as the primary factor for the increase.

Two days (Monday, December 28, and Tuesday, December 29) of deer-gun season remain. The muzzleloader season is January 9 - 12, 2016, and archery season remains open through Sunday, February 7, 2016.

Deer Management Goals

The ODNR Division of Wildlife remains committed to properly managing Ohio's deer populations through a combination of regulatory and programmatic changes. 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.

Until recently, deer populations in nearly all of Ohio's counties were well above goal. In the last few years, through increased antlerless harvests, most counties are now at or near goal. 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.

The ODNR Division of Wildlife is in the process of revising Ohio's population goals and is asking hunters that receive the survey to help

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them."

—Luke 1:68



Allison Arend scores one of her many baskets in this game against the Raiders. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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ed, "I was proud of our girls, they played extremely hard, played together well and competed for four quarters. They are making progress and getting better every time out.

Wayne Trace has a talented and skilled team that does a great job of pounding the offensive boards and creating tempo."
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by completing and returning their survey as soon as possible. Hunters for this year's survey were randomly selected from the list of hunters who purchased a license and deer permit by November 16. Landowner surveys have already been completed, and hunter surveys were mailed last week. Public input is an important part of Ohio's deer management program, and survey participants are asked to complete and return their surveys to ensure that hunters have a clear voice in helping to decide the direction of deer management in Ohio.

Hunting Popularity
Hunting is the best and most effective management tool for maintaining Ohio's healthy deer population. Ohio ranks fifth nationally in resident hunters and 11th in the number of jobs associated with hunting-related industries. Hunting has a more than \$853 million economic impact in Ohio through the sale of equipment, fuel, food, lodging and more, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation's Hunting in America: An Economic Force for Conservation publication.

Editor's Note: A list of all white-tailed deer checked by hunters during the week long 2015 deer-gun hunting season is shown below. The first number following the county's name shows the harvest numbers for 2015, and the 2014 numbers are in parentheses:

Adams: 1,585 (1,134); Allen: 387 (348); Ashland: 1,232 (1,160); Ashtabula: 2,002 (1,730); Athens: 1,666 (1,360); Auglaize: 299 (278); Belmont: 1,516 (1,428); Brown: 1,055 (940); Butler: 338 (308); Carroll: 1,577 (1,477); Cham-

pagain: 419 (434); Clark: 207 (195); Clermont: 776 (685); Clinton: 292 (285); Columbiana: 1,458 (1,245); Coshocton: 2,420 (2,308); Crawford: 576 (515); Cuyahoga: 46 (24); Darke: 282 (241); Defiance: 865 (871); Delaware: 418 (422); Erie: 192 (219); Fairfield: 761 (708); Fayette: 125 (142); Franklin: 133 (124); Fulton: 361 (336); Gallia: 1,523 (1,220); Geauga: 508 (470); Greene: 220 (213); Guernsey: 1,995 (1,788); Hamilton: 252 (165); Hancock: 487 (443); Hardin: 542 (487); Harrison: 1,664 (1,491); Henry: 365 (334); Highland: 1,189 (1,004); Hocking: 1,592 (1,195); Holmes: 1,362 (1,349); Huron: 1,006 (921); Jackson: 1,323 (968); Jefferson: 1,170 (1,120); Knox: 1,755 (1,727); Lake: 160 (138); Lawrence: 1,021 (779); Licking: 1,865 (1,655); Logan: 765 (672); Lorain: 637 (646); Lucas: 113 (105); Madison: 147 (154); Mahoning: 556 (555); Marion: 363 (340); Medina: 545 (567); Meigs: 1,544 (1,270); Mercer: 235 (206); Miami: 235 (250); Monroe: 1,316 (1,056); Montgomery: 128 (130); Morgan: 1,418 (1,207); Morrow: 584 (671); Muskingum: 2,283 (2,084); Noble: 1,333 (1,031); Ottawa: 97 (121); Paulding: 523 (509); Perry: 1,340 (1,160); Pickaway: 345 (330); Pike: 954 (701); Portage: 553 (451); Preble: 284 (272); Putnam: 304 (315); Richland: 1,222 (1,159); Ross: 1,264 (1,106); Sandusky: 258 (261); Scioto: 1,164 (761); Seneca: 779 (710); Shelby: 387 (397); Stark: 863 (759); Summit: 167 (122); Trumbull: 1,142 (983); Tuscarawas: 1,999 (2,074); Union: 336 (313); Van Wert: 237 (283); Vinton: 1,440 (1,031); Warren: 319 (321); Washington: 1,738 (1,409); Wayne: 683 (639); Williams: 823 (831); Wood: 293 (389); Wyandot: 696 (749). Total: 73,399 (65,484).

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The game had four overtime periods before Antwerp put this one to bed. The final score was 79-72.

Score by the Quarter:
Antwerp - 17 7 9 11 2 3 14
16=79

Continental - 7 12 10 15 2
3 14 9=72

Scorers of the Game:
Antwerp — Williamson 33; Jones 18; Longardner 13; Poulson 12; Mills 3

The Archers are now 2-3 for the season. The Boys basketball team will play at Stryker on Tuesday, December 15 and at home on December 17 against Ayersville.

MAKE-A-WISH REQUEST GRANTED PRESENTATION AT THE NEW HAVEN POLICE TRAINING ROOM

On Sunday, December 13, 2015 a little girl's wish to go to Disney World was granted.

Six-year old Brook-Lynn lives with Tuberous Sclerosis, a rare multi-system genetic disease that causes benign tumors to grow in the brain and on other vital organs such as the kidneys, heart, eyes, lungs, and skin. Brook-Lynn has been given the opportunity to make a wish, and her wish was to go to Walt Disney World with her dad, her mom and her two brothers.

Brook-Lynn and her family was presented with her wish on December 13th at 1:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room in New Haven. (815 Lincoln Hwy. E., New Haven, IN 46774)

The family will be traveling to Disney World on December 21 through December 27. Brook-Lynn will not only spend Christmas at Disney, her 7th birthday is on December 26.

Ways to Get Involved with Make-A-Wish: Make-A-Wish relies on the support of the community to grant wishes locally. To help make more wishes come true:

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HOLIDAY FUN AND GIFTS ABOUND FOR PATIENTS AT LUTHERAN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL THANKS TO AREA GENEROSITY

Patients at Lutheran Children's Hospital benefit year-round from the outpouring of kindness this region demonstrates, especially during the holidays. Each December, there are multiple opportunities to capture the goodwill of the season through the donation of time, talent and treasure. LCH appreciates the one-time visits and the long-term support for its patients from supporters throughout northeastern Indiana and beyond. A few of the special activities happening prior to Christmas are: Fort Wayne Mad Ants toy drive delivery, December 16 at 9:15 a.m.; Starbase, Fort Wayne Air Force Base - to bring math and science activities to complete with patients, December 17 at 3:00 p.m.; Josh Gerardot, professional motorcycle racer, slows down to deliver gifts, December 21 at 1:00 p.m. and The Kohberg family - two sisters, ages 10 and 13, raised money and bought gifts for pediatric patients, will make their second delivery this year December 22 at 10:30 a.m.

LATTA RESPONDS TO NEW REPORT ON EFFECTS OF OBAMACARE ON LABOR MARKET

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) responded to the Congressional Budget Office's (CBO) newly released working paper on the effects of Obamacare on the labor market. The nonpartisan office projects Obamacare will force a reduction in American work hours, costing the U.S. workforce the equivalent of 2 million jobs over the next decade.

"This is another example of how the President's health law is failing the American people," said Latta. "It's been over 5 years since the Administration forced Obamacare unilaterally through a Democratic controlled Congress, and it's hard working men and women who are now suffering the consequences."

The CBO working paper follows the October release of the Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services 2016 Marketplace Affordability Snapshot. That analysis showed an average cost increase of 7.5% in benchmark healthcare plans in the coming year.

"Obamacare is decreasing our labor force while increasing the costs of healthcare. This year, the average deductible for an employer-provided plan rose nearly 9%. Next year, millions of Americans will see an increase in their premiums, according to the

PAULDING ELEMENTARY VISIT THE GARDENS OF PAULDING



The students from Paulding Elem involved in the After School Program made Christmas ornaments and Christmas caroled for the residents of The Gardens in Paulding. Shown above singing with one of the residents are students Noelia and Jose Gonzales. Pictured to the right is Halcyon Smith giving a hug to one of the residents from The Gardens of Paulding.



White House's own data," Latta continued. "The President's flawed healthcare law continues to be detrimental to the economy, as well as to family's budgets. I will continue working with my colleagues to repeal and dismantle this law."

PLEDGING TO RESIST FEAR AND HATRED

By: Rivera Sun

At this time, it has become imperative for citizens to speak up and stand up against the rise of Islamophobia, xenophobia, racism, and the politics of hatred. When this pledge from Showing Up For Racial Justice came to my attention, I did not hesitate to sign it.

I want to be known as a human being courageous enough to speak truth to power and meet unwarranted hatred with organized love. Our shared humanity calls us to this. I want to know about and assist the efforts of my fellow American citizens who reject the politics of hate and the practices of fear.

These are not times for passivity or silence. Donald Trump has publicly called for a registry of Muslims akin to the registry of Jews that presaged the yellow stars and concentration camps. We know how this story goes.

Already, in Texas, the politics of hate and the propaganda of fear have caused the KKK and other armed vigilante hate groups to threaten, intimidate, and demonstrate with guns outside of mosques and Islamic Centers. Christians and citizens of conscience are rising in peaceful, nonviolent counterdemonstrations to stop this.

These are not times to merely speak hollow words with no commitment to action behind them. We who believe in peace must organize tangible resistance to the misinformation and bigotry that give rise to violence and war. Already, our nation is engaged in military actions that promise only further cycles of violence, terrorism, and endless war.

By taking this pledge, I am committing to being a part of a movement that has had its parallel in every chapter of human history. In the era of Nazi Germany, this pledge

would be signed by Sophie Scholl and the members of the White Rose, the Rosenstrasse women of Berlin who demanded the release of their Jewish husbands, the Danes who saved 7,220 Jews from death, André and Magda Trocmé and the citizens of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon who saved 3,500 Jews during the occupation of France.

These are times to search your soul and look for courage. This pledge is one way to demonstrate that you have found both.

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

LIFETREE CAFÉ AT THE BACHWELL ANNOUNCES HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

December 24th and December 31st, Lifetree Café will be closed due to the holidays. This "conversation cate" located in The Bachwell Center for Music and Dance at 116 N. Washington Street will reopen January 7. Lifetree Café is a part of a national network of locations that offer participatory events related to life and faith.

The Lifetree Café experience is a scheduled hour of "stories and conversations to feed the soul," according to local team leader Susan Mathew. The hour typically includes a short original film and guided conversation. A local host directs the hour. "It's sort of like a live, local talk show - with an inspirational twist," Susan said.

Topics, which change weekly, focus on popular life issues. Topics may include such things as loneliness, immigration, health, angels, guilt, prayer, and life after death. The exclusive documentary-style films feature everyday people with unusual stories, as well as nationally known figurers.

National Lifetree Café founder, Tom Schultz said, "We engage people of all ages in a national conversation through local Lifetree Cafes as well as a robust online presence." The organization's website, LifetreeCafe.com, invites visitors to participate online in the same topical conversations that occur each week at the live venues.

"Lifetree serves as a comfortable place to meet other people who are interested in the same issues." Schultz said, "The atmosphere resembles a warm, neighborhood coffee shop. The experience gives people practical help and insight on life issues, and provides a hopeful spiritual connection."

Schultz said, "We've found that people today want to participate in the conversation. It's not enough to simply hear someone lecture on an important topic. People want to share their thoughts, ask questions, and tell their own stories. Lifetree offers a safe place and time to do that."

Lifetree Café will reopen, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. every Thursday, starting January 7. Admission to the 60 minute events is free. Snacks and beverages are available.

