

## PAYNE ELEMENTARY PRESENTS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Payne Elementary students presented their annual Christmas program to the school and to their families on December 10. Mr. Kaleb O'Donnell coordinated and directed this spectacular Grades 3-6 program. Merry Christmas!

## HUSTED RETURNS \$52,000 AFTER STATEWIDE BALLOT ADVERTISING COSTS COME UNDER-BUDGET

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted's office appeared December 14, 2015, before the Ohio Controlling Board to return \$52,496 that were appropriated for the constitutionally required statewide ballot advertising prior to the November 3, 2015 General Election.

"Providing better services with lower costs is something businesses strive for every day and that's how we've operated in our office since I became Secretary of State," Secretary Husted said. "I'm grateful to our partners at AdOhio for their work in helping us be good stewards of the taxpayer's money."

The Secretary of State's office contracted with the Ohio Newspaper Services Inc., also

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## NEW HAVEN DEFEATS WOODLAN



Woodlan's Tre'von McCarter scores 2 points under the basket. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Boys Varsity game competed at New Haven with the Bulldogs easily defeating the Warriors in the December 14 game by 17 points.

Scorers of the Game:  
New Haven - Moore 3, Stevenson 14, Westrick 9, Gardner 8, Upshaw 7, Towns 20, Workman 12, Free Throws - 18/24

Woodlan - McCarter 2, Fancher 12, Weiss 13, Krahn 6, Rhoades 1, Hahn 5, Gerig 11, Williams 6, Free Throws

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## PLANS FOR SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION CENTER IN PAULDING, OH

The building is currently owned by the Paulding County Commissioner and will be leased to Paulding County Economic Development, Inc. to establish a Small Business Innovation Center. Phase one includes a reception area, four private offices spaces plus a conference room and training area. The purpose of the center will be to provide affordable office space for entrepreneurs, startup businesses and organizations wishing to local in Paulding County.

Jerry Zielke PCED Director stated, "We are excited to be opening this center in Paulding to provide affordable office space to startup businesses and organizations. We currently have tenants for all four of the spaces. Tenants will be moving in December and early January. This project would not have been possible without the support of my board of directors, the Paulding County Commissioner, Niki Warncke at the Maumee Valley Planning Organization, and Joshua Roth at the Ohio Development Services Agency."

"Rick Plummer, Logistice, LLC  
Kory Wolfum, Vantage Career Center Student from Paulding  
Mike Kauser, Kauser

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## CHRISTMAS WISHES FILLED AT PAULDING'S FOOD PANTRY



Jason Messman and Tim Jones present two of the turkeys to Alice Lawson of the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry.

This time of year can be one of the most difficult for many families. Funds can run tight trying to get friends and family what they want and maybe there isn't enough left over for basic necessities like food, let alone gifts.

There are groups who come through and work hard to ensure that people have dinners even if it can't be afforded. The Paulding Caring and Sharing Food Pantry is just one of those places. Constantly they are working to make sure the community and the county residents are fed—the least of these.

One big donation this holiday season has been through the Flatrock Limbhangers of Paulding County. The conservation club works to protect

the environment and help the proliferation of turkeys as they are a part of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Each year the have increased their number donated from 12, 18 and this year 24 turkeys.

When the National Wild Turkey Federation was founded in 1973, there were about 1.5 million wild turkeys in North America. After decades of dedicated work, that number hit an historic high of almost 7 million turkeys thanks to the tremendous efforts of our dedicated volunteers, professional staff and committed partners. If you would like to know more about Flat Rock Limbhangers, contact Tim (419-789-2871) or Jason (419-786-0598).

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all day on Dec. 25th.  
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business hours on Dec. 28th.



**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.  
**ANTWERP, OHIO**  
**John G Kober**, 79, of Antwerp, passed away Friday, December 18, 2015 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center. His family was assisted by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp Ohio.  
**SHERWOOD, OHIO**  
**Dana D. Price**, 87, of Sherwood, formerly of Antwerp, passed away Saturday, December 19, 2015 at Genesis Healthcare, Bryan. His Family was assisted by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio.  
**SHERWOOD, OHIO**  
**Harold "Bud" Overmyer**, 90, of Hicksville passed away Saturday, December 19, 2015 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville. His family was assisted by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp Ohio.

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**Trucking**  
**Kyle Kauser**, NWSCC student  
**Darrel Nichols**, America's Tax Office - The first tenant  
**Sue Zielke** for allowing me to work on the center on the weekends and evenings."

**PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 12/23- 12/29**

12/23 - Pork chop, scalloped potatoes, glazed carrots, mixed fruit, dinner roll, rice krispie treat, milk  
 12/24 - Closed  
 12/25 - Closed - Merry Christmas  
 12/28 - BBQ riblet sandwich, herbed potatoes, country style spinach, mandarin oranges, apple juice, milk  
 12/29 - Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, seasoned cauliflower, strawberry hash, dinner roll, goldfish crackers, milk

**GOLDEN BUCKEYES: PLAN TODAY TO BE "WINTER READY / WINTER STEADY!"**

As anyone who has lived here for a while can tell you, Ohio winters are unpredictable and can bring a variety of weather, including snow, ice, extreme cold, wind and more. These can create significant hazards for all

Ohioans, but especially our elders. The Ohio Department of Aging and the STEADY U Ohio initiative encourage all Ohioans to have a plan and know how you will be "Winter READY | Winter STEADY!"  
 "Winter READY/Winter STEADY" As we age, our bodies don't react to extreme conditions the same way they did when we were younger. For a variety of reasons, older adults tend to be slower to adjust and are at increased risk for injury from slipping and falling," said Bonnie K. Burman, Sc.D., director of the department. "Your plan for living 'Well Beyond 60' should include strategies to minimize your risk from hazards as we face another Ohio winter."

**Winter READY**

A good winter preparedness plan should enable you to remain in place for three days if you become unable to leave your home due to weather conditions. The Ohio Department of Aging, a proud member of the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness (www.weathersafety.ohio.gov), offers these tips to be prepared. Have an emergency kit that contains, at a minimum, a battery operated radio, flashlight, extra batteries, a loud whistle or bell, food you can open and prepare easily, water (one gallon per person per day), extra blankets and a first aid kit.

Keep a backup supply of the medications you take every day. Have an ice chest on hand and keep ice packs in the freezer for medications that need to be kept cool.

Make sure your medical equipment and assistive devices (such as canes, walkers, wheelchairs, lifts, oxygen tanks, etc.) are easy to locate in an emergency. Have spare batteries and non-powered options for equipment that will not work without electricity.

Designate a safe place to go if it becomes unsafe to stay in your home, such as a friend's or neighbor's house or shelter. Have a plan for getting there.

Be prepared to quickly explain to rescue personnel in an emergency how to help you move safely and quickly (e.g., "take my oxygen tank," "get my insulin from the refrigerator").

Being Winter READY also includes knowing how to heat your home safely and effectively. Use only space heaters that have been tested and certified to the latest safety standards. Keep anything that can burn (papers, blankets, etc.) at least three feet way from any heat source. Test your smoke alarms monthly and replace any that are more than 10

years old. Have and practice a fire escape plan.

**Winter STEADY**

An older Ohioan falls every two minutes on average, resulting in an injury every five minutes, six emergency department visits and one hospitalization each hour, and three deaths each day. Wintry conditions increase the risk of taking a potentially life-changing spill. However, falls are not a normal part of aging, and most falls can be prevented. STEADY U Ohio, the state's 360-degree falls prevention initiative offer these tips to stay on your feet this winter.

Maintain regular physical activity to ensure you have the strength and balance you need to prevent falls. Ask your doctor or physical therapist about easy indoor exercises and seek opportunities to be active.

Invest in extra lamps, nightlights and exterior lights so that you can always see where you are walking, especially around doorways and stairs. Use the highest-wattage bulbs recommended for your fixtures.

Coats, gloves, hats and other winter clothing are designed to keep you warm, but items that are bulky, don't fit well or can catch on nearby objects can increase your risk of falling.

Wear boots and shoes that fit properly and have soles with good traction. Keep shoes and walking aids (canes, walkers) dry and free of snow, ice, dirt and mud.

Keep sidewalks and stairs outside your home clean of ice and snow. Make sure steps leading into your home have sturdy handrails that can support you if you slip.

Keep space heaters, cords and blankets out of walkways. If you must use throw rugs on cold floors, secure them to the floor with tape.

Carry a cell phone and designate someone to call for help if you need it. Let loved ones know when you are leaving the house and when you expect to be back; call them after you return home.

Find a wealth of tips to help prevent falls at the STEADY U Ohio website, [www.steadyu.ohio.gov](http://www.steadyu.ohio.gov). Take the online Falls Risk Self-Assessment and learn about A Matter of Balance, a free community program to help older adults learn to see falls as something they can control. Visit often or follow STEADYUOhio on Facebook and Twitter for daily falls prevention tips, and sign up to receive weekly emails with news and resources.

**Check On Your Neighbors**

If severe weather is forecasted or has just occurred, check on older friends and family members to ensure

that they are okay and that they have the resources they need to stay safe and healthy. Do they need medical attention? Do they have safe food and water? Is the temperature in their home comfortable? Who will they call if they need help? If someone appears ill or is injured, call 9-1-1 immediately.

The Department of Aging works with the state's 12 area agencies on aging to make sure that each community has a plan for assisting older adults during weather emergencies. Your area agency can also help you identify resources, such as energy assistance, chore service and minor home repairs that can help you stay warm and safe this winter. Call 1-866-243-5678 to be connected to the agency serving your community.

Follow the Ohio Department of Aging on Facebook and Twitter for more winter safety information and resources all winter long.

*About ODA - The Ohio Department of Aging works to ensure that our elders are respected as vital members of society who continue to grow, thrive and contribute. We collaborate with state agencies and community partners, including area agencies on aging, to help integrate aging needs into local plans and ensure that aging Ohioans have access to a wide array of high-quality services and supports that are person-centered in policy and practice. Our programs include the PASSPORT Medicaid waiver, caregiver support, the long-term care ombudsman program, the Golden Buckeye Card and more. Visit [www.aging.ohio.gov](http://www.aging.ohio.gov).*

**CHRISTMAS IN "TRADER-TOWN"**

By: **Caroline Zimmerman**

The confluence of the Maumee and the Auglaize Rivers was called "Trader-town" at a point in history, as well as many other names, because of its historical geographical location. It was a prehistoric drop for buffalo, therefore creating an ideal Indian hunting ground where those animals performed their wallows at the foot of the Auglaize River.

Buffalo trails came along the Rivers on their way back and forth from Northern colder systems to Southern warmer systems to the salt licks in southern Ohio. They went single-file making a hard-packed trail for the Native Americans to follow, which the frontiersmen followed, making more permanent trails along US Route 23, Old US Route 24 and all the routes around the Great Lakes and along the major rivers in the States of Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. Today the highways we travel are actually the routes that were originally Buffalo trails. All over the world, animals headed for salt licks and water holes (and walked in the sheltered vallies).

"Tradertown" was what is now Defiance, Ohio. It was several (seven large Native American) Indian villages. They were located on both sides of the banks of the Maumee and Auglaize Rivers at the place where the Rivers join. There were several different Indian Nations there. Blue Jacket's Village & Captain Johnnie's

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

"While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them." —Luke 2:6-7

**PAULDING GIRL SCOUT TROOP 20521 DONATES SOCK PRESENTS TO HOUSE OF RUTH**



Paulding County Girl Scout Troop 20521 donated sock presents to the House of Ruth on Thursday, December 17th. The House of Ruth

is a domestic violence shelter that provides safe housing for women and children who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

**PAULDING PRESCHOOL VISIT THE GARDENS OF PAULDING**



The Preschool classes from Paulding Elementary visited The Gardens of Paulding for their family fun day. The children had a great time singing songs, reading stories, and playing a variety of activities with the residents. Shown in the photo is Jordyn Nagy playing at the Jingle Bell parachute station with her mom, her sister, and her great grandmother who currently lives at The Gardens.

language, or Oubache as the French called it, and the Maumee was the only break in a continuous waterway from Quebec or Montreal to New Orleans. To reach Chicago, a canoer needed only paddle up the St. Joseph River, carry his canoe the short portage and then on to St. Joseph, the trading post on Lake Michigan. Usually, though, the Indians traveled the overland trail to visit hunting grounds and friendly Miami or Pottawatomie to the North. The French and British controlled the Indian trade, many having taken Indian squaws as wives.

At about 1780 "LeGree" was a ceremonial head at "Trader Town". It seems there were Indians here for the Christian Christmas? There was a Shawnee "Influence" from Wapokone-ta. There was also a "Black Slave" count from the South to Canada who spoke with a Spanish dialect. They had followed the rivers up from the Gulf of Mexico to Canada to escape slavery.

"If Father Fayette comes, we will all party and get blessed. There will be a mid-morning Catholic Mass and a celebration. There will be a sharing of stories and food and drink." "Merry Christmas at "Trader Town".

Ref.: (1) Defiance City Historian — Randy Buchman spoke at the Defiance Historical Society on "Tradertown Christmas -abt 1780" (2) Wm Wells & Maconaquah by Gilman

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**GRABILL EYE CENTER PARTNERS WITH CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE**



The Grabill Eye Center recently presented Christian Community Health Care with a contribution toward the clinic's Emergency Funding Campaign. Mark Schlatter (center), CCHC Executive Director, is pictured here surrounded by Grabill Eye Center staff members (L-R) Robin Phillips, Tim Stauffer, Dr. Kara Laughlin, and Danielle Schaper. (photo courtesy Grabill Eye Center).