- Topics for January will be:
 - January 7 - "Follow Your Dreams... Even when you think you can't;"
 - January 14 - "Tough on Crime... Too tough? Not tough enough?;"
 - January 21 - "Taking God to Work... How to see the spiritual significance in what you do;"
 - January 28 - "Making Peace with Your Past... A

Vietnamese refugee's journey."

You are welcome just as you are. Your thoughts are welcome. Your doubts are welcome. We're all in this together. God is here ready to connect with you in a fresh way. Come join the conversation.

FIRST U.M. CHRISTMAS SERVICES ANNOUNCED

Do you miss a traditional Christmas? If so, you are invited to First United Methodist Church in Van Wert for the very best in traditional Christmas worship.

The traditional Christmas Eve Service has been moved one hour earlier with meditative candlelight music beginning at 9:30 p.m. followed by a candlelit service of meditations, communion, and singing of traditional Christmas carols with the Senior Chancel Choir at 10:00 p.m. Also on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m., a family Christmas service will be held featuring children throughout the service.

Sunday, December 20 will feature two worship services: a blended worship at 8:15 a.m. featuring the First U.M. Praise Band led by Wayne Wells at the keyboard. The traditional 10:45 a.m. worship service will feature special music with traditional carols performed by piano, organ, hand bells, brass, percussion, congregation, and the First U.M. Senior Chancel Choir, directed by Paul Hoverman. The Rev. Gus Christo-Baker will be giving a special Christmas message at both services.

That afternoon at 6:30 p.m. on December 20, the children of First Church will present a Christmas program entitled "It All Happened in the Country." Chris Gordon is the director and has been rehearsing the children since early this fall. All are welcome to enjoy this gift of music and drama.

First United Methodist Church is located at 113 West Central Avenue in downtown Van Wert. The Rev. Gus Christo-Baker and Rev. Paul Miller are the pastors. All are welcome to attend the worship services and enjoy the traditions of Christmas throughout the season and into the New Year!



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DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL PREPARES FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Divine Mercy Catholic School is preparing for the Christmas Program to be presented December 17th, at 1:30 in the afternoon and at 7:00 p.m. A Cookie Walk will accompany the program. All are invited. Grades Kindergarten and 1& 2 are presenting the play "Leroy the

Rednecked Reindeer". Many thanks to Mrs. Patty Lee for costumes. She has contributed and helped all grades K through 6. Many costumes were also purchased in memory of Grandma Dorothy Vogel. Merry Christmas to everyone!

LIFETREE EXAMINES HOW TO PURSUE AN ADVENTURE-FILLED LIFE

Practical and fun ways to add excitement and adventure to your world will be explored at Lifetree Café on Thursday, December 17 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The program, titled "Pursuing an Audacious Life: Inspiration from a Man Who's Traveled to Every Country," features a filmed interview with Chris Guillebeau, an author who set a goal to travel to all 193 countries in the world and did so in 10.5 years.

Guillebeau first developed the dream while working as an aid worker in Western Africa.

"Once I had this idea, it felt totally crazy, but I couldn't stop thinking about it," says Guillebeau. "I knew if I didn't pursue it, I would always regret it. I saw it as a challenge, and I knew I had to try it."

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

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

There will be NO Lifetree on December 24th.

"A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS BLESSING"

"A Special Christmas Blessing" will be presented on Sunday, December 20 at 10:00 a.m. at the Pioneer Christian Ministry Church, formerly Mount Pleasant, at 3606 Slane Road, Van Wert, Ohio 45891. Nestled among the ever-green trees, the steeple of the small country church proudly stands where the dedicated country folk have gathered on Christmas Eve for the singing of Christmas carols.

As the glittering snow falls softly to the ground as diamonds, the Christmas spirit of peace, love and giving, fill the hearts of the family and the neighboring crippled boy.

Come sit back and receive your "special Christmas blessing". All are welcome.

NEW HAVEN UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL RECEIVES DONATION OF 58 BLANKETS FROM NANA'S CREATIONS

By: Ruth Lichtenberger

New Haven United Methodist Preschool announced today that it will be receiving 58 handmade blankets for its students in honor of the school's 50th birthday.

These colorful and warm blankets are handmade to be a comfort and to show each individual child that he/she is loved.

NaNa (Loretta Loy) will be delivering the blankets to each classroom on Monday, December 15 and Tuesday, December 16 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for this price-less donation (and an early 80th birthday celebration for NaNa.)

About New Haven United Methodist Preschool

The New Haven United Methodist Preschool has been in service to the New Haven community and surrounding towns for 50 years. With 58 students, NHUMC Preschool is currently working to better meet the needs of children in our community by achieving Registered Ministry status, with a goal of becoming a certified "On My Way Pre-K" provider. The ministry exists to enhance the development of children to ensure readiness for Pre-K or Kindergarten.

About Nana's Creations

NaNa's Creations are "Made with Love and Imperfections". Loretta Loy has been making blankets for over 50 years, and has sewn over 300 this year alone. In addition to donating blankets to local fire stations and military families, she sews and donates blankets for young children. The blankets are kid-sized with a colorful cotton print and flannel back with satin binding. NaNa's Creations blanket project is sponsored by the Southside Optimist Club, Beacon Credit Union of New Haven, the New Haven Chamber of Commerce, 1st Source Bank on Bluffton Road, Paula Volz, and by many individual donors. Each blanket costs between \$10-12 to create and donations are always welcome. You may purchase blankets at A to Z Embroidery at 6150 Bluffton Road, Fort Wayne IN and at Beacon Credit Union at 10983 Isabelle Drive, New Haven IN. Proceeds from each purchase go toward materials for more blankets. For more information, please contact Loretta Loy (260) 478-8300.

To learn more about this event, please contact: Ruth Lichtenberger, Preschool Director, New Haven United Methodist Church, 630 Lincoln Highway East, New Haven IN 46774, Office: (260) 749-9566, Fax: (260) 493-1405 preschool@newhavenumc.com

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CATHOLIC CHURCH CELEBRATES THE OPENING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis marked the beginning of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy in the Catholic Church by opening the Holy Door in Saint Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on this Solemnity of

the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Jubilee Year of Mercy is celebrated not only in Rome, but in every diocese around the world. It concludes November 20, 2016 on the feast of Christ the King.

The Diocese of Toledo unveiled a Year of Mercy banner on the exterior of the Pastoral Center, inviting Catholics and all people of good will to accept Jesus Christ's invitation to "Come, Enter Into My Mercy." The 67' x 20' banner is located on the eastern side of the Pastoral Center facing the corner of Spielbusch Avenue and Cherry Street in downtown Toledo.

Other diocesan events centered on mercy include the opening of Holy Doors of Mercy on Sunday, December 13 at four separate sites across the Diocese of Toledo - Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo, Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue and Divine Mercy Parish in Paulding. The opening of the Holy Door at Rosary Cathedral occurred December 13th, 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas.

More information on all of the Year of Mercy events in the Diocese of Toledo can be found at www.toledodiocese.org/yearofmercy.

Traditionally, every 25 or 50 years the Holy Father proclaims a holy year, which features special celebrations and pilgrimages, emphatic calls for conversion and repentance, and the offer of special opportunities to experience God's grace through the sacraments, especially confession. Extraordinary holy years, like the Year of Mercy, are less frequent, but offer the same opportunities for spiritual growth.

The biblical theme chosen for the Jubilee Year of Mercy is "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful," from the Gospel of Luke.

"[God the Father] sent his only Son into the world, born of the Virgin Mary, to reveal his love for us in a definitive way," Pope Francis wrote in *Misericordiae Vultus*, the bull of indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. "Whoever sees Jesus sees the Father. Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, his actions, and his entire person reveals the mercy of God."

In this Year of Mercy, Bishop Daniel Thomas, together with all the lay faithful, consecrated religious, deacons and priests of the Diocese of Toledo, will strive to heed Pope Francis' call to celebrate this Jubilee by more vibrantly "living out in our daily lives the mercy which the Father constantly extends to all of us" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 25).

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

1. Luke 23:40; What did the other criminal do to the one in verse 39?
2. Luke 23:40; What did this criminal say?
3. Luke 23:41; What were the two criminals receiving for their deeds?
4. Luke 23:41; What did this criminal say that Jesus

did?

5. Luke 23:42; What did this criminal tell Jesus to do?

6. Luke 23:43; Where did Jesus say the criminal would be?

7. Luke 23:44; In this verse what time is the sixth hour?

8. Luke 23:44; What was over all the earth until the ninth hour?

9. Luke 23:45; What was darkened?

10. Luke 23:45; What was torn in two?

We are available for comments, questions or to assist or help in your Bible studies, especially the New Testament. For James Potter call 419-393-4775 or e-mail jsp1941@yahoo.com also Lonnie Lambert can be reached at 419-399-5022. Jesus loves you and so does the church of Christ.

Answers to this weeks questions:

1. Rebuked him; 2. Do you not even fear God; 3. The due rewards for our deeds; 4. Had done nothing wrong; 5. To remember him; 6. In Paradise with him; 7. Noon; 8. Darkness; 9. Sun; 10. The veil to the temple.

"Ol' Baldy says bye for now, but please continue to keep an open mind in your prayers, your reading and studying the New Testament. "Luv Ya"

CHRIST IS COMING

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist

"At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. 'Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. ... 'No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.'" Mark 13:26-29, 32-33 (NIV).

Mark quotes Jesus as drawing on the observed natural wonders of his time to paint a scary picture of the end of the world, and the apocalyptic coming of the Son of Man. Eclipses of the sun and moon, meteors, and shooting stars provide us with metaphors of cataclysm that announce the appearance of the heavenly redeemer and judge. To this he adds the sign of the fig tree budding as a sign of the approaching fullness of summer.

This all adds up to a call to keep awake and to watch. What is important here, however, is not these grim projections, but the call to keep our eyes wide open and to live in hope. That is what this message is about, not

BRACEY GUEST SPEAKER AT ANTWERP ROTARY MEETING



Lee Bracey, Executive Director of the Woodburn Children's Christian Home, was a recent guest speaker at the Antwerp Rotary meeting. Lee shared an overview of the home that included Core Values, referral process and service area. Pictured are Regan Clem, Program Chair and Pastor of Riverside Christian Church in Antwerp, and Lee Bracey.

living in our fears, but getting in touch with our hopes. There's no getting around the normal tasks we need to be doing, whether we are farming, working in an office or out of our homes, raising children or doing other needful things. True Christian alertness, faithful alertness, means working purposefully, not idle waiting.

Jesus warns us that despite what anybody says, there is no way to know when the end of the age will come. Therefore, we must keep alert and be aware of the signs that tell us that his coming is near.

The church watches and waits in hope, and so it is empowered to serve the One who was, and is, and is to come. Mark could paint the most alarming picture of the end of the age, and then say that living in hope and being faithful in our duties day by day is the way to be prepared for the Master's return.

The apostle Paul says in Romans 15:13, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Trump or T-Rump

There is much anxiety in America these days, most of it self-inflicted. We, the residents of our small communities really don't have much to fear from terrorist attacks. I worked at B.F. Goodrich and while I was there there was an Iranian man named of course... Muhammad. He purchased a goat from a local farmer, slit the goat's throat in the farmer's driveway, (stone) bled it out, threw it in his trunk and drove away. Is that what we call assimilation?

Donald Trump, like him, love him or hate him, he is saying things that Americans desperately want to hear. His latest idea is, of course, stopping Muslims from immigrating to the U.S. What do we hear? Republicans and Democrats alike, are wanting to burn him at the stake. Do you? I remember in 1979 while attending Defiance College, there were about a dozen Iranian students going there. At the height of the

hostage conflict in Iran, they disappeared.

Let me ask the public, especially we older ones, a few questions.

Do you believe that during the Revolutionary War, that General George Washington (who, by the way, lost more battles than he won!) would have invited British Generals Howe, Cornwallis or Pitcairn to spend a few weeks at Mt. Vernon for a little R&R?

In 1876, at the battle of Little Big Horn, that George Armstrong Custer, who was outnumbered 3 to 1, by Sitting Bull and very quickly after the attack began, Crazy Horse attacked from the rear. Do you think that Custer would have ordered his men to hold their fire until the Souix, Cheyenne, and Arapaho could reinforce their numbers?

Do you think that in the early 1940's that F.D.R. would have invited anywhere from 10,000 to 120,000 Nazis to settle in America? No?

Obama and Clinton want that many over the period of a few years for Muslims. Although I'm a conservative, Trump is not my choice, but this time, he has a good point wouldn't you say?

—Kenny Barnes
Paulding

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Sabrina Ringler and Kaleb Plotts welcomed Remington Dax Plotts December 9 at 7:08, weighing in at 6 lbs 14 oz. and 19 inches long. Grandparents of Remington are Tom and Melissa Ringler and Tony and Jenny Plotts. Great-grandparents are Karen Messman, Ed and Beth Ringler and Bonnie Plotts. Remington has one sibling, Drasin Plotts.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Eleanor Dianne Conner was delivered December 10, 2015 at 12:59 a.m. weighing 6 lbs 14.8 oz and 20.2 inches long. Her parents are Adrienne French and Jarrett Conner. She also has a sister, Lyla Nicole. Grand-

PAULDING ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL DECORATE COOKIES



The Paulding Elementary Student Council enjoyed decorating Christmas cookies for some area families. Shown with the decorated cookies are fifth grade Student Council members: in front: Karli Gamble, Sydney Trahin, Carlea Kuckuck. In back: Carter Manz, Carmen Reno, Olivia Porter, Haley Manz, and Katie Beckman.

parents are Betty and Shane Clevinger, Hicksville, OH; Mike French and Mary Keesbury, Hamilton, IN; Betty Conner, Payne, OH; Joella Smith and Ron Levitz, Orland, IN. Great-grandparents are Cathy and Charles French, Jackie and Judy North, Betty Kidd and Jeanette Clevinger.

HOW OUR NAIVE UNDERSTANDING OF VIOLENCE HELPS ISIS

By: Paul K. Chappell

At West Point I learned that technology forces warfare to evolve. The reason soldiers today no longer ride horses into battle, use bows and arrows, and wield spears, is because of the gun. The reason people no longer fight in trenches, as they did during World War I, is because the tank and airplane were greatly improved and mass-produced. But there is a technological innovation that has changed warfare more than the gun, tank, or airplane. That technological innovation is mass media.

Today most people's understanding of violence is naive, because they do not realize how much the Internet and social media, the newest incarnations of mass media, have changed warfare. The most powerful weapon that ISIS has is the Internet with social media, which has allowed ISIS to recruit people from all over the world.

For most of human history, people from across the world had to send a military over land or sea to attack you, but the Internet and social media allow people from across the world to convince your fellow citizens to attack you. Several of the people who committed the ISIS terrorist attack in Paris were French nationals, and it now appears that the two people who committed the mass shooting in San Bernardino were influenced by ISIS.

To be effective ISIS needs two things to happen. It needs to dehumanize the people it kills, and it also needs Western countries to dehumanize Muslims. When Western countries dehumanize Muslims, this further alienates Muslim populations and increases recruitment for ISIS. ISIS commits horrible atrocities against Westerners because it wants us to overreact by stereotyping, dehumanizing, and alienating Muslims.

Every time Western countries stereotype, dehumanize, and alienate Muslims,

they are doing exactly what ISIS wants. A basic principle of military strategy is that we should not do what our opponents want. In order for ISIS's plan to work, it needs to dehumanize its enemies, but perhaps more importantly, it needs Americans and Europeans to dehumanize Muslims.

ISIS cannot be compared to Nazi Germany, because the Nazis were not able to use the Internet and social media as a weapon of war and terrorism. Trying to fight ISIS the way we fought the Nazis, when today the Internet and social media have dramatically changed twenty-first century warfare, would be like trying to fight the Nazis by using horses, spears, bows and arrows. Fifteen of the 19 hijackers during the September 11th attacks were from Saudi Arabia, one of the United States' closest allies. None of the hijackers were from Iraq. ISIS seems to have better mastered the weapon of the Internet than Al Qaida, because ISIS is more adept at convincing French and American citizens to commit attacks.

Because technology has changed warfare in the twenty-first century and allowed ISIS to wage a digital military campaign, it is naive to believe that we can defeat terrorism by conquering and holding territory, which has become an archaic and counterproductive form of warfare. During the era of

the Internet revolution, it is naive to believe that we can use violence to defeat the ideologies that sustain terrorism. ISIS and Al Qaida are global movements, and with the Internet and social media, they can recruit people from all over the world, including people on American and European soil. And they only have to recruit a tiny amount of Americans and Europeans, initiate a single attack, and kill a few people to cause the huge overreac-

tions that they want from their opponents. Let us not react in ways that ISIS wants.

Paul K. Chappell, syndicated by PeaceVoice, graduated from West Point in 2002, was deployed to Iraq, and left active duty in 2009 as a Captain. An author of five books, he is currently serving as the Peace Leadership Director of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation and lectures widely on war and peace issues. His website is www.peacefulrevolution.com.

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- Broughton:** Kohart's Surplus & Salvage
- Bryan:** Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center, Walmart
- Cecil:** Cecil Elevator, Maramart, Vagabond
- Charloe:** Charloe Store
- Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
- Defiance:** Newman's Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Cabin Fever Coffee, Cabbage Patch Convenience Store
- Edgerton:** Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Frager's Barbershop, Utilities Office, Napa
- Grover Hill:** Ross' Gas Station, N&N, Quick Stop
- Grabill:** Do-It Best Hardware, Save-A-Lot
- Hicksville:** Cline's Market, Hickory Hills Golf Course, Sailers, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, H2O, Senior Center
- Melrose:** Uncle Fudd's Diner, Morning Star Convenience Store
- Oakwood:** Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware
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INDIANA LOCATIONS

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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan

Col. Bainbridge came over this evening for supper and stayed and talked, and he brought us quite a story and mission.

A Frenchman, named Jean, had been a political prisoner of the Germans for a couple of years. They had him working in an underground coal mine where they brought in good oil from the Palesto oil field, mixed it with oil they extracted from coal and made a grade of synthetic diesel fuel.

This plant had been in operation for quite a while and was a major operation and was the German war effort. It was located in the Mainz area by the river, it was well camouflaged and covered a wide area. From the air, it looked like an orchard. It had never been bombed because no one knew about it.

The plant doctor is a prisoner because he is a Jew, his name was Biergowitz. He was a highly touted medical man from Berlin and when the Gestapo picked him up, they made him work or be killed. The plant was full of other prisoners from all over, and had hardly any food or good clothes for working underground.

The doctor hated the police, the Nazis, Hitler and all. He wanted to get the news to the allies of the existence of this plant. It was his every day goal, to get even with Hitler, oh how he hated that man and Himler. The doctor wanted to get rid of that operation and hinder the German war effort.

Over the months, he became friendly with our Frenchman named Jean, and he could tell he also hated the Germans and could be trusted. He examined Jean and found he had a small sore and he made note of it in his records. Well, he told Jean that he could make that sore larger in a few days, and maybe get him sent home because he had a very communicable disease, although it wasn't bad at all. So, the doc and Jean became good and trusted friends.

On the day the doctor examined Jean and saw the sore was bigger, he called in the German assistant and showed him the weekly records of his sore and that it had gotten bigger. The German doctor knew the reputation of the doctor was good and excepted the story

that the sore was like Leprosy in biblical times. The doctor recommended that this man, Jean, be sent out of the plant, maybe out of the country, and the German doctor agreed.

Jean hopped on a freight train and made it up to the front and then hid during the day and traveled at night. He walked over on into France and stopped the first American soldier he saw and asked to be sent to his commanding officer. The officer referred him to S2 at once.

More next week.
See Ya!

THERE ARE TWO SIDES TO IT



By: Stan Jordan

In the last few months on the newscasts, we are shown over and over the action of various city policemen. While I abhor police brutality, there is usually another side to this action.

When you are growing up, your parents and school teachers impress on you to respect policemen, as they are your friend, someone you can trust in time of need. You are told to mind a policeman and do what he says. As long as you are good and do what is right you won't have any trouble with the law. Yes, there are a few rogue policemen, the same as there are in every other walk of life, but they are less than a tenth of one percent. Unfortunately they are the ones we hear about because bad news sells papers.

Almost always, when we see the action on television, a policeman has told the subject to do something and they don't do it. A lot of times, they start to run away from the policeman because they are guilty of something, and a lot of times, the policeman commands them to stop more than once.

Sometimes, things get out of hand and policemen get blamed for their actions. Yes, sometimes the policemen go too far, but why doesn't the subject stop or obey the policeman's commands? To me, he is admitting his guilt. All of this might not have happened if he would have done what he was told, or even better, if he hadn't broke the law in the first place. To me, there are two sides to these confrontations, but that doesn't seem to matter to some people. They forget that the subject is in the wrong or it just doesn't matter. The biggest share of the time the subject has a rap sheet as long as

your arm and is wanted for more than one crime, and him running away just made matters worse. If they would do what the policemen tell them to do, no shots would get fired. There is way too much blame being charged to the policemen, who are probably doing their job the way they are supposed to do. The answer is simple, obey the policemen.

We seldom see the policemen's side of this conflict, as it is saved for the court scene, but by that time the public has made up its mind that the policeman was to blame for the whole affair.

See ya!

A DAY THAT WILL LIVE IN INFAMY

By: Stan Jordan

December 7th, 1941 dawned like any other winter day here in Antwerp, just average temperature and weather, but it wasn't to stay that way very long.

I was a senior in Antwerp High School, just as any other student, played sports, liked it when Mr. Bell would take us all to the gym and show a movie... anything to get out of class. Just an average student.

On this day of December 7th, I went to church and Sunday school at the Methodist Church, as usual. I wound up at my girlfriend's house that afternoon, which was the Thurman Powell home. I remember we played pinochle after dinner. Thurman loved to "shoot the moon", a pinochle term.

About 5:00 p.m. we were sitting on the sofa listening to Gene Autry on the radio. He had a western program and some singing also, it was good entertainment. They stopped the program with a news break that the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor, a city in the Hawaiian Islands that was worlds away. A city that was worlds away, but was a Protectorate of the United States.

There was not much information, just that they had pulled a sneak attack and had killed a lot of people with their bombs, it was the Japanese navy. We couldn't believe it, the Japs attacked us and we hadn't done anything, "the slant eyed little twerps would be sorry they done that." Everyone thought the same thing, it was hard to believe, we didn't do anything to cause that, pandemonium covered the U.S. I went to school the next day as usual, Mr. Samaha, our government teacher, brought a radio to school as President Roosevelt was to address the world at 10:00 a.m. That is when he gave his "Day of Infamy" speech.

He was correct, that line has lived for over 75 years and has impressed all Americans.

We Americans, got up off the deck and furnished the world with food and supplies. It took four years, but the world was made safe again. It was big team effort.

Yes, that line "A Day In Infamy" did live forever. To you young folks, that might be an overworked phrase, to us it was big part of history.
See Ya!

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

USDA AWARDS FUNDING TO HELP SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED RURAL BUSINESSES

USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the awarding of \$3 million for 19 grants to provide technical assistance to socially disadvantaged business groups in rural areas.

"This funding will provide technical assistance to help socially disadvantaged businesses succeed," Vilsack said. "It will support rural communities by giving business owners access to the support and training they need to start businesses or make their operations more successful."

USDA is making the grants available through the Socially Disadvantaged Groups Grant Program (formerly the Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program). This program supports technical assistance such as feasibility studies, leadership and training, and the development of business and strategic plans.

The 19 investments announced today are being made to recipients in 14 states. For example, the South Central Farmers' Health Education Fund, in Sun Valley, Calif., has been selected to receive a \$37,400 grant to determine the feasibility of raising tilapia and growing plants in a recirculated aquaponics system.

North Leupp Family Farms Inc., in Leupp, Ariz., is receiving a \$174,946 grant to provide technical assistance to at least 30 socially disadvantaged producers on the Navajo Nation. The technical assistance includes assessing producers' needs, helping producers use modern technology, developing marketing strategies and connecting producers to other USDA programs.