A surprise gift from Grabill Eye Center has boosted Christian Community Health Care closer to their Emergency Funding Campaign goal of \$31,200.00 by December 31st. The healthcare clinic, located in downtown Grabill, has experienced a serious shortfall in their budget this winter and is working hard to raise the funds needed for clinic operations. CCHC has been able to provide free medical services to a record number of patients this year who are facing a variety of challenges with access to healthcare. Dr. Kara Laughlin, Ophthalmologist at Grabill Eye Center, commented that Christian Community Health Care "is such a worthy cause" and "a blessing" to the community. Dr. Laughlin and her staff provide periodic referral ser-

vice for CCHC patients, and Dr. Laughlin also performs vision screenings during the clinic's annual Free Sports Physicals Day. Christian Community Health Care invites other businesses to partner with them in helping area families who need medical assistance this winter. For more information about the Emergency Funding Campaign, as well as services offered at Christian Community Health Care, visit their website at ChristianCommunityHealthCare.org, their Facebook page, or call 260-627-2242, ext. 7. Donations can be mailed to PO Box 128, Grabill IN 46741, or can be deposited at any area iAB Financial Bank. What a great Christmas gift to give to your community!

**COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS RELEASES REPORT HIGHLIGHTING NEW RESEARCH ON SNAP'S EFFECTIVENESS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ADEQUATE FOOD ASSISTANCE**

A new report released today from the White House Council of Economic Advisers (CEA) finds that the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps, is highly effective at reducing food insecurity—the government's measure for whether households lack the resources for consistent and dependable access to food. The report highlights a growing body of research that finds that children who receive food assistance see improvements in health and academic performance and that these benefits are mirrored by long-run improvements in health, educational attainment, and economic self-sufficiency. The report also features new research that shows benefit levels are often inadequate to sustain families through the end of the month—resulting in high-cost consequences, such as a 27 percent increase in the rate of hospital admissions due to low blood

sugar for low-income adults between the first and last week of the month, as well as diminished performance on standardized tests among school age children. Each month, SNAP helps about 46 million low-income Americans put food on the table. The large majority of households receiving SNAP include children, senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, and working adults. Two-thirds of SNAP benefits go to households with children. Today's CEA report draws on a growing body of high-quality research about food insecurity and SNAP, finding that: **SNAP plays an important role in reducing both poverty and food insecurity in the United States—especially among children.** • SNAP benefits lifted at least 4.7 million people out of poverty in 2014—including 2.1 million children. SNAP also lifted more than 1.3 million children out of deep poverty, or above half of the poverty line (for example, \$11,925 for a family of four). • The temporary expansion of SNAP benefits under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) lifted rough-

ly 530,000 households out of food insecurity.

**SNAP benefits support vulnerable populations including children, individuals with disabilities, and the elderly, as well as an increasing number of working families.**

- Nearly one in two households receiving SNAP benefits have children, and three-quarters of recipient households have a child, an elderly member, or a member with a disability. Fully 67 percent of the total value of SNAP benefits go to households with children as these households on average get larger benefits than households without children.

- Over the past 20 years, the overall share of SNAP recipient households with earned income rose by 50 percent. Among recipient households with children, the share with a working adult has doubled since 1990.

**SNAP's impact on children lasts well beyond their childhood years, providing long-run benefits for health, education, and economic self-sufficiency.**

- Among adults who grew up in disadvantaged households when the Food Stamp Program was first being introduced, access to Food Stamps before birth and in early childhood led to significant reductions in the likelihood of obesity and significant increases in the likelihood of completing high school.

- Early exposure to food stamps also led to reductions in metabolic syndrome (a cluster of conditions associated with heart disease and diabetes) and increased economic self-sufficiency among disadvantaged women.

**SNAP has particularly large benefits for women and their families.**

- Maternal receipt of Food Stamps during pregnancy reduces the incidence of low birth-weight by between 5 and 23 percent.

- Exposure to food assistance in utero and through early childhood has large overall health and economic self-sufficiency impacts for disadvantaged women.

**The majority of working-age SNAP recipients already participate in the labor market, and the program includes important supports to help more recipients successfully find and keep work.**

- Fifty-seven percent of working-age adults receiving SNAP are either working or looking for work, while 22 percent do not work due to a disability. Many recipients are also the primary caregivers of young children or family members with disabilities.

- SNAP also supports work through the Employment and Training program, which directly helps SNAP beneficiaries gain the skills they need to succeed in the labor market in order to find and retain work. During fiscal year 2014, this program served about 600,000 SNAP recipients.

**Even with SNAP's positive impact, nearly one in seven American households experienced food insecurity in 2014.**

- These households—which included 15 million children—lacked the resources necessary for consistent and dependable access to food.

- In 2014, 40 percent of all food-insecure households—

and nearly 6 percent of US households overall—were considered to have very low food security. This means that, in nearly seven million households, at least one person in the household missed meals and experienced disruptions in food intake due to insufficient resources for food.

**While SNAP benefits allow families to put more food on the table, current benefit levels are often insufficient to sustain them through the end of the month, with substantial consequences.**

- More than half of SNAP households currently report experiencing food insecurity, and the fraction reporting very low food security has risen since the end of the temporary benefits expansion under ARRA.

- New research has linked diminished food budgets at the end of each month to high-cost consequences, including:

- A drop-off in caloric intake, with estimates of this decline ranging from 10 to 25 percent over the course of the month;

- A 27 percent increase in the rate of hospital admissions due to low blood sugar for low-income adults between the first and last week of the month;

- An 11 percent increase in the rate of disciplinary actions among school children in SNAP households between the first and last week of the month;

- Diminished student performance on standardized tests, with performance improving only gradually again after the next month's benefits are received.

**Administration Efforts to Build on Progress**

To reduce hunger and improve family well-being, the Obama administration has been and remains dedicated to providing American children and families with better access to the nutrition they need to thrive. These investments make a real and measurable difference in the lives of children and their families, and ensure a brighter, healthier future for the entire country.

Through the Recovery Act, the Administration temporarily increased SNAP benefits by 14 percent during the Great Recession to help families put food on the table. Reports indicate that food security among low-income households improved from 2008 to 2009 amidst a severe recession and increased unemployment; a significant part of that improvement is likely attributable to SNAP.

The Administration has also developed several initiatives to improve food security and nutrition for vulnerable children. Through the Community Eligibility Provision, schools in high-poverty areas are now able to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students with significantly less administrative burden. Recent revisions to the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) added a cash benefit to allow participants to purchase fruits and vegetables, a change that substantially increased the value of the package. The Administration also has expanded access for low-income children to nutritious food during the summer months when school meals are unavailable and the risk of food



Chief helped provide the turkeys at a great price to the Flat Rock Limbhangers.

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The mission of the National Wild Turkey Federation is no less urgent today than when it was founded in 1973. What we do in the coming decades will be instrumental in not only enhancing wild turkey populations but also in the continuation of hunting and quality wildlife habitat for countless species.

In Paulding on Saturday, December 19 Jason Messman and Tim Jones both were there from the Flatrock Limbhangers specifically to provide the community with frozen turkeys. The food items were obtained from Chief's with a significant discount from the store who help to ensure that all people will have enough to eat this season of giving.

Tom Eickhoff, Store Manager of Chief Supermarket in Paulding, was very happy that the store that employed 50+ people could also be a big help in the community this Christmas season. The

insecurity is heightened. The results of these efforts have been promising. In 2014, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) delivered 23 million more summer meals than in 2009. And the Administration has successfully implemented Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children (SEBTC) pilots, which provide additional food assistance to low-income families with children during the summer months. These pilots were found to reduce very low food security among children by 26 percent. The President's 2016 Budget proposed a significant expansion of this effort.

Finally, this Administration has provided select states waivers to test ways of reducing the administrative burdens of SNAP for elderly households, a population that continues to be underserved. After seeing positive results in participating states, including an increase of elderly participation by more than 50 percent in Alabama, the President's 2016 Budget included a proposal to create a state option that would expand upon these efforts to improve access to SNAP benefits for the elderly.

**ALLEN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT OFFER CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING**

The Allen County Solid Waste Management District will offer its annual holiday tree recycling program beginning on December 26 through January 15. This service is only available to Allen County, IN residents.

Christmas trees will NOT be picked up with regular trash. Ornaments, tinsel and plastic bags MUST be removed. Wreaths NOT accepted.

market has always been there helping and donating to the food pantry regularly.

The community provides a lot of support to the food pantry from food to hygienic and paper supplies. Companies, churches and other organizations all work together for this worthy endeavor.

It sounds like there's a lot, but to be honest, it's not. The need is greater than what is coming in. Caring and Sharing need people like you. Food stamps (EBT) nor can money be donated go to paper and hygiene products. Any donations such as toilet paper and paper towels are greatly appreciated.

People are allowed to come once per month for food.

Did you know you can also volunteer? The pantry is open every Wednesday and Saturday from 9-noon and volunteers are needed. Stop in or call 419-399-9562 and in this small way you too can make a huge difference like Chiefs and Flatrock Limbhangers!

**Drop off Locations:**

**Fort Wayne Area** - Allen County Highway Garage, 2234 Carroll Rd; Foster Park-West Side; Foellinger Theatre-Southwest Corner; McMillen Park-Pool Parking Lot; Republic Services-Compost Site, 6231 MacBeth Rd, (closed New Year's Day); Bio-Solids, Lime & Yard Waste Recycling, 6202 Lake Avenue, (closed New Year's Day)

**Grabill/Leo-Cedarville Area** - Metea County Park, 8401 Union Chapel Road (gates close at 6:00 p.m. daily)

**Monroeville Area** - Monroeville Compost Site, 200 Utility Drive

**New Haven Area** - Jury Park Meadowbrook School-Parking Lot City Hall- North Side, 815 Lincoln Highway East

**Woodburn Area** - Front Street under the Water Tower

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# NIAGU VISITS DIVINE MERCY



Peter Niagu recently came to discuss energy with Divine Mercy fifth and sixth graders. Peter works for Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative. Students took turns riding the energy bike which powered three different types

of light bulbs: Incandescent, Compact Fluorescent, and LED. The energy bike allowed students to understand the importance of energy conservation. The students really enjoyed Peter's engaging presentation.

# PROUD PANTHERS SERVE COMMUNITY



Damon Sherry, Kaylie Tressler, and Miah Rue were working the 10:00 a.m. shift at Chief supervised by John Snodgrass.

What does it take to learn to serve your community? One of the best thing is to start by just doing something. Young people may be scared to start working for others, but once they get into it they realize that blessing others is actually the best way to fulfill one's own soul. The Proud Panthers advisors—John Snodgrass and

Tyler Arend—have setup a group of 8th graders to learn community service during time blocks throughout the day. The kids were there for hour blocks collecting funds for the Salvation Army out of Lima. John stated that all the funds collected stay in Paulding County. Great job to kids starting young serving others!

# THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

vid, do not be afraid to take Mary to be your wife, for it is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived. She will have a son, and you will name him Jesus - because he will save his people from their sins.' Now all this happened in order to make come true what the Lord said through the prophet, 'A virgin will become pregnant and have a son, and he will be called Immanuel' (which means, 'God is with us')." Matthew 1:20b-23 (GNB)

This process of a singular announced virgin birth, the incarnation of God in human flesh, in the midst of human history is not comprehensible to our human minds. We cannot begin to comprehend how an infinite, eternal, immortal God can take on finite, mortal flesh and be born as a man in human history. The virgin birth of the Messiah God was announced by the prophet Isaiah. Other prophets described the place of his birth, his character, his mission, and his death. Yet when he was born the learned men of scripture of his time

did not know of his birth nor were they accepting of it.

His birth was in humble circumstances and was celebrated in heaven and announced to shepherds. But the world, the people of earth, the people he loved and came to save was ignorant of it. To the world Jesus was just another child born to poor parents in humble circumstances. Yet this child was born to be the King of kings and Lord of lords. We do know that Jesus Christ existed in human history because both biblical and secular history records it. He was born, lived and died in the same time period that the Bible proclaims it. And secular history records that his followers proclaimed Christ's death and resurrection - the gospel message, to a world in need of light and life.

People of faith now annually celebrate his birth, the birth of their King, their Savior, Redeemer, and their Lord and God on the day we call Christmas.

# TWIN OAKS UMC CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Pastor Brady Feltz of the Twin Oaks United Methodist Church in Oakwood, Ohio invites you to the 9:00 p.m. candlelight service Christmas Eve. The spirit of the newborn king will be celebrated located at 200 E. Harmon Street. Come experience the beauty of fellowship and love.

# BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

1. Luke 23:46; What did Jesus cry out in this verse?
2. Luke 23:47; What did the centurion do when he saw what had happened?
3. Luke 23:48; The whole crowd, seeing what had been done, did what?
4. Luke 23:49; What were Jesus acquaintances, and the women who followed Him doing?
5. Luke 23:50; Who was Joseph?
6. Luke 23:50; What was his personality like?
7. Luke 23:51; What had Joseph not consented to?
8. Luke 23:51; What city was Joseph from?
9. Luke 23:51; What was Joseph waiting for?
10. Luke 23:52; Who went to Pilate and asked for Jesus body?
11. Luke 23:52; What did Joseph do after he took the body down from the cross?
12. Luke 23:54; What drew near?
13. Luke 23:55; The women who followed after Jesus, what did they observe?
14. Luke 23:56; Name the two things the women did, one before the Sabbath and the other on the Sabbath?

Comments or questions, need help in your Bible study, just let James Potter know. My number is 419-393-4775 or e-mail me at jsp1941@yahoo.com Jesus loves you and so does The Church of Christ, also you can call Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022.

Answers to this week's questions:

1. Father into your hands I command my spirit;
2. This was a righteous man;
3. Beat their breast, and returned;
4. Watching these things at a distance;
5. A council member;
6. A good and just man;
7. To their counsel and deed;
8. Arimathea, a city of the

# SECOND ANNUAL SCHOLASTIC READING CLUB PAJAMA PROGRAM @ GROVER HILL



The fourth grade at Grover Hill Elementary participated in their second annual Scholastic Reading Club Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive. The Pajama Program is a nonprofit organization

that provides new pajamas and books to children in need. For every pair of pajamas donated, Scholastic has agreed to donate a book to accompany the pajamas to promote bed-time stories.