Funding of each award announced today is contingent upon the recipient meeting the terms of their grant agreement.

Past recipients of these awards are having a significant impact in their communities. For example, Coastal Communities Consulting, Inc. is helping fishermen in Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines and St. Bernard parishes in Louisiana increase sales and develop new markets. Their seafood products are an important part of Louisiana's rural economy and tourism industry.

Coastal Communities received a \$200,000 Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant from USDA in September 2014. The businesses it is helping are in economically challenged areas served by USDA's StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity Initiative. Through StrikeForce, USDA leverages resources and collaborates with partners and stakeholders to improve economic opportunities and the quality of life in communities that need its services the most.

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

THE WONDERS OF REINDEER



Reindeer seem to be a very important topic particularly around the holiday season, especially the most famous reindeer of all, "Rudolph." Though our common reindeer don't have a bright red noses that glow, they do have some very special characteristics to help them survive. Reindeer and caribou are relatives of elk and other deer in the mammal group of even-toed hoofed animals called Artiodactyla. Reindeer are a domesticated race of caribou. Reindeer are ruminant animals that are cud-chewing, hoofed, usually horned mammals which have a stomach divided into four compartments. Reindeer are able to adapt to their climate and surroundings very easily by maintaining their energy efficiently. Their bodies react to changes in temperatures by making adjustments. When temperatures become frigid, they have the uncanny ability to lower the temperature in their legs to near freezing levels. This keeps their core body heat even. Their hooves are very large and sharp enabling them to travel across large distances and areas consisting of snow and ice. Reindeer also have a strong sense of smell, and it's that sense of smell that assist them in finding the plant material even under 2 feet of snow.

Reindeer travel together is a herd and often make belting sounds. Females tend to stay in herds whereas males

are more solitary. Males join the herds for the rutting season in September. The gestation length is 224 days. The baby reindeer are called calves, which are born beginning in April. Reindeer have single births and it is extremely rare to have twin reindeer. Once the calf is born, it is up and nursing within an hour after birth. Reindeer weight between 8-14 pounds at birth and grow very rapidly during the first four months of life. Reindeer have deciduous antlers which are borne by both male and female reindeer. When the antlers are growing rapidly the reindeer is said to be "in velvet." Once the antlers finish growing in August they harden quickly and the "velvet" is vigorously rubbed off by the reindeer. The female will lose her antler right before she gives birth, but a male will start to lose his in late December or early January. Then the antler growing process is repeated over again. Fully grown reindeer can be 46 inches tall and weigh up to 300 pounds. Reindeer are pretty incredible animals that are able to adjust to their surroundings very easily. Even though reindeer may not have a glowing nose like Rudolph, if you get the opportunity to see a live reindeer this holiday season truly enjoy its wonder!

-Staci Miller,
Education Specialist
Paulding SWCD

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS SCHEDULES DECEMBER MEETING

The Wayne Trace Local School Board of Education will meet for their December regular meeting on December 17, 2015 at 6:15 p.m. Prior to the regular meeting a public hearing will be

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OPTIMISM LEADS TO MORE FULFILLING LIFE

The Nurturing Well by: Jill Starbuck

One of my best friends is nearly 30 years older than I am. When we get together, we laugh, talk about life, and just have a grand time. When I was in my early 20s, I remember thinking that my friend was one of the most beautiful and sophisticated women I had ever known. Although my friend is very beautiful in appearance, her physical traits weren't what made her radiate to me. It was her attitude. I met her at a time in my life when I was going through college, surviving on pennies, working a full-time job, and trying to live independently. I had a lot of unknowns in my life and couldn't help but worry all the time. But every time I met up with my friend, I would notice how she was always so happy and relaxed. I wanted to be that way too.

I remember asking my friend one time how she stays so happy. She replied that she always tries to be an optimist, to look at things in a positive light. Even though life offers its fair share of disappointments, there is no point in wasting time over things that we can't control. We should relish the amazing moments that life gives us. Nothing stays bad or disappointing forever, so why dwell on it? She told me that this line of thinking usually comes with age. Although she is older and faces health challenges and other aspects of aging, she still remains an exuberant person.

The following are some of the benefits optimists enjoy:

- 1. Tolerate imperfections.** Optimists don't let small things bother them. They believe it's not worth the effort. Therefore, they are less likely to fly off the handle over pettiness.
- 2. Enjoy life more fully.** Optimists stop to smell the flowers. They see the world in its beauty rather than its imperfections.
- 3. Have more friends.** Happy people rub off on other people. Let's face it, happy people are more fun to be around. Would you rather sit around with a grumpy complainer or would you prefer to hang out with a cheerful optimist?
- 4. Overcome challenges.** Optimists never give up on challenges, whereas pessimists often give up early, as-

suming there is no point in trying.

5. **Lead healthier lives.** Pessimists often stress about even the most minor things. In turn, stress leads to a lot of health issues including gastrointestinal problems, headaches, heart disease, and many more.

If you are naturally a pessimist, don't fear. By becoming more conscious of your negative thoughts, you can make an effort to change them to more optimistic thoughts. It may take some work, but after some time, you can find yourself a happier and healthier person because of it.

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

NATIONAL HEALTH LEADERS RECOGNIZE U.S. REP. BOB LATTA FOR LEADERSHIP IN HEALTHCARE INNOVATION

The Healthcare Leadership Council (HLC), a coalition of leaders of the nation's premier health care companies and organizations, has honored U.S. Representative Bob Latta as a "Champion of Healthcare Innovation" at an award ceremony in Washington, DC.

"I am proud to receive this award, and thank the HLC for this recognition," said Rep. Latta. "Innovations in the healthcare industry are essential to ensuring future medical progress. I will continue to work in Congress to promote policies that encourage this innovation, and that puts patients first."

The award presentation took place at the Council's annual Healthcare Innovations Expo on Capitol Hill. The day-long event is dedicated to showcasing new developments in health care technologies, treatments and practices. This year's event featured, among other exhibits, new technologies for blood glucose monitoring, innovative treatment options for mental illness, and telehealth systems that make physicians accessible to patients 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"As we strive to conquer illness, elevate population health and make our healthcare system more affordable and sustainable, the answer lies in dynamic and continual innovation," said Healthcare Leadership Council President Mary R. Grealy. "For this to happen, we need federal policies that encourage progress and new breakthroughs in care. We applaud Representative Bob Latta for the leadership, vision and commitment that patients and healthcare consumers need."

USDA ANNOUNCES INVESTMENTS IN RURAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES TO ENHANCE RURAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced investments to improve rural community infrastructure, provide essential services and improve access to health care across rural America through Rural Development's Community Facilities (CF) program. Today's investments in health facilities and support for first responders comes as the department celebrates National Rural Health Week.

"Rural America deserves quality, affordable health care, but too often local communities lack the capital to invest in improving the facilities that deliver that care," Vilsack said. "I am especially proud of the role that USDA plays in addressing the critical needs for health care facilities, including mental health facilities."

With today's announcement, Secretary Vilsack said that the department has eclipsed a goal, set in December of 2013, to investing up to \$50 million in CF funds over the subsequent three years to develop or improve mental health facilities and services in rural areas. CF funding in 2015 more than quadrupled that goal in just two years, funding more than \$213 million in 80 projects in 34 states.

Among the awards to support health care services, buildings and equipment is a \$91 million loan USDA provided to the Avita Health System in Galion, Ohio. Avita will use the funds to convert the former Lazarus department store building in the Richland Mall in Ontario, Ohio, into a multi-specialty health care facility. USDA Rural Development Deputy Under Secretary Vernita Dore spoke in Ohio today at the groundbreaking ceremony. Once completed, the 197,500-square-foot facility will create 352 jobs and provide health care to nearly 125,000 residents in portions of three counties in North Central Ohio.

Allendale County, S.C., one of the poorest in the state, is receiving \$366,800 in grants to improve a variety of public safety and other services, including the purchase of a vehicle for the Office of Aging to transport local seniors to health care and other facilities. Allendale and the surrounding "Low country" was designated by the Obama Administration as a Promise Zone where the federal government will partner with and invest in communities to promote economic growth. The county is also served by USDA's StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity Initiative. Through StrikeForce, USDA leverages resources and collaborates with partners and stakeholders to improve economic opportunities and the quality of life in communities that need our services the most.

Another health care investment is a \$7.5 million loan for Nanticoke Memorial Hospital, Inc. in Seaford, Del., to connect two buildings to a larger complex. Nanticoke Memorial serves approximately 30,000

residents in Delaware and Maryland.

The University of Pikeville (Ky.), in the heart of Appalachia, is an example of an organization that is using USDA assistance to improve rural communities. The university received two Community Facilities loans totaling \$50 million in September 2014 and April 2015 to build a health education building that will house the new Kentucky College of Optometry. The college will help provide much-needed services to area residents. One out of four Kentucky counties lacks a practicing optometrist, and only one out of 10 counties has enough optometrists to meet residents' needs.

In addition to health investments, the CF program invested in a wide variety of projects to address local rural community needs. In Minnesota, the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians is receiving a \$1.4 million loan to help build a community center. Woodruff County, Ark., is getting a \$50,000 grant to install an elevator in the courthouse to provide access for people with disabilities. The town of Rosedale, Miss., has been selected for a \$39,000 grant to purchase two police cars. And in Oklahoma, operators of the Coalgate Airport will use a \$50,000 grant to improve airport security and enhance fire protection services.

Fifteen recipients receiving funding today were given priority points through a provision in the 2014 Farm Bill that encourages communities to adopt regional economic development plans. These projects are centered on regional collaboration and long-term growth strategies. They leverage outside resources and capitalize on a region's unique strengths. The city of Ash Flat, Ark., received regional development priority points to purchase training equipment for the fire department. Also in Arkansas, Woodruff received a \$50,000 grant to install an elevator in the historic county courthouse to make it accessible for people with disabilities.

Since 2009, USDA has awarded \$9.7 billion under its Community Facilities programs, including \$4.9 billion for 1,052 health care projects; \$266 million for improvements to 206 public schools; \$133 million for 555 libraries; \$39 million for 240 day care centers; and \$791 million to support 4,876 public safety facilities in rural areas.

Funding of each grant and loan announced today, which amounts to more than \$1.2 billion in new projects, is contingent upon the recipient meeting the terms of the funding agreement. The funding announced today will bring CF funding up to \$1.8 billion over the course of the fiscal year 2015.

President Obama's plan for rural America has produced historic investments in rural communities. Under the President's leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have strengthened America's small towns and cities and helped improve the nation's economy.

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE



Ten fourth and fifth grade students competed at the Antwerp Elementary School Spelling Bee on Thursday, December 10th. Fourth grader Cohen Hitzeman won the bee by correctly spelling the word emerald. Fifth grader Rayni Rister was the runner-

up. Hitzeman will now compete in the Paulding County Spelling Bee at Payne Elementary on February 4, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. If for some reason Hitzeman cannot compete on that day, Rister will take his place.

ANTWERP MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE



Fifteen sixth through eighth graders competed in the Antwerp Middle School Spelling Bee on Friday, December 11th. Seventh grader Grace Tuttle won the bee in 18 rounds by spelling the word "quid pro quo" correctly. Sixth grader Gaige Mc-

Michael was the runner-up. Tuttle will compete in the Paulding County Spelling Bee on Thursday, February 4, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at Payne Elementary. If she cannot attend the event, McMichael will represent Antwerp Middle School.

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WAYNE TRACE VARSITY WRESTLERS WIN TRI MATCH

On 12/10/15 The Wayne Trace Varsity Wrestling Team Traveled to Hicksville for a Green Meadows conference Tri Match. The raiders defeated Hicksville 45-30 and Edgerton 47-30. Wayne Trace Varsity Wrestlers win Tri Match
Wayne Trace 45, Hicksville 30
106 - Danial Ruiz WT won by Void;
113 - Tyler Bauer WT decision Alexander Haver HV 6-0;
120 - Chase VanAtta HV won by Void;
126 - Ruger Goeltzenleuchter WT pinned Mason VanAtta HV 3:09;
132 - George Clemens WT Pinned Brandon Green HV 1:31;
138 - Ethan Wilhelm HV

Pinned Wyatt Stabler WT 3:45;
145 - Chase Marroquin WT Pinned Morgan Miller HV 1:46;
152 - Gabe Contreras HV pinned Hunter Showalter WT 3:39;
160 - Caleb Schultz WT pinned Zakk Witte HV 1:59;
170 - Donovan Graber HV won by Void;
182 - Brandon Laney WT pinned Dante Klender HV 3:36;
195 - Carlos Moncivais HV pinned Colten Hower WT 1:54;
220 - Braxton Asher WT pinned Garrett Miller HV 1:46;
285 - Jarrod Mosier dec Quinton Stabler WT Default Wayne Trace 47, Edgerton 30
106 - Danial Ruiz WT won by Void;
113 - Tyler Bauer WT Won by Void;

126 - Ruger Goeltzenleuchter WT pinned Devin Theil ED 3:02;
132 - George Clemens WT Dec Trystan Jordan ED 21-6;
138 - Brody Degryse Ed Pinned Wyatt Stabler WT 1:29;
145 - Chase Marroquin WT Pinned Blake Hohler Ed 5:05;
152 - Hunter Showalter WT pinned Reid Stahler Ed :48;
160 - Jonah Brown Ed pinned Caleb Schultz WT 1:57;
170 - Nick Nye Ed won by Void;
182 - Brandon Laney WT pinned Blake Risner Ed 3:25;
195 - Anthony Rooks WT pinned Eathan Miller Ed 3:25;
220 - Logan Stein ED Braxton Asher WT 3:20;
285 - Eathan Brown ED won by Void

PAULDING CONTINUES TO WIN



Corbin Edwards scores 9 points against Ada as Paulding continues its winning portfolio in this file photo.

Paulding Panthers took on Ada in boys basketball on Friday, December 11. Paulding has pulled off incredible wins against its adversaries this year—Antwerp and Wayne Trace in the county. The game began with Paulding's record being 3-1 and similar to other games with these boys—trailing the opposition, only scoring 5 points in the first period and those by Alex Arellano.

The second quarter was literally a rebound for the Panthers when they posted 15 points and split across Corbin Edwards, Ethan Rhonehouse, and a 3 pointer by Jarrett Sitton. The half ended with the Bulldogs one point in the lead 21-20.

While all the excitement was going on and the lack of points in the second period, the Bulldogs got back on their game for the third when Paulding also made a good showing—on the inside and outside of the key. This period left Ada stretching their lead by slightly more than the halftime, 36-33.

Fouls were kept to a minimal for the home team—whom coach Shawn Brewer is quite proud. I don't know how Paulding has done this so many times, and they certainly cannot rely on this, but once again coming from behind and outscoring their opponents. This time they did not go into overtime, not with outscoring their rivals by 10.

The final score was 42-49 and Paulding is now showing a record of 4-1.
Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 5 15 13 16=49
Ada - 13 8 15 6=42
Scorers of the Game:

WARRIORS PICK UP WIN



Senior Cole Weiss dives forward to get the ball to the hoop. Photo by Jarrison Steiner More pictures at westbendnews.net

From the beginning of the Blackhawk Christian vs Woodlan match up at the Warrior home court on Saturday, the Woodlan boys were able to keep the lead and even more so by the third quarter. The only period where Blackhawk outscored Woodlan was the fourth and then it was by four points. It was still not enough to overcome the deficit built up over the previous three periods.

Score by the Quarter:
Blackhawk Christian - 13 14 16 26=69
Woodlan - 15 16 21 22=74
Scorers of the Game:
Blackhawk Christian (3-2) - Fiedler 2; Hall 4; Thompson 24; Sassmannhausen 2; Kroft 2; Davidson 21; Walters 14
Woodlan (3-2) - McCarter 2; Fancher 18; Weiss 7; Krahn 18; Hahn 25; Gerig 4
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Paulding - Arellano 16; Ingol 9; Edwards 9; Rhonehouse 8; Sitton 5; Gee 2
Ada - Sautter 15; Willeke 15; Coleten 6; Conley 4; Jackson 2

Score by the quarter:
Paulding - 7 10 14 8 = 39
Ada - 12 24 19 11 = 66

PAULDING GIRLS' BASKETBALL LOSES TO ADA

Paulding will take on Spencerville on Friday, December 21 at Spencerville. The next home game will be January 8 against Allen East.

BULLDOG PULL OUT CLOSE WIN AGAINST SPARTANS

On Saturday, December 12th, the New Haven Bulldogs traveled to the Spartan territory of Homestead High School for some varsity boys basketball. In the first quarter, New Haven tipped a 3 point lead going into the 2nd, 16-13. Homestead picked up the pace and ended the half in the lead, 23-21. The third quarter was a give and take with the Bulldogs adding 13 points to their score as the Spartans added 11.

It was the final quarter of the game that closed the deal for the Bulldogs ending the game with New Haven taking the win home, 54-51.

When Ada and Paulding got together for their recent basketball game, Ada came out strong and continued throughout the game. Leading Paulding in the first quarter 12 - 7 and adding 24 more points to that in the second quarter. Going into half time the score was 36 -17 in favor of Ada.
Coming out of half time wasn't any better for the Paulding girls. Ada scored an additional 30 points in the second half while Paulding only scored an additional 22, leaving Ada to topple Paulding 66 - 39.

Score by the Quarter:
New Haven - 16 5 13 20=54
Homestead - 13 10 11 17=51
Scorers of the Game:
New Haven - Moore 4, Stevenson 5, Westrick 9, Gardner 6, Upshaw 5, Towns 8, Rowan 3, Workman 14
Homestead - Wolfcale 4, Ferguson 14, Curry 13, Manges 2, Durnell 18

Top scorer for Paulding was Vogel with 15 points, while Meggison was second with 9 points.
Wyss played well, aiding Ada in the victory with 18 points, with Faine scoring 16 and Wildmon contributing 14 points.

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ANTWERP DEFEATS NORTH CENTRAL



Senior Avery Braaten scores a 3 point basket against North Central. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Lady Archers hosted the North Central Eagles on Tuesday, December 8. The Archers basketball team had been struggling a little this season, but they came out very well in this matchup. Rachel Williamson led the home team along with Peyton Short and Kiana Recker.

Rachel scored 9 points in the first quarter alone. Kiana nailed 6 in the second quarter while Peyton added 6 in both.

The lady Eagles performed well the first quarter, but when the Archers kept on the war path, North Central

fell by the wayside when they only scored 5 points.

The second half continued to go in the Archers' favor when they outpaced them by an additional five points. The final score was 56-38 after Sierra Cline fouled out. Three pointers were scored by Rachel Williamson and Audrie Longardner.

Scorers of the Game:

Antwerp - Williamson 14; Recker 10; Short 10; Smith 9; Braaten 6; Cline 4; Longardner 3

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UPHILL BATTLE FOR RAIDERS



Alec Vest shoots a free throw in this file photo. In the game against Lincolnview, Alec added 9 points to the Raider score.

Lincolnview hosted the Wayne Trace Raiders boys basketball team on Saturday, December 12. The Raiders have had an interesting, and difficult year. They were expected to really dominate the game this year and it hasn't happened. Not playing bad, but they just haven't gotten to the point of clearly commanding the court. Not much can be said against the Lancers as they are still undefeated in and out of the NWC.

The Raiders, on the other hand, have struggled since the third game. Winning the first two games seemed easy until Paulding came along, again both games have been close. Since none of these are conference games, it's not a huge deal... yet.

This game began with both teams playing very

similar. The Knights and the Raiders both are year-over-year top rivalries and this year is just as competitive.

The first half was very close. Luke Miller and Ethan Linder both had excellent scoring. The half ended 29-32 with three on Crestview's team who really had their game together.

The third period is what added up the Raiders plan. The Wayne Trace offense could not keep close in this quarter. The fourth had the Raiders on top in points, but it couldn't make up the difference lost from the period before. The game finished

72-60 with Lincolnview on top. Chandler Adams was incredible, making 8 of 8 free throws. On the Raider side, Ethan Linder easily had the top score — for both sides.

Score by the Quarter:

Wayne Trace - 19 10 9 22=60
Lincolnview - 20 12 20 20=72

Scorers of the Game:

Wayne Trace - E Linder 26; Miller 10; Vest 9; Stabler 6; Speice 5; Saylor 2; E Sinn 2
Lincolnview - Adams 20; Neate 19; Youtsey 16; Ludwig 9; Leiter 3; Ringwald 3; Leeds 2.

WAYNE TRACE JH WRESTLERS COMPETE AT DUAL MEET

Thursday, December 10th Wayne Trace Jr. High wrestling team traveled to Hicksville to pair off against Edgerton and Hicksville in a dual meet. Wayne Trace won both matches respectively with a 29-24 win over Hicksville and a 30-24 win over Edgerton. Competing for the Raiders were: Brendon Bidlack (2-0), Seth Meggison (2-0), Gabe Sutton (2-0), Jacob Carpenter (2-0), Jess Munger (1-1), Quin Ehinger (1-1), and Kameron Bevis (1-1).



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VAN WERT AREA COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND TO PLAY AT MARSH AUDITORIUM



The Van Wert Area Community Concert Band (VWACCB), under the direction of band director Richard Sherrick, will be presenting a free Christmas concert for the entire Van Wert community at the Marsh Foundation School Auditorium located at 1229 Lincoln Highway in Van Wert on December 21st at 7:00 p.m. Each year, the VWACCB travels to three local nursing homes to entertain their residents by presenting them with a joyful variety of Christmas songs. This year they've added the Marsh Foundation to their schedule, whose auditorium offers ample space for not only the residents of the Marsh Foundation, but also for the family, friends, and neighbors of the band members along with anyone in the Van Wert area to celebrate the Christmas season with them. This will be the VWACCB's final concert of the season. The band consists of residents from Van Wert, Paulding, and Mercer counties ranging in age from 16 - 91 years old. They begin practicing each year in early

May and put on three lively shows at Fountain Park in Van Wert throughout the summer months that have entertained hundreds of people. The band plays a variety of patriotic songs every Memorial Day in Ohio City at a moving ceremony honoring those lives lost in combat and every July 4th at the Van Wert Historical Museum celebrating the birth of our nation. They conclude the summer season with a concert at the Van Wert County Fair each year. After a short break, they begin practicing for the Christmas season adding new music each time to entertain the deserving residents of the nursing homes. So come on out to the Marsh Auditorium on December 21st at 7:00 p.m. and celebrate the Christmas season with your fellow Van Wert area friends and neighbors. There will be snacks and refreshments for all who attend. Let's make this a Christmas tradition for years to come! If you want more information, please call Michael Baldea at 419-238-3030.

THE OHIO CITY PRIDE'S FOURTH ANNUAL "HOLIDAY LIGHTS" CONTEST

The rules for entering the contest is easy, you must reside in Liberty Township (Ohio City). Your photo will be added to our album for our 3,300 fans to vote on. We suggest that after your photo is uploaded to our album that you share the photo and encourage friends and family to vote for you. Only votes in this album count. If you do not have a Facebook account or internet access your photo can be dropped off at the Village of Ohio City's Utility Office, just include your name and address on the back of the photo. You can also email the photo to bighamcreativecommunications@gmail.com. There will be one winner that will take all the prize money. The contest will be over on December 31st at 11:59 p.m. Here are our current sponsors. We will be adding more as they become available. **Sponsors:** BHS Gun Shop; Bigham Creative Communications; Ohio City Express; **Park Board:** Ohio City Community Building; Thee Ohio City Junction, LLC; Rent-A-Garage Village of Ohio City. If you would like to be a

sponsor or have any questions, please contact us at 419-953-9511

MAC GYM WINTER LEAGUE BRINGS 65 TEAMS

The 2015-2016 MAC Gym winter league has completed two weeks of play. This year's league brings 65 teams weekly to the community. In all, 33 games per week are played Saturday through Monday. Teams represent eight counties in two states and travel in an hour radius of Antwerp. From the north, the teams come from as far as Hamilton, Indiana. From the south in Indiana, Monroeville, and from Ohio there are two teams from Delphos. From the east, Wauseon brings a team in weekly. The Antwerp Athletic Booster Club graciously takes on 10 games weekly at the school. The 6th grade boys division and 5th grade girls division play at the school on Saturdays. The MAC Gym hosts 16 games on Saturday. Eight of the 4th grade boy's teams join 5th grade boy's teams along with 4th and 6th grade girl's teams. The balance of six additional 4th grade boys teams play at the MAC Gym on Sunday, while seven 3rd grade boys teams

travel from all over to play on Monday evenings.