Another wonderful aspect of this program is that all of the pajamas and books donated will stay in Paulding County! Altogether, there were 72 pair of pajamas donated this year.

Jews; 9. The kingdom of God; 10. Joseph wrapped it in linen and laid it in a tomb; 11. Where no man had ever laid; 12. Sabbath; 13. The tomb and how His body was laid; 14. Spices and rested.

"O! Baldy" says bye for now, but continue to pray, read and study your Bible, especially the New Testament, where you can find the only way of salvation. "Luv Ya"

# NEW THINGS AT PAULDING UMC

With the new year comes some new ideas and ministries at Paulding UMC, 321 N. Williams St. Beginning in January 2016 Paulding UMC will be hosting a free meal for all people in the community. The meal will be held most months of the year on the last Thursday of the month. The first free community meal will be on Thursday, January 28.

The meals throughout the year will be provided by various groups within the church - a Bible study group, the choir, the youth group, and so on. The church is very excited about this new opportunity to help others and serve God.

The church also welcomes Adam Vance as its new youth pastor. Adam will be focusing most of his efforts on engaging young people in the area, but will also play a key role in the work and worship of the church.

Additionally, the congregation is being challenged to go through the Gospel of Matthew in 2016. Rev. Roger Emerson will base his sermons from January through Easter on passages from Matthew. The congregation will be encouraged to attend Sunday morning Bible study and Wednesday evening Bible study to "fill in the gaps" of Matthew.

Other fun events are planned for the church for every month of the coming year - Bunco, bowling, picnics and hayrides. The congregation is encouraged to come together as a family and spend time with one another.

Paulding UMC has an 8:00 a.m. casual worship service on Sunday mornings with a more traditional service at 10:00 a.m. Several Sunday school classes are offered for all ages from 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. on Sunday. On Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m., the church hosts The Exchange, a time of conversation and sharing on various topics. The Exchange will be centering on the Gospel of Matthew

for the coming months.

For more information on any of the activities at Paulding UMC, contact the church at 419-399-3591.

# CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE @ LATTY FRIENDS UMC

Latty Friends United Methodist Church will have their traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24, 11 p.m. at the church, 313 Lewis Street, Latty Ohio. The public is welcome to attend this special service.

# USDA REMOVES FARM PROGRAM PAYMENTS TO MANAGERS NOT ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN FARMING

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) finalized a rule to ensure that farm safety-net payments are issued only to active managers of farms that operate as joint ventures or general partnerships, consistent with the direction and authority provided by Congress in the 2014 Farm Bill. The action, which exempts family farm operations, closes a loophole where individuals who were not actively part of farm management still received payments.

"The federal farm safety-net programs are designed to protect against unanticipated changes in the marketplace for those who actively share in the risk of that farming operation," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "To ensure that help goes to those who genuinely need it, such as America's farm families, the Farm Bill authorized USDA to close a loophole and limit payments from those not involved on a daily basis in nonfamily farm management."

Since 1987, the broad definition of "actively engaged" resulted in some general partnerships and joint ventures adding managers to the farming operation, qualifying for more payments, that did not substantially contrib-

ute to management. The rule applies to operations seeking more than one farm manager, and requires measureable, documented hours and key management activities each year. Some operations of certain sizes and complexity may be allowed up to three qualifying managers under limited conditions. The changes apply to payments for 2016 and subsequent crop years for Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Programs, Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) and Marketing Loan Gains (MLG) realized via the Marketing Assistance Loan program.

As required by Congress, the new rule does not apply to family farms, or change regulations related to contributions of land, capital, equipment, or labor. The changes go into effect for the 2016 crop year for most farms. Farms that have already planted fall crops for 2016 have until the 2017 crop year to comply. For more details, producers are encouraged to consult their local Farm Service Agency office.

The announcement was made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit [www.usda.gov/farmbill](http://www.usda.gov/farmbill). To learn more about Farm Service Agency, visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

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**RYAN FINISHES AT ANTWERP SCHOOL BOARD**



**Mark Ryan is congratulated by Dr. Marty Miller for all of his work on the Antwerp School Board.**

The meeting began December 17 with an introduction of many guests who were recognized. Craig Riddell, who is running for this congressional district, is in attendance. He is running against Tony Burkley in the 87th house district for the Republican Primary.

Cohen Hitman was the elementary champion for the school-wide spelling bee. He won on the word "Emerald". He is in the 4th grade. Ryan Rister is in 5th grade was the runner up. Grace Tuttle, 7th grader, won the middle school spelling bee with the word, "Quid Quo Pro". Gaije McMichael was the runner-up. The County Spelling meet will be February 4th at 7pm at Payne Elementary.

Mark Ryan finished his last meeting and was congratulated by the rest of the board members and the Superintendent Marty Miller.

Vantage report was given by Dennis Recker. There will be a raffle on January 16. They will make clocks this year and it will be when Antwerp plays Lincolnview.

Kristine Stuart gave the financial report: Income: \$459,759.78; Interest: \$2,154.25; Expenditures: \$879,807.12.

The state auditors are at the school and they should have the report finished by March. Kristine believes everything went well with the inspection.

The first semester is wrapping up according to Mike

Bute. He said the Route 49 Tournaments are also going on this next week.

The board voted on the 2016-2017 Calendar.

Harold Gottke said the HVAC system is looking at putting the wide open bid that will meet the demands. The outdoor lighting is now complete. Work will start Monday, March 28 for the lighting in the large gym and finished by the last game with a date of 7th of May for new lighting in the system. Mark Ryan asked if there was any problems with the AEP rebate. Gottke said there was no problem at all and they got them. No fixes were required.

Dennis Recker is to stay on as the Antwerp Board representative at Vantage Carerr Center.

Next meeting will be Thursday, January 7 at 5:30 p.m. with the regular meeting following the organizational meeting for the first meeting of the year.

Marty announced how impressed he is with the administration staff here at Antwerp. Marty gave Mark a gift for the years of service he has given to the school.

Mark stated, "We have a great system for the kids. I'm passionate about having good leadership on the board and I couldn't be happier to leave the board with how capable it is and how far it has come. I'm very pleased with the students and this administration."

President Pro-Tem is Dennis Recker once again.

brought in to conduct interviews, reacted with utter shock "when she saw our prisoners being marched on a toilet run, bags over their heads, legs chained together, hands on each other's shoulders. Filled with outrage, she said, 'It's terrible what you are doing to these boys!'"

Compare this to the Times story about Clinton Correctional Facility. Though all the guards were officially cleared of wrongdoing in the 2010 death of Leonard Strickland, who was diagnosed mentally ill but had no history of violent behavior, six prisoners who had witnessed the event, interviewed separately at various facilities, told essentially the same story: that he was called a racial slur, pushed down a flight of stairs and beaten and repeatedly kicked by a group of guards at the bottom of the stairs.

As Strickland fell down the stairs, one prisoner told the Times, "his skull hit the concrete steps several times. At the bottom, he pulled himself into a tight fetal position, as about 10 officers took turns kicking him in the head and the ribs ... They 'beat this kid to zero,' he said."

Ah, Lucifer!

The broken souls add up. We live in a world where the prevailing belief is that control and dominance are necessary ... because of all the terrorism, y'know, and the crime and what have you. In so many American cities, armed police officers (white and otherwise), wield unchecked power in impoverished, minority communities. Not surprisingly, the Lucifer Effect continually makes the news.

Last month, the Associated Press released the results of a yearlong investigation of sexual misconduct by police, discovering records of about 1,000 officers who lost their badges in a six-year period for various sex crimes, including rape. The figure is "unquestionably an undercount," the AP story noted because many departments don't maintain such records.

"It's happening probably in every law enforcement agency across the country," said Chief Bernadette DiPino of the Sarasota Police Department in Florida, who helped study the problem for the International Association of Chiefs of Police. "It's so underreported, and people are scared that if they call and complain about a police officer, they think every other police officer is going to be then out to get them."

What this otherwise excellent story fails to do is put the crimes into a larger context, dismissing the perps simply as "bad officers." When they can't resign quietly and disappear, they are turned into scapegoats: exceptions to the rule in otherwise good, solid institutions that serve the public. This is how it is in every institution that commands enormous power over a particular group of people, including the scandal-rocked U.S. military and the Catholic Church.

It's time for the media, which usually goes along with the "bad apple" explanation, to expand its consciousness. Lucifer haunts the corridors of power. Ordinary, decent people can turn into monsters — rapists, murderers — when given unlimited power over others. It happens with eerie

frequency, especially when, in the era of the cellphone video, such crimes are not so easily covered up.

In Chicago, a police officer shot a teenager walking in the middle of the street 16 times, almost as though the gun took control of the officer's consciousness. Barbara Ransby, a professor at the University of Illinois, Chicago, interviewed recently by Democracy Now, pointed out that, because of budget cuts, only about 20 Chicago police officers have received crisis intervention training.

My God, budget cuts! In a country that's waging perpetual war and raking in billions from the global sale of weapons. Yeah, the boy had been acting erratically. But real public safety for the city of Chicago would have included safety for Laquan McDonald, the 17-year-old killed by police officer Jason Van Dyke.

I fear we're reversing the evolutionary process. We've surrendered to simplistic, impulsive, fear-based "safety" and we're reaping the consequences, one broken soul at a time.

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

**HITE ANNOUNCES LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST IN YOUTH ATHLETES**

State Senator Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) announced legislation that seeks to address and prevent sudden cardiac arrest in Ohio's student-athlete population. Senator Hite was joined by national heart health advocate and former Miss Ohio Lindsay Davis who suffers from a heart condition and has since dedicated her career to raising awareness of this potentially fatal condition.

"I just cannot imagine losing somebody because we haven't taken the time to learn more about this," said Hite. "As a former coach and educator I realized that if we raise awareness of this often-preventable condition lives could be saved."

The legislation calls for pre-participation education, online training for coaches, and guidelines for recognizing and dealing with the symptoms of sudden cardiac

arrest. A 10-minute online video would inform coaches of symptoms to better identify the onset of sudden cardiac arrest in their young athletes.

"Sudden cardiac arrest is the number one killer of student athletes," said Davis. "We need to equip our coaches, teachers and parents with the tools to recognize these symptoms and that is precisely why we are here today."

The budget neutral legislation is modeled after concussion legislation that has

passed in all 50 states and aims at raising awareness of sudden cardiac arrest to ensure preparedness and proper response.

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**ADDING UP THE BROKEN SOULS**

**By: Robert C. Koehler**

"The question now is how to change our institutions so that they promote human values rather than destroy them."

Philip Zimbardo, who posed this question in the wake of the famous — or infamous — Stanford Prison Experiment 44 years ago, might have added: If we fail to do so, we guarantee our own social collapse.

The collapse is underway, one broken soul at a time.

"But the basic story the men told was the same: (Leonard) Strickland was pushed down a flight of stairs, and then beaten nearly to death by a large group of guards."

This is from a recent New York Times investigative piece about inmate abuse at Clinton Correctional Facility, in upstate New York — a particularly boiling caldron of racism in America's pris-

on-industrial complex. Almost all of the nearly 1,000 guards who work at the rural prison are white; the inmates, mostly from New York City, are black. Not surprisingly, the prisoners say "they face a constant barrage of racial slurs."

And racial slurs have a way of escalating, especially under conditions in which one group of people has enormous, unchecked power over another group. Zimbardo called it the Lucifer Effect: the transformation of ordinary, decent people into monsters. His 1971 study, in which two dozen college-student volunteers were randomly designated either guards or prisoners in a makeshift "penitentiary" in the basement of Stanford's psych department, was meant to last two weeks but was called off after six days because the situation had gotten out of control.

Zimbardo said that he came to his senses after an outside observer, who was

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**THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS**

**By: Stan Jordan**

The Frenchman Jean, walked until he found some American soldiers and they took him to the commanding officer, he in turn, took Jean over to S-2, that is a security office.

Jean told them about his job for the last couple of years and how the place was making synthetic diesel fuel. He told them this place was underground and big bombs would have to be used to go deep enough to destroy everything.

The only airplane that has enough space to carry a big boy bomb is the English Lancaster Bomber. The bombs might weigh up to four tons each.

Then, the Col. said, "Now, this is what I want you boys to do, on Thursday morning, at 10:00 a.m. I want you boys to be over that factory and start fires along all four sides of that entire area so the Lancaster Bombers can drop their bombs, circling the perimeter. They will be guided by the fires and smoke you create."

He gave us all the exact co-ordinates to the place and photographs of the area, taken by a P-38 recon plane. We discussed these plans and pictures over and over again.

We were over the place at 10:00 a.m. sharp, and it did look like an orchard from above. I went down the right side and fired three of my rockets to mark the area, it appeared to be about a quarter of a mile square. There may have been some buildings under the netting as I started these fires.

Our number four pilot, Lt. Nelson, did the same on the left side of the area and the other two pilots went down the middle and started fires.

We went over the river and made a circle and came back, oddly enough the anti-aircraft resistance wasn't too bad.

We were to be out of the area by 10:10 a.m., and we were, but we used our last rocket to a good advantage.

We went up about a thousand feet altitude and stayed over to the east side of the river and watched the big bombers do their job. The area was well marked by fires and smoke.

Oh what a confrontation! I bet that over a hundred big bombers came in rows and rows. The air was full of fire, smoke, dirt, bombers and more dirt. The big boy bombers were doing a fine job. I'll bet the noise was deafening.

We went to about 10,000 feet altitude and stayed with the bombers for as long as we could and they went onto England and we landed at Anthony Air Base.

See Ya!



**FUNNY BLONDE ONE LINERS**

Why did the blonde get fired from the banana plantation? Because she threw out all the bent ones.