Games will continue on alternating weeks at both the school and the MAC Gym as both work through other athletic conflicts. The school will host the last league games of 2015 on December 19, while the MAC Gym hosts the Santa Slam 5th and 6th grade tournaments. The school will again host league games on January 2, but not on January 9 as the wrestling tournament takes both gyms. The MAC Gym will resume league play on January 9.

SANTA SLAM THIS WEEK-END AT MAC GYM

The third annual "Santa Slam" basketball tournament will be played this Saturday at the MAC Gym. This final tournament event of 2015 will host 18 teams that represent five divisions at this year's one day event.

The day begins with 5th and 6th grade boys teams mixing it up as Antwerp, Montpelier, Patrick Henry, Delphos St. John, Hicksville and Liberty Center take the court. The 4th grade division will consist of Ohio teams from Patrick Henry, Lima Shawnee, Tinora and Hamilton in Indiana.

Girls teams include: Antwerp, Paulding, Fairview and Norwell in the 6th grade division, while Ayersville, Fairview Archbold and Crestview highlight the 5th grade division.

Games will begin at 8:30 a.m. and run every 45 minutes through 7:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Team MAC 7th and 8th grade travel teams.

ROUGH RIDERS TAKE ON COUGARS

The Rough Riders of St. Mary's High School rode into Cougar town (aka Van Wert) for boys basketball. The Van Wert boys took the lead right away ending the first quarter, 25-21. The status quo was maintain till the end of the half for Van Wert, 44-38.

The Rough Riders took charge in the second half matching the Cougars in points in the third quarter, and outscored Van Wert in the fourth. At the buzzer, St. Mary's took home a victory, 83-81.

Score by the Quarter:
Van Wert - 25 19 17 20=81
St. Marys - 21 17 17 28=83
Scorers of the Game:
Van Wert - Smith 24, Brown 20, Kelly 12, Gutierrez 9, Munroe 8, McCracken 4, Cross 4

St. Marys - Jay 26, Granman 18, Wingett 14, Roop 9, Jacobs 8, Wilker 5, Clements 3

JV Score: Van Wert 60, St. Marys 35.

OATCCC NORTHWEST OHIO HIGH SCHOOL INDOOR TRACK & FIELD MEET IN 2016

The new indoor boys and girls track & field meet for only northwest Ohio high schools will be sponsored by the three district of the Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches (OATCCC) in northwest Ohio.

This will be district 6 which include Wyandot, Huron, Erie, Richland, Crawford, Seneca and Sandusky

counties and district 7 which includes Mercer, Hancock, Putnam, Allen, Hardin, Auglaize, Van Wert and Paulding counties and district 15 which includes Lucas, Ottawa, Williams, Wood, Henry, Defiance and Fulton counties. The meet will be on Friday the 22nd of January and is being hosted at the University of Findlay. More information about this meet is available on the OATCCC web site under Track meets and the University of Findlay track & field web site under high school meets information.

Questions about this meet and how it will be scored please contact OATCCC District 6 representative John Knickel at welcomejk@aol.com or District 7 representative Jim Epperly at epperly@wgschools.org, or District 15 representative Paul Barney at barney@toledochristian.com

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLERS COMPETE IN LINCOLNVIEW INVITATIONAL

Saturday, December 12th, five members of the Wayne Trace High School wrestling team competed at the Lincolnview Invitational. Daniel Ruiz, Wyatt Stabler, Dylan Kucik, Anthony Rooks, and Noah Reel. Ruiz (106lbs) and Reel (285lbs) both placed 5th. Rooks (182lbs) placed 4th, and Stabler (132lbs) placed 3rd. Coach Clemens was pleased with the boys performance, they wrestled hard and wrestled well.

Tuesday the High School team will travel to Edergton to pair off against Fairview and Lincolnview. Their next home meet will be Thursday the 17th with Tinora and Ayersville.

SAFE DRIVING ASSEMBLY



Van Wert County Sheriff, Tom Riggbach, Putnam County Sheriff Michael Chandler, and Paulding County Sheriff Jason Landers recently visited Vantage to talk to students about safe driving, especially as winter approaches. Pictured with their sheriff are Student Ambassadors Mikayla Ryan (Van Wert), Zach Chamberlin (Kalida), and Brenna Baker (Wayne Trace).

PAYNE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS USE LAPTOPS FOR RESEARCH



Students in Mrs. Stouffer's science classes at Payne Elementary have been using their laptops to research different biomes to create food webs for the biome they were assigned. Students had to first create food chains from the

biome they were assigned and then use those chains to make a food web showing all the relationships of their food chains. Students in the pictures are using their laptops to find the different organisms for the project.

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PAYNE ELEMENTARY SUPPORT FOOD BANK



The Payne Elementary student council led a food drive during the month of November to support the Payne Food Bank. Student representatives Emma Laukhuf and Adrian Laukhuf present the collected items to Mrs. Ellen Henriott.

RAIDER WRESTLERS AT ALLEN EAST INVITE

Saturday, December 12th, the Raiders wrestled at the Annual Allen East Invitational. Raiders placed 7th out of 16 teams, having four wrestlers place. Seth Meggison went 5-0 earning 1st place. Both Brendon Bidlack (4-1) and Gabe Sutton (3-2) placed 2nd for the day. Going 5-1 for the day and placing 3rd was Kameron Bevis. Jess Munger contributed one win for the Raiders. Coach Long said he was proud of the boys, they wrestled hard and he is seeing

improvements every day.

ANTWERP CROWNS 2 CHAMPS AT LINCOLNVIEW

The Antwerp High School wrestling team recently competed in the Lancer Invitational at Lincolnview High School on January 12, 2015. Five of the 6 Archer wrestlers competing were able to place in the top 6 of their respective weight classes. Placing 6th at 126 pounds was sophomore Owen Miller. Miller had 2 wins (1 pin) and 3 losses on the day. It was also Miller's first ever win, pin and tour-

nament placement as well. Placing 5th for the Archers was junior Logan Shaner at 152 pounds. Shaner earned 4 wins (3 pins, 1 technical fall) with only 1 loss. Finishing in 4th place was senior Austin VanAtta at 220 pounds. VanAtta had 2 wins (both by pin) and 3 losses on the day. Antwerp was also able to crown 2 champions on the day as well. Freshman Aidan McAlexander went undefeated on the day with 4 wins (3 pins, 1 major decision) to capture the 106-pound title. This marks McAlexander's second tournament championship of the season. Also finishing 1st place on the day was senior Justice Clark at 170 pounds. Clark finished the day with 5 wins (4 pins) to earn the first tournament championship of his final season as an Archer. The Archer wrestlers achieved great accomplishments so far in this young season. The Archer wrestling community is very proud of you!

LIBERTY CENTER GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM TRAVEL TO WAYNE TRACE

Wayne Trace defended their home court and their winning streak when they recently took on Liberty Center. Wayne Trace came out of the gate and gained a substantial lead over Liberty Center scoring 17 points and only allowing Liberty Center to score 2. Liberty Center upped their

game a little in the second quarter, but it wasn't enough to keep Wayne Trace from continuing to dominate the game.

In the 3rd and 4th quarter Wayne Trace's scoring wasn't quite as high as it was in the first half, but that didn't stop them from keeping the lead and taking the win over Liberty Center 50 - 28, bringing their record to 3 - 0 and dropping Liberty Center's record to 1 - 5.

Mohr was the strong arm for Wayne Trace scoring 17 points for the game, with Mead and Myers in 2nd, both scoring 9 points each for the game.

Ley was Liberty Center's top scorer, scoring 10 points for them in the game with Leatherman coming in with 7 points for the team.

Score by the quarter:

Wayne Trace - 17 15 10 8 = 50
Liberty Center - 2 12 5 9 = 28

FAIRVIEW SPORTS RESULTS

12-10-15 Defiance and OG

Hunter Rittenhouse-Starbuck took second place in the 200 IM with a time of 2:07.23. He took first place in the 100 Butterfly with a time of 54:56.

The freshmen boys basketball team lost to Bryan Tuesday night 43-13.

December 8th the 7th grade girls defeated Defiance 38-7. Lead in scoring by Kiersten Cline and Michelle Marshall with 8 each. Emily Singer & Karrie Smith added 7 a piece.

December 8th the 7th grade girls beat Hilltop 37-9. Karrie Smith scored 10 and Anna Ankney & Kiersten Cline had 8.

7th grade is now 5-0

USDA ANNOUNCES \$210 MILLION TO BE INVESTED IN RENEWABLE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGH THE BIOFUEL INFRASTRUCTURE PARTNERSHIP

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is partnering with 21 states through the Biofuel Infrastructure Partnership (BIP) to nearly double the number of fueling pumps nationwide that supply renewable fuels to American motorists. In May 2015, USDA announced the availability of \$100 million in grants through the BIP, and that to apply states and private partners match the federal funding by a 1:1 ratio. USDA received applications requesting over \$130 million, outpacing the \$100 million that is available. With the matching commitments by state and private entities, the BIP is investing a total of \$210 million to strengthen the rural economy.

"This major investment in renewable energy infrastructure will give Americans more options that not only will suit their pocketbooks, but also will reduce our country's environmental impact and bolster our rural economy," said Vilsack. "The Biofuel Infrastructure Partnership is one more example of how federal funds can be leveraged by state and private partners

GROVER HILL FOOD DRIVE



Pictured are Student Council Members pictured in the back row from left to right: Tyler Sinn, Cameron Sinn, Hunter Long, Josh Shelton, and Hannah Maenle. Front Row: Claudia Sinn.

Grover Hill Elementary is in the final stretch of their Annual Canned Food Drive. Each year the students are encouraged to help out in anyway that they "can". All nonperishable food items

and toiletries are donated to the local food pantry. If anyone would like to assist in the Grover Hill Elementary Food Drive, we are accepting donations until Friday, December 18.

FAIRVIEW GRANGE DONATES DICTIONARIES



Pictured above are some of the 3rd grade students at Antwerp Elementary School with dictionaries presented by Fairview Grange. The Grange has donated 533 dictionaries to the Antwerp Elementary school in the past ten years.

to deliver better and farther reaching outcomes for taxpayers. The volume and diverse geographic locations of partners willing to support this infrastructure demonstrate the demand across the country for lower cost, cleaner, American-made fuels. Consumers will begin to see more of these pumps in a matter of months."

The 21 states participating in the BIP include Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The amount awarded to each state is available at: www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/energy-programs/bip/index. The final awards being announced today are estimated to expand infrastructure by nearly 5,000 pumps at over 1,400 fueling stations.

A typical gas pump delivers fuel with 10 percent ethanol, which limits the amount of renewable energy that consumers can purchase. The new partnership

will increase the number of pumps, storage and related infrastructure that offer higher blends of ethanol, such as E15, E85, and even intermediate combination blends.

USDA's Office of the Chief Economist just released a comprehensive report on ethanol. The report, titled U.S. Ethanol: An Examination of Policy, Production, Use, Distribution, and Market Interactions, brings clarity to the complex interaction of ethanol production with agricultural markets and government policies. The corn ethanol industry is the largest biofuel producer in the country, with production increasing from about 1.6 billion gallons in 2000 to just over 14 billion gallons in 2014, stimulating economic activity in rural communities. Visit www.usda.gov/oce/reports/energy/EthanolExamination102015.pdf to read the complete report.

BIP is administered by the USDA Farm Service Agency. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/energy-programs/index.

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MORE LOCAL SPORTS, MORE LOCAL NEWS!



At the recent East Allen County Schools Board of School Trustees meeting, the board along with Dr. Ken Folks recognized the fall sport academic All-State student athletes. **The student athletes are:**

New Haven High School: Volleyball: Hadley Decker; Soccer: Austin Blanton, Pedro Castaneda, Devin Dubbelde, Natalie Close; **Heritage Jr. Sr. High:** Soccer: Renee Hare,

Veronica Hare, Sarah Kleine, Kaylly Till, Lucas Scheumann, Alex Feipel, Terry Lockwood, Rylie Schane; **Volleyball:** Lillie Castleman, Jessica Franke, Mackenzie Fry, Kortney Castleman; **Leo Jr. Sr. High:** Golf: Anna Feldman; Tennis: Reid Herran; Soccer: Truman Morin, Aaron Yoder, Matt Heck, Luke San Giacomo; **Woodlan Jr. Sr. High:** Volleyball: Kenzie Salzbrenner

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL NOVEMBER STUDNET OF THE MONTH



Paulding High School announces their November Students of the Month. Pictured left to right: Freshman-Jessica Weller, Sophomore-Abigail English, Junior-Chantal Monnier, and Senior- Alex Arellano.

USDA FUNDING EXPANDS BROADBAND ACCESS TO NEARLY SIX MILLION RURAL RESIDENTS, WORKERS AND BUSINESSES

USDA Rural Utilities Service Administrator Brandon McBride announced that nearly six million Americans who live and work in rural areas now have access to new or improved high-speed internet service, thanks to USDA funding provided in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

"I am proud to announce today that all of the active projects USDA has financed through the Recovery Act are now providing broadband service in rural areas nationwide," McBride said. "In 2009, the Obama Administration pushed for, and Congress provided USDA with,

an unprecedented level of funding and five years to connect rural areas to high-speed networks. Bringing broadband to these areas is having a tremendous impact on rural communities. This access means more jobs, better education and a higher quality of life. The economic viability of rural America, like all of America, depends on access to broadband."

Two hundred fifty-four Recovery Act broadband projects financed by USDA's Rural Utilities Service totaling \$2.9 billion are providing broadband service in 44 states and American Samoa. More than half the infrastructure projects were completed under budget, resulting in the return of nearly \$113 million to the U.S. Treasury. The measure's five-year period for funding broadband projects

expired at the end of the 2015 fiscal year.

These projects have brought high-speed Internet access to 260,000 rural households, 17,500 businesses and 1,900 community facilities. The service providers estimate that completed projects could provide access for more than 5.8 million rural consumers.

In Burnsville, N.C., Country Cablevision now provides 2,000 homes with broadband speeds of up to 100 megabytes per second. Businesses can receive up to 1 gigabyte per second. The new service allows troops overseas to have live video connections with their friends and families, and it makes it easier for virtual visits at the local nursing home.

In Scott County, Tenn., 21,000 households now benefit from broadband because of USDA Recovery Act financing provided to the Highland Telephone Cooperative. Residents have compared the service improvements to "going from a gravel road to the interstate." Students now earn college degrees online, and businesses operate faster and more efficiently.

Building broadband infrastructure in rural and remote areas can be challenging. In communities in Bristol Bay and the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta in Alaska, for example, cable was pulled by hand under a frozen river to make broadband available to Native Alaskan villages for the first time. As a result, area residents now have expanded access to health care services.

While Congress instructed USDA to improve rural broadband access as part of a sweeping set of infrastructure investments funded through the Recovery Act, USDA is financing additional expansions to rural broadband service through other annual funding.

"We've accomplished a great deal as a result of the Recovery Act funding," McBride noted. "But we still have more to do. Too many rural Americans are still living on the wrong side of the digital divide. USDA is committed to bridging that divide by getting more rural Americans online at work, at school and at home." According to the Federal Communications Commission, only 47 percent of people who live and work in rural areas have access to high-speed internet, compared to 90 percent of those who live and work in urban and metropolitan areas.

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

LATTA VOTES TO PROTECT AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE AMERICAN ENERGY

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) released the following statement regarding the U.S. House of Representative's passage of S.J. Res 23 and S.J. Res 24. The resolutions disapprove the two final rules issued by the Environmental Protec-

Dear Miss C,

I think my boyfriend is cheating on me. Every time I walk into the room he closes and hides his cell phone, but the other day I saw HER name and picture on it before the screen cleared. I asked him who it was, and he said it was just a friend from work. But it seems like he spends more time on his phone texting her, than having an actual conversation with me, who is in the same room. I don't want it to be true, and when I asked him straight out, he denied it. But at the same time, it feels like he is more connected to her, than to me. I don't know what to do, I am anxious and unhappy.

Sincerely,

- SuZQ

Dear SuZQ,

It sounds like your re-

lationship uncertainty is hurting you. And I believe you need to know if you are in an honest relationship. You have already asked him, which you stated he denied, so you need to look for other signs. These signs are a change from your normal relationship patterns. 1) Pay attention to what he says. Does he have a lot of excuses when he used to spend all his free time with you? Has he stopped complimenting you? Or compliments you more often? Does he stop returning your texts, even mid conversation? 2) Pay attention to what he does. Is your intimate life different? Is he much nicer or more helpful (or less) than normal? Has his grooming changed? What about his mood?

While none of these signs

say, "Hey, I am cheating on you!" They do note important relationship red flags because changes always occur for a reason. Whether he is cheating on you or not, it is important to pay attention to these flags. Discuss these changes calmly, openly, and sincerely with your partner. Get on the same page in your relationship. If your relationship is important to both of you, these efforts will make your relationship stronger. If not, it may be time to walk away. If he is not committed in the same way you are, it is merely a recipe for hurt.

Many Blessings,

—Miss C

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tion Agency (EPA) for new and existing power plants:

"There is a reason over half of the nation's states have sued the EPA to block this rule. The Clean Power Plan - a rebranding of the President's rejected "cap and trade" legislation - will cost hard working American men and women energy jobs, and will increase electricity bills for Americans of all ages. I supported these resolutions in order to protect jobs, ensure the reliability of our electrical grid, and safeguard Americans from incurring burdensome costs as a result of this Administration'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. Rep. Latta was a cosponsor of the House companion resolutions.

SECRETARY HUSTED URGES IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, OTHER CRIMES

Testimony offered on behalf of Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted in support of House Bill 359. The legislation, jointly sponsored by State Representatives Mike Duffey and Anne Gonzales, would allow victims of domestic violence, stalking, human trafficking, rape and sexual battery to keep their addresses confidential. Thirty-eight U.S. states already offer similar programs.

Secretary Husted called on the legislature to make this change in October 2015. Companion legislation has been introduced in the Ohio Senate by Senators Peggy Lehner and Sandra Williams (Senate Bill 222).

Proponent Testimony on House Bill 359; Ohio House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee, Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Chairman Brown, Vice Chairman Blessing, Ranking Member Clyde, and members of the House Gov-

ernment Accountability and Oversight Committee:

As Secretary of State, I have been committed to making it easier to vote and harder to cheat for all Ohioans. With the help of members of this legislature we have made great strides in this effort, but our work is not done. There are those among us who, despite all that has been done to ensure an open process, still do not participate. This is not due to a lack of access, but rather out of fear for their lives. The individuals I am here to advocate for are the victims of domestic abuse and human trafficking.

House Bill 359, jointly-sponsored by Representatives Duffey and Gonzales, allows victims of domestic violence, stalking, human trafficking, rape, and sexual battery to keep their addresses confidential. Currently, 38 states offer an address confidentiality program. It is time Ohio joins them.

Under House Bill 359, victims of domestic violence, human trafficking and other crimes are able to work with an application assistant to apply for a confidential address, separate from their residential address, which they may provide to government agencies in order to prevent their place of residence from becoming a public record. This separate address will be housed at the Secretary of State's office, and upon receipt, the office will redirect the victims' mail to their actual residential addresses on a daily basis. The program, including the cost of mailing the victims' mail, is funded through monetary fines levied against the perpetrators of domestic violence and

other crimes. Courts will have discretion to issue fines ranging from \$70 to \$500.

In addition to setting up a separate address at the Secretary of State's office, victims will be able to register to vote with their individual boards of elections and ensure that their addresses remain confidential. This is accomplished through the use of a unique identification number that is assigned by the Secretary of State's office to each victim enrolled in the address confidentiality program.

During my time as Ohio's Secretary of State, I have heard stories from boards of elections and victims' advocates about women who have been afraid to register to vote because Ohio law currently does not allow the Secretary of State's office or boards of elections to keep victims' addresses confidential. House Bill 359 would finally allow these women to register to vote and vote without being fearful that their addresses will be compromised.

I want to take a moment and thank Speaker Rosenberger and his leadership team for ensuring this important legislation receives the consideration it deserves. I also extend my thanks to Representatives Duffey and Gonzales, and to you, Mr. Chairman, for your leadership on this important measure. Finally, I would like to thank Senators Lehner and Williams for their work on the companion bill in their chamber, Senate Bill 222.

I urge support for House Bill 359 so victims can come out of the shadows, fully exercise their rights as citizens and participate in the electoral process without fear.

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USDA ANNOUNCES \$40 MILLION AVAILABLE TO HELP RANCHERS RESTORE SAGE GROUSE HABITAT

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the availability of \$40 million to help ranchers and other partners in 11 western states restore and protect sagebrush habitat for greater sage-grouse on privately-owned land. This investment is part of USDA's four-year, \$211 million Sage Grouse Initiative 2.0 through the Working Lands for Wildlife (WLFW) partnership. The WLFW partnership uses seven focus species, including sage grouse, to steer public and private conservation investments that improve struggling landscapes and strengthen agricultural operations.

"The decisions of agricultural producers have powerful impacts on wildlife and the long-term health of their own land, and the partnerships formed through our Working Lands for Wildlife initiative have had proven success for bringing back several of America's native species," Vilsack said. "By managing ranches with sage grouse and other wildlife in mind, producers also strengthen their own operations, boost resilience and increase agricultural yields."

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) uses the Sage Grouse Initiative to build on the success of \$296.5 million invested with farmers and ranchers in 11 Western States for sage grouse habitat conservation from 2010-2014. The assistance helps ranchers enhance sagebrush habitat by making

conservation improvements, like removal of invading conifers and invasive grasses that also improve grazing operations. The partnership also helps ranchers protect other critical habitat, such as wet meadows, by enrolling land into voluntary conservation easements.

Conservation efforts on private lands work. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) determined in September 2015 that the sage grouse population was healthy enough that it did not warrant protections under the Endangered Species Act (ESA)—the result of the unprecedented collaboration in public and private rangeland restoration.

Since 2010, ranchers and other private conservation partners participating in the Sage Grouse Initiative have restored and improved 4.4 million acres, benefitting not just the sage grouse, but 350 wildlife species that call the sagebrush landscape their home. Recent data show two sagebrush songbirds that share habitat with sage grouse also saw population increases following restoration activities. One of the birds, the green-tailed towhee, experienced an 81 percent population increase.

In addition to the Sage Grouse Initiative, Vilsack also announced more than \$10 million available in 2016 to support six other WLFW initiatives for focus species across the country including the New England cottontail, southwestern willow flycatcher, golden-winged warbler, gopher tortoise, bog turtle and lesser prairie-chicken.

In September 2015, FWS also announced ESA protec-

tions were not warranted for the New England cottontail, in part because of large-scale restoration of young forests on private lands with NRCS assistance. In Louisiana WLFW has helped landowners restore forested wetlands, the driving force behind the proposed delisting of the Louisiana black bear as an endangered species. In Oregon, stream restoration work on private lands led to the delisting of the Oregon chub, the first fish in the history of the ESA to recover and be delisted.