What do you do if a blonde throws a grenade at you? Pull the pin and throw it back.

What do you call a fly buzzing inside a blonde's head? A space invader.

What did the blonde say when she found out she was pregnant? "Are you sure it's mine?"

What do you call a smart blonde? A golden retriever.

How do you make a blonde laugh on Saturday? Tell her a joke on Wednesday.

Why do blondes have TGIF on their shoes? Toes go in first!

Why did the blonde scale the glass wall? To see what was on the other side.

The blonde went into the store and there was a sign "All the peanuts you want for \$1.00" so she took \$2.00 worth.

The blonde went into the funeral parlor and saw the corpse dressed really nice and she wondered where he was going.

**EAGLES**

**By: Stan Jordan**

The leaves are pretty much off the trees now and you can see the eagles' nest pretty easily. Some people told me the other day that they had seen two adult and three young eagles, north and east of Antwerp.

I was talking to some other folks, and they said they said there is an eagles' nest close to the area where the Briceton Road, or CR 87, crosses Flat Rock Creek. That is probably a good place, with plenty of water and small wild life.

The eagles are getting more acclimated to the area as nests have been sighted for some time now at the little town of Florida, Independence and a number in the Defiance area, Antwerp and east of Cecil. I hear from people sighting the eagles at Hicksville, Bull Rapids, Gar Creek Road and the Payne area.

An eagle will eat road kill, just like a buzzard will, but the eagle would rather have some live game to teach their young how to hunt.

I was talking to a truck driver today and he said their is an eagle's nest over in Indiana where Ohio SR 249 enters. They are slowly populating this area.

Mark Larimore told me that he saw two young eaglets the other day. They still had a black head, but they were eagles because of their size. I haven't talked to anybody that has saw any snowy owls yet this years I imagine that the warmer weather we are having this winter is keeping them up in Northern Michigan.

See Ya!

**WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME**

**By: Stan Jordan**

I have always been a Christmas guy, as far back as I can remember, it was a very happy time. The Christ Child, church, the programs, Santa Claus, and the phrases about peace and good will toward all men.

I still love the Christmas carols and winter type songs. I know and remember the older ones and like to hear and sing them.

When I was a child, the economy was quite the opposite of now. The depression was on and there wasn't any money above the necessity of life. Everyone just window shopped and had a good time.

You didn't get much for Christmas, but then you didn't expect much, so you weren't disappointed. The Chamber of Commerce always had a treat for the children at that time, and you looked forward to it.

In that same line of thought, back in 1948, I was the PR man for the Antwerp Volunteer Fire Department and that year we started to have treats and Santa Claus for the kids at Christmas time, and they still do today. The firemen enjoyed it as much as the kids. After WWII we always decorated our house with colored lights and we always drove around and observed the pretty lights in town and even up in Ft. Wayne. We always went over to Baughman's each year - I surely miss that display.

When I was younger, I enjoyed the shopping, the giving and receiving and the Christmas decorations of the

town and stores. The decorations just filled the air with peace and joy and good will.

"Tis the season to be jolly." That phrase is hundreds of years old, but it is so true. You cannot be alive this time of year, and not feel the difference that goes with this season. The children's expectations and overall wonder and awe, and all the adults that the volunteer for helping the needy.

Back in 1957, Dr. Seuss created a fictional character called The Grinch, a recluse that hated Christmas and all the good things about Christmas, so he stole all the gifts and little things that went with Christmas, but it really didn't work that way. The people who lived in Who-ville met and sang songs and carried on as if the Grinch didn't steal all the gifts. The Grinch couldn't understand that part, that the people were happy any how.

When I was a mailman, I enjoyed Christmas. I always had some mail for everyone, sometimes quite a bit, sometimes a box of homemade fudge for me in the box with the flag raised. Some ladies would ask for Christmas stamps, because I usually left flag stamps. If you don't have them, leave them the next time. First class mail was three cents at that time.

The Christmas spirit is in the air. You can feel it, you can see it, you can live it. It is a glamorous time of year, revered by all, in mind and spirit, enjoyed by everyone, including the Grinch.

See Ya!

**STATEMENT FROM AGRICULTURE SECRETARY TOM VILSACK ON FINALIZATION OF COP 21 DEAL**

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack made the following statement on the finalization of the COP 21 deal in Paris: "The historic COP21 deal supports a better-nourished, stable, secure future for the United States and every nation. Thanks to a coalition of global leaders led by President Obama, our world is now working together to aggressively address climate change with action and results. The benchmarks outlined in the deal build on the ambitious climate smart strategy being implemented by U.S. farmers, ranchers and foresters in partnership with USDA and the Obama Administration. Our efforts to boost productivity, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and share best practices with counterparts around the world will help to address climate change and improve global resilience while continuing to meet global demand for food, fiber and fuel."

**SANTA CLAUS VISITS PAYNE ELEMENTARY**



Santa Claus came to Payne Elementary on December 16. Students in third grade listen as Santa visits with them about the act of giving and receiving.

**VANTAGE CAREER CENTER SHOWS CHRISTMAS SPIRIT**



Third time is a charm! For the 3rd year in a row, Vantage students and staff collected 2 truckloads of toys for the local Toss A Toy project. Special Appreciation goes to Santa's helpers @ Lee Kinstle GMC.



Vantage junior and senior Health Technology students adopted a family for Christmas and are shown here shopping for gifts!



Cosmetology students from Vantage visited Country Inn Assisted Living Center and Nursing Home in Paulding to spread some holiday cheer. Those who wanted received a hand massage or manicure!

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

**The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office**

The Paulding County Veteran's Service Office is dedicated to aiding Paulding County veterans and their families in time of need.

**There are two basic services the agency provides:**

- 1 - Emergency Financial Assistance - Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.
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### A HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

**The Nurturing Well by: Jill Starbuck**

When we think of the holidays this time of the year, we envision warm homes filled with laughter, good food, and loved ones. However, for some people the holidays just exacerbate their problems. They fail to see the joy when they are suffering on a daily basis.

While it may seem unfathomable that some people simply have no ability to enjoy the holidays, plenty of these situations exist. A bachelor with family spread across the nation may not have the means to travel to be with family during the holidays. Therefore, he sits at home by himself, pretending it's just another day. An elderly woman sitting in a nursing home has lost all of her friends and is too immobile to travel to be with family. A patient with terminal cancer cannot take his mind off the fact that he may not be around for another holiday. A homeless woman walks aimlessly through town in search of a warm bed and food for the evening. For these people, the holidays seem more like torture than joy.

While we may not be able to fix some of these situations, most of us can do something to ease the pain that these people feel during the holidays. Ask the bachelor to come over and join your family for a holiday dinner. Don't take no for an answer. Visit the elderly woman at the nursing home. Offer to buy the homeless woman a meal. Sit and listen to the cancer patient, who wants nothing more than to forget about his pain and fear.

With all of the hustle and bustle during the holidays, we can easily become consumed by all of the fuss it takes to plan our festivities. We are busy traveling, buying gifts, preparing food, and all of the other activities that it takes to enjoy the holidays.

As a result, it's easy to forget that there are others who are suffering in many ways, while we happily go about our lives.

Therefore, I challenge you to do something for a friend or stranger that will make their day—especially during the holidays when their suffering hits them harder. It will likely be the best gift you give to them and even to yourself. The feeling of gratitude and compassion will overwhelm you. For those of you who actually take on this challenge, I will take it one step further and challenge you to make this a holiday tradition.

Happy Holidays to all of you!

*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.*

### USDA ANNOUNCES FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR ORGANIC AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION PROGRAMS

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the availability of \$17.6 million in funding to support research and outreach activities that will help growers, producers, and processors find innovative ways to improve organic agriculture. The grants are being funded through the Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative (OREI), a program that is administered by USDA's National Institutes of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill.

"Over the past six years, USDA has strengthened programs that support organic producers as they grow, thrive and respond to increasing consumer demand for organic products," said Secretary Vilsack. "The projects funded through the Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative will help identify innovative solutions to critical challenges facing organic agriculture, ultimately strengthening local markets, improving rural economies and expanding access to healthy food for Americans."

The purpose of the OREI program is to fund high-priority research, education, and extension projects that

enhance the ability of producers and processors who have already adopted organic standards to grow and market high quality organic products. Priority concerns include biological, physical, and social sciences, including economics. Past projects include a project at Washington State University to document the ecological role of wild birds on vegetable farmers, providing owners with practical, science-based recommendations for wild-bird management, and a project a joint project between Pennsylvania State University, Delaware State University, and the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore to predict benefits and costs of cover crop mixtures in the context of regional climate, soil and management variability; empower organic farmers to use mixtures to meet their farm-specific goals; and to integrate this research into undergraduate organic education to further prepare the next generation of growers and researchers.

Funded projects will aid farmers and ranchers with whole farm planning by delivering practical research-based information and will improve the ability for growers to develop the Organic System Plan required for certification.

### OREI has eight legislatively-defined goals:

- Facilitating the development and improvement of organic agriculture production, breeding, and processing methods
- Evaluating the potential economic benefits of organic agricultural production and methods to producers, processors and rural communities
- Exploring international trade opportunities for organically grown and processed agricultural commodities
- Determining desirable traits for organic commodities
- Identifying marketing and policy constraints on the expansion of organic agriculture.
- Conducting advanced on-farm research and development that emphasizes observation of, experimentation with, and innovation for working organic farms, including research relating to production, marketing, food safety, socioeconomic conditions, and farm business management
- Examining optimal conservation and environmental outcomes relating to organically produced agricultural products
- Developing new and improved seed varieties that are particularly suited for organic agriculture

Applications are due March 10, 2016. Please see the request for applications for specific program requirements.

The announcement was authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill. The Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for taxpayers. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establish-

### OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY STUDENTS PERFORM CHRISTMAS MUSICAL



The Oakwood Elementary second graders will be performing a Christmas Musical on Tuesday, Dec. 15th at 7:00. The musical is called, "Once Upon a Christmas Light" and is under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Wehrkamp.

### PAULDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Front Row left to right: Audrey Stoller, Nicholas Schlueter, Emma Porter, Trenton Manz, Tyson Manz, Ridge Hunt. Middle Row left to right: Olivia Franklin, Kaden Busser, Grayson Sutton, Johnathan Lipps, Kayleigh Dunham, Ethan Frederick, Snow Craig. Back Row left to right: Katie Beckman, Ashlyn Goings, Halcyon Smith, Landon Brewer, Josh Funez, Kaitlynn Breedlove, Nash Saylor, Madison Ringler. Missing from picture: Xander Kuckuck and Stephen Gonzalez

### PAYNE DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Front Row: Connor Blankenship, Logen Bland, Adela Collins, Emma Stouffer, McKenzie Gasser, Chloe Williams, Elizabeth Wenninger. Back Row: Jeremiah Molitor, Jacob Howell, Grace Shepherd, Anna Wells, Allison Noggle, Bailey Hildebrand, Kristin Wannemacher

Since July 2014, DOE, EPA, and USDA have made progress toward realizing these benefits. They have revised their programs and policies to further support the growth of the biogas industry, such as improving the application process for various biogas funding and financing programs and including biogas as a cellulosic advanced fuel under the Renewable Fuel Standard. The agencies have also made progress by revising existing technologies, and updating informational tools, databases, and models. The three agencies formed the Biogas Working Group to work closely with biogas stakeholders to streamline existing agency programs, strengthen markets for biogas systems, and improve inter-agency coordination and communication.

Biogas will continue to be a key part of the federal government's long-term climate, energy, and development strategy. The Biogas Opportunities Roadmap Progress Report identifies next steps for federal agencies moving forward, which include promoting biogas utilization through existing agency programs (including \$10 million in research funding), fostering investment in biogas systems, strengthening markets for biogas systems and system products, and improving communication and coordination across federal agencies and the biogas industry.

Progress report in brief: [http://www.rd.usda.gov/files/biogas-infographic\\_11.pdf](http://www.rd.usda.gov/files/biogas-infographic_11.pdf)

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Diamond Towns was on fire for New Haven with the top score of the game, scoring 3 here. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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- 12/17.  
Varsity score by Quarter:  
New Haven - 23 13 22  
15=73

Woodlan - 9 18 15 14=56  
Junior Varsity game was much closer with a score: New Haven 33. - Woodlan 32.  
More pictures at westbendnews.net

**LADY PANTHERS COME SO CLOSE**

The Lady Panthers hosted the Lady Bearcats on Thursday, December 17. The home team came out pounding Spencerville. When I arrived in the first quarter the score was 9-2 and the Paulding girls with Faith Vogel and Samantha Meggison were scoring left and right. The

whole team was working together, stealing the ball and hitting shots from the under the basket. It didn't last long though. It went from 9-2 to 9-12 very quickly and the girls were just beat down. The Lady Bearcats scored 4 in the first to 16 in the second period, while Paulding scored 9 in the first and 4 in the second. The tides had turned. In the second half of the game neither team was on



Sophomore Audrey Manz attempts a basket for the Panthers in the first quarter. More pictures at westbendnews.net

fire and between the two, only 14 were scored. The final quarter was sweet for the Ladies at home. They pulled together 15 points, but it wasn't enough to take back the game and the Panthers lost 34-39.

Coach Mark Rhodes stated, "Despite a furious comeback by Paulding in the fourth quarter, Spencerville did a nice job of hitting free throws late to hold on for the victory."

Score by the Quarter:  
Paulding - 9 4 6 15 = 34  
Spencerville - 4 16 8 11 = 39

Scorers of the Game:  
Paulding - Meggison 13; Vogel 2; Manz 4; Townley 4; Hale 2

More pictures at westbendnews.net

**WARRIORS FALL AFTER MAJOR COMEBACK**

The game started off rotten for the Woodlan Warriors when they were hosting the Adams Central Jets on Friday, December 18. In reality, both teams were nothing to shout out about, but the Warriors only had 8 points by half time—not their best. This year has been a struggle with consistency for the Warriors and this game was the perfect embodiment of that.

The second half the Woodlan boys resurrected their competitiveness and demonstrating that they do have talent. After nearly doubling the Jets' score, the Warriors were able to tie the game back up with an aggression that wasn't there in the first half. Andrew Krahn



Andrew Krahn scores the basket that sends the game into overtime. More pictures at westbendnews.net

scored a 3 point basket to get the game tied. The boys pushed successfully into over time. Unfortunately, even with the aggressive play they could not achieve victory—only scoring 8 to AC's 14 and the win went to the jets 59-53.

Score by Quarter:  
Adams Central - 15 10 12 8 14=59

Woodlan - 6 2 19 18 8=53  
Scorers of the Game:  
Adams Central - Carroll 1; Roth 9; Fox 10; Tieriena 12; Voirol 18.

Woodlan - Biggs 7; McCarter 1; Fancher 5; Schwartz 2; Weiss 10; Krahn 10; Hahn 14; Gerig 2; Williams 2.


More pictures at westbendnews.net

**MOELLER ROAD LANE RESTRICTION**

On December 22, 2015 the westbound lane of Moeller Road, in New Haven, Indiana will be restricted at the traffic signal located at Adams Center Road. The restriction will be in effect until December 23, 2015. This is due to Installation of the new AEP / IMP lines.

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in observance of the holiday.

We will resume regular business hours on December 28<sup>th</sup>.

\*While office is closed, please submit any ads or printing jobs via email to: [info@westbendnews.net](mailto:info@westbendnews.net)



## SWEET WIN FOR ANTWERP



Trey Mills scores in the aggressive last quarter for Antwerp. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Antwerp Archers took on Ayersville on Thursday, December 17 at the home court. It was a very good game all the way around for both teams of the Green Meadows Conference.

The third quarter had the Archers with a nice lead, but the Pilots slowly eroded that and by the fourth quarter they were neck and neck. Ayersville then took the lead by one. Matt Jones, with only a minute left on the clock, runs forward with the ball, dives in shooting the ball and is fouled. The shot somehow rolls and bounces on

the rim and manages to fall in favor of the Archers. Matt was injured, so Keaton Altimus found his way taking the shot replacing Matt. The game tied and the Pilots lost possession. Matt came back in and took the shot with 4 seconds on the clock and missed. Sam Williamson happened to be in the right place at the right time, and tipped the ball in the basket for the win with no time left on the clock winning the game by 2 points.

More pictures at westbendnews.net

## THE WAYNE TRACE VARSITY WRESTLING TEAM WINS LAKOTA DUALS



Wayne Trace Raiders take Team Champion Trophy.

Raider, George Clemens voted Most Outstanding Wrestler

On Saturday, December 19, the Wayne Trace Varsity Wrestling team won the Lakota Duals Tournament. The Raiders went 5-0 on the day garnering the Team Championship Trophy.

Team Scores: Wayne Trace 76 Danbury 6, Wayne Trace 51 Fostoria 27, Wayne Trace 66 Ottawa Glandorf 17, Wayne Trace 54 Oak Harbor 23, Wayne Trace 51 Van Buren 24

Individually, Tyler Bauer 106, Ruger Goeltzenleuchter 126, George Clemens IV 132, and Caleb Schultz 152, went a perfect 5-0 for the Tournament.



Tyler Bauer pinning Evan Ellerbrock of Ottawa Glandorf.

ment.

Other top wrestlers were Chase Marroquin 138, Braxton Asher 220, and Brandon Laney 182, all went 4-1, Austin Smith 113, went 4-0 on the day.

Wayne Trace Senior George Clemens was voted the most outstanding wrestler of the Tournament.

## WAYNE TRACE BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM TAKE ON MILLER CITY

The Wayne Trace Raiders were consistent with their scoring when they met up with the Miller City Wildcats.

The Raiders took the lead 19 - 14 and held the Wildcats off to go into half time 34 - 26.

The Raiders scored another 34 in the second half the Wildcats added 24 points.

Consistency proved to be a good factor here, allowing Wayne Trace to take the game 68 - 50.

Linder gave Wayne Trace the most points with 18, Miller added 17 and Vest gave 13.

Jacob Kuhlman was top scorer for the Wildcats topping out at 20.

Score by the quarter:

Wayne Trace - 19 15 19 = 68

Miller City - 14 12 11 13 = 50

## WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING TRI MATCH

The Wayne Trace Varsity Wrestling team improved to 4-0 in Dual meet competition Tuesday, December 15, defeating Lincolnview 76-6 and Fairview 50-24.

Wayne Trace 76, Lincolnview 6

106 Luke Bullinger LV Pinned Danial Ruiz WT :28; 113 Tyler Bauer WT Pinned Nadia Pardon LV 2:17; 120 Austin Smith WT Pinned James Greathouse 1:10; 126 Ruger Goeltzenleuchter won by void; 132 George Clemens won by void; 138 Wyatt Stabler won by void; 145 Chase Marroquin won by void; 152 Dylan Jackson won by void; 160 Hunter Showalter Pinned Noah McMaster LV 5:34; 170 Caleb Schultz won by void; 182 Brandon Laney pinned Grant Slusher :34; 195 Anthony Rooks pinned Blaihe Kline :44; 220 Braxton Asher pinned David Parsons :48; HWT Quinten Stabler won by void

Wayne Trace 50, Fairview 24

106 Danial Ruiz WT won by void; 113 Tyler Bauer WT won by void; 120 Austin Smith WT Pinned Devine Weber FV :18; 126 Ruger Goeltzenleuchter WT Dec Jett Thompson FV .21; 132 Wyatt Stabler WT dec Chris Martin FV 6-2; 138 George Clemens WT pinned Maciah Anknay FV :41; 145 Riley Heater FV dec Chase Marroquin WT 9-5; 152 Hunter Showalter WT Pinned Jared Warncke FV 1:48; 160 Cory Sidle dec Caleb Schultz 15-11; 170 Nick Reed FV Won by void; 182 Chase Carpenter pinned Anthony Rooks 2:23; 195 Brandon Laney WT Pinned Logan Hasch FV 1:46; 220 Braxton Asher WT Pinned Jacob Bachaus FV 1:35; HWT Joey Hatchet FV Pinned Quinten Stabler WT :30

Coach Clemens commented, "The team is looking really solid, and are starting to improve, working on the little things."

## WAYNE TRACE OVERCOMES EDGERTON



Wayne Trace's Gracie Gudakunst drives forward for the shot in helping Wayne Trace recover from the deficit. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The girls basketball game took place at Wayne Trace on December 18. This match started with Wayne Trace's Myers and Edgerton's Bowen, both juniors, tipping the ball and the Raiders took the first possession. It didn't last long with that at the beginning of the game as the guest ran over the Raiders, quickly achieving double digits on the board, while the Wayne Trace girls struggled to even hit the rim. After a brief timeout, the home girls got the Bulldogs offense under control and they

also started adding points to the board themselves. The first quarter wasn't a total upset. There were several three pointers on the home side, but it was the Bulldogs who were really pushing points from the cheap seats with 12 baskets by the fourth.

The second quarter began and Courtney Mead was able to put another three pointer on tying the game. Soon they overtook Edgerton by a wide margin between Gracie Gudakunst and Erin Mohr, looking like a completely dif-

ferent team by throughout the second quarter.

The second half was another good match, and by the fourth, the Lady Bulldogs were on fire, but the 27 points wasn't enough to clear the debt created in the second and third periods. The Raiders came back to overcome the Edgerton girls, who are a tough team to beat: 65-59.

Score by the Quarter:

WT - 13 22 13 17=65

Edgerton - 16 7 9 27= 59

Scorers of the Game:

Wayne Trace - Mohr 23; Gudakunst 11; Mead 10; Sinn 8; Myers 7; Egnor 6.

Edgerton - Whitman 18;

Gruver 14; Ra Schroeder 11;

Roth; Re Schroeder 3; Landel 6; Flegal 1

## LADY COUGARS TAKE ON THE TITANS

Van Wert met up with Ottawa Glandorf on December 17 and they just get the bounce to take down the Titans.

Titans came on strong in the first half scoring 31 points and keeping the Cougars at bay with 9 points.

Second half didn't get much better for Van Wert scoring an additional 13, but Ottawa Glandorf scored additional 23, letting beat Van Wert 54 - 22.

Scorers of the Game:

Van Wert - Meyers, 4;

Ally Jackson, 2; Moonshower, 3; Abby Jackson, 4; Kline, 2;

Priest, 7.

OG - Warnecke, 8;

Johnson, 6; Ellerbrock, 6;

Kaufman, 7; Meyer, 2; White, 15; L. Schroeder, 6; Bockrath, 4.

Score by the Quarter:

Van Wert - 7 2 7 6 = 22

OG - 16 15 16 7 = 54

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**PAYNE ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE WINNER**



Payne Elementary sixth grade student Kate Laukhuf was the building-wide spelling bee winner on December 15, 2015 with the winning word "hoity-toity." Nyle Stoller was the building runner-up. Kate will represent Payne Elementary in the Paulding County Spelling Bee on February 4, 2016.

**PAYNE 1ST GRADERS READ DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF THE GINGERBREAD MAN**



Payne Elementary first grade students read three versions of The Gingerbread Man and compared and contrasted the three books. Students then were to take one bite of a gingerbread man and we graphed which body part was eaten first.

**MAC GYM SANTA SLAM BRINGS GIFTS TO AREA TEAMS**

The final MAC Gym event of 2015 was played last Saturday. The Santa Slam tournament brought 18 teams to play in five divisions. The day began with the boys 5th & 6th grade divisions and sixth grade girls. The girls started as Paulding defeated Antwerp 24-8 and slipped by Fairview 15-12. Norwell knocked off Fairview 25-5 and Antwerp 32-6. In the finals Norwell proved to be too much as they upended Paulding 28-

9. On the boys side, Antwerp 6th moved into the finals having defeated Hicksville 31-16 and Patrick Henry 30-17. Delphos St. John met up with the Archers after defeating Hicksville 46-21 and Montpelier 44-12. Antwerp took the championship by knocking off St. John 29-24. In the 5th grade division Hicksville knocked off Liberty Center 28-21. Girls 5th grade began as Fairview defeated Ayersville 18-16 and Archbold 27-14. Hicksville beat Archbold 13-9 and slipped by Ayersville in the closest girls game of the day 24-23. Fairview took the title by knocking out Hicksville 30-10.

The final event of the day was the 4th grade boys division. Patrick Henry came to town and quickly defeated Lima Shawnee 31-14 and Tinora 15-12 while Hamilton, Indiana took out Lima Shawnee 33-12 and Tinora 24-17. The final turned out to be the game of the day. Several lead changes were exchanged near the end of the game before Patrick Henry went on to win 27-24.

Winter league games will start back up after the holidays and continue through February. Several tournaments will be hosted in February beginning on the 13th. Tournaments for 3rd and 4th grade girls and boys will be held at the MAC Gym while 5th and 6th grade girls will play at the Antwerp Local School. February 20th brings the oldest continuing youth tournament in Paulding County with the annual 5th and 6th grade boys tour-

namment, also at the Antwerp Local School. The month closes out February 27 with 4th, 5th and 6th grade girls at the MAC Gym.

**FAIRVIEW ATHLETIC RESULTS**

JV boys were victorious over North Central Tuesday, December 15, by the score of 45-29. Shamar Midgett and Kobe Baker scored 18 and 12 respectively in the win.

8th grade girls basketball picked up their 7th win Tuesday, December 15, by defeating Wauseon, 26-9.

8th grade lost to Wayne Trace 42-41. Riley Lucas led the scoring with 13.

7th graders defeated Wayne Trace 62-15. Caleb Frank had 17 points, Russ Zeedyk 16 and Luke Timbrook 12.

The 8th grade girls suffered their 1st loss of the year Thursday, December 17, to Tinora by a score of 19-24. The girls tried to come back from 12 point deficit from the 1st half but fell short.

The boys varsity basketball team won a hard fought defensive battle in the league opener against Holgate. Kody King led the defensive battle with tremendous post defense while also leading the team in rebounding. Luke Breininger led the perimeter defense holding Holgate's leading scorer to 6 points. Matthew Kozumplik led all scorers with 11 points including shooting 4 for 4 from the charity stripe to win the game down the stretch. Timmy Timbrook came off the bench to spark the team and added 7 points.

The Lady Apache 7th grade basketball team won against their rival Tinora Rams by a score of 29-19. Defense was the key as the ladies were able to capitalize on the Rams many turnovers. Emily Singer led the way in scoring with 11 points. The girls are now 8-0 and are in action again on Tuesday, December 22, against the Wayne Trace Raiders at Fairview.

On Thursday, December 17, the JV boys basketball team was victorious over Holgate by a score of 28-21. The Apaches were led in scoring by Kobe Baker with 11.

**WAYNE TRACE GIRLS BASKETBALL CONTINUES WINNING STREAK**

The Lady Raiders recently took on the Lady Musketeers, opening up with a very close first quarter, with the Raiders scoring 11 and the Musketeers right behind them with 10. The Lady Raiders increased their lead in the second quarter, scoring another 15 points.

Third quarter proved to be about as close as the first quarter with both lady teams scoring 15 points, but, the Lady Raiders held off the Musketeers in the fourth quarter only allowing them to score an additional 9 points, while they added another 14 to their own score.

The Lady Raiders took down the Lady Musketeers 55 - 44.

Mohr led the scoring for the Raiders with 15, Gudakunst was right behind her with 11, while Mead, Myers

and Sinn, chipped in with 9 points each.

When it came to the Lady Musketeers, Jettinghoff led them with 16 points and right behind 8 was Wal-lenhorst.