Funding for WLFW comes from two 2014 Farm Bill programs that accelerate conservation efforts to benefit wildlife populations by conserving entire landscapes, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Agricultural Conservation Easement Program. The Conservation Stewardship Program provides additional opportunities for producers wanting to restore sagebrush and prairie habitat for sage grouse and prairie chicken.

By participating in WLFW, land managers also gain greater predictability under the ESA. Once enrolled, they may continue implementing their conservation actions without fear of additional regulations.

NRCS financial assistance covers part of the cost to implement conservation practices. Interested landowners are encouraged to contact their local USDA service center.

SECRETARY HUSTED CERTIFIES RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 2015 STATE-WIDE ELECTION

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted certified the results of the three statewide ballot issues considered by voters during the General Election held on November 3, 2015. In total, 3,255,537 ballots were cast out of the state's 7,529,667 registered voters, leading to a voter turnout rate of 43.2 percent.

The results in the statewide races are now available at Vote.Ohio.gov. The local issue results, the provisional and absentee ballot reports and the precinct-by-precinct reports will be made available in the coming weeks.

State Issue 1: Approved by Voters

Creates a bipartisan, public process for drawing legislative districts

Votes in Favor: 2,126,822
Votes Against: 849,043

State Issue 2: Approved by Voters

Anti-monopoly amendment; protects the initiative process from being used for personal economic benefit

Votes in Favor: 1,621,329
Votes Against: 1,537,261

State Issue 3: Rejected by Voters

Would have granted a monopoly for the commercial production and sale of marijuana for recreational and medicinal purposes

Votes in Favor: 1,166,692
Votes Against: 2,042,902

LATTA WELCOMES U.S.A.F. THUNDERBIRDS TO 2016 TOLEDO AIR SHOW

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) welcomes the release of the United States Air Force Thunderbird's 2016 sched-

ule that includes an appearance at the Toledo Air Show. The event, a joint venture of the community and the 180th Fighter Wing, will take place at the Toledo Express Airport on July 16-17.

"This summer, our community will have the chance to see the pride, professionalism and dedication that our brave servicemen and women display on a daily basis," said Rep. Latta. "The Thunderbirds are among America's elite pilots. This is a great opportunity to strengthen the ties between our community, and our Armed Forces."

The Thunderbirds, the Air Force's official air demonstration team, have been active since 1953. Since its inception, 325 officers have worn the distinguished emblem of "America's Ambassadors in Blue" serving for the unit.

Air shows have taken place in Toledo since 1957, and have attracted audiences of up to 75,000 people. The 2016 event is the first since 2004.

"From the Birth of Aviation and the Wright brothers, to Neil Armstrong walking on the moon, Ohio has a long, storied aviation history. I look forward to the opportunity to continue that tradition as the 180th Fighter Wing and Thunderbirds showcase the pride and precision of the United States Air Force."

NATIONAL HEALTH LEADERS RECOGNIZE U.S. REP. BOB LATTA FOR LEADERSHIP IN HEALTHCARE INNOVATION

The Healthcare Leadership Council (HLC), a coalition of leaders of the nation's premier health care companies and organizations, has honored U.S. Representative Bob Latta as a "Champion of Healthcare Innovation" at an award ceremony in Washington, DC.

"I am proud to receive this award, and thank the HLC for this recognition," said Rep. Latta. "Innovations in the healthcare industry are essential to ensuring future medical progress. I will continue to work in Congress to promote policies that encourage this innovation, and that puts patients first."

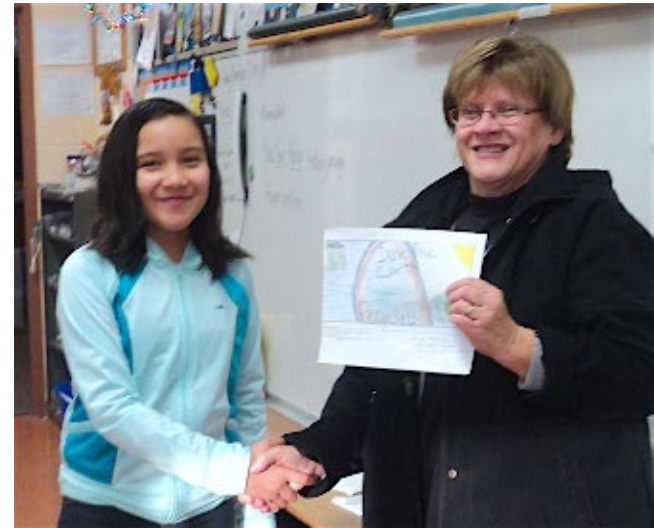
The award presentation took place at the Council's annual Healthcare Innovations Expo on Capitol Hill. The day-long event is dedicated to showcasing new developments in health care technologies, treatments and practices. This year's event featured, among other exhibits, new technologies for blood glucose monitoring, innovative treatment options for mental illness, and telehealth systems that make physicians accessible to patients 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"As we strive to conquer illness, elevate population health and make our healthcare system more affordable and sustainable, the answer lies in dynamic and continual innovation," said Healthcare Leadership Council President Mary R. Grealy. "For this to happen, we need federal policies that encourage progress and new breakthroughs in care. We applaud Representative Bob Latta for the leadership, vision and commitment that patients and healthcare consumers need."

BECKY SUVAR PAULDING COUNTY RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT



Pictured here are Laryssa Whitman & Becky Suvar



Pictured here are Citlali Aguilar & Becky Suvar

Becky Suvar came back to Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary 4th grade class today to award our winners of the Billboard Contest for PCRWM. Our first place winner for the classroom was Laryssa Whitman. She won \$25.00. Citlali Aguilar was one of the 4 billboard winners for the county and she won \$50.

SCHWEINSBERG WINS FIRST PLACE IN RECYCLING POSTER CONTEST



Raelyn Schweinsberg, daughter of Michael and Beth Schweinsberg, a fourth grade student at Divine Mercy School won first place in the recycling poster contest. She received a check for \$25.00 from Becky Suvar.

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WAYNE TRACE STUDENT COUNCIL COLLECT PRESENTS TO HELP LOCAL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS



Pictured are: (front row): Sydney Hoffman, Jessica Offerle, Victoria Ryan, Shayna Temple. (back row): Staci Flint, Luke Miller, Cole Shepherd, Brianna Sinn, Erin Mohr, Scott Weninger, Estie Sinn, and Jayson Nowak.

The Wayne Trace Student council collected over 200 presents to help local elementary students in their recent Angel Tree program efforts. 125 students and staff members chose an Angel

which outlined the specific needs of a particular child. The wrapped gifts were then delivered to the elementary schools for pick-up by the parents.

POSTAL SERVICE GEARS UP FOR ANOTHER HOLIDAY

The Postal Service expects to deliver a total of approximately 15.5 billion cards, letters, flats, and packages during the 2015 holiday

season. In addition, it's projecting approximately 600 million packages will be delivered between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve, which is an increase of 10.5 percent over last year's volume.

In time for the holidays, the Postal Service will offer

real-time delivery notifications - meaning customers who sign up for alerts at www.myusps.com will receive notification within a few minutes of the delivery scan for select packages.

The Postal Service has hired approximately 30,000 employees for the 2015 holiday season to meet the needs of its customers.

Following the success of the 2014 holiday season, the Postal Service will again deliver packages seven days a week in select major cities and high-volume areas beginning November 29, on the Sundays before Christmas. They expect to deliver on average approximately 5 million packages every Sunday during December.

Skip the lines and ship online or use Self-Service Kiosks

Consumers can avoid holiday hassles by visiting usps.com - the Postal Service's website that will help make mailing and shipping easier. Take advantage of convenient online shipping this holiday season by using Click-N-Ship on usps.com. It allows customers to order free Priority Mail boxes, print shipping labels, purchase postage and

even request free next-day Package Pickup when the letter carrier delivers your mail.

Self-Service Kiosks, available at over 2,800 locations nationwide provide quick access for postal products and services just as ATMs provide for banking customers. There is no extra fee. Using credit and debit cards, the kiosk enables customers to weigh and mail letters and parcels as well as purchase stamps. It also dispenses postage in any amount for Priority Express Mail, Priority Mail, First-Class and Standard Post services. The kiosk provides mailing information such as ZIP Code lookup and accepts post office box renewals. Postal technology also delivers a



Spanish-language option at USPS self-service kiosks. To find a kiosk near you, use the Find Locations tool at www.usps.com.

Mailing Tips

- Print addresses clearly and include all address elements, such as apartment numbers and directional information (ex: 123 S Main St. Apt. 2B)
- Remove batteries from toys. Wrap and place them next to the toys in the mailing box. Customers should include the new batteries in the original packaging.
- Place a card inside the package that contains the delivery and return address. This ensures the package can be delivered or returned should the mailing label become damaged or fall off.
- Never guess a ZIP Code. NO ZIP is better than a WRONG ZIP.
- Include both "to" and "from" information on packages - and only on one side.
- Do NOT reuse mailing boxes - they weaken in the shipping process.
- Select a box that is strong enough to protect the contents. Priority Mail and Priority Express boxes are free at the local post office.
- Leave space for cushioning inside.
- Stuff glass and fragile, hollow items, like vases, with newspaper or packing material to avoid damage. When mailing framed photographs, take the glass out of the frame and wrap it sep-

arately. • As a reminder, all packages weighing more than 13 ounces and bearing only stamps as postage cannot be deposited in collection boxes or given to letter carriers. These packages must be presented to a Postal Service employee at a retail window counter.

Busiest Mailing and Delivery Days

The Postal Service predicts that Monday, December 14, will be the busiest mailing and shipping day for holiday packages, letters and cards. The busiest mailing day also is expected to be the Postal Service's busiest day online with more than 7 million customers predicted to visit usps.com.

Monday, December 21, is expected to be the busiest delivery day for holiday packages, cards and letters. The Postal Service anticipates that more than 30 million packages will be delivered on the peak delivery day alone.

The Postal Service recommends the following holiday mail-by-dates to ensure your gift arrives on time:

Thursday, December 10 - Military mail for overseas bases; Tuesday, December 15 - Standard Post; Saturday, December 19 - First-Class Mail; Monday, December 21 - Priority Mail; Wednesday, December 23 - Priority Mail Express.

Holiday Forever Stamps

For more than 50 years, the United States Postal Service has issued Christmas-themed stamps. Our customers find placing holiday stamps on seasonal greeting cards as much a part of their holiday rituals as hanging Christmas stockings. And the Postal Service continues this time-honored tradition today as in years past. New Forever Stamp offerings for the 2015 holiday season include Geometric Snowflakes and A Charlie Brown Christmas. Other secular Forever stamps include Gingerbread Houses, Global Holiday: Ponsettia, Silver Bells Wreath, and Winter Fun. Religious-themed Forever holiday stamps available this year include Hanukkah, Holy Family, Kwanzaa, Madonna of the Candelabra by Raphael, and Virgin and Child by Jan Gosseart. Customers can purchase stamps at Post Offices or online at www.usps.com/shop.

The 'Mailbox Miracle' Experiences

From now until December 28, the Postal Service is inviting the public to share in a holiday-themed augmented reality (AR) experience that brings the nation's 160,000 blue Post Office collection boxes to life via smartphones. The invitation is part of a mailing that provides information on exciting postal products, services

and key mailing dates to make this the most convenient holiday mailing season ever. Our mailing to the nation's households is one part of our holiday advertising campaign that ranges from direct mail to television and print advertisements, to social media and digital promotion." Thanks to the new AR app, you can take a photo with a variety of animated characters and share it on social media. Download the Postal Service's AR app at Google Play or at the iTunes App Store. Then stand next to a blue collection box and with the app activated, hover over the USPS logo on the box. New figures will be added regularly as we count down to the holidays.

Here's the schedule for the Augmented Reality series over the coming weeks:

December 14 - 18: Decorate your mailbox; December 19 - 22: Holiday countdown; December 23 - 24: Take a picture with Charlie Brown; December 25: Yule log; December 26 - 27: Take a picture with Charlie Brown; December 28: Truck surprise; December 29 - 31 Take a picture with Charlie Brown

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