**Score by the quarter:**  
Wayne Trace - 11 15 15 14 = 55  
Fort Jennings - 10 10 15 9 = 44

**LADY ARCHERS TAKE ON LADY WILDCATS**

When the lady Archers traveled to Delphos recently to take on the lady Wildcats, it was a close game, with neither team really completely dominating for long periods. The Wildcats, led the first half, 27 - 20.

The Archers came out strong in the third quarter, scoring 11 points to the Wildcats 7. The fourth quarter proved to be another dominate scoring time, with the Archers scoring 12 and the Wildcats bringing their score up by 10.

Although the lady Archers outscored the Wildcats in the second half, it just wasn't enough to take down the Wildcats, with the Wildcats squeaking past the Archers 44 - 43.

Scoring 9 points for the Archers was Williamson, while Braaten and Short each scored 7. Miller did an outstanding job for the Wildcats, bringing 16 points to the board. Hammons contributed 9 points for the Wildcats and Wallace 6.

**Score by the quarter:**  
Antwerp - 9 11 11 12=43  
Delphos - 13 14 7 10=44

**PANTHERS BB DEFEAT MILLER CITY**

Paulding boys basketball travelled to Miller City on Monday, December 14 for annual game against the Wildcats. The junior varsity game was very intense as it went into overtime. The game was won by Paulding 43-38.

The varsity game was touch and go with Paulding when Miller City took an early lead in the first quarter. Jarrett Sitton was the early point leader with four points in the first period for Paulding and the top scorer of the first half for the Panthers. It wasn't much to write home about though when they were behind 11-14 in this low scoring game.

The high tide rolled in the second half for the Paulding boys. The third and fourth quarters each outscored the beginning half when Alex Arellano started pushing shot after shot through the hoop. He scored 8 points in the third and 6 more in the fourth, having the top points of the game. Miller City also had their best quarter in the 3rd. The final score was Paulding on top at 41-32.

**Score by the Quarter:**  
Paulding - 6 5 15 15 = 41  
Miller City - 10 4 12 6 = 32

As of December 14th, Paulding has lost only one game and that was against Defiance 48-29.

**NEW HAVEN DEFEATS BELLMONT**

The Bulldogs took on Belmont on December 18.

The New Haven boys basketball team kept on top

**MULTIPLICATION WRAP UPS**



Payne Elementary students in Mrs. Pfeiffer's class have been learning their multiplication and division facts by using fact families. So far, they have learned how to multiply and divide by 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, and 10. One of the best ways for them to practice

their multiplication facts is to use the Wrap Ups. It shows you where to start, and then you just say the math fact to yourself or aloud and match it up with the product (answer) on the right. Then keep going until it is done.

the game from the beginning, only falling slightly in the second quarter and after that it was all points for the Bulldogs. The game was won by New Haven 65-45.

**Scorers of the Game:**  
New Haven - Moore 1, Stevenson 16, Westrick 2, Gardner 3, Upshaw 8, Towns 13, Starks 2, Rowan 10, Workman 10 - Free throws: 12/18

**Score by the Quarter:**  
New Haven - 18 10 15 22=65  
Bellmont - 8 13 11 13=45

**PAULDING'S STREAK BROKEN**

The Panthers travelled to Spencerville on Friday, December 18 for the competition against the Bearcats. This game began in similar fashion for the Panthers—low scoring and then pickup in the second half. Except this time it didn't save the win. Alex Arellano scored both a 2 and a 3 point basket in the first—being the top scorer for Paulding in the 1st.

While Paulding was struggling with turnovers Spencerville was taking advantage of the opportunities provided nailing 19 points, easily led by Mason Nourse, having 12 points in the 1st period.

The second period was about like the first when Spencerville scored 15 to Paulding's 10.

Paulding scored very well in the second half starting in the third quarter when Corbin Edwards and Arellano both picked up their scoring. In the fourth quarter, they Paulding boys did fine too and Corbin Doster picked up quite a few points in that period too. Now you'd think that if

**MRS. PERKINS'S CLASS WORK ON MATH**



Payne Elementary students in Mrs. Perkins's class are working on writing related addition and subtraction facts. Keagen Sharp and Lizbeth Wenninger (shown) used the numbers on a domino to write related facts.

Paulding is doing well than the Bearcats would be faltering, but that wasn't the case in either quarter. They were able to continue the offense and even increase it from the first half. The game ended with Spencerville in the lead 77-62.

**Score by the Quarter:**  
Paulding - 11 10 21 20=62  
Spencerville - 19 15 23 20=77

**Scorers of the Game:**  
Paulding - Arellano 23; Edwards 13; Sitton 7; Doster 6; Hanenkraat 5; Ingol 4; Preston Johans 4

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**OAKWOOD, GROVER HILL AND ANTWERP 4TH GRADE STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT EROSION**



**4th Grade Students at Antwerp construct their own mini city using the streamulator to see how it stands up against water erosion.**

Oakwood, Grover Hill and Antwerp 4th grade students got the opportunity to learn about erosion, weathering and deposition by utilizing the Streamulator. The Streamulator is a large table that enables the students to see up close the effects of erosion. Staci Miller, created a PowerPoint for the students going through the process of how weathering and erosion is destructive and deposition is constructive. The PowerPoint aligned with Ohio Board of Education Science standards for 4th grade students. The students learned key vocabulary words that they utilized during the live simulation of the Streamulator. There was a short video comparing and contrasting erosion and weathering. Students then got the chance to see how the Streamulator worked. This hands-on activity allowed the students to see first-hand how water flow im-

pacts our environment. The Streamulator used sand and flowing water which allowed the students to visually see the effects of moving water through sediment transport, delta formation, erosion and deposition. The students were able to identify the different areas of the stream where the water causes erosion, deposition, flood plain, run, meander and riffle. This model was very interactive and students were able to monitor how different flow rates impacted the stream. The students then got the opportunity to create their own landscapes and building structures and make a hypothesis about what will happen to each structure when the water flows down the stream. The students really enjoyed about erosion with the Streamulator. Please contact Staci Miller at Paulding SWCD at 419-399-4771 if you are interested in this program for your classroom.

**FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY, KNOX NEEDS CELEBRATE SUCCESS**

Food For The Hungry of Knox County received just over \$190,000 in donations and 65 trucks of food to benefit the Salvation Army and Interchurch Social Services during the collection at the 34th annual drive on Saturday, December 12.

A group of over 30 Mount Vernon Nazarene University faculty, staff, students, and alumni participated in the

live broadcast and collection from Mount Vernon City Hall.

Time Warner Cable and WMVO hosted the live simulcast, while MVNU hosted the live video stream and WNZR gave updates several times an hour. Students from WNZR Radio and TV provided support to the broadcast by doing on-air hosting, running cameras and cables, floor directing, editing and greeting guests.

Faculty and Staff participants included Marcy and

Joe Rinehart, Dean Abbott, Ben Haws, and Austin Swallow.

Catie Hayes and Rochel Furniss presented MVNU's Knox Needs checks for just over \$7,000, which translates to just over 28 truckloads of food.

"November is always an exciting time at MVNU because of our partnership with Food For The Hungry. It's an incredible thing to see our students, faculty, staff and alumni work together with the Knox County community to help our neighbors," said Catie Hayes, Director of Community and International Ministries at MVNU.

For more updates on the 2015 Food For The Hungry drive visit [www.foodforthehungrycares.org](http://www.foodforthehungrycares.org) and watch the archive of the broadcast at [mvnu.tv](http://mvnu.tv), and select on demand.

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**PATRICK AND SANDY RHOTON RECEIVE MVNU ZELKOWITZ AWARD FOR SERVICE**

Mount Vernon Nazarene University, proud community partner for the Knox County Food For The Hungry (FFTH) drive, presented the 2015 Zelkowitz Memorial Award to Patrick and Sandy Rhoton of Mount Vernon on Saturday, December 12, at City Hall during the annual FFTH live broadcast.

For 34 years, Knox County's Food For The Hungry has grown and thrived because of the efforts of many volunteers who give their time and talent to support Interchurch and The Salvation Army, local agencies who support community members in their time of need.

In 1995, MVNU launched the Zelkowitz Memorial Award to honor one of the drive's early leaders, the late Stephen Zelkowitz, owner of WMVO/WQIO and Mt. Vernon Cablevision. The award recognizes Knox County residents who have made community service, especially Food For The Hungry, a priority in their lives.

This year's recipients have made their service to FFTH a family affair. Sandy Rhoton served as the Drive Coordinator from 2009 until her retirement in early 2014. This included working closely with all of the partner and community organizations that support the drive. Sandy continues to volunteer time to the drive each year. Her husband Patrick has helped coordinate the high school food drive and also helps tabulate the physical food collected around the county on the day of the collection.

Both Patrick and Sandy grew up around West Alexandria, Ohio and met in high school. Sandy earned her as-

sociate's degree from MVNU in 1972 and returned to complete her Bachelor's in Business Administration in 2002. Sandy worked at MVNU in a variety of positions from 1992-2002, then was the university's New Student Transition Coordinator from 2002-2009.

Patrick served in the U.S. Navy from 1969-1973, then attended MVNU and graduated with his degree in accounting in 1977. Patrick has worked for Morrow County Hospital, Knox Community Hospital, Cooper Energy Services, Replex Plastics and for MVNU as Director of Human Resources from 1998-2011 and Director of Campus Safety from 2011-2014. He also served the Ohio Air National Guard for 25 years as a master sergeant and major.

The Rhotons' community involvement and service has included volunteer, board and committee responsibilities at Lakeholm Church of the Nazarene. Their leadership and direction has influenced organizations and events like the Kiwanis Club of Mount Vernon, Leadership Knox, The Salvation Army, the Greater Knox County Will Graham Celebration, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and a number of human resource professional groups.

Patrick and Sandy have been married for 43 years. They have two grown children, Amber and Emily, and six grandchildren.

"Sandy and Patrick's ongoing commitment to Food For The Hungry is genuine," said Sally Nelson of WRP CPA's and FFTH board treasurer. "We are blessed that these two have chosen to share their energy and many talents with our drive. It is very fitting that they have been honored with this award."

"Sandy was the quarterback in the drive that took us from a dream to a reality," said John Feltman, board member from the Knox County Career Center. "She and Pat worked together with the hustle of the Energizer Bunny! They are people of action, not just words."

"It's very exciting to honor the Rhotons with this year's Zelkowitz award," said Joe Rinehart, MVNU's Director of Broadcasting and FFTH board president. "Getting to work with them at several different levels, I've experienced first-hand their energy, commitment and desire for helping others. Patrick and Sandy have been mentors, trusted friends and colleagues for many in our community, including our family."

**GEORGE PELLETIER RECEIVES 2015 EXCELLENT ADVOCATE AWARD FROM STATE LTC OMBUDSMAN**

The Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman presented its 2015 Excellent Advocate Award to George Pelletier in recognition of his dedication to transitioning individuals with high service needs from nursing homes into the community. Mr. Pelletier has more than 30 years of experience helping people with mental health issues, youth and family. He has specialized training in clinical counseling and family therapy.

2016 Excellent Advocate George Pelletier with nom-

inator Lisa Marks (left) and State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Beverley Laubert (right)

2016 Excellent Advocate George Pelletier with nominator Lisa Marks (left) and State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Beverley Laubert (right)

"We believe that all Ohioans should have a voice in planning the care they receive and choosing where they receive it. George Pelletier is an advocate for individuals who face complex challenges with community living," said State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Beverley Laubert. "George has successfully helped more than 60 individuals move home, and is a key member of the interagency resident transition team when nursing homes and residential care facilities close. His compassion and perseverance got my attention when considering George for this award."

Mr. Pelletier is the Community Options coordinator in the PASRR Bureau at the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OhioMHAS). He joined that agency in 2013, bringing his skills in forming community partnerships to identify and help meet the needs of Ohioans living with mental health or addiction issues.

Prior to joining OhioMHAS, Mr. Pelletier founded the Northeast Ohio Mentoring Network (NOMN), using a unique model where small, faith based and community organizations partnered to enlist volunteers and share resources to provide high quality mentoring for at risk youth. The network was recognized by Mentoring, Inc., the national mentoring resource and advocacy center, and was the national organization's local agent in a partnership with the Cleveland Cavaliers.

"George Pelletier exemplifies remarkable character, advocacy and effective collaboration that ultimately helped one particular ombudsman client to move from a nursing home in Marion, Ohio, to his own home in Marysville, Ohio," wrote his nominator, Lisa Marks. "This resident's story transpired over a year with many ups and downs and many obstacles, but the resident never lost his desire or intent for an even more meaningful and fulfilling life. Without Mr. George Pelletier's collaborative and concise efforts, this resident may not have left the nursing home."

The Office of the State Long-term Care Ombudsman created the Excellent Advocate Award in 2005 to recognize individuals and organizations who demonstrate advocacy, service or

**SMOKIN' SCIENCE LESSON**



As the Grover Hill Elementary sixth graders learn about the states of matter, we welcomed in Heidi and Maddy. They used their liquid nitrogen and ice cream to demonstrate the changes of state for us. We could see the evidence of the change of the particles' speed. And of course were able to enjoy a taste too!!!

innovation that benefits long-term care consumers or protects residents' rights. Nominations are accepted year-round. For more information, to request a nomination form or to learn more about the ombudsman program and how you can get involved, call toll-free 1-800-282-1206.

About the Office of the Long-term Care Ombudsman - Ohio's Office of the State Long-term Care Ombudsman, housed within the Ohio Department of Aging, works with consumers, service providers and other state and county agencies to resolve complaints about services, helps people select service providers, and offers information about benefits and consumer rights. The state office oversees designated regional long-term care ombudsman programs and coordinates a network of trained volunteers who visit consumers where they live and receive services and report any issues to the regional and state ombudsman.

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Case No. CI 15 112.  
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### VEHICLES FOR SALE

Paulding County Sheriff Jason K. Landers has been authorized by the Paulding County Commissioners to sell Three (3) vehicles acquired by the Sheriff's Office. Pursuant to said Resolution, the following vehicles will be offered at public auction at the Paulding County Sheriff's Office, 500 East Perry Street, Paulding, on Wednesday, the 6th day of January, 2016, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.:

- One (1) 1996 Buick Regal (163,191 Miles)
- One (1) 2002 Chevrolet PT, 2KH
- One (1) 2002 Chrysler Town and Country

Questions can be directed to Sheriff Jason K. Landers at 419-399-3791. Inspections will be held on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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### OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY LEARN ABOUT THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT



The third graders at Oakwood Elementary learned about the judicial branch of government from attorney Michael Wehrkamp. Here he is with third graders Emily Keezer, Alivia Woodby, Matthew Bail, Juliana Biliti, Libby Dotterer, Curtis Langsdorf, and Emily Starr.

**Business Technologies:** Kaleb Westrick, Accounting; Tyler Moore, Business Management; Rebecca Dent-Weiss, Information Technology; Gina Dietrich, Office Administrative Services; Laura Colon, Paralegal; Chevelle Gonzales, Visual Communication - Graphic Design

**Engineering Technologies:** Luke Meller, CAD/CAM; Rebekah Both, Mechanical Engineering Tech

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as well as those accredited under the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) Quality Principles, are now served by the single specialized accreditation system for educator preparation in the United States, the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). More than 900 educator preparation providers participate in the CAEP accreditation system.

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### MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE UNIVERSITY TEACHER EDUCATION NATIONALLY ACCREDITED

Mount Vernon Nazarene University's Teacher Education unit recently received reaccreditation for seven years under the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) standards. NCATE's performance-based accreditation system for teacher preparation ensures that teacher candidates are prepared to make a difference in preschool through twelfth-grade student learning.

In addition to meeting all of the standards, the Teacher Education Unit achieved the elevated target status on two of the standards.

"The renewal of our NCATE accreditation is affirmation at the national level that teachers prepared at MVNU have the knowledge, skills and dispositions required for classroom success," said Dr. Mike Traugh, Professor of Education at MVNU.

The Teacher Education Program provides research-based undergraduate education and graduate education, forming partnerships with local schools and districts, and collaborating with these educational systems. The program provides opportunities for candidates to learn about and to work with diverse populations. The Teacher Education Program currently employs 11 full-time faculty (including administration) and 17 adjunct faculty. There are typically 50-100 traditional and graduate candidates each year who receive an initial teaching license in the state of Ohio.

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

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### NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECOGNIZES IT SPECIALIST GRADUATES



L to R: (Front Row) Thomas Watson, Kristina Gehring, Johnathan Meadows, Rodney Gordon, Matthew Myers, Esaam Quazi. (Back Row) Edward Carter, Phillip Powell, Jason Mount, Andrew Howard, Michael Kaufmann.

Eleven students completing Northwest State Community College's IT specialist certificate program were recognized during a special event on the Scott Park campus in Toledo, which included presentation of the group's final team projects, both submitted through the Minority Business Assistance Center (MBAC.) One team created an application with a database back end and web front end for Portia Ash, director of the MBAC at Scott Park. The other team created a revamped website for a nationally-recognized craft brewery, updating a page that was not previously user-friendly with fresh, dynamic and interactive pages.

In addition to the certificate from NSCC, students earned International Computer Driver License, Mic-

rosoft Technology Associate Database Fundamentals and Software Development, and Network Pro certifications. Graduates are prepared for entry-level positions in the information technology field including networking, help desk support, database development/support and web development.

The following graduates were recognized:

**Defiance County:** Kristina Gehring (Defiance); Phillip Powell (Defiance); Lucas County: Rodney Gordon (Toledo), Andrew Howard (Toledo), Johnathan Meadows (Toledo), Jason Mount (Toledo), Matthew Myers (Toledo), Esaam Quazi (Maumee); Thomas Watson (Toledo); Williams County: Edward Carter (West Unity); Wood County: Michael Kaufmann (Bowling Green)

by Audrey Hug with 15, Kendall Baker with 13 and Riley Mealer had 11.

*JV girls* beat North Central 39-24. Leading scorers were Riley Collins with 14 and Carly Wendling with 8 points.

The *JV boys* team lost to Continental on Friday, December 11, by the score of 31-21. Kobe Baker and Shamar Midgett had 10 points a piece in the loss.

The *JV boys* team beat Fayette Saturday, December 12, by the score of 31-27. Kobe Baker led the team in scoring with 19.

The *varsity girls* lost to a very good Fayette team Saturday, December 12, 73-40.

Allison Vetter led a balanced scoring sheet with 8 points.

The *7th grade girls* were victorious over Montpelier on Monday, December 14 by the score of 41 to 11. Kiersten Kline tallied 13 points and Olivia Ricca chipped in 7. The team is now 6-0.

The *8th grade girls* defeated Montpelier by a score of 52-16. FV was lead in scoring

the balanced attack with 16 points. Carlie Phillips added 10, Aubrey Breining, and Katie Crites chipped in with 7 a piece. In all 7 girls scored at least 4 points. The Girls had a season low of 10 turnovers.

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### NSCC FALL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY AWARDS 143 DEGREES/CERTIFICATES

Northwest State Community College celebrated the 2016 graduating class at their first-ever fall Commencement ceremony today. The ceremony recognized 143 degree and/or certificate recipients from the divisions of Allied Health & Public Services, Arts & Sciences, Business Technologies, Nursing and Math, Science & Engineering Technologies. 59 students participated in the ceremony.

Dr. Thomas Stuckey, NSCC president, congratulated the graduates on their achievements, stating "you have a new opportunity and that is one of sharing, of giving back, of helping another climb the hill of success. Service to others is a definer of success."

Anita Kennedy of Defiance was the student speaker. She received an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing and graduated Summa Cum Laude. She delivered an emotionally powerful speech, encouraging all graduates to find true happiness in the journey that lies ahead. "Happiness is being kind to others, not because it gets you something or puts someone in your debt, but because it is the right thing to do," Kennedy said.

Keynote speaker for this year's commencement ceremony was Jane Zachrich, chief nursing officer and vice president of patient services



Jane Zachrich (Keynote speaker)

at Community Memorial Hospital. Zachrich, an NSCC graduate herself, shared her passion for the graduates, and appreciation for Northwest State as an institution. She shared a speech of challenge and inspiration, encouraging graduates to emphasize quality care and service. "The blessings that you give to your patients, your co-workers, your family and your customers will be returned to you ten-fold. You will have an incredible opportunity to make a difference in somebody's life every day that you go to work," Zachrich said.

During the ceremony, eighteen students were recognized as Award of Merit recipients. Award of Merit recipients are chosen by faculty from the respective divisions based on leadership involvement, special talents or abilities in their academic field, and significant contributions to Northwest State.



Anita Kennedy (student speaker)

### Award of Merit recipients included:

**Allied Health & Public Services:** Heather Schwiebert, Criminal Justice; April Howard, Human Services; McKayla Waidelich, Medical Assisting; Casey Klingshirm, Phlebotomy Technician

**Arts & Sciences:** Stefan Miller, Associate of Arts; Naomi Miller, Associate of Arts; Amy Shaffer, Associate of Science



**PAULDING FIFTH GRADERS STUDY LIGHT AND COLOR**



The Paulding Elementary fifth graders have been studying light and color. Their ending activity was to use a sharpie marker, apply rubbing alcohol, and make designs on a t-shirt. Shown working on their projects are students in Mrs. Brenda Troyer's Science class: Mikayla Shough, Eysie Kraegel, and Nick Manz.

**FRESHMEN IN SPANISH I MAKE CREATE PINATAS**



Freshmen in Mrs. Reutter's Spanish I class at Antwerp High School created piñatas for an end-of-the-semester project.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL: LINCOLNVIEW LANCERS TAKE ON WAYNE TRACE RAIDERS**

It was a close first half when the Lancers and the Raiders met up recently, with the Lancers dominating the first quarter, 18 - 14, going into half time with a

score of 25 - 21, in favor of the Raiders.

Coming out of half time, Raiders dominated, scoring 20 while the Lancers only scored 7. This was the edge the lady Raiders needed. Fourth quarter was tense, with both teams scoring 10 points, but the Lancers needed to keep up the momentum they had in the first quarter if they were to beat the Raiders. The Raiders dominated and took the game, 55 - 38.

Mohr, once again, was the Raiders top scorer, scoring 20 points, while Myers did well adding 12 points to the game and Gudakunst right behind, bringing 11.

Wendel and Looser, both dominated, each scoring 12 points for the Lancers.

**Score by the quarter:**

Wayne Trace - 14 11 20 10 = 55  
Lincolnview - 18 3 7 10 = 38

**PAULDING MEETS MONTPELIER IN GIRLS BASKETBALL**

When the Paulding girls basketball team met up with the Montpelier girls, it seemed like they didn't have a chance from the start.

Montpelier took an early lead of 11 - 3 in the first quarter and continued in second quarter by scoring another 13 points, while Paulding scored 8 more.

After going into half time trailing 11 - 24, Paulding girls didn't do much better in the third, only scoring 5, while Montpelier gained another 17. Although Paulding out scored Montpelier in the fourth quarter, 17 - 11, it was too little, too late, allowing Montpelier to dominate and take the game, overtaking Paulding 52 - 33.

Townley led the Paulding girls in scoring with 12 points, while Manz was right behind her with 11.

For Montpelier, it was Blake who stepped it up, scoring 13 with Pirtle coming in with 11.

**Score by the quarter:**

Paulding - 3 8 5 17 = 33  
Montpelier - 11 13 17 11 = 52

**LATTA, OLSON, KIRKPATRICK, CUELLAR INTRODUCE OZONE BILL**

Reps. Bob Latta (R-OH), Pete Olson (R-TX), Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ), and Henry Cuellar (D-TX) introduced bipartisan legislation that would update how the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) addresses ozone requirements in the Clean Air Act. The EPA recently issued a new standard requiring a reduction in the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone, from the current level of 75 parts per billion (PPB) down to 70 PPB.

This bill is intended to be the first in a series of legislative efforts on ozone, with upcoming legislation to focus on how local air authorities make the leap from an existing standard to a new one. In this first step in the wake of the EPA's new standard, Olson and his colleagues introduced H.R. 4265, the Clean Air Implementation Act, which would require a brief pause while the EPA studies the impacts of foreign pollution on non-attainment areas, review the current standard every eight years (to allow more time for implementation) instead of every five, and allow for limited consideration of feasibility when the EPA moves to draft the next ozone rule.

"The EPA, when releasing new standards, must ensure that they are achievable, and do not cause significant harm to our economy," said Rep. Bob Latta. "As we work to gain a full understanding of the impact of foreign pollution in areas of the country that go out of attainment, it is imperative we postpone the implementation of these standards to avoid unnecessary and burdensome costs on communities working towards compliance until further review is conducted."

"As communities across America try to navigate an ever changing standard process, we must have better information on how foreign sources of pollution impact our air quality," Rep. Pete

Olson said. "Understanding how much ozone is under our control is a critical component of how states develop plans to improve air quality. Our bill provides a needed pause in implementing the current standard while we streamline the process with needed information."

"I represent several Arizona communities where energy production drives the local economy, so I want to ensure there is local input on the impact of these federal rules. We cannot allow these rules to be administered in a way that kills jobs and undermines local economies," Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick said. "I'm pleased to cosponsor this bill with support from communities in Arizona as well as our state Department of Air Quality."

"Businesses and economic growth provide opportunities for the families I represent," Congressman Henry Cuellar said. "I know the negative impact that rapidly implementing the EPA's new ozone standard could have on economic development in my district. We need to find a way to balance the need for environmental protection with the feasibility of implementing these standards in an economically viable way."

**Highlights of Clean Air Implementation Act:**

**Timeline Revision-** The EPA shall update the Ambient Air Quality Standards at eight year intervals unless the Administrator finds that specific circumstances warrant a review earlier in the cycle.

**Secondary Consideration of Feasibility-** The EPA can use as a factor in determining the range of levels for a new NAAQS feasibility when setting a new standard.

**Foreign Transport-** The EPA, in coordination with the National Academies of Sciences, shall report to Congress within two years the extent to which foreign sources of pollution impact achievement of NAAQS standards in the US. The 2015 standard will be paused until the study is complete.

**WOODLAN FFA WINS INDIANA FFA STATE ENTOMOLOGY CONTEST**



Pictured Left to right: Sophi Schultz, Eric Kurtz, Kaitlyn Castleman and Janae Sowles

The Woodlan FFA was awarded first place plaques and ribbons for winning the Indiana FFA Entomology CDE contest held on the campus of Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

There were a total of 33 teams with 111 FFA members competing for the State FFA Entomology Banner. Individually, Kaitlyn Castleman placed first overall and was named the high individual in FFA competition. Eric

Kurtz followed with a second place high individual, with Sophi Schultz placing fifth high individual in the contest followed by sixteenth high individual Janae Sowles. The Woodlan FFA Entomology team scored a team score of 639. The nearest and second place team in competition scored a 598.

The Woodlan FFA team will be awarded the State FFA Entomology Banner at the Indiana FFA State Convention.

**WOODLAN FFA VISIT NURSING HOME**



Pictured Left to Right: Taylor Sarrazine, Zoe Lowden, Kassie Copper-Helmke, Cole Lomont, Kyle Nahrwold, Mike Singer, Zack Weitfeldt, and Braden Gerbers

The Woodlan FFA Chapter recently visited the Signature Health Care facility located in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. This annual visit is one of the many community service projects in which the chapter participates. Eight members from the Woodlan FFA chapter participated in the visit.

The visit consisted of playing Christmas bingo, awarding prizes, and socializing with the residents. As the chapter members said, "It's pretty cool to see the FFA serve people of all ages".

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Criminal Dispositon

David Richard Brown, Oakwood, OH, Child endanger, Dismis; Count A dismissed
David Richard Brown, Oakwood, OH, Poss marijuana, Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and cost; Operator's license shall be suspended for 6 months commencing 7/10/15 and to run concurrently
David Richard Brown, Oakwood, OH, Paraphernalia, Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and cost; Defendant to pay all fines and cost; Operator's license for 6 months commencing 7/10/15 and to run concurrently
Ashley M. Thacker, Latty, OH, Rec stolen prop, Pled guilty, found guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs; Remain in jail for the remaining 5 days; 70 hrs community service; Shall have no contact with co-defendants; Complete the 3rd millennium online theft course; Placed on standard probation
Ashley M. Thacker, Latty, OH, Rec stolen prop, Pled no contest, found guilty; Jail days to run concurrent with count A; Community control the same as count A
David Richard Brown, Melrose, OH, Driv under susp, Pled no contest, found guilty; Proof of insurance provided pay all fines and costs by 12/16/16 or will be sent to collections, Pay \$50 per month commencing 1/29/16; Community control two; Evaluation at Westwood; Secure a valid driver's license; 117 jail days reserved
Nathan D. Reaper, Cloverdale, OH, Disorder conduc, Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior
Lafonda A. Reedy, San Jose, CA, Resisting Arrer, Pled guilty, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior; Pay or collection date set
Michael W. Elders, Defiance, OH, Grand theft, Prel-waived; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing in open court; Case shall be bound over to the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio
Stanley R. Doctor, Antwerp, OH, Slow veh sign, Dismis; Case dismissed; Costs waived at the state's request
Lafonda A. Reedy, San Jose, CA, OVI/ under inf, Pled guilty, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 9/30/16; Shall pay \$25.00 per mo commencing 1/29/16; Show proof of insurance by 12/18/15; 76 jail days reserved
Brandy Jordan, Paulding, OH, Attemp-obstruc; Pled guilty, found guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Shall be hooked up on EMHA for 35 days in lieu of 5 days jail; Defendant pay; EMHA is to be hooked up on 1/04/16 at 9:00 a.m.; 30hrs community service; Placed on standard probation
Shannon M. Highwarden, Paulding, OH, Poss drug instr, Dismis; Case dismissed per state, Bond shall be returned to the bond poster, in the course of normal court business
David A. Burkley Sr., Payne, OH, OVI/breath(low), Pled no contest, found guilty; May attend the DIP program in lieu of jail; Pay \$100 per mo commencing; commencing 1/29/16; Has a POC date of 7/29/16; Community control two; Secure a valid driver's license; 20 hrs of community; Third millennium course; 177 jail days reserved
Douglas R. Mathews, Paulding, OH, OVI/breath(low), Pled no contest, found guilty; May attend the DIP program in lieu of jail; Shall pay \$100 per mo commencing 1/29/16; Has a POC date of 6/24/16; Community control two; Evaluation at Westwood; Complete 20 hrs of community service; Third millennium course; 87 days reserved
Douglas R. Mathews, Paulding, OH, Fail cont, Dismis; Count B dismissed at state's request
Ali Alawady, Dearbourn Hts, MI, Park/public hwy, Pled guilty, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs within thirty (30) days of the filing of this entry
Andrew Douglas Schindler, Defiance, OH, Improper pass, Pled guilty, found guilty; Case waived by defendant
Myranda L. Hoffman, Lancaster, OH, Theft, Pled guilty, found guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Placed on standard probation; Shall complete 20hrs of community service; Warrant and warrant block rescinded; Complete all outstanding requirements of the diversion program
Tracy Clark, Fort Wayne, IN, Dom violence, Dismis; Case dismissed per state; Without prejudice; Costs to defendant
Miles L. Johnson, Ypsilanti, MI, Dru parapherna; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; 6 month o.l. suspension
Marijuna L. Johnson, Ypsilanti, MI, Poss Marijuana, Pled guilty, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; 6 month o.l. suspension
Timothy L. Font II, Paulding, OH, Left of center, Court found not guilty; Defendant was found not guilty; Costs waived
Dale R. Jviden, Antwerp, OH, Fail to reinsta, Pled guilty, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 1/29/16 or will be sent to collections; Proof of insurance provided
Sidney A. Huth, Lebanon, OH, Marked lanes, Pled guilty, found guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Joshua J. Schmidt, Grover Hill, OH, Fail control, Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 2/26/16 or will be sent to collections
Chelsi R. Cohan, Defiance, OH, Driv/FRA susp, Pled guilty, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 6/24/16 or will be sent to collections; Community control two; Secure a valid driver's license; 20 hrs of community service; 30 jail days reserved; Fine suspended on condition defendant work on getting valid license
Colton Robert Bidlack, Paulding, OH, Driv/FRA susp, Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all costs by 12/16/16 or will be sent to collections; Shall pay \$25.00 per mo commencing 2/26/16; Community control two; Secure a valid driver's license; 15 hrs of community service; 26 jail days reserved
Raymond Dale Walker, Sand Springs, OK, Child restraint, Pled guilty, found guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Real Estate Transfers:
Antwerp Village:
12/15/15; Stephen J. & Nancy J. Derck; Outlots Sec. 27; 5 acres; To: Stephen J. & Nancy J. Derck, et al
12/14/15; Shawn Kemper Powell; Outlots Sec. 28; 0.47 acres; To: Teresa L. Richhart
Paulding Village:
12/14/15; Stanley A. Elick; Lot 17; 0.2137 acres; To: Elicks Rentals, LLC
Payne Village:
12/14/15; Leroy King, A Life Estate @ (3); Lot 47; 0.3162 acres; To: Frank W. & Roxane Marie King
Anglaize Twp.:
12/17/15; Kenneth & Michelle Hodges; Sec. 24; 5 acres; To: Midfirst Bank
Blue Creek Twp.:
12/15/15; Joshua R. Williams; Sec. 19; 0.243 acres; 0.0788 acres; To: Joshua R. & Veronica Williams, et al
Crane Twp.:
12/14/15; Doris M. Williamson, LIFEST@4; Sec. 15; 0.246 acres; 0.218 acres; 0.539 acres; 0.246 acres; 0.363 acres; To: Mark A. Rasey
Harrison Twp.:
12/16/15; Sharon L. Enz; Sec. 16; 160 acres; To: Bacon Bros. Farms, LLC
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FEDERAL AGENCIES RELEASE UPDATE ON NATIONAL BIOGAS ACTIVITIES

In support of the Obama Administration's Climate Action Plan, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) jointly released the Biogas Opportunities Roadmap Progress Report updating the federal government's progress to reduce methane emissions through biogas systems since the Biogas Opportunities Roadmap was completed by the three agencies in July 2014. This report highlights actions taken, outlines challenges and opportunities, and identifies next steps to the growth of a robust biogas industry.

Biogas is part of the White House's strategy to reduce emissions of methane, a potent greenhouse gas with more than 25 times the global warming potential of carbon dioxide and valuable source of energy. In the Climate Action Plan, President Obama directed the Administration to develop a comprehensive, interagency strategy to reduce methane emissions. In March 2014, the White House released the Climate Action Plan - Strategy to Reduce Methane Emissions. As part of the strategy, DOE, EPA, and USDA committed to work with industry leaders to formulate a biogas roadmap in order to encourage cost-effective strategies for voluntary reductions.

The 2014 roadmap identified more than 2,000 sites across the United States that produce biogas, as well as the potential for an additional 11,000 biogas systems. If this potential is reached by 2030, biogas systems could produce enough energy to power more than 3 million American homes while reducing the methane emissions by an amount equivalent to 54 million metric tons of carbon

dioxide, the equivalent of the greenhouse gasses from 11 million passenger vehicles. Biogas offers American farmers, municipalities, and other stakeholders a way to reduce their waste outputs while adding another revenue stream by recovering resources with biogas systems for energy, nutrients, and other beneficial uses.

Since July 2014, DOE, EPA, and USDA have made progress toward realizing these benefits. They have revised their programs and policies to further support the growth of the biogas industry, such as improving the application process for various biogas funding and financing programs and including biogas as a cellulosic advanced fuel under the Renewable Fuel Standard. The agencies have also made progress by revising existing technologies, and updating informational tools, databases, and models. The three agencies formed the Biogas Working Group to work closely with biogas stakeholders to streamline existing agency programs, strengthen markets for biogas systems, and improve interagency coordination and communication.

Biogas will continue to be a key part of the federal government's long-term climate, energy, and development strategy. The Biogas Opportunities Roadmap Progress Report identifies next steps for federal agencies moving forward, which include promoting biogas utilization through existing agency programs (including \$10 million in research funding), fostering investment in biogas systems, strengthening markets for biogas systems and system products, and improving communication and coordination across federal agencies and the biogas industry.

Progress report in brief: http://www.rd.usda.gov/files/biogas-infographic\_11.pdf

USDA PROVIDES LOAN GUARANTEE CONDITIONAL COMMITMENT TO BUILD GEORGIA BIOFUEL PLANT

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced a conditional commitment for a \$70 million loan guarantee to help build a cellulosic biorefinery in central Georgia. USDA is providing the loan guarantee conditional commitment, an important milestone in the ongoing development of the project, through its Biorefinery Assistance Program.

"There is a clear consumer demand for clean, American-made, renewable fuels, which our rural communities stand ready to meet," said Secretary Vilsack. "USDA is proud to support environmentally and technologically sound projects like this one, which will increase biofuel availability nationwide and create jobs in rural Georgia. This loan commitment is the most recent example of our support for President Obama's 'all-of-the-above' energy strategy, which includes alternative and renewable fuel sources."

Ensyn Georgia Biorefinery I, LLC (Ensyn) will construct and operate a cellulosic biofuel refinery in Dooly County, Georgia. The company will produce 20 million gallons of renewable fuel per year employing its Rapid Thermal Processing (RTP) technology. RTP uses a fast thermal process to convert non-food-based feedstocks into biobased fuels.

Ensyn will convert 440 dry tons of woody biomass into a renewable fuel oil (RFO) product. There is an abundant supply of woody biomass near the plant due to excess forest materials in the region. However, Ensyn can use a variety of other non-food cellulosic feedstocks as well.

The renewable fuel oil will be used as a heating oil replacement and as a renewable feedstock for diesel and gasoline production at refineries.

The project will lead to the direct employment of up to 138 people, including nearly 70 permanent jobs when the plant is fully operational.

Ensyn has a 25-year track record with its RTP technology and currently supports the operation of six commercial RTP facilities. The company has additional commercial plants under development in Canada and Brazil with its joint venture

partners. The Lender of Record under the loan guarantee is Citi.

Congress extended the Biorefinery Assistance Program in the 2014 Farm Bill and expanded it to include renewable chemicals and biobased product manufacturing. The program provides guarantees for loans made by commercial lenders to fund the development of biorefineries for the production of advanced biofuels and renewable chemicals and biobased product manufacturing facilities.

This announcement builds on USDA's continuing efforts to help grow the U.S. biobased industry. In June, the Department issued a report that examines and quantifies the effect of America's biobased products industry from an economics and jobs perspective. For example, the report notes that in 2013 alone, that industry contributed four million jobs and \$369 billion to the U.S. economy.

According to the report, each job in the biobased products industry generates 1.64 jobs in other sectors of the economy. In 2013, 1.5 million jobs directly supported the biobased product industry, resulting in 1.1 million indirect jobs in related industries, and another 1.4 million jobs resulting from the purchase of goods and services generated by the direct and indirect jobs.

The 2014 Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for taxpayers. USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve the quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

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**21st CENTURY AFTER SCHOOL STUDENTS ENJOY FAMILY NIGHT**



Shown frosting cookies is Alisha Manz and her children Taegan and Spencer Manz.



Shown reading a book together is student Trenton Bail and his mother Joann Bail.

The 21st Century After School students and the Title I reading students enjoyed a family night on Thursday, December 10th at Oakwood Elementary. The students

and their parents were able to frost and decorate Christmas cookies, enjoy some hot chocolate, read Christmas books together, and make some holiday crafts.

**PAULDING ELEMENTARY MAKE RUDOLPH SANDWICHES**



The Preschoolers at Paulding Elementary had fun making Rudolph sandwiches for a snack. Brady Dunham is shown with his yummy snack.

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**SECRETARY HUSTED RELEASES NEW BUSINESS FILING FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER 2015**

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced 7,231 new entities filed to do business in Ohio during November 2015. This is 865 more businesses than filed during November 2014 when 6,366 entities were formed.

So far in 2015, 90,446 new businesses have been formed in Ohio, maintaining a record for 2015 to be another record-breaking year for the state. At the same point in 2014, 86,334 new businesses were filed with the Secretary of State.

A recent reduction in the business filing fee makes Ohio the least costly state in the region to start and maintain a business. The cut was made possible by Secretary Husted's responsible fiscal stewardship over the office, which reduced operating expenses by more than \$14 million over the past four years representing a 16 percent cut

from the previous administration.

That same stewardship earned Secretary Husted the distinction of being the only statewide officeholder to request a reduction in state funding in the most recent biennial budget proposal enacted by the General Assembly.

The state has experienced record business growth each year for the past five years, beginning in 2010. Under the leadership of Secretary Husted, the state has made it possible for more than 80% of all filings to be done online with one in two companies now being established electronically through the Secretary of State's Ohio Business Central service. This includes 100 percent of Ohio-based businesses.

Though the most visible role of the Secretary of State is that of chief elections officer, the office is also the first stop for individuals or companies who want to file and start a business in Ohio. While recognizing these numbers can't provide a complete picture of Ohio's jobs climate, they are an important indicator of economic activity that Secretary Husted hopes will add to the ongoing discussion of how to improve the state's overall climate for business.

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